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Effective advocacy

 **ARIADNE WOLF**
OPINIONS EDITOR

So my boss at my internship is something of a bigot, and he recently ran something in print that stated his personal, rather racist opinions quite clearly. After he did that, I pointed out to my supervisor as politely as I could that this was perhaps not the best move for the paper. I tried hard to figure out how to explain that presenting “as many angles as possible” on the celebration of Juneteenth was in itself problematic at best, marginalizing and downright abusive at worst. She very politely listened, then proceeded to very politely ignore my concerns in defense of the article. I walked away genuinely confused as to why my perfectly nice, typically reasonable supervisor thought the white guy who wrote the article and the two white men primarily in charge of content at the paper were in a position to be authorities about racism in America.

Fast forward two months, and the organization quoted in the article won’t talk to me or anyone else working for the business I intern with. I delivered that news to my boss, and now he’s out for blood. Whatever personal concerns he felt about being excluded from the safe space this organization was trying to promote seems to have collided with his resentment over being called out for perpetuating racism. The fact that he’s currently behaving in a way perfectly in line with how institutionalized racism conditions white men to treat People of Color seems to have escaped him.

Worse, the fact that his current attempts to “get these people fired” and replaced with people more amenable to his tactics seems to me a heavy-handed replication of history selecting to celebrate those particular Black leaders who preached tolerance and love. I value tolerance and love, don’t get me wrong; yet Professor Drew’s Ethnic Studies course taught me how often bigots equate naming racism, not to mention fighting it, with doing violence.

That’s not an easy lesson for a girl with white privilege who was bred and raised in California. I learned leftist politics around the dinner table from a father who works at UC Berkeley teaching budding liberals to work with social services and non-profits. He recently referred to his cushy job as a professor as “basically slavery.” When I pointed out that this was perhaps not the most salient example, he told me I was mistaken.

Rowing files Title IX lawsuit against University



MIRANDA MARTIN

Willamette women’s rowing team gathers outside the Eugene courthouse prior to the Title IX hearing on September 6.

 **GIANI MARABELLA**
NEWS EDITOR

12 of the former women’s rowers have entered a legal conflict with the University following the discontinuation of the women’s rowing team.

On May 27, Director of Athletics Valerie Cleary announced to the

women’s rowing team that they had been cut. According to her letter to the campus, the changing river conditions and erosion had caused the boathouse to be unsuitable for safe use, leaving no way to sustain a team.

The rowers however were unhappy with the steps the administration took to come to their decision.

“Everything seemed so sudden and the pieces didn’t fit,” junior Elspeth Charno said. “The safety of the boathouse has always been an issue while I’ve been here, but in our talks we always felt assured that the University would be willing and responsible to do something about it.”

According to the rowers, the first sign that something was wrong

came at the end of last season in April when the team was asked to meet with the administration.

“We met and they told us the boathouse wasn’t safe,” said sophomore Kyra Farr.

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Previous WU athletes stay connected with sports



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 **ERIC DEL PRADO**
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For most Willamette athletes, their careers in sports end after their last game as a Bearcat; however, some are lucky enough to work in sports. There are lots of opportunities to work in the sports industry.

Men’s Basketball Coach Kip Ioane received his bachelor’s degree from Willamette in 2001, and then his Master’s of Art in teaching in 2002. This came after a stellar four-year career on the hardwood, where he was a finalist for the NCAA Division III men’s basketball player of the year in 2001. He began his career as an assistant coach at Willamette for eight years before being named the head coach.

Another Willamette graduate coaching the Bearcats is head football coach Glen Fowles. He graduated with a degree in Exercise Science in 1996 after two years as an Offensive lineman. Fowles was an assistant coach for 16 years at Willamette serving as the Offensive Line Coach and Offensive coordinator before was appointed the Head Coach in 2012.



Letter from the Editor-in-Chief



KEETON NANCE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Dear members of the Willamette community,

As editor-in-chief of the *Collegian*, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2016-2017 academic year. Whether you are new to Willamette this fall or you have been here for 20 years, I would like to introduce you to the *Collegian*.

The *Collegian* is a completely student-run newspaper that strives to serve the community through journalism by creating

pathways for discussion, education and transparency on campus. I firmly believe that having an independent news source on campus is vital to the health of the student body, as the voice of your peers reflects the current state of affairs on campus in a clear and unbiased manner. Just as classroom discussion reinforces learning and promotes critical thinking, on-campus discussion, whether it occurs over coffee at the Bistro, in whispers on the second floor of the library or in a newspaper article, facilitates a complete liberal arts education by challenging students to be receptive to diverse opinions. The *Collegian* is a medium for communication, in which ideas are presented, discussed and challenged in an effort to progress the community and our collective knowledge.

The *Collegian* firmly adheres to the merits of ethical journalism. All of our content is original and comes from members of the Willamette community. This is an independent news source and our content is not filtered to adhere to any administra-

tive regulations. The *Collegian* is committed to publishing the stories that matter on campus, and we are open to suggestions and criticism. We strive to cover both sides of a story, and leave it to our readers to converse and interpret our content.

However, I would like to clarify that the *Collegian* reserves the right to prevent the publication of any material that we believe is unethical or carries any malicious intent. This is your space, and I ask that all members of the community treat it with respect.

We intend for the *Collegian* to serve as a space for ongoing conversation throughout the year and I want this newspaper to feel like a safe and respected outlet that is free from prejudice or judgement.

Since the *Collegian* is your space, I encourage you to provide us with suggestions and respectful criticism. We are constantly working to improve our publication, and we will always take the community into consideration as we grow and learn as an organization.

As a means of improving our

publication, we would like to reintroduce a letters to the editor section to allow readers to engage with the community. These letters are intended to address events and issues on campus, or with the *Collegian*, that you feel are relevant and worth publishing. This could include comments, critical or complimentary, on a previous article, an opinion that might have been underrepresented or completely separate events that might not have been covered by our publication.

These letters will help us grow as a publication by creating transparency and open communication between the *Collegian* and the community. As I mentioned before, however, we reserve the right to not publish any letters that are in bad taste or may cause harm to members of the *Collegian* staff or any members of the community.

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please email it to me and we will take it into consideration for publication. Your input is critical to the strength and legitimacy of the

Collegian, and it is critical to the strength and unity of the community.

It is my hope that you will reciprocate these sentiments and view the *Collegian* as an important part of your overall education. Ultimately, I hope that you will feel more connected to the community through our writing, and that you will be encouraged to engage even further upon reading.

This is your newspaper, your space and your voice, and I am grateful for the opportunity to facilitate campus conversation and connection. The *Collegian* would not be here without your support and readership, and it is imperative that you feel informed, represented and engaged.

Thank you for your continued support and interest, and for the chance to serve the Willamette community.

Sincerely,
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Enterprise picks up WU transportation contract

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Unsafe and too expensive to replace, the fleet of white Willamette vans has been retired. Instead, beginning this year, groups ranging from sports teams and Community Service and Learning (CSL) to the Outdoor Program will be renting their vans from Enterprise, an external car rental company.

While this transition is not without its fair share of inconvenience and expense for some on campus organizations, Bryan Schmidt, Director of Campus Recreation, believes that it is the most practical and safe solution to the van problem.

The white vans were old and had to be maintained through University funds. Last spring, the brakes gave out on an Outdoor Program trip, leaving participants stranded. The Enterprise vans, in contrast, are much newer vehicles and have a maintenance guarantee, along with convenient 24 hour road side assistance. They have more safety features, including side airbags, which proved to be potentially lifesaving in an accident involving Stepping Out leaders outside of Salem on August 18. A van full of leaders was driving to the coast for a staff retreat when it was struck by a pickup truck, sending four passengers to the hospital with serious injuries.

The white vans were also much larger than anything that most students have driven (seating 12+ people), making them difficult to drive, especially for Willamette students who may only be driving these vehicles on sporadic occasions. The Enterprise vans, which typically carry seven passengers, drive more like a normal car. The online driving test that students and University employees are required to pass before driving a vehicle would prepare students better for the smaller vehicles.

Nevertheless, the groups that use vans regularly will have to pay more and work through some drawbacks. Outdoor Program leader Grace Graham notes that

it is "a bummer" and "a big hit to our budget."

"Our vans last year were \$50 a day for one 12-16 passenger van, and now we pay \$55 a day for one seven person van, not including gas," Graham said. "So basically, each trip costs us \$110 a day in vehicles rather than \$50. Gas would be about twice as much now also since we have two vans per trip."

Heather Pearson cited the inconvenience of having to pick up vans off-campus, and of finding a driver that is at least 21 years old, in compliance with Enterprise's rules. There is no trailer hitch on the new vans, so the Outdoor Program needs to rent a separate van to tow kayaks or other large gear.

Schmidt did note, however, that the new vans are roomier and more comfortable. Another benefit of the new system is that, if only four seats are needed, a smaller car can be rented instead of a full van. Schmidt acknowledges that, like all new things, the vans will require adjustment, but overall, the new system is the most practical way to keep the Willamette community safe and provide reliable transportation.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

BURGLARY

August 20, 2:16 p.m. (Kane Commons): Campus Safety received a report from a student stating that someone was trying to access their room via their balcony, and was asking to borrow some socks. Officers responded and made sure the balcony doors were locked. The Officers then continued to search the building and found a door propped open. The officers secured the door, but were unable to locate the suspect.

August 20, 5:27 p.m. (Kane Commons): Campus safety received a call from an employee stating that a man matching the description of the suspicious per-

son trying to gain entry to a student room earlier in the afternoon. Officers immediately responded and located the subject in a men's room bathroom stall. Officers made contact and asked the man to come out of the stall but he would not comply. Salem Police were called to assist. The suspect eventually exited the stall but continually ignored Campus Safety Officer's commands. The suspect was informed that he was under arrest for trespassing, at which point he tried to get away from the campus safety officers. The subject broke free and exited out of the building. Salem PD then began to track the suspect with their K-9 unit and was later apprehended by Salem Po-

lice. Campus Safety officers found multiple doors propped open, and a computer that had been tampered with.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

August 26, 2:00 p.m. (Collins Science): Campus Safety received a call from an employee stating that the women's restroom sign on the second floor of the building was missing. The sign appeared to have been ripped of the wall. A work order was submitted to have the sign replaced.

August 30, 1:30 p.m. (Off Campus): Campus safety received a call from an employee at the State of Oregon stating

that some of their windows appeared to be damaged by a pellet gun. It appeared that the pellets may have been shot from atop one of the WU residence halls. The Officer responded and determined the windows did appear to be shot by a pellet gun from somewhere on campus. The Oregon State Police were also contacted to conduct a formal investigation.

August 31, 12:58 a.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety received a call from an employee stating that someone appeared to have hit or punched a wall. The officer responded and filed a report.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

August 26, 2:32 p.m. (On Campus): Campus Safety received a call stating a person visiting campus had fallen on some steps and scraped their knee. Officers responded, and gave the individual and ice pack and some band aids. They also offered to drive them to the hospital or to call the paramedics, but they declined both. The individual told they could call back should they need any further medical attention.

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Landlords keep housing prices high

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Salem rental prices are skyrocketing, forcing many residents into states of temporary or even chronic homelessness. Increasing rental prices over the past year have left some of the city's most vulnerable citizens in jeopardy as intersectionality transforms the forms of oppression they already experience into a major barrier in the way of an affordable living situation. In spite of recent legal gains, tenants are struggling under undue burdens.

With Portland being the epicenter of the state's housing crisis,

many inhabitants are fleeing to Salem in search of accessible housing. The Guardian reported in February that many Portland residents have erected tents and other temporary shelter. With housing prices soaring 15 percent in 2015, many Oregonians have been left with no place to live. African-Americans in Portland have seen a 48 percent increase in homelessness and women a 41 percent increase. Portland Mayor Charlie Hayes instituted new emergency regulations to protect those forced to use these tent cities. Some residents have fled to Salem in search of apartments they can pay for and simply opt to commute

to Portland or Beaverton for work. This has driven the price of housing up for everyone.

Jayne Downing's work with survivors of domestic violence at the Center for Hope and Safety in Salem has demanded she become something of an expert on barriers to housing locally. From her perspective, the housing market in Salem has shifted significantly of late.

"From my perspective, the housing market has shifted significantly in just the last few years. We used to have no problem finding housing for survivors, even if they had barriers (such as poor rental history, criminal charges, etc.). Now, we

have difficulty finding housing for individuals that really have few to no barriers," Downing said.

Further issues include landlord perceptions regarding youthful irresponsibility, as Downing notes. "There is about a one percent vacancy rate in our area and this leads to greater competition, higher prices, and longer waits for housing to become available in certain areas. I can imagine students have additional challenges, in that landlords would be hesitant to rent to students that may move out in less than a year when they can rent to someone for longer periods of time. There are also the fears, whether valid or not, that individuals who are younger will be more likely to have parties and/or not take care of the property."

Some of the difficulty in addressing issues of homelessness lies in the way in which those gathering data skew the statistics. The Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency issued a housing report in 2015 which cited fewer than 2000 Marion County residents as chronically homeless, yet considered only 45 percent of the residents of transitional or emergency housing as fitting this category. Only residents who have been homeless for a continuous year, or at least four times in a three-year span, qualify as homeless within this study. Thus those residents negatively impacted by the recent rise in housing costs were not counted as "homeless" for the purposes of this study.

The scarcity of housing has given landlords the freedom to participate in the market in a manner that would make any capitalist proud. Though minimum wage increased several months ago by 50 cents, this will not be enough to accommodate increasing housing costs. The rental companies have been steadily raising rents, leaving many personal accounts of families forced to exit places they have lived for years or even decades. These people flood agencies such as the Salem Homeless Coalition with need that these organizations simply do not have the capacity or resources to fill. Though most Salem residents have several stories based on first-person accounts of homelessness or

unwarranted evictions, appropriate statistics simply do not exist yet.

Though lawmakers in February made significant steps, these measures are unlikely to alleviate the bulk of the problem. The Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue recommended inclusionary zoning, a regulation that would demand developers include affordable housing in their plans. The House passed a bill that requires landlords to give further prior notice before raising rents on month-to-month leases. Though each of these steps represents major progress, relatively speaking, the bill did not increase tenant protection from no-fault evictions.

This does not change the reality that landlords have developed increasingly strict rental terms, or that they remain willing to terminate leases on month-to-month rentals with little notice. Many Salem residents are finding it easier to seek housing based on personal associations and word of mouth than to place themselves on waitlists that are sometimes years long. Residents seeking affordable housing also face two to three year waitlists.

Other landlords are taking advantage of the housing market to place extensive demands on their tenants, including expensive pet deposits or similar extreme measures. Though landlords cannot legally refuse to rent to a differently abled person with a guide dog, this protection does not extend to people with service dogs for emotional disabilities or PTSD.

To review tenant protections, read the appropriate section in the Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

Salem Weekly listed a variety of resources designed to meet the needs of people either temporarily or chronically homeless. For more information, review the Salem Weekly Homeless Resource Guide 2016.

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Row your boat gently down to court

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"They didn't make any promises about our future, but they had no plans to cut us either. They even asked us what we'd want in a new boathouse," Farr said.

Since the announcement that their team was gone came with so little warning, the team members decided to do some digging before giving up.

"It took hardly any research for us to realize that the school was in no way in compliance with Title IX before and especially after their decision to cut us," said sophomore Annie Jolliff.

An important factor of Title IX is the three prong test, as the rowers found out. There are three options for a University to choose from, and it only needs to satisfy one in order to achieve participation compliance. The first prong is that they must provide athletic participation

opportunities that are substantially proportionate to the undergraduate enrollment.

"As far as the Bearcats go, the undergraduate enrollment is about 60 percent female and 40 percent male, and yet it is the opposite in our sports," Charno said. "That definitely isn't in compliance with prong one."

The second prong states that the school must demonstrate a continual expansion of athletic opportunities for the underrepresented sex. Willamette, however, has not created a new sport for women in over two decades, and that sport was rowing.

"Even internally we were in a state of expansion going forward. Our Head Coach, Alyssa Dewey, more than quadrupled our size since her arrival and we were going to get even bigger," Charno said. "They cut a team that was definitely viable and definitely expanding."

The third prong is that the school

must fully accommodate the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex. In other words, there can't be unmet demand for a sport.

"We have an entire team," said sophomore Laura Polkinghorn. "That's as much demand as you can get."

It was due to these revelations that the team decided to file suit. They hired local legal counsel from lawyer Jennifer Middleton at Johnson, Johnson and Schaller, as well as hiring renowned Title IX Attorney Nancy Hogshead-Makar. A preliminary injunction was filed against the University so as to ensure the rowing equipment could not be disposed of before an agreement was reached.

The team went to court in Eugene, Oregon, for their first preliminary hearing on August 26. While the team members have noted that the process has been expensive and difficult, many of them don't feel as if they were given much of a choice.

"No one involved in rowing had any say in the decision to cut the team, and maybe if they did they could have done the research we could only do after the fact," Jolliff said. "We sent a lot of emails, even a demand letter to reinstate the team and coaches, but it was all ignored. We had to take it to another level to even get noticed."

For some of the rowers, the crew is not only an athletics opportunity, but a safe space as well.

"Rowing has helped me make transitions in life since high school," said junior team captain Carrie Moore. "The team gives me structure and it gives me success."

Some even claim that they may be unwilling to stay at Willamette should the problem not be resolved.

"Our crew has the most wonderful and accepting atmosphere," said Charno. "I could never have been an athlete in any of these other sports, but rowing is the kind of thing you

can not only try but excel at. There isn't anything else like it. Without it, a lot of us would probably have to transfer."

The cause has gathered considerable notice and support from the Willamette community. They have reached out on social media, with Twitter and FaceBook pages dedicated to the issue, and have a website at <http://savewucrew.webs.com>. They also created a GoFundMe that raised nearly 4000 dollars to assist with legal fees.

"The Alumni have been so amazing and supportive of us," said Farr. "All the support we've gotten has really pushed us and made going this far feel worth it."

The team returned to Eugene for their second preliminary hearing on September 6, however a verdict was not reached. They will go to court again on September 7.

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The Space provides opportunity to local musicians



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Various musical acts performed at The Space, a music venue in West Salem, which holds weekly free concerts to accompany good food and drink. See www.spaceconcertclub.com for more info.

Song of the summer

Students share their favorite jams as summer fades away



CONNER WICKLAND

Ibraheem Hafuda
Sophomore
Undeclared
Claremont, California
"Ultralight Beam" by Kanye West, obviously. "TLOP" was the best album of the summer. It's beautiful. The first time my friend listened to "Ultralight Beam," he cried. I've never cried because of a song, but that was the closest I've gotten.



CONNER WICKLAND

Erica Meier
Sophomore
Studio Art and Spanish
Pleasanton, California
It was later on in the summer, but definitely "Desire" by Years and Years. That was the song of the summer for me because I saw them live at Outside Lands. It's more of a nightlife summer vibe, but it's definitely a good summer vibe.



CONNER WICKLAND

Derek Billey
Junior
Politics and Spanish
Seattle, Washington
My song of the summer was "Sir Duke" by Stevie Wonder, mainly because I was trying to get into songwriting this summer and I needed some inspiration. He is an excellent lyricist and he makes you feel good with his harmonies and melodies. He has a way of getting right into your heart and soul quickly. He has serious pipes, so that helps.

We still love you, Frank



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After four long years of anticipation, Frank Ocean released his sophomore album, “Blonde.” The events that led up to the release took his fans on a wild journey. It all began with the release of “Channel Orange” on July 10, 2012. Ocean’s premier album was critically acclaimed. It was nominated for four grammys, including album of the year, and won Best Urban Contemporary Album. Just after “Channel Orange” was released, Ocean shared in an interview with the Guardian that he might not ever want to make another album. However, according to Pitchfork, a year later he spoke of an album inspired by the Beatles and the Beach Boys. It was rumored to be scrapped shortly after, but a few videos of live performances showed that some of

the songs from this project ended up on his latest album. In October of 2013, Ocean revealed on Tumblr that he would release his album that summer. The summer of 2014 came and went with no news from the singer. In 2015, he put a photo on his website, boysdontcry.co, that showed him looking at two versions of magazines with the title “Boys Don’t Cry,” which was presumed to be the name of his new project. The caption includes lyrics from one of his songs, “Nikes.” The photo also stated he was going to release his album in July 2015. That month passed with no release. Many fans stayed up until midnight Hawaiian time on July 31, desperately hoping that he had chosen to release it at that unlikely time. Tides appeared to change on July 2, 2016, when Ocean released another photo. It showed a due date slip with 17 different due dates, some crossed out, and almost all

passed. The last date was July 2016, with the specific day scribbled out. Fans theorized that they could read what the date said, and thought it would come out early in the month. July ended with no sign of the album, leading fans to believe they would have to wait another year. On August 1, Ocean’s website began displaying a live stream. For the next few days the video showed Ocean chopping wood, making boxes, painting them and then suddenly the video stopped. The New York Times reported that the album was going to be released August 5, and seemingly to spite them, nothing was heard. Twelve days later, on August 18, the livestream played again, and Ocean began making a spiral staircase from the boxes he had made earlier. “Endless,” his visual album, was released that night exclusively on iTunes. The movie showed edited clips of the livestream with new music throughout.

Soon after, many sources reported that there was more music to come, with a new title. The album was no longer “Boys Don’t Cry,” and these reports also stated that “Endless” was not the follow up to “Channel Orange.” On August 20, Ocean released a music video titled “Nikes” to his website. Later that day, Frank Ocean’s full length sophomore album was officially released exclusively on iTunes, titled “Blonde.” After four long years of waiting, fans finally had what they had been craving for so long. The pent up anger of summers spent waiting for music that never came, dissipated upon first listen. This is proof that it is better to have loved and lost, than to have never loved at all, because maybe four years later, you will love again.

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They say that pain is temporary, but we still bend over backwards to avoid it. In fact, I have often literally skewed my body into an awkward position in order to avoid scraping my arms on blackberries or to ensure that I don’t step into a hole on a hike. In the same way, humans take drastic measures to avoid the creeping feeling of fear. While this is true, people often contradict this notion by voluntarily submitting to painful and fear-inducing situations. When I got my second nose piercing this summer, I cried more than I expected. I felt silly, but then it really got me thinking about how odd piercings are. I go out of my way to have a safe car and wear my seat-belt and not get stabbed, but then I coughed up 70 dollars for a complete stranger to stick a needle in my nose. I also used to stretch my ears, even when it hurt so badly that my head would throb. I’ve spent quite a bit of money on pain in this manner, and then it got me thinking about how much people like me spend on putting themselves in fearful situations. Fear is, well, scary. It is an unwelcome feeling that is more often than not, beyond our control. It is an overwhelming and often paralyzing feeling, but it is one that is also difficult to fabricate. Many movies flop because it is so difficult to successfully instill fear when an audience knows a situation is fictional. Writers tack on “based on a true story” to add suspense, but even that “fact” brings skeptics. I am scared of walking anywhere alone. I am anxious that a stranger will approach or chase me and I am especially scared this will happen when it is dark out. While all of this is true, I still pay a pretty penny to scream bloody murder in a haunted house, or watch “Stranger Things” while home alone in the dark. It makes no sense at all! I pay to have strangers chase me in the dark even though it is my worst fear in the entire world. What makes these strangers in an attraction different than strangers out on walk home? I am terrified of bridges or rope swings snapping and things just not being constructed sturdily enough. Somehow, I still live for overpriced amusement parks and county fair rides that have rickety coasters and drops of doom. I live for that adrenaline and the flips in my stomach, even though I normally go out of my way to avoid them out in the everyday world. I feel it must be that I willingly allow these things to scare me. People enjoy options and being in control of what happens to them. Not knowing what is around the corner is frightening, but at least in a paid attraction, you are expecting some sort of haunts ahead. In reality, we often have no clue what lies ahead. People ask me what I do want to do with my life when I graduate in May, and it is such a daunting question that I wish I could escape to a house of horrors instead. I get chills and scream sometimes, but somewhere in my brain I recognize that this was my choice and I can call an end to it whenever I wish. It’s a funny world of inexplicable contradictions that we live in.

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The Collegian is hiring

Lifestyles Editor

Helps create the lifestyles section, which focuses on art, the Salem community and culture surrounding Willamette. Applicants need previous journalistic experience and would work 8-12 paid hours a week.

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Creates each issue’s feature content focusing on all topics from Social issues to highlighting Willamette students’ achievements. Applicants need previous journalistic experience and would work 8-12 paid hours a week.

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Responsible for securing advertisements every week, which are a vital source of revenue for the Collegian.

Layout Editor

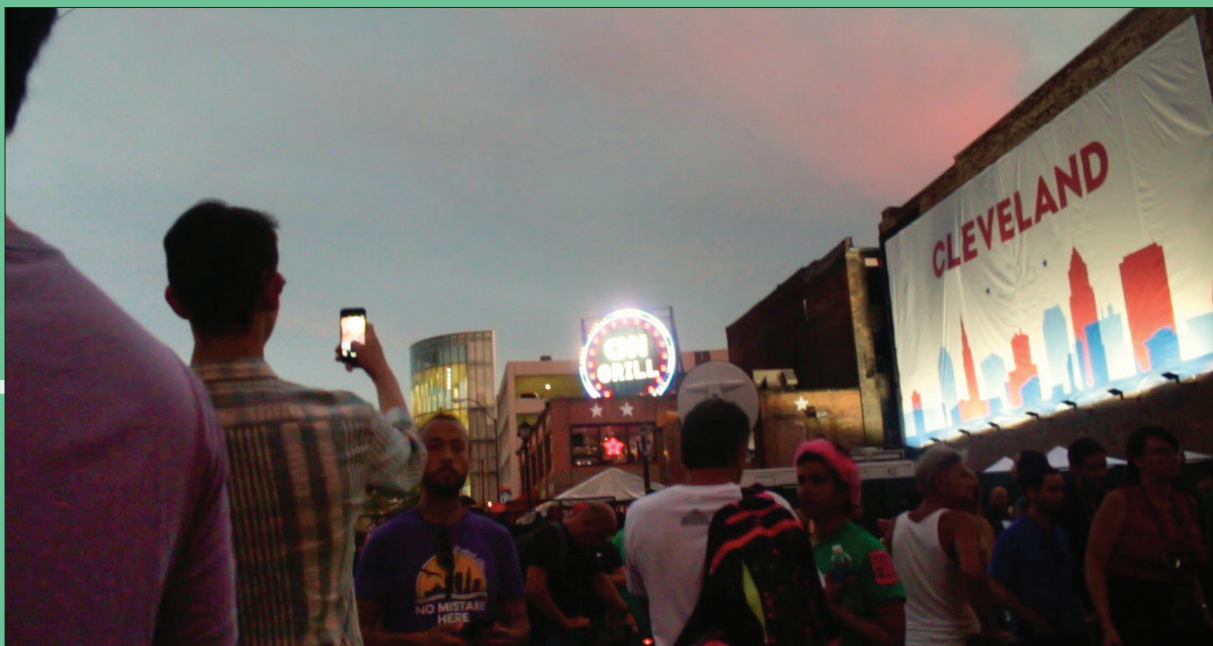
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A nation of echoes

Oliver Muggli



At La Columbe cafe, across from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell, I drank a draft latte and watched as MSNBC set up a news studio under a big white tent. Will remarked that this couldn't be their booth for convention coverage — we were miles away from the Wells Fargo Center. In Cleveland the week before, Twitter, CNN, Bloomberg, The Washington Post and MSNBC all bought out restaurants on Fourth and Huron, just feet outside the Quicken Loans Arena, in what became the central artery of the Republican Convention. On that street, in full view of the cameras, there were protests, arguments, music and parties — delegates mingling with reporters mingling with discontents, and folks that drove from all over to show their support or disdain for the most bizarre presidential candidate of my lifetime. In Cleveland, just blocks from the Republican Convention, there was a cluster of political buzz. So what was MSNBC doing all the way out here?

Integral roads connecting East and West Philadelphia were shut down; sidewalks connecting parking to the convention entrance were blocked. And once we finally arrived, there were no vendors selling DNC gear and no fancy restaurants bought out by the media. With the buffer of two or three empty parking lots, behind a secured fence, we could just make out the top of CNN's convention headquarters. The backdrop of the their coverage of the DNC showed a sterile plaza — an intern from time to time fetching coffee, a delegate hurrying along. Perhaps MSNBC decided that if there wasn't going to be an epicenter of political buzz and culture, like at the RNC, the Liberty Bell was a more photogenic backdrop than the Wells Fargo Center parking lot.

This was very much a private party, and we were not on the guest list — we didn't see the inside of the convention, or the area where many of the delegates gathered, but we saw a side of the convention that didn't make it on TV. Outside the gates of the convention, far away from the cameras, thousands of "Bernie-or-Bust" protesters who were fueled by the release of hacked DNC emails only days before, chanted, "Hell no DNC,

we won't vote for Hillary" or "Jill not Hill." Some even borrowed the RNC's tagline and chanted, "Lock her up."

We were in the third week of a road trip across the country. Will Kingscott, Taylor Jacobs and myself, all seniors, received a Learning by Creating grant through the University to create a short documentary examining political polarization in the United States. We drove through 19 states and interviewed close to 40 people, from Lincoln, Nebraska, to Chicago, from outside the Republican National Convention in Cleveland and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. Taylor took a selfie with Jill Stein, Will argued with a man from Bikers for Trump and I interviewed Vermin Supreme. We spoke to people from all sorts of backgrounds and political beliefs — students and delegates and protesters, doctors and lawyers and a couple of friends on a bus tour through every national park in the country.

The two conventions felt true to form for the two candidates. One was chaotic, messy and loud, with strong tones of racism, misogyny and xenophobia, essentially populist, and crudely real in its unpredictability. No one could accuse the Republicans of over-preparing. The

other was rehearsed and professional, but opaque and weakened by an email scandal. Likely successful, but only barely managing to suppress turmoil and controversy.

On the outside, though, very little of the content of the speeches seemed to matter. Ted Cruz's astounding refusal to endorse Trump and his suggestion that Republicans vote their conscience made no waves in the streets and bars of Cleveland. "lyin' Ted," shrugged most of the folks we talked to the next morning. And when Khizr Khan reached into his jacket pocket and offered Donald Trump his copy of the United States Constitution, in case he ever cared to read it, the "Bernie-or-Bust" protesters were unmoved. "Gun to my head, I'd pick Trump over Hillary," explained a protester whose shirt read "Bernie Run Green."

The ideological bubbles that formed outside the convention walls would not be burst so easily.

Our conversations with folks rarely reached the point of disagreement about policy, strategy or the right way forward. Instead, we were bogged down in reconciling vastly different perspectives of what is or is not happen-



ing in the world today: job growth, the national debt, the numbers on global terrorism, the rates of illegal immigration, days Obama has spent playing golf, the content of the emails in the DNC hack, numbers on police violence against people of color and the number of officers killed in the line of duty. These are empirical data points that we should be able to agree upon and move forward. But without fail, in each of our conversations, there came a point where our interviewee would say, "I don't know the exact statistic, but I think it's something like..." and proceed to spout an absurd number with outlandish implications. And we would have trouble refuting it because, even though we felt in our hearts that what they said wasn't true, we didn't have the right stats on hand either. The best we could manage was our own likely misquoted statistic that we were certain we heard once somewhere.

What became abundantly clear was this: people believe what they want to hear, and seek to hear only what they already believe.

A woman defending her conspiracy theories about the incoming "Obama Police State" said, "these aren't just fringe theories! They're gaining traction on the centrist

stations... like Fox!" The folks who watch Fox News also listen to Rush Limbaugh or Alex Jones, subscribe to the National Review, read blogs from like-minded writers, and read the articles shared by friends who do the same. In that framework, perhaps Fox does come out centrist. On the other hand, I watch Rachel Maddow and Laurence O'Donnell with my mom. I talk about John Oliver with my friends. I open my newsfeed every morning to articles from Huffington Post, Vox, ATTN: and Upworthy, shared links from Being Liberal or Robert Reich. The "newsiest" it gets is NPR and the New York Times, which is professional and quality journalism, to be sure, but journalism that tends to fall left of center. My newsfeed is a reflection of what I like, who I un-follow and the makeup of the people with whom I choose to surround myself. And of-fine, Willamette is often its own bubble. In a quick survey on the first day of History of American Conservatism this year, just one person in my class confessed (anonymously) to holding moderately conservative beliefs.

We certainly observed a number of bubbles across some of the 8,000 miles of road we covered this summer. Each one has its own set of assumed facts and figures, statistics that feel "truth-y," even if you can't quite remem-

ber where you learned them. Discussion flows naturally, because the groundwork has already been laid. When you're surrounded by people who more or less agree with you already, truth-y cuts it. Merging bubbles at both the RNC and DNC, in Lincoln, Nebraska or downtown Chicago, and wading into conversations where those assumed truths were not necessarily shared proved to be a genuinely awkward and challenging experience. We joked that it all felt very postmodern: who gets to decide what is true anyway?

But recognizing our bubbles, and making efforts to push beyond them is important. The white Bernie-or-Bust protester in Philadelphia, saddled with student debt, who thinks a Trump victory in November would send a message to the establishment, hasn't been talking much with the Muslim and refugee advocates in Cleveland who genuinely fear the personal ramifications of a Trump presidency. And likewise, who has been speaking with the black civil rights advocate in Cleveland who proudly votes the party of Lincoln in the face of democratic mayors and city council members who've demonstrably and consistently failed him for decades?

These are challenging and multifaceted conversations with no clear answers. There is nuance and inconsistency and gray area. America today cannot make progress in reconciling the great arguments of our time, because right now we aren't a part of the same conversation. We're in our little bubbles, agreeing with one another on the inside, and growing frustrated that too little has changed "out there."

Our project, which we're calling "Unconventional" is a collection of filmed interviews cut together, designed to take some of the most impassioned and polarized individuals from the hubs of partisanship, and bring them into virtual conversation with one another. This Thursday we will speak at Convocation along with our fellow grant recipients about what we discovered in the process of creating our project.

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WU Hall of Fame inductees to be honored

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On August 3, 2016, Willamette University’s athletic director, Valerie Cleary, announced the lineup of the Willamette Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees. Nineteen individual athletes and one team have now joined the prestigious club.

According to the Willamette Hall of Fame website, “The purpose of the Willamette University Athletic Hall of Fame is to formally recognize outstanding contributions to the heritage and tradition of the Bearcat intercollegiate athletic program. Criteria for selection includes achievements while at the University, plus accomplishments in sports later in life.” These athletes, spanning eight different sports, have solidified their legacies as all-time greats. In addition, each athlete receives a plaque and an excerpt which highlights their athletic achievements.

Among them are: Brazier Small ‘17* for football, baseball and track and field; Harold Dimick ‘20* for football, basketball, baseball and track and field; Paoul Wapato ‘21* for football, basketball and baseball; Gurnee Flesher ‘29* for track and field; Elliot Becken ‘35* for football; Roy Harrington ‘50* for football, basketball and baseball; Jim Robinson ‘61 for football and track and field; Dexter Maust ‘63 football and track and field; Ron Lee ‘67 for football; Ian Fulp ‘69 for wrestling, and football; Bob Lundahl ‘71* for basketball; Dan Stocker ‘73* for track and field; Mike Anderson ‘79 for swimming; Leslie Wickman ‘80 for track and field and basketball; Robbie Wright ‘85 for cross country and track and field; Andrew Hermann ‘93 for track and field; David Snyder ‘95 for basketball; Kelly (Sorenson) Ioane ‘01 for basketball and volleyball; Nick Symmonds ‘06 for track and field and cross country.

The team that was chosen for eternal legacy was the 1982 Men’s Soccer Team, which finished the season with an overall record of 15-4, including an incredible run of 11 consecutive wins. They also set a single-game scoring record when they beat Linfield College 11-0. That season, they also took home the NAIA District II Title. Former Bearcat Jamie Timbrell interviewed a few of the members of that team back in 2012. Jon Schatz (’85) said the team was, “the best soccer team he was ever on as a player.” Additionally, teammate Brian Clearman (’86) said, “the camaraderie was the best he has ever seen.” The men’s team will go down in history as one of the greatest soccer teams that Willamette University has ever had.

Many Bearcats might know about or follow 2016 Willamette Hall of Fame inductee Nick Symmonds. Symmonds, a Biochemistry major, graduated in 2006 and carries seven NCAA Division III track and field titles under his belt. In all four years, he won the 800m title, and his personal record 800m time, 1:45.83, is ranked number one in NCAA history. In 2005 he was awarded the NCAA DII Male Track and Field Athlete of the Year.

After graduating, he added six U.S. National 800m titles, and he reached the semi-finals in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. In the London 2012 games, Symmonds finished fifth in the final, earning a personal best time of 1:42.95 (usatf.org). Symmonds was also selected by Willamette University in 2013 to receive the “Young Alumni Leadership Award.” As of recent, according to Runner’sWorld.com, Symmonds was forced to withdraw from the Olympic Trials due to an injury to his left ankle. His future career in running track remains uncertain.

The Willamette University Inductions Ceremony is set to take place on Thursday, September 22, at 5:30 p.m. in Cat Cavern, located in the Putnam University Center on campus.

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Champions at heart

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Special Olympics Oregon is a sporting event open to Oregonian athletes eight-years-old and up who have some form of diagnosed intellectual disability. Almost 1,900 athletes competed in the Summer Games this year held in Newberg, Oregon, on July 9 and 10. The 2017 games will be held in Corvallis at Oregon State University and other surrounding venues.

Leanne Goolsby Thompson, director of development and marketing for the games, “Special Olympics Oregon was initiated as the means to give young people with disabilities the opportunity to experience sports and physical activity.” said Thompson

The Oregon Special Olympics was founded in 1978, approximately a decade after the Special Olympics as a whole began in Maryland. There is now a Special Olympics in every state of the United States as well as a national event, and there are even international Special Olympics. The Oregon Special Olympics offer summer, fall and winter events.

The organization is careful to divide individuals into appropriate categories of competition. They review medical records and work with local coordinators and coaches to determine which level is right for each athlete.

“We work really hard to make sure our athletes compete against other athletes of a similar skill level.” said Thompson.

The games include individual events such as the softball throw that are easily understood and performed by any athlete who wishes to enter, as well as team events and more complicated sporting events.

The athletes begin in their own county, gaining two months of training before competing to earn the chance to compete at the Oregon-wide games. The entire process serves 13,000 participants, culminating in three days of competition and ceremonies.

“There are over 100,000 individuals in the state of Oregon with an intellectual disability.” said Thompson.

The games’ office in Portland has a staff of only 25; every other non-athlete participant in the games is a volunteer. This in-

cludes all 600 coaches and 1,350 other assorted volunteers.

“Any of the possible things you might need for a sporting event is all done on a volunteer basis.” said Thompson.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run, or LETR, is one of the most popular sights associated with the Special Olympics. Any official who works in a law enforcement agency is eligible to participate. The event is Oregon Special Olympics’ biggest grassroots fundraising effort; it raised \$500,000 last year alone. In the summer before the games, the officers run the torch up the Oregon coastline over the course of several weeks. Other torch runs begin at other locations throughout Oregon, and all converge at the location of the games with a big presentation to finish.

This is a way “for any law enforcement agency to be involved with Special Olympics,” said Thompson.

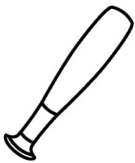






Other forms of involvement include Tip a Cop, in which officers work a shift at various restaurants alongside the waitstaff. At the end of the meal, they ask patrons to tip their service. All tips then go to Special Olympics Oregon.

The Oregon Special Olympics also has a variety of sponsors, including A-dec and Red Robin. One event popular throughout Oregon is the Polar Bear Plunge. The brave, or foolhardy, can accept money from sponsors before joining members of local law enforcement agencies in jumping into icy water at various locations set up throughout Oregon. All proceeds go to raise money for the events.

Special Olympics Oregon offers Oregon residents the opportunity to shine in ways they otherwise might not have the opportunity to. From competitors with Asperger’s who compete on their high school varsity sports teams to competitors with Down’s Syndrome whose intellectual disabilities impair their ability to function, all competitors benefit from participation. The organization’s slogan is “training for life,” because all participants gain in the compassion and kindness necessary to become a thoughtful, committed citizen of this world.

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September marks the beginning of a very exciting month in sports. Up first: MLB, NFL and NCAA. Through this week’s column, I will give you the foundation to what will hopefully be the most exciting month of sports.

MLB

Now that September is here, it is time to weed out the pretenders from the contenders. Focusing on the National League, I will give you a pretender and contender that you should be on the watch for in the hunt for October baseball.

Coming from the National League East, my pretending team is the New York Mets. They find themselves only one game behind the second wild card spot, but have lost one of their pitchers, Steven Matz, to a shoulder injury and his return this season is still up in the air. The Mets lost another big piece to an injury with pitcher Matt Harvey. He has already been ruled out for the rest of the season with a shoulder injury.

A team that knows how to be a contender year in and year out is the St. Louis Cardinals. With local boys Kolten Wong and Greg Garcia bringing up the back end of the lineup, they will look to add needed sparks to a lineup that has been inconsistent throughout the entire season.

NFL

With the last week of the preseason wrapping up, we start the chase for the Lombardi trophy. The first game of the season brings together the Denver Broncos and the Carolina Panthers, who last saw each other in the Super Bowl this february with the Broncos getting the better of the Panthers. But the Broncos lost the G.O.A.T. (Greatest of All Time) quarterback Peyton Manning, who is now kicking it on his couch drinking Budweiser and watching his younger brother Eli Manning play.

Another person to be on the watch for is Colin Kaepernick and his protesting of the national anthem, which has recieved both good and bad press. I will not give my opinion on this topic because this column is made for this week in sports. What I can say though, is that every era has had athletes that have stood for political issues during their athletic careers, such as Muhamad Ali, Jim Brown and many others. It will be interesting to see if Kaepernick will be the man that we remember 20 years from now for making a difference off the field.

NCAA Football

The opening week in college football matched multiple storied programs against each other, thus giving this open-

ing week the title of the best opening week ever. Starting with one of the biggest upsets of the week, University of Texas, which was unranked, took down number ten ranked Notre Dame. The University of Texas has been a powerhouse for many years in college football, but the program has recently been rebuilding under head coach Charlie Strong.

For a program that has been struggling over the last three years or so, you could see the emotion from both the players and coaches after the game-winning touchdown. This win meant that Texas football was back on the map by beating highly ranke Notre Dame.

Other notable match ups included number one ranked Alabama smashing the University of Southern California, the number five ranked Louisiana State University losing to the number fifteen ranked University of Houston and my Rainbows getting a beat down in the big house by the number seven ranked Michigan. Till next week, K DEN!

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Bearcat Spotlight



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The purpose of the Bearcat Spotlight is to interview captains, talent or personalities from Willamette's varsity or club sports teams and get to know them better. It's a way to learn more about who these athletes are and how they like to spend their free time when they are not playing for the Bearcats.

Up this week: Quinn Nottage

Junior exercise science major, Quinn Nottage is from Portland, Oregon, where he played at Franklin High School. Nottage is a goalkeeper for the Willamette men's soccer team and a member of Sigma Chi.

Dani: If you could choose a celebrity to be your sibling, who would it be and why?

Quinn: That's a weird question but I don't know... Paul Pogba because he's a G and balls out.

Dani: Who is Paul Pogba for us non-soccer players?

Quinn: Pogba is one of the most dynamic and fun players in the European soccer leagues right now, but he plays for Manchester United, unfortunately.

Dani: Ooh... What's wrong with Manchester United?

Quinn: I'm a Manchester City fan.

Dani: [laughs] OK... How does that work? Being a Manchester City fan but not being a Manchester United fan.

Quinn: It's like being a Yankees fan and a Mets fan... It just doesn't happen.

Dani: If you were offered \$200,000 to streak at the FIFA World Cup, would you do it?

Quinn: At the World Cup? Probably not. I'd want to watch the game rather than get kicked out of it.

Dani: Fair enough.

Dani: Do soccer players believe that David Beckham is overrated?

Quinn: David Beckham is one of the best players to play the game. It's not his fault that he's beautiful.

Dani: Who's more beautiful, David Beckham or his wife?

Quinn: Oh, definitely Mr. Becks.

Dani: Do you think that the Super Bowl where Justin Timberlake ripped off Janet Jackson's top was staged?

Quinn: Nah, I don't think it was staged, but it was lit though. [laughs]

Dani: For some reason this reminded me of Kim Kardashian... Are the Kardashian/Jenners famous in your opinion?

Quinn: I honestly could care less about the Kardashians. There is no reason they should be famous. [laughs]

Dani: But you're probably a big fan of Kim K, am I right?

Quinn: Can't stand her.

Dani: If you were a plate of food, what would be on you?

Quinn: Caribbean jerk chicken, red rice and beans, mangos and some tropical drink.

Dani: Wow, that sounds really yummy.

Dani: What is your guilty pleasure?

Quinn: Can't believe I'm saying this, but Ed Sheeran and New Girl.

Dani: [laughs] I love both those things!

Quinn: Still can't believe I told you that.

Dani: If you had to listen to one music artist

for the rest of your life, who would it be?

Quinn: J. Cole for the rest of my life, no doubt.

Dani: Would you want him as your brother instead of Paul Pogba?

Quinn: J Cole?

Dani: Yeah!

Quinn: As an older brother.

Dani: I feel like it would be sick to have him as an older brother.

Dani: Top three most annoying music artists?

Quinn: Lil Yachty, Lil Uzi Vert, Designer.

Dani: Is it bad I don't know who any of those people are?

Quinn: No, not at all. You probably shouldn't!

Dani: Who's your favorite person on Earth?

Quinn: My mother. I am a momma's boy 100 percent.

Dani: If a person who you didn't really know that well had something in their teeth, would you say something to them?

Quinn: Yeah I would, I'd just be nice about it.

Dani: What would you say?

Quinn: "Excuse me, you kinda got something in your teeth..."

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Alumni continue careers in sports



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Head football coach Glen Fowles leads practice and advises players at McCulloch Stadium on September 6. Fowles is one of many former Willamette athletes to continue with sports after graduation.

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Tommy Kawamura, who graduated in 2014, played baseball for four years at Willamette and now is a development coach in the Houston Astros Minor League system. Kawamura enjoyed a great career at Willamette as he is fourth all-time in walks for a career with a total of 90 walks and seventh all-time in defensive assists with a total of 307 assists.

"In its most simple form, I'm a minor league coach that brings a more analytical view to the coaching staff," Kawamura said. "I split time between the AA team and the A team, and don't have one area I specialize in."

He analyzes the stats of the players and then gives them suggestions on ways to improve in order for them to reach their goal of becoming Major League baseball players. He also believes that his time being a student athlete helped him learn how to manage his time and the intricacies of the game of baseball. In order to work in sports Kawamura said, "Ask questions, find answers and be able to show how you will bring value to the organization."

The Bearcat coaching tree also extends to Northwest Conference foes. Liz Yandall graduated from Willamette in 2007 and is now the head softball coach at Pacific University. She was an assistant for Willamette's softball team for four years prior to being named an assistant coach at Pacific for a season and then

being named the head coach of the program in May 2014. Her advice to any Bearcats that want to work in sports is simple: "You have to be willing to grind. It's a lot of hard work, extra hours and learning from those around you, but it is totally worth it if that is what you are passionate about!"

Sara (Brooks) Elcano played women's basketball at Willamette and graduated in 2007. She is currently the assistant athletic director for marketing and fan experience at Oregon State University. She is responsible for the branding and representation for all of the Oregon State Athletic Programs. Her advice to anyone that wants to work in sports is also straightforward: "Start building up your resume by volunteering for anything you can get your hands on and use that experience as an opportunity to learn what area within sports you are specifically interested in pursuing."

It is evident that many people want to continue to work in sports after their careers are over. However, if you want to work in athletics, you have to be willing to do the dirty work at the beginning of your career, while your friends might be making the big bucks in different industries.

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Dear University of Chicago, get with the program



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The start of a new school year brings many things. For the University of Chicago, it brought controversy. Incoming freshmen received a welcome letter from the dean of students notifying them of the school's commitment to free speech and lack of support for trigger warnings and safe spaces. "The members of our community must have the freedom to espouse and explore a wide range of ideas," the letter states, continuing on about the school's commitment to academic freedom.

You put me in a tough spot, Chicago. As a debater and a strong supporter of free speech and discourse (a la my piece from September 2015 titled "A Crumbling Foundation and the Right to Disagree"), I feel you. So many times have I felt unwilling to voice a negative opinion in a classroom for fear of backlash, as well as hatred for spaces where I feel like I can't fully engage in conversations about today's more pressing issues. Chicago, I get you. Still, what are you trying to get at here? What you're saying sounds like a rallying cry. It seems noble, and it seems like a defense of free speech and intellectual conflict. Yet what does it really mean when you say students need to engage with challenging ideas?

Again, I get it. I've had my share of shaking my head at the

stories of students rejecting conservative speakers because they don't agree with their policies, or protests so deafening that professors fear how they grade their students. However, I think you've missed the point of the right to free speech. You've bottom-fed and picked up the easiest pieces of the free speech vs. safe spaces debate, without telling us how, exactly, you're going to justify defending an "intellectual" discussion about rape culture occurring with a survivor of rape in the room. How you are OK with telling

ularly when we all know very well how notorious colleges like yours are for botched investigations and the mishandling of rape cases.

Think about it. Why are students calling for safe spaces? Is the push for safe spaces now so prevalent that it's getting in the way of how you think an institution promoting intellectual debate should be run? If so, why didn't you make a statement about the silencing impacts of racist comments or, I don't know, the constant perpetuation of rape culture on college campuses?

to create an environment where marginalized communities can feel like this is their right, too. You can't get away with touting the importance of keeping a college campus a "safe space" for intellectual challenge when we have all become so skilled at reading between those particular lines. We can all recognize that you're actually promoting a safe space for intellectual challenge only for those who are white, affluent and male.

What the University of Chicago has actually done with these policies is accomplish exactly what it claims to be committed to fighting. "Diversity of opinion and background is a fundamental strength of our community," the letter beams, as if the school, with a Black student population of less than 9 percent, has already accomplished this diversity and now cannot be questioned.

It is easy to say students need to have their ideas challenged. It is far more difficult to say that you as a college have a responsibility to the safety and wellbeing of students that feel like they do not belong. Thus there are more nuances to the need for these safe spaces to exist than the University of Chicago seems to understand.

Yes, that side of the debate has their own faults. It's a very different conversation when you're talking about giving trigger warnings prior to discussions of rape, as opposed to protesting prominent bureaucrats of the Bush Administration speaking on your campus. There's no overarching

solution. Students must engage with ideas that challenge their perceptions of how the world works, while being offered the dignity of a space where they feel like they can participate in intellectual discourse without having their identities and experiences attacked.

Come on, University of Chicago. You're better than this. Don't flaunt the amount of "diversity" you have on your campus, while ignoring the cries of the very people you want to throw all over your brochures. When you do that, all you accomplish is to uphold the one thing we know to be historically true of all elite institutions: barring marginalized groups from places that were not constructed with their needs in mind. Get with the program. Colleges are now more diverse than ever due to initiatives intended to make these college campuses accessible to historically marginalized groups, yet we are far from what colleges should look like.

Drawing from a wider range of experiences and backgrounds will only serve to enrich discussions on campus, while promoting the idea that these groups belong in spaces of intellectual debate. Don't screw that up by telling these people they don't belong. For one of the top universities in the world, I would have expected you to choose a more important fight.

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“How you are OK with telling that victim they do not even deserve a warning that issues related to their traumatic experience(s) will be brought up?”

that victim they do not even deserve a warning that issues related to their traumatic experience(s) will be brought up? How can you justify believing they should just get over any retraumatization these events might cause, partic-

If you're going to beat the free speech drum in a "What would Milton Friedman have done?" manner, you need to defend the rights of all students to voice how they feel and engage in challenging debate. That means you need

The armchair activist: An update

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The presence of politics in our media is at an all-time high, don't you think? The media has transformed from representing social activists in art as rebels martyring themselves at the hands of police, to activists martyring themselves at the hands of fans. The progression of Beyonce's career increasingly depends on being a Black woman in a patriarchal, racist society. Chance the Rapper is beloved in Chicago for the local talent he brings together, #SaveChicago and his attempts to stop gun violence. Several days ago in Santa Clara, 49ers Colin Kaepernick refused to stand for the national anthem. LeBron James refers openly in interviews to his frustration with race relations in America.

The world we live in now expects a political stance from those in a position to use fame as a platform. We don't just want singers, we want artists who sing with political and spiritual purpose. As a fan, there's a significant amount I appreciate about this. The media now provides voices that would likely have been drowned out several years ago. The plight of millions of Americans that has been ignored for decades is being expressed and heard in a whole new way. Dialogue is created about these artists and their choices as well as their political opinions. What motivates them? How did they become so empowered?

Lemonade, Beyonce's latest album, spurred some of the most

interesting conversations I've ever heard.

Still, there's a price. I want us to be aware of that before we blindly demand popular culture fueled by activism. We often admire these artists as well as what they bring to us as listeners, readers and fans. This admiration could cost us a conscious, thoughtful understanding of what they truly provide us. We love to cheer and applaud these artists as social activists, but audiences may forget that they have important roles in the bringing about social change, too. It is easy for me to be satisfied with rooting for a quarterback who tweets about police brutality. It's even easier to go to a Beyonce concert and praise myself for doing my part as a white male to dismantle the patriarchy. The fact is, I'm not accomplishing that just by going to a concert. I have to bring what I learn out into the world.

Sometimes the artist overshadows the message, and as those receiving the message, we have an obligation to do our best to avoid that.

My concerns don't end there. The presence of activism is so strong in art these days that it could become more of a device the media uses to perpetuate capitalism than a genuine call to action. I can't speak to whether or not that's happening yet, but what's trendy is trendy.

Right now in the Pacific Northwest, it's trendy to lean left, both in and outside of your day job. This in many ways seems to me like a good thing, but here's the rub: will the gifted apolitical artists lose



credibility? These artists probably won't suffer in their record sales or listens on Spotify, but there's something to be said about public perception. I'm more concerned about the more likely outcome of a surplus of trendy media activism lacking authenticity.

I'm sure many people would respond by yelling at me, telling me

that this already exists. They'd be right. However, I'm concerned this form of knee-jerk activism might spill over from social media to mainstream art pretty quickly.

The issues the film and music industries are putting center stage are significant. Yet these are also capitalist industries, just like any other. Sometimes they feed this

economic system and therefore the same racist and sexist elements in society they are trying to comment on.

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Things that I very much wish I had said

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When my father says “you’re mistaken,” he means he would really like to watch what color my face turns with his hands around my neck. There are reasons I am not invited to family get-togethers anymore.

So, yes, I understand the inclination to defend one’s bigotry with an attitude of hostility, even mockery. I can even feel some compassion for my own frozen response, to the fact that I did not speak louder when my defense of this woman’s stance went unnoticed.

This is a decent internship, and I need the good recommendation.

Moreover, there aren’t that many options available to me. I could quit and explain why to my boss’ face, but I’m completely confident he wouldn’t remember a single word I said afterwards. I could, and did, contact the woman at that organization, and tell her what my boss intended to do.

She responded by asking me about 10 times whether I was recording our call, or intending to use her words in an article. I was not. I’m fairly certain she still does not believe me.

Admittedly, this particular mess is my problem, no one else’s. For that matter, it’s not really even my problem; whatever the consequences will be, they won’t fall onto my shoulders. The fact that I’m upset or outraged over these events is completely irrelevant. Well-respected, socially valued organizations are left reeling all the time. As my contact reminded me, they simply don’t have time to deal with every bigot; they’re busy volunteering their time to save lives.

It’s entirely possible that this particular experience is just one more in the long line of reasons why white men in my life have not proved trustworthy. It’s possible my boss is one more racist, sexist man in my life who would rather silence me on an issue important to me and the world, because that’s easier than changing.

It’s possible, in other words, that I’m making this about me because that’s easier than critically analyzing my own response and figuring out why I continue to be so naive about white men. After all, folks who know me know how much I like to talk; yet faced with a red-faced bully of a white man, my ingrained tendency is to shut up, put my head down and let him have his way.

To the extent that’s true, I publicly apologize and state my intent to try to do better.

On the other hand, we just learned in my Sociology of Masculinities course about the concept of individual versus societal problems. Most of us will probably have a bigoted white male as a boss at some point. I would guess that few, if any, of us will then be in a position to file a sexual harassment claim, to tell him to his face he’s racist and needs to change or do any of the other productive yet pie-in-the-sky things I was taught I “should” do in situations like this.

Speaking truth to power is all well and good, but not when I need my boss’ recommendation; not when the person you’re trying to call out is captain of your basketball team and you want to start next season. This sort of rhetoric never taught me what to say to my father when he threatened to imprison my mixed-race boyfriend on charges of statutory rape. It never taught me how to confront and change my own snotty, privileged attitudes. I never learned what to do when speaking up in the face of a white man’s racism meant he would quickly target me as someone “not quite white enough” and proceed to belittle me in a watered-down version of the way he treats People of Color. Moreover, I never figured out how to avoid taking that as a personal insult or implication I had violated some sort of ingrained code of personal ethics.

Maybe it’s because I read too much fantasy, but untangling the

association between whiteness and goodness is one of those things that’s taking long enough for me to be embarrassed by.

Still, reality reminds me all the time how far I am from being the heroine I wish to tell.

Last year, I pointed out to a fellow student that I’d seen his not-all-that-micro aggression, and I didn’t appreciate it. He responded by claiming that the act myself and three other people had seen and discussed had not happened, and that he “was not the kind of person who would do something like that.”

He’s white, and male, and clearly not particularly aware of the role privilege plays in his life. History insists that he is exactly the kind of person who would do something like that.

That last statement falls under the category of “Things I Very Much Wish I Had Said.”

Racism and sexism transcend personality, or ego, or the opinions we all have of ourselves. The choice to subjugate another human being

is a personal choice, but it’s also a product of a society that makes this a socially acceptable choice in too many occasions. We have accepted as a society that sexism is not, in fact, an acceptable choice or personal option, but rather a political one with implications far beyond just ourselves. Why is it so difficult to name racism as a political choice, too, with implications far beyond “mouthing off” in the moment?

The backlash against Black Lives Matter already seems to be gaining traction, and not just in the world inside of my boss’ head. Oregon State University has responded by instituting mandatory social justice-related curriculum for their incoming freshmen. Willamette’s administration have responded by shutting down a perfectly functional program aimed at putting a dent in the massive role privilege plays in determining who gets a shot at a university education.

At the moment, I’m paying twice as much money as OSU students to receive an education largely based on discussion. When some of the

students in my classes are hushed, criticized or demeaned by either my professors or the general climate of this university, my education and relationships suffer because people I care about are in pain.

I won’t speculate about the impact the climate has on people of color, because it’s not my story to tell. Also, it’s been told to anyone willing to listen.

That being said, making every campus space open, accessible, and emotionally safe for everyone is a responsibility we all have. Most of us have some degree of privilege, in some capacity, and some of us aren’t all that great at using it on behalf of those without it.

Maybe this is one of those things that isn’t going to get any easier without practice.

Luckily, at Willamette, we’re bound to have countless chances to do just that.

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President Thorsett teaches how to maintain hostile ignorance about one’s privilege.

Great success: Know your student rights

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Dear reader,
I am happy to be writing to you again. My absence has been painful for both of us, I’m sure. I certainly hope that you have questioned my sudden and unexplained disappearance. Thankfully, I’m back now, so we can resume our vigorous discussion of your civil and contractual rights at the oldest university in the West. In my protected statement of opinion, a complete knowledge of these rights is essential for any student here.

This article will be something of a distillation of my previous articles, complete with added insights into the machinations of the black box which we call “The University Administration.” I suggest that you retain a copy of this guide in case it suddenly disappears from the Collegian archives.

First, let us discuss the various contracts which you, a student at Willamette University, have signed, likely without a detailed examination of terms. This was quite foolish of you. I suggest that you read every contract and agreement presented to you, and consult with the other party over any terms

which you might be confused about. This is advice which would have been invaluable to me as a first year and I implore you take it.

The most important and broad contract between all students and the University is the Student Rights and Responsibilities document. It is easily accessible on the Willamette website. In exchange for your compliance with various requirements, you are guaranteed certain rights. These include a free student press, freedom to protest, freedom from discrimination and freedom to invite any speaker to campus whom you so choose. The contract also grants you certain rights of due process. Unfortunately, the administration’s department structure changes so frequently that any advice they could give as to the specifics would become hopelessly outdated almost immediately.

In that vein, I suggest that you familiarize yourself with particular administrators rather than departmental structure. Many whom I have become acquainted with are very kind and willing to help students navigate the constant changes. Above all else, be polite and courteous in all that you do and in all contact that you have with administrators.

Let us move on to a brief overview of your civil rights. These are rights granted to you by the government. The University is, under certain circumstances, bound to accord you these rights as part of their contractual obligations to those governments. The University, for example, must comply with Title IX of the education amendments of 1972, which places demands on any institution which receives federal funding. The law was originally drafted to ensure equity in sports between the sexes. However, it has recently and somewhat haphazardly been amended to include instances of sexual assault under the umbrella of sex-based discrimination. The former is a very settled area of jurisprudence. The latter is not.

The exact implementation of that law, as well as the various other protections accorded to you, may be found in Title 34 CFR, which is quite a pleasant bedtime read.

If you are a veteran or any sort of active or reserve service member, there are numerous laws both federally and in Oregon which accord you rights.

It is interesting to note that Oregon has implemented more expansive versions of the aforementioned

federal civil rights laws. For instance, Oregon has a very expansive list of groups of individuals protected against employment discrimination. This list is available from the Bureau of Labor and Industries in a handy table format. Oregon’s law against false advertising also deserves a read through.

As far as enforcement of your rights, you have three channels which you may pursue. Firstly, the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education is responsible for enforcing the federal civil rights laws mentioned above, as well as those in the original Civil Rights Act of 1964. There is an Oregon equivalent within the Oregon Department of Education. You may choose to pursue a remedy through Willamette’s own justice system, which was called the Office of Rights and Responsibilities last time that I checked. You may also pursue action in civil court, though you likely should complete the internal University process first.

I will now provide a list of bullet points which I find particularly relevant: The University may not suggest that a person alleging sexual assault take a leave of absence. The University may not disparately maintain facilities such that they

benefit one sex over another. The University must provide reasonable disability accommodations so long as they would not compromise the integrity of the degree program. The University may not consider absences for military service as unexcused. The University has made a binding promise to you not to censor the student press.

To close, I would like to advise freshmen that the *Collegian* is always accepting letters to the editor. This is a forum in which, among other things, you may air your grievances. Please avail yourself of the opportunity. The archives of this paper are a testament to the struggles of both recent and long past students. Document your pain lest it be forgotten. It is your right.

A free and uncensored press is the best way to affect change, acting not only as a cry for help, but as a statement of solidarity for others feeling this pain. As a part of this academic community, you have a moral and ethical obligation to highlight injustice within it.

The best defense is a good offense.

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Humans of Willamette

If you were forced to only have one DVD set of one season of one TV show for the rest of your life, what would it be? Why?



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Season one of "Seinfeld" because it's timeless humor and the theme song is really dope.



Brendan Blosser-McGinnis
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Well, duh. It would be the the first season of "Spongebob Squarepants" because it includes, I believe, the Christmas episode, where Spongebob first discovers Christmas.



Marleigh Williams
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Any season of "The Office" with Michael Scott in it. As long as he is in it, I want to watch it.



Louie Knox
Senior
CCM
Corte Madera, California

That's a hard question. "Two and a Half Men," first season, because Charlie Sheen is hilarious, and so is the little kid. Allen's not that funny though, to be honest. That season is a classic.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

August 30, 12:51 a.m. (In a campus residence): Campus safety received a call from a student who stated they were having a heart issue. The officer immediately responded to the student's room. Upon arrival the student appeared to have very rapid breathing. The officer informed the student he could either call 911 or take the student to the hospital via the campus safety vehicle. The student elected to go to the hospital with Campus Safety. The student was advised to call Campus Safety when if they needed a ride back to campus.

September 4, 2:15 a.m. (In a campus residence): Campus safety received a call requesting an evaluation of a student who had fallen and hit their head. The Officer arrived and spoke with the individual. It was determined that the individual should seek further medical attention and the officer transported the student to the hospital and contacted the Area Coordinator on call.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

August 21, 2:01 p.m. (Doney Hall): Campus safety received a call from an RA asking if they could come confiscate some marijuana from a residence room. The Officer made contact with the occupants. They showed the officer where the marijuana was, and said they understood that the officer had to confiscate it.

August 28, 2:12 p.m. (Lau-sanne Hall): Campus Safety received a call from an RA asking if they could come and confiscate some marijuana that had been found. The Officer arrived and met with the RA. The marijuana was located, and confiscated, and both students were informed of the University policy regarding marijuana.

September 3, 12:31 a.m. (Doney Hall): Campus Safety received a call from an RA stating that they had located some drug paraphernalia. An officer responded and met with the RAs who then confronted the occupants of the room. The students were cooperative and helpful during the contact, and the paraphernalia was confiscated.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

August 28, 12:35 p.m. (Smullin Hall): Campus Safety received a call from a student stating that there was a transient screaming on campus. Officers responded and located the subject. Officers recognized the subject from previous trespass calls, and reiterated to him that he is not allowed to be on campus. The individual left campus. Later that day Officers observed the same individual was back on campus. Salem Police was called and the subject was arrested for criminal trespass.

September 2, 3:05 p.m. (Law School): Campus safety received a call from a student stating he had left his bike locked with a cable type lock to the law school bike rack and upon returning found the cable to be cut and the bike to be missing. He was encouraged to file a report with Salem Police.

THEFT

August 23, 12:00 p.m. (Mathews Hall): A student called to report that they had left their bike in the Mathews bike rack without a lock, and when he returned it had been stolen.

August 28, 12:40 p.m. (Baxter Hall): Campus Safety received a call from a student stating that their bike had been stolen. The student said they had left it there the day before, and when they returned they found their cable bike lock was lying on the ground. The student was also advised they could file a report with Salem Police.

August 30, 6:18 p.m. (Lau-sanne Hall): Campus safety was contacted by a student who stated they had left their bike locked in storage at the end of last semester, and upon arrival this year the bike had been taken.

September 2, 3:16 p.m. (Ford Hall): Campus safety received a call from a student stating their seat and seatpost were stolen from their bike while it was locked to the bike rack in front of Ford Hall.

September 3, 2:45 p.m. (Belknap Hall): Campus safety received a call from a student stating that there bike had been stolen. The student informed the officers that they had locked their bike via the front tire to the bike rack two days before, and upon return found the bike to be missing, but the tire was still locked to the rack.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

August 22, 6:14 p.m. (Off campus): Campus Safety received a phone call from an employee stating that he had been in an accident in a university vehicle. The caller stated that Salem Fire and Salem Police were already called and in route to the accident as well. Campus safety officers also responded. All parties were evaluated by Salem Fire Department and exchanged information.

August 31, 12:15 p.m. (University Center): Campus safety received a call stating that a Bon Appetit van had been damaged. An officer was dispatched and arrived to find the vans side view mirror hanging by wires. The officer investigated further and determined who was responsible and contacted that individual. This information was relayed to Bon Appetit.

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