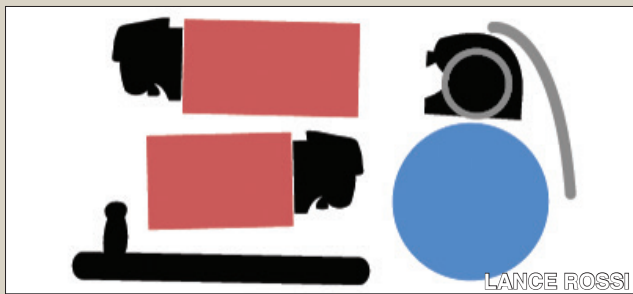


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Is the death of Michael Brown an isolated incident? Check out some stats and decide for yourself.

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The men's and women's basketball teams spent their Thanksgiving break on the hardwood.

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NEWS

Hazy future for weed Univ. 'free to ban marijuana'

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Willamette University might not be changing its policies on marijuana, despite Measure 91 passing in Oregon in the most recent election.

On November 4, Measure 91, an Oregon measure for legalizing recreational marijuana, passed with 56 percent of the vote. It allows for people 21 and older to possess up to eight ounces of dried marijuana and up to four plants.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission will regulate sales of the drug.

But just because the state law has changed does not mean that the University will be changing their policies.

According to the American College Health Association, National College Health Assessment (NCHA) of 2013, 56 percent of Willamette students have never used marijuana. Of the students surveyed, 21 percent said that they have tried marijuana, but had not used it in the last 30 days.

"Willamette is a private entity, and as a private university and private employer, it is free to continue to ban marijuana from its campus, much like it has the ability to ban tobacco or alcohol," Professor of Law at Willamette Paul Diller said.

If the federal law were to change, then the University could reevaluate their policies.

"The University will cross that bridge when we come to it," Campus Safety Director Ross Stout said. "If and when the time comes, there may be a reconsideration."

Measure 91 will not go into effect until July 1, 2015. Of age adults caught with marijuana before then can still be prosecuted. However, it seems that in some counties, there may be less cause for worry.

"What I've read is that some DA's, district attorneys, are declining to prosecute marijuana cases because they know that recreational marijuana will soon be legal," Diller said.

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NEWS



EDGAR JIMENEZ



KELLIE STANDISH

The Border Fence Project is created every year by WU Causa, a student organization that advocates for immigrant rights through community education and political action at Willamette University and in the surrounding community.

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LIFESTYLES

Golazo gives you wings



KELLIE STANDISH

Health consciousness and sports culture make for a compelling beverage brand.

JULIANA COHEN
LIFESTYLES EDITOR

If you're anything like me, your sleep schedule is as screwed up as your time management skills. In the throes of academic despair, drinking coffee all night to cram for a test or finish an essay might not be sufficient to keep those eyes open.

I occasionally turn to Red Bull to sustain my alertness, but grieve for those internal organs that suffer from the drink's nearly toxic chemicals.

One evening, I turned to a similarly shaped energy drink in the beverage aisle at Safeway: Golazo, an alternative with none of the taurine and all of the caffeine, which incidentally tastes a whole lot better than Red Bull anyway.

I liked Golazo so much that I used my leverage here at the *Collegian* to request a crate of free samples, and the Seattle-based company happily obliged.

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EDITORIAL

Covering tragedy, even when it hurts

Two weeks ago, hundreds of print copies of the *Collegian* were removed from distribution racks around campus.

It's hard to say if they were destroyed, recycled or dumped in the trash, but the action severely limited the print product's availability to students.

We don't know why the issue was destroyed. The student or students involved haven't made a statement to us, or commented on the matter publicly.

But, many have assumed the removal was in response to our continued coverage of Beau Wesley Smith, a Willamette senior charged in the murder of a 66-year-old Salem resident earlier this month. That article ran above the fold in

the previous issue.

There are a few things we do feel comfortable suggesting: In a time of heightened feeling and emotional intensity for all of us, one student (or group of students) lashed out in anger. Their actions were annoying, antagonistic and yet completely understandable.

Preparing the Nov. 19 issue, we knew some students would react viscerally—they would judge the article not on the basis of its informativity or impartiality, but on a personal, emotional level.

Without presuming to speak for them, it's easy to imagine our coverage feeling like an intrusion, or an attack.

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BRIEFS

On Monday, Dec. 1, WU Causa staged their Border Fence Project. On Jackson Plaza at 6 p.m., students performed and attended an open mic event. The project seeks to raise awareness of the different issues affecting the Willamette community and beyond. This year, one of the signs posted on the metal fence read “Willamette has never given tenure to a Black woman in its entire history. Instead, WU keeps the revolving door positions open for faculty of color.”

The Star Trees will not be decorated with lights this year, according to the Office of the President. A University press release stated that “the hiatus is intended to give the trees a respite and time to recover.” Instead, on Saturday, Dec. 6, there will be a Holiday Lighting Celebration in Jackson Plaza. Coffee and cookies will be provided, and a free concert in Smith Auditorium will follow the lighting ceremony.

Got tips? Email News Editor Bronte Dod <bdod>.

No home for the holidays

ALYSSA MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

On top of other worries that come with studying abroad, Willamette University’s international students also have to consider where they will stay for the 35 days of winter break.

Each semester, residence halls require all students to leave their dorms within 24 hours of their last final. After the last day of finals on Dec. 14, students are unable to return to their rooms until the start of spring semester.

Swedish exchange student Paulina Ludwig said that she had no idea that she would be obligated to leave her dorm for winter break.

“It was so bizarre. I’d never heard of that before,” Ludwig said. “I’m paying rent, but I’m being kicked out.”

Associate Director of International Education Chris Andresen said that there is no exception for international students.

“I wish there was a way to get around it,” Andresen said. “What we try to get the [international] students to



FORREST SMITH
International students must decide between going home for winter break or traveling. They are not allowed to stay in the dorms.

understand is that it’s not just a rule for them. It’s just the way that Willamette structures its housing system.”

For the international students who live in a dorm while they attend Willamette, there are three options during these 35 days: go home, travel or stay with a friend.

“I’m sure not every student loves it, so that’s why we try to tell them about it when we first send them their information about coming to Willamette,” Andresen said. “We always men-

tion it in their initial paperwork and then we repeat it several times in the emails that they get before they arrive. I’m not sure it feels real to them until they’re here. I don’t think they fully register what it means.”

Even though Italian exchange student Marti Folini said she intends to do a lot of traveling, she is trying to save money along the way.

“A lot of the international students are here on scholarships and cannot afford to travel for so many weeks,” Folini said.

Folini said that students decide between staying in the U.S. and going to their home countries for the break.

“Traveling is about the same price as going home, but most people travel and try to have some adventures,” Folini said.

Ludwig said that she and other international students will go to Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Miami, New York City and Boston.

“It’s going to be a bit crazy,” Ludwig said. “It’s very last minute for me, but all of my friends have planned their [breaks] meticulously.”

Though the international students living in dorms are frustrated that they have to find other living arrangements during winter break, Ludwig said that the break has its advantages.

“I think [students] like that there’s a long break, because they get to travel and see America,” Ludwig said. “I’m homesick, but I want to see what America is like. Home can wait.”

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75% of students do not use cigarettes

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“But that’s just a matter of prosecutorial discretion, that is not yet legally required,” Diller said.

In Multnomah County, Oregon’s largest district attorney’s office has announced that they will dismiss marijuana cases even before July 1.

Director of Bishop Wellness Center Margaret Trout said that there have been some discussions about making Willamette an entirely smoke free campus.

Trout is leading a group called the Tobacco Policy Review Committee. According to the NCHA survey, 1 percent of Willamette students smoke every day, and 75 percent of students have never smoked a cigarette.

The survey also asked students about their perception of smoking on campus. Nine percent thought

that the average Willamette student smokes marijuana every day. Over 10 percent thought the average student smokes cigarettes every day.

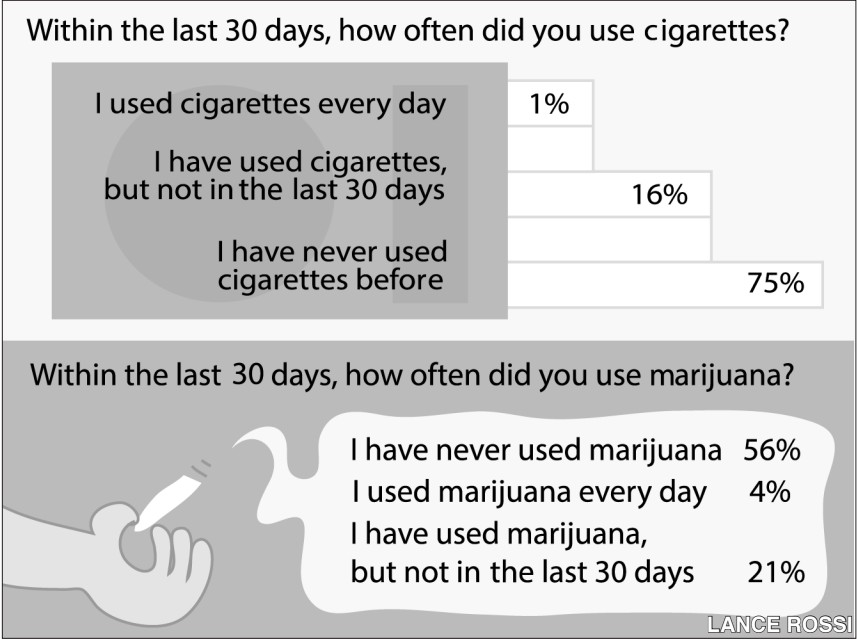
The review committee is charged with looking over the University’s current tobacco policy and making recommendations to the Administration Council and University President Stephen Thorsett, who will decide if the policy should be changed.

The committee has met twice, and is currently working on gathering more information.

Trout pointed out that many state schools in Oregon have smoke-free campuses or designated smoking areas.

However, many of the small liberal arts colleges similar to Willamette have not implemented such policies.

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Russell takes over treasury

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“We are in a far sounder financial situation than we were at the beginning of the year,” ASWU’s new Treasurer Brad Russell said. Russell was officially sworn in as the new treasurer at the Nov. 20 ASWU meeting.

This semester, former treasurer Greg Ebert realized that multiple accounting errors from previous treasurers had put ASWU in debt.

Ebert said that the problems were due to a lack of training from previous

“Once student fees are collected at the start of next semester, we will not be in debt,” Russell said.

ASWU’s one outstanding debt is to the *Collegian*, and this is already accounted for in next semester’s budget.

Each student has to pay fees along with their tuition. Every semester, \$90 per student of these fees is put into ASWU’s account. Next semester, it is expected that ASWU will be responsible for allocating almost \$200,000.

Much of this money will go to external programs, such as the shuttle service, Campus Life, Blitz the Bearcat

“Obviously, if a problem presents itself I will try and find an appropriate solution, but I cannot think of anything specifically that I’m planning on changing.”

Brad Russell
ASWU Treasurer

executives. He and Russell made sure to work together to provide better continuity for the position in the future.

“As far as I can tell, Greg did an excellent job, and I plan on continuing on with how he has been running things,” Russell said. “Obviously, if a problem presents itself I will try and find an appropriate solution, but I cannot think of anything specifically that I’m planning on changing.”

ASWU expects to have over \$15,000 to allocate to student clubs next semester. The senate recently voted to withdraw \$33,353 from its endowment, which will go toward funding certain club expenses, including the new drums for Taiko club and some of ASWU Sound’s equipment.

and the *Collegian*.

While Russell has officially taken over the position, Ebert is still working with Russell to ensure that there is a smooth transition process.

“He’ll be the one signing reimbursements starting next week,” Ebert said, “I’ll be the one just guiding him from here until the end of the semester.”

Ebert said that Russell will examine the way that ASWU operates and determine if he wants to make any changes.

“I think we’ve made some big steps this semester,” Ebert said, “but I think we’ll need to continue to improve.”

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Juniors and seniors elect new senators



Only 3 NW schools have mid-semester breaks of a day or less; the average is 2.5 days.

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Senior Brad Russell was sworn in as the new ASWU Treasurer at the student government meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20. The results of the most recent senator election were also announced.

The election, held on Nov. 18 and 19, replaced representatives studying abroad from the junior class and a senior who is graduating this semester.

Less than 150 people per class voted in the online election.

Anastasia Fedorova, Natasha Parekh and Tori Leder were elected as the junior class senators. Kevin Liebson was elected with 51 percent of the vote as a senior class senator. They will begin their terms in the spring semester.

Later at the meeting, ASWU President Andrés Oswill talked about the continued efforts to extend Thanksgiving break to a full week. Over 950 students responded to an online survey about the proposal.

The discussion turned to the importance of mid-semester day, as current plans to extend Thanksgiving break have revolved around cutting the for-

mer to extend the latter.

“There are arguments correlating a decrease in grades, an increase in students seeking mental health assistance and an increase in dropouts all around fall semester,” Oswill said.

He said that of the 20 other Pacific Northwest schools the committee looked at regarding their mid-semester policies, only three other institutions have breaks that are a day or less, with the other 17 schools averaging a two and a half day break.

“Having an uninterrupted school schedule from Labor Day until Thanksgiving break isn’t something that is healthy for students, and isn’t productive for any of the purposes that we would like,” Oswill said.

Though extending both mid-semester and Thanksgiving breaks would mean starting classes earlier and increased expenses for the University, trading mid-semester break for an extended Thanksgiving break would be a “worst-case scenario,” according to Oswill.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

November 17 - 30, 2014 |
Information provided by Campus Safety

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

November 22, 11:31 p.m. (Off Campus): Campus Safety received a call from Salem Police Department regarding an off-campus party and requesting assistance identifying students at the party. The officer met with police at the location and had a conversation with the residents of the house. Salem Police gave the residents 20 minutes to clear the house and shut down the party. They were also given their last warning regarding incidents at that location. The officers observed over 100 people leaving the location before they cleared the scene.

November 30, 1:56 a.m. (Off Campus): Campus Safety received a call from a student at their off-campus residence stating that their roommate was missing and it appeared as if someone had broken into their apartment. The front door to the apartment was unlocked and slightly ajar. The caller reported finding their roommate’s phone on the ground and several items knocked over within the residence. The officer met with the student on scene and called Salem Police, who arrived and conducted a search of the apartment. They discovered the roommate passed out in the bedroom.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

November 24, 11:41 a.m. (Eaton Hall): Campus Safety received a call regarding an attempted break-in at an office. The officer met with the caller and was shown several pry marks on the door and door frame. No entry to the room was gained and a work order was placed to have the door repaired.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

November 17, 8:18 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call concerning the welfare of a student. The caller reported that the student was going through a tough situation and was contemplating hurting themselves. The officer met with the student who agreed to seek medical attention. The officer transported the student to Salem Hospital.

November 21, 12:09 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a student who had injured their hand. The student requested transport to the ER to receive medical treatment.

November 22, 11:32 p.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a call regarding a person running a high fever. WEMS and Campus Safety arrived on scene to evaluate the individual. After a brief evaluation, WEMS determined that they were not in any immediate danger, but suggested that the individual go to the ER or see Urgent Care to seek further evaluation.

November 23, 12:16 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a report regarding an intoxicated student. WEMS and Campus Safety arrived on scene to evaluate the student’s condition. The student was reported to have consumed a large quantity of whiskey. After a brief evaluation, 911 was called and the student was transported to the ER by paramedics.

November 23, 12:47 a.m. (In a Campus Residence): Campus Safety received a report regarding a student vomiting in the restroom. Campus Safety and WEMS responded to evaluate the student. The student reported drinking some alcohol earlier in the evening. After a brief evaluation, WEMS determined that the stu-

dent did not need any further medical attention.

November 23, 1:54 a.m. (Off Campus): Campus Safety received a call regarding an intoxicated student who needed medical attention. WEMS and Campus Safety responded to assess the individual. Upon arrival, the officer on duty observed several students restraining someone who appeared very aggressive. WEMS was unable to evaluate the student, due to their aggressiveness. The student then ran away and officers called 911. The student was found sitting on the porch of a nearby home and was transported to the ER for evaluation.

November 24, 8:05 a.m. (Olin Science Center): Campus Safety received a report regarding a student who had fallen from their bike and had hit their head. The reporting party observed the student slip on their bike and hit their head on a cement pylon. Campus Safety arrived and began evaluating the student while paramedics responded. Salem Fire Department arrived and transported the student to the ER.

GIVING FALSE INFORMATION

November 23, 4:11 a.m. (Belknap Hall): A student called stating that they were locked out of their room. The officer met with the student. While admitting the student, the officer observed a container of alcohol inside the room. When asked about the bottle, the student stated that they were 21. After checking the student’s information, the officer determined that they were not 21. The student then stated that they were actually 21, but they had used a false name to get into the room. The actual occupant of the room was still sleeping inside and they were visiting them.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

November 22, 12:26 a.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received a call regarding the smell of marijuana. Officers made contact with the occupants of the room. Upon entering, they observed multiple containers of alcohol. The officer confirmed that the occupants were under legal drinking age and confiscated the alcohol.

November 22, 12:35 a.m. (University Apartments): Campus Safety received a report regarding the smell of marijuana. Officers attempted to make contact with the room’s residents. No one answered the doors, so officers entered the room and found marijuana and paraphernalia in plain sight. While confiscating the items, one of the occupants of the room returned. The student reported not knowing anything about the things found in the room.

November 22, 1:56 a.m. (Lausanne Hall): Officers observed the odor of marijuana in the building and located the source of the smell. They made contact with the room’s occupant and, upon entering, the officer also noticed a bottle of alcohol under the student’s bed. After determining that the student was not 21 year of age, the officer confiscated the alcohol.

THEFT

November 21, 10:05 a.m. (University Center): A student reported that their bike had been stolen. The student locked the bike up on the rack outside and, when they returned the next morning, the lock had been cut and the bike was gone.

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

MUSIC REVIEW

Ariel Pink’s hi-fi exhibits exuberance

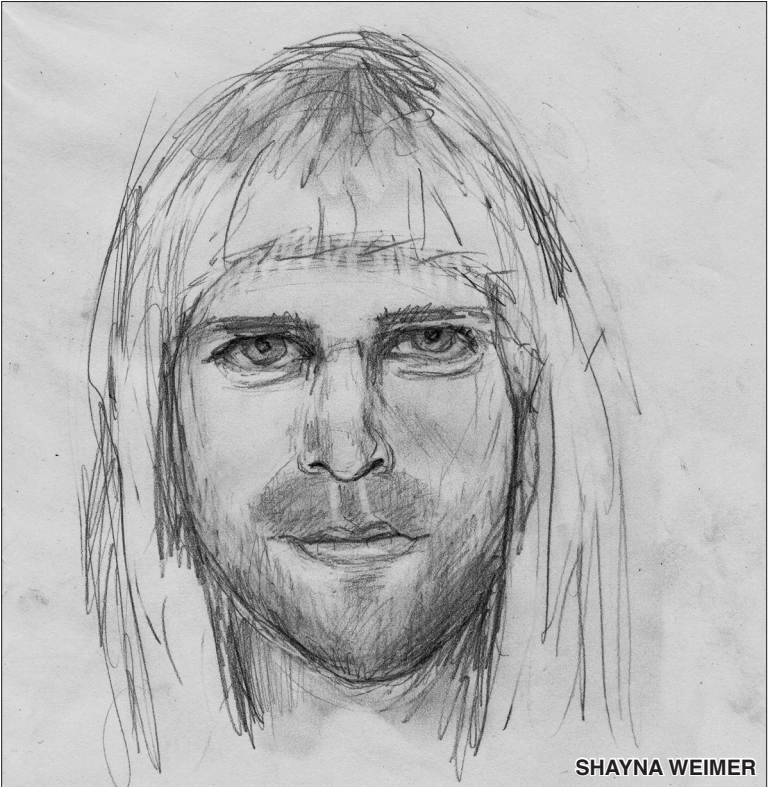
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After nearly two decades of writing and recording his own music, Ariel Pink and his vibrant discography remain gritty, fuzzy and all-around odd. The LA native claims to have written more than 500 songs across 100 cassette tapes through the 90s and into the ‘00s, a benchmark of a fiercely underground career. Pink’s path to fame, slow and arduous, only reached a pinnacle with the release of 2012’s tamer “Mature Themes” and his notorious mental breakdown at Coachella 2011. Newly liberated from his old band, Ariel Pink’s Haunted Graffiti, the 36-year-old songwriter has released “pom pom,” an album far more different and challenging to listen to than his previous efforts. “pom pom” is a far cry from the lo-fi aesthetic of Pink’s cas-

sette tape days, and each new album seems to feature cleaner production. Never fear, however; his wackiness seeps through every silly, irreverent track. The opening “Plastic Raincoats in the Pig Parade” is whimsical and absurd all at once. With glockenspiels and “Oh Yeah!” choruses, it could easily fit as the theme song to a children’s TV show about staying true to oneself. “Put Your Number In My Phone,” the lead single, has the catchy guitar parts from a cheesy 70s love song, but with a clever modern spin to the lyrics. “pom pom” appears to draw heavily from Frank Zappa’s more satirical music: songs like “Nude Beach a Go-Go” and “Jell-o” resemble Zappa albums like “Apostrophe” and “Sheik Yerbouti.” The problem isn’t the quality or depth of the music—even without a backing band, Pink

employs plenty of other instruments and sounds to flesh out these songs. Instead, it’s the degree of frivolity with which one has to listen. While some of the songs here are gloomy and dark, others feel bright and youthful. More than any other album I’ve heard this year, “pom pom” feels like one long, wild ride. Both the best and worst aspect of “pom pom” for me lies in its usage of surprise—the first listen is a treat, with ram-bunctiousness and infectious charm. But as much as I appreciate the random and inconsistent nature of these songs, knowing what will happen next on repeat listens in turn makes the whole album difficult to return to. It’s a crazy yet ultimately enjoyable journey.

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Just when you think Ariel Pink has run out of ideas, the flexible musician makes a fresh contribution.

Bringing back the yo-yo

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My first experience with a modern yo-yo occurred during my junior year of high school in San Mateo, CA. As my friend and I opened the trunk of his car to retrieve a skateboard, I noticed a small, green metal object. Its shape resembled two hollowed out door-knobs, wrapped up in a thin yellow string between its halves. Since I had only learned about yo-yoing during a passing fad in elementary school, this toy piqued my interest in a different context altogether. I attached it to my finger and tried it, and upon realizing it would not return to my hand with a tug like I had expected a yo-yo to do, I declared it broken and told my friend to consider getting a new one. He let me borrow it for a little while, and since then I have practiced yo-yoing every day

and have yet to return this contraption to my friend. The instrument lent to me belongs to a new generation of yo-yos created within the last 10 years. The niche market demanded a higher quality, longer spinning and more gyroscopically stable product. These aren’t our parents’ yo-yos, which returned to one’s hand with a simple tug. The ones I use have a fixed axle for the string to spin on, with precise, aircraft-grade aluminum and ball bearing designed to keep the yo-yo revolving for a longer period of time. They’re more stable than their predecessors and can spin anywhere between three and 10 minutes (sometimes even 30 minutes with specific models). The added spin time and continuity unlock the potential for incredibly intricate and complex tricks, and with the amount of original content coming out of yo-yoers recently it seems that

there is no limit to what a modern yo-yo can do. The yo-yo community has always fostered competition: The first World Yo-Yo Contest was held in London in 1932, putting yo-yoers’ skills to the test on an international stage. With this new renaissance in trick design invited by modern yo-yos, the competition scene has found new life—and a loyal following. Contests also serve as yo-yo conventions, as many who attend don’t end up competing. Yo-yoing is growing exponentially, both from a small niche hobby and as performance art. I hope its increased complexity will lift it from its stigma as a toy for children to a pastime appropriate for all ages and backgrounds. Regardless of status or popularity, it will remain an entertaining waste of time for generations to come.

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We pledge allegiance to Young Thug

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Atlanta’s Young Thug defies the boundaries of what it means to be a rapper, breaking the cookie-cutter mold of the status quo. His lines have less substance than a Saltine cracker and half the time he sounds like he’s huffed a helium balloon before recording. Yet his intimidating presence hooks the listener; loving Thug feels like giving in to the piece of leftover pecan pie staring you down from across the kitchen. How does he pull this off? It’s hard to ignore his truly abnormal song approach. While most of his competition seems to strive for the longest RapGenius annotations, Thug goes in the opposite direction. Coherence, articulation and content matter not to Young Thug. Rather, his vocals combine with the songs’ production to yield a seamless, suave blend of sound. Once we stop combing Thug’s lyrics for that which we will not find, the magic begins. We’re confident that Young Thug’s native tongue is English, but he does not let the language’s boundaries limit his rap. Those who sing along with his tracks most closely resemble Young Thug when they, also, turn their backs on legitimate language. This effect can be fully appreciated on weekend evenings when we, too, neglect coherence and articulation. Thugger, as he calls him-

self, is currently signed with Rich Gang, comprised of Rich Homie Quan, Thug and Birdman. Birdman was first known as a young Lil Wayne’s father figure, second as head honcho of the Young Money Label. As arguably the most successful conglomeration in rap, YM provided a platform for Thug to propel to the upper echelons of the genre. Before the YM affiliation, Thugga ran alongside and within Gucci Mane’s 1017 Brick Squad label. The unfamiliarity of Thug’s persona reminds us of Wayne’s self-proclaimed status as a martian. His recent success with Rich Gang can be seen in “Stoner” and “Lifestyle,” which both occupied music charts’ top 10 or five. His aesthetic and personality are as transfixing and foreign as his sound, tip-toeing the gender line with his outlandish outfit selection. In the “Danny Glover” video one can spot him wearing all white dress down to his jeans and Jordans. In many of his Instagram photos he calls his best friends “bae,” “baby” and his “lovers.” Many of the interviews ask him about this: He responds, “everybody thinks [it’s] crazy but that’s how it is, I love them.” Young Thug’s history and presence rattles listeners’ cages before unlocking the door. We urge anyone with a curious, open ear for music to give Thug a listen, or put your hesitant feet up in your cage—it’s your call.

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Sophomore Brendan McGinnis shows off his enviable yo-yo techniques.

Thanksgiving at Denny’s

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I don’t think the pilgrims pictured a nearly deserted Denny’s at the first Thanksgiving, but that was my reality this past Thursday.

To save time, money and stress, I decided not to go home for Thanksgiving this year.

Even though other Willamette students definitely stayed here over the break, it sure felt pretty lonesome in Salem. If my friend Katie hadn’t also been here, I don’t think I would have even left the apartment at all, let alone put on some pants.

Oblivious to our own laziness, Katie and I planned on making a Thanksgiving dinner for two that would have made Martha Stewart jealous. How naïve of us.

On the way to Winco that Wednesday, we realized what a great undertaking Thanksgiving dinner actually was, not to mention all the ingredients required of us. We never even made it to the store.

It dawned on me then that for my whole life, I have been taking the magic of spices for granted. My family’s spice rack now seems like a Williams-Sonoma display; in Salem, I’m lucky to have cinnamon.

Thank you, thyme, for your service all these years.

Who were we kidding? We’re college students, not housewives. Thus, we sought to have a Thanksgiving dinner only acceptable to poor undergrads and divorced dads with grown children.

We didn’t initially plan on going to Denny’s. Our first stop was Shari’s Café and Pies to try and class the evening up a bit. Everyone knows that pie is the best part of the meal and it appears that pie is their specialty, if their name is any indication.

But when we arrived both the parking lot and Shari’s were full, buzzing with families ready to feast. During the 30 seconds that we spent debating whether to battle for a table, I saw more elderly people and children than I had all semester.

This was a different kind of depressing.

I never realized people celebrated Thanksgiving away from home, surrounded by bustling waiters and rambunctious strangers—I’ve always been spoiled with home cooked feasts of love-infused food. Seeing all these happy families reminded me that I wasn’t at home, eating my mom’s two different kinds of stuffing.

When we we made it to Denny’s, I spotted three waitresses leaning on a sign that read “no smoking” with cigarettes between their fingers, and only about five or six tables occupied. There’s a full bar inside, in case any of you 21-year-olds are looking for a good time. Because nothing pairs better than alcohol and pancakes.

It made for the perfect balance of melancholy and welcoming, as though we all silently acknowledged that being at Denny’s on Thanksgiving at 3 p.m. wasn’t our dream holiday.

The food was exactly what I needed right then, a deliciously unhealthy seasonal menu that included all things pumpkin and a full Thanksgiving dinner.

Surprisingly, I had a great experience with my new family at Denny’s. It made me appreciate everything I have even more, and will make going home for winter break even sweeter.

So if anyone is staying in town for the break next year, you’re definitely welcome to join me for a festive Thanksgiving stack of pancakes.

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“We’re college students, not housewives.”

PRODUCT REVIEW

Drink Golazo or die trying

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Taking this one step further, I decided to spend a week drinking the beverage in lieu of coffee and other caffeinated liquids.

Golazo’s canned line comes in three flavors: hibiscus (sweet and girly—have you ever craved the taste of a flower?), mandarin (an overt citrus juice) and mango-lime (incredibly unique—an unlikely blend of tropical tones).

In addition, Golazo offers sugar-free versions of these flavors, but I really didn’t enjoy the bitterness that seems to come with any synthetic alternative to carbonated sweetness.

Included in my package were four plastic bottles that resembled Gatorade, along with a bonus flavor that really hit the spot—lemon lime.

I found this “hydration” line hard to incorporate into my lifestyle, since I usually just drink water when I work out, but these beverages definitely provided nourishment. I felt like a hummingbird sipping on nectar.

The side of a Golazo can boasts of its natural ingredients: green coffee beans, Yerba mate and cane sugar. It also claims to be non-GMO and gluten free, and that its competitors are neither of those things. However, when I poured the drink into a glass, Golazo looked as from-the-earth as Four Loko.

Golazo’s answer to Gatorade contains coconut water, which one can actually detect on the tongue. Then again, this beverage isn’t trying to prevent you from falling asleep.

It’s hard to match the physical stamina of Morgan Spurlock, the filmmaker known for “Supersize Me” and “30 Days.” Within just a few days, I felt bloated and uncomfortable from drinking too much Golazo.

Alongside its “natural” components, the side of the can mentions that a person should limit their consumption of this beverage to three cans a day.

In predictable cool-guy form, I enjoyed touting this obscure beverage. It’s a distinctive, bold can with an interesting name (shouting “¡Golazo!” means that someone just scored a really amazing goal in a fútbol game). The company has the legendary Pelé as its spokesperson and sponsors women’s soccer in Portland and Seattle.

Golazo’s most compelling advantage is that the energy drink is cheaper than its competitors in the Safeway aisle, and potentially the reason there was none left to buy when I last visited the store.

As much as I love the taste of mango-lime and mandarin Golazo, it’s probably a better idea to drink coffee or tea unless it’s finals week or another academic emergency. At one point, I worried about a potential kidney stone, and felt thankful that I didn’t go full Spurlock with my experiment.

Please let me know how Golazo tastes mixed with gin or vodka. You’ll have to buy a lot of cans to match the volume of a Four Loko, but the expense might just be worth it.

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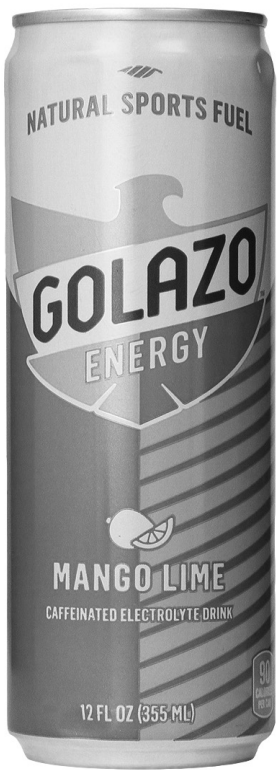
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Grand jury’s Ferguson de over American

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The tragic death of 18-year-old Michael Brown has inspired controversy nationwide. Protests demanding justice for Brown, along with thousands of black lives lost to police brutality, continue to occur not only in Ferguson, but in cities around the country—including our very own Salem. In spite of so much demonstrated solidarity, the grand jury decided not to indict Officer Darren Wilson with the murder of Michael Brown, concluding that “no probable cause exists to file any charge.” Here is a timeline highlighting some of the crucial events surrounding the case, along with some statistics that may challenge the notion that Brown’s death was simply an isolated incident.

Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014
12:03 p.m.: Michael Brown, 18, is shot dead by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson.

Eyewitnesses say Brown was walking in the street with friend Dorian Johnson when an officer drove up next to them. He demanded that the boys get on the sidewalk, to which Brown and Johnson replied that they were nearing their destination (Johnson’s house).

“His exact words were ‘Get the fuck on the sidewalk,’” Johnson says to MSNBC.

The officer then grabbed Brown, and Brown tried to pull away. Narratives diverge at this point, but almost all agree that Brown was killed after running, then turning back around to face the patrol car.

Brown’s body was left lying in the street uncovered for four and a half hours, then placed into an unidentified black SUV. Brown’s mother was not allowed to identify her son’s body.

Aug. 10 - Aug. 13, 2014
After several nights of protesting, community members are tear-gassed by police officers. Dozens of protesters are arrested.

Aug. 14, 2014
President Obama addresses the nation and calls for peaceful demonstrations, along with a “transparent” investigation of Brown’s death.

Ryan J. Reilly of the Huffington Post and Wesley Lowery of the Washington Post are arrested by police inside a McDonald’s restaurant. The hashtag #mediablackout begins trending on Twitter.

Aug. 15, 2014
A press conference names Darren Wilson as the officer who shot Michael Brown. The press conference also reveals that Wilson was responding to another call when he approached Brown. Wilson did not write his own incident report.

At this point, nearly 200 protesters have been arrested.

Aug. 16, 2014
Governor Jay Nixon declares a state of emergency and curfew in Ferguson.

Aug. 18, 2014
The National Guard is deployed to the St. Louis suburb.

A private autopsy performed at the request of his family reveals that Brown was shot six times, including a fatal shot to the top of his head. The autopsy suggests that Brown was not shot at close range, but critics in the press argue that the examiner did not have access to the crime scene or Brown’s clothing.

President Obama announces that Attorney General Eric Holder will be dispatched to Ferguson to monitor the situation there.

Aug. 23, 2014
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Aug. 25, 2014
Brown’s memo in Friendly T Baptist Church

“They’re not wrestling so much as [Wilson’s] arm went from his throat to now clenched on his shirt. It’s like tug of war. He’s trying to pull him in. He’s pulling away, and that’s when I heard ‘I’m gonna shoot you.’”

Dorian Johnson
Eyewitness

As of Dec. 1, 14 teens have been killed by police since the death of Michael Brown -justiceformikebrown.tumblr.com

Decision raises controversy justice system

Only three out of the 53 police officers in Ferguson are black. -motherjones.com

According to the U.S. Census, in Ferguson, which is 60 percent black, there is only one black city council member and one black school board member. -motherjones.com

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Sept. 25, 2014
The Ferguson Police Chief publicly apologizes to Brown's parents and to protesters.

Nov. 15, 2014
Two new videos and audio from Aug. 9 surface. It is revealed that officer Wilson waited two hours before going to the hospital. He appears uninjured in both videos.

Nov. 24, 2014
The grand jury determines that "no probable cause exists to file any charge against Officer Wilson and returned to a no true bill for each of the five indictments."

"First and foremost we are a nation based on the rule of law. We need to accept that this decision was the grand jury's to make." President Obama

Dec. 1, 2014
The Federal Aviation Administration issues a no fly zone over Ferguson.

orial service is held
Temple Missionary
n in St. Louis.

Oct. 23, 2014
The official autopsy shows that Brown had a close range wound to his hand. Wilson claims Brown kept "charging" at him.

Renowned forensic pathologist, Dr. Cyril Wecht, said the autopsy showed that Brown was killed with his hands up.

Nov. 17, 2014
Governor Jay Nixon declares a state of emergency and re-activates the National Guard in anticipation of the grand jury decision.

Nov. 30, 2014
Mayor James Knowles accepts Wilson's resignation. He is no longer a Ferguson police officer and will not receive further payment or benefits.

The White House announces that President Obama is to meet with young civil rights leaders, politicians and law enforcement to discuss possible solutions to ongoing tensions between protesters and police officers.

Dec. 2, 2014
Reps. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY), Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Sheila Jackson Lee (D-Tex.) and Gene Green (D-Tex.) put their hands up during remarks on the House floor to express frustration with the grand jury's decision.

“Recent events in Ferguson, Missouri and around the country have shone a spotlight on the importance of strong, collaborative relationships between local police and the communities they protect and serve.”

The White House

In Ferguson police arrest black people at a rate nearly three times higher than people of other races. In Salem, for every 1,000 residents the arrest rate is 300.1 for blacks, and only 90.9 for non-blacks. -statesmanjournal.com

Black lives matter



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Benjamin Watson, tight end for the New Orleans Saints, published an essay on his Facebook last Tuesday night depicting his range of feelings about the grand jury's decision not to indict Darren Wilson, the officer who shot and killed Michael Brown in Ferguson, MO.

Watson's post has since gone viral, now with over 250,000 shares. He is being praised for his brutal honesty, faith and heroism.

Here are my thoughts, in the style of Watson:

We all should be angry because, like Watson points out, "the stories of injustice that have been passed down for generations seem to be continuing before our very eyes."

It is frustrating that pop culture and sports—I'm looking at you, Watson—glorify violence.

It is horrible that our society makes people of color fearful because they are racially profiled and read as a "threat," and are thus asked "to go the extra mile to earn the benefit of the doubt." We should be fearful of a society that believes being black is a good enough reason to be gunned down.

The government's response to the protestors is embarrassing. Anger must have an outlet in the face of injustice, and vandalism, looting, etc. are not crimes on par with the taking of someone's life. We should be embarrassed the grand jury did not indict.

We should be sad that we do not know what happened on Aug. 9, and that officer Wilson was not only found innocent, but the grand jury has ruled that a crime was not committed.

Sympathy should go out to Michael Brown's family and to the protestors that refuse to quit despite continued police brutality on the streets.

It is offensive that Wilson does not carry a Taser on his person because "it is not the most comfortable thing." Rather, he feels that gunning down an unarmed 18-year-old makes more sense.

White privilege is not that confusing—white police officers like Wilson abuse their power because they have been socialized to believe that their lives matter more. The grand jury's decision not to indict demonstrates that white people do not need a reason to gun down an unarmed black man.

This is not the time to be introspective; use your voice to say that the systematic killing of black people is wrong. Point your finger at Darren Wilson and make it clear that black lives matter.

We are hopeless because the system is not broken, it was built this way. And white men like Wilson have been given a gun and told that black lives are expendable. Michael Brown's last words were "I don't have a gun. Stop shooting."

I am hopeful because streets across the country are filled with protestors.

It is not heroic, nor profound to say that prayer is the solution. Michael Brown's murder was a SKIN problem, not a SIN problem.

Our society does not need more Gospel because institutionalized racism will not be solved when everyone lets Jesus into their hearts.

Rather, we need people like Wilson, who have savagely murdered people of color, to be held responsible for their participation in the systemic killing of black people.

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Swimmers prepare for intense winter training



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Willamette's men's and women's swimming programs are now in the midst of their season and have competed against some great opponents thus far.

To begin the Conference dual match season, Willamette traveled to Whitworth University and was defeated in both men's and women's swimming on Nov. 7. The Pirates won the men's competition 155-49, and triumphed in the women's competition, 143-61.

Junior Malia Santos led the Bearcats by winning the women's 50-yard freestyle and taking second in the 100-yard butterfly.

On Nov. 8, Willamette traveled to Whitman College and was defeated once more. The Missionaries won the men's competition 152-52, and the Whitman women's team earned a 135-65 victory.

For Willamette, freshman Cassie Tallman won two women's events. She took first place in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:16.02 and was the winner of the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:31.36.

The Bearcat men's swimming team provided University of Puget Sound with quite a battle at the WU Natatorium on Friday, Nov. 14. The Bearcats held a 97-91 lead entering the final event, the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Puget Sound took first and third in the relay to slip past the Bearcats, 104-101. In the women's competition, Puget Sound defeated the Bearcats, 144-60.

On Nov. 15, Pacific Lutheran University outscored Willamette University in men's and women's swimming. The PLU women's team defeated the Bearcats, 147-58. The men's team for the

Lutes downed Willamette, 135-70.

For Willamette, Tallman won two events for the women's team, while freshman Mark Yuvienco took first place in two events for the men's team.

Tallman was victorious in the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard breaststroke. He also triumphed in the 200-yard butterfly and the 500-yard freestyle.

On Nov. 22, the men's team won the Willamette Invitational at the WU Natatorium. The Bearcats scored 201.5 points, while College of Idaho took second place at 171 and Pacific University was third at 157.5.

In the women's competition, Pacific finished in first place with a score of 200. College of Idaho was second at 178 and Willamette earned third place with 165 points. Mills College (Calif.) took fourth place with 25 points.

"We are having a great season so far," senior Zander Le Bel said. "We won our first meet of the season two weekends ago in our home pool. Everyone had at least one swim where they swam lights out and we are really excited going forward."

The men's and women's programs will now travel to San Diego where they will get an opportunity to practice under warmer temperatures.

"In San Diego we will have our workouts outside under the SoCal sun, as well as spending an afternoon training with the navy seals," Le Bel said. "We then come back to Salem a week early and continue our training. Our best meets are yet to come. We are the fastest team in Oregon and should win all of our meets from here on out."

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Fall athletic standouts

Cross Country



After placing three runners in the top five at the Division III West Regional competition, the women's cross country team earned an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships hosted by Wilmington College at the King's Island Golf Center in Ohio. At the competition, the women achieved a 15th place team finish, led by sophomore Olivia Mancil's 48th place individual finish. Junior Yonny Castillo earned an individual bid to the Championships to represent the men's team, and achieved a 191st place finish in the race. The Bearcats performance at the Championships concludes an outstanding season from both the men and women, who swept the Northwest Conference team championships for the second year in a row.



Jack Nelson

Senior Jack Nelson was one of just 25 athletes in NCAA Division III football to be named First Team Capital One Academic All-America. Nelson closes out his Willamette career with 315 total tackles, a Willamette school record. He also registered 104 tackles just this year, earning first in tackles in the Northwest Conference (NWC) for the second year in a row. Nelson was named First Team All-NWC three times in his time as a Bearcat.

Dylan Jones

Senior Dylan Jones has been voted NWC Offensive Player of the Year, after a record-setting season. Jones rushed 237 times for 1,599 yards this year, setting a Willamette record. He also rushed a total of 2,859 yards in his time at Willamette, just two yards shy of the record for career rushing yards. Jones has also been named First Team All-NWC, along with teammates Nelson and senior Ryan Springer. Additionally, he was named NWC Offensive Student-Athlete of the week three times this season, and is one of 10 semifinalists for the Gagliardi Trophy, an award given to the most outstanding player in NCAA Division III.



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Winter varsity sports calendar

Men’s Basketball

Dec. 16 at Concordia (Ore.)
Dec. 29 vs. Wisconsin Lutheran at Las Vegas, Nev.
Dec. 30 vs. Colorado College at Las Vegas, Nev.
Jan. 2 vs. Whitworth.
Jan. 3 vs. Whitman
Jan. 9 at Puget Sound
Jan. 10 vs. George Fox
Jan. 13 at Lewis & Clark
Jan. 17 at Pacific Lutheran
Jan. 23 at Pacific
Jan. 24 vs. Linfield
Jan. 30 at Whitman
Jan. 31 at Whitworth

Women’s Basketball

Dec. 4 vs. Montana State-Northern
Dec. 19 vs. Wheaton (Mass.) at Honolulu, Hawaii
Dec. 20 vs. Lake Forest (Illinois) at Honolulu, Hawaii
Jan. 2 vs. Whitworth
Jan. 3 vs. Whitman
Jan. 9 at Puget Sound
Jan. 10 vs. George Fox
Jan. 13 at Lewis & Clark
Jan. 17 at Pacific Lutheran
Jan. 23 at Pacific
Jan. 24 vs. Linfield
Jan. 30 at Whitman

Swimming

Jan. 2 – 8 Winter Training at San Diego, Calif.
Jan. 10 vs. Southwestern Oregon CC (Exhib.)
Jan. 23 at Pacific
Jan. 24 vs. Lewis & Clark
Jan. 31 at Linfield
Feb. 13 – 15 NWC Championships at Corvallis, Ore.
Mar 18 – 21 NCAA Division III Championships at Shenandoah, Texas

Southern fans rise



MAX CRADDOCK
COLUMNIST

Last Friday, Alabama and Auburn squared off in one of the most important games of this college football season. The two rivals competed in the game known as the “Iron Bowl,” which annually pits the two major Alabama powerhouse football programs against one another.

Alabama avenged their loss from a year ago, led by the phenomenal play of wide receiver Amari Cooper and the hard running of T.J. Yeldon and Derrick Henry. The Crimson Tide managed to get by, despite giving up 456 yards in the air—206 of which were gained by standout wide receiver Sammie Coates. While other in-state rivalries aren’t very competitive or interesting (sorry, Oregon State), Alabama’s in-state rivalry not only features two teams with storied legacies, but two fan bases that are more like angry drunken mobs than fans.

ESPN decided to highlight the “passion” of these fans by having a “simulcast” on its SEC Network, where it allowed fans of the different teams to call in and give their opinion on the game.

The show was hosted by Paul Finebaum, a man notorious for giving his opinions on the south’s superiority in athletics, views that are sometimes so extreme that they’re almost neo-confederate in nature.

The simulcast didn’t disappoint, featuring calls from fans that were closer to drunken incoherent rambles than informed opinions.

Much like how the Iron Bowl rivalry is more than a football game, the coaches of the two teams are closer to Alabama gods than football coaches.

The Crimson Tide is led by Nick Saban, who earns \$6.9 million per year, making him the highest paid coach in college football and the highest paid state employee in Alabama.

Saban is a renowned grump, who, in possibly his most infamous moment, scolded his players who celebrated winning the National Championship by dumping Gatorade over his head. While he may not be the most likable fellow, he has won three titles at Alabama since taking over as head coach in 2007.

The other sideline was headed by a much different coach. Gus Malzahn is in his second year as head coach with the Tigers. Malzahn is fairly new to the college game, coaching high school football as recently as 2005.

However, Malzahn has made a tremendous impact in the short time he’s been in college football, first by helping to guide Auburn to a national title in 2011 as the offensive coordinator and then returning in 2013 to lead the Tigers back to the championship game, this time as their head coach.

After taking in the spectacle that is the Iron Bowl, one cannot help but feel that behind all the pageantry is a new assertion of Southern dominance.

Football, originally a sport dominated by the Northern Ivies, became a pride of the South in the 1920s. As Winthrop University professor of sports history Andy Doyle says about southern football, the legacy and bitterness of the Civil War and Reconstruction lives on and fuels the aggression and pride that southern citizens put into their teams.

So next time you see a college football game and wonder how people could get so riled up over a sport, realize that the issue has much more to it than meaningless fandom.

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Basketball spends break on the court

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While the student body received a brief hiatus last week, both the men’s and women’s basketball squads took no time off. Instead they spent the majority of their Thanksgiving break on the hardwood.

“We do take pride in going out the day after Thanksgiving to tournaments each year and competing,” senior forward Alex Brown said. “We understand the sacrifice we made and the benefits that come along with being with your team all break.”

The men’s team travelled to Colorado last weekend for the Colorado College Thanksgiving Invitational, splitting its two contests with a loss to University of Dubuque 83-60 and a win against University of Northwestern 71-64.

On Friday, Willamette ran into a tough matchup against Dubuque, who coming into the game held an undefeated 3-0 record.

In the first half, the Bearcats struggled to find their shot, shooting only 38 percent from the floor and missing all nine of their three-point attempts.

On the other side, Dubuque shot 50 percent and also got to the line 21 times as they forced the ball inside and drew a lot of contact. They made 18 foul shots, giving them a 49-31 advantage going into the half.

In the second period, Willamette made a valiant effort to come back, drawing as close as nine points twice, but the Spartans managed to hold them off with a late run of their own to give them the victory.

The very next night, the Bearcats used their loss to bounce back and correct their mistakes, making a team effort to defeat Northwestern.

Four of the five starters scored in the double digits, as junior post Brandon Luedtke scored 17, junior wing Bridger Harlington had 12, freshman wing Nico Troplent registered 15 and freshman guard Brendon McCullough dropped 17.

Luedtke also had a team-high 12 rebounds and six steals.

In this first half, Willamette struggled defensively, as the Eagles knocked down nine threes to take a nine-point lead into the break.

However, the ‘Cats made the necessary adjustments at the break, as they did not allow another triple the rest of the night.

On offense, Willamette was equally impressive, as they shot 50 percent in the second half, using a balanced attack

to come back and outscore Northwestern by 15 in the final 20 minutes to capture a seven-point win.

“That was a game that we really all played together and the result was in our favor,” Brown said. “We had a lot of guys step up who had been struggling, which was great to see and huge for our confidence as a team.”

As for the women’s team, they also enjoyed success over the holiday—going 2-1 before losing a heartbreaker on a buzzer-beating shot to Concordia University on Wednesday, concluding their Thanksgiving break games.

In their first two games, the lady ‘Cats bested California Institute of Technology 81-47 on a record setting night, before falling to University of California Santa Cruz the next night 73-52.

Against Caltech, Willamette was led by sophomore guard Kylie Towry and senior point guard Jojo DeLong.

Towry broke the previous school record of seven for most three-pointers made in a single game, draining nine triples on just 14 attempts, for a career-high 27 points.

DeLong also impressed, recording a triple-double, scoring 14 points, hauling in 14 rebounds and dishing out 10 assists.

Despite losing to UC Santa Cruz, they bounced back in their next contest

against Northwest Christian University, dominating on the defensive end by forcing 19 turnovers.

Senior forward Julia Brand, who contributed eight points and seven boards, was proud of her team being able to rebound and garner a victory after a tough loss.

“Through each game we have been able to recognize our strengths as well as areas that we can improve on,” Brand said. “That’s really exciting because once we start tackling those areas of weakness we can achieve a lot more.”

The next night also saw lots of intensity from the Bearcats on both sides of the court, and it came down to the final shot—which Willamette came out on the wrong end of.

With six seconds remaining in regulation, the Cavaliers launched a long jump shot that rattled in and around the rim, before finally dropping to give them a two-point win.

However, Brand believes the close loss will not hinder her team moving forward.

“I feel confident in our ability to take on the challenges that lay ahead and take another step forward in the right direction,” Brand said.

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After adding a win and a loss over the break, the men’s basketball team enters December with a record of 2-4. They will open Conference play against Whitworth on Jan. 2.

An American identity crisis



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Ferguson is not an exception. It is merely an example of deep issues that have occurred and are occurring in the United States.

Contrary to popular belief, it isn't just an example of one societal problem. It's a cacophony of red flags that should have been dealt with years ago.

Issues like racial demographics in police forces and police militarization merely scratch the surface of the real issue that causes occurrences like this recent tragedy.

At its core, Ferguson is an example of one of the biggest issues our country has faced since the beginning. The best way I can describe it is an "identity crisis." As Americans, we do not know who we are, what we represent and what we stand for as a whole.

The media, in all its pompous glory, prefer to focus on the extremes: They focus on the violent rioters and make them out to be one and the same as our groups of protesters, and they focus on the naysayers who continually pretend that this issue has nothing to do with race relations in the United States.

Behind all the shouting, fighting and blood strokes there are people in the U.S. who shake their heads and voice their concern to a country that too often refuses to listen: "I don't feel welcome here."

There are millions of non-white Americans who feel that America is a country where both the government and the people do not think of them when they say "we the people."

I was born in the United States. I am a proud American. I love my country. But when I hear a fellow American say, "I don't feel like I'm an American," it hurts.

It'd be easy for me to get frustrated and chide them over their pessimism. But I do not know how they feel. So instead of anger, all I feel is sadness. It's disheartening that someone with the same status as me, who has every right to be here as I do, doesn't feel as welcome as I do.

Despite abolition and civil rights, many non-white Americans still feel like second class citizens.

At its roots, Ferguson's problems stem from a local level. Their police force does not represent the community, and therefore, the community does not trust the police. One of the most needed reforms should be one of identity: The police should be seen as members of a community rather than figures of authority.

Officers should be people that residents know and trust, not authoritarians that impose lethal force. That's the image we have of police these days, and it's one that make things like the tragedy in Ferguson a common occurrence.

We are hopelessly divided as a nation. Yet, we make no attempt to reconcile. While older generations have their faults, as a group of young people we have no right to blame.

Millennials are exceedingly individualist, and we stratify ourselves from our communities. If anything, our desire to be independent is making this disunity even worse.

We, as a young generation, have the mobility and the power to sit down and reconnect with those around us.

How do we prevent unrest? Reach out to people. Know the issues, know the heritage and know the customs of our local communities. Don't gentrify, assimilate. We are not a nation of three hundred million individuals, but one of small communities.

At its core, racism stems from a fear of difference. Maybe it's time for the majority American community to do everything we can to reach out and extend the hand of unity in identity.

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RESPONSE: "Not that kind of vegetarian" by Ross Kovac

Vegetarianism vs. veganism

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I am a president and founder of Vegan club and I would like to take a moment to respond to Ross Kovac's recent article, "Not that kind of vegetarian," published Nov. 5.

First, there is a major difference between vegetarians and vegans, and vegans consider vegetarian diets to be unethical.

There's good reason for this.

Lets talk about what most cows endure during milk production. First, the cow needs to be impregnated to lactate. To do this, a syringe filled with semen is put into her vagina by a human's gloved arm.

In most cases, after birth the calf is instantly taken away from the mother. If it's a male, it will be made into veal. If it's female, it will likely become another dairy cow. The mother goes through incredible stress being separated from her baby, and she is then kept in a small space where she can barely move. In this space, she is painfully milked with tools attached to her udders. Then, in order to

have her continue processing milk, she needs to keep having babies. This means more syringes, more babies and more stress until she is so exhausted from the pain that she can no longer stand.

She is then dragged off to slaughter and becomes a mysterious beef product.

"But that is a factory farm!" the classic objection goes.

You're right. I'm not talking about a venerated cow happily roaming a pasture in some part of India. The reality is that most dairy and eggs come from systems just as exploitive and abusive as the one I mentioned above. I would also like to add here that I strongly oppose the concept of using any female's reproductive system as a productive system.

On another note, vegan is not a dietary preference. It is an ethical stance. Vegans don't avoid eating x, y and z; rather, they see these things as not being food, period.

As my Direct Action Everywhere friends say, "It's not food, it's violence." It is for this reason that when I am talking about nutrition, I do NOT bring up vegan ethics. I get slammed by vegans all the time for doing this. Many veg-

ans want me to say vegan white bread pizza is a health food because that reality would be good for veganism, but it's not.

If someone wants to talk to me about veganism and diet, those will be two separate conversations.

I am writing this to tell you that I do care what other people eat. I care deeply. First, I care deeply about the serious danger that all animal products are to human health, especially in the realm of heart disease and cancer.

Secondly, I care deeply about our planet. I want it to be beautiful and bountiful for all our children.

Thirdly, I care deeply about the well-being of other beings we share the planet with. I want them to be free, happy and loved. Some of this has to do with me being vegan, but all of it has to do with me wanting what's best for everyone, even in a crazy, modern world.

I think it's great that you've managed to go a long time without eating animal flesh. How about making the next step and eliminating the other animal products?

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Turning 22 with Taylor Swift



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On the 17th of November, I turned 22.

Please hold all Taylor Swift singing and old people jokes until the end of the column.

Birthdays are a delightfully strange thing. It's the one time of year where we choose to celebrate the sheer majesty of our own existence.

You exited the womb on this day many moons ago! You and the Earth have made another trip around the Sun! You are now another year older!

For me, this birthday was one for the history books. It was also more of a birth-five-days than a singular birthday, but that's beside the point.

I got to go see Bastille in concert with some of my best ladies up in Portland.

(Birthday Miracle No. 1: Dan Smith—exceptionally attractive British lead singer of the band—touched my shoulder after we looked into each other's souls while singing "Flaws" together. I fangirled real hard and screamed quite a bit. There's a video on Facebook. I am very proud.)

I got to host my very own birthday party wherein we played spin the bottle, because popular culture leads me to believe that every American youth has spun the bottle at least once in their young and tawdry lives.

(Birthday Miracle No. 2: It was my party and I cried—both because I wanted to and because I had a slightly tipsy and extremely joyful realization that I have a fair amount of fantastic friends.)

I got to bask in the glory of my last birthday as a full-time Willamette Bearcat.

(This isn't really another birthday miracle or anything, but is instead a sort of birthday melancholy understanding.)

My apologies for how sentimental this might get, but it's the end of the semester—my penultimate semester here!—so bear with me.

The majority of my actual date of birth was spent sitting in the Bistro and feeling overwhelmed about how many people went out of their way to wish me a happy birthday.

After class, I planted myself on the comfiest of window couches with a lavender jamocha and contemplated how fortunate I am to be where I am and to

be who I am and to know what I know and to have had the opportunity to live the life I've had.

In actuality, I probably looked like a slightly stoned pretentious asshole (what with the bleary-eyed smiling at no one in particular and my wickedly on point lip syncing to "Blank Space" by T. Swift).

But, I do not care about basic things like appearances, for it was the perfect end to the perfect birth-five-days.

It's weird to think that so many things I've understood innately about life—birthdays, friendship, attending school, etc.—are guaranteed to change in the very near future.

I did not give life permission to switch things up on me like this. I had just found my groove in this off-kil-

ter, cruel world and now, I'm getting thrown out of it!

So, I guess what I'm really trying to get at is this:

Savor the moments that you have here at Willamette with this community and these opportunities, because some of them are wonderful and all of them are not going to last forever.

(P.S. The chance to have the stupid things I think are funny printed and read by y'all has been one of the best things about my year thus far. Thank you so much for reading.)

(P.P.S. I swear I'm only crying because you, dear reader, make me very, very happy.)

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Speech is free, but ideas have cost



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Climbing high on my list of pet peeves are people who try to use freedom of speech as some sort of get out of jail free card.

Everyone’s been around someone in their life who’s done that before. Hell, maybe once upon a time (a long time, I hope), you were that person. That jerk who rattles off ignorant, vulgar or maybe just flat-out disagreeable sentiments with no regard for anyone around them.

And then, once the speaker is finally confronted, they hurl back the most obnoxiously smug retort—“Hey, I’m just exercising my freedom of speech!”

Maybe some of my readers don’t understand my issue with this rhetorical device. Let me explain why even writing that quote got under my skin.

The right to freedom of speech had very specific purposes. It was one of those concepts that our founding fathers upheld as a natural, inalienable right, and as such, one that must be endowed to every American citizen.

Its importance was such that it makes up virtually the entirety of the First Amendment of the Constitution, if one is willing to consider the freedoms of press, assembly, expression, religion

and petition simply as offshoots of our basic freedom of speech.

It is, more or less, the assurance from our government that they cannot legally mandate your opinion. The law cannot stifle your voice.

But the First Amendment absolutely was not created to be the scapegoat for individual bigotry.

From simple discourtesy to downright prejudice, people call upon the First Amendment as if it were some sort of magic eraser that made all the consequences of their actions vanish.

Fortunately for the rest of humanity, it doesn’t work like that.

Having the right to freedom of speech is not the same thing as being unaccountable for your own words.

Freedom of speech means one thing, and one thing only: The government cannot arrest you for publicly announcing what you believe in.

Granted, there are caveats to this, of course, like anything causing public harm or panic (the classic example being a cry of “fire!” in a crowded theater), but the intention is still the same.

That means the store you’ve been loudly discussing your impolite opinions in is entitled to kick you out.

That television network you’ve been unashamedly vulgar on? They are entitled to fire you.

That person you’ve been obnoxiously harassing with prejudiced sentiments? They are entitled to tell you to shut your mouth and sit your ignorant ass down.

The First Amendment limits the government’s ability to intervene in anything you say.

It doesn’t, however, limit the actions that any private institution or individual may choose to take, whether you agree with those actions or not. Like any other body unassociated with the government, they also have a right to freedom of speech.

It seems like the pompous jerks spewing their unwanted opinions forget that last part pretty often.

As innate and natural as it may seem to us, the freedom of speech is an outstanding privilege. It perpetuates the society that we, as a nation, have seen fit to deem uniquely American.

Yet, as the cliché goes (Thanks, Stan Lee!): “With great power comes great responsibility.”

If we are to do this freedom justice, it must be alongside the recognition of that great responsibility.

Yes, you are free to say anything you want—but only so long as you are prepared to face the consequences of your actions.

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Forced family fun

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Every year, my family crams around a covered Ping-Pong table to have Christmas dinner together at my grandparents’ house.

And every year, amidst all of the yelling, gesticulating and crying, my grandma stands up, throws her napkin down in disgust, and spits, “It’s like you’re all competing to see who can possibly be the worst,” before going into the kitchen to check on the carrot cake.

Family dynamics and traditions obviously vary from case to case, but after having spent holiday meals at a number of friends’ houses, I’ve come up with a few guidelines of acceptable behavior that have stayed relatively constant in my personal experience.

Before the evening or gathering begins, you really need to decide how you want to be remembered.

This year I have really been into CrossFit, and I want to make sure that everyone notices what it’s done for my swole, toned body.

The key to this strategy is that everything relates back to CrossFit. A compliment like, “Wow Jake, I really like the color of your sweater!” can easily be turned to your benefit by saying something like, “Thanks Aunt Julie, it really hangs off my body well from all the CrossFit I’ve been doing. Lol, you’ve never heard of CrossFit? Let me tell you about CrossFit!”

Did Uncle Karl just reveal that Aunt Carol has high cholesterol? Make sure by the end of the night you have talked to her about all the good that CrossFit has done for you, and can do for her, too.

The second tip: Ask deeply personal health and wellness questions. It evinces a pleasant curiosity in your family members’ life, and they will appreciate your concern.

It is also important that you frame the questions in the most blunt and public way possible. It shows everyone at the table how close you are with that family member, and that you genuinely care.

Last year, I asked my little cousin if he had been using his acne medication, and, when he said “yes,” I laughed and told him that it wasn’t really working for him. Then I yelled across the table to tell his mother a number of good products for his awful skin.

Like my little cousin, whomever you are talking to might look a little embarrassed at first; that’s because they aren’t used to people caring about each other in today’s cold capitalistic society, and they are actually just pleasantly surprised that you are breaking the mold.

At this point, think about the conversations that have been taking place around the table. If (on a scale from one to terrifyingly racist, sexist, homophobic, etc.) your conversations are only hovering at mildly offensive, now is the perfect time to casually bring up politics.

Whether you preface this conversation with, “Well, there really is no way to know that he ISN’T from Kenya,” or “Rush says Hillary Clinton used black magic to cause Benghazi,” current events and politics are a perfect way to show the rest of the family how intelligent and conscientious you are.

Godspeed Bearcats—whatever your strategy is to survive forced family fun-time, take a page out of my book and base it on the actions of your elders.

At best, you will impress your family with your tact and grace.

At worst, you’ll grow up to be that family member who drains a bottle of vodka and ruins Christmas.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

In ancient Roman times, as part of a celebration, a leader would be dressed up as a god and paraded around the city. He would be praised and worshipped as a god, and right behind him, following him the entire way, would be a slave to whisper in his ear, “You are not a god, you are just a man,” because when they looked like a god, and acted like a god, they started to feel like a god and needed the reminder. So, let me be the reminder that you are a college paper far from qualified to report on that kind of news.

You had an obligation as part of the Willamette community to find your humanity and not exploit this difficult situation for entertainment. And so, here I am to whisper in your ear as you parade around. “Non nobis solum nati sumus.”

Meg Cusick

We invite you to submit letters to the editor. Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and must be submitted by Monday at noon on the week of intended publication. The *Collegian* reserves the right to edit for length and clarity. Please email letters to <zsparlin>.

The *Collegian* invites its readers to submit corrections for publication. Errors found in print can be sent to <zsparlin> and will be corrected in the next edition of the paper.

Readers strike back

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So they struck back. That’s OK. Frankly, we don’t mind if some students hate the *Collegian*, disparage it as unprofessional or unqualified to report on tragedy.

No one forced us to work for a student newspaper. We voluntarily assumed a more public role on campus, and part of that trade-off is we’re subject to the whims and views of public opinion.

But what’s not OK is when passive criticism becomes active censorship. Actions speak louder than words. By removing the *Collegian*, you’re saying that you alone know what’s best for every Willamette student.

Moreover, destroying the *Collegian* doesn’t just affect the relevant reporters and editors. Almost 40 students were involved with the production of issue 13. Most of them—staff writers, guest commentators, page designers and business staffers—had no say in the coverage. Their work was lost, too.

Lastly, we’d contend that there is value in our reportage, despite what some students might think.

In the context of a social media milieu that promotes slander, sourceless gossip and innuendo, our No. 1 priority was ensuring students’ access to a news source native to their campus, a place where the facts would be stated, and nothing else.

We think that goal is apparent in our actions. Don’t believe us? The

full issue is archived online. Check out willamettecollegian.com, then make up your own mind.

If you don’t like what you see, speak up. We’ll continue to publish every letter to the editor we receive, positive or negative. Our Facebook page is open for comments as well.

One last note of context: At least one issue of the *Collegian* is vandalized every semester, as far back as we remember. If we cut every article we knew would offend some constituencies, we’d have a lot of white space and not much else.

Maybe some students would prefer that. But we’ll take the ugly truth over rosy silence any day.

And while perfect objectivity is impossible, we’ll continue to approach this story with transparency and sincerity next semester. That’s every reporter’s responsibility.

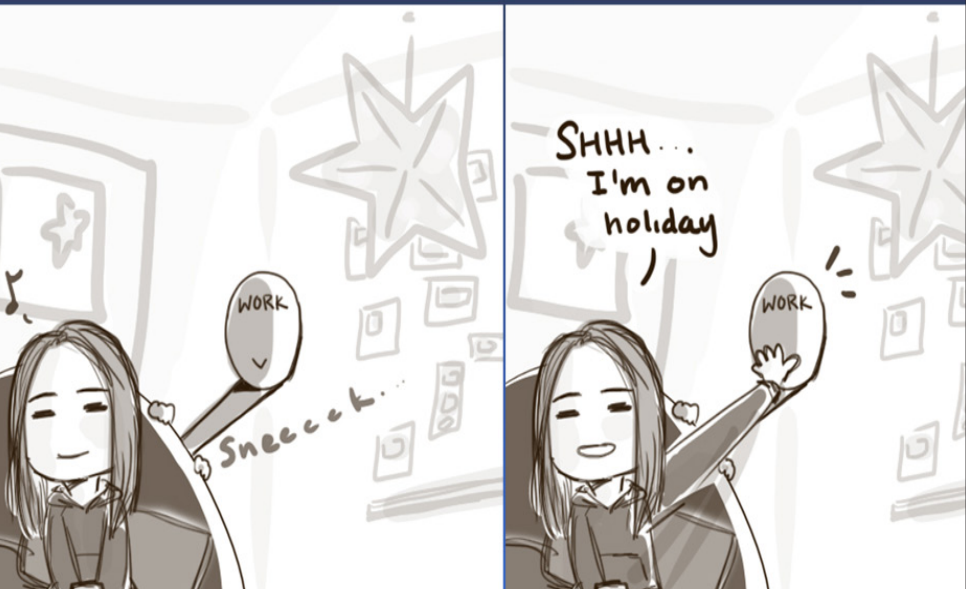
But we’re students first. So, as students, and student-journalists, we wish to apologize to those undergraduates who have been hurt by our actions. If we continue to diverge and vary in opinion, we hope that disagreement can be communicated more respectfully and transparently in the future.

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