

## Steve Bannon's dark days of war against secularism



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Steve Bannon is President Trump's Chief Strategist and is on the National Security Council. He is not the secretary of state or defense, nor is he a top-ranking military or intelligence advisor. Steve Bannon helped found Breitbart News, a site perhaps known more for being the subject of news than the actual delivery method of it.

Breitbart has published articles such as "Birth Control Makes Women Unattractive and Crazy" and "Trannies 49 Xs Higher HIV Rate." More personally, according to his ex-wife Mary Louise Piccard, Bannon didn't want to send his children to a particular school because of the number of Jewish students.

"The biggest problem he had with Archer is the number of Jews that attend," Piccard said. "He said that he doesn't like the way they raise their kids to be 'whiny brats' and that he didn't want the girls going to school with Jews."

It's hard to pin down which aspects of Breitbart Bannon was responsible for and thus it's easy to excuse his decade-long service at the site. However, he had leadership, meaning he must have helped shape the ideology of the site and the continuing misinformation it provides for its alt-right followers.

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## Let's talk about (your) racism

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A Message to My Classmates:

As many of you know, I am an outspoken and passionate character. You have heard me voice my opinion at numerous community meetings and rallies and seen me carry badly sketched cardboard signs at recent protests. You have sat in classrooms with me as I railed at colonial subtext and whitewashing in American curricula, our lack of intersectional feminism and the fact that J.K. Rowling clearly needs to read Barthes' "The Death of the Author." You have given me space to talk, agreed and laughed with me, but you have not engaged in conversation with me.

The morning of Nov. 9, you sat and cried with me, but you did not give me space to grieve.

It is important to me to point out Eurocentric viewpoints in my classes and to highlight issues of inequality of all kinds in our conversations. It is not, however, a task that I revel in.

It can be hard, I understand, to discuss issues of race, gender and sexuality, and to talk about women's violence in the U.S. instead of immediately jumping to Pakistan. It can be equally difficult to confront how racism works on a daily basis in our own lives instead of just broad, vague situations. It is hard to tackle this stuff, but it is exhausting to have to do it alone.

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## Archaeologist Nick Card to unearth mysteries



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Archaeologist Nick Card is coming to campus on Feb. 21 to discuss the 5,000-year-old Scottish Neolithic temple complex he discovered with his team, called the Ness of Brodgar. His presentation, titled "Secrets of the Ness of Brod-

gar: a Stone-Age Complex in the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site," will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall, and explores topics of his findings.

Card is the Senior Projects Manager of the Orkney Research Centre for Archaeology, and is now the Director and Manager of the Ness of Brodgar, University of the Highlands and Islands. In addition to

these titles, he also holds many with other established organizations, including vice-president of the American Friends of the Ness of Brodgar.

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## Bannon's "Fourth Turning"

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In 2015, an article was posted to the site called "Planned Parenthood's Body Count Under Cecile Richards is Up to Half a Holocaust." The article trivializes the experiences of those who suffered in the Holocaust, demonizes women seeking health care and creates a sense of liberal conspiracy that is, from the article, "Third Reich-style."

It is unlikely that Steve Bannon wrote those words. Many would argue it is also unlikely that he would disagree. Plausible deniability is baked into the system, but it should not be accepted.

"Darkness is good ... Dick Cheney. Darth Vader. Satan. That's power. It only helps us when [liberals] ... get it wrong. When they're blind to who we are and what we're doing," Steve Bannon told the Hollywood Reporter.

Bannon has gone on record as looking to fight a war. He believes that we are in the "Fourth Turning," a theory stating that there are key moments in United States history that are punctuated and decided by wars — the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War II and now. Bannon, according to David Keiser, a historian he once interviewed, was clearly anticipating that the war that would decide this "Fourth Turning" would be bigger than the rest.

"We are in an outright war against jihadist Islamic fascism. And this war is, I think, metastasizing far quicker than governments can handle it," he said in 2014.

Bannon's personal beliefs of America's "Fourth Turning" have influenced his work at Breitbart. Bannon described his time at the network Breitbart and the site's routine of publishing ostentatious headlines: "It's war. It's war. Every day, we put up: America's at war, America's at war. We're at war."

"We're on the right side of history. Don't believe the mainstream media. Don't believe the establishment. [...] It's Stalingrad," Steve Bannon said in a radio interview in 2015.

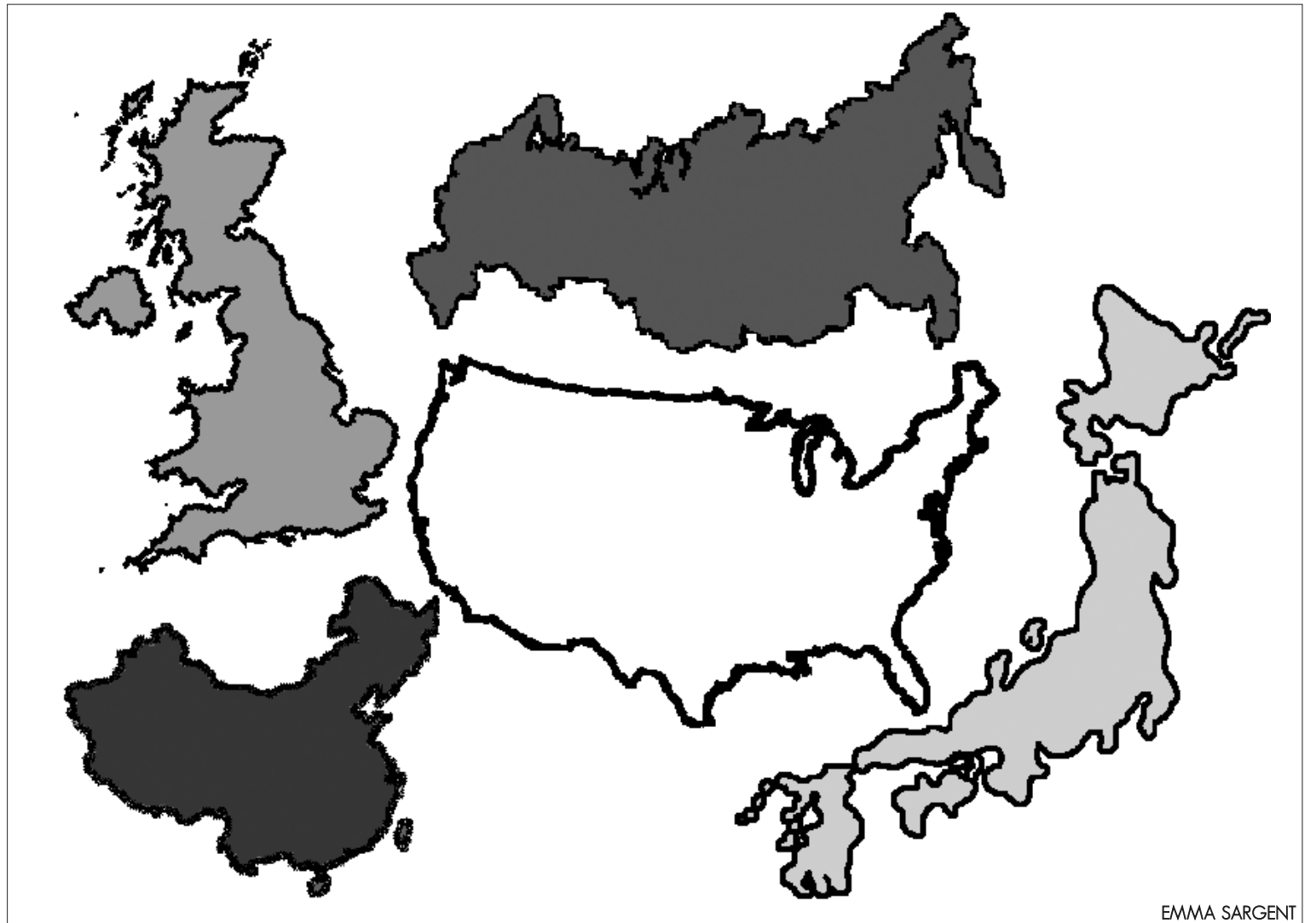
Bannon's conception of this "Fourth Turning" is a global affair. "There's rot at the center of the Judeo-Christian West. Secularism has sapped the strength of the Judeo-Christian West to defend its ideals," he said in 2015.

For years, Bannon has believed he is at war through Breitbart News against "secularism" and the "mainstream media." He is now on the National Security Council and has the ear of the president.

"We're going to have to have some dark days before we get to the blue sky of morning again in America. We are going to have to take some massive pain. Anybody who thinks we don't have to take pain is, I believe, fooling you," Steve Bannon said in 2010.

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# The global rise of populism



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Donald Trump does not stand alone as a leader elected under the circumstances of general disenchantment among the public; a wave of populism and nationalism has risen around the globe.

Objectors have spent years speaking out against the rise of globalization and neoliberal economic policies.

Much of populist rhetoric has focused on economic concerns, but typically ties these anxieties to issues such as immigration and identity politics. Although they lack common ground on issues of trade, Trump and Japanese PM Shinzō Abe have found agreement on their tightening of immigration restrictions. Japan has long held a policy of very limited immigration, which has been criticized for potentially creating harmful shortages of skilled workers in certain industries.

The argument in favor of a limited inflow of laborers is ensuring the employment and provision of resources for the native-born. In the

U.S., such policies are intertwined with a multicultural society (a stark contrast with Japan, which is generally homogeneous) where lawmakers must grapple with, and arguably sometimes employ, the racial tensions in a nation where migration is highly racialized.

Japanese immigration policy is fiercely defended by the staunchly nationalistic Abe, but the nation has not come under the populist spell to the extent seen in the U.S. and parts of Europe (most notably in Italy, Germany and the U.K.).

Such movements have seen varied levels of success, with Brexit and the installation of Theresa May generally seen as victories. Meanwhile, Angela Merkel of Germany now stands at the forefront of defending the globalized economic order despite the sizeably, but not politically powerful, far-right nationalistic wing that speaks with a loud voice in the small of segment of parliament it has grasped hold of.

Populism faces some definitional challenges both for the self-identity of the right-wing that has capitalized

on it and for the left that has launched a campaign of rhetorical attacks that work to associate the movement with Hitler-esque fascism.

While critical academics have long predicted the break of the neoliberal consensus, it has come in a largely unexpected manner. The emphasis on privatization remains, but the global partnerships forged to build bonds between wealthy nations have come into question.

This wave of popular resentment has swept over a number of nations with the most notable being Russia, Turkey, the Philippines and China. While Trump has emphasized a shift toward prioritizing U.S. interests over promoting international cooperation, he has found peculiar allies in other leaders.

Populist leaders have a habit of bashing their counterparts in domestic rhetoric, but Trump's recent meetings with figures such as Xi Jinping and his well-known and closely watched relationship with Vladimir Putin show how the president is working with like-minded leaders to push an agenda some have long awaited.

Putin typically receives passing mentions in U.S. media and has often been characterized as a joke or a problem to be dealt with by U.S. political leaders. Trump has begun a massive shift in attitudes by suggesting that a better relationship with Russia could be economically beneficial, appointing Rex Tillerson as Secretary of State. Tillerson is a former CEO of oil giant ExxonMobil and has a history of doing business with the leader of the oil-producing nation.

While there has not been indication of a dramatic shift toward nationalism at the level witnessed with the past U.S. election, signs are showing of right-wing ideology gaining traction in Western Europe. Brexit was the first move to be given mass media attention in a series of upsets intended to shift nations toward an inward focus and remains unresolved as the nation grapples with the shock of leaving the European Union, a move that was previously seen as unthinkable.

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## CAMPUS SAFETY

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

**Feb. 12, 12:23 p.m. (14th Street):** Campus Safety received a call regarding a vehicle that had sustained some damage. The owner was contacted and informed of the situation and was encouraged to make a report with Salem Police.

### DOG BITE

**Feb. 10, 5:00 p.m. (University Center):** Campus Safety received a report regarding an employee who

had been bit by a dog a few days prior. A report was filed and the dog was banned from campus.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

**Feb. 12, 1:10 a.m. (In a Campus Residence):** Campus safety received a call regarding an intoxicated individual. Campus safety and WEMS responded, evaluated the individual and determined no further medical attention was necessary.

### POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

**Feb. 8, 4:38 p.m. (Doney Hall):** Campus Safety received a call regarding an individual in possession of drug paraphernalia. Campus Safety responded and confiscated the paraphernalia and informed the individual of the University's policies on smoking and marijuana.

### TRESPASS

**Feb. 10, 4:42 p.m. (Law School):** Campus Safety received a call regarding a suspicious person sleeping in the Law Library. Officers responded and made contact with the individual. The officers recognized the individual as someone who had been previously trespassed from campus. The individual was arrested and Salem Police called to take custody of the suspect.

### VEHICLE ACCIDENT

**Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m. (Off Campus):** A University rented van was involved in a minor traffic incident. A report was filed.

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# Trump administration orders financial deregulations

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The executive orders, comments and actions of Trump and those close to him in the first 30 days of the new administration, have made it easy to overlook problems that are more complicated and suggestive than the immediate chaos caused by immigration bans and talks of a wall.

Announcement of deregulation in the financial services sector as well as at large have excited markets and the business community, although the decisions have been flagged as harmful by many who vividly remember the fallout of the largest financial crisis since the Great Depression.

Three major developments have been in the spotlight: the executive order on regulation reduction, another executive order directing the Treasury and regulators to review the Dodd-Frank post-financial crisis banking regulation framework and lastly the directive to delay the implementation of an investment-advice rule for retirement advisors.

In a characterization of Trump's sentiment toward the business community, an executive order was signed at the end of January requiring that every proposal of new regulation be tied to the identification of two current regulations to repeal.

In an effort to reduce regulation overall to promote business-friendly environments, a White House

press release claimed this move would promote prudence and financial responsibility. Many of Trump's closest advisors have expressed their satisfaction, while consumer protection advocates and environmental activists voiced deep concern an action that would seemingly involve conflicts-of-interest for a president with many friends in the business community. But the largest concern lies with the sentiment from Trump's Treasury Secretary pick, Steve Mnuchin, former Wall Street banker and avid critic of the Dodd-Frank banking regulations.

After the 2008 financial crisis, President Barack Obama signed Dodd-Frank into law in order to prevent another toppling of the banking system. The Act was intended to protect consumers by placing numerous regulations on financial institutions. Two of the more prominent aspects were the Volcker Rule and the Federal Reserve's Stress Tests, both addressed in Mnuchin's criticisms of over-regulation. The Volcker Rule prevents proprietary trading, which is when large banks make speculative bets with their own money that could potentially hurt customers.

The Volcker Rule, named after Paul Volcker, Chairman of the Federal Reserve under Reagan and Carter, included any federally insured bank or credit union. Speculative investing was blamed by many economists, including Paul Volcker, for

helping to create the crisis by putting customers at risk.

In a further blow to terrified consumer protection advocates, the Federal Reserve Board's top bank regulator, Daniel Tarullo, announced his resignation in early February, giving the President more room to implement reforms and another spot to fill on the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors. Tarullo was known to be tough on banks post-crisis, being one of enforcers and administrators of the Federal Reserve's Stress Tests.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen spoke highly about Tarullo in a statement: "Dan led the Fed's work to craft a new framework for ensuring the safety and soundness of our financial system following the financial crisis and made invaluable contributions across the entire range of the Fed's responsibilities."

With his departure, an already uncertain future for banking regulation was thrown into more disarray, especially with Janet Yellen's own departure around the corner in January 2018, when a new presidentially appointed chair will take her place.

President Trump also successfully issued a directive to delay an investment-advice rule that would require retirement planners to act in the best interests of clients when dealing with retirement advising. While this seems like no question, current criticisms claim that client commissions are too high and ad-

vises are paying for investments that compensate brokers more than clients.

Those who do not want changes argue that the regulation would increase the cost of retirement planning, barring smaller financial advisers out. Most of the resistance comes from smaller firms. The directive would require the Department of Labor to produce new information that would determine if the regulation would be more harm than good for brokers and investors.

While there are no immediate negative reactionary forces like with some of Trump's other executive orders (such as the complete breakdown of Customs and Border Patrol at airports across America), dismantling major aspects of regulation put into place after the financial crisis would have serious implications for the financial sector and economy as a whole.

With the financial crisis still vivid in the country's collective memory and impacts that are still felt today, to remove protections that specifically addressed the causes seems surprising. But with an executive branch filled with former Wall Street executives like Mnuchin and Gary Cohn, now Chief Economic Advisor to the President and Director of the National Economic Council, no options seem off the table.

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# The trembling Asia-Pacific

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In a major turnaround from his campaign days of criticizing China, President Trump accepted an "extremely cordial" call with Chinese President Xi Jinping last week, which reaffirmed the One-China Policy of recognizing the People's Republic China as the real China and Taiwan as a sovereign claim of the People's Republic.

This is seen as a victory for China in its non-negotiable foreign policy and also a reassurance to realist foreign policy advisors in the United States.

Realism in foreign policy, or the view that countries must pursue foreign policy goals that fulfill their standing on the world stage both in security and economic terms, was established on the United States-China relations front by President Nixon's Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger. Credited for establishing this "One-China" in the 1970s, Kissinger was the person that had the United States and the People's Republic reestablish formal diplomatic relations.

Prior to that, the United States had only been talking to Taiwan, or the Republic of China, who saw themselves as an exiled government from the mainland after the Communist Revolution in 1949. Since then, the People's Republic has laid claim to Taiwan as a province within the mainland, which remains a source of contention in the international arena, particularly for the United States as it attempts to maintain its regional leadership position in the Asia-Pacific amidst a background of an emerging People's Republic vying for more leadership in the region.

The Trump administration, both during the election cycle and immediately after, has made several decisions that jeopardized the balancing act that has defined U.S.-China relations since the 1970s. After his election threat to place a 45 percent tariff on imports from China and then his post-election call with the President of Taiwan, there was a fear that Trump's disregard for diplomatically tense situations would lead to a major blunder with China.

However, right after the President's call with Jinping, Trump welcomed Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at his Florida country club. While the very place of meeting was drawing criticisms of its own for being a conflict-of-interest and a national security threat (given that private guests of the club were allowed to remain during Trump's summit and paid large amounts to be members of the club), the cherry on top of the cake was when North Korea launched a missile during the meeting.

In a frenzy, Trump conducted a "situation room" style response in the public eye (again drawing further criticism), before organizing a news conference to announce that the United States "stands behind Japan, its great ally, one hundred percent."

Given that issues along the Korean Peninsula tend to be issues for all of East Asia, the rash decision-making exhibited by the Trump administration has massive implications for the region. China, having deep ties to negotiations regarding North Korea given their support for the country, is testing the waters with the new administration and any sign of inexperience or weakness could be vulnerabilities for the U.S. Since the administration seems to have already appeased Beijing from so early on, moving forward, North Korea could be a realm where the U.S. does not have as much bargaining power anymore. Promises to Japan may prove to be empty.

# Oregon's birthday celebration omits native origins

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This past Saturday, Feb. 11, the State of Oregon celebrated its 158th birthday. The state's official birthday falls on Valentine's Day, as Oregon became the 33rd state in the union on Feb. 14, 1859.

The event, which was free and open to the public, took place between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and was sponsored by the Oregon State Capitol Foundation.

The activities included live music, games, recreations of a pioneer wagon and stagecoach, performances by the Oregon Old Time Fiddlers Association and a political cartoon exhibit. In addition, there were

photo opportunities with costumed interpreters of the Oregon Pioneer (the capitol building's "Gold Man"), Dr. John McLoughlin (who was honored by the 157 legislature with the title "the father of Oregon") and other historical figures.

The fragile Oregon State Constitution, normally protected in the State Archives, was temporarily on display at the Capitol Rotunda, with employees of the State Archive on hand to explain the document's contents and history. Winning pieces of the Salem Keizer School District's "Why I Love Oregon" essay contest were on display and at the nearby Willamette Heritage Center there was an Oregon Land Claim activity oriented toward children.

The Yamhill Valley Heritage Center, meanwhile, brought a small-scale log house which guests had the opportunity to help build. Finally, a buttercream birthday cake was also served to mark the occasion.

According to a member of the Capitol staff, the Capitol gift shop was open during the event. The shop sells products highlighting the state's official state bird, the western meadowlark; its state animal, the American beaver; its state beverage, milk; its state crustacean, the Dungeness crab; its state fish, Chinook salmon; its state tree, the Douglas fir; its state fruit, the pear; its state mushroom, the Pacific golden chanterelle and its state flower, the Oregon grape.

Everything from demonstrations of tools used during pioneer days, bear pelts available to pet, stagecoach rides, hands-on lessons in blacksmithing and rope making and — separate from the official birthday cake — a serving of cupcakes, were showcased. These activities were geared toward younger children.

Notably absent from the cast of characters portraying Oregon history were representatives of the various Native American tribes whose presence in modern-day Oregon predates the arrival of Europeans by thousands of years. There is substantial evidence that "Paleo-Indians," a term used to refer to the first peoples who populated the Americas, were living in the area as early as 15,000 years ago.

By 8,000 B.C.E., settlements had been established across the state, though they were concentrated along the lower Columbia River, in the western valleys and near coastal estuaries.

Peoples present in the region by the 16th century included the Bannock, Chasta, Chinook, Kalapuya, Klamath, Molalla, Nez Perce, Takelma, and Umpqua. Diseases brought by Europeans looking to claim the area's natural resources decimated these groups' populations in the 19th century. Many of the remaining tribes survive today on generally impoverished reservations.

In addition, the event failed to address or acknowledge the state's history of racial discrimination, which includes such highlights as an 1844 territorial statute mandating free slaves to leave the territory and a prohibition on interracial marriage which was in effect until 1951.

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# Archaeologist Nick Card digs Willamette

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His Ness of Brodgar experience began in 2003, when a farmer unearthed evidence that something special and historical was laying underneath their property. Card and his team were called to investigate the scene, and discovered the beginnings of what came to be called the Ness of Brodgar.

Their excavation uncovered large, well-preserved and well-structured buildings. They also found many man-made artifacts, including mace heads and pottery. These discoveries imply that these buildings housed an active society, and were possibly a centerpiece of British Neolithic culture.

These discoveries have scholars rethinking the Neolithic era. They have helped to create a more complex and diverse view of this period, which was formerly focused mostly on the study and analysis of Stonehenge. However, the excavation of the Ness of Brodgar has uncovered complex stonework and stone-tile roofing that has added to our idea of the knowledge and technology the people of this era possessed.

While Card's excavations started out small, they are now internationally recognized. Card has gained recognition and accolades from many important organizations. For example, his excavation was labeled as one of the great discoveries of 2009 by the American Institute of Archaeology. His work made the cover article in "National Geographic" and the BBC created a documentary about the importance of this site.

The website [orkneyjar.com](http://orkneyjar.com) contains a massive amount of information about the dig in their excavation diaries, to get you caught up on the details of the project. These diaries explain the findings and experiences during the excavation process for four past digging seasons.

Willamette has personal ties to Card's work, with the Willamette University Archaeology Field School located in the Orkney Islands of Scotland. Willamette is the only Northern American school that has a partnership with the University of the Highlands and Islands. Every year, Associate Professor of Environmental Science &



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Archaeology, Scott Pike, gives 13 students the opportunity to participate in the excavation.

Nick Card's discoveries and continued work on the excavation

of the Ness of Brodgar is giving new insight to the past and changing the world's view of the Neolithic period. Come to his presentation to hear more details about important

discoveries from one of the people who helped discover the Ness.

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# Let's go see Lego Batman

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Looking for a fun way to keep in touch with your childlike wonder? Please go see *Lego Batman*. As lovey-dovey movies flood Netflix and the big screen (looking at you *50 Shades Darker*), treat yourself and some pals (platonic or not) to a fun movie.

*Lego Batman* is essentially for kids, but like the plastic bricks it is inspired by, it is only a recommended age. This movie explores the story of the dark and brooding Batman, who was definitely a star in the preceding movie, "The Lego Movie." In this new adventure, Batman goes on a journey of self-exploration involving

emotional evolution and vital life lessons for all. This is, of course masked, by crude humor, butt jokes and witty jokes that everyone can appreciate.

The movie tentatively touches the fourth wall enough to make kids and adults laugh together. We also get to see their version of the Robin origin story. Robin is

portrayed as an orphan who idealizes Batman in every way, and while talking to a distracted Bruce Wayne at a benefit, gets adopted by the billionaire. It doesn't take long for Robin to worm his way into Batman's heart (as long as he doesn't call Batman dad). Ditching the school outfit for some very tiny spanx, Robin is brought into

the Batman story-line. In addition to Robin, we get trusty Alfred, Batgirl (Commissioner Gordon's daughter) and the Joker.

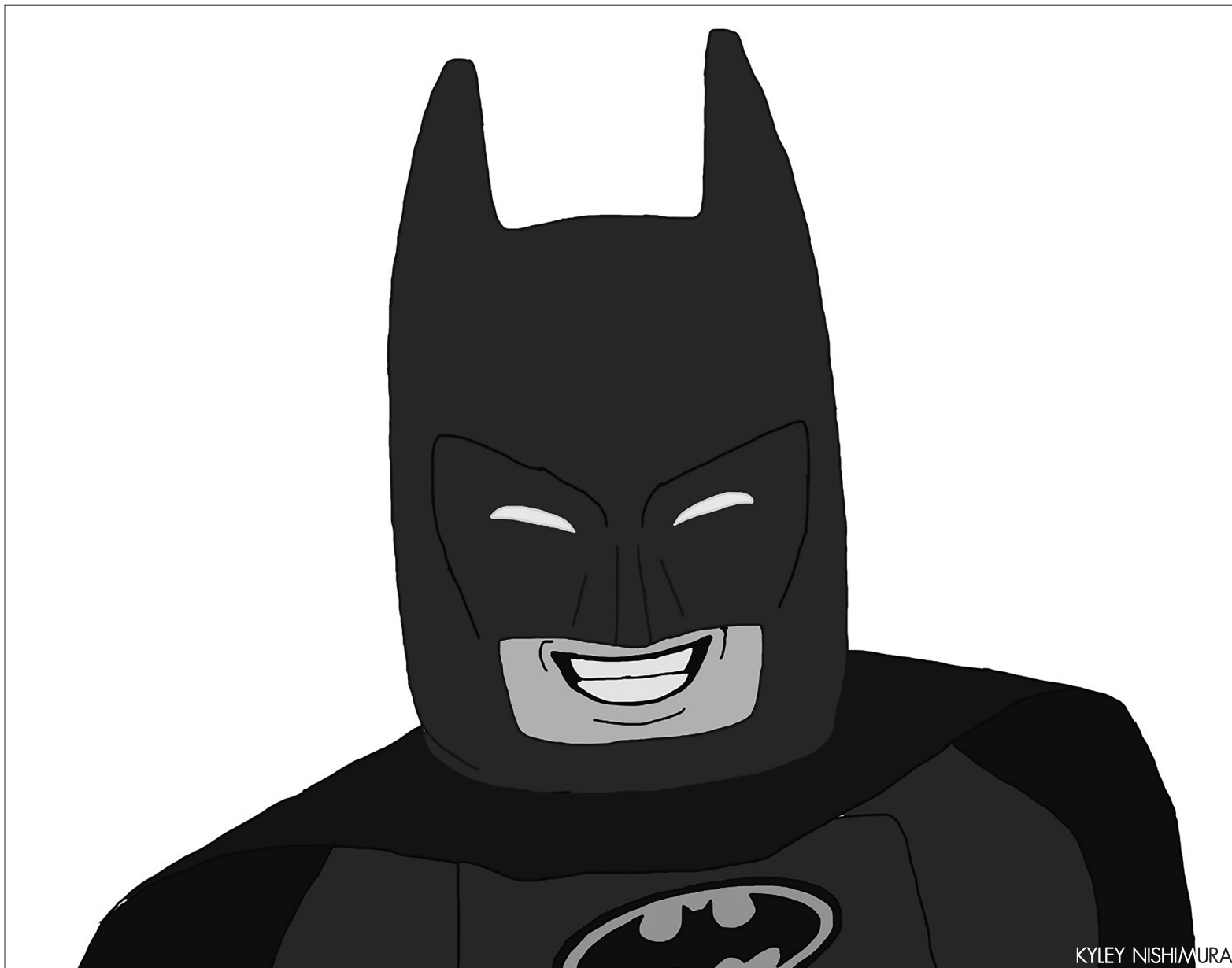
A closed off Batman insults the Joker, his supposed arch-nemesis, by not saying that he "hates" his enemy. The Joker, who wants a superhero that is "serious" about their relationship, devises an evil plan that involves recruiting all sorts of familiar villainous faces (I won't spoil some of the all-stars).

As the Joker puts his evil plan into action, he takes advantage of Batman's greatest weakness: his narcissistic ways, and his fear of opening up his heart. As the film progresses, Batman struggles with his greatest fear of losing another family as he tries to let his new family into his heart.

This movie was a great relief from the stress that comes with school work and the outside world. It oddly has a very deep story-line, but still utilizes its unique brand of humor. The best part of the movie, I would say, is that you come out of it refreshed.

After seeing the film with a friend, I felt like I had just taken a soothing nap. Maybe it was the "pew" noises that replaced the guns, or the fact that for some reason an Orca was fighting alongside the Dark Knight, but it was just a good time that involved easy humor and specifically witty puns.

If you find that you have some spare time as midterms come up and want a small break from reality, then please go see this movie. It is a great way to feel like you're 10-years-old again, and I can guarantee that you won't regret the masterful music or animation. Plus, who doesn't like Batman?



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# Karting over the language barrier

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The American Studies Program (ASP) brought students over from Tokyo International University in Kawagoe, Japan to Salem last week. The students gathered at the “Chicken Fountain,” where they were greeted by their new classmates.

A number of gatherings were set up for students to make signs to greet the new students. Many were there to meet their new roommates. The ASP students had a full schedule, though, so they had to put their bags in their rooms and then head off for more activities.

In the evening, there was the ASP Welcome Dinner. Goudy Commons was packed, with lines ending up overlapping in a labyrinthine mess.

“It was really fun meeting with the ASP students and getting to talk to them and the performances were really good,” Kelly Buckler, a Willamette student who signed up to sit with the ASP students at the Welcome Dinner, remarked.

“It was super loud and crowded but you could tell a lot of people were enjoying themselves.”

Goudy, much to students’ awareness, isn’t usually the best choice food-wise. The reason students go there is because of the people

there, usually friends they’ve already made. But that night Goudy was crowded not only because of the ASP students all going to dinner at the same time, but because of all the students who wanted to greet them. It was a true Willamette welcome.

But it wasn’t without its problems. I can’t speak for everyone, but I sat at a table with a group of ASP students and my friends. We were at a rectangular table with the ASP students on the left side and my friends on the right side. There ended up being two conversations with very little overlap. It’s easier to talk in your own language.

This was improved the next evening with the three ASP welcome

parties: Cornerstone, Westside and Eastside. The Eastside party was held in Montag center. There was loud music, snacks, pool, ping pong and a lot of people. It was a mix of casual and official, as the Resident Advisors and Area Coordinators were there, but the atmosphere was light, with everyone mingling.

My group of friends were up in the Montag conference room playing Mario Kart, as usual for a weekday night. However, we managed to get some of the ASP students into the room to play with us.

Mario Kart doesn’t require English skills. Even if you don’t

know the game, as most of the students didn’t, it’s pretty easy to pick up the Wii remote and try to figure it out. Even when just starting, there’s fun to be had in how bad you are. In no time we were laughing together, having a shared experience. It was an actual moment of sharing and cross-cultural contact.

We still play Mario Kart together. We laugh and yell, learning from each other. Feel free to join us.

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## Chicken, tea and you fighting against the flu



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Influenza got you down? I know everyone has been to Bishop lately, checking in on your yearly tamiflu stash. As anyone close to me can attest, when I get sick I complain a lot. It blocks my sinuses, I can’t taste a thing, sleeping is hard—we all know the routine. Our only solace is in the tiny moments that might offer joy while we drown in homework from the classes we are not attending, and rack up the tissues on our bed stands. Here are a few simple remedies if the flu has you down.

### Chicken Soup

Chicken soup is simple. It’s chicken cooked in water with any of the spices and vegetables you want. After two hours (at least) of simmering you have a hearty oily soup. It is a fun meal to make, but when you’re sick it’s best when someone makes it for you. When I was younger, chicken noodle soup came from cans; the soup had noodles and scant amounts of chicken. Putting your face over the steam in and of itself is comforting.

The way it warms the belly is metaphorical for the way it warms the soul. That popular book series “Chicken Soup For The Soul” wasn’t lying. There is something about the mix of a hot liquid that happens to taste great, with a runny nose and a sore throat that makes everything shift to the background for a bit. In fact most soups work here. Creamy soups and miso get to that same heart warming effect.

### Tea

Besides being something I am constantly drinking, tea, and some specific types especially, are com-

forting when sick. Tea, like chicken noodle soup is a warming, tasty liquid. It’s usually calming while also aiding in an ability to stay awake to study. Tea is my go to and I love the caffeine coupled with the relaxing effects it has while I am sick.

I typically drink heavy and dark teas when I am sick. Black tea is perfect, brewed with two packets instead of one while sick. Verging on the inky side is never a bad idea when your throat burns. Not only that, but there are a lot of medicinal tisanes (easily available on Amazon) that help: kuding tea is extremely bitter and works in the opposite way as a black tea; it will jolt you and your senses awake.

That stuff in your parent’s cabinets (the lemon verbena, chrysanthemum and chamomile teas) served with honey will soothe the throat and put you in a good headspace. Shu puerh, a fermented tea, popping up more and more at grocery stores might taste a little weird, but it has long been cited for its healing properties, and it can also brew up jet black if that is how you like your beverages.

### You Time

Definitely a great cure. No one needs to tell you this, but it can’t be underestimated. Besides doing nothing, it can also mean catching up on sleep, cleaning your room or cooking that recipe you have had your eye on, like chicken soup.

Stay rested Willamette. Whether it’s tea, soup or your own cure, hopefully it gets you through the season smoothly. It’s what you need during the dark days of winter. Soon enough flu season will be over and the sun will be back up.

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## Why I don’t give a care about Kim K: It’s time to name names

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I still don’t care that Kim Kardashian’s temporary home was invaded. I know I should care. I know I’m seriously risking my feminist stripes in insisting that Kardashian’s trauma and ongoing effects it has not my problem.

I’m upset enough to risk admitting I don’t care because there’s the kind of trauma that comes from being robbed and afraid of being raped or killed, and then there is the kind that comes from actually being raped, stabbed or otherwise physically violated. Kardashian lost her jewelry, but other women have lost their lives; so why should I care about Kardashian’s financial loss and anxiety?

I promise to be concerned about women being afraid or uncomfortable or briefly emotionally upset when other women stop actually being raped and murdered. Until then, your comfort and sense of security comes at the cost of others. I hope, Kim K, you are proud of yourself.

Jezebel, the feminist site I frequent when I’m too angry to sleep, has posted maybe six articles about Kim Kardashian in the past four months: “Kardashian is still scared to go out in public!” “Kardashian has taken her first selfie since the incident!”

I want to make this an article about anger. I’m good at that. I want to talk about how various kinds of institutional oppression have combined to create a woman whose major claim to fame is being photogenic and wealthy, but I can’t afford to talk in general terms. My friends are dead, and heroin addicts, and homeless and in psychiatric hospitals. I have been too. I have lived in terror for most of my life of the same things Kardashian was left terrified of for six whole hours. I wish I had her problems.

It’s fine to say all us women are in this together, but in some ways, we never will be. The women who valorize Kardashian and other women who suffer the fear of bodily assault during one short instance, and greet this experience with shock, do not understand my life. If we truly share one common struggle, my pain counts too.

There is no comparison between one instance of terror versus living with it as a daily reality for a decade. Trying to make a comparison, to label it with the same terminology and set it on the same spectrum of male violence against women, demeans those who experience worse.

I admire Kardashian in her own right, and I don’t want anyone to have to go through any form of invasion. She is not per-

sonally responsible for the way in which the media has opted to cover the robbery. We are all responsible for consuming articles about Kardashian – because she is gorgeous and social media-savvy and rich – rather than about the people who cannot similarly fight back.

I carry with me all the other girls and women I’ve known who won’t make it out. These are the stories I care about. I would appreciate if feminism would cease centering people like Kardashian in “our” cause. Instead, I want to talk about the girl I knew growing up who lives in a mental health facility and will probably never leave it, about how she and I spoke about our parents’ volatile natures in hushed voices long before we knew feminism had generated words and tools for us to use. I want to talk about my dead friends, and my mentally ill friends and my permanently scarred friends. These are my ghosts, my dead even if they are not yet deceased; these are the women I have lost to patriarchy.

It is no longer Kardashian telling her story, but rather the media using her to talk about trauma and sexual assault without bothering to name these things. It’s time to name names.

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# Society Leaves Tr

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My lesson for cis people is this: Trans is short for transgender. Not transsexual, not tranny. Those are slurs. Do not say them. The phrase “binary trans” is used within the article, which refers to a trans person who still adheres to the gender binary.

Thank you for your respect.

The recent election has me, and many trans people, scared. There is no telling what this extremely conservative regime will end up doing to trans people. In this time of uncertainty, it is tempting to look back extremely fondly on the Obama administration.

To be fair, the Obama administration did a couple important things for trans people. President Obama sent out a mandate that trans students should be allowed to use the bathroom that matches their gender identity rather than the gender designated at birth. Additionally, he signed a top-down order allowing binary trans people to participate fully in the military. This can now be easily reversed by Trump.

The National Center for Transgender Equality did a survey in 2015 on quality of life for trans people in the United States. There was nearly no improvement from 2008. As politics becomes further polarized, those that harm and kill trans people have become further entrenched in those beliefs. At the same time, the cultural strides forward have been to tolerate rather than care about and protect trans people. While Laverne Cox was getting a wax sculpture in Madame Tussauds, another trans kid was being abused.

This is not to demonize the Obama administration. “Not better” is better than “worse.” Despite increased cultural awareness, though, trans people all over the country are still facing the same harassment.

I went through my life having to gender myself to go to the bathroom. It was this and other forms of binarist socialization that made me unable to even conceive of my divergent gender identity until sophomore year.

There’s a blog where trans people organize to exchange clothes with each other. This was my first experience with the tight-knit community that constantly fights to overcome the poverty of most. I used it to get two skirts. I still have the pic-



tures of the time I tried them on in my best friend’s room with the door locked. Ze – my friend uses ze/zir pronouns – did my makeup and, looking back, it was my first time experiencing what life could be like without restricting myself.

I can’t stand having my picture taken, but I look ecstatic in those photos. I haven’t smiled like that in a long time, possibly even since that day. It was like taking off ankle weights that I had since birth. But I had to put them back on.

Luckily, I wasn’t in a place where I was likely to get lynched for being different. I lived in Sacramento, where the majority of people are at least tolerant enough not to say anything to my face. One of the first times I went out in femme clothing was to go to a concert with a friend. I was wearing my favorite colors, blue and black, topped off with bright blue lipstick. As soon as I stepped out of the car I drew eyes. I was a freak, and people

made sure I knew it through their glares. But it wasn’t strangers’ reactions I was worried about, it was my father and my safety if he found out.

Since he was picking me up, I had a heavy paper bag. It held my clutch, makeup bag and change of clothes I would need to change into after the concert. The bag weighed me down with every step and kept me off balance. During the whole act I had to shift it between hands every few seconds to make sure my legs wouldn’t fall asleep. While everyone else was jumping up and down to the music, I couldn’t in case the bag’s straps snapped.

After the band stopped playing, I went to go change in the gendered bathroom, and found that the ground was wet from mysterious liquids, there was no place for my bag, and that there was no lock on the door or even a way to keep it closed. I had to stand on my flats as I changed into my clothes. Even

after I changed to fit in, I still had to hold the bag. That was the most representative I’ve ever been. But my experience is a vacation compared to what other trans people go through.

According to the National Transgender Center for Equality, 10 percent of trans people who came out to family were treated violently by those family members. Of trans students who were out in K-12 school, 54 percent were verbally harassed, 24 percent physically attacked, and 13 percent were sexually assaulted. Thirty percent of those who were out at work were mistreated in the workplace – verbal harassment, assault, denied a promotion, and fired. Nearly a third were living in poverty, much higher than the general population.

The trans unemployment rate is three times higher than the general unemployment rate. Forty percent of trans people have attempted suicide. The general U.S. attempted suicide

rate is only 4.6 percent. It only took six days for the first trans murder of 2017. The late Meshia Caldwell was a trans woman of color, the most at-risk minority population in the United States.

Systems of oppression and extreme conservatism was what sparked the Women’s March. But not all trans people supported or felt supported by the Women’s March.

Certainly, nearly every trans person in the United States would agree to stand against Trump. His connection with sexual assault alone would likely disqualify him. Sexual assault is something the trans community is faced with daily. People feel entitled to our bodies. But more than that, he stands for a fascist ideal of repression and conservatism that is what restricts trans people. The freedom to define ourselves as we need to is inherent to our thought. A government that defines others based on their religion and polarized rhetoric

# ans People Behind



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is fundamentally contrary. I, personally, could never support him. It is telling who can.

The Women's March was about unity and strength against regressive policies and rhetoric. That resistance resonated with Kristen Browde, a trans New York attorney who was reminded of the protests of her youth in the 1960s. She felt that participating in this march was another part of the ongoing struggle against anti-trans laws. For her, the "Women" in the Women's March included her.

In a piece for *The Advocate* called "The Woman's March Left Trans Women Behind," Evan Greer recounted her experiences at the Women's March on Washington. According to her, there were only three trans women onstage during the six hours people were performing. That's notably just two more trans women than presented at President Trump's inauguration.

"With each minute that passed, as speaker after speaker took the stage without a single trans woman's voice, my heart sank. I felt like I was disappearing. [...] A kind but misguided cis woman attempted to reassure me. 'One thing at a time, dear,' she said. [...] I realized there were more cisgender men onstage than transgender women. And the people around me didn't notice. I wanted to cry," Greer wrote.

Trans people have always been one of the things left behind. Trans issues have never been the "one thing" fought for by the coalition brought together by the Women's March. While our support is exploited by the cis liberal agenda, we are oppressed by its rhetoric.

Saturday Night Live has been picking up steam lately as they take more and more easy shots at President Trump and his administration's idiocies. The "alternative fact," "Bowling

Green massacre," and Steve Bannon jokes write themselves. Yet, with all the easy targets the writers of Saturday Night Live chose a different target for their jokes.

"The dating app Tinder announced a new feature this week, which gives users 37 different gender identity options," Colin Jost said on-air. "It's called, 'Why Democrats lost the election.'"

Even in moments of inspiration and celebration of fights of the LGBT movement's past, trans people's contributions get discounted. Trans women and gender-nonconforming trans people, mostly of color, were the force behind the Stonewall riots. They were the driving force. Yet, the 2015 movie chose to focus on a white gay guy. Granted, there are moments where he flirts with gender non-conformity, but he is intentionally coded to be a white gay man.

"Roland Emmerich's *Stonewall*, however unwittingly, perfectly symbolizes how

the mainstream gay rights movement has treated trans and gender-nonconforming people ever since the fateful Stonewall Riots more than four decades ago. We're comrades, even 'sisters,' when our numbers and our willingness to put ourselves on the line for the LGBT cause are needed, but we're also the first to get tossed aside to pave the way for more 'respectable' queer people," wrote Meridith Talusan for BuzzFeed.

Trans people, especially non-binary trans people, are at risk. That risk is accentuated even more by the lack of information and understanding about our situation. Misinformation fueled by hurtful jabs and misrepresentation. This cis liberal majority will happily take the political support of the minorities it claims to represent as long as they step in line and don't ask them to change any of their views or positions.

That isn't to say that Kristen Browde was wrong to find power in participating in the Woman's March. In trying times it is important to find community and support where one can. It is just to say that the Woman's March and the Democratic Party it represented do not represent trans people.

Just as many trans people attempted suicide during the Bush administration as during the Obama administration. That isn't just a result of government and laws, but from culture. So, cis people, listen to this and participate in actual change for trans people. Read about gender – including non-binary gender – and work to divorce gender from sex in your mind.

Ask people's pronouns and, if you aren't explicitly told them, default to they/them rather than assuming based on their presentation. Offer your own pronouns after your name when introducing yourself. Recognize when you are supporting gender essentialist or gender binarist views.

As for other trans people on campus, please feel willing to speak up and challenge others. Feel free to email me. If you feel I've misused this space to talk about issues, I'd be happy to hear it. I miss the trans friends I had at home and am always ready for more.

As for the University administration: I am non-binary. There shouldn't be a building on campus where I have to gender myself to pee.

But right now, the most salient need is hope. After Trump's election, members of TRUTH, an organization of trans people working to change the cultural conversation about trans people, worked together to write a statement that will hold power for the next four years and many after that.

"We know that there is no community stronger than young trans people. We are a community that openly challenges race, gender, and capitalism, the world's most centered systems of oppression, before we are even seen as adults by this nation. [...] Remember your power, your presence. Remember your worth. Remember, we got you, and you are loved."

## Swim teams break records at Federal Way

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The men's and women's swim teams headed to the pools in Federal Way, Washington this last weekend to compete in the Northwest Conference (NWC) Championships.

Juniors Cassie Tallman and Mark Yuvienco broke school records in their 200-yard individual medleys last Friday. Tallman beat her own Willamette record of 2:10.25, and Yuvienco swam at a time of 1:56.29 that broke a record that has stood for 24 years. Tallman's time was good for third place in the conference, while Yuvienco's time was good for sixth place. Willamette also broke a school record in the men's 400-yard relay with a time of 3:31.35, which was good for fifth place in the race.

Other Bearcats competing in the 200-yard individual medley were freshman Niki Kates on the women's side and freshmen Derek Ludwig and Ben Hedman and senior Alika Masei on the men's team. Kates was able to swim into 15th place, while Ludwig now holds the second fastest mark in school history, with a time of 1:56.87. Masei came in 12th place and Hedman took 16th place. Senior Shelby Merrill took second place in the consolation final of the 500-yard freestyle.

On Saturday Feb. 11, there were six Bearcats swimming in the finals. Hedman and Tallman were the fastest of the bunch, both swimming into fourth place finishes. Hedman was able to swim with a time of 4:12.91 in the 400 yard individual medley, and Tallman swam the fourth fastest time in Willamette history for the 100-yard breaststroke, after she swam the third fastest time in Willamette history in the prelims. Junior Ashlyn Witherwax also broke the 100 yard breaststroke school record as she won in the Consolation final. Yuvienco came in sixth place in the 100-yard butterfly, with a time that was good for second all-time in the history of Willamette swimming.

Three other Bearcats were able to take seventh place in the championship finals: Kates in the 100-yard backstroke, junior Reuben White in the 200-yard freestyle and senior Jason Bayang in the 100-yard backstroke.

After the second day, the Bearcats were in sixth place in the men's competition and seventh in the women's.

On the third and final day of the swim championships, Tallman was a fingernail short of winning her first Northwest Conference Championship in the 200-yard breaststroke, as she took second place by .01 seconds, but still set a Willamette record. After this dominating performance, Tallman now has seven of the top eight times in Willamette history in the event. Sophomore Anna Burdine was able to take eleventh place in the 1650-yard freestyle with a time of 18:45.22.

As a team, the Willamette University men's team place sixth with 265 points. The women's team also had a solid finish with 239 points, which was good for seventh place. While these places are definitely not where they wanted to finish, they should have a better finish next season. They will return many of their top swimmers that look to set even more Willamette records at the next NWC Championships.

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## Terrell Owens, the Hall of Fame and old white men

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Over a week ago, the 2017 NFL Pro Football Hall of Fame class was announced. Per usual, Joe Buck stood in front of a crowd at the annual NFL Honors Ceremony outside of Houston, Texas, going on about the greatness of these players and how their legacies will forever be cemented by way of induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

I didn't buy it.

Year after year there is a new Hall of Fame class inducted, and there is debate after debate about who should have gotten in. The completely obvious question that never seems to get asked or answered though: why does any of this really matter?

There is no signing bonus for getting into the Hall of Fame. There is no actual "table of greatness" you can sit at for dinner. All the Hall of Fame realistically represents is that of a collection of old newspaper columnists who thought you were pretty good at what you did. What an honor.

When this year's Hall of Fame class was announced, there was a noticeable omission from the list that did not seem to reach the headlines — and that was Terrell Owens.

Terrell Owens, or TO as he is better known, is one of, if not, the greatest wide receivers of all time. He was selected in the third round of the 1996 NFL draft out of a small school in Tennessee called Chattanooga.

marred by his fair share of off the field issues throughout his illustrious 16-year career.

I could sit here and write four more columns about TO's flamboyant touchdown celebrations, or detail the time he spat on

in their contracts that says, "You must please every viewer and/or critic with your actions."

We would all love it if our professional athletes could be as well-spoken as LeBron or as charitable as Cristiano Ronaldo, but they are not. Terrell Owens is not the first great player with off the field issues and will certainly not be the last.

In a day and age where there are literally multiple page reports being released about professional athletes taking performance enhancing drugs, is it too much to ask that we judge Owens based off of his on field accomplishments? He earned every catch and every touchdown fairly, and now, a bunch of white, middle-aged men get to say that Owens does not have the right character for the Hall of Fame.

If we are going to hold professional football players like Terrell Owens up to some high moral standard to get into the Hall of Fame, then why do we not do it for everyone? Eccentric celebration after a touchdown and you are barred from entering our organization. Having multiple acquisitions of sexual assault like Brett Favre, and come on in, you are absolutely welcome.

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Owens would later go on to amass 15,934 receiving yards over the course of his career, which is still second all time, only trailing the great Jerry Rice. Owens, however, was also

Atlanta Falcons defensive back DeAngelo Hall's face or even tell you about his 2006 Hydrocodone overdose, but I am not going to.

The reality is that NFL football players do not have a clause

# Knicking yourself

## An uproar of head scratching moves in the NBA

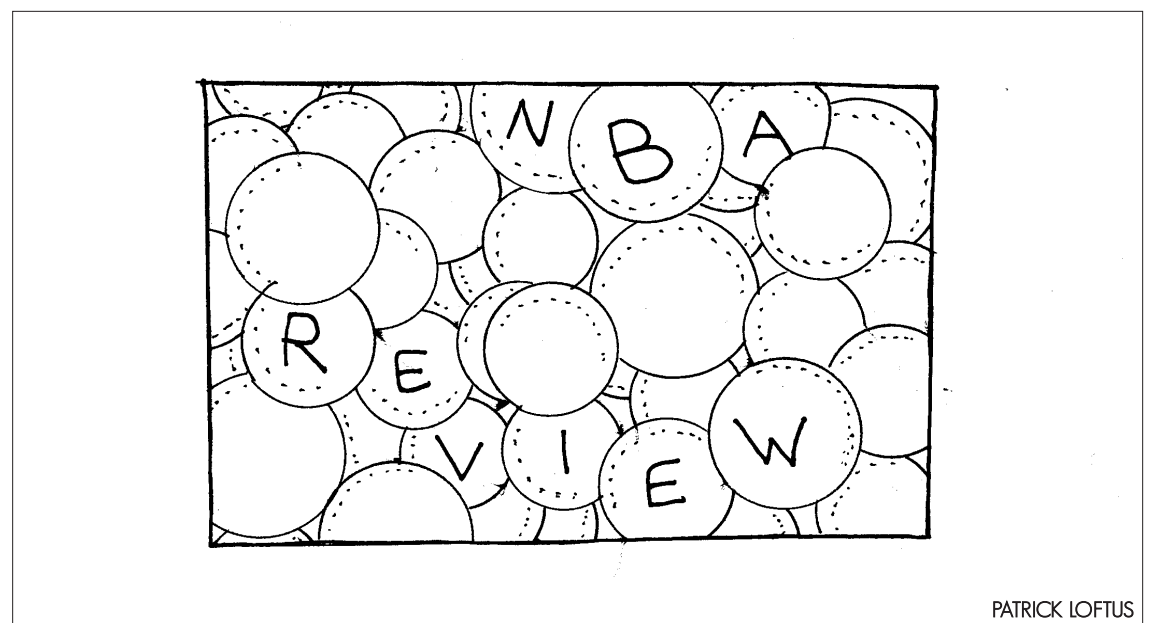
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The New York Knicks are a mess. They're just doing things that you shouldn't do as an NBA organization.

The general sign of a competent front office over the last decade has been knowing where your team is on the competing for a championship metric. Teams that don't have a clear path to getting into the upper echelon of franchises have generally been able to admit this, and take the steps necessary, by tanking, to acquire young talent.

The Knicks are one of those odd outlier teams over the last four years that have been everywhere from fringe playoff team to one of the worst in the league, all while selling themselves as a winning franchise. A lot of this is on James Dolan, who is the Knicks' overbearing and somewhat incompetent owner. He refuses to let the team lose, and so they have generally done it on their own volition.

It all started with the initial acquisition of Carmelo Anthony from the Denver Nuggets. A move that, while it made waves, was painfully hollow. The Knicks could have waited until the offseason that year and signed Anthony without giving anything up, but Dolan insisted they get him post-haste mid season. Denver fleeced the Knicks of all their young talent, making Anthony the shining figurehead of a compromised vessel.



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The Knicks had their star, but with nothing around him, first-round exits were the peak promise.

Fast forward to this season, having lucked into another potential All-NBA player in Kristaps Porzingis, the Knicks are left with what most people outside the organization see as a simple choice to make.

Anthony, though at one point someone who could certainly have carried the scoring for a championship level team, is starting to slip. At age 32 he can't continue to carry a team, and he certainly isn't willing to take a payout anytime soon. As a result, a youth movement seems to be in order. Why not break it all down? Just simply acquire the right pieces around Porzingis and

see what develops. Many like this path simply because it's a defined one.

The Knicks went out and acquired Derrick Rose and Joakim Noah this offseason. They could be effective in the right situations, but they aren't going to move the needle for your team anymore.

The absurdity surrounding this season for the Knicks is getting legitimately farcical, culminating in the extremely public ejection of Charles Oakley this last week. Phil Jackson, for all the hype over his taking over the GM position, has been more problematic than helpful. He has publicly insulted his best player through twitter and also potentially through writer Char-

ley Rosen. His comments are beyond confusing. Maybe this is just the zen master trying to work his magic in the 21st century, but if this was the same type of inspiration he had for Jordan and Kobe, then it certainly doesn't translate the same through cyberspace.

Despite all this, they have a golden ticket with Porzingis. All of the hijinks since the Melo trade could be overlooked if success comes from a clean slate. The Knicks have a chance to get out, although the question remains: will they use their life line?

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# Men's and women's tennis teams begin their preseason for 2017



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Many of Willamette's women's tennis players took on their home court this last weekend in their first preseason matchups against Whitman College and the College of Idaho.

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## MEN

In their first exhibition of the season, the men's team travelled down to Eugene, Oregon to compete against the University of Oregon's club team. Despite the overall 9-0 loss for the Bearcats, they showed a good amount of fight against the tough Division 1 club opponent.

Sophomore Aaron Schechter, senior Gunnar Lee and freshman Colin Fisher each put up a good battle against the best the Ducks had to offer. The Bearcats will take this experience and build off of it for the rest of the season.

The men's team will play Spokane Community College on Saturday, Feb. 18 for their next contest, which will be held at Whitman College. This will be a big chance at redemption for this young Bearcat squad.

## WOMEN

Last weekend, both Whitman College and College of Idaho travelled to Willamette to take on the women's tennis team. Unfortunately for the Bearcats, home court advantage did not help them as they had planned.

Against Whitman, the women failed to successfully win a match, falling 9-0 on the day. Luckily, this is just a preseason contest and the

Bearcats will have a chance to overcome this weekend's loss.

On Sunday, the Coyotes of the College of Idaho travelled down to Salem for a preseason tennis matchup. The Coyotes were able to take the overall victory 8-1.

The one bright spot of the weekend came in a doubles match led by junior Mikaila Smith and sophomore Alexis Gjurasic. They were able to put together the only winning campaign of the day, beating out two

of the Coyotes best, sophomore Hailey Boyd and freshman Alex Sorte.

Individually and in doubles, the Bearcats did not fare well, dropping nearly every set of the day. The women's tennis team will be travelling to Portland, Oregon to take on the Lewis and Clark College Pioneers this upcoming Friday.

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# this week in sports

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<p>AARON ODA STAFF WRITER</p> <p>This past week in sports has been extremely rewarding because spring training has officially started for MLB. This means the start of baseball is just over a month away! The loveable losers, the Chicago Cubs, are ready to be called the defending champions and defend their magical season in which they broke a 100 year curse. Also, we will be watching history next Monday with the University of Connecticut women's basketball team going for 100 straight wins.</p> <p>"Huh?"</p> <p>People fall in love with sports and players on their favorite teams, and we have seen what happens when you break the fans and city's hearts.</p> <p>This weekend Kevin Durant returned to Oklahoma City for the first time since he abruptly</p>	<p>left for the Golden State Warriors. With Valentine's Day happening this week, this is for all the fans in Oklahoma City:</p> <p>"Love is the answer...What was the question?" - Joe Moore</p> <p>NBA</p> <p>With the trade deadline being about a week and a half away, there have been a lot of rumors circulating about multiple teams and players.</p> <p>Starting off locally, the Portland Trail Blazers have already shipped center Mason Plumlee to the Denver Nuggets for Jusuf Nurkic and a first round pick.</p> <p>Another notable player that is on the trade block is Carmelo Anthony of the New York Knicks, who has been in a social media battle with general manager Phil Jackson. The Knicks have been extremely bad this season with all of their drama and extremely bad plays</p>	<p>on the court. There was also a recent scuffle with a former player named Charles Oakley. Oakley was ushered out of the arena the other week because of undisclosed issues with the owner James Dolan.</p> <p>Another rather high profile player that may be moved before the trade deadline is Jahli Okafor of the Philadelphia 76'ers. They have been having a surprisingly successful season compared to previous seasons, and with the newly established big man Joel Embiid they are looking to move and get some extremely high value for Okafor.</p> <p>NCAA Men's Basketball</p> <p>This week we have to talk about the University of Connecticut women's basketball team. Next Monday night they are going for their 100th consecutive win in a row, which</p>	<p>includes two National Championships. Looking at some general stats on this streak to help put it into perspective, it has been 811 days since the last time they lost a game, and 97 of the 99 wins so far have been by double digits. One of the more shocking stats is that 56 of these wins have been by 40 points or more. Something to be noted about this streak is that this program has already set the record for all time wins in a row in 2011 with 91 wins.</p> <p>Head coach Geno Aurie-ma has been with the program since 1985 and will most likely be with the program for many years to come. The success and leadership that he brings on and off the court is unmatched both on the women's and men's side.</p> <p>Till next week, K DEN!</p>	<p>aoda@willamette.edu</p>	<p>includes two National Championships. Looking at some general stats on this streak to help put it into perspective, it has been 811 days since the last time they lost a game, and 97 of the 99 wins so far have been by double digits. One of the more shocking stats is that 56 of these wins have been by 40 points or more. Something to be noted about this streak is that this program has already set the record for all time wins in a row in 2011 with 91 wins.</p> <p>Head coach Geno Aurie-ma has been with the program since 1985 and will most likely be with the program for many years to come. The success and leadership that he brings on and off the court is unmatched both on the women's and men's side.</p> <p>Till next week, K DEN!</p>	<p>includes two National Championships. Looking at some general stats on this streak to help put it into perspective, it has been 811 days since the last time they lost a game, and 97 of the 99 wins so far have been by double digits. One of the more shocking stats is that 56 of these wins have been by 40 points or more. Something to be noted about this streak is that this program has already set the record for all time wins in a row in 2011 with 91 wins.</p> <p>Head coach Geno Aurie-ma has been with the program since 1985 and will most likely be with the program for many years to come. The success and leadership that he brings on and off the court is unmatched both on the women's and men's side.</p> <p>Till next week, K DEN!</p>

## Intramurals Weekly

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Last Tuesday the coed beginner's league is where we found our most competitive game of the first week of regular season. Although coed competitive and the men's league each had their close matchups, this particular game ended with a buzzer beater after two hard fought halves.

The Sonic Hedgehogs, led by captain Sean Connor, brought their A game despite playing a person down the entire game. The opposing team, -12 Balls, led by captain Annette Bautista-Feliberti, played like they belonged in the coed competitive league.

After a back and forth game with no more than a five-point lead, it came down to the final seconds. The Sonic Hedgehogs came back from 32-33 with two seconds left in the game, making it a close 34-33, and were fouled in the process, resulting in a free-throw. The clock was stopped, reading only two seconds left in the game, as the Sonic Hedgehogs successfully took their free throw. Disappointed that their opponents had pulled ahead by a mere two points in the final seconds, Bautista-Feliberti led her team with great sportsmanship and congratulated their opponents. #dontretireplayintramurals #doitfortheshirt

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# Trump's America perpetuates racism in national politics

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In a legal victory halting the president's executive order, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals decided to maintain an injunction against Trump's travel ban. In doing so, they introduced the president to a core principle of government we would expect anyone holding office to understand — checks and balances.

After an angry "SEE YOU IN COURT" tweet that confused many, given that his opponents were members of the court, a frustrated Trump and his White House said they would not challenge the ruling in the Supreme Court.

While the problems surrounding the ban come in a multitude of forms, I want to address how it is simply an impractical method of achieving the president's goal of better national security. The actual result of the ban looks more like the fallout of the recent mosque shooting in Canada: it combines actual fake news reporting by the president's favorite news source, and race-baiting witch hunts.

"Protecting the nation from foreign terrorist entry into the United States" is the title of the executive order. It was supposed to suspend the refugee program for four months, indefinitely ban Syrian refugees and deny entry for at least 90 days to anyone from any of these countries: Iran, Yemen, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Sudan, and Somalia.

In contrast to the language spouted by critics of the usage "Muslim ban" to characterize the executive order, 82 percent of Muslim refugees entering into the United States in 2017 were from these Muslim-majority countries, according to *The Economist*. If improved national security and a

reduction of terrorism on U.S. soil was supposed to be a goal, Trump seems to have forgotten to read the memo reporting not one terrorist attack with fatalities carried out by anyone coming from any of these countries in the past 40 years.

Apart from this, the risk of being killed in a terrorist attack on U.S. soil by a refugee in any year is one in 3.6 billion, according to the Cato Institute. Even the conservative think tanks seem to have turned their backs on our Republican president, so perhaps this is just fake news. Yet *The Economist* (Does Trump have jurisdiction to call British publications fake news?) continues to drop statistics regarding the benefits of refugees, such as the fact that you are more likely to find employment with a Muslim refugee than to be killed by one.

According to the International Rescue Committee, an organization in the Cleveland area, refugees have started at least 38 businesses around Cleveland. They have boosted the economy by \$12 million. The tragedy of the president's hypocrisy comes in the form of a question that we as citizens must ask: Is his need to enforce an executive order which will probably do close to nothing to vet for terrorists more important than the promise he made to his voters to create jobs and support small businesses?

Maybe we need to look past his tweets and to his favorite news source to see where his mind is.

Fox News, characterized as misunderstood and truthful coverage by the president (particularly when his inauguration attendance numbers were in question), was also fairly active in its truth-seeking activities in the same week the executive order was signed. A mass shooting at a Quebec City mosque (which followed the signing of

the executive order by a few days) leaving six dead and eight wounded set off wildfires online and in the media about who committed the attack. While Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said it was a "terrorist attack on Muslims," Fox News and other right-wing news outlets claimed that the suspect "was of Moroccan origin," according to reports in tweets right after the attack.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer also used the attack to justify the executive order on immigration, saying that it was "a terrible reminder of why we must remain vigilant and why the president is taking steps to be proactive rather than reactive when it comes to our nation's safety and security."

Turns out, the shooter was actually a white nationalist French Canadian. The purported Muslim suspect, Mohamed Belkadir, was actually a worshipper in the mosque who called 911 after the attack. Trudeau's office reportedly called Fox News to ask them to retract the tweet with false information.

To connect the two tragic events would obviously be a false correlation. Yet attitudes toward Muslims at large are impacted when our President connects religious identity to national security threats. Jumping to conclusions based off of these false narratives are what leads to the dispelling of fake information that either shape how we see a group, or are a result of institutionalized views prescribed to a group.

The mosque shooting in Canada and its effects provide a peek into a future where anti-immigrant, racist views are validated in the highest levels of government.

White nationalists that feel empowered to commit violence in safe spaces for marginalized communities are protected by institutions who go after those very communities. Showing the president that our court systems will stand up to his enabling of ineffective and racist policy seems to be the only way he can hear "no." The victory from the Ninth Circuit was a small one on a vast road ahead of us.

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# Step up step back: Fighting oppression is a mutual endeavor

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Sometimes being an activist is about marching in parades. Other times, it's about speaking up, or writing out your thoughts, or even just talking with friends about how messed up this society is right now. Whatever it is you have to do to change the world, even a little, do it. The world can't wait for you to be ready.

However, attacking others for what they try to do to improve society for all of us is not brave, it's cowardly. More specifically, dear community, please remember that writing for a newspaper does not make us fair game. To the person who clearly believes otherwise, and recently sent aggressive notes to my writers — you are now under our microscope. I hope you're happy with the outcome you got.

To my dear white boys — you need to sit down during the Q&A periods for speakers discussing racism. These speakers are not here to edify you personally, and your grandstanding monopolizes what little time People of Color have to ask their questions. Please sit down. I do not want to have any more conversations with other liberal people on campus about how you are failing to respond to the needs of those around you.

To people who feel lost and confused and helpless, if you are in a

position to do anything, do it. Do not spend hours trying to figure out whether it is the right thing to do. It's not. The right thing would be to never have to confront these sorts of choices, to never have to wor-

“Taking risks reminds us we are alive, and not the property of a state which seems under the impression there is no difference between a human and a component of an assembly line.”

ry over the futures of any of us or of this nation. Any choice we make in response to a disharmonious and oppressive society will be wrong in some ways, perhaps in many ways. Make a choice anyway, any

choice at all. Even if it goes horribly wrong, even if the results make you feel ashamed or over-exposed or, God forbid, uncomfortable, take a chance. Taking risks reminds us we are alive, and not the property of

a state which seems under the impression there is no difference between a human and a component of an assembly line.

Nobody gets points for trying, for talking to their friends about others'

oppressive actions, for caring. No one gets cookies for being an ally. No one deserves them.

I was going to say something last semester, and then I opted not to. I was going to say that I want the space of the Opinions section to be open to everyone.

That's not actually true. I want this space to be open to people who I think might inspire others to make the world a better place. However, the reality is that this space will be filled up with whoever chooses to make it their own.

I don't have respect for people willing to tear me or anyone else apart over our opinions, but not willing to have a conversation with us about those opinions. We're all human beings, and we're forced to share the space of this campus. That space does not belong to me. It mostly does not feel like my space, any more than most people seem to feel it is their space. Every form of oppression active in the space of this University is real, and relevant, and matters. Invest in fighting those forms that most impact you, absolutely, but don't forget that being able to ignore certain forms of oppression because they do not directly impact you is the definition of privilege.

Many activist spaces on campus seem to have begun to integrate the "step up, step back" rule. In the name of putting that into place, I'd

like to suggest that people interested in being involved in the *Collegian* — or simply people interested in sharing their writing and ideas, period — consider adopting this rule. If you're uncertain but think maybe you have something important to say, my suggestion is that whatever you have to say will probably change at least one person's life forever. Step up.

If you're used to being listened to and simply wish to continue in this direction, consider giving someone else a chance. No one person is important enough to never be silent and listen.

I'd like this to be an activist space, and that means everyone challenging themselves at least a little bit to stop being more wedded to comfort than to honor.

I'm far from a perfect person, but I can promise you a few specific things from the perspective of my position. I won't make content edits that you don't approve. If you feel strongly about art or title, we can talk about it and I'll promote your ideas over my own.

You can, and please do, hold me accountable to what I want to be.

This is not, in fact, my space, any more than this University is my space. It's your space, and my job to ensure it is used responsibly. What happens in it is not up to me. It's up to you.

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# Oregon's responsibility to protect marginalized people

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While the Trump administration has held the executive branch for less than a month, a number of executive actions and presidential memorandums have already been signed that threaten the rights of America's citizens. Since the day of his inauguration and the disappearance of the civil rights, climate change and LGBT rights section on the White House website, it has become evident that states and citizens will have to fight to maintain the liberties they enjoyed under the Obama administration.

An executive order Trump signed on Jan. 30 made it law that for every regulation proposed by the executive branch, two existing ones must be identified for repeal. This law will allow Trump to undo many of the advances the Obama administration made in regard to human and environmental rights, showing the people of the United States how he plans to further his often oppressive viewpoints.

However, even though Trump is seen as the most powerful man in America, Congress, the judiciary branch and the people of this country still have the ability to keep

him in check. Therefore, the Oregon legislature's main priority this year should be protecting the rights of its people and environment, and doing whatever it can to combat the oppressive legislation Trump has started to and, if he stays true to his word, will continue to produce.

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Women's rights are already under siege by the new president's legislation. Trump has reinstated the Mexico City gag policy, which pulls funding from non-governmental actors in the realm of reproductive rights and activism. This is only the first piece of legislation passed that will restrict access to abortion and other important resources like education and family planning. Now is the time for Oregon legislators to implement laws that protect access to safe abortions and organizations, like Planned Parenthood, before

more restricting laws are passed by the federal government.

Trump's immigration ban is expected to be only his first attack on undocumented immigrants. In fact, one of the integral platforms of his campaign was limiting immigration via his infamous wall. On Jan. 25, he

signed two executive orders: one order to build the wall, and the other to cut federal funding to sanctuary cities unless they follow immigration regulations.

Already, many Oregon universities have shown their solidarity by refusing to let the government deport their undocumented students. The state government should follow that spirit to find ways to support and protect undocumented immigrants in the state.

The health of the environment is also at stake with an administra-

tion full of climate change deniers. Many of Trump's policies already shows how he plans to give benefits to industrial America, even when it damages the environment. This is shown by his three presidential memorandums that approved expansions of pipelines.

While Oregon is already known for being eco-friendly, in this time, more than ever, legislation needs to be passed to help protect the environment from Donald Trump. For example, taxing companies for excessive carbon outputs and using that money for eco-friendly projects could help replenish the environment and possibly incentivize companies to convert to cleaner sources of energy.

Unfortunately, Oregon law only has power in one state, and environmentally friendly policy needs to be implemented everywhere to keep the United States alive. Hopefully, however, states would follow Oregon's lead in focusing on protecting their state's environment.

The Oregon state government's first priority this year should be to combat the attacks on rights the Trump administration will produce to protect its people.

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# Dear WU

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I am sure you have noticed how your class turns to a designated spokesperson in these conversations, who is then responsible for giving you the other's viewpoint. In my case, I am responsible for the Brown Girl perspective. In theory, this is a positive step, as we are giving space to marginalized voices and making sure their experiences are heard and respected. More often than not, however, we begin to tokenize these voices. In class after class, I have been forced to serve the role of teacher, educating my peers on the basics of race and gender.

You cannot, of course, have the same experiences as me in these areas. But you can educate yourself. That is my first plea.

Information is readily accessible in our lives: you are privileged to attend a liberal arts college where classes on these issues are available for the taking. You have access to professors who are masters in these fields, Google is there just waiting for you. Now, more than ever, is the time to read up.

Pay attention to the news. Use your own acquired knowledge to call out Eurocentrism yourself in class. Have the backbone to actually engage in these conversations instead of letting it slide or taking what I say simply at face value.

Do not be afraid of being wrong. Your education does not and should not burden shoulders like mine.

My second plea is to understand when you are overstepping your bounds.

I chose to go to class the day after the election. In classroom after classroom, my professors and classmates processed our thoughts together, vented and cried. Campus was quiet, but full of support at a time that was very difficult for many of us.

There was also, however, an undercurrent that I want to bring to awareness. As I walked around campus that day, I could not shake the feeling that I was being watched for my reaction. My friends and classmates checked in with me, but so did people I had never or rarely talked to. While this was touching on some level, it was also unnerving.

At one point, I had various white peers I didn't know asking me to edit their posts on Facebook regarding the election, or engaging in conversations about the election I wasn't ready to have. Once again, I was treated as the Brown Girl before being a person. I was being talked to rather than talked with.

I urge you to check your preconceived notions, and to understand when you are imposing them onto a person and situation. It should not be up to me to help you process white guilt, or to function as your soundboard.

There are, of course, other students who have not had the same experiences that I have had. I cannot speak for every brown girl, much less every person of color. That's not what I write this for. I also do not intend this to simply serve as a call-out post. Rather, I hope it will inspire conversation and bring to light the way we interact with each other.

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# White feminists need to check ourselves



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On Friday, Jan. 20, alleged sexual abuser, Donald J. Trump, was inaugurated as president of the United States before a paltry crowd of flag-waving White people. The next day, nearly three million people came together to join the Women's March on Washington and thousands of sister marches in big cities and small towns across the country, protesting the openly racist, sexist and Islamophobic newly inaugurated president. On top of that, demonstrations of solidarity took place in over 30 countries around the world.

Some marched in below freezing temperatures, some through the pouring rain, with handmade signs and knitted pink pussy hats. My friends and I bundled up and marched until we were soaked through in the streets of Portland.

We walked alongside families with small children, elderly people and what seemed like everyone in between. I was beyond proud to be part of such a large movement along with so many people perhaps experiencing real political action for the first time. I was grateful that everything stayed peaceful.

There are, however, several large elephants in the room concerning the Women's March. To pretend otherwise does a disservice to everyone committed to fighting injustice in the next four years and beyond.

So let's talk about white feminism. Let's talk about the difference between the smiling white women in pink hats high-fiving police officers and the Women of Color being beaten and tear gassed by those same police officers at protests the night before.

The reason there were nearly no arrests at any of the sister marches across the country is not because

the Women's March was inherently more peaceful than the average Black Lives Matter demonstration. It is because the police as an institution are motivated to protect white womanhood in ways they have historically never been motivated to protect the lives of people of color.

As white women, we need to stop posing for cutesy photo ops with the nice officer on the bicycle while Black protestors declaring that their lives matter are met with legions of cops in riot gear.

Let's also talk about the overwhelming focus on pinkness and vaginas at the march, as though every woman has a vagina and every vagina is the same color. In the context of Trump's infamous "grab 'em by the pussy" remarks, I do consider the vagina-themed iconography at the marches pretty appropriate, and I absolutely support reclamations of body parts and the color pink in general.

But feminism that excludes transgender folks is not feminism. Feminism that defines womanhood solely through anatomy is reductive and hypocritical. Feminism that enforces a gender binary, complete with Barbie-pink everything, challenges nothing.

As cisgender women, we need to be critical of when we're fighting for bodily autonomy and learning to love ourselves, and when we casually throw trans people under the bus with our words and craft projects, enforcing the dominant oppressive systems that we claim to be against.

Let's talk about the erasure of sex workers by many of the march organizers. Let's talk about the masturbatory uplifting of rich white celebrity speakers like Scarlett Johansson, a white woman who is playing a Japanese woman in the upcoming "Ghost in the Shell" movie. Let's talk about the white women dressed as suffragettes holding up signs with Beyonce lyrics, as if the actual suffragettes weren't supporters of white supremacy. Let's talk about the "funny" homophobic signs with images of Trump and Vladimir Putin kissing.

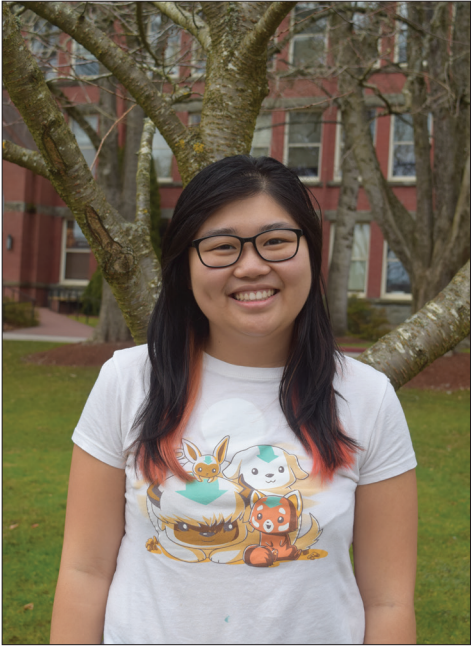
Let's talk about how when Women of Color, trans women, queer women, sex workers and more are openly critical of these issues within the Women's March and mainstream white feminism, they are accused of being "divisive" by white feminists who view "intersectional" as a dirty word.

Let's keep marching and keep fighting. Let's keep learning and changing. Let's keep making pithy protest signs, but let's be ready to put them down and keep moving forward even when the demonstrations aren't so fun anymore. And while we're at it, let's remember that if your feminism exists only so that wealthy cis straight white women can have the same rights as wealthy cis straight white men, it's not feminism: it's white supremacy.

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# Humans of Willamette

What are you currently obsessed with?



Carol Li  
Senior  
Civic Communications and Media  
Honolulu, Hawaii

"It's pretty basic, but I'm obsessed with EDM. I like a lot of house stuff, but I'm getting more into bass... I like to listen to it when I don't want to do dishes but have to, or when I just want to dance alone in my room when no one is watching."



Anusha Mannava  
Freshman  
Undeclared  
San Jose, California

"I am currently obsessed with Jessica Jones. I finished it recently over winter break and I really love that show because of its realism. It's so honest about its portrayal of PTSD and feminism and sexual assault. It's not graphic but its honest."



James Mamuad  
Freshman  
Undeclared  
Kihei, Hawaii

"I am currently obsessed with Lady Gaga's new album, 'Joanne'. Even though it's a new twist on her music style, I appreciate her contribution to country music, and she adds her own flare to it. I'm really obsessed with her song 'John Wayne' because it's very out of the box. And I also really love her single 'Million Reasons.'"



Jay Hadfield  
Freshman  
English: Comparative Literature  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

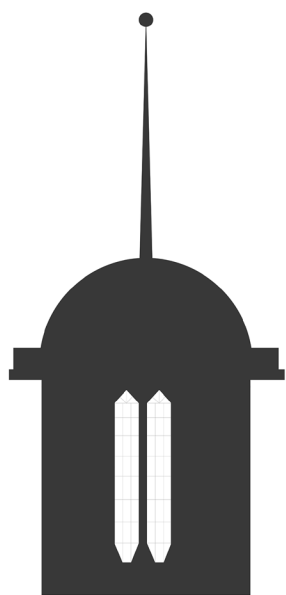
"Cutting holes and burning my clothes."

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### The Red Onion Willamette to set up safe space for those getting triggered by others Getting Triggered

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The University has confirmed that it plans to transform part of the Putnam University Center (UC) into a safe space for students who may get triggered by other people getting triggered.

In a report published by Bishop Wellness Center last December, incidences of social anxiety, stress and violent thoughts in students are on the rise. These health problems are particularly prevalent in members of school fraternities.

This report prompted Willamette's president to set up a student advisory committee to determine if Willamette needed a safe space for at risk students. The committee was comprised primarily of white males, like most groups with any sort of real power.

The committee met with the University president last week and he has confirmed that he is taking their advice to set up a safe space on campus.

We spoke to an anonymous student who said things like social activism,

the *Collegian* and even some gender studies and politics classes were triggering social anxiety in him and his bros.

"I'm so glad we finally have a safe space where I can shut off the feminists and black lives matter protesters that are constantly getting triggered. It's just ridiculous that things as small as having the confederate flag on my truck or saying "hey guys" to a group of girls are making them upset. Them getting triggered actually triggers me. There are times where it becomes too much and I have to go and chill with the guys at the frat to calm down," he said.

After the news of the safe space was made public, the Office of Admissions received a number of late applications from white males in Alabama, Texas and Mississippi. As a result, the Office of Admissions is pleased to announce that Willamette will no longer be in a budget shortage next semester.

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Correction: In last week's story "Protestors demand state action for refugees and immigrants," Lara Shinsato's name was spelled incorrectly. In the story "ASWU works to 'build' bridges with ASP students," it was incorrectly stated that WEB hosted a Roommate Party. The party was held by TIUA. The Collegian regrets these errors.