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MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE IN OREGON

By Megan Westby
Crescent Staff

Minimum wage in Oregon will soon be going up.

On March 2 Oregon governor Kate Brown signed SB 1532 into law, declaring significant increases to Oregon's minimum wage over the next six years. Implementation begins in July and is uniquely tiered by population demographics.

Portland's urban growth boundary will see the largest jump. City workers will receive a \$14.75 minimum by 2022. Midsize counties will rise to \$13.75, and rural areas to \$12.50. The entire state of Oregon will see a fifty-cent boost to \$9.75 in July.

In contrast, the federal minimum wage is currently \$7.25.

The law passed with commemoration from President Barack Obama and others as a symbol of Oregon's progressive culture and collaboration between workers and employers.

For some, this hike is significantly overdue, considering the enlarged cost of living.

Senior economics student Victoria Freitag

expressed concern regarding the viability of supporting oneself and others on minimum wage.

"I have worked a minimum wage job, and I don't think it's a livable wage, especially if someone has to provide for a family," Freitag said.

For Oregonians in similar situations, the increase is not just about more pay, but more opportunity. Higher wages, in theory, mean more

"IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT MORE PAY, BUT MORE OPPORTUNITY"

disposable—and indisposable—income.

Others are hesitant about the long-term economic effects. The common argument against raising the minimum wage considers the cost to employers.

"The main concern for raising the minimum wage is that it would also raise prices," Freitag

said. "Companies will have to pay for the increase in wages somehow, for many this will be increasing prices of their product. This means the rise in minimum wage wouldn't actually increase real wages and purchasing power."

According to Freitag, this means increased prices may cancel the increased wages, and workers may not actually see change in their bank accounts.

Apparently, Oregon's universities are already feeling the pinch.

Oregon State University released reports on March 7 that in response to these wage increases, which will largely affect their non-work study student employees, 650 to 700 minimum wage positions will be cut by 2019.

The University of Oregon voiced similar concerns. On the heels of an announced 4.8% in-state tuition increase which led to a student walkout, UO anticipates the wage hike over the next two years will cause \$2.3 million in increased expenditure.

Oregonians campaigning for \$15/hour have recently dropped their efforts, though not without voicing the insufficiency of SB 1532.

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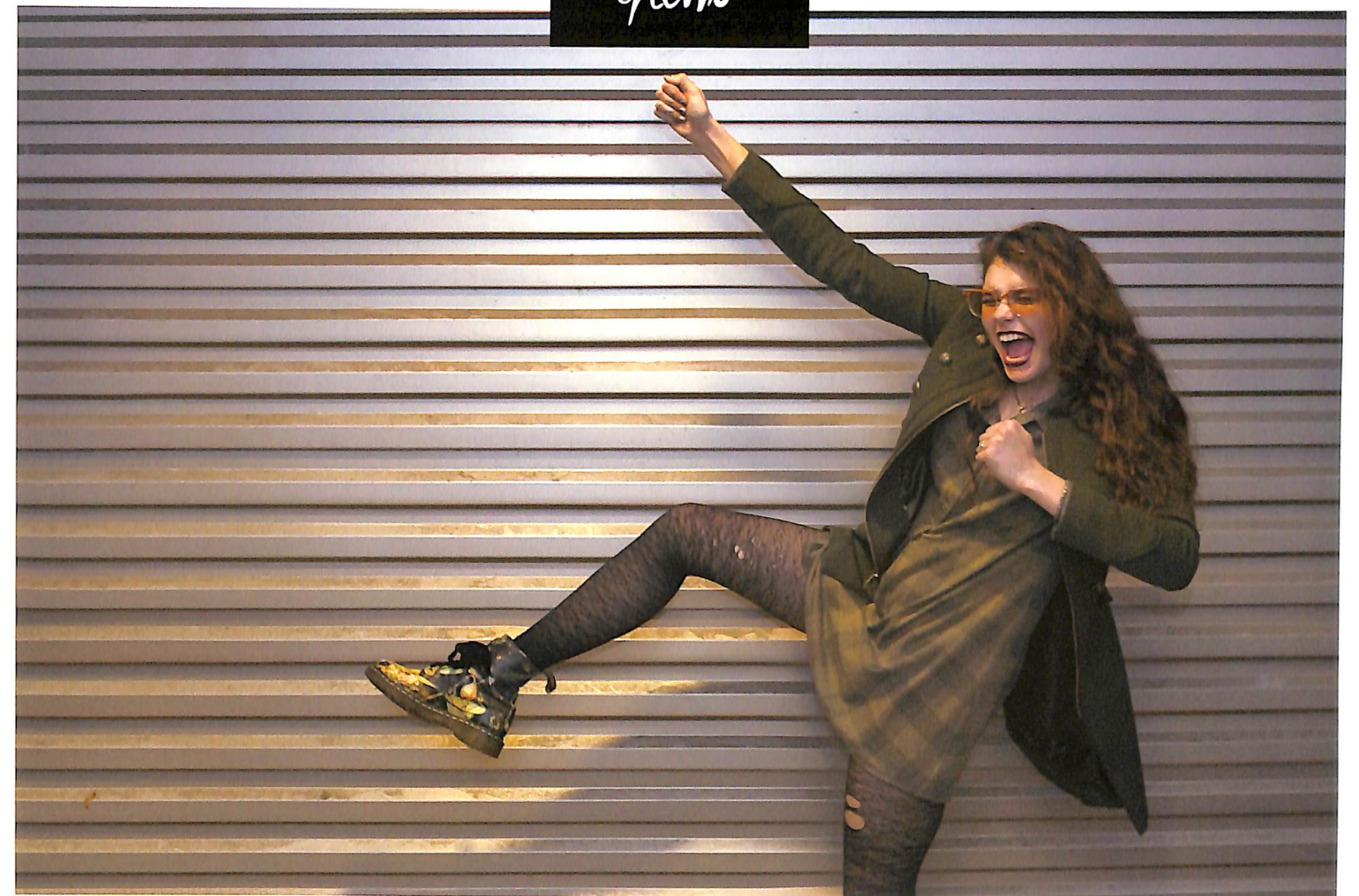
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ST. PADDY'S DAY AND HOW A DRY CAMPUS CELEBRATES

By Kelsey Herschberger
Crescent Staff

On Mar. 17, people around the world celebrate the life and work of St. Patrick on the traditional date of his death by holding feasts in his honor. On the George Fox University campus, students celebrate the holiday a little differently, given the community's unique behavioral standards.

Because of St. Patrick's history of evangelical work in Ireland, he became the nation's patron saint. In fact, many of the traditions Americans associate with the holiday (wearing green, shamrocks, and leprechauns) come from Irish-American communities.

This is certainly the case for some GFU students. "My mom would decorate the house in colors of green and gold with shamrocks. We would have a special dinner with corned beef, mashed potatoes, and sparkling cider," Claire Seeger, a senior psychology major, said.

Even those without an Irish heritage can find

connection through intercultural participation provided by GFU. "I went to Ireland for Junior's Abroad last year, where St. Patrick's Day is more significant. Now that I've been to Ireland and seen some of the places where he had his ministry, I will be looking through my photos, texting my friends from the trip and wear green," said Kelsey Vaughn, a senior organizational communications major.

However, it is still a religious holiday meant to

"IT IS STILL A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY"

celebrate God and community. "St. Patrick used the shamrock to explain the Trinity to people, and that's the most important part of the story," Seeger said.

Many of the stories surrounding St. Patrick are the stuff of legend. "There's a story that while St. Patrick was evangelizing he would carry around a staff made of ash wood, and while he was in a

particularly stubborn area, the staff grew into a tree by the time he was done converting them," said Casey Dudek, a senior Biblical studies and Christian education ministries major.

But many of those stories have been lost with the mass secularization of the holiday. "It's ironic that people who might not have any connection to the church will celebrate the kind of debauchery that Patrick himself tried to force out during his preaching days," Dudek supposed.

It's a worldwide trend but much more concentrated here in the States. "I think Americans tend to take the fun elements of religious culture. So when the Irish are stereotyped as always drinking beer and having a good time, secular culture reciprocates," Vaughn said.

Nevertheless, Vaughn still uses the opportunity to spread the word about the holiday to friends with the gift of Irish soda bread.

PHOTO: MICK HANGLAND-SKILL



AREN AND THE CHAINSAW

ENGINEERING STUDENT CARVES UNIQUE ART FOR GFU CAMPUS

By Jade Becker
Crescent Staff

Aren Thomas, a freshman engineering major, hadn't picked up a chainsaw until about three months ago. Clyde Thomas, director of Plant Services (and Aren's uncle), approached him about decorating the George Fox University (GFU) campus with carvings of various beloved Pacific Northwest wildlife. After a three-day training seminar and a whole lot of sawdust, Aren is confident that his carvings will give the GFU campus a "unique aspect that other colleges don't have."

Aren developed an interest in art during high school, where he sculpted clay and took art classes. He enjoys the physicality of pottery and chainsaw carving, the shaping and creation of something deeply purposeful out of something

previously mundane—a block of clay, or a fallen tree.

The ultimate vision for these carvings is that they be used for a "Christological garden," Aren

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said. Instead of traditional images (lion, lamb), the garden will include animals more familiar to GFU students: bears, eagles, and other wildlife found in Oregon. This project will hopefully be completed before the start of the next school year, according to Aren.

For Aren, however, the lion is more familiar than the bear. Previous to his education at GFU, Aren grew up in East Africa, attending high school at Rift Valley Academy in Kijabe, Kenya, while his parents worked as full-time missionaries in Kigali, Rwanda. In the middle of his first year in the United States, Aren has found the transition to GFU to be both challenging and rewarding. He is looking forward to becoming more familiar with the Newberg area.

PHOTO: JOEL BOCK

BAKER'S BREVES:

PRESIDENT BAKER JUDGES LOCAL COFFEE SHOPS: COTTAGE AND CHAPTERS COME OUT ON TOP

By Denny Muia
Crescent Staff

A simple question: where's the best coffee in town? Who better to judge than university president Robin Baker?

The Crescent has brought him three breve lattes (built like a latte, but with half and half instead of milk) for him to examine. He sips the first coffee tentatively. His brow slightly furrowed, he stares off into the distance.

"I like this one the best," he gestures at the second drink. "The coffee is more straightforward." He picks up the third.

"I can't even taste the coffee in this one," he says, holding the third at eye level. Finally, he takes a last sip of the first, and sets it down contemplatively. Of the three lattes brought to him (one from Coffee Cottage, Chapters, and Coffee Cat) he has chosen the one from Coffee Cottage.

Despite this choice, he makes it clear that Chapters is still his favorite place to get coffee. "Chapters opens at six or so, I'm usually up before all the students. Chapters has three different options for coffee: they have a Coava blend, a Stumptown blend, and some other local blend," said Baker.

"Coava has a strong flavor, but it's smooth." Chapters isn't without its faults, however. The crowded atmosphere often means that the university president has meetings elsewhere.

"Chapters is too busy, and typically half of it is George Fox people, and there's no problem with that, but if I'm in a meeting I don't want to be in the middle of the college," Baker said.

While Baker appreciates the bakery items provided by Coffee Cottage (he says that Chapters essentially serves "donuts"), he says that he often doesn't enjoy the roast. "It's too bitter," he says; and while he enjoys the quiet atmosphere of Coffee Cat, it seems that the coffee simply doesn't agree with him.

The George Fox president also enjoys the selection of drive-through coffee locations in Newberg. "I've come to really like Human Bean," he said. "The [breve latte] is smooth, and it blends well with their coffee; I'm not sure what blend they use."

Dutch Bros, a favorite among certain students, is, according to Baker, a bit of a gamble. "The baristas are uneven," he says. Sometimes the coffee is excellent. Other times, less so.

"The local Dutch Bros is a supporter of the college. If you look in the football stadium, you'll see their sign. The owner has donated over \$30,000 to the school," said Baker. "The owner owns the [two] in Newberg, the one in Sherwood, and the



one on highway 99 in front of Costco."

While the university president claims to prefer Chapters' coffee and environment, in our taste test, he chose the latte from Coffee Cottage. The debate, though, is far from settled. Coffee shops grow like dandelions, after all: who knows which new

micro-roastery will emerge next? To be sure, Baker will be there, tasting the breve.

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CAP COACH ON THE SNOWCAPS

COLLEEN SUMP SHARES HER PEAK EXPERIENCES

By Evangelina Montelongo
Crescent Staff

Colleen Sump is somewhere between a tough cookie and hard worker. She is a current Career and Academic Planning (CAP) Coach for the IDEA Center, but what is probably unknown to most George Fox students is her avid hobby of mountain climbing.

While on the clock Sump helps students with their education, but come leisure time Sump's life is all dirt and fresh air with her husband as her travel companion. Overall, Sump has climbed six mountains since she was in her 20s, the highest at 14,000 feet. Most of these hikes required Sump to stay overnight. She regularly woke up at 2am and began her eight to 12 mile journey—carrying nearly 30 lbs of gear.

"It's kind of a bad pun, but it's one of those peak experiences among all the others because you remember each experience really well," said Sump.

"NATURE HELPS US TO TRY AND LIVE SIMPLY"

Mountain climbing is not Sump's only interest. If it's an outdoor activity, sign her up; she's already done cross-country skiing, mountain climbing, and hiking. Her twin sons, daughter and husband accompanied her on various occasions.

With countless experiences under her belt, such as hiking Mount St. Helens and traveling to Alaska for adventures with her family, Sump gained some

perspective on life.

"Nature helps us to try and live simply," said Sump. "It helps us to embrace that philosophy, because when you're in the outdoors, you realize how small you are in relation to everything. It helps you to keep things in perspective."

Not only do these challenges fill Sump with passion, but with the desire to set dreams she and her husband can achieve. Hoping to make the trek through the El Camino pilgrimage when her husband turns 60 is one of those dreams.

"It feeds me spiritually because I really worship God when I'm in His creation – more so than if I'm sitting in a church," Sump said. "It's when I'm out, seeing the splendor and wonder of His world, that I'm able to feel the most alive."

PHOTO: COLLEEN SUMP



MEET THE NEW VOLLEYBALL COACH

EMILY PALKERT IS READY TO SET THE
TONE FOR THE FALL

By Jessica Rivera
Crescent Staff

The George Fox University women's volleyball team has introduced Emily Palkert as the new head coach.

Palkert brings an extensive list of credentials, both as a player and coach.

Palkert has been playing volleyball for nearly two decades. She competed at Concordia University, St. Paul, where she led her team to four NCAA Division II national championships.

Palkert graduated with a degree in child learning and human development in December 2011. She went on to play professionally overseas in Finland and Spain.

"I actually finished my degree from Finland," said Palkert. "I went and played right away. Then continued to play some beach doubles, toured a little bit when I got back. I couldn't give it up, it was too fun."

In 2012, Palkert joined Augsburg College in Minneapolis as an assistant coach. She helped

develop the program by working with the recruiting team. During her four years, the team improved from the bottom to co-conference champions and Division III NCAA national tournament qualifiers.

In addition, Palkert will also earn a Master of Business Administration in May from Augsburg.

"WE WANT TO BE CHALLENGED AND PUSHED"

Even before settling into her new role, Palkert has already scheduled individual meetings with current players to get to know them on a personal level.

"I'm really excited to build relationships with them and to allow them to teach me some things too," said Palkert. "I think there's a good opportunity for that both ways. It being my first year as a head coach, I'm excited to learn alongside

them and share some passion for the game. I love being in the gym and I hope I can share that with them and help them to be really passionate about the sport."

The volleyball team had the opportunity to be part of the hiring process. The team interviewed each candidate to learn about their coaching philosophies, weaknesses and strengths, leadership and more.

Junior Erin Sprowls said the team was very fond of Palkert from the beginning.

"We went on YouTube as a team and found this highlight video of her when she was in college," said Sprowls. "We watched it and started getting so pumped. If she can play like that, we know that she's going to be able to translate that into her coaching. So that got us really pumped too."

Sprowls is looking forward to working with Palkert as she approaches her final season.

"We want to be challenged and pushed to point where we are getting the wins in our season," she said. "That's what we emphasized a lot."

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TRAPPED IN AN UNWANTED PREGNANCY

PHOTO: DAILY BEAST

By Heather Harney
Crescent Staff

The topic of abortion is fraught with complexities. Three weeks ago on “Last Week Tonight,” John Oliver discussed abortion laws across the country. While watching the segment was a tad uncomfortable, I found something within the piece that caught hold of me. Whether you are pro-life, like I am, or pro-choice, I believe there are some things we should discuss.

“Since 2010 new state laws have contributed to the closure of about 70 abortion clinics,” Oliver reported. North Dakota, Missouri, Mississippi, and South Dakota now only have one abortion clinic each. Pro-life supporters will be glad to hear this; however, the lack of clinics for women and young girls is creating a problem.

Imagine: you are a 14-year-old girl and have been raped by your father. You just found out you are pregnant and want to terminate the pregnancy. If you live in Texas, you cannot receive an abortion due to the various Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws there. You cannot afford to pay \$4000-5000 to a clinic in New Mexico (the closest state with laws that are less restrictive), nor wait three days for the procedure to happen. So now you are a 14-year-old soon-to-be mother, not only dealing with the trauma of rape, but also trapped for nine months somewhere you should never have to be.

If you are, like me, pro-life, this should bother you. I don’t believe young victims of rape should be forced into adulthood before they know what it’s like to be a teenager. I don’t believe women who are raped should be required to carry a child, either. My choice should be my choice just as your choice should be your choice. We can’t keep pushing our beliefs onto others. And yet, this only touches at the heart of this opinion.

“States can create restrictions,” said Oliver. “as long as they don’t place an undue burden that places a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion.”

This ruling is vague: just how many restrictions?

and what are substantial obstacles? The supporters of TRAP laws claim they are protecting women’s health, but are they really? Is forcing a girl to carry to term when she has been raped actually protecting her mental health? Are we even talking about mental health with these laws? I would say no. These politicians seem to be creating laws that take an individual’s choice away without considering the impact.

Oliver’s segment pointed out several TRAP laws, but I want to focus on one in particular. Several states have passed a law requiring a physician to show and describe to a woman or girl an ultrasound of her pregnancy and listen to the fetal heartbeat whether the woman or girl wants to or not. North Carolina explains the proposed law: “If a woman wishes not to see the ultrasound or hear the fetal heartbeat she may cover her ears and eyes and refuse to listen.” Louisiana, Texas, and Virginia all have laws that allow the woman or girl to look away. What are we doing to these women and girls?

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I believe each life is precious. I support Pregnancy Crisis Centers that offer free ultrasounds and provide counseling, even if a woman does have an abortion. I believe in loving a woman or girl unconditionally even if I don’t agree with her choice. I have seen how listening to a fetal heartbeat can change a woman’s mind about having an abortion,

but I am opposed to forcing this upon a woman or girl. We can’t cry out when our religious liberty is impeded on and then coerce a woman or girl to have an ultrasound.

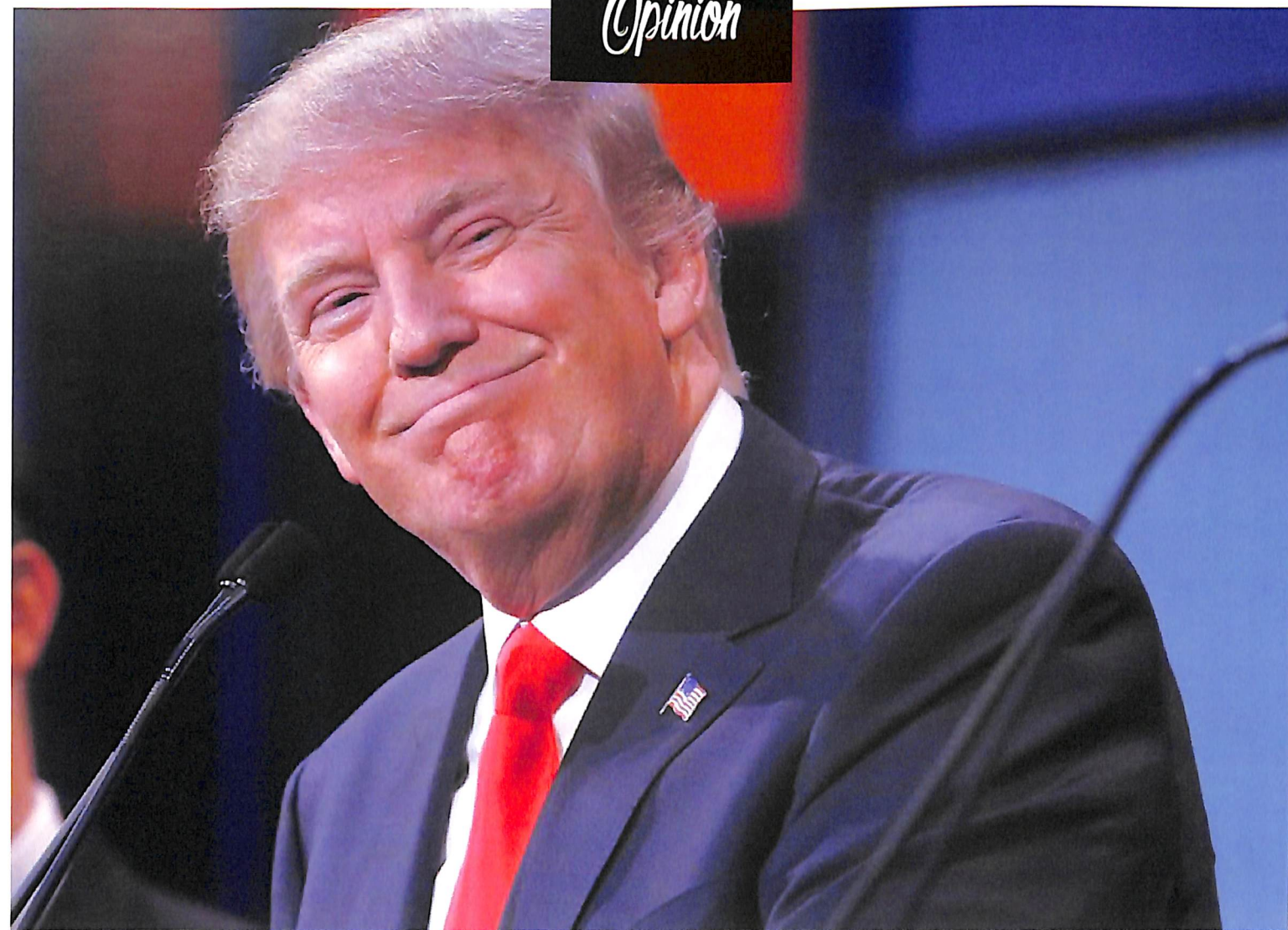
Imagine again that you are that 14-year-old girl. You walk into a clinic to terminate your pregnancy and are told that before anything can happen you have to an ultrasound during which you have to look at and listen to the description of results as well as the heartbeat. When the speeding “whump, whump, whump” of the heartbeat plays over the speaker, you drown in shame, guilt, and flashbacks of rape. You hear that sound as long as you live.

If you decide to keep the child and give him/her up for adoption, you will hear the heartbeat. If you decide to end the pregnancy, the sound will follow you. Abortion is not an easy choice, so why do some people feel that requiring a woman or girl listen to the heartbeat will make them keep the child? Why aren’t we talking about how this very action can also bring shame, pain, and guilt—that lasts forever? Why are we not examining the mental health damage this causes?

As Christians, we need to talk with, not at, those who don’t support our views, regardless of our position—the issue is much deeper than simply “pro-choice” or “pro-life.” The church is divided. Some people are against abortion under all circumstances. Some are okay with it in cases of rape or risk to health. Some approve of abortion for any reason. If the government continues to force women to do things to their bodies that they don’t want to do, where will this end?

The subject of abortion is tricky and personal. The conversation about TRAP laws will not be easy, but we need to start talking. Too often we go through our days not thinking about others, especially not strangers.

We are not called to judge but to love unconditionally, bearing the name of Christ. These TRAP laws preclude love. These are not of Christ. If we believe that women’s health really is important, it may be time to recognize that the states creating TRAP laws are not protecting women’s health.



MAKE AMERICA HATE AGAIN

By John Weinert
Crescent Staff

A year ago, the prospect of Donald Trump winning the presidency seemed laughable to any reasonable person. Donald Trump? That orange-haired guy from “The Apprentice”? Who would expect a reality television star to get anywhere in a presidential election?

And yet today, Donald Trump is the frontrunner for the Republican presidential nomination, and, according to Ron Mock, head of the GFU politics department, the most likely winner of the 2016 election.

How did this happen? Wasn’t Trump just a joke?

The truth is, Donald Trump lies at the center of a battle for the soul of the Republican Party. Trump’s supporters come from a swath of Republicans, former Democrats, and people who have not really engaged in the political process before. He is uniting the economically and politically disaffected behind him, and, according to Ron Mock, if he succeeds in pulling the GOP with him, “The Republican party would cease to exist entirely, or cease to exist as it has existed.”

If you are a Republican, or care about the Republican Party, you should oppose Trump. This is because a Trump victory in the general election could result in a transformation of the GOP into something anathema to its historical existence. Trump would “turn the Republican Party into a populist, vaguely right-wing, nativist, non-free trade protectionist party,” said Mock.

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A Trump defeat could shatter the GOP. According to Mock, there hasn’t been a political realignment like this since the 1860s, and it could result in “essentially one party rule for a long time” as the broken Republican Party scrambles to reassemble itself, allowing the Democrats to dominate.

Even if you don’t care for the GOP, you should still be worried about Donald Trump.

Mock said, “Trump is enough of a possible catastrophe for the system that I think everybody had a duty to resist him. He has not made any commitment to constitutional rule, which is one of the requirements for a president; he carries favor with racists of the rankest sort; he promises to deprive people of human rights; and he promises to act in foreign arenas with unilateral lack of restraint. All of these are against what should be American civic norms.”

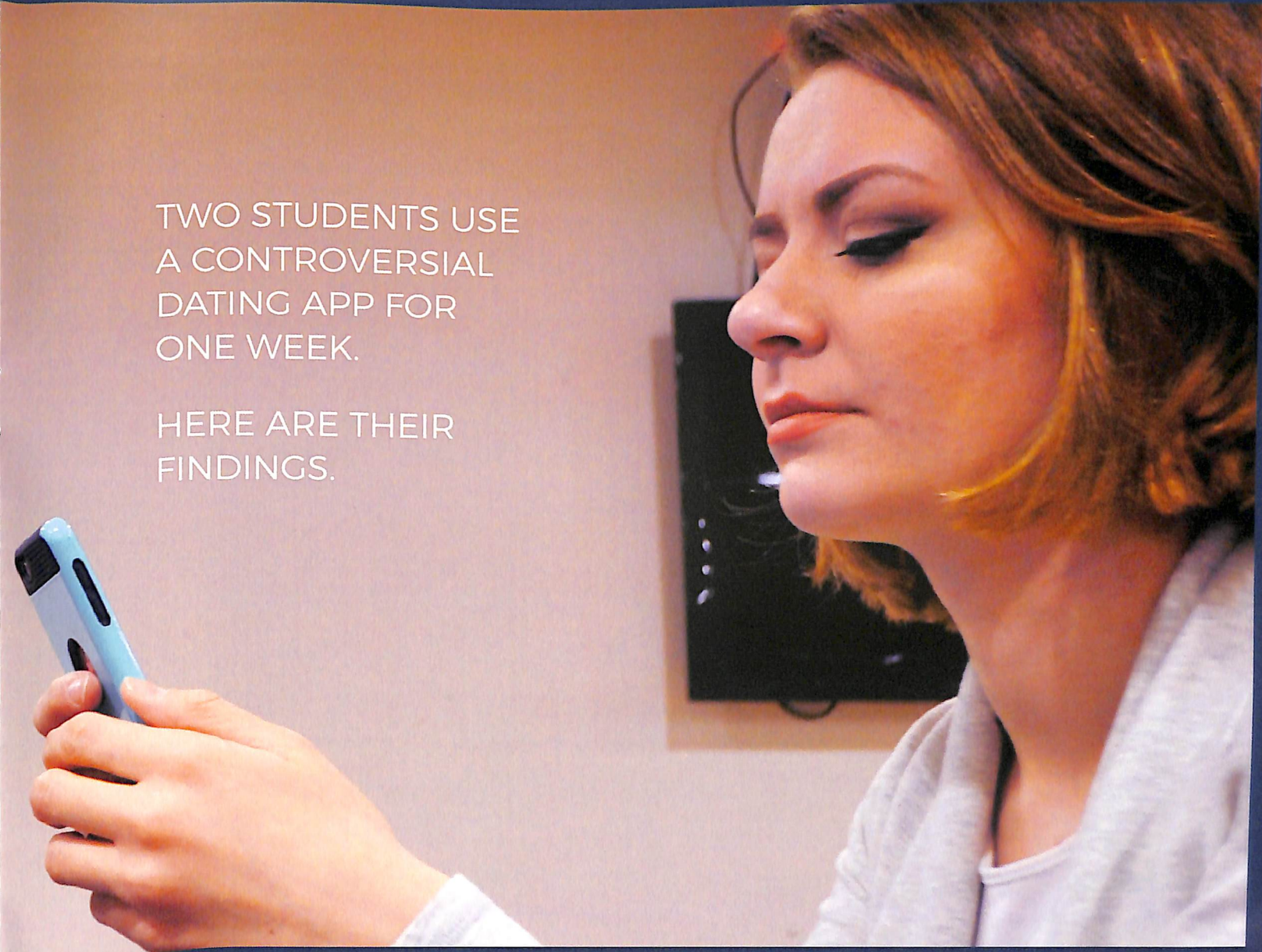
Trump is unlike any American presidential candidate in living memory. He is only concerned with power, and has proven that he will pander to anyone, take advantage of anything, to get it. His campaign is built on fear and hatred, and he has demonstrated that he will embrace an authoritarian philosophy as president that will ignore the constitutional duties of his office. Every American has a duty to oppose him and to take the threat he offers seriously.

Because Trump is a joke, but not a particularly funny one.

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TRYING TINDER



TWO STUDENTS USE
A CONTROVERSIAL
DATING APP FOR
ONE WEEK.

HERE ARE THEIR
FINDINGS.

PHOTO: KOSETTE ISAKSON

JOSH

I told the editor-in-chief this piece deserves to go in the News section because, ladies and gentlemen, this is BREAKING NEWS: Tinder isn't only for one-night-stands.

I've never been a Tinder user, but I decided I would participate in this mini social experiment. For five days, I swiped right every single time – that is I “liked” every user – and I introduced myself to every match in a different way.

Here are the best exchanges. (I've changed the names for anonymity).

Without introducing myself, I started a game of hangman with Emily. She soon found out the letters spelled “Rihanna got nothing on you.” To congratulate her I sent her a gif of Drake bowing to a dancing Rihanna. She started a game with me, but I'm still debating if I should respond or not.

To Julia I said, “You here just for the free friends too?” She responded in the affirmative, so I

left it at that.

I sent one very unfortunate woman a substantial message about how I recently broke up with my girlfriend of two years and that I was only on Tinder because my friends pressured me, and I was very uncomfortable because I still haven't moved on. (No, it's not true.) Surprisingly, she sent me back very encouraging advice on how to recover from a bad breakup.

**“YOU’LL FIND
WHAT YOU’RE
LOOKING FOR”**

Apparently good people exist on Tinder. Imagine that.

I opened another conversation with animal noises and didn't deviate from the script. She played along for a while until she said, “You have a thing

for animals, huh?” I sent her a picture of Han Solo winking at Chewbacca, and never looked back.

My favorite conversation went like this: “You look familiar, did we have class together?” She had no idea who I was. I continued, “Dang, because I could've sworn we had chemistry.” She said, “Chemistry? Yeah I was not in that class lol.”

I still cannot figure out if she completely missed the pick-up line or if I was on the receiving end of the subtlest burn in Tinder history.

Finally, I sent my last message to another woman saying, “#TRUMP2016.” I couldn't keep a straight face long enough to respond to her sincere question, wondering why I believe what I believe. Even I have boundaries.

Overall, I had a really fun experience on Tinder. Some critics will claim I didn't use the app for its intended purpose, but I downloaded Tinder with the intent to have a few fun conversations, and I succeeded. And that, I believe, is the real takeaway from this experiment: what you'll find in Tinder is what you're looking for.

ADRIENNE

I am done and dusted with Tinder. You see, I was not born under a cabbage leaf yesterday: I have been on Tinder before. Heck, I have even been on a Tinder date before. So when I was assigned to talk to men at George Fox University (GFU) on Tinder and then write about it for this article, I was a little hesitant because I consider my time spent on the dating app to be mostly wasted time.

Nevertheless, I downloaded Tinder, added photos of myself all dressed up at my birthday party, and started “swiping.” I primarily swiped right on GFU men, and I matched up pretty quickly with a few people. One of the men was fairly forward right at the get-go, suggesting we meet up after the conversation had barely begun.

At a certain point, only an hour or so into my little experiment, I started to feel uncomfortable. I knew I would have to walk past some of these guys on campus, and I didn't want strangers to form an impression of me that wasn't accurate. I didn't like

that I was advertising myself as “available” to my GFU male compatriots, when, in reality, hook-up culture isn't my scene.

I think the widespread use of Tinder illuminates certain issues: perhaps men and women aren't brave enough to seek one another out in real life. Maybe GFU's conservative culture discourages

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men and women from expressing interest in day-to-day campus situations.

I have matched up with guys on Tinder that I have wanted to talk to in real life, but I rarely do, however, because I am afraid of behaving in a taboo manner at a school that encourages conservative

behavior, especially in women. The strange part is that my friends and I regularly experience random, surreptitious interactions with GFU men online—guys who friend us on Facebook, follow us on Instagram, or match with us on Tinder but act like they don't recognize us when we pass each other at school.

Why can't we just talk in real life like normal people? When did computers and anonymity and dating apps ruin good, old-fashioned flirting? Tinder is perfect if you want instant validation. Hearing the words “ur stunning” or “you're adorable” feels pretty good, but then you realize all this person knows about you are your five favorite selfies and your clever bio line.

Virtual flirting is only exciting for a few moments, because hardly any of it is genuine. Unless two people meet and feel chemistry in real life, apps like Tinder actually make people more scared of each other because of the suspense, ambiguity, and the distanced nature of the interactions. All in all, I think it wastes time.

Unless, like, you wanna meet up later? Here's my number. Txt me.

What do you think?

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