

NEWS

Campus ready for fifth annual 'A Cappella Night'

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One of senior Jaci Abeloe's favorite Willamette traditions is Alpha Chi Omega's annual A Cappella Night. She remembers going to the event as a newly initiated sophomore, and she immediately fell in love.

"As sisters, we all arrived, and all of the sudden we were just watching an amazing program," Abeloe said. "With all of these amazing voices, all without instruments, you get really attached to the groups."

The event stood out to her. And now, as Alpha Chi's Vice-President of Philanthropy, it's Abeloe's turn to help continue the event's legacy.

This Saturday Feb. 16, students, staff and community members will fill Smith Auditorium to watch eight a cappella groups from around Oregon perform. The night's proceeds will benefit Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service, a local program that supports women and children who are victims of domestic and sexual assault.

MVWCS receives over 18,000 contacts each year. As the organization hopes to

expand into a new facility this year, it needs some financial support. Ticket sales will help alleviate the costs of relocating.

For Abeloe, the night is representative of the character of Alpha Chi, which prides itself on its philanthropy.

Sophomore Brian Highkin is a member of Tandem, one of Willamette's a cappella groups. He thinks that MVWCS is a good cause and has seen Willamette students support the organization in the past.

"I remember last year when Salem flooded, people needed help sandbagging the shelter so it wouldn't get flooded as well," Highkin said. "I went down there, and there were a lot of people from Willamette that I recognized."

"I really think that Willamette responds well to this kind of event," Abeloe said. "As students, we really support a cappella with our three groups. I think that's why it's such a successful event."

Highkin agrees. He says that the Willamette community has been very supportive of Tandem.

"It's cool to see that we've been able to build up a fan base over the last couple years," Highkin said. "All the groups really

support each other. We all come to each other's concerts and we all open for each other."

As a veteran of A Capella Night, he's ready for the excitement this year.

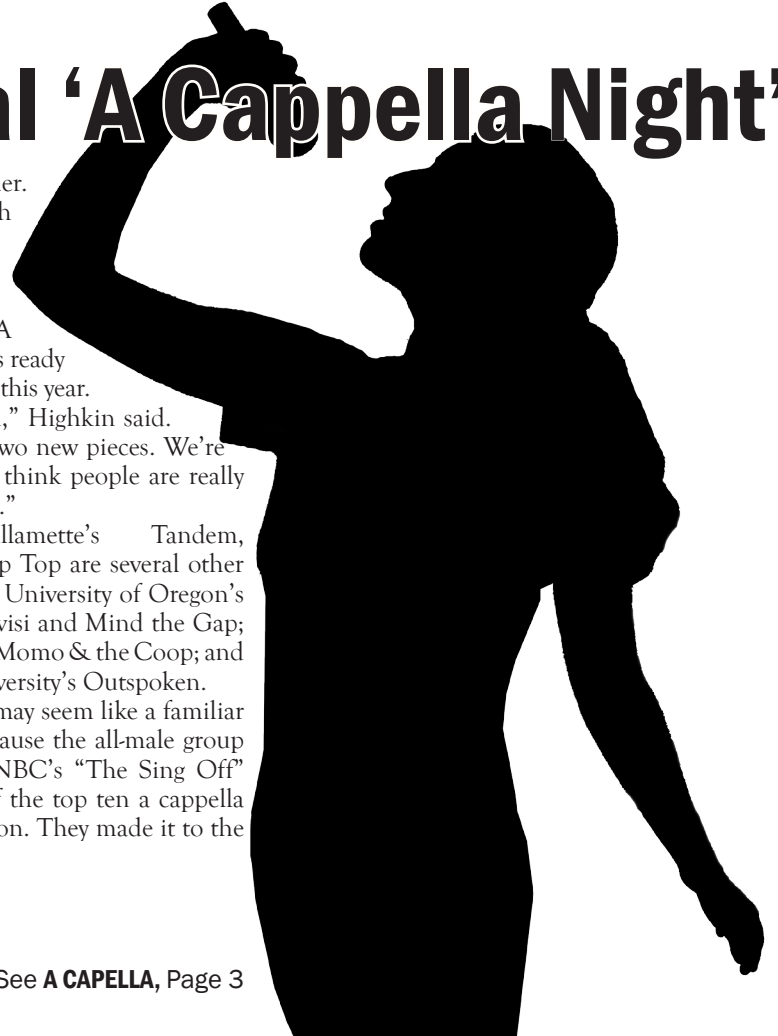
"It's always fun," Highkin said.

"We're debuting two new pieces. We're really excited. We think people are really going to like them."

Joining Willamette's Tandem, HeadBand and Up Top are several other renowned groups: University of Oregon's On the Rocks, Divisi and Mind the Gap; Lewis and Clark's Momo & the Coop; and Oregon State University's Outspoken.

On the Rocks may seem like a familiar name — that's because the all-male group was featured on NBC's "The Sing Off" last year as one of the top ten a cappella groups in the nation. They made it to the semi-finals.

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SPORTS

Bearcats earn narrow home victory

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Last weekend, the women of Willamette took on two Northwest conference opponents, earning their second win of the season against Pacific Lutheran and suffering another loss to the USA Today's nationally ranked #10 team, Lewis & Clark College.

The Bearcats overcame a first half deficit on Friday to avenge a previous four-point loss to PLU earlier in the season.

"We knew coming into the game that it was a very doable contest and it really came down to finishing the game with poise and confidence," Katie Kalugin said. The sophomore guard lead the Lady Bearcats with 14 points and eight rebounds, said.

In the opening minutes, PLU controlled the tempo, scoring quickly and efficiently.

With Willamette trailing, the Lutes were able to increase their lead to a 39-25 margin with only 45 seconds left in the half.

After a short jumper from senior guard Sophie Wilson tallied two more points for Willamette, sophomore guard Jojo Delong came up with a steal that gave Wilson an open shot from the three-point range, cutting Pacific Lutheran's lead to nine with only 29 seconds left on the clock, making the score 30-39 at the break.

"In the first half we struggled with our defense, we were letting PLU get high percentage shots and drive into the lane way too easily," Junior guard Rebecca Josephson said.

The second half began with a PLU dry spell that allowed Willamette to come within three points, putting the score at 36-39.

"In the second half we really stepped up our defense and came together as a team to attack on offense."

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ALLY SZETO

Sophomore guard Daena Mau drives past a PLU defender. Willamette Bearcats defeated PLU 59-54.

OPINIONS: INJUSTICE ANYWHERE

Seeking sex positivity

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If someone were to say, "I am sex positive" or "SheBop is a sex positive store," what would you think the phrase "sex positive" means? Some responses I have heard are: "I like sex, isn't that positive?" or "Sex is good, so I'm sex positive," and while those are both very important, sex positivity is more complicated than that. Sex positivity helps work against slut shaming, and the shaming of so-called "deviant" sexual acts, which can be very damaging.

Sex positivity is described by Allena Gobosch as "an attitude towards human sexuality that regards all consensual sexual activities as fundamentally healthy and pleasurable, and encourages sexual pleasure and experimentation. The movement makes no moral distinctions among types of sexual activities, regarding them as matters of personal preference." Great! So, what does that mean?

To start, it means respecting your preferences for sexual partner, and your preferences for which sex acts you like. So, whether you are in a queer, polyamorous or heterosexual relationship, whether you are single and having sex with one or multiple partners outside of a relationship, or are single and having sex with yourself, or abstaining from sex altogether, that's great!

An important part of this is to not judge the choices of others. A common way this judgement surfaces is in "slut shaming." It is not uncommon to hear about someone being labeled as a "slut" when they are having sex with multiple partners. But, if they are choosing to have casual sex with partners who want that too, why are they labeled as "slut" and treated negatively?

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Chaplins and company wrestle with ‘Big Questions over Lunch’

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Previously known as the annual series “School of Theological Studies,” the “Big Questions over Lunch” series is a new and improved opportunity for theological discussion. The sessions, held in the Wilson Room in Goudy commons from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. on the first Tuesday of February, March and April, are free and open to the Willamette and greater Salem community.

With the knowledge that everyone has to eat lunch and is affected by these topics, the Chaplains said the event presents a convenient and accessible opportunity to facilitate conversation on important theological questions.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 5, students discussed “What Happened in the Garden of Eden; Translations and Interpretation of the Genesis Creation Story (Genesis 2 and 3).” The event asked: “Some traditions call it The Fall ... but what kind of ‘fall’ was it? A fall into sin; A fall into self-awareness or attainment of free will?”

University Assistant Chaplain, Rabbi Gary Ellison said, “The nature of the discussion is to deepen our understanding of the text as it relates to ourselves and others.”

“Regardless of how we identify, be it religious, spiritual or secular, this is a huge story that has culutral importance.”
Karen Wood
Chaplain

A variety of people attended, ranging from Willamette students to members of local congregations. They began the event with conversations and meals in the packed Wilson Room in Goudy. As more people arrived , participants had to bring in chairs from the other rooms and try to find space to sit. The

discussions began with remarks and perspectives from the Chaplains, followed by different translations of the stories from both the King James Bible and a modern text written by Biblical scholar and translator, Robert Alter. Round-robin readings of the different texts were recited, followed by a discussion on the differences and the implications of the changes and various interpretations. Rabbi Ellison presented the Jewish interpretation of these texts, picking apart each word and phrase.

Although people generally did not feel that the two texts were extremely different, some people said they felt there were palpable yet subtle differences in wording. The slight change did have a significant impact on their comparative interpretations. Attendees asked about other things, such as the innocence of Adam and Eve: Did they gain knowledge or the fall of the “original sin” from picking the fruit from the forbidden tree, or did we simply become mortal and aware of our mortality?

Rabbi Ellison hopes these sessions allow the community to have “lively engagement and discussion” and to continue through the next year.

Chaplain Wood says she would love to have conversations on various interpretations; she looks forward to the discussions over the semester. The talks will offer an opportunity to foster those discussions.

“These discussions are important because, regardless of how we identify, be it religious, spiritual or secular, this is a huge story that has cultural importance.” Wood said, “Everyone should have an opinion.”

The next discussion will be held on March 5. Professor Steve Patterson will be facilitating the discussion topic: “Was Jesus Married? Reflections on “The Gospel of Jesus’ Wife,” Papyrus; followed by “Mormon Identity in the 21st Century: What has changed?” The discussion will be facilitated by visiting assistant professor, Richard Francaviglia, on April 2. The chaplains hope to continue the series in future years. They encourage anyone and everyone to come for the hour long discussion, even if only for a portion of the time.

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Private leaders refuse to forgive students loans after death

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When Angela Smith helped her son take out a student loan, it didn’t occur to her to find out what would happen to the loan in the event of her son’s death.

“You don’t ask about what would happen if your child should die, because that’s just not in any parent’s plan,” she said. “It never came to mind; we just didn’t think to ask.”

Smith’s son, Dante, was shot and killed in July 2008 while out celebrating a friend’s birthday in a West Virginia college town. Shortly after Dante’s death, his family started receiving calls from First Marblehead, the corporation that had issued Dante’s loan.

“We explained to them that we really couldn’t afford the additional debt,” Smith said. “I’d lost my business after my son’s death because I could no longer handle the things I had to do on a daily basis.”

First Marblehead repeatedly asked the Smiths to fax Dante’s death certificate, which they did – four times.

“After First Marblehead got the information they needed from us, the phone calls became frequent and the demands became severe,” Smith said. “We were told they were sympathetic to our situation but were in no position to forgive the loan.”

Michigan resident Ella Edwards had a similar experience. Her son Jermaine died in March 2009 of natural causes, leaving behind a student loan that she had cosigned. After Jermaine’s death, First Marblehead transferred the loan to his mother’s name and began contacting her frequently, demanding that she pay off her son’s debt.

“Sometimes they’d call me five or six times in one day,” Edwards said. “It just drives you crazy.”

Edwards said her son’s federal loans were immediately forgiven after his death, but the private lenders refused to do the same.

“They don’t care; they want your money,” Edwards said. “First Marblehead kept calling me and calling me until I wanted to commit suicide, but I couldn’t do that because my son left behind a child, and I had to care for that child.”

Both Smith and Edwards turned to on-line petition platform Change.org to help them get the word out about their situations. The women shared their sons’ stories and urged other parents to be cautious around private student loans.

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Angela Smith

“Through Change.org we’ve been able to make a lot of people aware of the policies of First Marblehead, and we’ve been able to tell the story of our son, Dante,” Smith said.

Smith and Edwards hope their petitions will lead to increased accountability among private lending companies.

“All that fine print they have, they should blow it up big and really explain to the people what they’re getting into,” Edwards said.

Marian Wang, a ProPublica reporter specializing in education and college debt, said it is important for borrowers to note the difference between federal and private student loans. Most private student lenders do not offer the protection of a death discharge, and their loans often change hands behind the scenes.

“When you say something like, ‘Watch out for First Marblehead,’ it’s actually hard to do that because that name might not have been on the original papers,” Wang said. “It can change hands, and then you have this paperwork four or five years later from this company you’ve never heard of saying, ‘Hey, you owe us money.’”

Wang recommends that families dig deeper and learn the details about private lending companies before taking out student loans for their children, so that they don’t end up with crippling debt on top of their crushing grief in the event of the student’s death.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

Feb. 2-8, 2013
Information provided by Campus. Safety

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Feb. 2, 12:15 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received a call about a student who had cut himself when he was cooking. The student was evaluated by WEMS and was then transported to the hospital.

Feb. 2, 3:35 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received a call about a student who was having difficulty breathing. The student was evaluated by WEMS and was given oxygen. The student’s condition stabilized and did not require further treatment.

Feb. 2, 11:22 p.m. (Delta Gamma): Campus Safety received a call about an intoxicated student who was vomiting in the restroom. After an initial evaluation, paramedics were called and she was transported to the hospital.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Feb. 5, 7:15 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety was contacted about the smell of marijuana coming from a room. When the officer arrived, the occupants were cooperative. A glass pipe was confiscated. A report was forwarded to the Campus Judicial office.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

Feb. 3, 12:30 a.m. (Off Campus): A student reported that she was groped by another student while dancing with him at a party. A report forwarded to the Campus Judicial office.

THEFT

Feb. 3, 10:00 a.m. (Baxter Hall): Campus Safety received a call about a student whose credit and debit cards had been copied and used in another state. The student was given the non-emergency number for the Salem Police Department.

Feb. 8, 9:20 p.m. (Ford Hall): A student called to report that his bike had been stolen. He said that he locked it up,

but came back a few hours later to find that his bike and lock were missing. He was given the non-emergency number to file a report with Salem Police Department.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Feb. 4, 7:36 a.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a call about a person who struck another person’s vehicle with their own. Both parties were contacted and exchanged information. There was minor damage to each vehicle.

INFORMATION

Feb. 5, 4:23 p.m. (Jackson Plaza): Campus Safety received a call from a student about a group of suffragists with picket signs and nineteenth century clothing marching outside the library. A Campus Safety officer promptly informed them that it was 2013 and directed them to the theatre box office to purchase tickets for “Brightly Dawning Day.” (503-370-6221)

PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS SAFETY IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS.

"Patriot Party" packs pro-gun protests into the Capitol mall

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Last Friday, hundreds of pro-gun activists took to the streets at the capital mall to publicly demonstrate their Second Amendment rights. The demonstrators were taking part in the "Patriot Party at the Capitol," which was organized primarily through Facebook.

According to the page for the event, the mission of the "Patriot Party" was: "To remind our representatives who they are representing and to finally forge the steel to make the bonds between gun owners here in Oregon."

This event comes on the heels of a similar rally that occurred at the capitol last month called "Guns Across America." The January rally was part of a series of demonstrations organized by a group called "Americans for Prosperity."

Carver Oblander, senior, a legislative intern at the capitol, witnessed the protest on Friday. He said that the demonstration seemed to be "focused on two bills that are currently in the legislature, one which bans high-capacity magazines [SB 346], and another which allows off-duty police officers to carry firearms in public buildings, including schools [HB 2843]."

"They were on very high alert, they try to have an extra security presence whenever there's a demonstration."

**Carver Oblander
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Lt. Terri Davie of the Salem Police estimates of the number of protestors at 300 to 400, most of whom attended the rally armed. The demonstrators were closely watched by Salem police officers, who were present in the Capitol mall both on foot and bicycle. Of the security, Oblander said, "They were on very high alert; they try to have an extra security presence whenever there's a demonstration."

Many police officers were also present within the capitol building itself, checking the permits of demonstrators who had chosen to carry their firearms into the capitol building. This practice is legal in Oregon because "open carry" of firearms is permitted in public buildings for those that hold concealed weapon permits.

Representative Kim Thatcher (R) of Keizer appeared at the demonstration and addressed the crowd, assuring them that she would defend their gun rights. Also present at the demonstration were a number of counter-protestors bearing

signs with such messages as "government hatred + guns = anarchy."

Despite their conflicting views, the demonstration proceeded and concluded peacefully. "It was pretty interesting to see that kind of diversity within the state," Oblander said.

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Protestors gathered at the Capitol Friday in a pro-second amendment rally.

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Alpha Chi Omega's musical fundraiser bash to take place on Saturday

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All of the groups have agreed to perform at the event free of charge; donations to their groups are recommended.

Last year, Alpha Chi was able to raise around \$5,000. This year, the organization has greater ambitions.

"Not only do we want to surpass what we made last year," Abeloe said, "but also we want to start getting local businesses to start sponsoring the event and helping with our cause."

Alpha Chi will be pre-selling tickets in Goudy during lunch and dinner this week. Additionally, you can buy tickets online at: acapella.brownpapertickets.com.

Abeloe recommends attending the

event to not only support MVWCS, but also to take advantage of a chance to join friends for a good activity on a Saturday night.

"It's a really fun event," Abeloe said. "You get to go with your friends and see good quality, high-energy college entertainment."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. The event costs \$5 with student ID, \$10 for general admission, and \$30 for reserved seating. \$20 of the reserved seating cost allows you to purchase one square foot of the new facility.

For more information on the event, or to purchase tickets, contact Abeloe at jabeloe@willamette.edu.

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CARVER OBLANDER AND DEVIN LEONARDI

Alpha Chi Omega is hosting A Cappella Night to raise money for Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service.

RESOURCE REVIEW: Campus water fountains

Campus water fountains: Where to wet your whistle

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Water is one of the most important factors in the sustenance of human life, and it's no secret that our campus is equipped with plenty of water fountains.

However, not all replenishing posts were created equal.

Thus, I have taken on the task of highlighting some of the key locations to keep in mind when you need to wet your dry mouth or take reprieve from a dry lecture.

It should be noted that I didn't include residential halls in my pseudo-Ponce de Leon quest, and my rubric follows the general assumption that you enjoy cold, accessible water. I must also commend Ford Hall for its ongoing commitment to sustainability; the lukewarm water trickling out of the inconveniently-placed fountains on each floor leaves no doubt in my mind that the powers that be are using as little energy as possible to keep that place running.

So, without further adieu, I present the five best hydration stations at Willamette:

5 Hatfield Library, 2nd floor—While the drinks of choice for the bookworms who lock themselves into the silent second floor are usually coffee or Red Bull, the fountain next to the bathroom is a great alternative. An easy-to-push

button instantly yields a strong cold stream that obviously outshines its first floor counterpart. It also functions well for filling up water bottles, for those of you wanting to circumvent frequent trips to and from the fountain.

4 Olin 3rd floor — Olin is replete with fantastic water fountains, so you really can't go wrong here. All of the fountains from floors one through four are identical (having two separate streams that converge into one), but the slightly shorter fountain on the third provided fresh water in the form of an easy-to-slurp arc. In my opinion, the safety showers might be the best option to be found in Olin, but apparently there are some rules about not using wash stations unless there's an emergency.

3 Rogers Music Center — The professors in the music department seem to have come to an understanding that their wind instrument and vocal students need good water, and they have most certainly stepped their game up. Three fountains sit in a row in a corridor that's an offshoot from the long hall running parallel to the Mill Stream. While the first two are suspect, the third (farthest left) caught me by surprise with a single square button and ice cold water that will keep any vocalist from going flat.

2 University Center 1st floor — While the UC's two first floor fountains match the same excellence as the aforementioned selections, it is their convenience that gives them the edge. The UC is a major center of campus life, and each of the single-button, high arching stream fountains are a necessary ally before scaling the stairs or when just passing through. For some reason, UC water also had a crisper, cleaner feeling to it than other fountains.

1 Eaton Hall 4th Floor — While I acknowledge that my selection of Eaton's dynamic duo (of fountains) largely operates off the respective bias of the number of classes I've had in the building, there's no denying that Eaton 4 is widely known for its mythical water fountains. While the 4th floor is certainly a trek, every other fountain in Eaton is deplorable. A soaring arc of frigid water means that you hardly have to bend over to appease your parched palette.

So, here's my list, and I fully expect arguments to rise. Before you are so quick to critique, however, keep in mind that water is inevitably water, and sometimes, when you really need to rehydrate, it's necessary to run to the nearest fountain, indiscriminately.

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Tesla's playlist

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Nikola Telsa, the famous Serbian-American inventor! He created the basis for much of modern electronics, feuded famously with Edison, could do integrals in his head, had a strong dislike for jewelry and circular objects and, of course, believed celibacy was the source of his scientific genius. Also, his later years were dominated by his intense romantic love for a grey-white pigeon that he met in a park. If he were alive today, he'd probably be redesigning the iPod, while listening to this playlist:

1 "New Designs for Hip Kids" by God Bows to Math: The unexpected time signatures and strange patterns built into this song would have intrigued Tesla, and it seems like something he would listen to as he tinkered with his latest invention.

2 "It's a War" by Trampled by Turtles: The fast pace and almost frantic nature of the vocals in this bluegrass-folk song speak to Tesla's first experiences in the United States: the theft of his belongings, followed by his work for Edison. Claiming he could not afford to pay Tesla, stingy Edison followed the edicts of the song: "don't forget to pretend/ don't forget look pretty/ like you don't own a thing." Thus began Tesla's famous lifelong feud with Edison.

3 "99 Problems" by Jay-Z: This song's title practically speaks for itself. Strangely enough, Tesla might have felt a connection between himself and the famous rapper. Both were plagued by societal misunderstandings: Jay-Z raps about dealing with racism, while Tesla struggled with OCD before it was understood. But in the end, neither had problems with women. All the ladies were mad for Tesla, but Tesla was mad for science. Jay-Z, on the other hand, is now married to Beyoncé.

4 "Little Bird" by Milkman's Union: Although Jamison technically sings quietly but intensely about a girl he loved and lost, the metaphor he uses would resonate with Tesla. With grieving viola and guitar parts, it tells the story of a broken bird and a bloody nose, which mirrors the story of Tesla's pigeon love, upon whom he spent countless quiet hours and over \$2,000 nursing back to health after an injury.

5 "In Came the Flood" by Wintersleep: Tesla went through a brief phase of believing he could see ghosts, which coincided with his lifelong curiosity about the nature of God. This song about humanity and perception would likely have fascinated him at the time.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW: Los Baez

Los Baez offers cozy, delicious experience

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Located on Commercial Street just south of downtown, Los Baez looks little more enticing than a Muchas from the outside. However, this unassuming Mexican eatery has much more going for it than meets the eye.

For starters, the interior walls are lined with plush red and green booths basking under the soft, warm glow of casual hexagonal light fixtures. Mariachi music plays at a pleasantly low volume, numerous signs for Negra Modelo and Pacifico beer and a sleek tan wooden bar component round out what may be the most homely interior of any Salem restaurant I have patronized.

Ordering involved navigating an extensive and very reasonably priced (\$4-\$10) lunch menu full of mostly standard Mexican fare. However, an item called the Wally Burrito intrigued me in part because it is named after Wally, a frequenter of Los Baez since 1980 (as in 11 years longer than I've been alive), but mostly because this burrito boasted a bit of everything for not too much, plus some shrimpies for only a dollar extra.

For the \$6.95 price tag, I was treated to a sizable burrito behemoth stuffed with rice, beans, beef, chicken and shrimp, all wrapped in a delicious homemade flour tortilla and drenched in enchilada sauce. While the individual components were nothing out of the ordinary (though certainly tasty), the combination of meats provided interesting textural variety that greatly aided in my ability to finish the monster in one sitting. However, for that extra dollar I was only rewarded with three morsels of shrimp which, while large and well-cooked, fell short of satisfying my eternal shrimp itch.

Additionally, my dining companion enjoyed a rice and bean burrito with hefty heaps of guacamole for only an additional dollar. Plus, they provide plenty of pre-meal chips and salsa good enough to be dangerous when trying to accommodate big ol' burritos and post-meal York peppermint patties and Andes mints.

Overall, I found the entire establishment, from snug design to semi-plain but certainly satisfying fare to especially laid back wait staff, to be comfortable, enjoyable and worth at least another visit. Sleepiness is encouraged and, unavoidably, induced.



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TV REVIEW: House of Cards on Netflix

'House of Cards': Medium-bending landmark television

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When Netflix announced that they were ready to move from distribution to production in the form of a TV series, my attention was caught.

When they then announced that the executive producer and director of the first two episodes would be none other than the prolific and ingenious David Fincher (of "Fight Club" and "The Social Network"), I became considerably excited. Now it's here.

In a revolutionary television release, "House of Cards," a tight political thriller about a congressman (Kevin Spacey) tearing down an American presidential administration with the aid of a rambunctious journalist, became available in its 13 episode entirety on February 1.

In short, this is really stunning work all around. If "House of Cards" is any indication, network television has been dealt a serious, possibly irreparable blow.

On top of offering viewers a watch at your leisure possibility, which is very helpful when trying to follow a drama series in which important information is dropped every episode, Netflix has gone and produced one of the most intelligent, well-produced and wildly entertaining shows I've ever watched.

In his role as congressman Frank Underwood, Kevin Spacey finally lives up to the potential he displayed in the nineties, during his "The Usual Suspects," "L. A. Confidential," "American Beauty" trifecta.

He is sly, two-faced, richly layered, reserved and charismatic enough to break the fourth wall for a casual chat with the audience without making it feel like heavy-handed exposition.

The series kicks off with Underwood being dealt the unexpected blow that he will not receive the Secretary of State nomination that he was promised, despite being a central asset in getting the President elected. Pretending to work alongside the administration after this rude move, we immediately know that he is up to no good.

Kate Mara, Underwood's right hand woman, dons a decidedly punky green hoodie as the new age journalist who helps Underwood tear down the political house of cards in subtle and ingeniously backhanded ways.

I don't want to spoil even the first of the plot's details because it is so entertaining to see Underwood carefully maneuver tight situations to his advantage, without letting anyone know how the end result will play out in his favor. But it does, every time.

While the rest of the show will suffer David Fincher's directoral absence, in his place, other A-list Hollywood directors such as Joel Shumacher and James Foley are filling his shoes. Are they as good as Fincher? No. But no one is. And it's incredible that they got him to take on the first two episodes.

With the explosive success of "House of Cards" and season four of Arrested Development on the way, Netflix looks to crush network television with a wrecking ball. And I'm all for it.



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RACHEL MENASHE
Finally, someone who won't talk on the second floor of the library.

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This weekend my fellow debaters and I headed to a battle of the nerds at Portland State. In one round of our wild, academic combat, we discussed the nature of governmentally subsidized public artwork. It got me thinking, Bearcats. We ought to have more exhibitions, like the “Sacred Scraps” in the library, on campus. What? You’ve never heard of “Sacred Scraps”? Well, let me fill you in.

“Sacred Scraps” is a collection of art pieces from five visionaries of the Pacific

Sacred scraps and sacred art

Northwest: Dayna Collins, Shelly Caldwell, Tory Brokenshire, Jennifer Campbell and Stephanie Brockway. Combining their passions for art and sustainability, they have come up with an innovative way to create. Senior Rachel Musgrove says that the collection seems like “a three-dimensional collage of nostalgic items... each little work seems to have its own story.”

Essentially, the “Sacred Scraps” collection is made up of several smaller works made from only recycled products—like old keys, dolls, mirrors and shoes. The project is truly thought-provoking, but there is one large problem: geography. The piece is encased in glass on the second floor of the library—somewhere it cannot be observed with the consideration it deserves. The library, while traditionally a place of mindful awareness, is used primarily for getting homework done, especially on the second floor. The “Sacred Scraps” exhibition needs to be exposed openly, somewhere where there can be meaningful discourse about its aesthetic quality, as well as sustainability.

In my nerdy peak last weekend I real-

ized, more than ever, just how essential art in the public eye truly is. It is inspiring for artists and non-artists alike and should not be hidden away where people will just aimlessly stroll by it, as is the case with “Sacred Scraps.” Now, granted, Willamette’s campus can’t be exactly like the artistic utopia that the government model in my debate advocated, but I think it’s time we take a step in a more creative direction.

The “Sacred Scraps” collection inspired me to reach out to all of you, readers. When the debate nerd gods gave me the art subsidy resolution, I knew I just had to speak up. Maybe we can’t demand tuition subsidies for students who want to display art, but we’re all college kids, used to being poor, so let’s not make it about the money but about the community.

Share your art and your ideas. I spend way too much time in the Bistro, so I know you abstractionist and sculptors are out there! From art, discussion ensues, and from discussion, ideas ensue. It’s time we enrich our community and deepen our awareness. So, take the first step: Check out the “Sacred Scraps” collection in the library and allow it to inspire you to act. If you’re a painter or a sculptor, create something, and let your fellow students see it! If you’ve got something to share, don’t hide it. Share it.

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Not so Valentine's day



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If you’ve read this column, or know me, it probably wouldn’t come as a surprise that I’m not taken. I’m pretty sure it’s a qualification for writing this section. As such, this Valentine’s Day has no special meaning or significance for me; I’m not held to that social construct where I’m supposed to do something warm and fuzzy for a significant other. I will say that it allows me to spend more capital on other institutionalized holidays, like St. Patrick’s Day.

Despite my stag status and lack of enthusiasm for the holiday, I still have to make some plans for Feb. 14 because the majority of my friends have subscribed to dating each other. Power to them and all that jazz, but now I’m in a minority of the group. While they may be polite and try to invite me to what they see as going to a group dinner, I see that as the plot to the next torture-horror movie where I have to saw through my own leg to escape the torment of listening to a discussion on which dish to split. Is it really that hard to choose something? Also, some of us don’t have the option of splitting a dish. So, as fun as that all sounds, I’ll pass—with all respect.

It looks like I’m on my own for avoiding Valentine’s Day anything. What will this consist of? Well, I could just spend the day in my room doing thesis and streaming episodes of “The West Wing,” but that would be most days. Hell, I’m already spicing up my life with “House of Cards.” No, this day provides a unique chance for some true “me” time because I actually have a justification for it. They have an obligation to each other; I have an obligation to myself. Sorry, friends in a relationship – I’m on a 24-hour Brettcation!

This Brettcation will be a day to manifest my personal narrative of self-discovery, manliness and realistically “House of Cards.” I will in fact take on moderate tasks and attribute them to being macho. What’s that grass? You just got mowed with a push mower. What now? Beer. I’ll look out to my neighbor’s yard where I’ll raise my Pabst at them to toast to the fact that I’m a strong willed man who doesn’t need to be in a relationship to have a sense of fulfillment. My neighbors will likely see two things. There’s another one of the college dicks drinking that cheap piss of a beer, and he’s of course drinking alone on Valentine’s Day. There might be a snide remark about the yard finally being mowed for once. Okay, that might not be the manliest achievement then.

Perhaps a new plan is needed. Where is a refuge for single guys on one of the greatest date days of the year? Well, dive bars are solid choices, but I wouldn’t be avoiding the problems of my first plan. There’s always the movie theater for a discreet escape. I know that date movies will be subsequently filled with dates, but I wouldn’t be going to anything that would create an environment of “let’s hook up” or worse, “let’s talk about our feelings” right after. Luckily for me, there’s actually a new “Die Hard” movie coming out on this traditionally heartfelt day. It’s impressive demographic targeting really. Single? Check. Male? Check? Want to see Bruce Willis shoot things up? Double check.

Nah, you know what I’ll actually do on Valentine’s Day? I won’t treat it like some special day for me. It probably will be a typical day for me. I might mow the grass with a can of Pabst, sure, but the attitude will be different. To those in relationships: Have a fun day, whether you believe in the construct of holidays or not. To my fellow single persons, also have a fun day. Yippie-kai-yay Valentine’s Day!

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Ode to the Bistro

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The Bistro of Willamette has served us all well, from that first prospie cookie to the finals’ weeks of Hell. Although it may rain and pour outside your doors, Bistro, you stay heated and covered in ‘lore.

For there once was a time before “Free coffee at closing”, before you could catch anyone on a comfy couch dozing. It was long ago, on a campus far far away, In a galaxy called the 80s, where the ‘stro seed was laid.

It was two soph boys by the names of Fisherman, Donovan who knew that students needed a late-night social den. Armed with an ambition rarely seen in stoners, the two called on President Jerry Hudson to be their bankroller.

And with a flick of the wrist and a twist of his hips, to the surprise of staff Hudson gave the kids their wish: enough cash to serve snack and lattes to all venturing past, although students come and go, the Bistro’s a heart pumps fast and furious with students surging through your veins, running to class, injecting caffeine straight to the brain: an organ moving outward and upward without commonplace holders, a delicate balance rests ‘tween one’s chest and one’s shoulders.

And Bistro you let me share it, with friends with foes; you are a crossroads where all the rheumy-eyed must go. So thanks for the music laughs language mixed into fresh grounds, I always look to the Bistro logo to find the best joint in town.

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Vegetarian options?

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When walking into Goudy, some people ignore all of the yellow and green dots on the menus. For some though, it is a necessary ritual. There are many vegetarians and vegans at Willamette who are dot scavengers.

For the confused: both vegetarians and vegans do not eat meat. Vegans are one step more extreme than vegetarians, opting out of consuming all products derived from animals, including milk, eggs, and sometimes even processed sugar (bone char is used in the processing).

With 10 percent of American adults following vegetarian diets, (2.5 percent of those being vegan) and 12 percent of college-aged Americans vegetarian (according to a Vegetarian Times Study), there’s a good chance that you know someone who chooses not to eat meat. Students at Willamette have various reasons to be vegetarian – ranging from health, environmental, ethical, or economic reasons. As freshman Wendy Rosenstein says, “I realized I was eating corpses. That’s gross.”

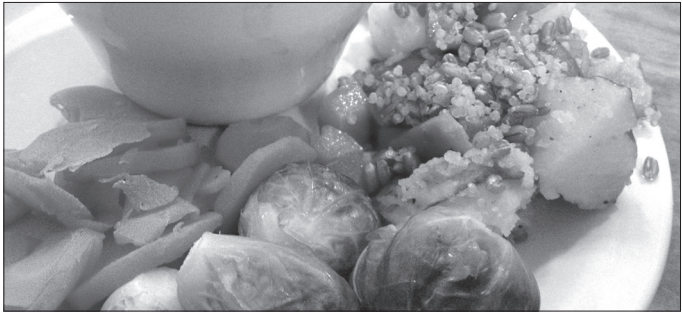
For those living off campus, continuing their vegetarian lifestyle is as easy as it is to cook. However, those on campus with meal points are limited by what Goudy, Kaneko, Cat Cavern and Montag have to offer.

While most feel that it is relatively easy to find good things to eat, some are less than satisfied with Goudy’s alternative cuisine. “At dinner at Goudy, it doesn’t seem like selections for vegetarians are ever the main focus of the meal. There’s always something, but it’s not usually as good, and it’s always off to the side,” says sophomore Brian Highkin. Others have had experiences with undisclosed meat in vegetarian-marked dishes.

It’s not to say that Goudy hasn’t been trying, though. “I have been talking with Goudy, and they have been trying to offer more vegan options, but it is hard to change the menu for the entire school,” says freshman Rachel Baldwin. “So although they might be trying, I haven’t seen very many real changes other than adding one vegan option to the breakfast menu.”

While students debate over whether the options are enough, Bon Appetit facilities like Goudy continue to use the dot system to identify the vegetarian and vegan items they serve such as masa and black bean cakes as well as grilled zucchini. Bon Appetit’s Willamette services can be contacted for specific policies and feedback.

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No meat? No problem. Willamette has options, but are they enough?

Willamette Academy: 'Preparing students to change the world' one teaching opportunity at a time



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The season for applications has arrived. Students are updating their resumes and cover letters in anticipation of internships, jobs and grants to keep them occupied over the summer. One great place to take advantage of those opportunities is located right here on campus, at Willamette Academy.

Located in the basement of the School of Education, Willamette Academy works with students from historically underrepresented groups to help them overcome barriers and build a solid network of support.” The program offers after-school opportunities for secondary school students, family support, Saturday Sessions and a summer academic camp. It also offers a multitude of ways for Willamette students to be involved.

The most common ways for students to be involved with the academy include serving as a tutor or mentor throughout the school year. Mentors meet with students once or twice a week to check in about school, friends and life in general, while tutors provide students with support in specific academic areas.

According to Willamette Academy students, the balance of focusing on academics and learning about community building has been very beneficial.

“I don’t tend to talk to other people about my own stuff,” high school sophomore Ruby Oviedo said. “But [Willamette Academy] helps you develop and become better at communication.” Since her time with the program, Oviedo has been able to see a change in the way she interacts with her teachers and approaches people for help.

Many students who go through the Willamette Academy program will end up being first-generation college students. For Volunteer Liaison, senior Sarai Rivas, this was an important reason to get involved with the academy.

“I was one of those kids,” Rivas said. “I know how hard it is to succeed with those barriers. I feel like I have privilege being at Willamette University now and I want to use it to help.”

Rivas’ position is overseen by the Office of Community Service Learning and focuses on reaching out to university students and connecting them to all the opportunities available at Willamette Academy.

“We want to communicate to campus that there’s tutoring opportunities, but also lots of other things,” Rivas said.

One of those other opportunities is working as a Resident Assistant/Teaching Assistant (RATA) over the summer. Senior Luz Rodriguez worked as a RATA in 2012 and described the experience as transformative.

“It helped open my eyes to what I’m really passionate about,” Rodriguez said. “It helped me grow and embrace my identity as a role model for other students of color, students in general and just youth. It made apparent this urgent need for positive and passionate role models, mentors, leaders and teachers.”

Rodriguez worked, from 7 a.m. to midnight facilitating team-building and reflection exercises, creating lesson plans and curriculum for students, and hanging out with students at meals and on field trips. Despite the long hours, Rodriguez would recommend that anyone who is passionate about education apply to be a RATA.

“This is a cool way to give back and to also grow in your own personal awareness of what it could mean to be a world-changer,” Rodriguez said. “There are different ways we can make change in this world, but education, I am finding is one of the most treasured tools that will allow people to do so.”

Spending time with the students was one of Rodriguez’s favorite aspects of the RATA position. She formed relationships with many of the students and has remained active in the academy because of them.

“It was one of those things that was really hard in the moment but as soon as it was over I missed them so much and didn’t know what to do with myself for the rest of my summer,” Rodriguez said.

For those interested by the prospect of working with Willamette Academy, but feel a little unsure about jumping into a position, there will be a new opportunity next semester to work at the academy with the support of two professors and a class of fellow Willamette students. In the fall, Professors Brienne Davila and Linda Heuser will be offering a .5 credit course focused on service learning through partnerships with Willamette Academy. There will be two information sessions held in Smullin 130 for those interested: February 26, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. and February 27, from 5–6:15 p.m.

With opportunities throughout the school year to tutor or mentor, summer positions and the chance to earn credit, Willamette Academy offers students with countless chances to make a difference in the lives of underrepresented youth. Rodriguez said, “Willamette Academy is preparing students who will change the world.” Who wouldn’t want to be a part of that?

For more information about how to get involved with Willamette Academy, visit: www.willamette.edu/academy.

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The lesser of two evils



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It doesn't seem that long ago when a televised spectacle and victory lap of a press conference turned a homegrown hero into the arch villain of the sporting world. On a July evening less than three years ago, an hour special transformed LeBron James from the unmitigated golden child of basketball to a scapegoat for a bloated league, looking to guarantee championships through a covenant of superstars who believe their own hype. The face of the league was changed instantaneously, and the super-team mentality Boston revamped was in full force. The table was set, the bets had been issued, and Miami had next without having set foot on the hardwood.

Fast-forward a couple of long years. The landscape of the league looks a little different, and allegiances have crumbled. This Sunday, the Lakers fell to the Heat by ten and, to be honest, this should not have surprised anyone. The bastardized "Big Three", the Lake Show has duct taped together seamlessly eased Miami's transition from loathed superpower, to the glorious role of "not the Lakers."

Don't get me wrong—Miami is still a spray-tanned excuse for a sporting community, with a stadium culture closer to an Ed Hardy Labor Day sale than a basketball team, but Dwight, Kobe and poor little Steve have taken the pressure off the reigning champs.

With Howard's exit, Orlando has gone from a consistent playoff-bound team, to a tropical disaster, more reminiscent of Katrina than a contender. After an unsuccessful handful of seasons with a now flourishing Knicks team, Mike D'Antoni jumped ship to get his hands on some of the league's best talent. With the autumn of Nash's career unfolding, one of the league's most liked players donned the role of enemy (an elderly one at that) for one last quest for a ring. Everything looked set for a new era of Los Angeles basketball and there was a new villain in town tying David Stern to the railroad tracks with a maniacal laugh.

Maybe not. With the All-Star break quickly approaching, the Lakers are floundering below .500, completely eclipsed by their own little brothers, the somewhat dominant Clippers. Some people call it bad luck. Others say bad coaching, while some more naive argue the chemistry has yet to set in. Me? I say it's karma. For as long as I can remember, the Lakers have brought pain and destruction upon my fragile sports ego and been the source of most of the world's ills. I admit I am still recovering from the early 2000s Laker domination, and I was unsure if I could withstand another run of excellence from the City of Angels.

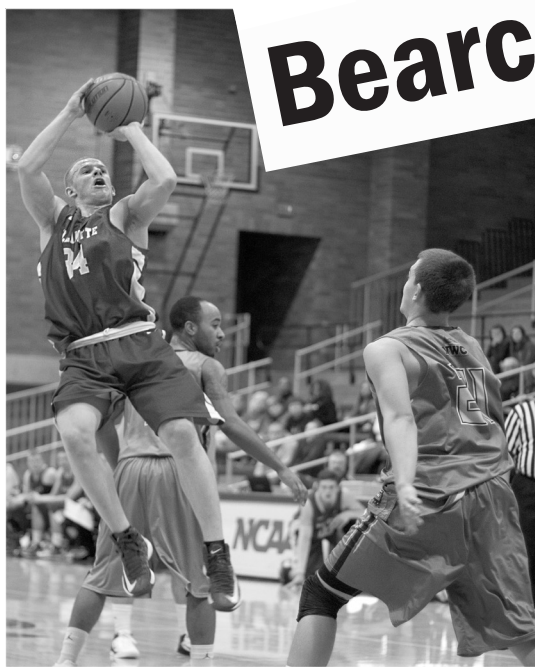
Luckily for me and anyone with a semblance of a soul, this may not be the case. Now when I see purple and gold around campus, I can't help but smile and am always tempted to give a coy nod of snarky sports sarcasm to the culprit. Talking shit has never been easier and I for one am ecstatic. The comical blunders of the Lakers have had a strange effect on my skepticism and ability to hold a sports-grudge.

I can no longer look at LeBron with both fear and loathing, and sadly, the Heat can no longer enrage me the way they used to. The times they are 'a' changin' and, although I miss a vehement hatred for all things Miami, I'll gladly exchange it for a Lakers team sitting 11 games behind the Clippers.

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Bearcats come up short



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Willamette's riot squad hopes to help the Bearcats against Whitman and nationally ranked Whitworth this weekend.

Men's team looks to bounce back in final two games

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Not long ago, a lot seemed to be going the Bearcat's way. A go-ahead jumper by senior guard Terrell Malley in the final minute solidified an exciting one-point victory over the Linfield Wildcats. After that victory on January 22, Willamette possessed a 4-4 conference record; drastically improved from their overall 3-13 record the previous year.

Just three nights later however, Willamette suffered a heartbreaking defeat to Pacific University in the final seconds. A game-tying, three-pointer by senior wing Oliver Hughes was ultimately ruled a two by the officials, sending Willamette to a devastating 97-96 overtime loss. The Bearcats were unable to respond in the following games, dropping their next two contests.

A twenty point loss on the road to that same Pacific team this past Tuesday night was the start of another difficult week for the once-primed Bearcats, who dropped two additional hard fought battles to Pacific Lutheran and Lewis & Clark.

This six-game skid has transformed a 4-4 conference record to 4-10. But while their current record is still slightly improved from years past, nobody is content with their current position.

"At this point I think it's really a matter of wanting to turn things around," senior

wing Elliot Babcock-Krenk said. "If we want it bad enough our last two games are going to be competitive."

This recent stretch has introduced many questions, most notably: What changed?

"It's been a combination of us hitting a shooting slump as a group offensively, losing some focus on the details defensively and teams just playing really well against us," fourth year Head Coach Kip Ioane said.

"We've been in season for 118 days and I think we've won 110 of them, we've just hit a rut with 5 games in these last 8 days."

While much focus has turned to the record itself, there have undoubtedly been bright moments for the team as a whole. The bench play has been phenomenal for the "Cats", providing both production and consistency. "As a whole, we have been working really hard in and out of practice," sophomore post Alex Brown said. "Our bench provides a lot of energy, and when we are on the floor that energy carries throughout the game."

Not only has the bench play surpassed expectations, but it's the youth on the bench that has the Bearcat Hoop future looking bright. Brown has led the charge, averaging seven points and three rebounds. He notched career highs in points (16) and rebounds (8) earlier this season while also scoring 10 points against Pacific Lutheran last Friday.

Brandon Leudtke has also served as a spark for Willamette in the post. He has

scored in spurts and rebounded consistently, offering glimpses of future potential.

"Brown and Leudtke have both stepped up for us the second half of the season," Ioane said. (Brown) is a legitimate double figure scoring threat off the bench, and (Leudtke) has shown he can guard three different positions in this league, rebound, and handle the ball against pressure."

Offensive numbers have been encouraging at times for Willamette. Malley scored a career high 32 points on Jan. 29 and is leading the team with 17 points per game. Senior post Sean Dart has also steadily produced, averaging just short of a double-double. Since coming to Willamette via transfer, Babcock-Krenk has averaged over 11 points per game this season.

Considering all of these bright spots, there is no refuting the fact that Willamette has underperformed in terms of wins and losses. But despite being eliminated from postseason contention, the Bearcats still have a lot on the line.

With two games remaining, will they let their record define their season? Or will they display what Bearcat Hoop is truly about? Coach Ioane was confident: "I have no doubt our guys will keep fighting these last two games to get back on track."

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Willamette freshmen shine at Conference

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Willamette swimmers Annie Marinello and Alex Guffey may only be freshmen, but they swam like veterans at the 2013 Northwest Conference Swimming Championships at the King County Aquatic Center in Washington.

"Right before my races, when I started to get nervous, I just reminded myself that swimming is something I choose to do," Marinello said. "I told myself to embrace this opportunity to race against some really fast girls, to just give it your all and also to not forget to have fun in the process."

In her conference championships debut, Marinello set two individual Willamette records and swam in a relay that broke another fifteen year-old Bearcat record. The first individual record fell on Saturday in the 100-yard breaststroke as Marinello raced to a time of 1:07.27 in a preliminary race.

The following day, she would set her second university record in the 200-yard breaststroke, as she swam to a record time of 2:28.67 in a preliminary race. In the finals of both races, Marinello earned an eighth place finish in both the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke. She also sped to sixth place in the 400-yard individual medley final.

Fellow freshman Alex Guffey also shined for the Bearcats as his time of 47.76 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle was seventh best in the conference. He did even bet



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Freshman Andrew Lum in action as he sprints the 200-yard butterfly. Lum placed 14th in the event.

ter in the 200-yard freestyle, as his speedy time of 1:43.88 was good for fifth place and only .66 seconds behind the third place finisher. Guffey also swam anchor for the men's 800-yard relay team, which finished in seventh place with a time of 7:23:23.

Perhaps the most memorable race of the meet came on Friday in the women's 400-yard medley relay. The team of freshmen Michaela Zuber, Marinello, and Malia Santos, along with sophomore Hope Nelson, broke a university record on route to an eight place finish with a time of 4:05.65.

"Relay records mean a lot because it is truly a team effort," head coach Leslie Shevlin said. "This was the first Willamette record broken in a

long time so it really was special for the entire team."

A number of Bearcats also turned in impressive performances. Sophomore Zander Le Bel earned a spot on the podium to finish eighth in the 1,650-yard freestyle. His time of 17:19.05 was a personal record. Le Bel also swam to 12th place in the 400-yard individual medley.

Nelson raced to 12th place in the 200-yard freestyle and 15th place in the 100-yard freestyle. Freshman Kulanalu Tarnas and junior Chris Whitehead placed 13th and 14th in the 200-yard breaststroke. Freshman Andrew Lum took 14th place in the 200-yard butterfly.

In the last meet of her Willamette career, senior Kayla

Kosaki finished in 15th place overall in the women's 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:21.68.

As a team, both the men's and women's team finished in eight place. Whitworth University swept both the men's and women's conference titles.

In the end, the conference meet was the caper on a long season for the Bearcats.

"This team is truly a team. We had some great moments this weekend, but we had some tough swims as well," Shevlin said.

"This team supported each other and encouraged each other. There was a lot of laughter and a lot of fast swimming. I am proud of each and every one of them."

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Senior Crisis



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Senior Winter Athletes in all sorts of sports are at a crossroads, Willamette. Dare I say, an identity crisis.

Swimmers, do you feel it? Brushing against the soft skin of your underarm when you reach to cut the water with your sharp fingers? Does it tickle those 'swimmer muscles' above your ribs? You know those ones? Do you feel it there?

Basketball players...do you feel it in your toes, like I do? The hard, pale yellow nubs at the end? I feel it right there.

Yesterday, someone asked me if I am ready to "hang up my sneakers." No. No, I am not. I am not ready to never use my sneakers again. I will likely use them a few weeks after the season. Maybe even the day after, if I am feeling sassy.

Ending a sport is really hard, no matter what. My knees hurt. My parents keep coming to my games and asking me how I feel. "Eight games left!" "Six games left!" "Four games left!" I choose not to romanticize my transition from college athlete to former college athlete. But every time I think about not playing an organized sport anymore, I start crying, equal parts relief, sadness, reflection, joy and pain.

Like it or not, many of us Bearcats construct our identities around the sport that we play. Why wouldn't we? We're good at it. We win, we run, jump, we're photographed and put in the Collegian. We make big plays, and make great friends.

An individual ending their collegiate competition of a sport is really sad, but it is not the end of the sport at all. As individual athletes, we're too small for that. I hesitate to cry at "Senior Night" because that makes it about me. I believe in basketball. I believe I am a small part of basketball. A very, very small speck. I believe in its ability to teach people, and create relationships.

People say "this is your last time competing when it really matters!" But really, what they're saying is "this is the last time where, if you win or lose, or play well or horrible, the results will be posted on the internet."

Sport transcends class standings. Senior, freshman, former or current competing college athlete, we all play the sport, just in different ways. Sports are not a finite endeavor. When one is too old to physically play, they teach, or coach, or watch or commentate.

As a senior on the brink of never putting on a Bearcat uniform ever again, and never playing with "the lights on" and "the scoreboard up," I understand my sporting experience will never be the same again. I also understand that this year was different than last, and last year different from the one before. One's eligibility expiring is surely a significant shift in any athlete's experience, but while it is an end, it is also a beginning. Things will never be the same for Willamette seniors concluding their collegiate careers, surely...but that doesn't mean it can't be the start of a new relationship with sports that are bigger than our own individual experiences with them.

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Women's basketball battles for second win of the season

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Shortly after establishing the first tie of the game with 7:18 left to play, the two teams battled back and forth until the final 20 seconds when Jojo Delong put in two free-throws to give her team a three point edge in the closing seconds.

Rebecca Josephson sealed the game several seconds later with two free-throws of her own and the game ended in a 59-54 victory for the Lady Bearcats.

After getting the win the night before, Willamette took the court against Lewis and Clark in a game that ended in a 78-47 loss.

With a combination of tough defense and smart rebounding, the Pioneers stayed on top for most of the game.

For the second night in a row Katie Kalugin led the team in scoring and was the only Bearcat in double digits with 10 points.

"I was able to get open looks in the game by running the floor in transition in hopes of beating them in the fast break," Kalugin said.

"They are a difficult team to play because their zone defense is very aggressive and they don't hesitate when getting out on shooters."

Lewis and Clark's Katie Anderson was an unexpected factor in the loss.

Anderson had 21 points coming off the bench shooting just under 91% from the field, including an impressive 4-4 from the three-point line.

"We expected to be able to take advantage of their weakness as individuals defensively, but we weren't able to as well as we had hoped," Rebecca Josephson said.

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Senior Josephine Johnston grabs one of her six rebounds against PLU.

Support the Bearcats at home and away!

Upcoming women's games:

2/15 - vs. Whitman - in Salem, OR - 6 p.m.
2/16 - vs. Whitworth - in Salem, OR - 4 p.m.
2/19 - vs. Linfield - in McMinnville, OR - 6 p.m.

Upcoming men's games:

2/15 - vs. Whitman - in Salem, OR - 8 p.m.
2/16 - vs. Whitworth - in Salem, OR - 6 p.m.

INJUSTICE ANYWHERE

The art of getting dirty without crossing lines

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Being sex positive means respecting the decision of all parties involved. If it is a good experience for them, then we show support and positivity about having awesome sex.

But where does asexuality fit into this definition? Asexuality is, of course, a totally legitimate expression of individual sexuality. By the logic of not passing judgment upon sexuality, one would think that a sexuality that expresses love without sexual interaction would be included. Unfortunately, asexuality is not often thought to be included in the main definition and in some sex positive circles, it is not even included as valid, which it is. Some will say, "Everyone wants sex in some form! Asexuality isn't real." That exclusionary argument focuses on the fact that being asexual means sex is not part of the relationship, and therefore it is not sex positive because there is no sex involved.

This idea can be shaming to someone who identifies as asexual and thus this goes against what the sex positivity movement is "supposed" to do, which is reinforce positivity around any healthy idea of personal sexual preference. I would challenge people who think this way to remember that being positive about sex also means supporting those who do not want to have sex, because it is a valid sexual choice.

Being sex positive means looking at sex, even if it is a position or fetish you may be personally uncomfortable with, and not framing it as something negative. If for example you hear of someone practicing BDSM (Bondage & Discipline, Sadomasochism) with a consensual partner and they love it, but you feel uncomfortable with it, don't let that discomfort get in the way of support.

If it is a positive experience for them, there is no need to judge harshly or make them feel shameful about it. If you hear about a sex act and your first reaction is "ew," challenge yourself to learn more about it through research or asking questions. You still may not want to do it yourself, but at least you will understand more, and hopefully work to reinforce a positive opinion.

But, as with most movements, there is a tricky grey area that forms. Universal acceptance of sexual choice is not the goal of sex positivity—because at the heart of sexual positivity is healthiness and consent. Sex positivists accept sexual deviance and preference WITHIN REASON, meaning only if it isn't seriously harming anyone, whether physically or emotionally. Rape and abuse, although linked to sexual pleasure for some, is NEVER acceptable. Spanking your partner when they ask is in no way comparable to serious threats to life, or even borderline abusive behavior.

But that distinction can be hard to see, especially when bestsellers like "Fifty Shades of Grey" influence what the general population believes to be safe, consensual or acceptable. The male lead of that pornographic novel is an abuser. That is an abusive relationship. It should not be glorified. One small example is when Christian Grey stalks Anastasia Steele in a club by putting a secret tracking device on her cell phone without her consent. This kind of behavior is not sexy or romantic.

Consent is a central part of the sex positive movement. It is okay to say "no" to your partner; sex positivity is about knowing when you don't want to have sex and feeling comfortable voicing that. If your potential sex partner(s) decline(s) at any time, it is important to not take it personally, and listen. If you do not respect your partner(s)' "no"s, how can you expect them to respect your "no" when you have one?

Sex is different for everyone. Being sex positive can also mean being willing to try new things if and when you are ready. A great, positive, helpful (and fun!) way to look at your personal preferences and boundaries about sex and relationships is Scarleteen.com's "Yes, No, Maybe So: A Sexual Inventory Stocklist." This "checklist" allows you to fill out a questionnaire regarding: sex-acts, body boundaries, relationships, safe sex, birth control and non-physical sexual activities.

This can be something you can do for yourself, or you and your partner(s) fill out, and then share with each other. You never know, you may find out you both want to try the same thing but haven't been able to tell each other. It can help you learn more about yourself, and know your boundaries and preferences for when, if ever, you do get sexual.

With whatever you like to do, have fun, be positive, safe, get consent and enjoy yourselves!

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State of the student union according to Obama

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After a dearth of discussion on the hard-hitting issues throughout the 2012 presidential campaign and Obama's first month in his second term, last night's State of the Union Address finally gave screentime to a number of hot topics in the minds of Americans.

An extensive first quarter of the speech focused on the financial sequester, which looms darkly on the horizon. Both parties ubiquitously find the clumsy budget cuts to be a bad idea: many sectors will be slashed, including Defense, which sets many Republicans on edge. I'm inclined to agree with the President when he says that salvaging the Defense budget at the cost of educational and social services is "even worse" than the stipulations of the original sequester.

Indeed, much of Obama's plan to keep the United States relevant in the global market hinges upon higher quality education and its natural corollary: scientific innovation. In between remarks about the housing market, counterterrorism, immigration reform, green energy independence, transcontinental trade, voting reform and gun violence (among other topics) were important commitments made to education in this country.

He was careful to frame education in practical, job-creation terms, saying, "None of it [job creation] matters unless we equip our citizens with the necessary skills and training to fill those jobs."

Then we go back to the beginning of the story: building upon the basic psychological truth that the earlier education begins, the more intellectually productive the population will be. Cue standing ovation. Every \$1 invested in high quality early childhood education results in \$7 of saving for the government in the form of lower teen pregnancy rates, higher graduation rates, a reduction in crime and so on. Obama pleaded to Congress, "Let's give our kids that chance."

As a writing-intensive liberal arts school, we hear that plea for early literacy loud and clear. Strong, effective writing skills are an oft-understated X-factor in the hiring process—across ALL disciplines.

The conversation then switched to higher-quality high school diplomas, which should adequately prepare students for the high-tech industry that will certainly be the determining factor in America's quest to remain a competitive superpower. Some schools include technological training within

their curriculum that are equivalent to associate's degrees in engineering and computer science.

This is nice. But we're seeing a society-wide insistence upon stronger math and science skills that leaves the humanities at the curb. All are crucial for economic success. All will help our students to be creative and innovative. A school that cuts its art, literature and social science classes in favor of more math classes does a disservice to its students.

As President Obama segued into higher education, we're cringing at yet more holes in his logic. College affordability is supposedly all of our priorities, but he said that "taxpayers cannot keep subsidizing universities." Really? Of all the ludicrous things that taxpayers cannot afford to subsidize but subsidize anyway, we're going to call out the university system, which still desperately needs help SPECIFICALLY IN ORDER to remain affordable?

Nice suggestion. No solution. Someone tell Obama that his selective utopia isn't going to fly if it means he's singling out public universities. He said vaguely that the government "will help" universities to keep costs down...somehow...decidedly without taxpayer dollars...maybe with harvested unicorn tears. This smacks of increased privatization of universities, which will undoubtedly result in higher costs, not lower. Let me know how that "pamphlets to help families compare schools to get more bang for their educational buck" thing is going to work out. Pamphlets. More pamphlets. Excellent.

Later in the speech (after a whole problematic promise to increase classism in the immigration process—great), the President tackles poverty and certain vicious cycles of joblessness in many areas across the country. I'm liking the plan to offer tax credit incentives to companies who hire qualified but weaker candidates in the job search. He explicitly mentioned those who have been searching for a job for so long that they aren't taken seriously by potential employers. Perhaps recent college grads will benefit from these incentives as well. With unemployment among Americans with bachelor's degrees still so high, I'm sure all of us would appreciate being offered that proverbial "ladder into the middle class."

If you haven't seen the speech, it grabs at your heartstrings and offers enough substantive fact to be worth watching. As students, these are the issues that we are inheriting, and some of that innovation potential must be living in the hearts and minds right here at Willamette.

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The new campus web cameras have been operating for about two weeks at this point, and many people have begun to question their relevance, as well as the justification for spending the money to install them. It is fair to argue that the cameras cost too much money, and Willamette students would be within their rights to campaign to have the cameras removed... assuming you all want to die.

The installation of the cameras can only mean one thing: we are close to catching the Willamette campus monster. This terrifying unknown force has been plaguing our university for over 150 years. It has killed several students, burned down multiple buildings, and most recently, it apparently ate all of the PCs that used to be in the Smullin computer lab.

No one knows what it looks like because no one has ever survived a direct encounter. Some say it is a ghost or some other spiritual force trapped on the campus. Others say it might be a mythical creature – most likely a dragon – that has been using our campus as its lair. A few people also insist that the creature is a smoke monster, but this theory has been widely discredited because scientists generally agree that smoke monsters are lame.

Whatever this thing is, it lives on campus and spends its time causing random acts of terror and feeding off of our water and power supplies. It somehow has the ability to absorb this

energy directly, and it seems to consume more and more each year. This is the true reason for Willamette's high tuition – most of that money is used to pay the college's multi-million dollar monthly utility bills.

This is clearly not optimal, because it means we cannot spend that money on real things that the school desperately needs, such as more TVs for the Ford building, or more signs and placards encouraging sustainable living. Speaking of which, the presence of the monster also explains the school's commitment to sustainability: You would be obsessed with conservation too if you had a mythical and perpetually hungry creature gobbling up all of your resources.

The webcams are the latest leap forward in our efforts to find and confront the monster. They may not seem up to the task due to their low frame rate, but this is actually intentional. The Hobbit was filmed at 48 frames per second, and was widely criticized because the high frame rate made the special effects look less believable.

What we learned from the Hobbit is that fantasy creatures actually appear more clearly on footage shot at lower frame rates, so the webcams are intentionally slowed down to compensate. If the webcams used a higher frame rate, there would be a risk that we would see the monster but not believe what we were seeing. Peter Jackson might disagree with that logic, but the rest of us know better.

Of course, this is not the first time we have tried to defeat the beast. When

The true story of campus webcams

it appeared in the mid 1850s, a series of hunting parties were sent after it, but none were successful. Mark O. Hatfield also famously challenged the monster to a public duel in 1949 (he later claimed victory on the grounds that his opponent never showed up). Pelton's weather machine was the unintended result of a project originally aimed at finding a way to attack the monster using directed tornadoes and lightning strikes.

Our past efforts have failed, but we may finally be turning the tide. The web cameras will enable us to see and identify the monster, and maybe even devise an effective means of killing it.

However, this will only happen with the support of the entire Willamette community. The camera feeds were put online in order to reach the greatest possible audience.

We all need to do our part and watch the cameras at all times. That may seem kind of creepy, but they are essential. Lives are at stake.

The monster is crafty. With the cameras up, it may simply retreat to a less public part of campus, which will necessitate the installation of additional webcams in our classrooms, dorm rooms, and bathrooms. Again, some people might object.

After all, as Benjamin Franklin once said, those who would sacrifice freedom for security deserve neither. Then again, Benjamin Franklin did not have to live in constant fear of invisible dragon attacks, so he is in no position to judge.

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Political Party Animals

What do we do about the impending sequester?

Sequester's comin'

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The sequester is almost upon us. As of March 1, the fallout from the debt ceiling debacle back in 2011 will return with a vengeance, and the sequester – or rather, a plan for harsh and immediate spending cuts – will slash non-defense spending by about nine percent across the board and defense spending by 13 percent.

Despite uncertainty about exactly how these cuts will turn out, they'll surely stamp out social safety net programs for low-income women and children, not to mention education. One wonders if there's another, less bitter remedy.

According to some, the answer is yes. This last week, President Obama proposed a plan that would head off sequestration for another two months. If that seems pretty short, well, it is, but it's also longer than the two and a half weeks we otherwise face.

He claims that cuts to defense spending are unnecessary and unacceptable.

I'm sure that's a bit of an exaggeration, but nonetheless, he has a point. Granted, we are currently engaged in far too many military operations, many of which, like sequestration, also came under fire this last week with the release of the DOJ White Papers on killing American citizens abroad. Just look at Pakistan and Yemen: business is booming a little too loudly.

Unfortunately, the chances that sequestration would diminish these engagements in the slightest are pretty slim. Cuts would make research and infrastructural development the sacrificial lamb, and our military research has consistently kept us ahead of the game when it comes to defense (in the literal sense, not the euphemism-for-war sense).

Rather than beef up our counterinsurgency strategies and cyber defenses, we'd just beef up our bombs. In short, we wouldn't merely jeopardize losing their hearts and minds, but ours too.

In other words, these cuts won't just hurt a lot, but far more than necessary at this point. In evaluating the president's plan, Congress should consider the fact that resolving the budget issue as quickly and rashly as possible might damage our society to a greater degree than a more measured approach.

The president's proposal is relatively simple: revise the tax code and generate more revenue from wealthy corporations and individuals. This, he supposes, alongside "modest" cuts to social programs would help gradually mend the economy and enable growth. Without them, so goes his argument, the sequestration will halt economic growth. Again, there looms a tepid uncertainty about exactly how much

the president's plan could actually fix. What would these tax code revisions look like? What social programs might be cut? Sure, there are loopholes in the tax code, but will closing those really be enough?

Various media outlets have speculated what might get cut, but that's almost beside the point. Essentially, the president's plan would at the very least prevent a complete shock to the system, and at the most reduce the deficit to better effect than the sequester would.

There are some promising alternatives floating around out there aside from the President's. Another "gang of

eight" in the Senate is looking to hike taxes on corporations in ways that would ideally generate even more revenue, like eliminating tax deductions for company jets.

If no alternative plan gets passed – and there are several more in the making – then the American people will face drastic, immediate changes.

Whether unemployment skyrockets as some have projected, or whether the result is more discreet, it seems silly to pass up an opportunity to think it through more. The fact that so many plans have emerged over the years implies a more progressive way around the sequester. Its immediacy need not be inevitable.

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About a month ago, we celebrated and rejoiced on the evasion of the fiscal cliff. It turns out it was a short-lived celebration, as again we find ourselves on the financial merry-go-round.

It's the same story, same song, another deadline; it's the "Hangover 2" of politics. As determined in the fiscal cliff deal, by March 1, we need to make a decision about how we are going to allocate \$1.2 trillion in spending cuts.

From a conservative perspective, there are two objectives or tasks that the Republicans must persevere to accomplish. The first goal is to continue our strong stance against further tax increases. The second (and possibly most difficult and important goal for Republicans) is the need to push spending cuts while also making sure that these cuts are kept away from harming the strength and security of our nation.

I know this is budget sequester issue; however, I can't help but worry that in some way shape or form, tax increases will be brought back into the mix. Democratic leaders have recently begun to stir up dialogue about another policy focused on tax increases and after our last debate, it's imperative that we not budge as a party. We were against the ropes on the last negotiations, come this time around, we're not.

The consensus after the compromise was that this discussion would determine where the spending cuts would be placed and it's time to be assertive in reminding the nation of this meeting's purpose. The \$1 trillion of increased revenues from the termination of certain tax breaks is more than enough.

I am quite confident that the Republicans in the House will be able to shut down any conversation or legislation concerning taxes. However, when it comes to spending cuts, it seems that no one is on the same page. The passing of appropriate spending cuts will be by far the most difficult challenge.

Is this a re-run?

Right now, Democrats are defiantly denying any need for budget sequesters. Their strong opposition will, without a doubt, make it very challenging to pass legislation regarding cuts to spending. It will be made even tougher given the fact that Republicans seemingly cannot get on the same page.

There seems to be two different thought processes present within our party. The first one, held by many Tea Party members, is that any type of cuts to spending will suffice. The other side has cautioned this approach especially with regard to cuts in defense spending.

Notable politicians such as Senator McCain have even asked for a delay to the budget sequesters dialogue, warning that cuts

to the defense sector not only would have large implications for the safety of our country, but that these cuts could also have massive negative effects on our economy. With this all being said, it's important that we be the aggressor in these meetings.

Spending cuts need to be the primary focus and we cannot allow the focal point to drift away. At the same time, massive spending cuts to defense cannot be in the works. It will severely hurt our economy and defensive strategy if we make large cuts to this sector.

We need to thoroughly examine our Medicare and entitlement systems and assess cuts or higher requirements in order to bring our country back to a sustainable economic level. Increasing eligibility requirements and restructuring certain components of these systems will have the desired outcome.

The fact of the matter is we currently hold an abnormally dangerous amount of debt in our country, and if we continue to steer away from solutions to bring this risk down, there is no telling when or if we will be able to recover.

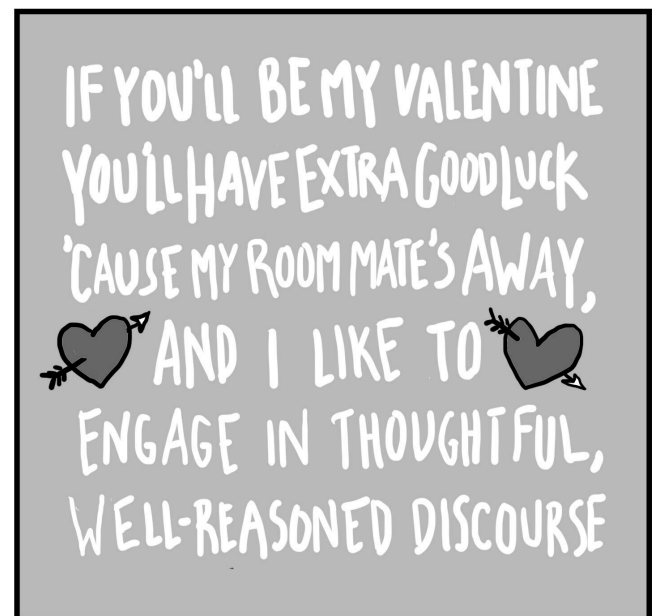
Therefore, the Republicans in Congress must push for budget sequesters but also be careful that the focus of these cuts not be placed in the defense sector.

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Struggling on State Street: Happy Valentine's Day, Bearcats



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Hey You!

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HEY YOU! Super cute library employee who occasionally wears a dope pair of Air Max 90s ... you in first place.

HEY YOU! Hey you cute boy wearing a hat who ran to open the door for me while I was on crutches, I want to see you again.

HEY YOU! You look dumb with that cigarette hanging out of your mouth.

HEY YOU! If you're going to post a passive-aggressive Facebook status, maybe use spell-check. Also, smile. You look mean.

HEY YOU! Guy in the green Under Armour sweatshirt... I miss your lacrosse one!

HEY YOU! Cute blonde couple that snuggled on the Bistro couches. You always put a smile on my face. Where did you go?

HEY YOU! Live in Kaneko? Join a Committee! There's Morale, Sustainability, Heritage, Conversations, Kaneko Committee Partnership Committee and, last but not least, Health and Wellness.

HEY YOU! If I'm the person that turns my head in the Bistro: bite me.

HEY YOU! Don't call it a dildo - it's a medical device.

HEY YOU! Thanks for buying me some peanut butter cookies in the Bistro the other day. They were delicious.

HEY YOU! Whoever stole my clothes out of the girls bathroom in Smith, (polkadot dress, cardigan, and belt) you know who you are. Please return them to Campus Safety! Why steal?

HEY YOU! Who practices cello in FAE on Tuesdays and Thursdays, THANK YOU! you make my yoga class even more relaxing with your beautiful legato.

HEY YOU! Kid in the library with the ridiculous pajama pants. Sauntering in like that doesn't make you look cool. It makes you look like you rolled your ankle.

HEY YOU! Jesus! I'll wash your feet anytime! Just kidding, but the girl who sits next to me in class will.

HEY YOU! Little with the theatre major, thanks for making my WU experience ten times better!

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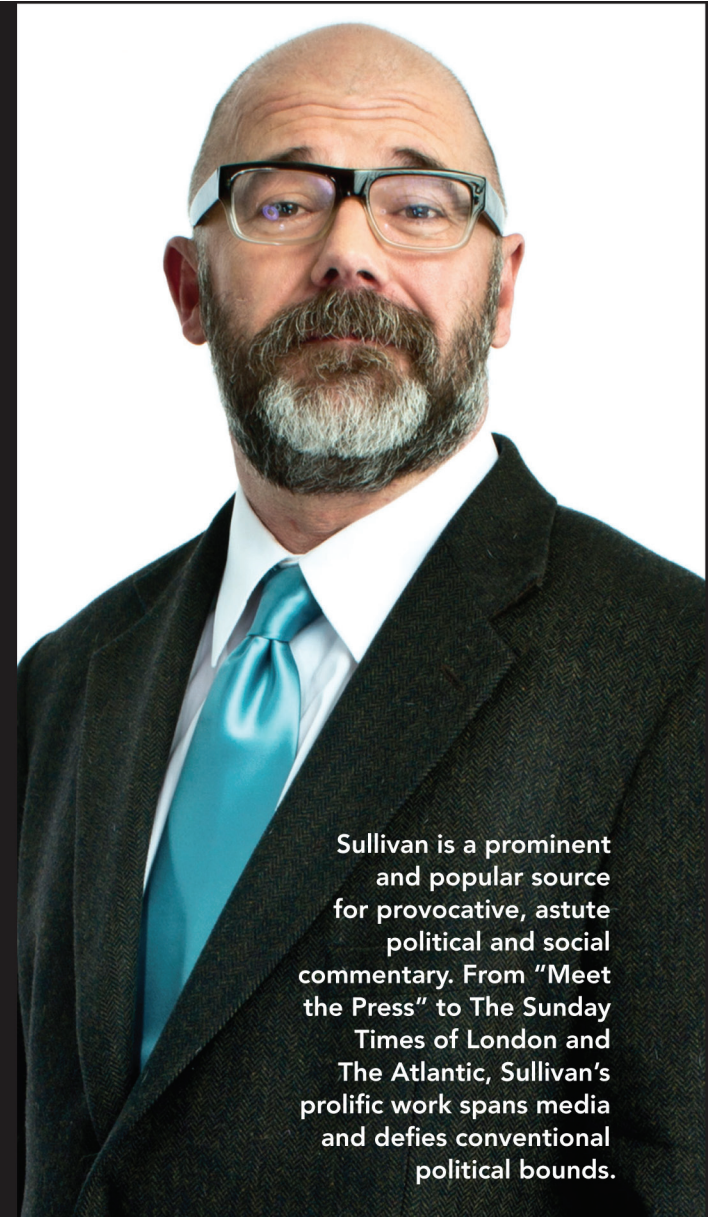
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