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Event of the Week

Covers
April 8
9:30 p.m.
The Underground

Story of the Week

Phi Omega Sigma de-chartered following CC vote

Campus Council voted to remove the organization's charter after reviewing the group's past conduct



Phi Omega Sigma has appealed Campus Council's decision to the Office of the President (Photo by Shoshana Rice).

Mariah Joyce
Editor in Chief

The fraternity Phi Omega Sigma has been de-chartered by Campus Council (CC), and the organization has appealed the decision to the Office of the President.

“From my individual perspective and general observations, the decision was made largely as a consequence of the fraternity consistently engaging in conduct fundamentally incompatible with the values of The College of Wooster community,” said Campus Council Chair Jack Johanning '17.

CC voted to de-charter Omega on February 9, 2017. The decision came a little more than a year after the fraternity threw a party at their then off-campus house during read-

ing days. At that party, underage students were served alcohol and several students reported experiencing symptoms of drugging. Though no one in the fraternity was found to have drugged any beverages, the fraternity was held responsible for the incident because it occurred at their event.

After that incident the fraternity was suspended pending investigation. The administration lifted the suspension in December 2016, and CC decided to exercise its right to de-charter organizations in the first meeting of the spring semester and began a process of charter review. CC heard testimonies and deliberated in their meetings on February 23 and March 2.

On March 9 the organization entered an executive session where only voting members were permitted to be present and voted to de-charter the organization.

During the February 23 meeting, CC discussed a more recent incident where individuals who identified themselves as Omegas were chanting homophobic slurs; the phrases “we're the Omegas, who the fuck are you” and “fucking queers” were both parts of the chant, though Omega President Cole Buehler '17 maintained that he did not think the chant said “queers.” Also discussed in that meeting were the changes that Omega had implemented, including instating a new advisor and having several members undergo bystander intervention training.

During the March 2 discussion, CC members continued to question Omega leadership about the chants, their pro-

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Faculty welcomes new postdoctoral fellows

Four visiting professors to join for the 17-18 academic year

Brandon Bell
Staff Writer

Four new postdoctoral fellows will join the faculty next year in an effort to improve its diversity.

Alvaro Corral, who specializes in Latino politics and immigration policy, will join the political science department; Scarlett Hester, a specialist in rhetoric and media studies, will join the communication studies department; Eunsong Kim, a poet and researcher in literature and cultural studies, will join the English department; and Carlo Moreno, whose focus is in food systems and agriculture, will join the environmental studies program.

The fellowship positions are made possible by the Reggie Williams and Dale Perry Fund, which was created by the Board of Trustees in October following a demonstration by the campus community. The demonstration was a silent protest in response to outcry surrounding a comment made by a member of the Board.

According to Carolyn Newton, the provost of the College, the hiring of four postdoctoral fellows at a time is a first for Wooster.

“We believe that the experience of the four faculty members will be enhanced by being part of the cohort, similarly to how the Posse program works for students,” Newton said, referencing a program by the Posse Foundation where high school students are selected in groups of ten to receive four-year scholarships to the same college.

Applications for the fellowships were received from the Consortium for Faculty Diversity, an association of 48 liberal arts colleges of which Wooster is a member. The Consortium is dedicated to increasing the representation of minority groups at colleges, particularly among faculty.

Departments at Wooster that were interested in having a fellow sent proposals to the College. Departments whose proposals were selected then interviewed Consortium applicants with matching expertise.

“I think one of the English Department's main goals [in having a fellow] is to provide students with as much diversity as possible in terms of literature and culture,” Professor Dan Bourne, chair of English, said. “That goes for whom students work with as well as read.”

In addition to pursuing research within their area of interest, the fellows will each teach around three courses next year in their departments. In English, Kim is planning to teach additional classes on Asian-American literature, as well as on the connection between literature, art and social protest. According to Professor Denise Bostdorff, chair of the communication studies department

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Campus Council announces election results

Janel England
News Editor

On March 10, the results for the 2017-2018 Campus Council election were released. The four at-large representatives will be Jordan Griffith '19, Eric Guberman '19, Matthew Hartzell '19 and Natalie Walsh '18. The Racial and Ethnic Diversity representative will be Ethan Barham '18, the International Diversity representative will be Marina Adams '19, and the Gender and Sexuality Diversity representative will be Vrinda Trivedi '18. In addition, the Service and Civic Engagement representative will be Koral Kasnyik '20 and the Selective Organizations representative will be Bryan Robb '18.

Griffith stated, “I was glad to see that turnout had increased from last year, as almost 800 students voted in this election cycle. I think the increased presence Council has had this year as well as the election reforms we put into place brought more people

into the process.”

The results of the election, however, were not without controversy. Prior to voting, a group of candidates bonded together to form the Progress Coalition. Altogether the Coalition was formed of four at large candidates, two Gender and Sexual Diversity candidates, and a single candidate for the remaining constituency representatives. They campaigned with handouts detailing a short bio of each student on the ticket, as well as a social media campaign and a Viewpoint in the *Wooster Voice* about their overall message and the importance of voting.

In response to the Progress Coalition, a complaint was filed on March 3 by an anonymous candidate on behalf of the other candidates who were not included in the Coalition. The student emailed Secretary of the College Angela Johnston, Dean of Students Scott Brown, Director of Student Rights Responsibilities Jess Etell, Director of Lowry Center & Student Activities Julia Zimmer, and Director of



Above are several of the newly elected Campus Council representatives (Photo by Shoshana Rice).

Residence Life Nathan Fein. The student claimed in the email that “the organization has been promoting policies...that are not in the jurisdiction of Campus Council as stated in the Memorandum. This includes, however, is not limited to protecting group charters from administration, reclaiming charter review process procedures and numerous others as state in [the Coalition's platform].”

The student further asserted, “This dishonesty is not apparent on campus as of now because Campus Council as an organization [sic] has been a relatively unknown group on campus. The dishonesty that this coalition is promoting will cause problems and distrust in the future.”

The student was also concerned

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SECURITY BRIEFS

INFORMATION

3/27 — 3:56 p.m.
Off Campus
Noise coming from off campus house, Wooster Police Dept. involved

3/31 — 4:08 p.m.
Off Campus
Victim reported strange texting

4/2 — 1:56 a.m.
Troyer House
Victim reported being harassed

ALCOHOL

3/27 — 1:57 p.m.
Papp Stadium
Suspect, 20, caught with open container

3/30 — 12:41 a.m.
Holden Hall
Suspect, 20, in possession of a case

3/31 — 8:28 p.m.
Stevenson Hall
Four suspects playing drinking game in first floor lounge

VANDALISM

3/28 — 8:29 a.m.
Bissman Hall
Door knob missing

3/29 — 1:45 p.m.
Kenarden Lodge
Witness reported toilet clogged intentionally

4/2 — 12:28 p.m.
Bissman Hall
Witness reported extinguisher shot off in trash can

THEFT

3/27 — 12:13 p.m.
Lowry Center
Witness reported large wooden fork stolen

4/3 — 2:28 p.m.
Andrews Library
Six chair cushions taken

DISORDERLY

3/27 — 1:57 p.m.
Papp Stadium
Suspect lied to SPS

3/27 — 2:33 p.m.
Gault Schoolhouse
Two suspects sitting on awning of building

4/2 — 1:40 a.m.
Troyer House
Suspect urinated outside twice

4/2 — 3:43 a.m.
Armingon Hall
Suspect refused to leave building during fire alarm

FIRE ALARM

3/27 — 10:14 p.m.
Bissman Hall
Large fire on grill

4/2 — 3:33 a.m.
Armingon Hall
Vaping in room caused alarm, one suspect involved, witness present at incident

PARTY VIOLATION

4/2 — 1:34 a.m.
Troyer House
Unregistered party in house, over 150 people in attendance

Omega cont.

posed constitution changes, and their New Member Education process. One proposed constitution change was the addition of a “risk management chair” to ensure the safety of attendees of Omega events, as well as bystander intervention training for fraternity members.

At-large representative Rudy Fatehpuria '19 questioned the leadership about whether they would be willing to draft a letter to the campus taking responsibility, and how they were modifying their organization to ensure the safety of students. A representative said that they would be willing to draft a letter, that “we need to continue to educate ourselves” and the fraternity would build better leadership and encourage bystander intervention training for all members.

Gender and Sexual Diversity Representative Heather Smith '17 questioned the fraternity about their chant, which she had been told included the phrases “Fuck a Zeta, beat a Beta” and “fucking queers.” An Omega representative said that the chant was not supported by the fraternity and was perpetrated

by alumni. Smith also asked why the fraternity had sent an email to *The Wooster Voice* saying that the conversation about the December 2015 incident needed to be “put to rest.”

“What we were trying to get at with putting this conversation to rest was these were alleged incidents that happened over a year and a half ago, and they keep bringing these alleged incidents up and putting the entire thing in a negative light, which not only affects us but it also affects the community, it affects the freshmen who come in with little to no knowledge of us and Greek Life as a whole, so to continue this discussion of what may or may not have happened doesn't really help anyone out, in the long run,” said an Omega representative.

At-large Representative Jordan Griffith '19 asked the fraternity why New Member Education activities took place following the suspension; another meeting attendee involved with that investigation noted that while it was determined that new members were participating in pledging activities, they were doing it of their own volition and not at the encouragement of any active Omega

members.

Griffith also noted that the proposed constitution gave alumni almost full membership rights in the fraternity, and asked how the fraternity could support the alumni when they “espouse misogynistic and homophobic language.”

An Omega representative responded that they had made it clear to all current members that those chants were not acceptable and would communicate the same thing to the alumni.

At-large representative Brandon Burkey '18 noted that “With the drugging it wasn't you: it was some unknown source; with the pledging it wasn't you: it was some prospective members acting on their own; with the party during finals week it was an unclear email; with the chants it wasn't you: it was the alumni. So all of these events seem to pass blame onto others, and I can't prove otherwise.”

“Let's assume that's true and it really was always other people's fault,” said Burkey. “In what way would your new constitution attempt to address all of this negativity and all these negative allegations surrounding your organization?”

An Omega representative

said that the constitution was only a piece of paper, and that their actions, such as undergoing bystander intervention and alcohol safety training, were what would dispel the negative allegations surrounding the fraternity.

CC also discussed allegations of harassment and retaliation against members of Omega, including harassment on social media and the vandalizing of some members' carrels in Scovel Hall. Griffith called the harassment unacceptable, and said that he too had been a victim of harassment due to the process.

“That is wholly unacceptable across the board,” said Griffith. “That's not how adults should be interacting with each other.” Johanning agreed.

After CC voted to de-charter the fraternity, Omega had until March 31 to appeal the decision to the Office of the President, which they did. Bolton said that she could not yet give a specific timeline for the appeal, but that she would carefully review the materials submitted, might request additional information if needed and would then determine the outcome. The fraternity could not be reached for comment regarding their appeal.

CC, SGA hold conference to increase collaboration

Caren Holmes
Staff Writer

Campus Council (CC) and the Student Government Association (SGA) held a joint discussion meeting this past weekend designed to build connections and collaboration efforts between the two groups in the coming year. At large Campus Council representative Jordan Griffith '19 said, “The current relationship is non-existent beyond small efforts from individual representatives.” However, he believes that by recognizing the advocacy strengths of SGA and the policy influence of Campus Council, the two collaborate constructively and will avoid, as he put it, “working against each other.” SGA Senator-at-Large, Reagan Kazyak '19 suggested SGA President Margaret Sestito '18 is committed to developing this collaborative relationship in the future.

During the joint discussion meeting representatives in attendance were split up into three committees focusing on social life, leadership and Greek Life. Campus Council International Diversity representative, Marina Adams '19 emphasized that Greek Life was a major topic of conversation and debate. Adams explained that students have voiced their confusion about suspensions and treatment of Greek Life in the last year. She said, “Clarifying policy is just a starting point.” Griffith hopes that “redefining Greek Life”

CC Elections cont.

that the Viewpoint article “actively promoted the members of the coalition, an organization acting as an exclusive group on campus, and attacks the candidates not affiliated with the coalition.”

Finally, the student claimed that they have “private documentation” that the Coalition was promoting “an environment of exclusivity,” although none was provided in the email.

On March 9, Campus Council discussed the complaint during their weekly meeting. It was agreed upon that there is nothing written within the memorandum explicitly prohibiting the formation of a coalition or making false claims while campaigning.

Johnston also noted, “Campus Council has the authority to make recommendations to any department or to the president or to the board. Someone brought up well, they don't have authority over meal plans. Well, no, but they can make a recommendation. And if it's a goal then I don't see that is anything that is dishonest.”

In addition, current Representative for Gender and Sexual Di-



Above, members of Campus Council and the Student Government Association met in Kauke to discuss ways to build connections between the groups (Photo by Jordan Griffith).

will become a major focus in student advocacy as SGA and Campus Council seek clarification around issues associated with Greek groups. He explained, “This would involve Greek organizations expressing what they believe their purpose is, what they add to the campus, and what they're doing to reach out.” Kazyak explained that while processing issues related to Greek Life has been a “slow process,” better communication between student advocacy and policy bodies will aid representative efficiency in the future.

In addition to the focus on Greek

Life, Adams articulated concerns surrounding interest in student representative functions. She explained, “We have a clear gap between events that are happening and what students actually go to. Working on closing that gap, on identifying what events bring people in and what do they have in common is a must.” She hopes that the new body of student representatives can help to encourage more student involvement in SGA and Campus Council programming. Griffith highlighted that “students should know that the student representatives are in this position to

serve the student body, so hold them accountable and bring up your issues to the reps.”

Representatives from both groups emphasized room for growth within their collaborative partnership. Kazyak, Adams and Griffith all agreed that current levels of communication have been largely non-existent and that this has worked against the interest of the student body. Griffith explained, “In the future, I think we can more effectively influence change on campus by attacking issues on both a policy and on an advocacy front.”

Faculty cont.

ment, there are plans for Hester to teach a section of Public Speaking in the fall and two 200-level courses in the spring, most likely on race and gender.

Bostdorff, who is also the chair of the Faculty Conference Committee with Trustees, was a signatory to the committee's November open letter on faculty diversity published in the *Voice*. Reflecting on this letter, Bostdorff praised the hiring of the fellows but maintained that she would like more to be done to improve diversity.

“Wooster still has a long way to go to improve faculty-staff diversity and to create an environment in which diversity can thrive,” Bostdorff said, “But the hiring of the fellows and the generous gift that made their hiring possible is a step in the right direction.”

All of the fellowships except for Moreno's last for one year, but will be renewable. According to Newton, the College hopes to keep the same number of fellows in future years if funding is available.

Barham stated, “I cannot wait for the opportunity to move towards making Wooster an even more diverse and accepting campus for students from all backgrounds. I believe through empowering and providing further resources for the many cultural groups on campus, The College will benefit from the display of diversity that those who attend Wooster have to offer.”

Kasnyik said, “I hope that by holding this new position with Campus Council, I can help facilitate the way in which Wooster students embody the college's graduate quality of community service.”

Robb stated, “I'm happy that I got reelected [sic] this past election because I can continue the projects I have been working on for the past year. I am also happy that there is a variety of new council members for next year. New members allow for new perspectives, which is necessary for the success of Campus Council.”

Griffith added that he hopes “students hold their representatives accountable so that they're doing the job they were elected to do.”

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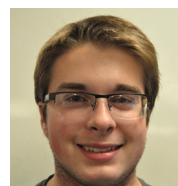
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Wooster is a safer space without Omegas

On Friday, March 10, Campus Council Chair Jack Johanning sent an email to the campus community, announcing Council's decision to revoke the charter of Phi Omega Sigma, effective immediately.



JARED BERG

After nearly two years of on-campus discussions regarding this group, this outcome is one that is ultimately in the best interest of the community at-large and will have positive effects on campus culture and atmosphere in the immediate and long-term future.

Campus Council has a responsibility to the students on this campus to have their best interests in mind. By revoking the charter of this group, Campus Council has made a decision that protects the reputation of this school and our students.

If Campus Council deemed that the offenses committed by Omega did not warrant a revocation of their charter, I shudder to think what offenses would have.

That being said, counterarguments against Campus Council's decision have highlighted the uncertainty regarding the particular offender and how this decision allegedly holds the group responsible for the actions of one or two individuals. While I do not want to slander specific individuals of

this group, I think this defense illustrates the Omega's lack of comprehension regarding why the status of their charter was being discussed in the first place.

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-Jared Berg '17

Nowhere is this point more aptly illustrated than in the group's insistence that a chant performed by the group, and caught on camera earlier this semester, shows the Omegas saying “We hate those fucking beers,” rather than “We hate those fucking queers.” It is clear in this video that they are saying “We hate those fucking queers.”

In meetings held with Campus Council, the group also claimed that this particular iteration of the chant was led by visiting alumni, rather than current students.

This defense is misleading. I have heard this chant every year since I stepped foot on this cam-

pus. It is ingrained in the culture and tradition of this group. A chant this hateful has no place on our campus, nor does an organization who revels in these words.

I think it's also important to point out that the now-disbanded group never apologized for broadcasting hate speech on campus and simply pointed fingers at alumni. By doing so, they unwittingly demonstrated why there has been an outcry for Campus Council to review the charter of the organization in the first place.

Campus Council did well to fulfill their function at this College during these proceedings, especially when taking into account obstructionist tendencies from members of this particular Greek organization.

As such, the reception that certain members of this legislative body found upon returning to campus from spring break is unacceptable and perhaps only further illustrates why they decided to vote the way they did in regards to this group.

Because these members are taking flack, I would like to commend them for their decision. Future generations of students at this college will be grateful too.

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Trump administration invokes civic spirit

The inauguration of Donald Trump as president has imbued many discussions about civics and



DÉSIRÉE WEBER

politics with renewed vim and vigor. Among them are fundamental questions about the responsibilities between a government and its citizens, the extent of civil liberties protection and even the system of checks and balances.

In recent weeks, the Executive Order regarding immigration has brought into focus the role of the judicial branch as a check on the executive branch. Within days of signing the Executive Order, Trump's policy was challenged in multiple courts across the country.

Although it is uncertain whether any of these cases will make their way to the Supreme Court, it is in fact the wider system of courts — including federal and district courts — that function to check and balance executive power.

The phrase “checks and balances” may seem like a throwback to high school civics class, but the function of one branch of the government checking and balancing another is a vital and everyday part of how our political institutions operate.

In the case of the courts, their role is to quite literally check the legality and constitutionality of particular policies. And if a policy is held to be out of bounds, then the courts are charged with using their power to balance against the executive branch, thereby curbing the extent of the presidential power.

James Madison, in the Federalist Papers No. 51, writes: “If men were angels, no government would be necessary.” With regard to checks and balances, his words could be adapted in the following way: if presidents were angels, no court would be necessary. But the mere existence of

courts isn't enough; they must have the power to effectively check and balance.

Here — referring to branches of government as departments — Madison has the following advice: “[T]he great security against a gradual concentration of the several powers in the same department, consists in giving to those who administer each department the necessary constitutional

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-Désirée Weber, Assistant Professor of Political Science

means and personal motives to resist encroachments of the others [...] Ambition must be made to counteract ambition.”

Interestingly, Madison identifies both constitutional means and personal motives as necessary for the court to keep the other branches in line. Madison wasn't referring to personal ani-

mosity on the part of the judges or even to current debates about so-called activist judges.

Instead, he is emphasizing how important it is to have judges (and, by extension, lawyers) that have a personal commitment to upholding the role of the courts. And in so doing, Madison rests the efficacy of checks and balances not only on the institutional design of the governmental system, but on the civic spirit that the individual office holders bring to their work. Extending Madison's point a bit further, it becomes clear that an efficacious court system — one that can in fact check and balance the executive — also relies on the commitments of the society at large.

The last few weeks of political news has caused a resurgence in interest about these most fundamental aspects of our government precisely because it has awoken this civic spirit.

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Redefine national identity

During my sophomore year at The College of Wooster, I went to Lowe's to get some bolts to fix my futon. I went by myself. I quickly found what I was looking for and went to stand in line at the cash register.



CAITLIN ZIEGERT
MCCOMBS

Suddenly, the man in front of me turned around and looked me up and down before asking, “Where are you from?” I told him Granville, Ohio, since this is where I have spent the majority of my life, 17 whole years.

“No, no,” he said, waving my answer away with his hand, “Where are you originally from?”

Of course, this was not a new question. I have heard it before and I know many others have too. I answered honestly, explaining that I am adopted from China. His eyes seemed to brighten and he exclaimed, “Oh, you're one of them throwaway babies, aren't you?”

I was completely, deeply shocked. I just stared back at him while his son continued to load two-by-fours onto the register. Nobody said a word and it was the most painful thing. I have never felt so alone — especially in my own country.

It is hard to identify with a place, group of people or even a nation after such hurtful and disorienting interactions. This moment, although probably less than three minutes in total, has stuck with me for years.

“Where are you from?” is essentially an indirect way of asking,

“Who are you?”

The question itself is fair enough — it's human nature to categorize and understand everything around us, even other people. However, the resulting dialogue and even interrogation of another's identity can be disrespectful, upsetting and even harmful.

We need to remember that immigrants are not the only ones who need to confront and navigate this concept of identity.

Whole nations, especially the United States, which has historically been defined as a settler society, need to confront their national identity as well.

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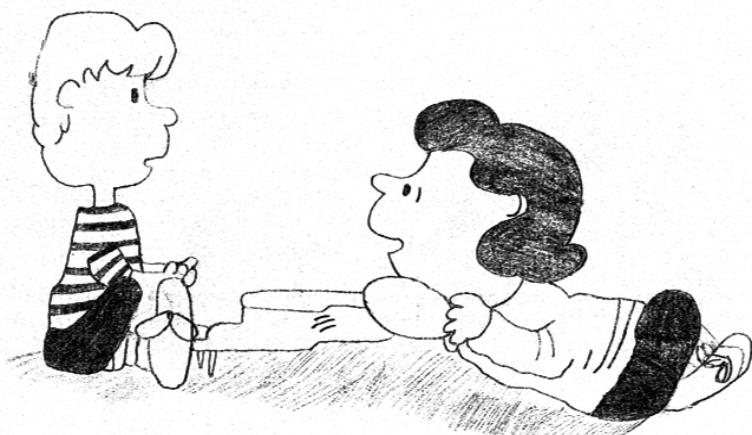
-Caitlin Ziegert
McCombs '17

national identity and why. As humans shuffle from place to place, they inevitably diversify the new areas to which they move. Identity, culture, knowledge and heritage are all things that can be shared between immigrant populations and native populations. Immigration represents an important circulation and exchange of human experience and is a phenomenon to be celebrated, not repressed.

The narrative of the immigrant identity is one that remains dynamic and diverse in today's world. Ultimately, I hope that someday soon, when an Asian American girl says she is from Granville, Ohio that such an answer is enough: That we, as a nation, can believe her reality.

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PEANUTS



“Yeah, that Bee-thoven stuff is lit, but can you play Bad and Bowdee?”

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Student group Right Wingers' use of threatening images causes concern

I was invited to comment on the flyer that announced the inaugural meeting of a new student organization, The Wooster Right Wingers.



JOAN FRIEDMAN

No doubt someone will be offended no matter what I say, but I nevertheless hope that this essay will encourage some thoughtful and substantive conversations.

I know why at least some viewers were upset, because they shared their concerns with me.

But was this the intent? As with any creation, there is a complex relationship between what the creator intended and what the viewer/reader saw.

After days of looking at this poster, these are my conclusions: the wording was intended to be provocative. The imagery probably wasn't intended to be provocative, but its effect turned out to be even more provocative and disturbing.

"Provocative" is not necessarily bad. Posters, after all, are meant to grab your attention and being provocative is one way to do that,

especially on a college campus. I did it myself before break, advertising a Café Bob presentation by asking whether it's fair to compare Adolf Hitler and Donald Trump (The answer? As antisemites, no — although the Trump camp willingly used antisemitism, among other tools, during the campaign. As demagogues who exploit real issues by pandering to racism and other forms of bigotry — absolutely yes).

The provocative verbal message of this flyer is its implicit endorsement of two of the more problematic aspects of Donald Trump's rhetoric.

First, the choice of "right wingers." The group could have chosen to label itself "conservative," a term with a venerable political tradition behind it. "Right winger" is more combative and less intellectual. Unfortunately, it calls to mind the rise of the so-called "alt-right" and its links to white racial

nationalism.

Second, "America First": Trump used it in his campaign and in his pugnacious inaugural address. Using it here is an obvious allusion to, and endorsement of, his controversial views, since no one else has used it as a slogan since the epony-

“Was the group purposely trying to link itself to Trump’s anti-Muslim bigotry? I hope not. But intentionally or not, the iconography of the poster evokes sinister and alien associations.”

-Joan Friedman, Associate Professor of History and Religious Studies

mous isolationist anti-war movement of 1940-41.

However, it's the poster's iconography that is actually far more problematic, especially combined with the explicit Trumpian allusions.

For a group that wants to "put America first," the effect is strikingly and surprisingly un-Ameri-

can.

Yes, the colors are red, white and blue, but this eagle does not remotely resemble an identifiable and conventional U.S. bald eagle image.

Nor does the shield with the cross resemble any image commonly associated with the U.S. They are strange choices for a group that wants to assert its patriotism. The generic eagle looming in the background with squared-off shoulders is vaguely reminiscent of some Nazi images I've seen (though on the other hand, it is also vaguely reminiscent of the blue eagle of FDR's National Recovery Act). The shield has a cross — definitely not the shield that appears in any U.S. images, but most definitely exactly the image that the Crusaders carried on their shields.

Was the group intentionally try-

ing to link itself to Trump's anti-Muslim bigotry? I hope not.

But intentionally or not, the iconography of the poster evokes sinister and alien associations.

I understand that many student groups use a particular program to design posters, so until I know otherwise, I prefer to give the designers the benefit of the doubt and assume that their image options were limited.

If these images were chosen over more identifiably U.S. images, then maybe the designer was just inexperienced.

I hate to think that any of our students actually endorse the threatening associations of those images and are using them deliberately.

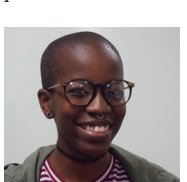
My personal preference is to see less throwing of verbal or visual bombs, and less expecting other people to agree with us before we will even talk to them.

Fear and hatred are convenient refuges from serious conversation, but not terribly productive. Let the conversations commence.

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Promote intersectionality and do better

The following stems from me calling out the so called "jokes" published/sent via e-mail by the



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Voices. On the morning that I received the Vice newsletter, their annual April Fools edition, I found myself highly upset.

While in conversation with students on campus, many of them also found the "jokes" to be highly inappropriate and offensive. After looking over the online copy of the newspaper, I pondered whether I was being highly sensitive or would I remain with deeming that content as highly inappropriate?

It was a constant battle because while being at The College of Wooster, I have never felt more aware of my blackness as I am constantly drowning in a sea of white folks.

After conversing with the same students, I came to the conclusion that the people behind creating the "jokes" and giving the okay that the "jokes" were acceptable were in the wrong.

To "joke" about hardships that two marginalized communities have faced is highly inappropriate and shows a lack of intersectionality.

It is a common motif for folks here on campus to constantly chase after being called or self-proclaim the following titles: ally, feminist or woke.

Unfortunately, such titles have been easily taken by folks who do not truly understand what their titles encompass. To engage in being woke (a concept that it is embedded with a vast amount of

problems), feminism and allyship towards marginalized groups requires the implementation of intersectionality.

Intersectional feminism sets up a platform for folks to abandon non-inclusive/white feminism and chase after something that recognizes all of the intersectionalities that play a role in different people's lives.

Examples of intersectionality would be including folks who are of different ages, races, disabilities, religions, socio-economic statuses and other identities. For those who have adopted the title of being an ally, feminist or woke, here are some problems/thoughts that I have towards those three titles:

Learn that feminism is for everyone, but to engage in feminism that is not intersectional is not beneficial to other marginalized groups.

Making "jokes" about marginalized groups will never be seen as something funny by those within the groups.

Y'all alt-right white folks need to stop with the "our country" narrative because natives were here before you infested this land with your smallpox.

Call out your local modern day Uncle Tom.

Understand that the vocabulary that is not inclusive toward women and all of the beautiful forms that they come in is detrimental.

Queer white folks who are part of a marginalized group, but are Islamophobic, anti-black and carry forth with racism need to evaluate their actions.

White gay men need to stop with channeling their "inner black woman."

Understand that certain groups have reclaimed slurs as a sense of empowerment, but that does not give folks outside of the group the right to use the word (example: the term queer).

Anti-blackness from all folks, including black folks, is constantly occurring and needs to be stopped.

Learn that sex positivity does not include thinking that everyone should like sex and sexually objectifying others.

Beware of feminist men who subscribe to double standards.

White Jews need to lend a hand to black folks.

Do not engage in the oppression olympics.

Know that no one is about to give fake allies a star for a job well done with their ally theatre.

You can change the filter on your Facebook profile picture when the new trend hits, but if you are not truly supporting and working towards diminishing an-ism, then stop.

Stop seeing folks who have HIV and AIDS as deplorable.

Ask yourself is your feminism a movement just for women or is it about all the forms of oppression?

There is so much missing from this article, but this is a short presentation of what folks can do in order to become better.

As social activist Assata Shakur once said, "IT IS OUR DUTY TO WIN. WE MUST LOVE EACH OTHER AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS."

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Turn lights off and save earth

When was the last time you saw the Milky Way?

For thousands of years, the chance to look up at a cloudless night sky and witness the constellations belonged to the entire human race.

Then, fewer than a hundred years ago, that changed. The Milky Way, once visible every clear night, has now given way to a murky orange haze. But the effects of light pollution go beyond the aesthetic: light that is needlessly spilled into the sky every night causes hazards for our wildlife, crime prevention and our own biorhythms.

Light pollution can pose serious problems for the environment. Large buildings lit up at night can disorient migrating birds, leading to massive collisions that kill entire flocks at a time. The instincts of newly-hatched sea turtles compel them to travel toward the brightest horizon they see, which leads turtles hatched on developed coasts towards luxury hotels and starvation.

Not even plants are safe: the exposure of trees to persistent light can affect their ability to adapt to changing light conditions as seasons pass. This can shorten the lifespan of the tree — potentially grim news for our own Oak Grove.

Excessive artificial lighting has consequences for human health as well. Human circadian cycles (our "biological clocks") aren't adapted to the half-light of modern night.

Over millions of years, humans adapted to sleep during periods of darkness. The production of melatonin, a hormone produced by the pineal gland, commonly marketed in pill form as a sleeping aid, is triggered by these nightly periods and suppressed by exposure to artificial light. Reduced levels of melatonin are associated with higher risks for insomnia, depression, PMS and neurodegenerative disorders like Alzheimer's.

For those of you who are

worried about crime prevention, poorly designed lights are not effective for reducing crime.

In a study conducted by the Department of Justice, increased lighting was found to have no correlation with a decrease in criminal activity.

Counterintuitively, carelessly placed lights can actually dazzle natural night vision and cast starker shadows, leading to an increase in opportunities for criminals lying in wait.

Unlike most environmental issues, light pollution is easy to solve: just turn out the lights.

The characteristic "sky glow" of light pollution is generally produced by streetlights that fail to focus light where it's needed, like

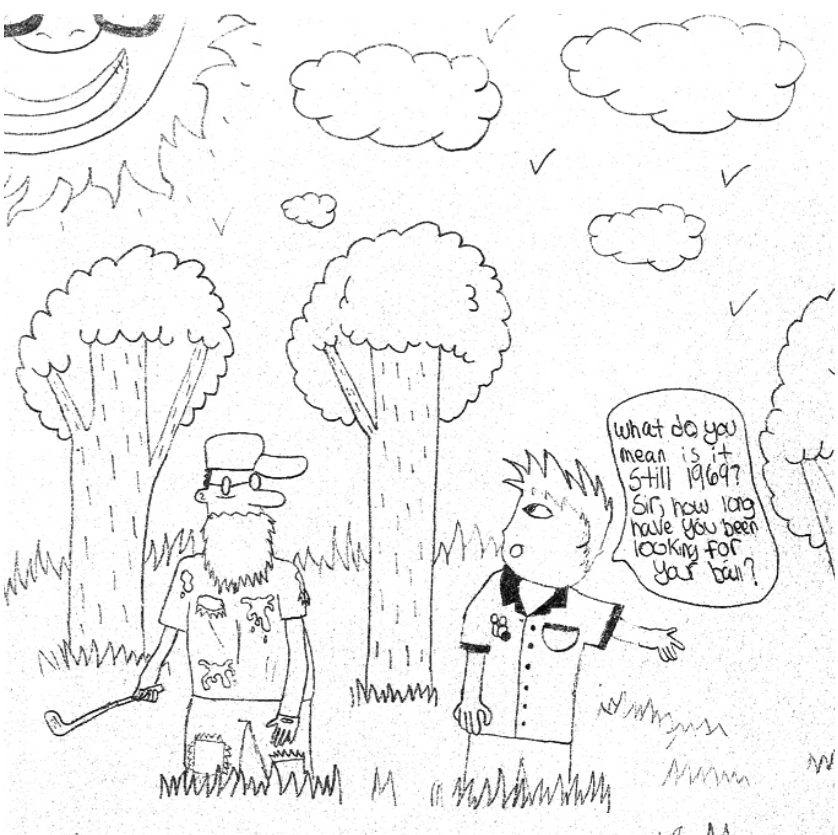
the ground. Consider the design of the orange streetlights that flank Beall Avenue: the entire bulb is translucent, top and bottom, so roughly half of each lamp's output is shooting directly into the sky, 24/7.

Even if you don't care about the environment, using inefficient lights isn't cost effective. A simple reflective housing on top of each bulb to focus light downward would dramatically improve the efficacy of these lights and reduce light pollution. The lamps outside the north entrance to Gault Library are a good start.

In addition to the harm caused to our environment, light pollution also poses a risk for posterity. Imagine how the sky must have looked like to everyone born before the Industrial Revolution. That sky was an enduring source of inspiration for millennia. Millions of children born today may never see the Milky Way where they live, and many families lack the resources to travel long distances just to see the stars.

The right to see the night sky should be a birthright to all human beings, not just those who can afford it.

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Hiroshi Motomura, accomplished legal scholar, to visit Wooster

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The 20th Bell Distinguished Lectureship in Law will take place Monday, April 17 and will feature a talk by Doctor Hiroshi Motomura.

Motomura, a law professor at the University of California in Los Angeles, will present a lecture titled "Migrants, Refugees and Citizens: Some Hard Questions for Immigration Policy." Among other things, Motomura has spent his career studying immigration law and citizenship law, and these topics will be the focus of his talk.

Motomura's extensive scholarship on immigration has earned him a widespread and prestigious reputation in the field. He teaches at UCLA law and is a nationally recognized authority on the legal issues surrounding immigration and citizenship.

Immigration and Citizenship: Process and Policy, a book he co-authored, is frequently used for teaching purposes today. Additionally, *Americans in Waiting: The Lost Story of Immigration and Citizenship in the United States*, published in 2006, won

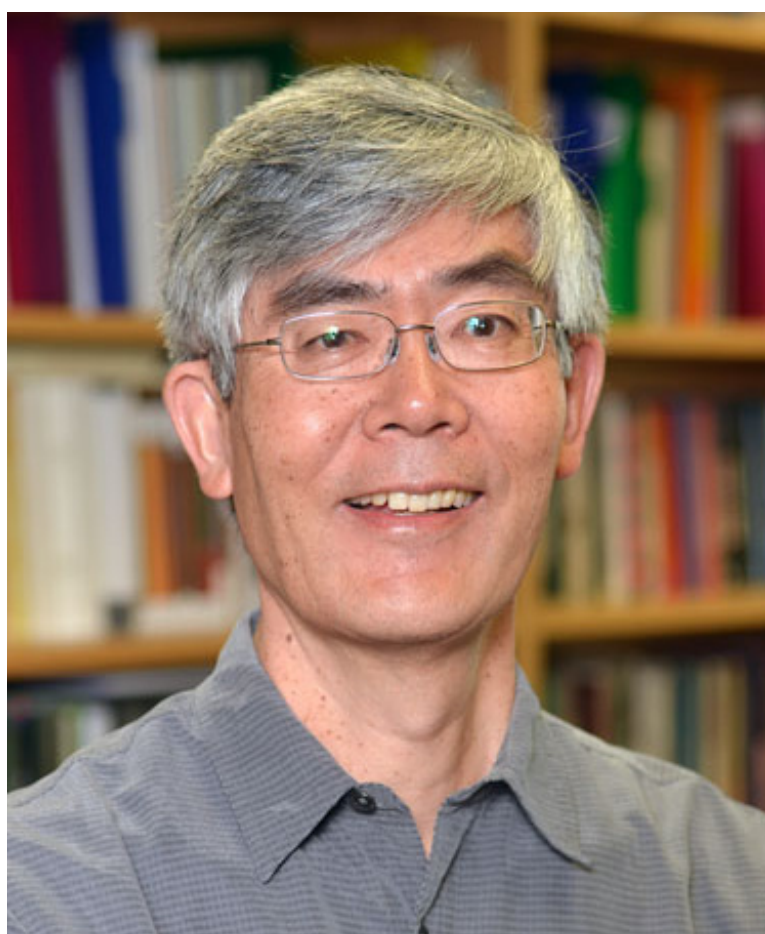
the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Award (PROSE). His 2006 book was also added to the U.S. Department of State's suggested reading list for foreign service officers.

Immigration Outside the Law, his most recent publication, also won the PROSE award from the Association of American Publishers, and it was also chosen as an outstanding academic title by the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Both *Immigration Outside the Law* and *Americans in Waiting* investigate questions of what it means to be in a country unlawfully, and whether those that are in a country unlawfully are in a sense citizens in waiting.

Immigration Outside the Law focuses on the Supreme Court case *Plyler v. Doe* (1982), in which the Supreme Court overturned a Texas court's decision to deny public schooling to children who were in the country unlawfully.

According to Motomura, this decision raised questions that are still essential to our national conversation about immigration, including what the role of state and local gov-



Hiroshi Motomura, a respected expert on immigration, will lecture on April 17 at Scheide Music Center (Photo courtesy wooster.edu).

ernments is and should be in dealing with unlawful immigration and what it means to be in a country unlawfully.

Motomura's experience with law extends beyond the classroom. According to Motomura's biography on UCLA's

website, he "has testified in the U.S. Congress, has served as co-counsel or a volunteer consultant in many litigated cases and policy matters, and has been a member of the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration." Motomura co-founded and directs an immigration institute, and is currently the vice chair of the Board of Directors for the National Immigration Law Center. He also served as an adviser in the Obama administration's working group on immigration policy.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Bell Distinguished Lectureship in Law fund and The College of Wooster Pre-Law Advising Program. Endowed in 1999 by Jennie M. Bell and Samuel H. Bell, the Bell lectureship seeks to engage people in a legal issue that has far-reaching consequences for society.

The talk will be held on April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gault Recital Hall of Scheide Music Center, and will be preceded by a dessert reception. For additional information, contact Patrice Reeder, the administrative coordinator for the event, at PReeder@wooster.edu.

C.O.W. receives record number of international applicants

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Colleges across the country have seen an overwhelming downward trend in international applicants. A recent study by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers found that 40 percent of surveyed colleges reported an overall decline in the international applicant pool, and *The New York Times* has attributed this pattern to the anti-immigration policies ushered in by the Trump Administration.

Seemingly exempt from this trend, however, is The College of Wooster. In fact, the College received a record number of 1,080 international applicants for the upcoming year, a 27 percent increase since last year. International applicants make up 20 percent of the total applicant pool. Currently, there

are 40 countries represented in Wooster's current student body. The most recent pool of applicants includes students from over 90 countries. How has Wooster been able to attract a diverse array of applicants while other colleges around the world have seen a decrease in international applicants?

Director of International Admissions Reon Sines-Sheaff believes that prospective students, both international and domestic, are attracted to Wooster because of the research and internship

opportunities. As for international applicants in particular, Sines-Sheaff explained that the sense of community at Wooster

is especially important. Moreover, she credits the influx of international applicants to the admission department's "con-

scious effort to diversify [its] recruitment strategy."

"A lot of the students who apply to Wooster have heard about us from their friends or alumni from their high schools, and so I think the campus atmosphere is a big part of attracting international students to campus," said Sines-Sheaff. "The success of our alumni also plays a role — we have so many successful international alumni who have returned to their home countries or who have helped us out by spreading

the word about Wooster around the world."

Given the substantial number of incoming international students — 15 percent of the class of 2021 — and recent federal policies creating obstacles for immigration, it seems more important than ever that College students, faculty and the surrounding community welcome international students.

"We can provide a welcoming environment to international students by simply greeting them when they arrive, inviting them to get involved in clubs and activities and showing genuine interest in learning about their background culture," said Sines-Sheaff. "Additionally, I would encourage faculty to consider the International Friendship Family program, [which] matches up international students and a local family to simply spend time together."

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-Reon Sines-Sheaff,
Director of International Admissions

Suggestions to spice up your spring

Daniel Sweat
Features Editor

Well well well, it's that time of year again. The birds are coming to roost, there's some flowers and it's getting a little hotter. There's a song in the air and a song in our hearts, over here at *The Wooster Voice*.

We know more than anyone, it can be hard to find fun things to do this time of year. Indeed, after four long months of snowball fights and igloo parties, you might find yourself in a wintertime rut. So, without further ado, here's some fun things for you and your friends to do during Spring.

1) **Sweat in sweaters.** Just because it's heating up a little bit, that doesn't mean you have to completely abandon your snow-time wardrobe any time soon. In fact, wearing an extra thick cardigan while you galivant through a flower-speckled field can be a great way to work up a sweat.

2) **Skip your classes.** Who has time to sit around in a lecture for hours on end when there's fun to be had in the great outdoors? That's right, if your friends are tossing the ole frisbee around on the

quad but you still have a class at 2:30, what's the worst that could happen? I mean, you could fail your classes, but how likely is that, really?

3) **Beg your professor to excuse your tardies.** Oh no, that last one really backfired, didn't it? Turns out there's such a thing as academic probation.

4) **Take some allergy meds.** For a lot of us, spring means one thing and one thing only: sneezing. Everyone gets a case of the springtime sniffles from time to time. So, if you've got a particularly bad case of pollen-nose, lucky you! You've got a perfect excuse to skip your next class.

5) **Call your parents.** You're not the only one enjoying the springtime! Call your parents, separately. Y'know, just to see what they're up to. Also, it might be wise to ask if they've received anything from the College about "dissatisfactory academic standing."

6) **Buy a succulent.** They're trendy, right? Hopefully, it'll comfort you in this trying time.

7) **Stand atop a hill and yell.** Nothing says "spring" quite like LARPing as Walt Whitman. All I'm saying is that guy really liked the out-

doors, so if you're for spring-spiration, look no further than Walt Whitman.

8) **Spring Formal.** What better way to forget your April woes than alcohol-fueled debauchery? Combine this tip with #1 if you want to get extra sweaty.

9) **Have a picnic.** Look, the weather in Ohio may not be the greatest, but there are some days when it's actually pretty nice. Take advantage of it! Get a couple boxes from Lowry and just chill out there on the quad. Make sure you make it to that 2:30, though.

10) **Join an intramural volleyball team.** If you can no longer find meaning in your classes, maybe you'll find some in the joy of spiking one over the net to win the gold.

11) **Go to Smoke: the Burger Joint.** It's a really great way to get away from campus and ignore all your academic troubles. Try the PB&J milkshake; Mackenzie Clark says, "it's extra funky."

12) **Pack up your things and get out of there.** So, it turns out you also missed your finals. Well, Dean Buxton gave you a stern talking to, and it looks like you're leaving in disgrace.

Recipe of the week:
Grilled cheeseSally Kershner
Features Editor

It's simple, it's quick and it's the easiest sandwich to make in the world. Unfortunately, the grilled cheese sandwiches one might get at Lowry frequently fall short of the perfection every sandwich lover hopes for. Often soggy and sad, the Grille station's version of a grilled cheese can be elevated into a real sandwich when using the right resources hidden within Lowry.

First, ditch showing up empty handed to the Grille — show the Grille the real grilled cheese you want and deserve. Mosey on over to the bread station and grab two slices of bread. Personally, I prefer rye.

Second, slap some butter on both slices, the butter will be

on the outside of the sandwich. This way when you take the sandwich to the grille, the butter will add a crispy golden effect to the bread.

Third, toss up to three slices of cheese inside the buttered bread. Load it up because if it's cheese that you want, it is cheese you shall have.

Four, add some sliced tomatoes and if you're feeling funky, some bacon for that extra jazz.

Five, walk confidently up to the grille and request the grilled cheese you deserve. Don't blink when the Lowry worker seems confused at the buttered bread.

Six, enjoy a real grilled cheese! Pro-tip, whip this up when they're serving tomato soup because then it will be a complete meal.

Spoon's psychedelic experiment and *Hot Thoughts*

Spoon performing at Outside Lands festival in 2014. Active since 1993, the band recently released a new album (Photo from Wikipedia).

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A&E Editor

Right off the bat, there are two remarkable things about Spoon's new album *Hot Thoughts*. The first is that after nine albums, Austin-based alt-rock band Spoon is still producing interesting and good music. The group's been together for more than twenty years — in indie years, that's essentially an eternity, given the blink-and-you-missed-em-while-they-were-hip nature of the genre. Not only does *Hot Thoughts* maintain the quality of Spoon's music, but it also reimagines the band's sound.

That's the second quality worth noting about the album: at times, it's pretty damn weird, but it works. As a follow-up to 2014's *They Want My Soul* (which leaned more toward the pop side of pop-rock) *Hot Thoughts* is comparatively out there. One track, titled "Whisper! Illistonehe, arit" sounds haunting as fuzzy synthesizer mimics ghostly howls before the drums kick in and send the track into overdrive. There's a lot of stress on the album, veiled under hazy instrumentation and tongue-in-cheek lyrics.

Other tracks — "Pink Up," "Can I Sit Next You," "Do I Have to Talk You Into It" — dabble in a psyche-

delic sound that's new to Spoon's music. Dave Fridmann, producer for psychedelic rock darlings the Flaming Lips, helped produce the album. These three songs rely heavily on synthesizer melodies more familiar to East Coast music. The psychedelic sounds in collision with lead singer Britt Daniel's hypnotic, almost monotone vocals combine to create an album that's both undeniably anxious and dreamy.

True to Spoon's previous albums, some songs on *Hot Thoughts* are the carefully constructed three-minute pop-rock hits that the group is known for: personal ghosts resurface as Daniel describes feeling dispo-

essed by an ex-lover on the catchy "First Caress"; the song rocks out to a thumping, looping disco beat and some strange lyrical references to coconut water.

Equally addictive is the album's penultimate track "Shotgun." The song is about another failed relationship, but this time, it's a fight song. Daniel quips about dreams of shared medical and dental insurance collapsing, and describes the imploding relationship as a shotgun at a fist-fight. Despite the heavy content, the song transforms from a grungy rock song into a great house beat-laden dance track. It's great to groove to, if you don't listen too hard.

The album ends with "Us," a five-minute instrumental. Partially experimental jazz, partially recurrent pop melodies from previous tracks on the album, the song gives us a chance to reflect on the album as a whole. Thematically, "Us" is an abbreviated version of the album: it's a combination of psychedelic distortion, catchy musical hooks and a healthy dose of introspective gloom.

Hot Thoughts has some real bite, and for hardcore Spoon fans, it may feel like a departure from the band's highly-methodical pop-rock style — and that's a fair criticism, because it is. But more than anything, *Hot Thoughts* works because there's something for everyone in its layers. Maybe Spoon is begging us to hear what we want to hear in the album's psychedelic fuzz, but how many other albums about existential anxiety can have you dancing in your dorm room?

THE SCENE

SUNKEN PLACE

Get Out has undoubtedly been wildly successful. With a relatively unknown cast and first time director Jordan Peele, it has become at once iconic and classic. Unlike other horror movies, it doesn't rely on jump scares to be scary. The horror of *Get Out* comes from a fear we all have deeply rooted inside of us: the fear of racism.

This fear presents itself in many ways throughout the film, but none more terrifying than "The Sunken Place". Without giving too much away for those who have yet to see the movie, it is a place in your mind where you are essentially detached from your body. Think sleep paralysis, and you're on the right track. In two tweets, Peele explained the significance of the Sunken Place and opened a world of analysis. "We're all in the Sunken Place," he said, later explaining, "The Sunken Place means we're marginalized. No matter how hard we scream, the system silences us." If that's not enough to scare you, allow me to elaborate.

Although the victim and main character, Chris, is completely aware of his physical surroundings while in the Sunken Place, his consciousness is not present. Any physical movement Chris' body experiences has been enacted on him by someone else, while his mind is still trapped inside of itself. He's only a passenger in his own skin. In this aspect, people of color are in this state of riding along in life. The institutionalized racism that people of color continue to face holds us back while the country moves forward. To take it a step further, mass incarceration quite literally places us in the Sunken Place. From the moment someone is arrested, they lose almost all sense of agency; they have little to no control over their own future. Discrimination in our judicial system is placing people of color behind bars en masse, forcing them into a physical Sunken Place.

What's worse about the Sunken Place is the fact that the people in power, his girlfriend's family, placed him there to specifically use him for their gain. This goes without saying that the larger "system" Peele highlighted in his tweet have placed people of color in the situations they find themselves in today. Harking all the way back in colonization, Europeans and their descendants have built and played into the system that uses us and creates the hardships we face today. People of color feel trapped, victimized, and disillusioned with how America is treating them. We have been in the Sunken Place for generations.

It only takes a flash to bring someone out of the Sunken Place. In the movie, there is a scene where Chris takes a picture of a Ben Carson wannabe, bringing him out of the Sunken Place screaming "Get out of my fucking head!". Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown, Freddy Gray, Sandra Bland and the hundreds of black men and women killed every year were the flashes that brought Black America out of the Sunken Place screaming and hollering that Black Lives Matter.

While I'm not an elite liberal white woman posing as a black teen, the messages *Get Out* carries shows a reality many of us face on a daily basis. Peele raises points on mental slavery, white privilege and liberal racism while also managing to scare the shit out of you. Look, I could probably go into infinite detail on each one of these points, but by then I'd probably have my I.S. finished. Just watch the movie. It's more than worth it.

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New on Netflix: A review of *The Discovery*, an original film

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Trigger Warning: This article discusses suicide.

The Discovery first premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and landed on Netflix on March 31. Directed by Charlie McDowell, best known for the film *The One I Love*, *The Discovery* is a film tackling a lot of different genres. Is it Sci-Fi, romance, horror or an adventure fantasy? This mixing of genres could have created a totally unique movie, but with the attempt to combine so many different ideas, it sells itself short by not narrowing its focus on one theme.

The basic plot consists of a scientist discovering strong but not definitive proof of an afterlife. After publishing his findings, many people choose to live this life and pass on to the afterlife by committing suicide. This causes the movie to rely heavily on the storyline and characters, which are not all that good.

The main characters, Will Harbor, played by Jason Segel, and Isla, played by Rooney Mara, do not seem to have much chemistry together on the screen. Often times, I wondered what Will saw in Isla and vice versa.

They seem to be two different types of people on two different spectrums but are somehow attracted to each other in the film. Even though their chemistry is not great, the movie uses the two to place the audience in a huge battle about mortality and morals. Is it right that a person should kill themselves in order to enjoy the possibility of the afterlife? Things become even more complicated when there is no definite proof for the afterlife.

McDowell is able to present the hard topic of suicide along with presenting the emotional toll it takes on those who are left behind. Using a small group of main characters, McDowell is able to capture the struggle that many people experience when battling suicidal thoughts.

Along with character development, the soundtrack for the movie is great. McDowell calls on composers Danny Bensi and Saundra Jurriaans to create an amazing complimentary soundtrack. Having a good soundtrack on a movie or tv show is like having great background music for studying. It allows the listener to seamlessly focus on whatever is in front of them. I do not know about you, but I cannot and will not listen to Nickelback while studying

Promotional photo for *The Discovery*, a Netflix original film (Photo from Facebook).

for a philosophy test, it just won't work. Bensi and Jurriaans are able to prevent the massive headache with smooth tracks throughout the movie.

Unfortunately as I pointed out, the movie does attempt to do too much. Perhaps if the movie was longer, it would allow for better explanations of what is actually going on. This ambiguity is crazy considering the movie is already close to two hours long. You would have to watch the movie a couple of times to actually understand all the things that are going on. Still, McDowell was able

to take on a great idea concerning a question many people struggle to answer: should one commit suicide to reach the afterlife? This movie is still great for those interested in a powerful storyline that will make you question a lot of things as the credits roll. Perhaps this movie could be rediscovered in fifty years; hopefully this article will be too, and it could become a staple in the sci-fi genre. Until then, I'll stick with a strong six out of ten. You can watch this movie on Netflix — check it out when you get the chance.

WoosterStreetStyle:
Showcasing personal style on campus

Dr. Shannon King (Left)
History Department Ph.D., Binghamton University 2006
With a half-zip sweater that says, "You might not have done the reading but you bet we're still going to have a discussion about it," history professor Shannon King puts the style in his-style-ical accuracy. It's a good thing he doesn't work at the College on Fridays because his FIRE outfits would be too much to handle five days a week. We need a long weekend from such intellectual style. We understand why he gets annoyed when students don't bring enough food for the class because he brings enough pizzazz for the whole damn school.

Dr. Michael Furman (Right)
Russian Studies Department Ph.D., Ohio State University 2016
With a stance almost as confident as Putin and a smile that clearly says, "The banality of Wooster, Ohio hasn't killed my enthusiasm yet," Russian Studies professor Michael Furman makes discussing hegemonic masculinity trendy. He has five buttons on his flamin' sweater vest — is it just a coincidence, or is that HALF of the planks of the COMMUNIST MANIFESTO?? As someone who doesn't know Russian would say, that outfit is "kartoshka."

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Men's lacrosse starts conference play undefeated

Aleksi Pelkonen
Sports Editor

The College of Wooster Fighting Scots men's lacrosse team has started conference play undefeated, winning the first three of what will be eight North Coast Athletic Conference matchups. The Scots now have an overall record of 7-5.

The Fighting Scots started conference play against Wabash University.

“The key has been the consistency of solid play on both ends of the field, that we did not have earlier in the season.”

-CJ Polak '17

Wooster won the game 20-7 at home. The Scots were led offensively by attackman Alex Bloom '17 with four goals on six shots. Midfielder Matt Parmelee '17 chipped in three goals, while Sam Kuhn '18, CJ Polak '17, Ian Brim '18 and Josh

Herold '17 each added two goals apiece. Defensively, midfielder Cullen Kuhn '20 led the way for the Scots with 10 groundballs, while long-stick midfielder Jack Gilio '18 and Sam Delano '19 each forced three turnovers. Goalie Wesley Wagner '20 saved seven of 13 Wabash shots.

The Scots continued their conference campaign by storming

past Hiram College, 21-9. The Scots were led in the goalscoring department by Parmelee with four goals, while Bloom added three of his own. Gilio scooped up six groundballs and caused five turnovers. Marco Pettica '20 stopped seven of 14 Hiram shots.

The Scots then took their conference action on the road to Oberlin College. With five goals from Parmelee and three from Sam Kuhn, the Scots ended on top, 13-8. Gilio was once again the Scots' defensive leader, with six groundballs and three caused turnovers. Wagner was stellar in net once again, stopping 15 of 23 Yeomen shots. Parmelee was named the conference player of the week for his effort against Oberlin.

After their first three conference games, the Scots sit second in the NCAC, just behind conference powerhouse Ohio Wesleyan University.

The Scots started the season slowly, losing three of their first four games. However, they have picked up their play recently. In addition to being undefeated in conference, the Scots have gone 6-2 since their early season slump. Crucial for the Scots



Ian Brim '18 skirts past an Otterbein defender. The Scots played Wabash, Hiram and Oberlin this past weekend, winning all three games (Photo courtesy Woosterathletics.com).

this season has been strong home form; Wooster is undefeated when playing at John P. Papp Stadium.

“Some improvements that we have made over the course of the year have been consistency and communication,” Polak said. “The key has been the consistency of solid play on both ends of the field that we did not have earlier in the season.”

Sam Kuhn highlighted the early season loss to McDaniel College as a pivotal point in the

season.

“When we got tripped up at McDaniel, we added a new offense that we have been using pretty frequently,” he said. “It lets the midfielders dodge the short-stick defense all game long, which Parmelee, Brim and I have really benefitted from.”

The Scots now have five games remaining in the regular season, with the latter half of the conference schedule presenting challenging opponents, including perennial

powerhouses OWU and Denison University. The Scots will play Kenyon College in Gambier, Oh. on April 4, after press time. If they are able to win that game, the Scots will be poised to punch their ticket for another trip to the conference tournament in late April.

“We have the talent and work ethic to do it,” Polak said. “Now we just need to extract that out of every person on the team. The final stretch of the season should be a fun one.”

Softball team falls short against DePauw and Franklin

Megan Zerrer
Sports Editor

The College of Wooster softball team had an action-packed weekend, playing games on both Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2. Unfortunately for the team, DePauw University and Franklin College topped the Scots.

The softball team traveled to Indiana to take on DePauw in the team's first NCAC competition this season. The Scots lost a closely fought doubleheader, 3-2, 3-1, to the Tigers, losing both games by a combined three runs.

In game one, the Fighting Scots started off strong, scoring two runs in the top of the second inning. Linea Brouse '17 started Wooster off with a double to left field before scoring on Bridget Serrurier '19's single up the middle of the field. Serrurier went two-for-two on the game. A sacrifice bunt by Jenna Kendall '17 brought Serrurier to second, while Taryn Kohlman '20 sent a single to right center, allowing Serrurier to make it home.

The Fighting Scots may have kicked things off, but DePauw wasn't far behind, scoring three runs of their own in the bottom



Jenna Kendall '17 pitched for Wooster this past weekend against Franklin College. The Scots lost to DePauw and Franklin, going 0-4 for the weekend (Photo courtesy Woosterathletics.com).

half of the second inning. These three runs topped the Scots, and the Tigers managed to hold Wooster scoreless for the rest of the first game.

Wooster snagged the early lead again in game two, but once more had a hard time holding on to that lead. Maddy Chase '18 hit a lead-off double to left center before advancing to third on a sacrifice bunt from Chelsea Copley '19.

Marina Roski '20 brought Chase home with her single. The Tigers again managed to tie Wooster in the bottom of the second, before adding their insurance run in the bottom of the fifth.

The women then traveled to Franklin, Ind. for another doubleheader against Franklin College on Sunday. Again, the Scots were bested by tough competition, dropping game one, 4-3 and

game two, 7-1 to the Grizzlies.

Wooster was held scoreless in game one through six innings before managing to tie the board with three runs in the top of the seventh. Stephanie Little '17 opened for the Scots with a lead-off single before subbing out for pinch runner Anna Blake '18. Blouse then reached on an error at second base to put two runners on with no outs. Serrurier

brought Blake and Blouse home with a double to left field before Kendall and Rylee Bouillion struck out swinging and flied out, respectively. Kohlman brought in Serrurier for the game-tying run with a single to center field. Wooster's inning ended with Chase stuck on second.

A hit batter put one on the bases for Franklin, then a groundout from Lauren Heubler gave the Grizzlies the winning edge over the Scots.

In game two, Franklin quickly capitalized off a three-run first inning, holding the Scots to only one run throughout the game. Franklin notched one run in each of the fourth and fifth innings, then added two more to the board in the sixth.

For Wooster's sole run, Chase reached on a single before advancing to second base on a groundout from Serrurier. Roski brought in the run with a single to center.

The Fighting Scots returned home to open NCAC play with a doubleheader against the Hiram College Terriers (4-12) on Wednesday April 5 after press time.

Their next game will be part of a doubleheader at home against Kenyon College on April 8 starting at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

VOICES FROM THE CROWD

Harden and Westbrook: from teammates to competitors

Russell Westbrook and James Harden have been two of the most explosive, electric, clutch NBA players throughout the year, constantly putting up big numbers straight across the board. It is rare throughout NBA history that you see this many triple-doubles in a single season. Westbrook is chasing down Oscar Robinson for the most all-time in a single season. He currently has 40. In 1961-62, Robinson racked up 41, a record that hasn't come close to being touched since then. In fact, last year, when Kevin Durant and Westbrook were on the same team, Westbrook only ended up with 18 triple-doubles. Harden



SAM KUHN

leads the way for the Houston Rockets, a playoff team that has relied heavily on Harden's 20 triple-doubles this season. As many tend to forget, these two used to lace 'em up together for the Oklahoma City Thunder, until 2012, when Harden was traded to the Rockets. Harden did not receive as much backlash compared to Kevin Durant for leaving the team, and Harden and Westbrook's relationship has stayed strong throughout both players' careers. This makes for an interesting scenario when it comes to the MVP race this regular season. Imagine what the Thunder could have had if Durant and Harden both stayed put in OKC. All three young superstars could have formed

some sort of super team, possibly winning multiple titles. Instead, all three have yet to win a title, with Durant jumping ship to have the best chance this summer.

Back to Westbrook, Harden and the MVP race; it is coming down to the wire. Both players are the backbone of their team and are leading their respective teams in points, rebounds and assists per game. In fact, Westbrook is averaging a triple-double. There are arguments as to why both candidates should win MVP, so let me lay them out here: Russell Westbrook: Westbrook is putting an exclamation point on everything he has done this year. *Emphatic.* That is what you think when watching him play. With all this comes the Thunder.

Westbrook is the big stats guy on an average team. The Thunder is predicted to finish sixth in the West, and although the Western Conference is loaded with teams like the Warriors, Spurs, Rockets and Jazz, the Thunder has taken a significant dip in their record from last year. This does not undermine the value Westbrook is to this team. He basically is the team. He is the go-to guy and in my opinion deserves the MVP for that reason.

James Harden: Harden is described as the player with the best stats on a good team. The Rockets have won over 50 games this season, and sit now at the third seed in the Western Conference. Harden is a good mix between Kawhi Leonard and Westbrook, as he

produces huge stat lines, and is a consistent producer on a top-tier team. Harden may be overshadowed by the numbers Westbrook is producing, but nonetheless still needs to be considered because of his stellar year. Although it would be nice to see which team makes a deeper run in the loaded Western Conference during the playoffs, the MVP is announced after the regular season, and since it isn't my decision, I'm interested to see which player will take the crown for the 2016-2017 season.

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Women's lacrosse defeats Kenyon



Emma Lawrence '19 looks to stay ahead of an opposing player (Photo courtesy Woosterathletics.com).

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The College of Wooster women's lacrosse team returned home from Kenyon College with their first conference win last Saturday. While the Scots were down 13-11 towards the end of the game, a collaborative

effort was made to come back.

The score was tied in the last few minutes of the game when the Scots gained possession. Megan Healy '19 carried the ball up the field providing one last opportunity for the team to attack. Jenny Grossman '20 got fouled and received a free position where she capitalized on

her opportunity and scored the game winning goal in the last .02 seconds.

Grossman said, "It felt less like the winning goal and more like a chance to give to the team what they've given to the season thus far." The strong team dynamic has helped everyone celebrate their success together. They have finished almost half of their season with a 7-2 record and while the roster is small, it allows for every player to become closer on and off the field.

The team is hoping to find success in this year's conference and their victory against Kenyon will help them do so. Captain, Heather Szymanski '17 said, "This was a huge conference game for us! We lost our first conference game to Oberlin, so I think winning this game really proved to us what we are capable of."

Wooster will face some tough competition for the rest of their conference games. Denison and Wittenberg tend to be important games for the Scots and all support is encouraged. The team will face Marian University for their next game on Wed. April 5 after press time.

Notable Numbers

44

Number of fouls called during the 2017 NCAA men's basketball championship game. UNC and Gonzaga combined to shoot 52 free throws, making just 33. UNC won the game, 71-65, giving Roy Williams his third national title.

29.4%

Three-point field goal percentage of North Carolina during the NCAA tournament, the worst of any national champion in the three-point era, which extends back to 1987.

7TH

LeBron James' position on the NBA's all-time scoring list, after passing Hall-of-Fame center Shaquille O'Neal on March 30th. O'Neal has amassed 28,596 points during his NBA career. Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki is currently sixth.

1

Number of national titles won by South Carolina's women's basketball team, after defeating Mississippi State, 67-55 in the national title game. Miss. St. defeated overall number one seed, UConn, in the Final Four.

39

Number of goals scored by Toronto Maple Leafs center Auston Matthews, the most ever by an American-born rookie. Matthews broke the record of Neal Broten, who set the mark in 1981-82.

300+

Number of three-pointers Golden State Warriors point guard Steph Curry has hit in a single season. Curry has now accomplished this feat twice in his career. No other player in NBA history has managed to do it even once.

BITE-SIZED SPORTS

CAROLINAS WIN TITLES

The North Carolina Tar Heels won the men's NCAA national title by defeating Gonzaga, 71-65. Point guard Joel Berry II was named the Final Four's most outstanding player.

The South Carolina Gamecocks won the women's NCAA national championship by defeating Mississippi State, 67-55. Forward A'ja Wilson led the Gamecocks to victory with 23 points and 10 rebounds in the national championship game.

Source: The New York Times

ROMO TO RETIRE

Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo will retire from professional football. Romo lost his starting job to rookie Dak Prescott last season. He has played 14 seasons for the Cowboys. He was named to the Pro Bowl four times.

Romo will become the lead NFL analyst for CBS, replacing the outgoing Phil Simms. Romo will be opposite play-by-play commentator Jim Nantz in the booth.

Source: ESPN.com

MEGAN'S AND ALEKSI'S QUICK PICKS

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