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Class of 2017 buries its time capsule

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At 1:30 p.m. on May 12, the class of 2017 congregated between Waller Hall and the star trees to bury their class time capsule.

The act of a class burying time capsules is a rarely observed tradition, with this being the fifth time it happened. According to Antonia Rohlf — who extensively researched the practice and its history at Willamette — the first time capsule was buried here in 1942, during the planting of the star trees which celebrated the school’s centennial anniversary. Placed in 1942 by then president Carl Knopf, it contained two clay tablets; one with Knopf’s speech from the planting of the star trees, and one with assorted biblical verses and poems by Shakespeare.

While the capsule had no set date for opening, it was excavated by Professor Emeritus of Archaeology David McCreery in 1992. According to Rohlf’s research, this was the only of Willamette’s four known time capsules to be opened. One was buried in 1986 to be opened in 2086, another in 1992 to be buried in 2042 and a fourth capsule buried in 1997 with no set year for opening.

Rohlf began working to get this year’s time capsule project going with fellow senior Madelyn Gordon earlier in the year.

“This project has been in the works all semester,” Gordon said. “We’ve been working with alumni offices as well as facilities and grounds in order to make it happen.”

The 2017 time capsule was filled during Thursday’s Senior Soiree. During the event, seniors placed a variety of items in the capsule in preparation for its burial, ranging from personal affects to school mementos.

The capsule was seen by Gordon as a way for the class of 2017 to leave its mark on Willamette and bond with one another.

“I think it serves as a tangible connection to the University, showing that we are a part of Willamette just as much as Willamette is part of us,” Gordon said. “It seems as though time capsules on our campus aren’t very common, but I do hope that future classes pursue them!”

Now that the capsule is underground, it will not be disturbed again until the class’s 25th reunion in 2042, where it will be unearthed. It is scheduled to be opened in the very same year that the class of 1992’s capsule will be dug up.

While it will be kept underground to serve as a reminder of the past, for now it acts as a window to the future for our departing seniors.

“The end of senior year is a time when students get incredibly sentimental,” Gordon said. “This project has helped many people reflect on the last four years and hope for the future.”

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Reflections on four years of social justice

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Many of us seniors feel exhausted and eager to move on to a new chapter of our lives, but at the same time have an immense fear of losing the familiarity and friendships that have blossomed during our undergraduate careers. These years have been life changing for those who put an effort to fight for social justice. Things such as the Student Center for Equity and Empowerment after its displacement, Willamette Academy protests and the rally after Donald Trump was elected as president have been cited as important movements on campus.

I interviewed seniors Ana Verdin-Padilla, Marisol Garibay-Cervantes and Alika Masei, who reflected upon campus activism during their time here.

Ana Verdin-Padilla

Verdin-Padilla noted that activism does not only come in the form of these large scenes and movements. Activism happens in the subtle things every day, and is present especially for students of color on this campus.

“Before we can even fight for issues of marginalized identities, we often have to fight to be human first ... Learning, calling people out and

being aware of what is toxic and what is not is considered activism, too,” said Verdin-Padilla.

“Nana would always tell me ‘si se puede,’ just make it work you know? There’s gonna be ups and downs and the downs are just as important as the ups. Don’t let anyone walk over you because you are just as important on these campuses as everyone else. They tried to scare us off but look at all the awesome shit we did,” said Verdin-Padilla.

Marisol Garibay-Cervantes

“I have noticed that people of color, specifically women of color and non-binary folk, are always stepping up and having to do majority of the work regarding activism. I have also noticed how resilient our community is despite the toxic environment that this institution created (the activists merely bring it to light)” said Garibay-Cervantes.

Garibay-Cervantes encourages students to always ask critical questions while validating one’s anger and while taking care of one’s self with simple things such as showering or eating your favorite food.

“Ask about RIP WA, Thorsett’s lack of support regarding marginalized identities, ask about how long it took to actually get a proper space



for the Center of Equity and Empowerment. Don’t let these important movements and events be erased by the University,” said Garibay-Cervantes.

Alika Masei

“I think it was just nice seeing communities of people, like faculty and students, come together to really stand in support of one another, especially when the institution was not always there to stand in support,” said Masei.

Masei also noted the difficulty that comes with caring for one’s self in the midst of these issues and the

expectations placed on students.

“A lot of people at this institution will tell you that we need to self care and take time and space for ourselves but realistically looking at expectations or fellow students to be involved, it is not a realistic expectation to do that, so really being honest with yourself and choosing which spaces to be a part of and do not feel bad about not meeting expectations because the only person whose expectations matter at the end of the day is yourself,” said Masei.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

April 29, 9:00 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a report that ceilings tiles and an emergency exit sign were broken in the TIUA east T-wing hallway. An incident report was filed.

April 29, 7:00 p.m. (Matthews Hall): Campus Safety received a report that someone used a fire extinguisher and sprayed it around the building. Facilities was contacted to clean up the powder and the extinguisher was replaced.

May 2, 2:40 p.m. (Shepard Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report of the parking booth being vandalized. A work order was submitted to remove the chalk drawings.

May 5, 3:35 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety received a report that the sheetrock on the third floor east stairwell had been tampered with. Officers documented the damage.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

April 29, 1:42 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): An individual called to report that their roommate had a high fever. Officers and WEMS responded and evaluated the person.

April 29, 6:03 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): WEMS personnel called to report they were evaluating a student. An officer was dispatched to meet WEMS. The individual was transported to Salem Hospital with flu-like symptoms.

April 29, 8:07 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety received a report that an individual

was unconscious and unresponsive. The caller attempted the shake the individual who remained unresponsive. An officer and WEMS were dispatched. They were able to wake the individual and determined they could be released to their own care.

May 1, 8:19 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): An RA called to report that one of their residents had accidentally cut their finger and were requesting medical attention. Officers responded and the individual was transported to Salem Hospital.

POLICY VIOLATION

April 29, 2:44 p.m. (Art Building): While on patrol an officer noticed a group of individuals on the roof of the building. The officer made contact with the group and filed a report.

April 29, 3:23 p.m. (Cascadia Hall): Housing and Community Life staff called to report that while doing checks they found several students with suitcases, backpacks, marijuana and drug paraphernalia in an unoccupied room. The items were confiscated and the room was secured.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY/PERSONS

May 1, 3:25 p.m. (Sparks Center): Willamette Watch radioed to report a suspicious individual entering into Sparks. Officers made contact with the individual and trespassed him from campus.

May 1, 2:47 p.m. (Collins Science): An individual called to report two men attempting to steal a bike from Collins. The caller made contact with the individuals who fled the scene. Officers were dispatched and trespassed the indi-

viduals. They then located the bike that was tampered with and made contact with the owner.

May 5, 8:38 p.m. (University Services Building): While on patrol, an officer observed an individual who was previously trespassed from campus. Salem Police was contacted.

May 5, 11:59 p.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): Campus Safety received a report that the south side fire escape alarm had been triggered. An officer responded and was unable to locate anyone on the fire escape, but found muddy footprints that were not previously there. Officers ensured the windows were all secured and searched the building.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

April 29, 12:56 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): While on patrol, officers observed two individuals smoking on their balcony. The officers attempted to make contact with the individuals, but no one answered the door. Officers entered the room, observed multiple beer cans and bottles, candles, lighters and marijuana with paraphernalia. The items were confiscated.

April 29, 7:12 p.m. (Shepard Parking Lot): Campus Safety received a report of a group of people consuming alcohol from the trunk of a vehicle. When the officers arrived the vehicle was unoccupied, but they were able to see marijuana paraphernalia through the windows. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and the items were confiscated.

TRESPASS

May 1, 7:21 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received several reports of an individual screaming in the parking lot. Officers were dispatched and made contact with the individual, who was previously trespassed from the property. Officers arrested the individual and Salem Police was contacted.

May 5, 6:37 p.m. (Terra House): Campus Safety received several reports of an individual walking around the building and staring into rooms. Officers responded, made contact with the individual and Salem Police was called. Salem Police arrived and arrested the individual for possession of a controlled substance and a parole violation.

THEFT

April 30, 11:30 a.m. (Atkinson GSM): An individual called to report that their bike had been stolen. A report was filed and the caller was encouraged to also make a report with Salem PD.

May 1, 9:25 p.m. (Sparks Center): Two individuals reported that they had property stolen from the swim team locker room. Reports were filed.

May 2, 8:00 a.m. (University Center): An individual called to report that her desk drawers were opened sometime during the night. They reported an iPhone headset and Guest Meal cards were stolen. A report was filed.

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

Senior Athlete Spotlight



PAIMON JABERI
FOOTBALL

The best part about playing at Willamette is the bond you have with your teammates. Making plays together, messing around on road trips, hanging out after games. Most people don't miss waking up at 5:30 a.m. for team workouts, but its the pulling your buddies out of bed and pushing each other to get better that will be missed.

Being a Willamette Bearcat is a special thing. To my teammates still playing — don't settle for mediocrity and don't ever put yourself before the team. The key to success

is TRUE buy in from players. Set goals and buy in, make rules and buy in — be on the same page. Willamette needs to regain its form, win games and have more teams play up to their potential.

As for myself, I am in the 3/2 BA/MBA program and will be back in Salem attending the Atkinson Graduate School of Management in the fall. This summer I am interning at Paul Allen's company, Vulcan Inc. I will be working as a financial analyst, supporting a variety of the business functions and philanthropies associated with the company. After business school, I'm looking to get a job and find a way to give back to the game through coaching.



ALEXIA PRATT
SOFTBALL

My athletic career here has been challenging but rewarding. It feels great to make it through four years of athletics while taking on the academic demands of Willamette. I've met so many great people throughout my career who have taught me many life lessons that I will hold onto forever. My teammates, fellow athletes, coaches, and the athletic department continually pushed me to be my best.

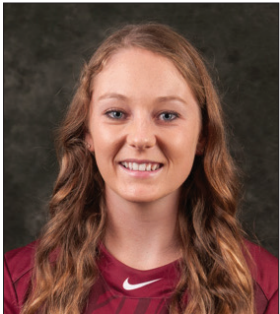
What I value most about my softball career are all the obstacles that came with it. The injuries, defeats, fights, and other challenges that come with being an athlete all provided me with valuable takeaways to use in the real world. I also will never forget the amazing memories I have made with my teammates. Some final advice to my teammates would be to never give up and always hold yourself and teammates accountable. If winning is the goal, don't let anyone stop you from reaching that goal. Work hard in the classroom and on the field, and you won't regret your four years here. After graduation, I am attending Columbia University where I will be getting my master's and doctorate in Nursing Practice and will be a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in four years.



LOUIS KNOX
FOOTBALL

My athletic experience here got off to a rocky start, having torn my ACL my freshman year. However, having to overcome that setback was a major life lesson that I can no doubt build off of when life presents future adversity. Having to go through the offseason program and waking up at 5:30 a.m. four days a week was difficult but taught me a lot and gave me a good base to work off of. Grinding through a three month season along with countless workouts with my teammates over these past four years was something I would never take back. Having played all four years

was a fun and valuable experience and makes me glad that I made the decision to continue playing football in college. I would say to my teammates to never forget the little things — it is the details that make all the difference in whether you get the W or the L. My plans are to enter either the field of public relations or journalism. I plan on returning home to the Bay Area but would eventually be open to the idea of returning to the Pacific Northwest one day.



STEFFANY DUNN
SOFTBALL

The best part about playing a sport at Willamette was being able to commit myself to something bigger than me for four years. Going to school and doing well in all of my classes was always something I took pride in, but it was a personal pride. Being a part of a team allowed me to put everything I had into something that benefited more than just myself.

I loved every minute of being with my teammates, whether it was on the field, in the vans, or in the library. There are so many unforgettable memories I have been given from being a part of my team, but also so many moments I took for granted. A piece of advice for my teammates would be to practice and play each day like it's your last, because it really does go by faster than you think. And before you know it you're going to be an old lady like me who only gets to talk about how she used to be a collegiate athlete.

Starting in the fall of this year I will be attending Cal Poly, SLO for their Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Biology graduate program. After earning my master's degree I will either work at a biotech company or go on to earn my PhD. Who really knows! I am thankful that I was able to go to a University that prepared me for whichever path I decide to take in life, and allowed me to live out the last four years alongside some amazing friends and teammates.



JOSHUA FUENTES
SOCCER

I would say that my athletic experience while being at Willamette was one of the greatest times I've had through these past four years. There are lots of different things that made it so great, but honestly, as cliché as it sounds, the one thing that I value the most about it all, is the friends' I was able to make because of soccer. Those guys are all family to me.

I don't really have any special final advice for them, all those guys know what they need to do to keep getting better, and I trust/know that they'll put in the work to get there.

I have actually already accepted a job for after graduation, which will have me travelling around the country for a bit and then working in Corvallis for a while as well! After I take a little time off from school with that job, I do plan on returning to school for either an MBA or MPP.



EMMA SANDERS
SOCCER

Having the opportunity to play collegiate soccer at Willamette was truly a joy. I had the privilege of meeting numerous teammates who I admire and respect. As an athlete, I have never been on a more driven and motivated team. It was an inspiration to be surrounded by teammates that strive for excellence both on and off the field. I am going to miss that. Throughout my collegiate career, this program became my family (away from my family) and I am forever thankful for the relationships built. Looking back, I will cherish many memories and I graduate knowing I played competitive soccer with numerous athletes

who filled my life with complete joy every step of the way.

As advice to the team, I'd say never ever give up — you always have more to give. Continue to strive for excellence. Push your teammates to be their very best. Be selfless by putting the team before yourself.

I recently accepted the position of head soccer coach at Southridge High School! I will also be working as a physical therapy aide in my home town, and applying to physical therapy graduate programs.

WILLAMETTE HIGHLIGHT REEL



TOBIN HUITT

"Four years have flown by and I'm still not 100% sure what skills I possess. I'm happy with the home I have found in Salem and am especially blessed by the people I will always cherish. These are the people who spent all day and night studying with me in Collins, marched at the Capitol with me for important movements and skipped studying with me for a trip to Three Pools. Four years from now I might find myself to be training sled dogs or trying out odd jobs, but I think it was worth it." — Christine Smith

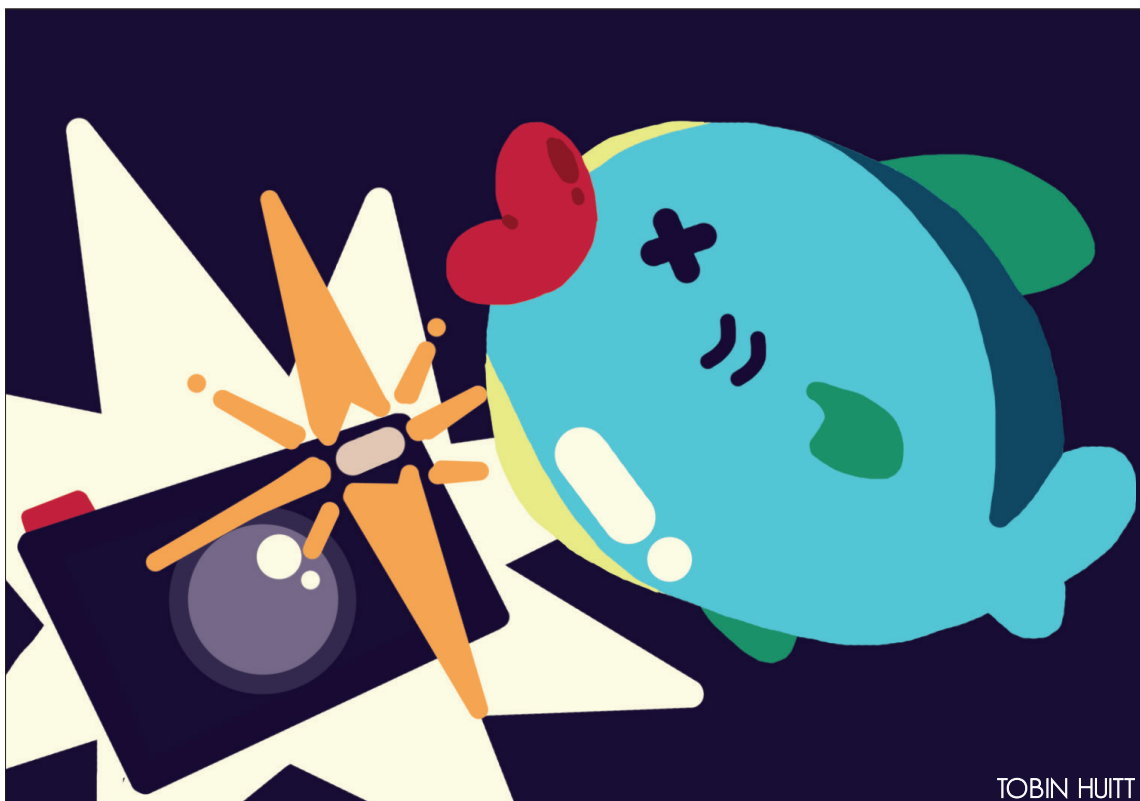
Willamette has taught me a lot about being open-minded, but also keeping your opinions to yourself if they disagree with the mainstream thought here, which is how the world works. Willamette gave me valuable experience.

— Maura Forbush



TOBIN HUITT

"I recently told one of my favorite professors that I was so happy for him because he got tenure and I told him he's one of the best things that's ever happened to Willamette and he told me that meant a lot coming from one of his favorite students and I literally almost cried." — Colleen Cummings



TOBIN HUITT

"One time when I was studying in the library with some friends, we saw a guy hop into the millstream in just a pair of shorts. The girl he was with tossed him a fish and then started taking photos. When they were done, he returned the fish to her and they left in opposite directions. I have no idea what was happening, but I'll forever remember that strange moment. Simply iconic." — Suzie Lehman

Without a doubt, the most memorable experience I've had here at Willamette has to be nearly having the entire campus refer to me as 'Johnny D.' Without that nickname, I don't think I would've met as many people as I have.

— Johnathan Dallas

#1 reason not to become a STEM major: humanities classes sometimes assign PDFs to read for the semester instead of expensive, heavy books! And no matter who you are, make sure to take a Religious Studies class with Stephen Patterson.

— Juliana Cohen

SENIOR BUDDIES



PHOTO COURTESY OF DELAINY SALAZER

Although I'm not quite ready to say goodbye to my fellow "Bernie Babe," Paige Baker, I'm excited to watch sweet Paige continue to be the hilarious and intelligent woman that I know as she begins her career. — Delainy Salazar



PHOTOS COURTESY OF AMY CREASEY

Shout out to Natsumi Yeo and Megan Mathew for sticking with me through the past four years even when I'm a sleep deprived mess. I love you both! — Amy Creasey



PHOTO COURTESY OF CAROL LI

Thanksgiving-break-mentor-mentee-K-town-ice cream-run. — Carol Li

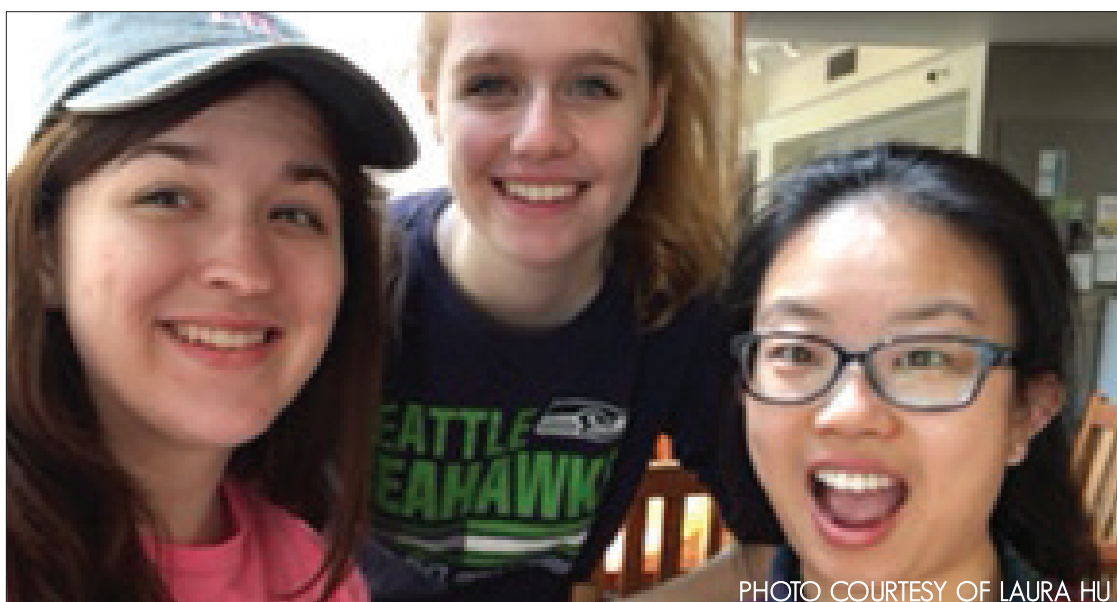


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Saturday brunchin' with my friends Kyly Hiatt and Katie LaChasse. — Laura Hu



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I'm glad we got this space on the page filled! Thanks Caitlin. — Tobin Huitt



WORDS OF WISDOM



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I'd love to share this poem by Naomi Shihab Nye called "Famous." It comes from "Words Under the Words: Selected Poems, 1995."

The river is famous to the fish.
The loud voice is famous to silence,
which knew it would inherit the earth
before anybody said so.

The cat sleeping on the fence is famous to the birds
watching him from the birdhouse.

The tear is famous, briefly, to the cheek.

The idea you carry close to your bosom
is famous to your bosom.

The boot is famous to the earth,
more famous than the dress shoe,
which is famous only to floors.

The bent photograph is famous to the one who
carries it
and not at all famous to the one who is pictured.

I want to be famous to shuffling men
who smile while crossing streets,
sticky children in grocery lines,
famous as the one who smiled back.

I want to be famous in the way a pulley is famous,
or a buttonhole, not because it did anything spec-
tacular,
but because it never forgot what it could do.

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MONIQUE BOURQUE
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I am profoundly uncomfortable with the idea of offering 'wisdom,' since I don't think I know really what that means. I offer instead a short list of things that I wish someone had told me when I was rushing into graduate school right after college:

1. Own your own s**t. Don't take responsibility for someone else's. Never ignore, or fail to act on, a generous impulse.
2. Be fully awake. I know most of you are sick of Thoreau by now, but look at Walden again anyway — think about what he means by being truly awake, and aim for it always.
3. Never lose your capacity for joy in your efforts to accomplish something important.
4. Always say thank you.
5. Keep in touch with us when you leave — we miss you!

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STEPHEN THORSETT
PRESIDENT OF WILLAMETTE

Congratulations, Class of 2017! When I talked with you for the first time, at Opening Convocation, it was of the joy, terror, confusion, exhilaration and relief that comes with leaving home. I challenged you to embrace liberal education and develop the virtues of historical perspective, rational thinking, moral compass, scientific inquiry, aesthetic competency and speaking and writing well. Lots to pack into four years. But I didn't warn you that at the end you would again feel not just joy, exhilaration and relief, but also terror and confusion. Take heart! For you also leave Willamette with the greatest gift we can give you: the knowledge that a life of true worth and meaning is a life lived for others. Non nobis solum nati sumus. We'll miss you! Don't forget to visit, and write!
Best,
Steve

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AMADOU FOFANA
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"When the sage Zarathustra had taken leave of the town to which his heart was attached, the name of which is 'The Pied Cow,' there followed him many people who called themselves his disciples, and kept him company. Thus came they to a crossroads. ... Then spake he thus to his disciples: I now go alone, my disciples! Ye also now go away, and alone! So will I have it. ... One requiteth a teacher badly if one remain merely a scholar." (*Thus Spoke Zarathustra* by Friedrich Nietzsche) Like Zarathustra, I say to you: Go ahead, find your ways, and make your marks in this incredible journey we call life!
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MICHAEL NINO
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Dear Class of 2017,

As you prepare to leave Willamette, I wanted to pass along a few nuggets of advice that have served me well in recent years: take risks, strive to live in discomfort, be fully present with the ones you love (i.e. be where your feet are) and never stop trying to grow into a better version of yourself. Finally, take the skills that you have learned/earned at Willamette, and be intentional about making the world a more just and equitable place for all.

Congratulations on this enormous accomplishment! I know it may be difficult right now, but try to fully live in this moment before it passes you!

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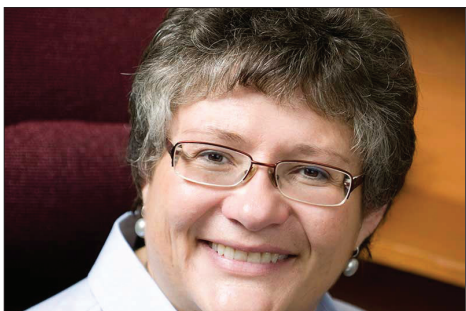
Set your phone aside. Pull your head out of the news, avert your eyes from the screen, trade up from virtual reality and social networks to physical reality and connection. This will remind us of our shared humanity.

Go outside. You might need to wear fleece or gore tex, and it will still be good.

Be open to mystery. Keep an open and curious heart; keep an eye out for the mysterious, beautiful, the ineffable, the truly awe-some. Sometimes it is disguised as the everyday, the mundane, and it can still blow your mind.

Express gratitude. I've found you to be good at saying thank you. Feel it and say it again and again.

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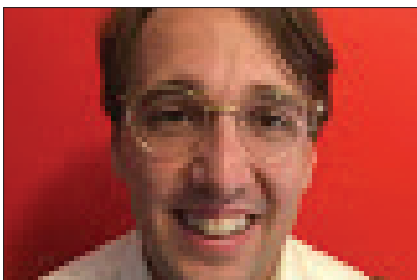
PATRICIA VARAS
PROFESSOR OF SPANISH

To the Class of 2017:

2017 is a meaningful year: You graduate in the midst of deep social and political upheaval in the country and the world. I think of all the responsibility that suddenly will be thrust upon you and feel in good hands. You are strong, bright, creative, caring and fearless. You will promote change; you will confront injustice; you will stand silent no more. You will also know when to be kind to others and to yourselves, because you hold the power to mend the world. As I said, I feel in good hands!

¡Felicitaciones!
Patricia Varas (aka Varas)

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JOHN STEINMETZ
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I guess all I can say is that, when you go forward in the world, bring with you the humility of that small corner from which you came, and, in knowing that everyone else comes from their own small corner, to marry that humility with a compassion for others.

These thoughts come from reading one of my favorite poems, "The City" by CP Cavafy. It's quite a sad poem but as I get older I see an optimism to it.

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Any last words?

Departing editorial staff members sign off on their *Collegian* experiences



Emma Sargent
Position: Layout Editor
Years Worked: 4
Favorite memory: The day Tobin walked in with all the DEFCON 5 shirts that he designed and drunk-ordered based off an inspirational Wikihow graphic.
What I’m going to miss: Making graphics for my page.

“The *Collegian* was a decent way to spend my Tuesdays. It has taught me how to lead, how to laugh when it all goes to hell and how to let things go. What I’ll miss most, aside from the ‘free’ Adobe Creative Cloud, is the people. In these four years I’ve met some great folks who make this job worth it and kept me coming back year after year (the money also doesn’t hurt). Thanks y’all for the late Monday nights, the missing stories that were replaced with Aaron Carter lyrics and the countless orders of takeout we’ve shared over the years.”



Tobin Huitt
Position: Layout Editor
Years Worked: 2
Favorite memory: Finding myself in the campus safety reports in the criminal mischief section, and watching my coworkers meticulously edit it for grammar mistakes.
What I’m going to miss: The other people that work for the paper. Those goons turned a somewhat tedious job into a somewhat tedious job ... with friends.

Working as a layout editor for the *Collegian* was my first paying job that I acquired in college! I’ll always be grateful for all the money I acquired. Aside from that though, working for the *Collegian* really did teach me how to function in a (mostly) professional environment, and how to work with people that might have, and probably will have, dramatically different ideas of how things should be done than myself. Even 2 years later I’m still pretty proud to look at the printed newspaper and say “I helped make that!”



Sean Rhodes
Position: Production Manager
Years Worked: 3
Favorite memory: Making the graphic designs for feature this year.
What I’m going to miss: The staff.

“Since I started working for this paper, I have published 81 issues of the *Collegian*. 81 issues that I questioned my decision for working at this paper and 81 weeks that I stuck through the late hours, getting criticized by other students, protests and stress. But as a senior it was all worth it. I learned so much about my co-workers and myself; the experiences made me a better person. Thank you all for working with me, and thanks to everyone who read the issues that I worked on and wrote for. I will look back on my time working for the *Collegian* perhaps not fondly, but as an important time in my life nonetheless. Also, I made all the Sudoku’s as hard as humanly possible because people said the old ones were too easy.”



Sydney Wilson
Position: Sports Editor
Years Worked: 1
Favorite memory: On Production Tuesdays when everyone would blast music, we’d get Papa John’s and just be hanging out in the office together.
What I’m going to miss: Constantly being updated on sports. Having to read and edit sports articles kept me updated on the thing I love most: sports!

“The *Collegian* has meant a lot to me, especially since I started working there. It has kept me updated on things happening outside of Willamette, but also things happening at Willamette. I have met a lot of great people while working for the *Collegian*, and I probably wouldn’t have met them if I didn’t work for the *Collegian*. It was a great resource to know everything that’s happening around campus. It benefitted me while I was at Willamette because it allowed me to enhance my writing skills and stay involved in something I love, that being sports. It was a great leadership role and opportunity to have, and I wouldn’t change it for anything!”



Molly Jones
Position: Opinions Editor
Years Worked: 0.5
Favorite memory: The last production night of the semester because the staff hired a catered taco bar. During my past three years at Willamette, I can’t say that I’ve ever been invited to attend a catered event of this quality. was able to eat as much guacamole as I wanted!
What I’m going to miss: The staff dynamic.

“During my time at the *Collegian*, I learned how to be a better editor, writer and communicator in general. I know that at times, journalism seems really daunting or inaccessible. I’m grateful that I was able to use my role to help new writers dabble in journalism and that they were able to use the *Collegian* as a platform to teach others about relevant topics. I’m also grateful that I myself was able to improve my own writing skills from working here. And I’ve become really great at responding to emails quickly. But I think the most meaningful takeaway from working at the *Collegian* is that I met some wonderful people I probably wouldn’t have met otherwise. This was my first work experience in an office setting, and it’s true, office dynamics are strange and quirky. I don’t know about all office dynamics, but for the *Collegian* at least, the dynamic was strange and quirky in a good way. Thanks, *Collegian* and staff, I’ll miss you!”



Keeton Nance
Position: Editor-in-Chief
Years Worked: 2
Favorite memory: Designing a features spread with a picture file that was so large it practically broke Sean’s computer, and watching Die Antwoord videos at 3 a.m.
What I’m going to miss: I will miss all of the people, *Collegian* staff members and community members alike, that I was able to work with over these last two years.

“The past two years working for the *Collegian* have been one of the defining features of my college experience. Working for the paper was something I wanted to continue doing after high school, and I was really fortunate to work for the *Collegian* because it allowed for so much personal growth and advancement. I never imagined that I would be in such a large leadership role as a sophomore, but the encouragement and support of my fellow staff members really helped me grow and succeed in this role. I met a lot of wonderful people through the *Collegian* who always made the late nights and stress worth it. They make the office such a fun, unique place, and I have been extremely lucky to share it with them. I don’t think I will ever look at Tuesdays the same way because I virtually disappeared into the office and fell off the face of Willamette. But I was happy knowing that I was disappearing into the office with my friends, and for that I am extremely grateful.”

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From left to right – Back: Caitlin Forbes, Keeton Nance, Sean Rhodes, Yun Kim, Conner Wickland; Front: Tobin Huitt, Molly Jones, Sydney Wilson, Aubryn Walters, Amarit Ubhi, Gianni Marabella.



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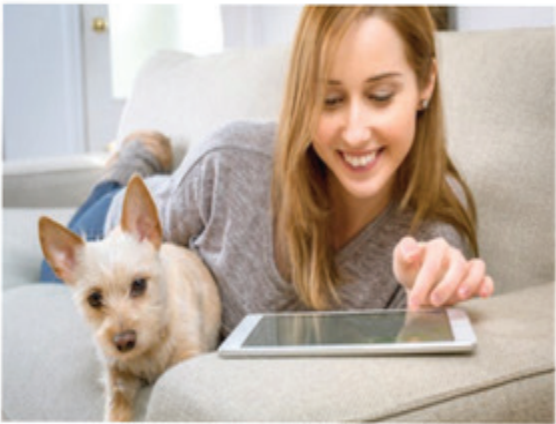


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