

SPORTS

Men's basketball second in Northwest conference

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As the majority of campus cleared for the holidays, the Willamette University men's basketball team was hard at work, playing six games in three different states over the course of 27 days. WU carried momentum into the break after defeating Linfield College 83-80 back on Jan. 4 to kick off Northwest Conference play. With the game tied at 80, senior guard Elliot Babcock-Krenk sunk the winning shot in the key with just 11 seconds remaining. In the victory, Willamette received contributions from several players as seniors Sean Dart, Terrell Malley and Trevor Bos, along with junior guard Avery Manu all registered double figures in scoring.

Oh the road, the Bearcats began their journey in Orange, California for a two game tournament. After losing the first game 91-86 to Redlands University, the Bearcats responded, utilizing another double double (17pts, 14 reb,) by Dart to escape with the 57-55 victory.

After the tournament, WU looked to build on their 1-0 NWC record with a tough game in Tacoma at the University of Puget Sound. With seventeen days in between games, however, Willamette was unable to find a rhythm offensively.

I feel very fortunate to be healthy and able to help the team this year.

SEAN DART
Senior



KELLIE STANDISH

Senior Guard Terrelle Malley drives to the basket for a transition layup versus Lewis and Clark last Friday.

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NEWS

Seattle's 'Snow Day' a success

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Last Saturday, Jan. 12, people of all ages congregated in Seattle, Wash. to set the Guinness World Record for the largest snowball fight.

The event, aptly dubbed "Snow Day," took place downtown at Seattle Center and served the dual purpose of setting the record and raising money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of King County (Seattle area). Several recent Willamette graduates were largely responsible for organizing the event, and many Willamette students and alumni were in attendance.

Snow Day shattered the previous record held by South Korea, bringing together 5,834 participants for a snowball fight that lasted approximately 30 minutes. Neil Bergquist, '10, the team leader and chief organizer of Snow Day, was incredibly pleased by the success of the event.

"For mass-participation attempts, it's not the act of throwing a snowball that's record breaking, it's the accomplishment of organizing 5,834 people to throw a snowball at the same time," Bergquist said. "I am very proud of my team."

Bergquist said that while an exact figure hadn't yet been determined, he estimated the total raised for the Boys and Girls Clubs to be over \$50,000.

Snow Day received both local and national attention, getting buzz on the Today Show, famous YouTube channel "devinsupertramp" and SportsCenter. Recent Willamette graduate and Snow Day Community Engagement head Brady Ryan, '12, said the recognition the event got was above and beyond what he could have expected.

"My two biggest dreams came true," Ryan said. "Getting in Guinness Book of World Records and getting on SportsCenter."

Although the snowball fight didn't begin until 5:30 p.m., organizers and volunteers were at work early Saturday morning.



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OPINIONS: INJUSTICE ANYWHERE

About rape, the US' pot calls India's kettle black

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The sad truth is that rape in India is nothing new. Rape in the world is also not a recent development. When it comes to enacting meaningful change in this regard, many Americans seem to be in denial about this cold fact.

Then why is there a huge amount of steam over this gang rape case from New Delhi, India? Many international news outlets have wondered the exact same thing.

In India, protests have broken out following the death of the 23-year-old victim, who suffered from severe organ and brain failure. U.S. media outlets such as CNN and the New York Times, disregarding the specific perpetrators of the act and the feminist outcry after the act, have attempted to explain by digging deeper into India's culture and traditional practices.

As one CNN reporter put it, the "bigger problem" is that India's misogynistic and sexist culture and practices contribute to rape culture in India. This is why just in 2012, 24,000 rape cases were reported in New Delhi.

The same reporters who portray rape as a case endemic to India fail to point out that in the United States, there were 188,380 rape cases reported. National news channels are quick to highlight a rape case going on in India, yet choose to ignore the horrible prevalence of sexual assault in our own country.

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Best of luck this spring semester!

Africa Week to feature political and environmental events

‘Snow Day’ attendees have a ball, and throw a few too

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Willamette University’s Africa Club will be holding its eighth annual Africa Week from February 10th through 16th. Film screenings, guest lecturers, and an African market will be highlights in this year’s on-campus celebration, all thematically linked by an exploration of “Pastimes and Politics” inspired by Laura Fair’s book of the same name.

Reportedly, this year’s theme seeks to encourage interdisciplinary interrogations of the political headlines that typically display one-dimensional cynicism. Africa Week itself was born from a desire amongst individuals on campus to move past the paternalistic master narrative of a broken, dark continent and instead highlight its long history and infinite nuance. Initially conceived to one Africa Day, campus-wide enthusiasm eventually led to a large increase in time and resources.

The club’s president, senior Carley Kwiatkowski, said, “For a lot us, Africa is a distant place of exotic animals and people, extreme poverty and disease, and of wars and corruption. Africa Week is supposed to be an engaging entry point for the Willamette and Oregon community into the diversity of the African continent and African experience.”

Kwiatkowski studied abroad in Tanzania in 2011. Coincidentally, one of her personal friends from the country, Elifuraha Laltaika, is currently a Fulbright scholar at the University of Oregon.

In Tanzania, Laltaika is a Law lecturer at the University of Makumira, Tumaini. In addition to his many national and international qualifications, Laltaika holds a J.D. from the University of Dar es Salaam and an LL.M. in environmental law from South Africa. He is also the founding Executive Director the Association for Law and Advocacy for Pastoralists (ALAPA), an NGO that aims to provide legal assistance to pastoralists and hunter-gatherers.

He will be visiting campus as the keynote speaker on Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m. His research in

indigenous human rights and environmental law will be the heart of his lecture, titled, “Indigenous People’s Rights to Land and Natural Resources in Africa.” The Africa Club hopes to include students at the School of Law for this interdisciplinary presentation.

The convocation, intended to inspire introspection about the West’s relationship to Africa, will be held in Cone Chapel at 11 a.m. on Feb. 14. The event, called “The Best of Intentions,” will center around hot-button issues like the film sensation “KONY 2012” and its controversial approach and content.

For the film buffs, there will be two evenings of screenings. “Nollywood Night” will screen several films in a meta-imitation of the high-volume film industry in Nigeria at 7 p.m. in Montag Den on Feb. 10. There will be a movie screening of “Invictus” in the Alumni Lounge at 7:30 p.m on Feb. 11. The 2009 film, starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon, blends sports and politics in an account of Nelson Mandela’s first term as the president of South Africa and his hand in the South African rugby team’s 1995 victory at the World Cup.

As in past years, African music will be playing in the UC and will be available for sale from Portland vendor Timbuktunes. The Africa market, held on Friday, Feb. 15 and Saturday, Feb. 16, will include several other vendors, food, a study abroad booth populated by students ready to share their stories and answer questions, music and many other activities geared for aficionados of all ages and levels of interest.

Many more events are planned throughout the week. There will be much opportunity for community-wide conversation and celebration of the diverse continent.

Students, faculty or staff who have questions or are interested in sharing their skills with the Africa Week team are encouraged to email Carley Kwiatkowski <ckwiatko>.

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To supply snow for the event, trucks went to nearby mountain passes to collect snow, which they then shipped straight to downtown Seattle. One volunteer, senior Sam Ellsworth, said the setup required was long and arduous-albeit rewarding.

“A lot had to be done to get everything ready, including setting up lights and fencing, registration, liability waivers and especially snow control,” Ellsworth said. “All of the snow had to be placed appropriately so the sponsors building forts had enough snow.”

Ellsworth said that at least 30 volunteers were involved in the daylong process.

At 1:00 p.m., the various corporate sponsors of the Snow Day began the “Snow Fort and Castle” building contest. Twelve forts and castles in total were constructed over the three-hour period. The group

from REI won best castle, and Emerald City Comicon won best fort. When the fight began, many of the forts were used. Also enhancing the event were lasers and music provided by a DJ.

Following the event, many participants enjoyed a night out in Seattle on a pub-crawl, with discounted food and drink prices.

When asked about the possibility of making Snow Day an annual event, Bergquist noted that to do so would require finding a way to make the snow on location.

“I don’t have the answer but I have a feeling there is someone at Willamette who can figure this out,” Bergquist said. “If you want help me solve this problem, I’d love to hear from you.”

For further information on Snow Day, contact Bergquist at snow.co.

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JOHN LIND

Willamette students John Lind, Meagan Hash, Elena Wimberger and Abby Clark join Willamette alums Marguex Hunter and Jack Gala at Snow Day, last Saturday in Seattle, Wash.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

<p>Dec. 8 - 31, 2012</p> <p>Information provided by Campus. Safety</p> <p>PROPERTY DAMAGE</p> <p>Dec. 8, 9:25 a.m. (Cat Cavern): A Willamette employee called Campus Safety to report damages to the walls that were made from a dance the night before. A report was filed.</p> <p>POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE</p> <p>Dec. 9, 10:15 p.m. (University Apartments): Campus safety was contacted about the smell of marijuana coming from a room. When the officer arrived the occupants were cooperative and admitted they had been smoking. A report was forwarded to the Campus Judicial office.</p> <p>Dec. 11, 10:02 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Campus safety was contacted about the smell of marijuana coming from a room. When the officer arrived the occupants were cooperative and said that had not been smoking, although there were empty beer cans and all occupants were under 21. A report was forwarded to the Campus Judicial office.</p>	<p>THEFT</p> <p>Dec. 10, 12:28 p.m. (University Apartments): A student called to report that her bike had been stolen. She said that she did not lock it up and came back a few hours later to find that it was gone. She was given the non-emergency number to file a report with Salem Police Department.</p> <p>Dec. 10, 4:00 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student called to report that his bike had been stolen. He said that he wasn’t sure if he locked it to the rack. When he came back a few hours later his bike and lock were gone. He was given the non-emergency number to file a report with Salem Police Department.</p> <p>Dec. 11, 10:45 a.m. (Oak Street Property): A Willamette employee Called Campus Safety to report that a trailer was stolen from a fenced in area. A report was filled and given to the Salem Police Department.</p> <p>POLICY VIOLATION</p> <p>Dec. 11, 2:00 p.m. (Belknap Parking Lot): A student received his 11th parking citation. A report was forwarded to the Campus Judicial office.</p>	<p>SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY</p> <p>Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m. (Japanese Garden): A male individual was found with bolt cutter by a Campus Safety officer. After he was questioned, the officer called the Salem Police Department and the individual was taken into custody.</p> <p>EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID</p> <p>Dec. 11, 5:14 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): A student called Campus Safety complaining of chest pains from taking a supplement called Jacked. After being evaluated the paramedics were called and the student was transported to the hospital.</p> <p>Dec. 12, 12:42 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): A student called Campus Safety to report that her friend was throwing up for no reason. After the officer had evaluated the student, he called the paramedics. The student was transported to the hospital.</p> <p>PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS SAFETY IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THESE INCIDENTS.</p>
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Hey You!

Do you know a hottie on campus that you don't have the guts to talk to? Meet someone cool at a party that you didn't get the name of? Is there a person in your class or your dorm that you just can't stand? Is there a person on campus that grinds your gears? Well, let them know by way of a Hey You!

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All Hey You!s will be published anonymously. The Collegian will not publish Hey You!s that explicitly reference individuals or groups. Describe, but don't name. Also, no Hey You!s that are hateful or libelous, please.

HEY YOU! You're going to owe me an appletini, Size 6.

HEY YOU! Sign up for recruitment. YES, YOU!

HEY YOU! Sexy boy in bio...the back of yo' head is RIDICULOUS.

HEY YOU! Whoever wrote the "Hey You!" about the girls at The Bistro, go to the library if you want a quiet learning environment instead of telling others how to behave.

HEY YOU! Thanks for writing down the license plate number and reporting that ass who hit my car and ran off. You rock.

HEY YOU! Freshmen who think its really COOL to be as loud as possible to get attention in The Bistro: SHUT THE FRONT DOOR and keep it in your pants!

HEY YOU! No shave November ended a while ago and that mustache is gnarly.

HEY YOU! Willamette, our overall level of badassery has diminished eXtremely over the last semester, get on our level. Extremely high hopes for badassery in 2013.

HEY YOU! We never see you anymore. Are you still alive bro?

HEY YOU! Guy riding a skateboard in the library: I'm glaring at you 'cause YOU'RE RIDING A SKATEBOARD IN A F***ING LIBRARY. Not sure how that concept eluded you.

HEY YOU! I'm writing thesis. I don't care.

HEY YOU! Don't tell me what makes "REAL MEN"! I'll make of myself what I want, thanks.

HEY YOU! Couple lying on top of each other all around Lausanne 1st. Cut it out! It is gross and obnoxious. Find a room, and use protection!

HEY YOU! You're adorable, blonde, and I smile everytime you say hi to me.

HEY YOU! Awesome math teacher! Thanks for letting me register late in your class! Looking forward to this semester!

HEY YOU! Please leave me alone. I don't want to help you with your eight-year-old laptop anymore. I feel like I'm reanimating the dead everytime i have to fix it.

HEY YOU! I'm from Alaska. This isn't freezing.

HEY YOU! I know you're from Montana, Idaho, Alaska or whatever. I get that it's cold there. However, it is still literally freezing here.

HEY YOU! Kaneko CMs, you are the best people ever.

HEY YOU! Guys across the hall, stop smoking weed and wrestling in the hall. You are loud!

HEY YOU! Just wanted to let you know that I watch you from a distance everytime you walk across Jackson Plaza. Don't worry, though. It's not sexual or anything.

HEY YOU! Cool sports poster...

HEY YOU! If I refer to you as a "bro" or a "homie", that means I just want to be friends. Please don't take it the wrong way.

HEY YOU! I know you haven't showered in days, and you're not fooling anyone.

Willamette alumnus to launch Greek employment service

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In an extremely competitive job market, students are always looking for a leg up on the competition. Soon, members of Greek organizations at Willamette and all across the country will have another resource to tap in finding a job.

Ron Koskondy, '88, is a founding member of a group that will launch EmployGreek, a networking and job matching service, on January 31, 2013. EmployGreek will cater specifically to Greek undergraduate students, seeking to connect them with employers who also have backgrounds in Greek life.

"EmployGreek will allow the Greek job seeker who have an exposure to leadership experiences and are actively involved and driven to succeed beyond the norm," Koskondy said. "This service could then introduce their skills to a group with similar experiences and drive, in the end benefitting both the undergraduate and their future employer."

The conceptualization for EmployGreek originated in at a national fraternity leadership conference between Koskondy and three others: Eric Hitchcock (Arizona State University, 1989), Tom Richardson (University of Saint Thomas, 2001) and Andrew Crossan (Western Illinois University, 1995). Koskondy, who was also involved in Greek life during his time at Willamette, wanted to especially capture the Greek demographic for this site.

"We believe that the college student who becomes a Greek is looking to enrich his/her college experience beyond the 'normal' experience," Koskondy said. "They are looking to gain more and have a lifetime commitment – so con-

necting them to Greek alumni with the same drive and experiences seemed to be a natural fit, one that we believe will benefit both the employer and job seekers."

While the original idea was to keep the employment service within a single fraternity, Koskondy, Hitchcock, Richardson and Crossan quickly realized that it would be even more effective to involve numerous Greek organizations.

"We began to see that the values, interpersonal life skills and lessons, as well as the leadership experiences gained as a Greek member, would be valuable not only to the job seeker but to the Greek alumni who own or in positions of influence," Koskondy said. "That's why we felt we should introduce to the Greek system as a whole."

Koskondy stressed that a large part of the pull behind EmployGreek is the lack of risk for students, even so early on. "There's no risk and no cost to the student," Koskondy said. "As the organization grows the pool of job seekers and potential employers will be sure to grow – being at the front of line is never a bad idea."

Koskondy, his colleagues, and a talented team of undergraduates are already well underway compiling a database of employers to match up with any interested undergraduates. Additionally, EmployGreek will look to further networking opportunities by donating back to both fraternities and sororities at large, and also specific chapters in order to strengthen connections between employers and undergraduates.

Students interested in signing up for EmployGreek should email start@employgreek.com or visit the company's website, EmployGreek.com

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Jazz is funny. The stylistic trends in the genre swing between the rudimentary blues structures on which it was founded and the completely chaotic vanguard that it is destined to chase (until more aliens like John Zorn arrive to take us all home, that is).

In the meantime, I suggest listening to BADBADNOTGOOD's (BBNG) second studio album "BBNG2" for a fair summation of the spectrum.

Hailing from Canada, BBNG is Matthew Tavares on keys, Chester Hansen on bass and Alexander Sowinski leading the group on drums. One approach to making music that sets BBNG apart is their use of hip hop as blues standards.

As is true of a normal jazz arrangement, each band member takes a turn exploring the terrain of the song in a unique manner while still staying true to the original voicing. For example, BBNG's cover of "Bastard" by Tyler, the Creator (of underground hip hop juggernaut Odd Future) features a long and intensely distorted and deep keys solo that mimics the rapper's gruff and low-pitch voice.

Other covers, such as the two James Blake tracks, feature close attention to Blake's method of beginning a song in a tightly, then slowly wriggling out of any recognizable form (especially true on "CMYK").

Critics of rap and hip-hop often associate the genre with repetitive rhythms and monotone flows that lull them low. BBNG's hybridization of jazz and rap takes contemporary hip hop rhythms and outlandish free-jazz instrumentation structures to create a consistently dynamic song.

Sowinski plays the simple 4/4 beats but uses every surface of his drum kit to keep himself entertained (look up the "Electric Relaxation" video to see some ridiculous shit). "BBNG2" is so fast paced and intrusive that listening is an active experience. From beginning to end, the album and its raw, visceral energy are tough to ignore.

The band primarily focuses on instrumentals: the only vocals on their first studio release BBNG are sample loops: the first being the band name and the second being the seven second interlude allusion to "Star Wars."

In jazzy fashion, BBNG inverts the common hip hop album structure of interrupting the stream of words with a longer instrumental bridge. Instead the waves of Tavares' keys and Hansen's walk-about bass lines are impeded only by a few words that, for the most part, is repetitive nonsense.

Overall, I have nothing to complain about with "BBNG2;" it offers a wide array of covers from the poppy ("Flashing Lights") to the assy ("Earl"), providing those invested in the rap game with plenty of entertainment. The original material, on the other hand, will keep any jazz fan satisfied by first dragging them down-tempo ("Rotten Decay") and then pushing the swingers high with strange time signatures ("DMZ").



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'Zero Dark Thirty' wins big with little glitz or gloss

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Kathryn Bigelow's "Zero Dark Thirty," a late addition to an already cluttered awards season, was shrouded in mystery right up until screenings were held. This is presumably due to the controversial nature of its primary subject: the hunt for Osama Bin Laden.

Since its release, however, the actual narrative has not drummed up much attention; it's the film's depiction of water boarding that has been inciting conversation. And reasonably so, considering the first hour of the film is devoted to showing the detainment and torture used to gain the intelligence that leads the military to Bin Laden throughout the rest of the film. This holds considerable ethos coming from an established and respected ex-journalist, and Oscar-winning screenwriter Mark Boal ("The Hurt Locker").

As a morally ambiguous and realist piece of research and documentation, "Zero Dark Thirty" represents everything that this year's tacky "Argo" is not.

While both films deal heavily in upper level political and military regions often shielded from the general public, Bigelow's hunt film reveals its events in a challenging and organic way devoid of artificial exposition and glamorization.

Affleck's "Argo" runs itself into the ground by glorifying America and Hollywood, ignoring historical fact in favor of de-



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Jessica Chastain gives a riveting performance in "Zero Dark Thirty."

livering a lighter thrill ride.

"ZDT" by contrast is, like its protagonist, a no-nonsense, matter-of-fact "this is how it is" kind of picture that doesn't shy away from getting its hands dirty. The film follows one woman named Maya (Jessica Chastain), who is assigned by the CIA to track Bin Laden from the American Embassy in Pakistan.

Fearless, cold and almost empty of human qualities, Maya's character and "ZDT" tread in deep and treacherous waters by producing a work of entertainment, a Hollywood film, out of recent and large scale moral dilemmas, and doing so seemingly without a conscience.

Clocking in at two hours and

forty minutes, some audiences will inevitably find "ZDT" taxing, as it sports neither the slow motion explosives nor the psychological and emotional pulls of Jeremy Renner's performance in "The Hurt Locker."

Instead, it is a specific and carefully crafted political film that occupies much screen time with people yelling in offices with American flags draped on the walls behind them. This isn't a war film, and it doesn't offer much in terms of recognizable faces. It is dry and to-the-point.

While many may view this as the film's weakest aspect, perhaps even its downfall, for me, these qualities contribute

significantly to the film's grit and ultimately, its believability. And as a piece of journalism and cinematic craft, it is top-notch.

While "ZDT" certainly is not my favorite film of the year, it is an ambitious and controversial work that needs to be commended as noble in its aim and effective in its craft.

After all, how easy can it be to make a three hour thriller in which everyone knows the ending?



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Chang Lai: Downtown Chinese reincarnated

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If you have ever walked down State Street in downtown, chances are you've passed a white brick storefront serving Chinese food under a different name each year.

While past incarnations have boasted a lunch buffet (Hainan Orchid) and a fusion of Chinese and Japanese cuisine (Rainbow Chinese), Chang Lai provides straightforward Chinese dining with affordable

lunch specials and massive family style entrees.

Our arrival at the late end of the 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. lunch special window found my culinary companion and I nearly alone amongst the establishment's brown plushy plastic booths and sparsely decorated pale white walls.

After being promptly seated at the sole window booth, our insistently friendly server treated us to free tea and water as well as a sample each of sesame beef.



HAILEY ARNOLD

State Street's new Chinese restaurant boasts delicious grub for a reasonable price.

Somehow, our apparent enjoyment over the crunchy glazed tender morsels meant we must want to order the dish, as our server awkwardly and painstakingly searched two different menus to find a price listing while we sat by waiting to fill our Kung Pao cravings in both chicken and shrimp form.

Ordering this lunch special meant being treated to a dish that cost between six and nine bucks and included the option of either egg flower or hot and sour and soup as well as either white or vegetable fried rice. Our soups arrived soon after ordering and were the perfect antidote to that frigid Salem winter.

My egg flower was thick, warm, hearty and savory, while my companion's hot and sour included bamboo shoots, mushrooms, carrots and tofu in a spicy sour soul-warming amalgamation. Our entrees arrived moments later, literally filling their large oval plates with the most massive pile of meaty mushrooms, large green and red pepper slabs and lightly breaded chicken chunks

(jumbo shrimp morsels in my companion's case) I have ever witnessed. We were also treated to two heaping steaming piles of rice.

While my fried rice was mostly bland, the Kung Pao concoction hit all the right flavor and texture notes, as the sweet spicy glaze nicely accented the plethora of softened mushroom and pepper chunks and tender soft-breaded chicken hunks. Additionally, my companion's shrimp was an explosion of with crispy tender meatiness that left the taste buds reeling with delight.

For the price and especially considering my mountain of leftovers, Chang Lai delivers in all the right ways. While dinner entrees run in to the plus ten-dollar range, their titanic portion size is sure to satisfy, provided you get over there before they change ownership yet again.



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Weeknights at Frankie's: Salem's beer culture

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So, another semester is here at Willamette and the days are already running together into some cumulated, caffeinated mix of class, work and the same local destinations of intoxication. You know when and where to find your friends; you have your activities narrowed down; and chances are, this week will be a lot like

the next 16. Well, this doesn't necessarily have to be the case. For as much shit as we all love to talk about Salem, the truth is, you get out what you put in. Deprecating Salem when the only places off campus you choose to step foot are The Ram and Muchas is simple negligence. Now I'm not saying Salem is some sort of cultural Mecca, or that it attracts the most diverse set of citizens, but subjecting yourself to one more Hot Tuesday or Pint Night without getting to know your surroundings will make for a long four years, to say the least.

This brings me to my point: Branch out. Don't worry. Caps isn't going anywhere and that dusty beer pong table and sweaty basement will, sadly, always be a fixture of a college campus. Just because some chick with a bedazzled iPhone case and yoga pants told you about a paint party, or some letter-clad classmate invited you over doesn't mean that's the written gospel.

Wander over to Andaluz during happy hour and grab a few \$3.50 sangrias while indulging in some people watching. You can forget what you learned in class and still be a functioning member of society by the time night rolls around. You know you were just going to take a nap this afternoon anyway. Sangria not really your thing? Grab some spicy mac and cheese

at Venti's and see what interests you on their ever-changing tap list. Bypass the upstairs cafeteria vibe and head to the basement for good conversation, artisanal local beer and a refreshing change of atmosphere. Because when's the last time you had a meal where you met someone that doesn't go to Willamette?

Without a doubt, Salem's best kept secret is Franklin's. With Nick Lopez running the show, friendly regulars, and a mystic refrigerator full of the best bottles and cans you've never heard of, Franklin's Bottle Shop is always a warm welcome on a cold night. Stick around for a Blazers game, grab the occasional slice of complimentary pizza and quit worrying about last call. Frank's is open till two a.m. on weeknights and there's always something new to try.

I know we're all creatures of habit and Willamette doesn't necessarily encourage us to branch out and explore our less than familiar stomping grounds, but wouldn't it be nice to feel somewhat local before you don that cap and gown? I'll admit, I did the whole 30 racks in the dorm, stealthy trips to the Botans, sweaty house parties that you could swear were just a few blocks away as much as the next kid, but that doesn't mean even the most storied traditions must be laid to rest. Show some semblance of adventure and step out of your comfort zone.

Maybe I'm just a disillusioned senior dreading my thesis, or maybe I've just had one too many warm forties, but whatever the case is, enjoy what Salem may be and remember, any town is only what you make of it.

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A plus to the local beer scene in Salem is the variety of domestics available like Ninkasi brews.

No excuse to not workout with fitness-on-the-go

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The fitness-on-the-go phenomenon is being widely embraced, and institutions such as some U.S. airports are helping to spread the message that there is no reason a man or woman on the move can't fit some exercise into their busy routine. Cognizant of an individual's diverse exercise preferences, there are many different options that can be incorporated into a tight schedule.

For example, the San Francisco International Airport (SFO) opened a yoga room to encourage passengers to use their time between flights productively, rather than sit around with their electronics. Positive reactions and morale about time well spent are certainly abundant at SFO. Similarly, the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) has joined forces with the American Heart Association and incorporated the Start! Walking program as a part of their facility. Beginning at the main terminal, there is an official 1.4-mile walking path for passengers to power through between flights. MSP recognizes the importance of getting one's heart rate up whenever possible. The Start! Walking program is very simple and exciting way of getting people off their rumps and away from their desks; all it requires are mere walking routes that inspire workers to get fit.

Programs like the Start! Walking initiative are showing a societal shift towards fully embracing the importance of fitness and incorporating it into daily life. It's not just travelers and working professionals that should consider this trend, but students as well. Rather than climbing into bed and turning on Netflix any free moment you've got, go for a stroll around campus when you need a breather. Rather than driving to the grocery store, ride a bike or (because this is Willamette and everyone seems to have one) grab a Razor scooter! There is no wrong way to exercise, so long as you get your heart rate going.

Indeed, it seems burdensome to carve out two hours every day to go to the gym — so don't put that kind of pressure on yourself! What the fitness-on-the-go phenomenon is proving is the gym is not the only place you can exercise; a workout can take place anywhere. You have to be creative and open to the possibilities. And, if the physical and mental benefits of being in shape aren't enough to incentivize you to get out there, keep the facts that ensue from this new trend in mind: being lazy is no longer fashionable. Let's be trendy here, fellow Willamette students. Let's be fit, and let's have fun getting that way!

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Recipe of the week: Triple-Chocolate Bundt Cake

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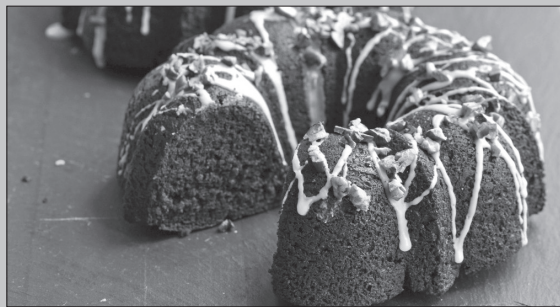
Nothing beats chocolate cake. A good chocolate cake can bring a smile to anyone's face, can turn a bad day into a great night, and is sure to get you at least a little bit turned on (chocolate is a natural aphrodisiac!) In this freezing winter weather, I think Willamette, as a whole, could use a little something to get ourselves feeling hot.

Here's what you'll need:

1 box Devil's Food cake mix, 1 box instant chocolate pudding, 4 eggs, ½ cup vegetable oil, 1 cup water, 1 cup of chocolate chips, and a Bundt pan. (If you're in the dorms, ask your CM. They should have one hiding somewhere).

Mix the eggs, vegetable oil, and water until smooth. Add the Devil's Food cake mix and instant pudding, and mix until everything is consistent and free of lumps. Lastly, mix in the chocolate chips. Pour the batter into the greased pan and bake for exactly one hour. Before you take it out, make sure a fork or toothpick stuck in the center of the cake comes out clean. Remember that with a Bundt, you should let the cake cool for a few minutes before you carefully remove it from the pan onto a plate. Enjoy!

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Fancy and sweet toppings aren't necessary, but you can get creative with some additional tastes.



A "Lifestyles" change



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If you're a loyal reader (your checks are coming), then you'll notice that the Bearcat Bullet no longer resides in its usual resting spot in the Opinions section. As an always-observant Willamette student, you have probably gathered that you're reading this in a section called "Lifestyles." What is this debauchery? Well, there's been a bit of a shift here at the ol' Collegian, and my fellow editors and I couldn't be happier. That's right, fellow editors.

See kids, writing questionable humor can get you places. Joking aside (which is unusual for this column), I'm quite pleased to have this new position of opportunity for connecting with the campus. I will take it in stark contrast to my usual columns, seriously. For now, consider this column my editorial of welcome and orientation to the brand new "Lifestyles" section.

What should you expect? From this first issue, you may notice a humorous mix of journalism on being fit, beer culture, and a cake recipe. This isn't simply a stent of irony; rather it's a more realistic look at our lives, both on campus and beyond the Willamette Bubble. There is no one True Lifestyle; therefore there is no reason to take a narrow-minded approach to covering just one lifestyle.

Willamette is wonderfully diverse in its culture and activities, and it's time to celebrate that. What you should expect (and hold me to it, loyal readers) is a fresh section that covers trends amongst our college populace. You should expect to read about things that you associate with and things that you do associate with. You'll be better off to learn about the lifestyles of others, even if you would rather work out than drink beer and eat cake, though I have yet to personally understand that particular example.

The goal for this section is to be unique and informative. This section is not a substitute for Reviews, or for Opinions. I encourage you to continue reading those sections for their merit, of which there are ample amounts. As they serve their purposes with their own goals, this fledgling section of our collective work will bring you news with journalistic integrity and a mission of breaking down misperceptions while having fun.

That said, I have a favor to ask of you. I'd like you to help me with this task of running the Lifestyles section. Firstly, you can always write. I especially want this section to be diverse, and that includes writers. If you have an idea that won't get me thrown in some dungeon or worse, fired, then send it my way via respective email.

Your work can come in many forms that will be more self-evident as I solidify the layout and workings of this section. If you have a dank recipe, send it my way. If you're cooler than me (likely) and know about a hip new trend, shoot me a request or suggestion. If you want to inform the Willamette community about a lifestyle that you identify with then it would be my genuine pleasure to assist you in that task. If you're not convinced by the sentiments, there's always the incentive of making some beer uh, food money.

Next week I'll be back to my usual comedy laced shenanigans. If there's one lifestyle that I can actually make fun of, certainly it's my own. For everything else, I'm looking to you, fellow Bearcats. Let's make this section awesome. Not too much to ask, right?

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The year in review

Curiosity (August 6)

The Mars science laboratory missions' rover, Curiosity, successfully landed on Mars.

Sandy Hook Shooting (Dec. 14)

On the morning of Dec. 14, 20-year-old Adam Lanza killed his mother and walked into Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut and fatally shot 26 people, 20 of whom were children between the ages of six and seven.

US Elections (Nov. 6)

Incumbent Democratic president Barack Obama won a landslide victory over Republican challenger Mitt Romney in an election that featured the nation's most diverse electorate. For the first time in US history, Latinos made up 10 percent of the electorate and voted overwhelmingly in favor of Obama.

Many media outlets began calling 2012 the year of the woman after learning that 20 Senate seats were to be held by women in the upcoming session.

Additionally, voters in Maine, Maryland and Washington approved same-sex marriage and their counterparts in Minnesota rejected a constitutional ban on the institution. Washington also joined Colorado as the first states to legalize recreational use of marijuana.

Hurricane Sandy (Oct. 24-30)

In October, Hurricane Sandy hit the mid-atlantic coast, particularly damaging areas in New York and New Jersey. Many of the areas affected were evacuated before the storm hit but at least 209 people were killed. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie criticized the US House of Representatives for refusing to vote on a relief package before the 2012 session ended because past Congresses had sent aid promptly after similar disasters.

Trayvon Martin Shooting (Feb. 26)

Neighborhood watch coordinator George Zimmerman fatally shot 17-year-old Trayvon Martin in a Sanford, Fla. gated community. The incident sparked outrage because Martin was unarmed, leading many to believe Zimmerman became violent because of anti-African American sentiments.

Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee

February 6 marked the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne of England. She is the second-longest reigning monarch, after Queen Victoria. The Commonwealth celebrated the momentous occasion with a week-long, multinational celebration.

Greek Government Debt Crisis (May-June)

Faced with an inability to form a governing coalition and a looming debt default, the country was forced to hold a second election in mid-June. The resulting governing coalition requested additional bailout money to stave off default until 2015.

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Courtesy of fema.gov

Local residents survey the damage caused by Hurricane Sandy in October.



Courtesy of nasa.gov

NASA launched Curiosity on August 6.

WEB TRENDS

Pushback against SOPA, PIPA, CISPA and other attempts by the government to stop online piracy.

The popular video-streaming website Megaupload was shutdown to the online television watchers everywhere.

Facebook started selling stock with an initial public offering on May 18.

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Concordia Sinking (Jan. 13)
Costa Concordia, an Italian cruise ship, hit an iceberg after 9 p.m. Jan. 13 and capsized. Although most of the over 4,000 passengers and crew members survived the crash, 30 were dead and two remain missing and presumed dead. The ship's captain and crew came under international scrutiny for not following proper evacuation procedure and leaving 300 people on board.

North Korean Satellite Explosion (Dec. 12)
On Dec. 12, North Korea launched its first satellite into space only to have it explode within a few hours.

Egyptian Presidential Election (June)
Muslim Brotherhood candidate Mohammed Morsi won Egypt's first Presidential election since the Arab Spring revolution of 2011 with nearly 52 percent of the vote. He is the fifth president of the African nation and the first non-incumbent elected since Hosni Mubarak won his first term in 1981.

Anti-US Terrorist Attacks (Sept. 11-27)
September featured a series of terrorist attacks directed against US diplomatic missions worldwide, starting with a fatal attack on the nation's embassy in Libya.



Courtesy of whitehouse.gov
Olympic gymnast McKayla Maroney poses with President Barack Obama, recreating her "not impressed" photo, which went viral during the 2012 games.



Courtesy of telegraph.co.uk
Queen Elizabeth II waves to supporters during her diamond jubilee celebration.

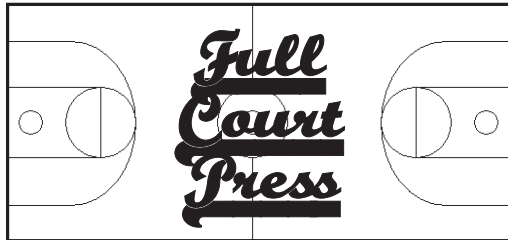
Use of the photo-sharing website Pinterest skyrocketed, increasing by 145 percent.

Memes - a favorite procrastination tool of college students everywhere in 2012.

The video for Korean pop star PSY's "Gangnam Style" became the first video to get over one billion views on the internet and sparked many parodies.

Gifs - more interesting than memes but just as distracting. Popular sites included howdoiputthisgently.tumblr.com and reddit.

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COLUMNIST

So apparently as I was driving to the airport, all hell broke loose in the ATL. Regardless of a fourth quarter that deserves its own HBO series, the Seahawks should be proud of a turnaround season with one of the league's brightest prospects behind the wheel and possibly the most terrifying running back this side of Adrian Peterson. This brings me to something I've needed to get off my chest for a while now: QUIT IT SEATTLE.

You have a thriving, beautiful metropolitan city nestled in the upper corner of the nation, surrounded by nature, corporate juggernauts, and those strangely polite ice dwellers known as Canadians. The one thing that kept you below the radar was a lackluster football organization and a broken-hearted basketball community still having wet dreams about Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp.

But no. Now you plan on pulling the plug on the xanex-worthy Kings and dusting off Key Arena for a new chapter in Pacific North West sports. Sure, DeMarcus Cousins is an overgrown child, suffering from a God-complex and Tyreke Evans is still nostalgically watching super-8 footage of his rookie season, but a team is a team and soon enough that lone championship banner will be flying high in the rafters yet again.

If that isn't enough, the Seahawks fan base is reinvigorated and the future is brighter than ever for Carroll's squad. Yeah, The Mariners are struggling and King Felix is still their one saving grace, but with enough Bud Light Lime, any team is watchable. Also, I'm pretty sure Macklemore lives in a tent behind the bleachers and emerges occasionally to ironically buy a bolo tie and sell out national tours.

And if all that wasn't enough now you went ahead and legalized dope! Now Pike Place will have to invest in more doughnut stands, Starbucks will start serving chaluapas, and every Sounders ticket will printed on a blunt wrap.

Can you see why I'm a little peeved at our neighbors up north? Sure, I'm a broken-hearted Kings fan still nursing my wounds, wondering why California dispensaries are closing at a rate only rivaled by our public schools. And sure, I've got plenty to be proud of what with another ring for my Giants and Kapernick channeling Marino this season, but I still have to voice my jealousy for what I see as a reenergized city ready to embrace a new era of basketball pride.

I am a Californian at heart and like to think my alliances are based in pride, and free from any spite, but I would be lying to myself as well as to whomever reads this column to say I won't miss my depressing basketball team and aptly-named Sleep Train Arena.

But Seattle has felt my pain and knows what it's like to have a franchise rob a loyal fan base. So as you Seattleites hot box Safeco field, buy up all the Russell Wilson jerseys Nike can pump out of Cambodia and welcome back your Sonics, remember this lone Kings fan and light a candle for a city now sadly lacking professional sports.

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Bearcats race past College of Idaho

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With the score going back and forth throughout the meet, the Willamette Women's Swimming Team needed a first place finish in the 200-yard freestyle relay to win their home contest versus visiting College of Idaho on January 5th. In a time of 1:47.25, only a third of a second better than their competitor, the Bearcat women won the race and secured their first dual meet victory of the season with a score of 121-111.

"We all knew it was going to be a close race. In the end it came down to the last relay, which put a lot of pressure on us," sophomore Hope Nelson said.

"But we've been training all season and were able to finish the meet strong." The Bearcat women also won four

individual races. Freshman Annette Marinello swam to first place in a trio of races, winning the 200-yard Individual Medley, the 200-yard freestyle, and the 200-yard breaststroke while fellow freshman Michaela Zuber won the 100 yard backstroke.

We've been training all season and were able to finish strong.

HOPE NELSON
Sophomore

On the men's side, the Bearcats jumped out to an early lead and never looked back, winning their first dual meet of the season. Freshman Alex Guffey continued to build on his impressive season with a win in both the 100-yard and the 500-yard freestyle.

Sophomore Sean Piper added in a victory 100-yard backstroke while junior Chris Whitehead swam to first in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Freshmen Andrew Lum and Kulananalu Tarnas each also won an individual race with victories in the 200-yard butterfly and 50-yard freestyle respectively. The Bearcat men ended the meet on top by a score of 97-52.

The meet was a nice follow up to a winter-break training session in San Diego, California. As per their annual tradition, the Bearcats spent part of their break working hard in a saltwater pool and catching a few sunrises on the California beaches.

During their stay in California, the Bearcats also squared off against Soka University (Calif.) and Lake Forest College (Ill.) in the Soka Triangular in Aliso Viejo, Calif. As a team, the Bearcats won five events at the meet.

Guffey won two events, swimming past his competitors in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly. Piper continued his dominance in the backstroke, winning the 100-yard event.

For the women, freshman Malia Santos triumphed in the 100-yard backstroke and sophomore Summer Elias took first place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

With the strong performance in California and the victory at home versus the College of the Idaho, both the Willamette men and women move to 1-4 overall.

The Bearcats will return to the pool in a road meet against NWC foe Pacific University on Jan. 18th.

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Freshman Michaela Zuber won the 100 yard backstroke in a meet against the College of Idaho.

Courtesy of Kayla Kosaki

Women's Basketball falls to tough opponents

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Over winter break, the Women's Basketball team fought for the first win of the season against 4 conference opponents, as well as NAIA member William Jessup Univ.

William Jessup traveled to Salem on Dec. 28 to face Willamette. The Bearcats shot 43.3% from the field compared to their 38.3%, but turnovers and missed opportunities on the offensive end prevented the Bearcats from coming out on top.

After a hard fought first half, Willamette led 31-23. With 13:14 left in the second period, William Jessup began to come back from a 45-34 deficit to eventually defeat Willamette 75-70. On Jan. 5 the Bearcats played Puget Sound, during which senior guard Sophie Wilson went 5 for 8 from the 3-point line to lead the Bearcats with 15 points.

As Willamette got used to UPS's ball pressure, Wilson found herself free for perimeter shots. "I was mostly able to get open looks through my teammates reversing the ball after the defense had shifted," Wilson said.

UPS was off to an early lead that continued to widen throughout the game. After being down 37-27 at the end of the first half, the Loggers took hold of a demanding lead, outscoring Willamette in the second. The game ended 74-45 in favor of Puget Sound.

The next day Willamette faced last year's national title runner-up, nationally ranked #24 George Fox University. Willamette started the game by forcing George Fox turnovers within the first 5 minutes that gave Willamette a 15-5 lead with 12:41 left in the first half. George Fox responded however, leading 32-31 at the break.

With only 8:34 to be played, George Fox battled to build a 56-38 lead, eventually winning 68-55.

Junior captain Alexa Beeson said, "We have improved at playing through mistakes and these games were examples of that."

The following Friday, Willamette took on another nationally ranked opponent, #10 Lewis & Clark. Eleven first half turnovers plagued the Bearcats early as they ended the first half down 39-22.

In the second half, Willamette continued to struggle, coming only as close as 20 points throughout the rest of the

game. Junior forward Mackenzie Lamson led Willamette with 17 points, shooting 7-13 from the field.

Saturday, Willamette took on Pacific Lutheran University in one of their strongest efforts of the young season. WU entered halftime with a 26-18 lead, forcing PLU into 12 first half turnovers.

The Lutes responded in the second half, as they came out to score the first 9 points, regaining the lead, 27-26 over the Bearcats. The rest of the second half remained close as Willamette fought to take the lead. However, PLU held the Bearcats off 54-50.

"We've put in a new system on offense and defense and sometimes all that foundational work takes a while to build," said Head Coach Peg Swadener. "For the most part we've been getting better game after game. It's not about the wins and losses, it's about the process."

Next weekend the Bearcats travel to Spokane and Walla Walla to compete with conference opponents Whitworth and Whitman.

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"I ball 'til I'm y'all/and with my last few breaths/I will crawl to the
mall/You starvin' fam/I go Darwin Ham"
Heems, "Cowabunga Gnarly"

No break for Bearcats: Team wins four games over break

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The Bearcats shot a mere 35% from the floor in the first half and connected on only two of twelve three-point attempts. The offensive lapse led to a nine-point deficit at the half and UPS dominated the second half, leading by as much as 17 before settling in for the 75-62 victory.

Willamette had an opportunity to bounce back the following night with a home game against George Fox University and did just that. Using a balanced scoring attack, the Bearcats grabbed a 23-12 lead midway through the first half.

They stretched the lead to 16 before entering the locker room with a 12-point advantage. WU came out firing to start the second half.

Having increased the lead in the opening minutes, senior wing Oliver Hughes nailed a three, making it 57-35 with 13:48 remaining. Facing their largest deficit of the night, the Bruins cut the deficit to 11 with a 9-0 run.

But after seeing their lead shrink to four with three minutes remaining, the Bearcats finished the game on a 16-9 run, solidifying the 85-74 victory. For Willamette, who improved to 2-1 in conference play, Malley scored 20 points while Dart, after spending a summer rehabbing an injured knee, recorded yet another double double.

"I feel very fortunate to be healthy and able to help the team this year," Dart said. "I worked very hard in the weight room this offseason to strengthen my legs and prepare them for the wear and tear of a full basketball season".

Willamette hosted Lewis & Clark on Friday, January 11. Once again, Willamette jumped ahead early registering a 10-point lead in eight minutes after a successful four point play by Malley. The Pioneers answered, slowly closing the deficit before tying the game with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. The Bearcats responded, utilizing five consecutive points from freshman post Brandon Luedtke to finish the half on a 7-2 run.

The teams would go back and forth for most of the second half. After a long three pointer by Bos once again tied the game at 60, L&C endured a 15-6 run to capture the lead. The Bearcats could get



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Senior Wing Elliot Babcock-Krenk scored 21 points in a road victory at PLU last weekend.

no closer than four as they eventually suffered the 89-78 defeat.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats were pleasantly surprised with production off the bench as Luedtke recorded career highs in minutes played (17) points (11) and rebounds (8).

"My mindset was to just play hard and help the team anyway I could", Luedtke said.

The Bearcats looked to avenge their loss the very next night as they hit the road to face Pacific Lutheran University. It didn't start out well as WU trailed by ten with seven minutes remaining in the first. Willamette battled back, scoring nine of the next twelve points before a transition dunk by sophomore post Kyle McNally cut the halftime deficit to one at 37-36.

Both teams went back and forth early in the second period before WU slowly separated themselves over the next five minutes of play. Holding a 14-point lead, Willamette once again let their opponent back into the game.

In a span of six minutes, PLU rallied for 18 points and tied the game at 68 with 3:17 remaining. But a three-point play by Malley and two free throws by Babcock-Krenk completed a 5-0 run,

giving the Bearcats a comfortable lead.

The Lutes made one final effort cutting WU's lead to one at 75-74, but a desperation three rimmed out, giving Willamette its third conference victory.

"Winning that game was huge for us. Any road victory is big in this league, specifically against a good team like PLU", Dart said.

Despite the win, Malley felt that the team still needed to find a way to maintain its consistency:

"Sometimes it's a matter of putting two halves together. We have to learn how to win the first ten minutes of each half. Once we do that we can create some consistency in the win category".

Babcock-Krenk, who led all scorers with 21 points on an efficient 6-13 shooting, agreed; "The biggest thing for us right now is just trying to maintain our focus for an entire 40 minutes", he said.

"More than anything winning is an attitude and that's something we are starting to figure out."

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On coachability and listening



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My favorite thing about sport is the potential for constant improvement. Everyone gives me advice. If you listen, you can improve. Bend your knees. Align your elbow. Keep your pivot foot down. Give advice, but don't shout it. Your teammates will tune it out. My coach, with astonishing regularity, tells me to get out of the way. I always do. I always rebound. A rebound is a second chance. A rebound is learning.

My favorite thing about sport is the potentiality for learning. I have a friend who speaks so soft that I thought his name was "ermphmmph" for the first week I knew him. He studies "phmphh" and transferred from "hmmph." I got dinner with him, his girlfriend, my other friend, and his girlfriend last weekend at the RAM.

I am trying to listen, but what is appetizing or inviting about the RAM? It sounds bulky. Their burgers are typically delicious. I brought my mom as my date. I fell, very hard on my elbow during the game. My tendon was showing, and I tried to pull it out. It was white. It looked like a tag on a new Christmas shirt.

"Sean! Don't touch that!" my friend told me, sweat beading down my face, 8 minutes left on the clock. He's a point guard. He gets a 4.0 GPA. He will be very successful. I am surrounded by examples. Yes, coach. Yes, friend. Yes, teammate. I am obsessed with being helped. I want to get better. The trainer taped it up. He says he likes my articles, but often has no idea what I am talking about. I am listening to his criticism. I am listening to him when he says "ice it, and if it starts to smell like fish, go to the doctor. Then write an article about it."

After the game, my mom fell face first on the concrete, missing a step, carrying her tiny dog that farts and sneezes with remarkable consistency. Her name is Tia. Tia, the shitsu.

My mom protected the shitsu, but fell directly onto her kneecaps. She is 67. My soft-spoken friend unrolled his window and asked if my mom was alright. I stood and laughed, helped my mom up, and told her I appreciated her sympathy pain. She was shaking. "Your dad's insurance won't cover the antibiotics if it's infected, Seaner."

My soft spoken friend says I'm a good listener. This means more to me than making free throws. I missed two with 30 seconds left and almost lost a game for my team. Why can't I be a good listener AND a good free throw shooter?

"Your mind has a lot going on inside of it, kiddo," my mom says. "What kind of chicken sandwich do you usually order?"

"He doesn't speak too quietly, he just commands attention," my friend's girlfriend says. The couple across the table, also my friends, laugh loudly. "See? She knows," my friend says. I am trying to know.

They all look so happy. I think maybe I'll order a salad. "Amber ale chicken sandwich, mom." Huh? She asks. "I hope Tia is okay in the car. It's freezing out there," she says.

"What kind of chicken sandwich do you usually order?" my mom asks me. Your right elbow is injured, trainers and doctors tell me. You'll be more left handed tonight than usual. It smells like vaginitis, the school nurse tells me. I recall an obscene Afro Man song. I do not laugh. A hurt left elbow is actually a good thing, you go right far too often, and in the heat of battle, people forget that you're left handed. You need to utilize that more.

I am trying to know and utilize more. I am not always the best player. I am often the most easily coached. I listen to everything.

"Amber Ale Chicken sandwich, mom!" Don't just nod your head. Don't just hear. Listen.

"Big fella, don't revert to bad habits! You've worked too damn hard!" My assistant coach tells me.

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BASKETBALL

By the numbers:

45 Senior wing Elliot Babcock-Krenk's shooting percentage from the 3pt line this season, 4th in the Northwest Conference

Rebounds per game senior post Sean Dart averages in conference play **11.0**

3.3 Assists per game from junior point guard Trevor Bos, 4th in the Northwest Conference

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The team's record in games decided by 3 points or less

16.3

Points per game senior guard Terelle Malley is averaging in conference play

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Wins by the Bearcats so far this season, 1 more than last year's total.

INJUSTICE ANYWHERE

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Last August in Steubenville, Ohio, a 16-year old girl was gang raped by high school football players. The perpetrators later posted a 12-minute video on Youtube, boasting about their “conquest” and referring to the girl who was raped as the “dead girl.” They have yet to be punished.

Instead of focusing on ending rape culture by making police and perpetrators more accountable EVERYWHERE, there’s been a huge focus on outdated practices against women in India.

It is unproductive to turn our scrutiny elsewhere, as it detracts from the very real work to be done right here. It is tempting for us to believe that violence against women is “so much worse” in other countries, but this condescending naïveté is harmful to all women, both domestically and internationally – first by diminishing the voices of sexual assault survivors in the US, and second, by demonizing former colonial subjects (a favorite dehumanizing tool of the colonizer).

Padma Lakshmi was featured on CNN recently and she confirmed the words of a white female reporter when she said there wasn’t even a word for rape in Hindi. Lakshmi said that the closest word that came to the literal meaning of rape was a word that meant “having your honor taken away from you.”

Firstly, this attempt to portray the entire Hindi language and a part of the population of India that speaks Hindi as misogynistic and inherently discriminating is completely untrue. The Hindi word for rape is “*balatkar*.” Secondly, besides being a completely untrue statement, it completely misses the core issue.

The issue is that of securing women’s safety everywhere in the world; it isn’t to generalize an entire country and culture as misogynistic rapists.

Another way CNN emphasizes their bias in the portrayal of this rape case is by talking so much about the bias against women in India. They reference female infanticide and how abuse is an accepted practice in Indian arranged marriages. Female infanticide is an outdated practice that is illegal in India, but many people still believe that it happens to every woman carrying a baby girl.

India has had many female Prime Ministers, whereas the United States hasn’t even elected its first female President.

In Hinduism, a major religion in India, most of the gods that are prayed to are female. They’re more powerful and more respected than male gods.

However, rape is a prevalent issue EVERYWHERE. The safety of women everywhere will only be secured once rape culture ends.

The way CNN talks about this case coming from India is very telling. Their attempt to talk about rape culture in India only generalizes a country and culture on false assumptions.

If understanding rape culture in India is so important to stopping these violent acts, then why not look for the similarities between supposed third and first world countries so we can end them everywhere? The unwillingness of CNN to highlight horrible rape incidents right here in the United States shows a lack of awareness and commitment to helping end the problem.

The similarities between the United States and countries like India are more than one would think surrounding an issue like this.

In both countries and cultures, victim blaming needs to stop; men need to be taught not to rape while women should be encouraged to be themselves.

When an Indian police officer tells a rape victim that she should just marry her perpetrator, when Californian legislators won’t renew the Violence Against Women Act, when women everywhere are supposed to act/dress/walk/exist a certain way so they won’t get raped...All of these are the actual acts that contribute to rape culture everywhere, not outdated and illegal practices specific to a country we Westerners can’t understand.

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EDITORIAL

We bystanders are implicated in ‘senseless’ violence

Our campus was in the midst of study days when the tragedy in Newton, Conn. bared its bloody teeth to the consciousness of the American community. Just two days before, on Dec. 12, a shooter in the Clackamas Town Center right here in Oregon killed two.

We seem to suffer from a chronic condition of denial in this country, and our symptoms come out every time a tragedy like this occurs. We’re all torn with grief but many call the incidents “senseless” or “random.” Our negligence as a nation is unacceptable.

There are countless factors to be analyzed in mass shootings, some of which might have to be chalked up to a unique kind of sociopathy about which little can be done save for making it as difficult as possible for shooters to carry out their intentions.

But on the ground in any community, there are things we can do to address the culture that may fan the flames of a culture of violence. Even here at Willamette.

We can’t know if any of these incidents could have been avoided by a long-term shift in tone, but when shooter after shooter – at Columbine, Virginia Tech and so on – specifically insists that they felt personally victimized for years and took their “revenge,” we can’t keep turning a blind eye to bullying incidents happening all around us.

Suicide as a result of bullying among young people has skyrocketed in recent years. A Yale University study found that bully-victims are ~9 times more likely to commit suicide than their non-bullied counterparts.

On our campus in the past four years, we’ve been shaken by reports of suicide and suicide attempts among our own peers. We can all be more responsible bystanders when we see bullying or neglect occur.

The Mental Illness Factor

Since Sandy Hook, there has

been an unprecedented amount of buzz about untreated mental illness being the “real” cause of these shootings. Let’s tread lightly.

Untreated mental illness has certainly been a contributing factor in (some) of these most heinous crimes, whose despicable depravity seems almost on the fringes of human capability. But there’s a lot more going on here. To reduce the many, many complicated pulleys in this terrible machine down to mental illness does a few things simultaneously:

Yes. We have much work to do as a nation toward taking mental illness seriously; it’s still incredibly stigmatized and it is imperative for us to wise up to the importance of effective and accessible mental healthcare. The stakes are high. They’ve always been this high.

But positioning mental illness as the highly volatile and singular cause of these acts of violence stigmatizes mental illness too. If we’re not talking about the other factors at work, we open the door for a kind of conversation that says, “Okay, we have to take mental illness seriously BECAUSE anyone with any mental illness is a ticking timebomb.”

That kind of paternalistic fear-mongering isn’t helping anyone. We have to exercise caution when we’re espousing mandatory mental health screening and things of this nature because it’s rapidly deteriorating into a witch-hunt. This is no time for ostracizing paranoia.

People with mental illness deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. We can’t make anyone sew red letters onto their chests; this is a circular, unproductive method of dealing with our nation’s heightened fear.

Media Buzz

In dealing with where exactly to point fingers in the wake of tragedies such as these, the Editorial Board must indict itself as a member of the media. In the mere hours following

tragedies such as Aurora or Newton, the public was made privy to extensive knowledge about the shooters: their backgrounds, tendencies, family members, possible motives, etc. In this way, they become characters of mass notoriety, exactly what many of them wanted in the first place.

There’s a fine line to tow between reporting the facts and creating a high profile for shooters. As journalists, we have a due diligence to cover the stories our audience is asking for, but as Booth, Van Hasselt and Vecchi wrote in the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, “Members of the mass media publicize and inadvertently glorify these events to capture the attention of viewers and readers.”

It’s no secret that such aggrandizement may incentive copycats to commit similar, if not more heinous, crimes. Following Newtown, CNN.com ran a list of the top 10 worst shootings in US history. While this may be a worthwhile list to compile, we must recognize that it can potentially be used as a rankings list for potential shooters to try and one-up their predecessors.

Most of these shooters want their 15 minutes of fame, and the mass media seems more than willing to give it to them. Unless we as members of the media make a drastic change in how these stories are covered, we must also hold ourselves culpable for perpetuating the seemingly endless cycle of horrific violence.

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The Willamette Window: Your antidote to the ‘Willamette Bubble’

In order to combat this school’s prevailing sense of naïveté, we have compiled the following newsbriefs about which you should care.

Afghanistan’s president, Hamid Karzai, said to the press that upon its 2014 withdrawal, the United States Department of Defense will provide the country with a fleet of aerial surveillance drones, as well as 20 helicopters and four C-130 planes. The Pentagon has not yet confirmed or denied this statement.

Cholera in Cuba: There are 51 confirmed cases of cholera in Cuba, the first time in 100 years that cholera has been documented in the country. The Ministry of Health has attributed the outbreak to a single food vendor who failed to meet basic sanitation qualifications for his operation.

New planes grounded: After much public debate about electrical systems on their new 787s, Boeing is now dealing with 787 fleets being grounded in Japan after an emergency landing by one of the planes. It was reported that a battery alarm went off on the plane accompanied by a burning smell in the cabin. Boeing has acknowledged the problematic incident and, as well as the FAA, has started investigating the emergency landing and electrical systems on board.

Internet Icon Dead: Aaron Swartz, who co-founded the popular informational site, Reddit, committed himself at the age of 26 years. As a cult hero, Swartz advocated for free web content. His death is attributed to ongoing prosecutorial pressure from the Federal government. The case was in response to Swartz stealing millions of articles from MIT.

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Political Party Animals



The issue your party cares about in 2013

Is that an assault rifle in your pocket or...?

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Gun control is on the horizon. For some, this is a welcome development that's been years in the making. In light of the recent strings of shootings throughout 2012, regulation of gun sales feels like the most sensible response. Others, however, tremble in anticipation.

The potential of gun control arguably scares them more than the re-election of President Obama. Perhaps for this reason, the current debates over gun control, as sparked by the slew of shootings in 2012, have become more polarized than any other issue.

Spikes in gun sales suggest that people assume a ban is coming, or that the government will soon storm the streets like Red Dawn to take away the peoples' only means of rebelling against it. This isn't like the end of Hostess, where people were suddenly jonesing for Twinkies. No, these people are Alex Jonesing, enough to sign Alex Jones' petition calling for the deportation of Piers Morgan, national security threat. But whether or not 1776 "commences again," so to speak, the ridiculous political ploys now emerging seem reason enough for concern.

Debating the issue can be downright tricky. Many of those opposed to regulation seem so personally offended (and scared) at the possibility of democratic legislation geared toward public safety that they often appear unable to even calmly entertain the idea that something they enjoy might get taken away. Consequently, team pro-gun makes sure it opposes everything as loudly as humanly possible.

Ultimately, there are two reasons why someone might own a gun: for sport, and for defense. When pro-gunners flaunt the Second Amendment, they actually just argue that the rights to gun sport and defense outweigh the threats these rights pose to the public good. However, they forget that laws change when they are found to be wanting.

Americans, for instance, have a right to the freedom of expression, but only insofar as this expression does little to no harm. If I could, I would grab my megaphone, get naked, and run around Salem screaming Enya's greatest hits until three in the morning, but I can't do that because that would do some harm. Maybe a lot of harm. Who's to say really? But still, that's a price I must pay for being an American.

Anyone who has fired a gun knows how satisfying it can be. Nothing says powerful like squeezing something cold, hard and long until it shoots loudly and destructively at whatever's in front of it. But how much are we willing to put at stake for this enjoyment? And I'm sure having that pistol under your pillow sure feels comfortable if you're worried about burglars snooping around your property late at night, but how many times has someone shot a family member by accident, or had their weapon turned back on them because they didn't have the proper training to handle a professional criminal? Moreover, does the fact that these people don't trust the police give them the right to absorb police responsibilities?

Here the utilitarian might chime in with an objection, and argue that *people* kill people, not guns. But the question of gun control is not so cut and dry, and it's not just about utility. Indeed, gun control is a moral issue that deserves a moral stance. Denying the legitimacy of assault weapons would obviously not stop ambitious psychopaths bent on societal destruction (although it might help). Rather, it would prevent the government from endorsing their murderous weapon preferences.

Only extreme optimists think an assault weapons ban likely. The Obama administration will probably limit itself to something more measured, like closing off the loophole that allows individuals to buy weapons without background checks at gun-shows. Either way, we cannot as a nation ignore the gun problem, no matter what we think its origins might be. We must take action to regulate weapons, and we must do it before another Sandy Hook can happen.

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Out of the frying pan, into the fire

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At 2 a.m. on the first day of 2013, the House of Representatives passed the American Taxpayer Relief Act Bill and seemingly avoided another recession.

The bill included many increases in taxes, such as those for capital gains, individuals earning more than \$400,000 and payroll taxes. Yes, the bill did avoid a recession, but it did not take us away from the ledge. If anything, it brought us closer to another standoff—show-down, whatever you may call it—ahead of us.

The reason? This bill was unable to address the most important question that this country faces to date: our debt.

As of today, our debt is approximately at \$16.370 trillion with about \$5.30 trillion of it belonging to foreign investors. (Most notable of these foreign investors is China, who owns \$1.1 trillion..) This bill, which should have been focused on decreasing our debt and respectively mitigating our greatest risk, is instead expected to add about \$4 trillion over the decade.

With this knowledge, it is impossible to look at this bill as a success. It can't be. We didn't address the biggest problem, and we are continuing to avoid and duck the solution most needed.

As a country, it's time to reform our spending policies and make necessary cuts to address not only our great national security threat, but also roadblocks to economic success. From a conservative standpoint, this bill had policies that were not 'totally' against our standards and beliefs.

However, the key victory from this process was that the Republicans in Congress were able to compromise and address tax reforms, therefore flipping the attention and pressure to the Democrats.

It is now time for the Democrats, who have long complained about the Republicans' unwillingness to compromise, to put their money where their mouths are and accept the spending cuts.

We cannot have a country and economy that borrows 43 percent of its GDP in order to function. It is unsustainable; to neglect spending cuts as a reasonable and realistic solution is completely negligent of their responsibilities.

Republicans in Congress have the upper hand, but that doesn't mean making cuts is going to be easy. Republicans and Democrats alike have voiced their unwavering stances, and it will likely result in another battle.

In a recent address, President Obama vowed, "I will not have another debate with this Congress over whether or not they should pay the bills they've racked up through laws that they passed."

This defiance should come as no surprise, as he will undoubtedly go down as the greatest spender in the history of the United States, adding an average of \$1 trillion onto our debt per year.

To finally obtain spending cuts, Republican leaders such as Senator McConnell and John Boehner will be required to perform strong unwavering acts of leadership to remind the Democrats and American people that it was the Right wing that compromised.

It is not only the other side's part, but also their duty to accept spending cuts so that we may finally address and fix our debt issue.

What can we draw from this fiscal cliff bill? One, the Republicans were successful in turning the tide and opening the door to spending cuts.

And two, there is nothing really substantive to draw from this bill. It was merely an introduction to the real debate, which will approximately be held in a month in a half.

Until then, all we can do is speculate on what will happen, and whether the Democrats will do their share and finally reform our broken spending policies.

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Guns don't kill people; video games kill people

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Last week, Vice President Biden met with leaders of various industries in order to discuss methods for preventing violent mass shooting incidents. Among those invited were representatives from the NRA, as well as the video game industry.

The NRA later expressed disappointment about the meeting, claiming that the Vice President had come in with an agenda. And I can definitely understand the NRA's frustration.

Biden was supposed to have an agenda, but he's taking aim at the wrong group. His task force seems single-mindedly bent on developing new laws to undermine the second amendment and restrict gun ownership.

The NRA made it clear that they came into that meeting prepared to talk about absolutely any and all possible ideas other than gun control. Anything! All Biden had to do was not mention gun control, and it would have been an entirely productive meeting. Not only that, but the NRA clearly explained that the real threat is the video game industry. And yet for some reason, Biden chose to attack this nation's innocent gun population.

The NRA understands that people are not killed by guns – people are killed by deranged, isolated, volatile individuals who happen to coincidentally own AR-15s. But the guns are not the problem; these people could have been armed with any number of other weapons that are far less lethal but somehow equally effective when used in a hypothetical context.

Violent video games are ultimately responsible for our current predicament.

They have the power to simultaneously turn our children into overweight, unambitious slackers with ADD and also cunning, methodical killers with a death wish.

On their own, guns are peaceful tools, intended solely for use on wild animals, evildoers, and people who looked like evildoers at the time. It's only when someone has been conditioned by hours of digital bloodshed that they decide to use guns on innocent people.

These murder simulators have been exerting their evil influence on our children ever since they first hit the market, and they are the source of all of our modern problems.

Sure, we had violence and shootings before the 1980s. But that must have been fueled by something else (probably those awful comic books the kids were reading). Overall, the world was a happy place before Pac-Man came along and devoured the soul of this tranquil nation.

Most Americans understand this basic concept. That's why in the weeks since the most recent mass shooting, multiple cities have initiated video game "amnesty" programs aimed at reclaiming and destroying violent games.

Meanwhile, gun sales throughout the country have skyrocketed. The NRA is right; let's put to rest this silly idea that guns and violence might somehow be related.

The games are the problem, because they trivialize violence. Kids should not be sitting around indoors playing with virtual guns. They should be outside, playing with toys that don't have an inherent connection to actual weapons. Like Nerf guns. Or airsoft guns. Or better yet, real guns. That way they would learn how to use them responsibly and avoid becoming desensitized to violence.

What we really need is some sort of common sense content control system for video games. Perhaps some sort of rating system in which excessively violent games cannot be sold to children, and truly obscene material is banned from store shelves.

Come to think of it, games should be licensed to a specific user so they cannot be sold or gifted to others under the table. It would be a balanced system that would respect the rights of game owners while also avoiding the worst of the violence. If only such a system existed, then we would be free to buy all the guns we want.

Fortunately for all of us, even though the Vice President is clearly a Nintendo crony, the NRA has the upper hand in the impending congressional battle.

The majority of congress members are gun supporters who have A ratings from the NRA. At the same time, a lot of them are old enough to still be impressed by VHS technology, so hopefully the gaming industry is not going to get off the hook this time. And as soon as the video games are gone, we can go back to being the peaceful, heavily-armed nation that we used to be.

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 14

Willamette University honors Dr. King
10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Putnam University Center

Willamette University honors Dr. King
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 5–7 p.m.
Goudy Dining Commons

Willamette University Pledge
1–5 p.m.
Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center, Roger’s Music Gallery

MLK Food Drive: Spotlight on Hunger in Salem (through Monday, Jan. 21)
All day
On Campus

Monday, January 21

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday Events
12:15–1:15 p.m.
All day

Registration required.

Luncheon
12:15–1:15 p.m.
Putnam University Center, Cat Cavern

*For questions and sign up, email Kris Katkus at kkatkus@willamette.edu.
Registration required.*

Into the Streets: Community Service Day
1:15–5 p.m.
Cone Field House, Sparks Athletic Center

Wednesday, January 16

“Harvest of Empire”
7:30 p.m.
Ford Theater

*For questions and sign up, email Kris Katkus at kkatkus@willamette.edu.
Co-sponsored by WU’s Office of Community Outreach Programs
Registration required.*

Thursday, January 17

University Convocation: “Julian Bond: Reflections on the Civil Rights Movement”
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Cone Chapel, Waller Hall

Willamette Academy: Dreaming through poetry
6 p.m.
Ike Box Café, 299 Cottage St. NE

The Unrealized Dreams of those living in poverty
1:15–5 p.m.
Cone Field House, Sparks Athletic Center

Registration required.

“The Game of Life” led by Cathy Busha
1:30–4 p.m.
Ford Hall, Room 102

Registration required.

“Community 101”
1:30 or 3 p.m.
Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center

Registration required.

Expression of Justice: Open Mic
7–8 p.m.
Bistro, Putnam University Center

Tunnel of Oppression (Preview Event)
9–10 p.m.
Montag Den

Friday, January 18

President’s Book Club: “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” by Rebecca Skloot
4–6 p.m.
Putnam University Center

Registration required.

Julian Bond, Civil Rights Activist
7:30 p.m.
Smith Auditorium

*University Community: First ticket free, additional tickets \$5 each. Putnam University Center beginning Jan. 14. WU ID required.
General Public: \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Also available at 503-581-2004 or SalemMulticultural.org (limited tickets available).*

Tuesday, January 22 – Thursday, January 25

Saturday, January 19

6th Annual MLK Celebration Stride Toward Freedom
5k Run/1 Mile Walk
9 a.m.
Brown Field

Cost: \$15 pre-register, \$20 day of race
Registration available at the Putnam University Information Desk, or online through Active.com. Day of race registration begins at 8 a.m.

Tunnel of Oppression
12–2 p.m., 4–6 p.m., 7–9 p.m.
Montag Den

Contact 503-370-6265 for additional information.

For more information and registration for events, see <http://willamette.edu/dept/oma/mlk/>