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Former student Beau Smith pleads out for 75 months

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STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 28, former Willamette University senior Beau Wesley Smith, 22, pleaded guilty in Marion County Circuit Court to the charges of second degree manslaughter and possession of a schedule I controlled substance following a Nov. 12, 2014 incident that resulted in the death of 66-year-old Salem resident Michael Hampshire.

Smith, a former Willamette football player, will serve six years and three months in prison as well as year of post-prison supervision for the drug possession.

A news report from the Statesman Journal states that Smith admitted to taking illegal psilocybin mushrooms before getting into a violent altercation with Hampshire last November at the intersection of D and Winter Street in downtown Salem.

A state medical examiner reports that Hampshire died of blunt force injuries to the head during the altercation with Smith.

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V-ball slays

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The fall sports season is about half-way complete as of now, and Willamette teams have experienced tremendous success. The women’s soccer team sits atop the Northwest Conference standings, the men’s golf team has fared very well in recent tournaments including a win at the Whitworth Invitational last weekend and both men and women’s cross country teams have continued their reputation as NWC powerhouses—the women nationally ranked at #17. One team however, is experiencing historical success.

The Bearcat volleyball team currently owns a 10–4 overall record, including a perfect 6–0 in NWC play. They sit atop the standings by two games over both Whitworth University and Lewis & Clark College, both 4–2. Two of their four losses came to nationally ranked opponents: #6 California Lutheran and #11 Claremont Mudd Scripps. It is shaping up to be the volleyball team’s first winning season in recent memory.

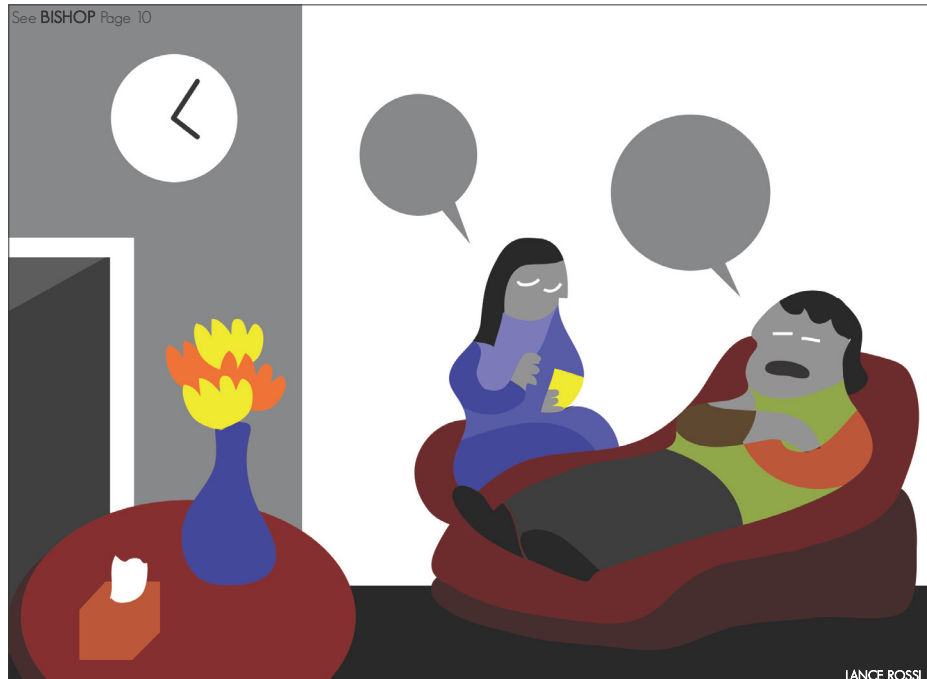
What makes this team different? Senior Lindsey Compton cites resiliency.

“We are a lot tougher mentally than we have been in the years past. In the past if we were to lose the first set or even get down by a couple points in a set, we couldn’t recover,” she said.

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Bikes for all big and small

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The Northwest Hub wheeled into Salem in June of this year and now offers a method that is accessible to all who are in need of two-wheeled transportation. According to the National Bike Registry, a four-year college student has a 53 percent chance of having their bike stolen. Bikes, bike parts and bike repairs can all be expensive (especially on a student budget), and an alternative to contributing hard earned cash to a bureaucratic, money-grubbing corporation is usually quite appealing. Thankfully this option exists right here in Salem.

The Northwest Hub is an all-in-one bike shop, bike reclamation program and training center, and it is also Salem’s first not for profit co-op. Their mission is to provide bikes to those without alternative modes of transportation and to those who are experiencing financial difficulties. They are able to do this by providing a unique service to these disadvantaged individuals.



GABE TARRAN

Local non-profit aims to provide transportation for those in need of two wheels.

The service works like this: if a person needs a bike but is unable to pay, they can work a certain amount of hours doing community service in order to receive

that bike. This helps the community by providing those in need with a means of transportation and by bettering the community through service. This communi-

ty service can be performed either at The Northwest Hub or at another non-profit, such as the Marion-Polk food share.

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Beau Smith sentenced to 75 months after plea negotiations

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Smith was taken into custody on murder charges by Salem Police shortly after the incident. Beau then spent the next several months residing in Marion County Jail and undergoing initial legal hearings with legal support from his defense attorney Walter J. Todd.

On Feb. 6, 2015, Smith's charges were downgraded to manslaughter in the first degree by a grand jury's decision. The grand jury's decision changed the legal interpretations of Hampshire's death under Oregon State law from an "intentional" homicide to a homicide "committed recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life."

Smith pleaded not guilty to the charges and a trial was set for Oct. 27, 2015.

Todd planned to argue during the trial that Smith had killed Hampshire in self-defense.

According to the Statesman Journal, Todd presented his self-defense claim in a legal memorandum submitted in early September to Marion County Circuit Court Judge Vance Day. Todd's memorandum cited Hampshire's bipolar disorder diagnosis, mental health history and previous criminal history as evidence for the self-defense argument.

Todd writes in the memorandum that Hampshire was likely experiencing "a manic episode" the night of the incident which caused him to exhibit "bizarre behavior." Hampshire's behavior, according to Todd, "was perceived by defendant to be aggressive and assaultive, causing defendant to respond in self-defense."

Near the end of September, a different decision was made to avoid having to take the case to trial. Todd and Smith opted instead of a trial to hold a Settlement Conference to resolve the case through plea negotiation.

In an official statement to the Collegian, Todd writes that, "I have always argued that that phrase of extreme indifference to the value of human life should be deleted from



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Beau Smith was a senior chemistry student at Willamette last year who was also a member of the football team.

Beau's case. Beau's character shows that he could not ever have extreme indifference to the value of human life."

"During the course of that settlement, I continued to argue that that phrase should be struck because the prosecutor could not ever prove it at trial beyond a reasonable doubt.

Eventually, the [District Attorney] agreed to do that which automatically changes manslaughter in the 1st degree to manslaughter in the 2nd degree.

Beau then pleaded guilty and got

the minimum sentence allowed under Oregon law of 75 months."

Willamette Campus Minister Craig Hammond, who had been providing Smith religious counseling at Marion County Jail for the past several months, observed first hand how Smith handled the case emotionally.

"I personally saw him go through all the typical ups and downs of someone in his circumstances," says Hammond. "Initially he was shocked, scared and overwhelmed when he was first arrested. Then he went through a period of being

overly optimistic and maybe a little naive about what was going to happen to him."

Hammond reported that near the end of the process, Beau was "at peace with his life and circumstances."

Todd writes that Beau "had true remorse from the very beginning" in regards to his role in the death of Michael Hampshire. Beau also "specifically expressed his sorrow at sentencing to Julie Hampshire [Michael Hampshire's wife]."

Todd also stated that "Beau was very grateful to the administration,

staff and students at Willamette for their support during this very difficult process."

Deputy District Attorney Keir Boettcher feels that the case had come to the best possible conclusion for the parties involved.

"Ultimately we came to a good result for the case," Bottecher said in a quote to the Statesman Journal. "At the end of the day, it was just a tragedy for everyone involved."

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ASWU talks budget, programming and the Roseburg shooting

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ASWU Council began this school year with \$93,994 and is now left with \$27,091.11 after finalizing the Fall budget. Senior ASWU Treasurer Caroline Brinster recently met with Monica Rimai, Willamette's senior vice president for finance and administration, to discuss future plans regarding student workshop programs.

Brinster said, upon being asked for more details, that the plans for the workshop are in the preliminary stages. These workshops would be open to all students and, she said, are ideally designed to educated the student body about Willamette's funds and where that money goes.

Although Treasurer Brinster did not have a fully developed vision of the workshops, she decided to present the idea to the Senate simply to bring the plan to their attention. She

stated she would have a final proposal soon.

As is done every year, the Senate began discussions about the budget at the previous meeting with the intent of having a final budget approved by the end of this meeting. However, the council experienced a bit of hesitancy as a few senators argued against the final budget for the amount the College Democrats requested.

According to ASWU Clerk Bethany Hladick and Brinster, the College Democrats made an exact request for \$80-120 in "gas money." In their request, they did not specify the precise amount but rather gave this approximate range. This amount was requested in their line item for them to attend the Oregon Democratic Party Summit.

The College Democrats had made an earlier request for funding the entrance fee to the summit, which had been denied. One senator pointed that out and began a discussion.

Some senators argued that because the funds were not available for the club to attend the conference, there was no reason to provide them the gas money. Other senators disagreed, pushing for retaining that part of the budget because there was nothing wrong with the request in and of itself, since the club might fund their entry to the conference by other means.

The council also considered the fact that the club was asked to clarify their requests but failed to do so, something that only perpetuated the uneasiness some of the council members felt towards this budget.

After much debate, the council settled on approving the budget with financial recommendations from the ASWU finance board.

Once completing their discussion about the budget, senators gave their weekly reports. Senators were asked to share any projects that they currently have in the works and newly

elected junior Liz Gill was one of the first to discuss what she had been working on.

According to Gill, ASWU sustainability is a new project that hopes to inspire Willamette's student body to participate in environmental activities. This project is aspiring to organize community service trips in order to clean some areas around Salem with the Outdoor Council. Hopefully more will be known in the coming weeks as Gill and the other senators continue to work on their projects.

Another topic of discussion began with senior Shamir Cervantes, ASWU President. During the "good of the order," he told his fellow council members that he was planning on drafting an email to the student body regarding the recent shooting in Roseburg.

Cervantes confessed his pro-gun law stance, which he stated inspired him to contact the Oregon Legislature. He wanted to include that in

the email to inspire other students to take political action and then invited the senators to join him in signing the email. Some senators expressed hesitance toward the idea, so the matter was left in question.

President Cervantes promised to draft an email for the Senate to review so that they could decide whether to support it or not.

Senator Thao Tran argued against this idea, because she felt the consensus of the whole council should be ok because they represent an entire University. This would be unlikely to occur since some senators had already disapproved. Senator Kate Steffy agreed and interjected that ASWU's opinion should be kept out of the email. She suggested that the email be used as an outlet for students and offer possibilities for grief counseling.

The meeting was left at that.

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Chemical spill contained at the Mudd building



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Students and staff crowded Winter Street on Monday after reports of “concerns of an unusual smell,” as Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout put it. It was coming from the Mudd Building at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management.

Just shy of 11 a.m., the building was evacuated due to what was later determined to be a heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) system malfunction.

A valve in the HVAC became stuck, which caused a chemical to spill outside of the system’s piping.

Associate Director of Campus Safety Rich Dennis pulled the fire alarm in an effort to allow everyone to escape the building without any severe damage. He described inhaling the chemical as a “very, very strong burning sensation in the lungs and also in the eyes.”

“I was more concerned with getting everybody out of the building because I know that it was affecting people, and that’s why I pulled the

fire alarm,” Dennis said. “I don’t think anybody was in terrible danger.”

Paramedics were at the scene treating students and staff for respiratory irritation by flushing their eyes with water. In addition, they ensured that no one was having an abnormal reaction to being around the chemical.

Although two individuals voluntarily went to the emergency room, everyone else was released with no further medical treatment and no severe reactions were reported. One of the individuals who went to the hospital left within four hours. They ended up coming back to campus to pick up their belongings and returned home.

Stout said that those who had evacuated the building had mostly remained calm and cooperative but were simultaneously concerned about the implications of the incident.

“The people involved, particularly the ones who were affected adversely, were concerned about their well-being,” Stout said. “They

speculated it might have been worse than it actually turned out to be. I know that’s how I would have reacted. Until somebody tells me it’s okay, I don’t believe it is okay, when I have a burning in my throat and my eyes and such.”

A hazardous materials team later came to investigate the composition of the leaking chemical. Stout said that the team neutralized and examined a sample of the chemical, eventually finding that the Mudd Building would simply require ventilation.

Two large fans provided the needed ventilation to the building and cleared the air of the evaporated chemical. Once the building was cleared of the chemical, repairs began and continued throughout the day.

While classes were cancelled in the Mudd Building for the rest of the day, the ones in the Annex Building continued as usual. The building reopened Tuesday and classes resumed at 6 a.m.

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48K grant for sight research

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Sarah Kirk, a Willamette chemistry professor, recently won a \$48,000 grant for the continuation of her ongoing research on retinal degeneration disease over the last three years. She is developing a treatment for a disease that can cause progressive blindness.

Kirk started studying retinal degeneration disease in 2005. Now she is working with Annika Zimmerman at Brown University in a collaboration to achieve their common goal of better treatments.

While Kirk works on developing the molecule that will hopefully prevent too much carbon from flooding someone’s system, her partner Professor Zimmerman will test the effects of the drugs on the body.

“If too much calcium flows into the cell, then you get complete blindness,” Kirk said.

They can prevent this blindness by using tetracaine, a FDA approved drug used in eye surgeries, and change different components of the tetracaine in order to better control how much calcium gets into the eye cells.

Professor Kirk used a metaphor of a gated community to describe the calcium effects of retinal degeneration disease.

The gate is perpetually open so that cars are constantly flowing in. Kirk and her team of undergraduate students are trying to control the amount of cars that pass through the gate so that the channel gets a regular flow again.

To do this, they are designing a molecule that will park a car in the open gate. The cars, according to Kirk, are the calcium and the gate to the community is the channel that leads into the cell.

“The overall goal of my research is to try and understand how the structure of a molecule affects its biological activity,” Kirk said. “I am working to create derivatives of tetracaine that make them better blockers of the CNG-ion channel which the eventual hope of creating a treatment for retinitis pigmentosa.”

She focuses on one of the most common forms of the disease and by staying specific, she and her team are able to make substantial progress toward achieving their new and improved medicine.

One undergraduate student

working for Kirk, senior Alexandra Ramsey, has been working on this project since August. She described how the project has been in her experience so far, saying that the most challenging part has been the molecule synthesis itself.

“My attempts thus far have not been entirely successful, but we are hoping that with more experience and some creative problem solving, we can solve these issues,” Ramsey said. She also described how the most rewarding part of working with Kirk has been “being able to contribute to a project that could potentially bring sight back to thousands of people.”

Another undergraduate student, senior Carlo Gangan, described what working on the project over the summer was like.

“An average day ran from 9 am to 5 pm and consisted of wet-lab work ranging from monitoring synthetic reactions that we started several days prior, to analyzing and interpreting H-NMR data collected on our reaction products,” he said.

For him, the most rewarding and challenging aspects of the project went hand in hand. Initially, he was discouraged by multiple failed attempts.

“Discovering our solution in the last week of the project and knowing that we didn’t give up was very rewarding on many levels, and made working through the challenge worth it.”

As a senior, Gangan is working on this project for his senior thesis. He enjoyed his work on this project so far and is considering pursuing a graduate degree in Chemistry.

“It was an amazing summer experience and I was lucky enough to be a part it,” Gangan said. “Some of the most fun I had this summer was in lab, rocking out to songs with my research partners. We sang loudly—yay for sound proof walls! And laughed a ton, it was great!”

Kirk is passionate about her research even though she said it can be difficult staying motivated, since it can be a slow and challenging process. Kirk is inspired by the success she shares with the students she works with and seeing them succeed.

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CAMPUS SAFETY

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

October 3, 10:12 p.m. (York House): Campus Safety received a report of offensive drawings on the wall. A work order was submitted to have the graffiti removed.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

September 26, 3:03 p.m. (Law School): Campus Safety received a call requesting medical attention for a student who had fallen on the stairs. WEMS and Campus Safety responded. WEMS applied a splint and wrapped the ankle. The student was transported to Salem Hospital for further evaluation.

October 2, 5:55 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus

Safety received a call about a student who was vomiting and near passing out in Goudy Commons. WEMS and Campus Safety responded. When the officer arrived, the student said they were feeling better, but still a bit dizzy. WEMS evaluated the student and determined the student did not need to be transported.

October 2, 8:09 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Campus Safety received a call about a student who had sustained injuries after falling off of their skateboard. WEMS and Campus Safety responded. WEMS cleaned and dressed the wounds. It was determined the student did not need further medical attention.

October 3, 12:36 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call about a student who had a sustained a burn from grabbing a hot pan a few hours prior to the call. The student was still experiencing pain, and decided to seek treatment. WEMS and Campus Safety responded.

October 3, 9:00 a.m. (Collins Science): Campus Safety received a call about a student who fainted in class and had been unconscious a few seconds. WEMS and Campus Safety responded. The student informed them of their medical condition that causes fainting. The student did not need further medical treatment.

October 3, 3:33 p.m. (Sparks Field): Campus Safety received a call about a student injured while playing rugby. A trainer was on scene as well. WEMS and Campus Safety responded. The student heard a pop when they were tackled and was experiencing pain in their right knee. Campus Safety transported the student to the Emergency Room.

THEFT

September 29, 10:00 a.m. (Collins Science): Campus Safety took a report regarding two plants that had been stolen from the fourth floor of Collins. The building was scanned to see if the plants had been relocated. They could not be found. On September 30 the

plants were returned to their original location sometime during the night.

October 2, 5:30 p.m. (Westwood Hall): A student reported their bicycle stolen from the hallway outside their room in Westwood.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

October 1, 5:09 p.m. (Law School): An employee reported their vehicle stolen from the parking lot. The employee made a report with Campus Safety and Salem Police.

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Arts

On Wednesday, Oct. 7, Betts will hold a reading and Q&A session in the Hatfield room of the library. In 2012, President Obama named Reginald Dwayne Betts to the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Betts authored two volumes of poetry and a memoir that won him the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work. The event is free and begins at 7 p.m.

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Emmy award-winning comedian Sara Schaefer will take the stage on Saturday, Oct. 10 thanks to Willamette Events Board. Catch her at 9:30 p.m. for free with your student ID.

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Have you checked out Taproot Lounge and Café yet? The establishment just recently unveiled their café sector and will be hosting live music events for 21 and over individuals. On Saturday, Oct. 10, Mitch Lies and the Alibis will rock most every genre for no cover charge from 8-10 p.m.

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NW Hub equips individuals with bikes and community with service



Students can contribute to the cause by donating their time, used bike parts and used bikes.

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"If our mission statement could be summed up in one sentence, it would be 'bikes for all,'" Kirk Seyfert, the director of The Northwest Hub, said.

In a city where 18 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, (US Census Bureau) many financially challenged individuals could really use this transportation mode opportuni-

ty. Now you might be thinking: "This is a great cause. What can I do to help?"

"Well," Seyfert said, "the best thing Willamette students can provide is patronage." This patronage would take the form of old bikes and used bike parts donations, as well as shopping for new bikes and bike parts there at the Northwest Hub. An added bonus is that the bikes sold there are often refurbished, used

or built from scratch, so they may be less likely to be targeted by bike thieves on campus. As a non-profit, The Northwest Hub ensures every dollar is going toward a good cause. In addition to donating and buying gear, a good way to aid the cause is to become a co-op member, where one can pay \$100 for unlimited access to their repair station and have discounts and free t-shirts thrown in as an added bonus.

The Northwest Hub gives bikes to those in need, but it does not just hand them over. People have to be willing to work for them, gaining valuable skills and contributing to the community at the same time.

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New "The Daily Show": Jon but not forgotten

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When I sat down at my laptop with a half-empty bottle of whiskey and went about finding the recent incarnation of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show," hosted by Trevor Noah, I did so with more reservations than alcohol. I, like many in our generation, grew up with the combined political and comedic expertise of Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert, the respective hosts of "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report." They were the modern equals to the likes of Walter Cronkite and other television journalists, albeit with more humor sprinkled in. They waded into the murky waters of important details in the world of current affairs and I came to depend on them in order to stay up-to-date with domestic and international news with a certain degree of accuracy and factual backing.

When Colbert and Stewart announced that they would be taking leave of their shows in order to pursue other affairs, I was supportive and glad that men of their caliber would be moving onto other pursuits and projects, but worried about the potential vacuum they might leave in their wake. Only recently was the slot for "The Daily Show" filled by one Trevor Noah, who plays the roles of host, executive producer and writer for the show. I went about catching up on "The Daily Show," ending my two months of mourning the passing of its previous incarnation. I have to say I was wonderfully and pleasantly surprised.

Often when we lose something close to our lives, we worry over things that "will never be the same" or "shoes that can never be filled." If you are someone who followed Stewart and Colbert through their careers but never

moved to adopt Larry and Noah, I urge you to rejoin the fold. They aren't the same, and they will not fill the shoes of their predecessors, but this is because the new shows and hosts are their own identities; they are fresh, new and youthful. Noah is particularly different—a comedian from South Africa who was born in apartheid-ruled Johannesburg, then later an immigrant to the United States, the musical remnants of his accent still glowing through his regular speech. He is every bit as serious and careful in thought and speech as Stewart was, and is bright and sharp-witted, even for his first days on the job.

An example for those who doubt my word: in one episode, a repartee he shares with presidential hopeful Chris Christie has him turning Christie's words on the candidate, drawing out an uncomfortable moment while discussing immigration, luring Christie into saying immigration is an affair he has made personal by indirectly attacking Noah's status as an immigrant. But then later, he has clearly let the transgression slide, not passing judgment himself, and allowing some of Christie's arguably redemptive qualities to shine through his faults. Noah proves every bit an effective interviewer as Stewart was, with the same quality of guests as before.

In short, if you've found yourself straying from the path, find your way back to us. All the most recent episodes of the newly-reborn "The Daily Show" can be found on Comedy Central's website, and the best part? They're all free. I invite you to come back to us—Noah, Wilmore, myself and many others are waiting for your return.

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The Green Inferno: Horrifying for all the wrong reasons

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"One calls barbarism whatever he is not accustomed to."

Why leave your house when you can download for free? Why make a movie that's as sloppy with social commentary as it is with body parts and cannibalism? Why make art when you can exploit? These are the questions that haunted me as I left Regal Cinemas on Saturday night.

Eli Roth's latest body horror project "Green Inferno" is empty criticism of "social justice warriors" and an exercise in casual, disgusting racism instead of a satisfyingly spooky scream fest.

The story follows a privileged American college student (an empty-eyed Lorenza Izzo) who is seduced into campus activism. He joins a cult-like campaign to fly to South America and film illegal development of rainforest that belongs to indigenous people or something.

The plot is so warped by mixed messages about "causes" (we sit through a course about FGM in Africa that could have been called Topics in Plot Points), "activism" (people shouting about health care for several minutes) and a cameo by Sky Ferreira as Strung-Out Roommate, who has poetic lines like, "Activism is so f-k'ing gay."

Basically, their plane crashes into the Amazon and the survivors are gradually eaten off by—surprise—the same backwards people they were trying to save in the first place.

I get it, college kids are annoying and it's satisfying to watch them



Actress Kirby Bliss Blanton reacts to the first screening of her movie.

be brutally disemboweled, starting from the eyeballs. It's a jungle out there, unlike the cozy confines of our dorm rooms and activist lofts. The comforts of modernity and machines have numbed 90s kids to our own nature. By trying to create social change through social media or technology, you might as well just be trying to refuse your own death. If you can't see that, then you are the true barbarian.

Except the real barbarians—the ones that eat humans—and also rape and torture them. The second act is so busy with the wildly violent acts committed by the villagers that it's hard to tell where one body begins

and another ends.

Roth's work is not without precedent: "Green Inferno" is a loose remake of awesomely titled "Cannibal Holocaust," a 1979 Italian film about a documentary crew who is similarly killed and eaten, leaving behind the gory footage.

These films also have roots in a history of artistic and ethnographic exploitation of indigenous bodies, from freak shows to scientific exhibition and appropriation of native art forms.

Roth actually hired indigenous Peruvians from rainforest communities to play the cannibal tribe, many who had previously little

contact with mass culture and had never seen a television. According to multiple interviews with the director, Roth showed the natives "Cannibal Holocaust" to give them an idea of how they were supposed to act, which apparently, they found hilarious.

This dude went to the Amazon to teach these people to act out stereotypes about themselves that they didn't even know existed.

The lesson for viewers in post-production is that behind the camera, the laws of civilization no longer apply.

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Why do I go to school? I just want to go to concerts

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Post-concert depression is worse than sophomore slump, worse than the terror that is junior year and even worse than the current meltdown inducer that takes the form of the mid-semester crisis. Cue me silently banging my head on the tables at the Bistro, praying to go back and spewing every detail of the most recent concert to anyone who will listen.

These descriptions are usually met with blank stares because how do you put a feeling into words? Classes and papers seem so pointless when you were just seeing one of your favorite bands live the night before. The next week or so after a concert, I am significant levels below a functional human. A professor asks me a question and I respond in song lyrics. I wear the wristband or stamp from the venue for weeks and I cannot think or talk about anything else.

In the building weeks, I make a Spotify playlist and listen to it on repeat, so I can do more than mumble my way through the concert. Instead, I can confidently sing off-key with the crowd.

The pre-concert high makes doing the homework for the day seem worth it because the end goal is so close. That day is the day every song you have silently cried over in your room is brought to life on stage and everyone around you is there for the same reason. They too are experiencing the music and grasping happiness in the closest to a tangible form it can appear in life (besides as a puppy). There is nothing like listening to the same songs over and over and then realizing at the venue that the artist is not just a small voice in your earbuds.

I am in biology the day after the concert, learning about genes and alleles, but all I can focus on is the memory of the drummer of Purity Ring.

I remember him slamming the interactive light cocoons on stage and the singer joining him by slamming the suspended moon-shaped drum. Every song transition was seamless, and every beat drop caused the crowd to erupt; it was the most visually stimulating concert I have ever experienced and I have been a concert fiend since sixth grade.

Some say that reminiscing is the opposite of productivity and that the most unfruitful conversations you can ever participate in are the ones where you are reflecting on what has already transpired. I feel this must be true as I daydream of past concerts and reconsider all of my life choices. I failed a quiz? It doesn't matter. I slept through class? It doesn't matter; it doesn't matter because I just experienced the best four hours of my life and overwhelmed with the sadness that accompanies it being over. Nothing I am learning could possibly compare to that.

I have heard that the only way you can get richer by spending money is through the purchase of travel tickets. Concert tickets must be the closest competitor because when you check out of the ticket site, you are paying money for an experience that takes you to another dimension, even if you never leave your hometown. Today, I will be going through the motions in class again, but I am already scouring websites looking for the next concert.

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Review: Get Sweetly Baked — It's legal

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Got a sweet tooth that even the Bistro cookies can't satisfy? Sweetly Baked opened this summer and even though the establishment is small in size, it is loaded with baked goods to stress eat while writing a research paper or studying for a midterm. It is just a block away from campus, right next to the beloved Sassy Onion. Sweetly Baked will fuel your sugar high and have you coming back for more.

The owner of Sweetly Baked, Christine Wright, created custom cakes and unique cookies ranging from NFL jerseys to garbage trucks for years before opening the storefront on State Street.

The bakery customizes while also making delicious treats of all varieties on the daily for dessert fanatics to try. If you are feeling a little festive for the upcoming holiday seasons, Sweetly Baked also adds new seasonal items every month. The storefront is currently adorned with Halloween decorations and intricately frosted fall cookies. The bakery itself is ornamented with artsy décor and colors that exude a simple, youthful atmosphere.

The desserts that I tried tasted dangerously delicious. I indulged myself with the coconut macaroon, a pumpkin cake with cream cheese frosting and one of their giant marshmallows. The coconut macaroon had a savory combo of taste and texture and the other two desserts did not disappoint. After tasting the pumpkin cake, first year Ivy Rivas said "It was perfectly sweet and moist. The cream cheese frosting

combined with the spongy texture of the cake just melted in my mouth. It's completely worth the money and the calories."

These desserts were not even a fractional representation of the store's offerings. Sweetly Baked's most popular items are their wide variety of cupcakes. They come in the classic chocolate and vanilla editions, but the bakery additionally offers lemon raspberry, mocha, Butterfinger, chocolate peanut butter, butter pecan and many more flavors.

If that does not sound appealing enough, the bakery also has chocolate covered pretzels and a diverse assortment of cookies including Halloween and Christmas sugar cookies. For those looking for gluten free options, Sweetly Baked's marshmallows and coconut macaroons are great tasting options. The bakery customizes orders for theme parties, weddings, holidays, corporate events and any other special occasions that cater to the individual person's interest and budget. In the past, they have crafted a cake shaped like a body and Lego-like cookies—so they really do mean any special occasion.

Despite being slightly pricey, the quality and care taken into making such rich tasting desserts make them completely worth it. The discovery of this petite bakery provided a nice for sugar cravings and a space for happiness-inducing food. Take a short walk to this unique place and maybe, you'll discover the same.

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A Racial History

Have you ever wondered w



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Oregon pioneers, as commemorated on the State Capitol, initially came to Oregon in search of a racial safe haven.

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Two Klu Klux Klan members meet with Portland officials, including fo

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Hiding behind the progress we associate with Oregon is a long and ugly history of racial discrimination. While many minority groups have been subject to significant intolerance and violence in this state, Oregon has been particularly overt in its lawful racism toward the black community, creating a torrid and painful history that spills over into present-day race relations and representation.

When I think of pioneers, images of the "Oregon Trail" game come to mind, involving a lot of walking, crossing rivers and battling diphtheria. However, what is often hard to consider is why so many folks undertook this journey: to create a safe haven for racial homogeneity and bigotry.

Oregon holds the distinction of being the only state ever admitted to the Union with a constitution that forbade black people from living, working, owning property or signing contracts within the

state. While Oregon joined the United States in 1859, it wasn't until 1926 that black people were legally allowed to live in the state.

Calvin Henry, president of Oregon Assembly of Black Affairs, said in an article to The Oregonian, "People in the South were quite honest about who they are ... black people in the South knew what they were up against. People here to try [sic] fool you."

Numerous laws have been enacted throughout Oregon's history that clearly attempted to deter blacks from entering the state and living alongside its white residents. According to the Oregon Historical Society, Oregon's earliest anti-slavery laws allowed a three-year grace period for slave-owners to "remove" their slaves out of the territory and freed all slaves who had been forced to remain.

However, being freed by the Oregonian government did not qualify former slaves to live in the state. Instead, males were instructed to leave the territory after two years, and females af-

ter three. Remaining in Oregon meant facing Peter Burnett's Lash Law, which stipulated that any freed slave who remained in the territory would be lashed every six months until they did leave.

This law was amended in 1845 when many decided that lashing was too harsh a punishment; however, it was replaced with a clause stipulating that any free blacks in Oregon could be offered up "publicly for hire"—essentially auctioning them back into slavery—to any white person who would remove them from the state.

In many ways, these laws were symbolic; they did little in practice, but made Oregon's stance on race relations very clear. The lashing law and its amendment were both repealed before they could truly take effect, with only one man, Jacob Vanderpool ever being removed from the territory under the law. Vanderpool owned a saloon, restaurant and boarding house in either Salem or Oregon City (the records are unclear). It is likely his success that got him arrested for the crime of being

Black in Oregon. He was given 30 days to leave the state and complied.

Ultimately, these laws did not become part of Oregon's legal system when Oregon became a state in 1859. However, the attitudes that shaped the territory's laws remained prevalent when the constitution was drawn up. Passage of the constitution included two referendums that were put to popular vote: the first in regards to slavery, with 75 percent of Oregonians voting not to allow it in the new state, and the other on whether or not to allow black and mixed race people to live in Oregon with a majority of 89 percent of Oregonians voting to keep the state white.

As a result, the exclusion clause that specified that no people of color could live in Oregon remained in the state constitution until 1926.

The next several decades of Oregon history featured race relations that were bumpy at best: 1866 saw the ratification of the 14th Amendment, which ac-

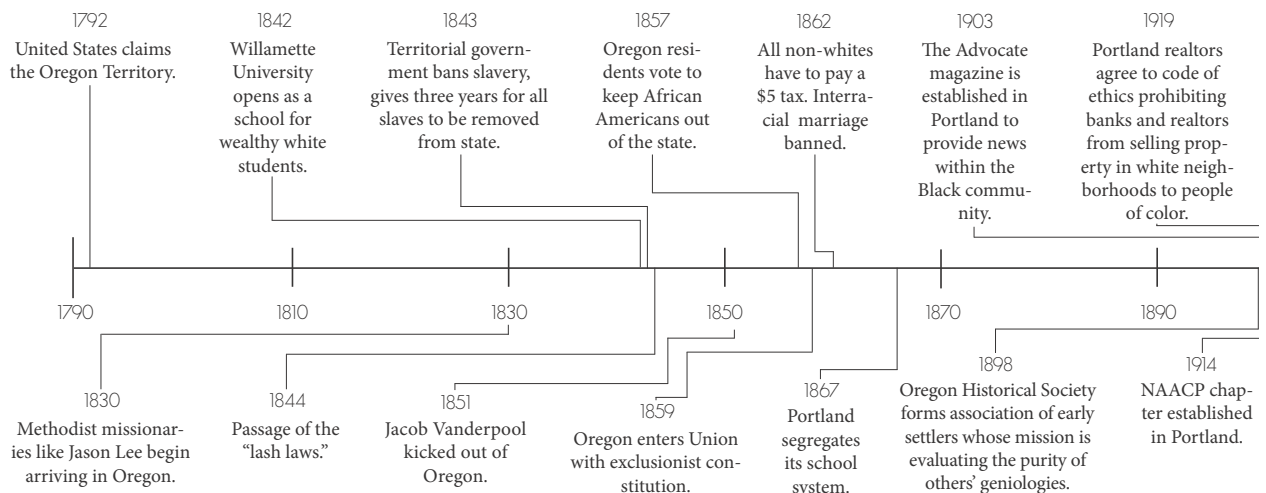
knowledgeed African Americans as U.S. citizens, but was rescinded on the state level in 1868 as a symbolic gesture that Oregon was not interested in supporting racial equality. The amendment wasn't re-ratified until 1959, 91 years later.

After the exclusion clause of the constitution was lifted, many cities and counties chose to become "sundown towns"—areas where it was legal for Black individuals to pass through but not stay the night.

In the 1940s, former U.S. Sen. and Willamette alumni Mark Hatfield had to drive black singers Paul Robeson and Marian Anderson to Portland after a performance in Salem due to the whites-only hotel policy in the state capital.

Although these laws were only enforced in a few cases, they accomplished the Oregon founders' goal of creating a white state. The laws acted as a profound deterrent to other African Americans who considered moving to Oregon, as evidenced by census results on

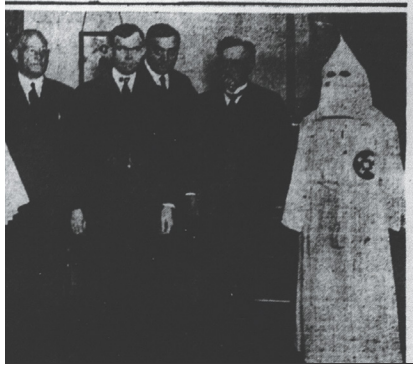
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History of Oregon:

Why “Portlandia” is so white?

ARRESTMENT OFFICERS JUST WHAT
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Former mayor George L. Baker and former police chief LV. Jenkins.



SAM KEECHLER

Oregon prisons house a disproportionately high percentage of black inmates compared to the state's African American population.

the racial breakdown in Oregon: in 1860, there were only 128 black Oregonians.

In 2010, census results painted a very similar picture: while blacks make up 13 percent of the population nation-wide, they account for only three percent of Oregonians.

Equally as concerning, The Oregonian reported that half of all black children in Oregon live in poverty, compared to 19 percent of white children. While this reflects problems that occur on a national level, a rate of 50 percent for black childhood poverty is appalling even compared to the national rate of 38 percent. Further, although black people make up only three percent of the general population, they account for seven percent of occupants in Oregon prisons.

Clearly this systematic racism is alive and well in Oregon today: in 2002, Ballot Measure 14 proposed the removal of racist language like “negroes, mulattoes, and whites” from the Oregon constitution, where racial legislation

had remained but not been enforced. The measure passed and the language was removed, but only after 29 percent of Oregonians voted against it.

Jennifer Walter, a lawyer, activist and educator from Lebanon, Ore., agrees that laws like these were put in place to make Oregon to establish and maintain its whiteness. As a sundown town, Lebanon would only allow African Americans to spend the night in the town if they were playing at the local Elk Club and left immediately after their performance run had ended, Walter recalled.

“[M]ore than anything, the culture of the state kept it that way and continues to influence our minority populations,” Walter said. “The lack of a significant minority population keeps Oregonians unaware of how the culture maintains the whiteness and the white privilege. When you have a community that is so overwhelming white, you don't really need laws to maintain white privilege. Newton's law of inertia operates.”

According to Walter, Oregon

became racist as a result of the trials experienced by poor white southerners. An influential member of Oregon's early state government, Jesse Applegate is quoted in the Oregon Encyclopedia, saying, “Being one of the ‘poor whites’ from a slave state, I can speak with some authority for that class—many of those people hated slavery, but a much larger number of them hated free negroes worse even than slaves.”

Walter describes rural, mostly white communities in similar terms. Her home of Lebanon is still almost entirely white—according to the most recent census, only 0.5 percent of the population is black. She says that being isolated from other racial groups for so long has instilled a sense that other races are threatening to their existing culture and economic system.

“I don't think there's any way to create equity without including poor whites in it,” Walter said. She raises particular concerns about the role of low educational attainment in shaping racist

mindsets and argues that disadvantaged communities need to be given better educational and other resources in order to erode racism's pervasive grasp.

All of these problems lead back to the one question I hope every Willamette student is frequently asking himself: What can I do to help?

Structural racism is, of course, an incredibly large problem, but it's not insurmountable if everyone gets involved.

One of the most important things we can do is educate ourselves. Read more histories that center on racism in Oregon or wherever you're from. Read articles about how to discuss racism with people who hold prejudicial views, and educate yourself on how those prejudices arise and how to combat them.

Educate yourself, and then talk about what you've learned. Call people out for using racist language or supporting racist ideas. Shut down racist jokes when your friends and families make them. Talk to your racist uncle about why

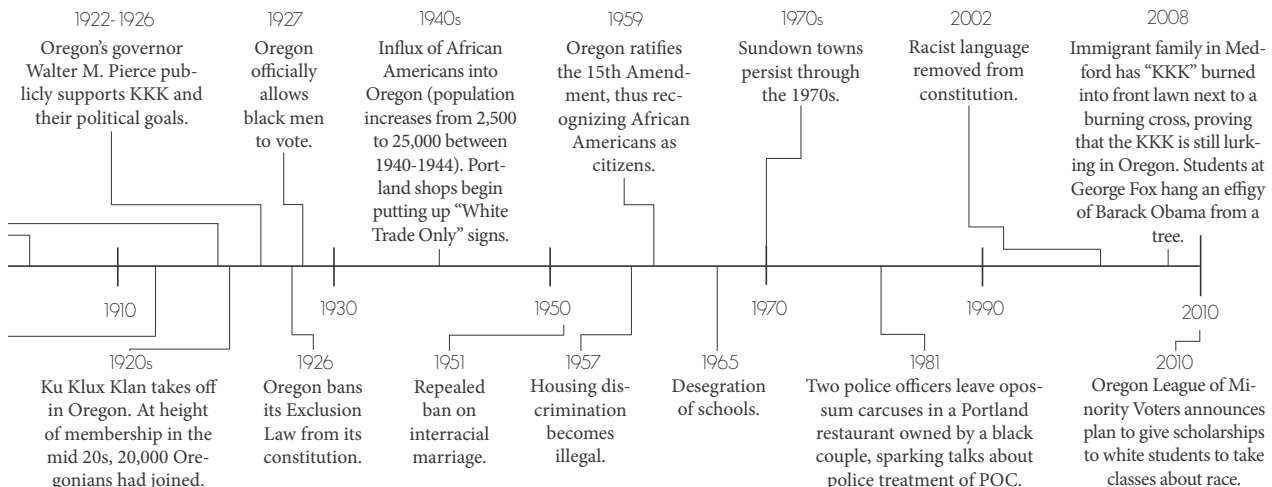
he holds his opinions, and try to open dialogue. Write me an impassioned email letting me know what I've gotten wrong in this article so that I can do better next time.

On a larger scale, ask Willamette why we don't have more professors of color. Ask why American Ethnic Studies was nixed as a major, despite community interest and the importance of critical race theory. Ask why campus safety harassed a student of color and refused to let him enter his room while they searched it and found nothing. Ask what we can all do, as a university, to be better.

Racism is a problem rooted in societal attitudes. As such, no individual can solve racism. But it's everyone's problem. Get in there and make some change! Oregon can be the free-love, sandal-wearing utopia we all dream of—we just need to put in work to help it get there.

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years of racism





Cross country runs fast at Charles Bowles Invitational

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Both men and women's cross-country teams had great showings at last Saturday's 41st annual Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational at Bush's Pasture Park. The men's team took part in an eight-kilometer race, while the women's team took part in a five-kilometer race. Each team finished first among NCAA Division III opponents. The race featured several schools from the NCAA Division I, II and III levels.

Senior Nathan Conrad led the way for the men's squad, as he took third place out of 143 runners in the 8k race, with a time of 25:05.1. The Bearcats had four other runners finishing in the top 20. Senior Yonny Castillo came in ninth place with a time of 25:17.9, sophomore Patrick Loftus had a time of 25:28.1 good for 11th place, and senior Jacob Shafi came in 20th place with a time of 25:52.1. Also contributing to the 'Cat's effort were freshman Keith Carlson, who came in 29th and senior Hunter Mathies finishing 46th overall.

A team is awarded points for the place a runner finishes in (first place gets one point, second place gets two points, etc.) and the team with the lowest score is declared the winner.

Humboldt State University of NCAA Division II won the Men's Cardinal race with 43 points, while Willamette came in second with total 69 points. Seattle University, of NCAA Division I, came in third, with Northwest Conference foes Puget Sound University and Whitman College coming in fourth and fifth places, respectively.

"We ran really well and beat everyone in our conference. So it was a great preview for the postseason and where

our fitness is at so far this season," Castillo said

On the women's side, junior Olivia Mand led the way with a fourth place finish. Her time of 17:47.9, which shattered her personal record by ten seconds, moved her into seventh place on the all-time Willamette list. Senior Taylor Ostrander came in 13th with a time of 18:06.4, while sophomore Alyssa Reese came in 24th place with a time of 18:23.4.

Rounding out the Lady 'Cats were sophomore Hannah Swanson in 36th place, senior Juliet Farnan in 53rd place and junior Ami Boucher came in 64th out of the 186 runners. The women's team came in fifth place in their race, with a score of 130. This score trailed Division I schools Portland State University and University of Portland, and Division II schools Seattle Pacific University and Point Loma Nazarene University. The Lady 'Cats edged out archrival Whitworth University by a single point.

If this race is any indication, both teams should be well on their way to strong finishes in conference races. Finishing high in their respective races, both squads showed depth, making them a force to be reckoned with in the Northwest Conference.

"This is the best team we've had since I've been here and I'm excited to see how we stack up against team from the Midwest in two weeks," Castillo said.

Willamette will compete again on Saturday, Oct. 17, at the AAE Invitational in Wisconsin, the site of the Division III National Championships. The 'Cats will also be running in Estacada, Ore. in the Lewis & Clark Invitational.



Top: The women's race is underway with a dash. Bottom: Patrick Loftus (left) and Nathan Conrad (right) keep a strong pace. Conrad finished third and Loftus was 11th.

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Bearcat Spotlight



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Mark: Let's start off easy what's your celebrity crush?

Nastja: Hmmmmm. I don't know if I know any celebrities. Avril Lavigne. She's still famous right?

M: Yeah, I think so. Probably. What literary character would you want to party with?

N: I mean it's just gotta be Gatsby, right?

M: Yeah I think that's the best answer for that question. What do you hate having to do everyday?

N: Shower, but I don't shower everyday because I hate doing it. Maybe that isn't a very good athlete thing to say, I shower after I work out...

M: Why do you hate showers?

N: Because they are boring, when I am in the shower I like it, but it's hard to get in ya know? It is hard for me to be like I'm gonna go shower now, because I would rather just sleep. Or play sportsball.

M: What's an overrated liquid?

N: Beer, it's overrated. I mean it's fine, but i would rather go for the other options. You know drunk quick, down.

M: Saves time.

N: So I can sleep more! And play more sportsball.

M: What's the best way to gain a pet's affection?

N: So I know this one thing for cats. You are supposed to look at a cat until they look at you and blink away, because that's how you show a cat you like them. Just look and then blink away.

M: So you have to turn away from a cat to get it to like you?

N: Yeah, humans probably think its mean, it's not to cats. That's how they know you like them.

M: What was your favorite cartoon growing up?

N: Tom and Jerry. Big Tom and Jerry fan.

M: If you could live anywhere on campus that wasn't a residence hall where would it be?

N: Oh I saw that one from last week. I was thinking between Terra and Belknap where there used to be the sunflowers, but now the sunflowers are gone. So probably the garden next to the Art building, right there. I would make myself a nice little bed.

M: You'd build yourself a place there?

N: Yeah, just build it all up right there, that would be my house.

M: If you could teach any college level course what would it be?

N: Survival in the Wild, I'd have to get a Ph.D. in it first of course. I still don't know how to make fire...

M: What is something that you want to be invented?

N: A really cheap alternative to plastic that is also biodegradable.

M: That is a very good world-saving answer. If there was a food item named after you what would it be?

N: It would just be a cup of water.

M: What temperature?

N: Cold, with ice cubes. The small kind that you can fit in your mouth.

M: If you were a super villain, what would your master plan be?

N: Villain implies evil. I would just want to pull a bunch of harmless pranks on people, flipping everyone's beds over. I guess would replace everyone's plastic things with non-plastic items. Or, I would just move a

bunch of things around, like move everything around in the library and everyone would be like 'ugh its the evil Nastja again'

M: Time for the themed questions on gardening. What is your favorite flower?

N: Hydrangea

M: Do you have any experience with gardening?

N: Kind of, I did it once or twice.

M: Have you had any plants on campus?

N: Yeah I kept a succulent alive last year in the dorms, but then at the end of the year I had packed all my stuff away and I didn't know what to do with it so I just put it in the donation bin.

M: If you were a tree what kind would you be?

N: A sapling, a tiny, little baby one.

M: What is your theme for next week?

N: Birthdays!

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Midseason report: V-ball in drivers seat

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"This year, we stay calm and focused no matter what the score is and it helps us overcome any sort of lead the other team may take," she said.

This clearly showed last Friday in an exciting home match against Pacific Lutheran University. The Bearcats narrowly lost the opening set 21-25, the first time that had happened in three games, and then lost the second by a greater margin 15-25. With their undefeated conference record serious-

ly being challenged for the first time all year, the 'Cats shocked PLU with three consecutive wins 25-19, 25-17, and 16-14.

It was no shock to senior Sarah Fincher.

"[We] are the kind of team that when backed into a corner won't just crumble, but will come out swinging," she said.

Compton and Fincher have led the way for the 'Cats all year, but they are not the only ones contributing to the success.

"We have a ton of weapons. Other teams can no longer pin-

point the one or two players that make us successful. On any given night, there are 5 or 6 people who could be the standout player. This makes it really hard for the other team to create a game plan for how to beat us," Compton said.

"This team is the kind of team where each and every player has a certain role on and off the court," Fincher said. "Every player contributes to each win we have."

Indeed, contributions were made up and down the Bearcat roster. Eight different players have participated in every set this

year.

The road does not get easier moving forward, however, as the majority of the games left to play will be on the road, including a trip this weekend to eastern Washington to take on Whitman College and Whitworth College, Whitworth being the only team in the NWC to receive national ranking votes.

"Adjust[ing] to the fact that we will be on the road a lot for the next couple weeks is going to be key," Compton said. "We have been at home with huge crowds

that really gives us an advantage. So we will have to be our own source of encouragement these next few weeks!"

The big game against Whitworth is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 9 in Spokane, Wash. Their next home game is Oct. 17th against George Fox.

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'The future ain't what it used to be'

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It's fascinating to look at the history of a language. The root of where sayings and phrases come from can say an incredible amount about who the greatest contributors to common vocabulary are. Shakespeare is said to have introduced 2,000 new words and sayings to the English language. Wild goose chase, in a pickle, heart of gold, gossip, grovel, bedazzled and, supposedly, downstairs (but not upstairs) are all common today.

So where would you guess these two phrases came from?

"It's not over till it's over."

"It's deja vu all over again."

Now most people (this writer included) are not well acquainted with key figures in the history of linguistics, but one would assume phrases as common as these came from a fairly reputable writer somewhere along the line. The scribe, however, was not a poet, playwright or orator. He was powerful in terms of long fly balls, and nuanced in terms of knowing the right pitch at the right time. The author is none other than the late Lawrence Peter Berra — as he's better known — Yogi.

Athletes obviously have an impact on the way we see ourselves as well, but usually their ability appeals to our more primal instinct. Qualities we can see rather than comprehend.

Strength and dexterity in terms of sprinting and catching as opposed to a well-written, multifaceted thesis.

Ideally, we wish to embody both. Yogi Berra personified neither.

One of the things that sticks with us over the years are characters, fictional and otherwise, that stand out. Whether it's because we relate, or don't, laugh or fear them, something makes them stick in our heads. Yogi was absolutely one of those, and like many great characters, he was multifaceted.

The 5-foot-7-inch wise cracker from the Italian district of Saint Louis was not the prettiest face, but in his own words, "I've never seen anyone hit with their face."

He played 19 seasons for the Yankees and Mets. He was a three-time MVP, 18-time all-star, 13-time World Series Champion and caught the only perfect game in World Series history (Don Larsen in 1956). He was extremely durable, and reliable, and famous for almost never striking out ("If I can hit it, it's a good pitch").

If his game reflected his personality his quotes did even more. Self-described as nervous and introverted, when asked to speak he would sometimes respond with material that would leave you somewhere between confused and enlightened.

He claimed that he "never really said everything [he] said," but at that point he had made "too many

wrong mistakes." It didn't matter because "if the world were perfect, it wouldn't be." He also once "observed by watching" that "90 percent of the game is half mental." He reminded us if you're ever "lost, but making great time," and "come to a fork in the road... take it."

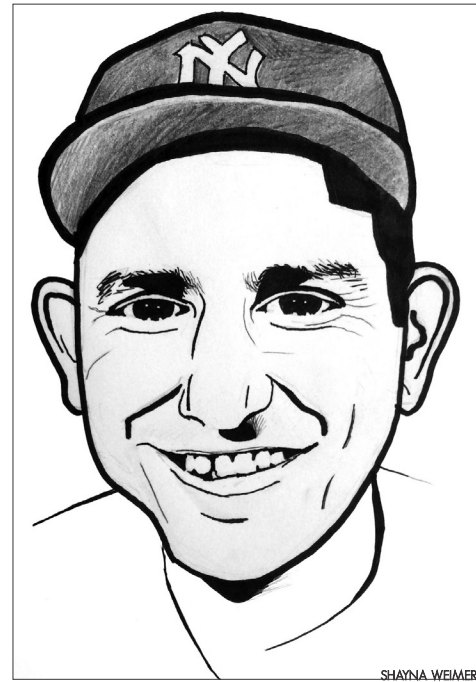
He served in the Navy during World War II earning a purple heart for driving a landing craft on D-day. He was a married man of 64 years (his wife, Carmen Short, died just a year earlier) and a father of 11.

He wrote nine books, and started the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center in Montclair, N.J. to benefit local youth schooling and sports.

He died in his sleep just two weeks ago, on September 22, and the Empire State Building was lit up with Yankee pinstripes. Mayor Bill De Blasio called for the flags in New York City to be flown at half-mast.

He was never the caricature of a star athlete, but a caricature is an exaggeration, and Yogi never needed that. He was almost hyperbolic in all the ways he expressed himself, and now that he's gone, as he would say, the future certainly ain't what it used to be.

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this week in sports

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NBA

The preseason kicked off when the L.A. Clippers took on the Denver Nuggets on Oct. 2. The Clippers were led by DeAndre Jordan, who posted a double-double. Jordan airballed a free throw, but the clippers still won the game 103-96.

Kobe made his return for the Lakers as they played the Utah Jazz on Sunday. He played in only the first quarter and was a dismal 1 for 5 shooting, with his first shot hitting the side of the backboard.

NHL

The San Jose Sharks' Raffi Torres got suspended for a vicious hit to the

head of the Anaheim Ducks' Jakob Silfverberg. Torres has a hearing coming up about the hit.

The preseason wrapped up on Sunday and the first games of the regular season will be played on the day this comes out. No team went undefeated in the preseason, but the Arizona Coyotes are the only team to not win a game. The first game of the regular season will be between two Canadian teams, the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens.

MLS/NWSL

The NWSL championship was on Thursday. FC Kansas City played Seattle Reign in a rematch of last years championship game and the result was the same as last

year, with FC Kansas City coming out on top. Amy Rodriguez, who scored last years game-winning goal, scored this year's game winning goal.

The Timbers failed to gain any points this week as they lost to Sporting Kansas City 1-0. The Timbers fell to seventh in the Western Conference and are currently not going to make the playoffs. They have one more game to play than San Jose, who sits above them in the standings. The Timbers love to float on the line of mediocrity.

The Seattle Sounders and LA Galaxy played on Sunday in a game that went down to the wire. The Galaxy went up 1-0 in the second half, but Chad Barrett scored in

stoppage time to secure the draw for the Sounders.

MLB

Ichiro Suzuki fulfilled a long time dream by pitching in his first Major League game. He gave up two doubles and a run, but his fastball hit 87mph and he had a nasty slider.

The Cardinals finished the regular season with the best record in the MLB, going 100-62. The post-season will have started on Tuesday with the Astros, who made the playoffs for the first time in over a decade, taking on the Yankees.

NFL

A bunch of NFL games came down to the final seconds this

week. The Ravens won on a field goal in overtime on Thursday, the chargers won on a field goal in the final seconds and the Bears also won on a final second field goal. Kirk Cousins threw a TD pass with 26 seconds left to give Washington the win and the Colts won on a field goal in OT.

Drew Brees threw his 400th career TD pass, which, you guessed it, also came in overtime to give the Saints the win over the Cowboys. Sports are great.

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Obama's epic fail: Why he failed in Syria



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As a Democrat, I am not usually one for criticizing the president. I think the policies he has implemented have generally improved the lives of most Americans. This sentiment, however, does not hold when it comes to what Obama has done for the U.S. and the world in terms of foreign policy. On that front, I am unforgiving.

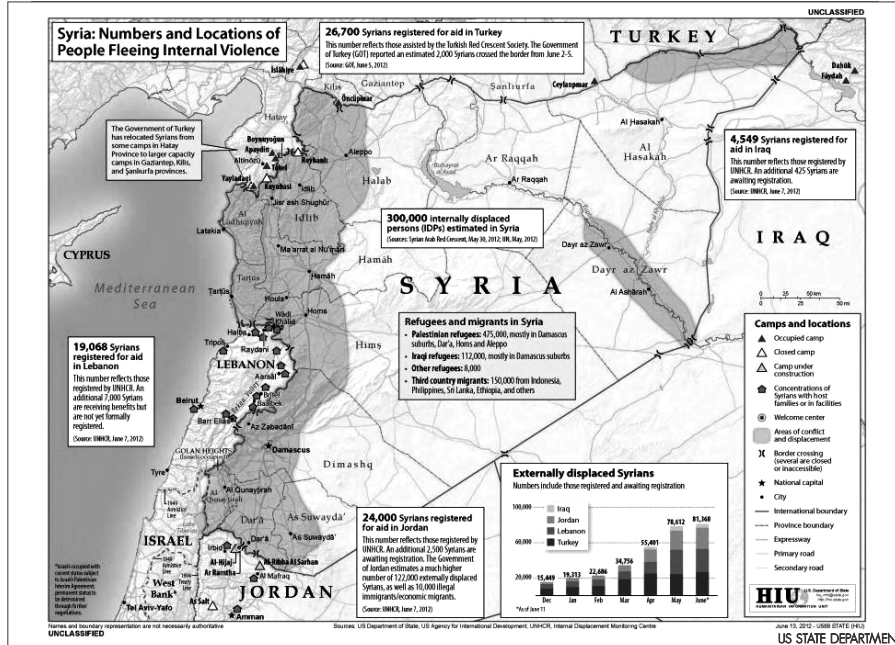
With Russia's recent air strikes against all anti-Assad forces in Syria, we must take a step back and reflect upon how we got here. Beginning in 2011, the Syrian Civil War had rebel groups rise up against oppressive dictator Bashar Al-Assad. The world sees this as an Arab Spring-type event where a country will overthrow a dictator and establish a democratic government, fairly quickly considering Assad's weakening control of power.

But four years and 250,000 deaths (by a United Nations estimate) later, Assad is still in power. Rebel groups are divided into factions, with one of the more powerful being the Islamic State. Now, Russia is reasserting itself against the U.S. and in support of the Assad regime, defending their actions by essentially saying, "No, it's chill. We're fighting ISIS, brutal dictator is fighting ISIS, so like why not help him out?"

Syria seems eerily reminiscent of Cold War proxy conflicts, and that doesn't even touch the issue of the millions of migrants making the deadly journey across the Mediterranean with their families in search of safety.

So how did we get here, and could anything have been done about it? As a foreign policy hawk I think the U.S. should be way more interventionist, and that can be a debate for another time. But in the case of Syria, there is nothing else that can really be said, other than the fact that Obama dropped the ball, and he is partially at fault for the mess in Syria today. The common argument centers around the opportunity early on in the conflict to arm "moderate rebel forces" fighting Assad in the name of democracy.

This makes me uneasy, though, because "arming moderate rebel forces" sounds a lot like what we did back in 1989 in Afghanistan with an anti-Soviet group called the Mujahideen, until one day, they turned our own guns against us and became the Taliban. The fact



A map depicting the numbers and locations of people fleeing Syria during the uprising.

that ISIS is one of the strongest rebel groups fighting Assad right now validates those fears. But one thing that really upset me about how we handled all of this was just our willingness to throw money at the problem and turn the other way.

The U.S. as the world police sucks at the job. But if we are going to do it, then we should just do it instead of letting others fight what we defined as our battle.

When Obama declares a "red line" telling Assad that if he uses chemical weapons against his own people the U.S. will respond, we need to do so. Obama's slip up, most likely caused by fear and backlash of past intervention (i.e. Iraq), has led us to have to answer for what is happening right now.

ISIS emerged in the power vacuum we let

form, and now things are too messed up for us to do anything about it. I will concede that the U.S. isn't perfect and interventions have turned into total screw ups. But in a try-or-die scenario, where pictures emerge on the daily of dead children floating in the Mediterranean in an attempt to struggle to a better life, we must ask ourselves if our positionality is something we can live with.

Would our involvement have been perfect? Definitely not. But all things considered, anything we could have done—worse case scenario creating another Iraq—would probably be better than what is happening in Syria right now.

But what happened instead? Russia saw the opportunity left by our lack of action and stepped in. And their agenda, defined by airstrikes against anyone who does not really feel

the whole brutal dictator thing, is not what I would call a solution.

I blame Obama, but not because I think he's ruining the lives of Americans. I blame him because he sat by and watched as Assad gassed his own people. I listen to him speak at the UN each year touting America's commitment to global peace and human rights, but then witness his inaction when given the opportunity to address these issues.

I am mad that he had options and the predictions of outcomes in the event that he did not act. While not perfect or preferable, particularly in a country still heavily affected by the impact of the Iraq invasion, Obama saw what was going to happen in Syria, and then let it happen.

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Bishop: The best healthcare is free healthcare



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Reed College in Portland has seven counselors and psychiatrists working in their health center. Lewis and Clark has eight. Whitman and Linfield each have four.

Willamette University has three full time counselors. When compared to similar schools in the Pacific Northwest, we could be doing better.

In the aftermath of tragedy, there are emails that go out urging students to seek out resources on campus. That's great. We should have mental health services available on campus for students who need them.

But when you sign up for an appointment at Bishop, the soonest they can see you is in two to three weeks. Right now, Bishop just doesn't have the staff that they need. If you need immediate counseling, you can't always get it because all of the counselors are busy, all day, seeing people who desperately need their appointments to stay afloat.

Joe Biden once said, "Don't tell me what you value—show me your budget, and I'll tell you what you value."

Willamette funds a lot of things, and it's not realistic to expect them to fund everything. But right now, the university is dumping money into reconstructing Montague. There's probably \$2,000 of computer

equipment in every room in Ford. We have enormous tents and tons of food every alumni weekend. We're installing a smoothie bar in Montague Den.

It's not that we don't have the money to hire one or two more counselors. It's that fully funding mental health services hasn't been a priority.

That's the bad news. The good news? We have a chance to change things. The administration has started to take some steps in the right direction. Because of recent events, Willamette has been shocked into doing the right thing and allocating more money into Bishop's mental health division. I reached out to Don Thomson M.S., L.P.C., the Director of Bishop, to ask what the Wellness Center is doing to better support students who need help.

"Effective today, we're removing the fee for...counseling services. That is, no more fees for counseling past the five free sessions. They'll just be free, period. It'll take a little time to update our forms and website, but know that we have changed our policy," he said.

Previously, the first five appointments in a school year had been free, at which point students were charged \$25 per appointment. Counseling appointments are now free of charge. This is a huge step forward in terms of accessibility for students. Ad-

ditionally, Thomson is currently trying to contract with ProtoCall, a 24/7 telephone counseling support service for all Willamette students. These are steps forward, and to me, are proof that Willamette's administration is recognizing the importance of mental health. But we're not quite there yet.

Removing the fees for counseling is a great first step. But when more people can afford to come in for counseling, there will inevitably be a rise in wait times. Right now, it's hard to get an appointment sooner than two or three weeks in advance. Will this rise to four weeks? Will students have to wait more than a month to see someone?

If you care about the mental health of students on campus, send an email.

Email Dean Douglass and let him know that you care, and that funding mental health is important to you. Email Don Thomson. It turns out that counselors are really good at listening and understanding your concerns. Email President Thorsett. Though he doesn't actually have any control over this, he's probably used to getting emails from students.

Just email someone—if we let administrators know this is important to us, I believe that they'll respond.

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Confronting an inequitable institution



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No one is asserting that white lives don't matter, but there's a problem.

Slavery ended in the midst of a violent struggle that forced the demise of an institution on which the Southern society was built. The agrarian elite built and maintained an impenetrable racial hierarchy. Not only was there an economy built in exploitation, but a class became accustomed to having its needs served by forced laborers who could not say no.

When that system was taken down, those who built it were shocked, infuriated and anxious. After centuries of slaveholders convincing themselves of all the ways owning other humans could be justified, they really believed it. In order to get a buy-in by those who

didn't own slaves, they had to convince a society that an entire race was inferior. The task is not difficult when the white race was completely and legally separated from black people.

A huge part of that persuasion was convincing whites that blackness is violent. So, imagine the sudden release of four million people into a heinously racist society that had been convinced to let the crime of centuries happen. White people were afraid.

When people are afraid, they try to make the source of their fear go away, to appear non-existent. It started off blatantly violent, with public lynchings and unapologetic Jim Crow laws that kept a nation black or white. After centuries of self-righteous white supremacy, desegregation was not a solution to racism.

The nation founded on myths about violent blackness had to find a new way to contain this imagined

threat.

Policing neighborhoods primarily populated by people of color became the new way to contain a race to specific locations, and to control the citizens' bodies.

Some call it a crime when black people end up in spaces where others don't want them. Just think about George Zimmerman.

It's easy to make it look like race has nothing to do with it. The system can only sustain itself because eventually people who are that oppressed will grasp hold of a platform to stand up for themselves.

Talking about race is impolite, so how do you get a message out when no one will let you publish in a major paper or appear on TV?

You take to the streets. You go out to the city center and demand that the story be heard. Demand that everyone confront the fears passed down from slaveholders attempting to create a logic their crimes that has carried through centuries.

The U.S. is a polite society. We don't like when people yell in the streets. That message has passed through in the same ways that racism has. Our parents and teachers expect certain things to be said and done and others not. So how do you get a message out when getting too close to white people was officially a crime until the 1960s? Now as black people (alongside other people of color and queer folks) take to the streets, the media works to remind us of those slavery era messages. Powerful profiteers show us images of violence to justify the violence against those trying to reveal the concealed violence against a race for centuries.

If you want people out of the streets, the solution is simple: listen up. We have the same message: all lives matter, so confront the history that says black lives don't.

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To man bun or not to man bun

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Willamette is a pretty crunchy campus on the whole, what with the rising amount of mason jars full of kombucha, the fantastic amount of plaid, ironic hipster glasses and whimsical '90s fleeces and windbreakers. But just when you thought it couldn't get any crunchier, a new epidemic of long locks is sweeping the male population at Willamette. Yes, this would be the era of the man bun.

For all those who have been wondering if they too should pursue the prophetic path of Jesus-length locks, a word of advice: Just because you can grow a bun doesn't mean you should. As it turns out, man buns are a bit like facial hair. Just because you physically can achieve a light layer of peach fuzz above your lip, does not mean you can rock the pedo-stache.

There are many different types of man-buns.

First, you have your classic messy bun where the hair is pulled back into a casual heap at the back of your neck. This style is for the secretly devoted who want to give off the "i woke up like this vibe" while secretly spending hours oiling and styling it to perfection.

Next, you have your top knot, this is the beginning stages of a man-bun for those indecisive people who have an awkward length of hair, yet want to be part of the trend. Lacking commitment, this hairstyle almost always gives off a prepucenseb samurai vibe.

The top knot undercut is the most confusing look of them all. If you don't tie it up, you run the risk of reverting back to your childhood days of when your mother forced you to get a bowl-cut. If you do tie it up, the awkward knob perched on top of your barren scalp looks like you meant to get a buzz cut but at the last minute your barber had a heart attack leaving you no choice but to leave the salon making all those around you reach for their scissors wanting to help you finish the job.

Although, with the man-bun and the top knot there are some forgiving qualities, the confusing nature of the top knot undercut unfortunately makes it a lose-lose situation no matter which way you style it.

If you too have become infected with the man bun fever and feel compelled to experiment with one of these looks, briefly reminisce about the facial hair decisions that you have made in the past and what prompted you to make them. Like the chinstrap or goat-tee phase you went through once upon a freshman year, your bun decision may result in a similar cringeworthy outcome. For those of you reading this article with disdain, don't despair, the man bun look can be pulled off successfully. For a man bun of any style to look truly majestic you must embody the "man bun lifestyle."

The bun should be a side effect of your adventurous life, not produced by a trend you sheepishly decided to follow.

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Stranger in a strange land

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Perhaps it is the hypocrisy that most frustrates me.

When I decide to enter the dining room, I check the list of ingredients online first. I make a decision regarding which dining hall to go to, Goudy or Kaneko, based on the listed entrees.

At dinner, of course, I have no such option. Even on a night like yesterday, where literally not one listed entrée is edible to one such as myself, I have to go to Coudy or else avoid dinner. To be honest, out of sheer frustration, yesterday I chose the latter option.

To be essentially coerced into paying the price of a full meal when presented with one or two options, either of which I could pay for off-campus for half the cost, is maddening.

Meanwhile, I try to remind myself to be grateful. So the dining plan is not designed with one like myself in mind; so what? Yet this way of thinking does not exactly assuage either the constant

stomachache I've had since arriving here, a familiar combination of hunger and an allergic reaction, nor does it ease the anger I feel. Food choices are something not everyone has to think about. It is a thing that the dining hall simply provides, in great quantity, with many options.

For me, dining means I have the questionable right to "build" things—salads, sandwiches, wraps, tacos. If these things start to seem less than appealing over time, particularly as the extras—sour cream, cheese, even the fries at Kaneko—are unavailable to me, well, too bad for me, right? What really matters is that the majority get what they need.

That majority, of course, is primarily composed of white people.

The majority of dishes provided, even at "enlightened" Willamette, consist of "American culture classics"—classics which those with my bloodlines cannot ingest.

I am limited by my genes, of which I am in fact exceeding-

ly proud. My genes belong to the first Americans, and they "limit" me to food that is, on the whole, much healthier than average American fare. The majority of dining hall students, supposedly, would find these dishes unappealing, so instead I face options designed for palates accustomed to foods that are battered, cream-based or that white flour. When other students do take a walk on the wild side — historical reference entirely intended — it is to explore "ethnic" food options which do not seem to involve the consultation of anyone from the actual cultures presented.

The message, regardless of the pretty packaging, is clear—I am other, alien in the land of my own birthright. I have the right to subsistence, but I have to work much harder to access a much more limited set of resources. The fact that even "success" on my part earns me a flat, fairly tasteless imitation of the clearly thought-out meals the majority of students have access to is, I suppose, something I shall have to simply

live with.

After all, this is only college, not utopia. The process of normalizing illness or unhealthy ways of functioning primarily by the white people who embody these qualities marginalizes the rest of us in every other sphere; why not here?

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Corrections: 1) In last issue's news article "ASWU bankrolls budgets for fall club events," it is stated that Dia De Los Muertos Club requested funds from ASWU. In fact, it was Alianza, a club that promotes Latino culture that requested funds to celebrate their day of the dead event.

2) In last issue's news article "Art Department draws global talent with new hire," the professor's name is misspelled: It's Skil-lin-Brauchle with a "u." She is also an assistant professor of art, not an associate professor

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