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## WU freshmen most diverse in the state

By ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES  
NEWS EDITOR

Diversity marks the class of 2006 – it is the most multicultural in the state of Oregon.

Twenty percent of the incoming freshmen can claim multicultural origins – the largest such percentage in the state, according to Director of Admissions Teresa Hudkins.

Willamette has approximately 365 new freshmen, though University Registrar Paul Olsen says that number may increase or decrease slightly over Opening Days, the Willamette freshman orientation program.

In comparison, only 17% of last year's freshmen were considered minorities, and Hudkins feels the increase reflects well on the university.

In addition, Hudkins was pleased that there were more men among the new freshmen than in previous years.

This year, 48% of freshmen were male, up from 45% last year.

Normally, Hudkins said, "there are many, many more women than men."

She suggested that Willamette has become more gender-balanced because of its strong programs in public service and the sciences and because "we also have a dynamite athletics program."

Academically, the new classis "not very unusual," Hudkins said.

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### How they stack up:

The 2005 and 2006 classes

	Last Year	This Year
GPA	3.80	3.71
SAT Combined	1240	1230
Men	45%	48%
Women	55%	52%
Minorities	17%	20%

## A new year begins



MICHELLE THERIAULT

Leader Mark Molitor and a freshmen NSOCO volunteer consult with a carpenter as they build affordable housing for Habitat for Humanity at the Oregon State Fair Tuesday.

By BEN NYSTROM  
A&E EDITOR

While most of us were packing, working, or saying good-bye to friends and family, some Willamette students and staff were back preparing programs to help incoming freshman and transfer students get acquainted with the university.

The two main programs designed to welcome new students to the school are Opening Days, or O.D., and Jump Start. Jump Start programs started as early as August 23, while O.D. began today.

Before O.D. started, students had the chance to participate in one of three Jump Start programs.

Ohana, New Student Orientation to Community Outreach, or NSOCO, and Stepping Out are offered to all incoming freshmen as a

chance to have some fun, help the community, and get to know one another.

Ohana is a pre-orientation group started in 1998 in an effort to introduce students to multi-cultural events on campus, Director of Multicultural Affairs Lakisha Clark said.

"We have fifteen participants and five leaders," Clark said. "The staff is really excited to get going."

Ohana activities included a trip to the beach, service projects at Richmond Elementary and Salem 4-H center, and content sessions. These sessions covered such topics as making the college transition and getting involved in multi-cultural affairs at Willamette.

Ohana leader sopho-

more Lena Hoffman said she is excited about being one of the first to greet new students and orient them to the university.

"I was a participant last year, and I loved it so much I came back as a leader," Hoffman said.

"Most of us who went to Ohana last year are good friends. We're a really tight group and hung out a lot afterwards."

NSOCO coordinator Mari Morando said that NSOCO is "a great opportunity for students who have an interest in community service to get to know other students who share that interest."

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## New year brings housing changes

By ERIK de BIE  
COPY EDITOR

The housing problems of last year seem to have faded with the cycling of a smaller freshman class.

However, the load on the housing facilities is not the only change Residence Life has to reveal.

According to Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer, the housing crisis has been averted thanks to the smaller freshman class having relieved some of the tension.

"Last year we were very full in regular residences, especially with the larger entering class," Bauer said.

A larger class (the current junior class) has now shifted its demand to apartments, which the University has difficulty keeping up with. There simply are not enough available spaces.

Bauer has a plan for this annual complication, however.

"We hope as we develop the commons plan that we will bring more apartments into the campus," Bauer said.

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Some students spend their summers on the couch in front of the television. Some hang out on the beaches. Then there are those others who prefer to spend their summers negotiating lost trails and fleeing wild grizzlies.

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## Dogs trained on campus

By JENNY ANDREWS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Ginger was called to action for the first time last winter when an Alzheimer's patient had wandered out of sight of her group home nurses.

The German shepherd was given the clothing of the missing elderly woman, and the dog's trainers set Ginger out to track the outlying areas of the hospital where the woman had supposedly wandered.

But Ginger had something different in mind.

She turned back inside the nursing home and sniffed her way to a room the nurses thought was empty.

The woman was inside. She had fallen, unable to get up in the isolated wing of the hospital.

This is the kind of tracking skills that Oregon K-9 Search Teams looks to achieve for their 11 other premier pooches, following Ginger's lead.

"One is certified and more are on the way," said Deb Walker, a member of the K-9 search and rescue group, which trained with their dogs on the Willamette campus Saturday. Ginger has already passed the Oregon State Sheriff's Certification test, required for all dogs to be called out on search and rescue missions.

"It takes a couple of years to train them," she said. If the training schedule goes as planned, most of the group's dogs will be certified by spring.

Police and sheriffs call on search and rescue dogs to track missing people. The animals are given the scent to hone in on — often an article of clothing from the missing person. Then the super-sleuth pets follow the trail of the scent through grass or brush, on cement or through buildings.

Tracking dogs can be trained in urban or wilderness settings. Alzheimer's patients are common finds for the dogs in the urban setting. Mushroom pickers commonly get lost in the wilderness,



JENNY ANDREWS

Nancy Walker of Oregon Canine Rescue Teams trains her German shepherd, Angus, in Jackson Plaza.

Walker said.

This group's dogs will be trained in urban and rural tracking — some dogs in both. Others are cadaver dogs that are trained to track down the scent of human remains.

"We do ask a lot of them," Oregon Canine Search Teams member Phyllis Wilner said of the pets.

Dogs begin training on grass, an absorbent surface where tracking these indicators is easy. They then work their way up to more difficult surfaces like pavement and water.

Among the dogs running the course Saturday was Angus, a German shepherd.

The word "start" was scrawled in chalk on a path near Doney hall indicating the beginning of the course. Angus was given a the clothing of a trainer — who is hiding outside the Bistro — and is signaled: "track!"

Close on his leash, Angus flew across the field in front of Eaton Hall, up the steps to Smith auditorium, down through Jackson Plaza. He pauses when his nose tells him to follow the scent into the Mill Stream. You know a dog has been distracted, Walker says, when his head comes up from the ground.

Still, Angus plunges in to the shallow water from the corner of the plaza, pulling his owner behind him. The course

leads him back up the grass — across the stream again — and outside the Bistro, where the 'missing' person greets him with enthusiastic praise and the throw of a rubber ball.

The team trains several times a week, commonly showing up at Willamette, which with the water, paths and fields, provides a great place in which to train.

Oregon canine search teams formed only last February, with a membership of 11, all volunteers.

"We started tracking together very informally," in the American Kennel association, Wilner, who owns Pippen, a gentle English setter, said. "Then we got into search and rescue."

Their group costs about \$1500 per year to run, which includes maintaining a toll-free phone number for law enforcement officials to contact them.

For Pippen, Saturday's trek across the Mill Stream was his first time crossing water on a course.

"Things are very new to Pippen," Wilner said. She adopted Pippen from a pet rescue agency and has worked herself for years for the Humane society. But Pippen is getting used to social situations, she said, and she makes progress through tracking and obedience training. "Hopefully she'll be useful," Wilner said.

## Venerable maple is taken down

By AARON LIEN  
STAFF WRITER

Students returning to campus this fall may notice something missing in front of Collins science building. The Oregon Bigleaf Maple that once dominated the space between Collins and Waller Hall was removed over the summer due to safety concerns.

According to Tom Neal, the Director of Facilities, the tree was showing "obvious signs of rot," and was a danger to both students and the buildings over which it stood.

The decision, however, was not reached without significant discussion between administration, faculty, and other university employees.

Starting in about mid-July when word first came out that the tree was scheduled to be cut, an email-based dialog began discussing options for the tree's fate. One of the first professors to question the need to remove the maple was Chemistry Professor Todd Silverstein.

While acknowledging that the tree was "clearly towards the end of its life span," and that there were "things they could try short of cutting down the tree."

Silverstein pointed out that only one part of the tree was rotting and that it may have been possible to remove that section while leaving the remaining two parts of the maple and closely watching in hopes those portions would survive on their own.

He also points to a conflict of interest; the outside arborist that Facilities had evaluate the health of the tree is the same arborist that was contracted to remove the tree.

Neal disagreed with Silverstein and noted that an arborist from Oregon State University was also consulted. He also points out that there were several visible signs of rot, including

rotted out branches that could be seen in the canopy of the tree.

According to Facilities and the President's Office, this posed too high of a threat to passers by who use the path between Collins and Waller to walk to and from class and to reach State Street and the State Capitol.

Nevertheless, Silverstein believes that core samples of the tree to discover the extent of the rot should have been taken before the tree was taken down to determine the real extent of the rot and to see if there were any alternatives.

This is not the first tree to be removed from the west side of campus due to problems with rot.

Several maples along Winter Street and between Doney Hall and Olin and Collins science buildings have been removed in recent years. Neal blames the loss of each of the trees on the same problem.

In the 1950s many of the trees on campus were topped — the highest portion of the tree was simply chopped off. The result of this was the weakening of the trees at the place they were cut and providing an easy place for rot to begin.

From there, the rot spreads down the trunk of the tree until eventually the tree is weakened to the point where it could easily die or simply fall over.

The Bigleaf Maple probably will not be the last tree lost to this problem either. According to Neal, "We're planning an overall tree replacement scheme for the next five to ten years."

They are replanting trees that have already been removed with an eye towards maintaining the canopy when other trees start being replaced. Some on campus, like Silverstein, would like to see a stronger "ethic of trying to nurse these trees back to health," and not simply removing them at the first sign of trouble.

## Housing changes mean all-girls dorm

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"[That way] all students should be able to satisfy their desires to have on-campus apartments in their Junior and Senior years."

As Residence Life and students sigh in relief over solving that crisis, other developments have taken place in housing, particularly in Matthews hall. That hall, a co-ed dorm just last year, has become an all-female hall.

Normally, Residence Life records a very poor retention rate in Matthews, and this time most of the students — the vast majority — returning to the hall were female.

That, combined with the interest expressed over the last few years, yielded the

idea of creating a single-sex residence in Matthews.

This was the perfect opportunity for Residence Life to create an all-female residence.

The third floor of Matthews was already all female, and the second was presented in the *Residence Life catalogue for 2002* as the same.

Bauer plans to "develop special programming in conjunction with the Women's Center, faculty, Bishop Wellness, and of course community members to make this a positive experience."

Residence Life decided to alter Matthews in the middle of this summer, after seeing how returning students and freshmen would tend toward

housing preference. The majority of Matthews residents have been informed of this change.

Matthews will also separate from Belknap in hall government for this year and exist as a separate entity. Bauer said this split will give residents of Matthews a chance to "develop their own identity" and that "it should be a great opportunity for self governance and self direction."

A final difference that has Residence Life excited about this year is the option for grad students to finally live on campus.

Some of the rooms in Kaneko are being secured by grad students through rent payments to the University.



JENNY ANDREWS

Workers cut down the Oregon Bigleaf maple between Collins and Waller in August.

## Eat at Joe's – or Kwan's, or Christo's, or ...

From pizza to tiramisu, here are the top choices for Salem dining.

### CHINESE/THAI FOOD

**1. Kwan's Cuisine** — One of Salem's hidden gems, Kwan's offers a large selection of dishes, reasonably priced, with the freshest vegetables and overall excellent quality. Kwan's also boasts a larger-than-life statue of Buddha and a friendly, interesting cook who is always eager to chat.

**2. A Taste of Thai** — With so many Thai places to choose from in Salem, finding the right one can prove difficult. However, with moderate prices, a friendly, knowledgeable staff, and great dishes, A Taste of Thai is a definite winner.

**3. Tong King Garden** — Although not much to look at, this hole-in-the-wall is remarkably tasty. Slightly cheaper than other places, Tong King Garden is a quiet place with large portions and good atmosphere. Beware of the extremely hot soup!

### PIZZA

**1. Straight From NY Pizza**

— Located in the middle of downtown, SFNY offers a wide variety of interesting pizza options, including the garlic and clams Friday night special.

With cheap prices and huge slices, SFNY is a little bit of the big city in our little one.

**2. Christo's Pizza** — Slightly closer to Willamette, Christo's has live music, authentic Italian bread sticks, and, of course, great pizza. With arguably the best tiramisu in Salem, Christo's is well worth trying, even if it always appears closed.

**3. Papa John's** — A long time favorite of countless Willamette generations, Papa John's offers good pizza, often with student discounts. Although Papa John's is a chain restaurant, the pizza and service are better than most.

And when Goudy becomes too much for you, Papa John's always comes through in a pinch.

### ITALIAN

**1. Nona's Cucina** — Located on Edgewater, across the bridge, Nona's is a little difficult to reach without a car. If you can get past the slight obstacle, however,

Nona's offers customers great Italian food without the huge lines and commercialism of the Olive Garden.

Slightly expensive for dinner, Nona's prices range from about \$8 to 18 an entrée.

**2. Davinci Ristorante** — Also slightly on the expensive side, Davinci is a wonderful place for parents to take their poor college students.

With a large menu selection, wonderful cooks and relaxed atmosphere, Davinci Ristorante brings a little of Italy to Salem.

### OTHER ETHNIC CHOICES

**1. Fuji Rice Time** — For Japanese food lovers, Fuji Rice Time is a wonderful addition to Salem's food choices.

With good prices, a wonderful sushi bar and fabulous miso soup that beats Goudy's version any day, Fuji Rice

Time evens suits the needs of those with squimish stomachs by offering great teriyaki dishes as well.

color may be a little different than you are used to, but with a little courage and a hungry stomach, this little restaurant can transform even the pickiest of eaters into ethnic food connoisseurs.

### BREAKFAST PLACES

**1. The Sassy Onion** — To returning Willamette students, this home of the amazingly good French Toast was once called Café Today. However, the owners went their separate ways, thus giving birth to the best little breakfast place with the worst little name.

Couldn't they have come up with a better adjective than sassy? And who really wants to eat at an onion that early in the morning?

But placing those thoughts aside, The Sassy Onion does several things perfectly.

With incredible French toast, omelets and hash browns, low prices and freely-flowing coffee, the Sassy Onion is good enough to make me get out of bed on a Saturday morning and I never regret it.

Besides, where else can you say with a straight face, "I feel like some sassy hash browns."

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Tasty pastries await coffee-lovers at the Governor's Cup downtown.

**2. Hacienda** — Salem has a wide variety of Mexican restaurants to choose from. However, Hacienda Real is arguably one of the best.

**3. India Palace** — Although Indian cuisine usually is not located at the top of everyone's must-eat list, India Palace may encourage you to reexamine your food priorities.

With several meal options, not all of which include curry, India Palace is a pleasant surprise and a welcome change to the standards of pizza and Chinese food.

At India Palace, the entrée's

## Theater auditions next week

By ERIK de BIE  
COPY EDITOR

With the academic year beginning at Willamette, the Theatre Department is preparing for waves of theatergoers anxious to see what is hitting the stage next. Also, with a new class of freshmen entering, the department is alert for new acting talent.

Auditions for the first production of the year, *The Diviners* by Jim Leonard, will be held Sept. 1, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., and callbacks will be the following day, Sept. 2, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. To audition, sign up in the theater. Students are required to prepare and memorize two contemporary, contrasting monologues that do not exceed four minutes together.

*The Diviners*, to be directed by

Michael Griggs, will run Oct. 3 through 13. The next production, *Big Love* by Charles Mee, will run in November. Two other productions are planned, *Savage in Limbo* by John Patrick Shanley and *The Taming of the Shrew* by William Shakespeare, for the end of February and April respectively.

According to Senior Leslie Radin, the Theatre Department will work with several new directors, guest light designers, and costuming pros. The theater considers any students interested in working, for work study or simply an interest.

Professor of Theatre and Department co-chair Christopher Harris foresees this semester as a fun one filled with challenges. "There will be all kinds of new opportunities," Harris said.

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# Ancient Egyptian culture at Hallie

By ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES  
NEWS EDITOR

The exhibit isn't open yet, so when I walked into the gallery it was lit by half-light and shadows, the blank stares of sculpted Egyptian faces peering at me from their pedestals and cases around the rooms. This is "In the Fullness of Time," the temporary exhibition at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art that showcases masterpieces of Egyptian art and architecture from the pre-Dynastic period to Roman times — four and a half millennia of Egyptian culture distilled from 48 of the best pieces in American collections.

My guide was John Olbrantz, the museum director, and as we walked through the unopened wing he proudly noted that "this is clearly the most important exhibition we've had in our four short years." Indeed, the pieces are breathtaking; as I walked in, I saw the Brooklyn Bird Lady, a dark red figurine of a woman with exaggerated curves, her back arched and her arms thrown up in supplication. Nearby was the simply named "Bowl with white lines," probably the oldest piece in the exhibit, displayed near another bowl and a ceramic plate with two birdheads used for mixing makeup.

"The purpose of the exhibition," Olbrantz said, "is to show not only the history of Egyptian art through these key exhibits but also to show

pieces that are problems — pieces that raise issues in history." He indicated male and female figures, noting that women were portrayed with their legs together, men striding forward.

"Striding connotes virility," he explained, contrasting that with the demure female pose. Similarly, male figures were often brown — Olbrantz called the color "athletic" — where female figures were often white.

"We try to put the exhibition in a broader context," he explained, and the relations between art and culture do just that.

The gallery was painted in subtle tones, the occasional hieroglyph painted on and near the pieces themselves. The pieces were lit by pools of light, and the darkness surrounding them gave a sense of the tomb context in which so many of the artifacts were first discovered.

As I walked, Olbrantz explained that the exhibit was arranged along roughly historical lines — and indeed, the point where the physical path of the exhibit turned was a turning point in Egyptian art. This was where pieces from reign of the 'heretic Pharaoh' Akhenaten and his queen, Nefertiti, as well as those from the time of his successor, Tutankhamen.

It was at about this time, Olbrantz said — about 1300 BCE — that Egyptian art became more lifelike, as a succession of beautifully carved and painted reliefs on

the walls showed.

The action seemed appropriate; the capitol of Egypt was moved twice during the period, and the whole country experienced some turmoil, so the sudden dynamism of art can only be fitting.

The end of the exhibit held some of the most breathtaking pieces — two startlingly blue theatrical masks from Roman times, the faces showing the same static emotions they held for theatregoers some seventeen centuries before. Olbrantz pointed to a mottled blue glass scarab as perhaps the newest piece in the exhibition; the size of a child's fist, the scarab was a beautiful and archetypically Egyptian piece, calling up all the images of sand and pyramids we've been raised to expect.

"What's important about this exhibition is that we don't have a lot of Egyptian collections in the West," Olbrantz said.

"It's an opportunity for people to see 48 exceptional examples of Egyptian art from the pre-dynastic period to the Roman period."

The exhibition "In the Fullness of Time: Masterpieces of Egyptian Art from American Collection," opens Saturday, August 31, at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. It is complimented by a lecture series on Egyptology, the first of which, "Egyptian Art in Context," will be on Friday, August 30, in the Paulus Lecture Hall at the College of Law.



A Bronze cat sculpture is part of the Egyptian art exhibit at the Hallie Ford Museum. The exhibit, titled "In the Fullness of Time: Masterpieces of Egyptian Art from American Collections," runs through Jan. 4.

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## Writing, directing shines in "Signs"



By JON McNEILL  
CONTRIBUTOR

"Signs," the new movie from M. Night Shyamalan, attempts to answer that age-old question that keeps coming up — is becoming captivated with crop circles geeky? Shyamalan, along with Mel Gibson and Joaquin Phoenix, would like to say: "Not really."

"Signs" follows a reverend, Gibson, at odds with his faith and his God after his wife's tragic death. He soon has other worries on his mind, however, when mysterious symbols begin to appear in his fields. Are they really the handiwork (or whatever aliens have) of extra-terrestrials, or just some neighborhood kids' prank? And who was that jumping up onto his roof in the middle of the night? And, possibly more importantly, how many Culkin kids are there, and will they all go into acting?

Shyamalan infuses "Signs" with the surprises and chills that are sure to please his devoted audiences who actually thought the last line from "Unbreakable" was good ("They call me Mr. Glass..."), but his newest film is decidedly less about fear and more about feelings. I felt that this was a good direction for M. Night, and I think his audiences will follow him, as all of his previous work (including the script for Stuart Little) has had a large dose of sentiment along with the plot.

Gibson plays the questioning Father Graham Hess with the right note of brokenness, and his character's own disbelief gives the doubting viewers someone with whom to relate — to such an extent

that I wouldn't be surprised if, by the end of the movie, people were more interested in his spiritual struggle than the sci-fi trappings around it.

But the real standout in Signs is his brother in the movie, Merrill Hess, played by Joaquin Phoenix.

Phoenix, usually seen in oddball or villainous roles, turns in a nuanced, easily relatable performance in "Signs," conveying child-like awe at the events while also providing grounding for his older brother's wandering character. It's his face that we look to for information on the tone of the scene, and it's his supporting position that creates the tension necessary for the suspense in the film.

M. Night again writes himself into the movie, although he has a much more substantial part in "Signs." I think it's just because he wanted to have the best line in the movie.

Shyamalan's great strength is his storytelling; he's an excellent writer with a gift for weaving disparate strands into a cohesive and satisfying whole, and "Signs" is no exception to this. Aided by Tak Fujimoto's moody cinematography, "Signs" floats along to its neat conclusion, and perhaps this is "Signs" only downfall — the denouement feels slightly as if M. Night is just behind the scenes; the master pulling all of his strings into alignment.

I believe that soon Shyamalan will learn what Hitchcock, an obvious influence, knew: a forced perfect ending is still forced, no matter how perfect.

"Signs" will not go down in the annals of film-lore as another disappointing follow-up to The Sixth Sense; it is a crowd-pleaser through and through. In fact, it may even spark a new trend in headwear.

So why do I still feel like a nerd when I say the words "crop circles"? It must be a personal problem.

## Eateries top Salem dining

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### COFFEE JOINTS

**1. The Green House Café** — One of the best kept secrets in Salem (oops!), the Green House Café is easily my favorite hangout. Offering open-mic Thursday nights to any one with a talent, as well as live music on the weekends, the Green House combines a relaxing atmosphere with a wide and delicious assortment of chocolates, teas and coffees.

A perfect place to catch up with friends, study, chat with the awesome owners, or just see how many different types of mochas you can drink in a single evening, this coffee shop is a perfect escape from the Willamette bubble. Just don't make me sorry I let the secret slip.

**2. The Governor's Cup** — A perfect place for people watching, the Governor's Cup is a downtown hang-out for locals and students alike.

Open late in the evenings, this coffee shop offers an ideal alternative to the Salem bar scene. With interesting employees, good coffee and better tea, the Governor's Cup easily transforms from a

quiet day time coffee house to a late night high school Mecca when local bands play on weekends. Always an experience, the Governor's Cup and its eclectic clientele are staple and fun parts of life in Salem.

**3. The Beanery** — Boasting two locations within a two-block radius, the Beanery is a great combination of a café and coffee house. With delicious ice-cream coffee drinks that Starbucks can never equal and appetizing soups and sandwiches, the Beanery is just right when you want coffee to go.

Although my favorite barista no longer works there, the staff is always pleasantly helpful, even after dealing with the bus station all day and the coffee keeps me coming back for more.

### DESSERT PLACES

**1. Konditerei** — If you want sinfully delicious dessert, the Konditerei is the place to go. Located right across the street from Kwan's, just walking into the place can make you gain ten pounds, but it's somehow entirely worth it. Barney's

Black Out and Gerry's Chocolate are both moist and light, and no matter how full you think you are, there always seems to be room for one of their varieties of cake.

Open fairly late on weeknights and until 1 a.m. on weekends, the Konditerei is the perfect end to a date or an even great place to mend a broken heart. After all, how can you be lonely when you are stuffing your face with chocolate cake?

**2. Arbor Café** — More than just a dessert place, Arbor Café serves gourmet coffee, lunches, excellent dinners as well as delicious pastries, puddings and cakes.

Owned by the wives of two popular Willamette Professors, the Arbor Café is often the stomping ground of many Willamette familiar faces. The Arbor Café offers several wonderful dessert choices, my favorites being the White Chocolate Cake and the Strawberry Triple Sec Cake. With several layers of fresh strawberries and cream, and garnished with a large ripe strawberry on top, the Triple Sec cake never lasts long so better get some quickly while it is still in season.

## NSOCO jump starts to serve



MICHELLE THERIAULT

NSOCO members were at the Oregon State Fair Tuesday constructing houses for Habitat for Humanity.

By STEPHANIE K. SOARES  
FEATURES EDITOR

Before beginning Opening Days, eight new Willamette students participated in the New Student Orientation to Community Outreach, or NSOCO, a pre-orientation program designed to explore volunteer opportunities in the Salem community.

Guided by five leaders, all of whom participated in last year's NSOCO program, participants spent four days doing various service projects including helping build a house for the Habitat for Humanity, giving baths to animals at Salem's Humane Society, serving meals at the Union Gospel Mission, sorting clothes and toiletries for homeless individuals and doing an independent city beautification project.

In addition, NSOCO met Tuesday to do a service project in conjunction with 'Ohana and Steppin' Out, Willamette's two other Jumpstart programs.

"This allows people to realize that there's a bigger world out there," sophomore leader Andrea Duby said. "You're changing other people and yourself. It makes us realize that there's an ability to help others as one person and as a group." NSOCO sophomore leader Reid Stillman said that this program shows freshmen that there is more to the college experience than just school. "It's not just on campus, but it's also in the city," Stillman said.

The program was organized by the Community Outreach Program and serves as an introduction to myriad volunteer opportunities. "Our hope

is to instill inspiration and dispel fears of going out into Salem," senior leader Ryan Rogers said. "The hope is that the participants will inspire other new freshmen and spark more openness in the community."

In addition to their service projects, volunteers set aside time for reflection. Leaders see this time as the highlight of the program as a whole. "We are able to get together as a group and discuss the social issues that we've seen given the time spent volunteering," sophomore leader Jean-Pierre Hill said. "It gives us time to look at things that should be done and things that could be done."

The Community Outreach Program, headed by Director Mari Morando, plans several service projects throughout the year for those interested in volunteer opportunities. The first of many projects will be the "Into the Streets" program set for Sept. 21. The COP office, located on the second floor of the University Center is the headquarters for the various service projects that go on throughout the year.

"The office is a place for people to come in and say 'I want to volunteer,'" junior leader Mark Molitor said. Some may be unfamiliar with the office and its opportunities. "It's all about making connections," Hill said. "Spurring communication gets people involved."

## TIUA student bikes to great white north



HIROSHI IWASAKI

TIUA student Hiroshi Iwasaki prepares to leave at the end of June on his one-and-a-half-month trek to Alaska.

By ERIK de BIE  
COPY EDITOR

Some students spend their summers on the couch in front of the television. Some hang out on the beaches. Then there are those others who prefer to spend their summers negotiating lost trails and fleeing wild grizzlies.

TIUA student Hiroshi Iwasaki spent most of the summer on a trip to his hometown's sister city in Alaska. The only catch: he went by bike.

"I had planned to bike all the way," Iwasaki said. The "only cheating," as he calls it, that he did was 162.8 miles he rode in a recreational vehicle because of bike trouble before he hit the Yukon territory.

Iwasaki loaded up his bicycle with several packs and left the TIUA building in Salem July 1. He roughly paralleled Interstate 5 to Portland — very roughly. "I just had my maps to follow," Iwasaki said. "I-5 is bike prohibited." He noted that while most people know how to get to Portland by car, very few know how to get there by bike.

He went through the state of Washington and turned to follow the Alaska Highway at the city of Dawson's Creek in Canada. He ran into bike trouble before he reached the city of Whitehorse, but got back on his wheels by Tok, Alaska. Iwasaki would have gone farther up the Alaska Highway but he was running short of time so he turned south to head to Anchorage. He finished his trip in Seward, Alaska, the evening of Aug. 15, the day before his birthday.

"In Alaska, it was the nineteenth and the last day when I was a teenager," Iwasaki said. "But in Japan time, it was the sixteenth and I was 20."

Seward is Iwasaki's hometown's sister city. He laughed at the fact that he had started from his sister University and gone to his sister city.

Over the course of his trip, Iwasaki saw six buffalo,

one brown bear, and one grizzly bear. The former seven animals Iwasaki saw from 30-40 feet away, but the grizzly was much different. This last animal he saw while riding was intent on crossing his path and as he rode by, the animal gave chase.

Iwasaki vividly remembers hearing the scratching sounds of the bear running on the trail, and being able to see nothing in his bike mirror but furry body. He managed to escape, however, and the bear went on its way.

"I carried bear spray," Iwasaki said. "And I took the safety off, ready to fire. That was the closest I came to using it."

Iwasaki said that he had been considering the different trips he could take during the summer when the idea came to him. He was tempted to travel across America to New York and see the sights along the way. "I like seeing the praise everywhere I go," Iwasaki said, speaking of the support for vacationing TIUA students. However, he noted that these trips were usually "just a dream" for him and "take a long time."

"Going across America was actually the best choice for me," Iwasaki said. "In Canada, there are just forests and bears to see."

Then, Iwasaki decided that he should try out the new bike he obtained at the end of last year, so he planned the Alaska trip. A trip across the great plains, he said, would be hot and uncomfortable, and he would have to worry too much about human trouble in addition to bike trouble. He was not keen on the idea of his bike or supplies being stolen.

Having decided he did not have the time to ride back to Salem, Iwasaki caught a plane to Portland and arrived at Willamette Aug. 26.

He would like to thank all those who cheered him on, emailed encouragement, or otherwise showed their support for his journey.

## New chaplain arrives

By MIKE KIEFER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On April 19, Dr. Karen L. Wood assumed the newly formed position of associate chaplain and while the renovations to her office are not yet completed, she has already begun the task for which she was hired — spending the \$2 million of the Lilly Foundation Grant that was awarded to Willamette this past fall.

She plans on spending the opening months of her five-year contract orienting herself with student groups, learning the culture of the university and making sure the entire community is aware of the opportunity the grant offers to students and faculty. Once she has oriented herself with the university, Wood said she would be better prepared to perform her duties, which include acting as Chaplain Charlie Wallace's second.

Wood said that she comes from an academic background where the university chaplain was someone who cared for the full welfare of all the students.

"Chaplains are student advocates," she said. The Lilly Grant for Theological Exploration of Vocation was established under the auspices of the pharmaceutical producer, Eli Lilly in

Company, which is its financial backing, for the expressed purpose of invigorating spirituality in the religious life of Americans.

"The grant was created to get liberal arts students to think more seriously about the ministry as a profession," Wallace said. Willamette is one of 50 schools nationwide receiving money from the foundation. The schools range in religious affiliation from ordained faculty to schools that have a tangential relationship like Willamette's history with the United Methodist Church.

According to Wallace, Willamette followed the lead of Presbyterian-affiliated Macalester College of St. Paul, Minn., in applying for the grant as a school that does not require student attendance at weekly services. As such, Willamette required a grant geared toward the social service aspect of spirituality as much as theological exploration.

Wood is disarming about the goals of the grant, which remain necessarily ambiguous, saying that she is in no way recruiting for the ministry. Rather, she was hired to assist students who are interested in pursuing a spiritual life in whatever vocation they choose.

"I think I am right in saying

that most Willamette students would consider themselves spiritual, but not religious," Wood said. Use of the grant includes providing money to a wide range of activities including inviting guest speakers, supporting the Community Outreach Program, Alternative Spring Break, paid internships, cultural opportunities and even hall service projects.

"It's a great opportunity to test the waters as an undergraduate," Wood said. The grant offers fellowships and internships for students to spend a semester at a seminary or a synagogue.

The new chaplain, through her contact with the students and staff on the search and hiring committee, says that Willamette is an ideal place to start a new job, especially one that offers her such capabilities. Wood has lived in Portland since moving to Oregon from the East Coast and comes to Willamette after serving three years as the Dean of Student Affairs at the College Naturopathic Medicine located in downtown Portland.

Students can check out the new chaplain in action this coming Sunday service in Cone Chapel where she will be teaming up with Chaplain Wallace in a dual sermon starting at 11 a.m. and ending at noon.

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# Ra T Training

By STEPHANIE K. SOARES  
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Residential assistants for the various houses here at Willamette await the arrival of their residents. Participants underwent twelve days of training during which they addressed various issues concerning housing on campus.

Resident assistants spent the days of training getting acquainted to residential life on campus through exercises and content sessions. The content sessions, named after famous rock songs, included discussions on rules and policies.

Some sessions included "Come Together" which dealt with teambuilding, "I Fought the Law" which addressed legal issues, and "We Didn't Start the Fire" which talked about campus policies.

"They (RAs) are so fabulous," Marilyn Derby, Associate Director of Residence Life said. "They went through twelve days of intensive training trying to cover the plethora of issues for students from everything from changing your lightbulb to suicide."

"It's a lot of information to soak in, and they've hung in there and have been good sports."

Residential assistants also were introduced to various changes in residence halls that have been implemented for this school year. One such change is the introduction of 14 graduate students into Kaneko hall. Because the incoming class is smaller than they planned for, rooms were filled based on requests from graduate students.

"We were shooting for the target number, but it was smaller this year," Derby said. "Rather than let rooms go empty, we let the offer go out to graduate students."

Living on the east wing of the second floor, these residents have already moved in and represent all of Willamette's graduate schools. The resident assistant for this floor, whose title is now Hall Manager, is sophomore Nick Winn.

Winn anticipates a good year with this new change. "It's something new and different, but I'm looking forward to it," he said. Winn expressed that the graduate students have an air of independence, straying away from the activities that undergraduate residents do in residence halls.

Among the many changes occurring in residential life here at Willamette is the transformation of Matthews hall into an all-girls building. This commu-



STEPHANIE K. SOARES

A member from the National Conference on Community Justice talks to the resident assistants about promoting inclusion, last week.

# trains for you



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The resident assistants take a break from intense training and add humor to their day.

nity, will be similar to the many theme houses on campus.

Unlike others, however, the theme for this community reflects the desire for the empowerment of women. In addition to the new theme and modified quiet hours, which will begin at 10 p.m. instead of 11 p.m., the hall can expect new programs as well.

"There will be different programs and activities meant to empower women," Matthews residential assistant sophomore Lesley Meyer said.

Among the required programs that will be presented to the residents in all halls including a program on alcohol issues and diversity issues, Matthews will also have a sexual assault awareness program. Members of the Bishop Wellness Center will be going to Matthews hall for a workshop based on sharing information to help women who are or know victims of sexual assault.

In addition, residences will all sign a residential contract. Individuals will commit to looking after themselves and each other. "It'll be like our honor code," Meyer said. Meyer, one of two residential assistants in Matthews, looks forward to the experience.

"I see it as a good thing," Meyer said. "I am concerned about women's issues and empowering women." Meyer stressed that things are still up in the air, and although residents may feel confined because Matthews is a same-sex dorm, residents in this hall will enjoy the same freedoms as do other residents. Residential assistants in this altered hall went through the same training as did others, however they did have slightly different individual meetings in which they discussed the new residential contract and plans for the new hall.

Meyer sees the entire training process as intense but effective, and those working with residential leadership. "It's draining because we spent all day interacting with each other, but it covers all the bases and experience," Meyer said.

"They're good about seeing your needs and working with us." Although the bulk of residences did not arrive on campus during training, residential assistants were still put on duty.

"Tonight, I'm on duty. Now we learn when they're aren't any incidents before anything occurs."

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## Editorials

### Rock the Salem Vote

Get involved with local politics, the reasons to do so are compelling.

First of all, it's easy to get involved. Contrary to popular belief, it's simple to change your voter registration to Salem. All you need to do is fill out a voter registration card (the election board just dropped off 1500 in the UC) and send it off. It's as easy as subscribing to Maxim.

Second, Salem is now your home, like it or hate it, for nine months of the year. Channel your angst about Salem into something positive, register to vote and start making Salem the college town utopia of your dreams. When a group of people starts to make their concerns heard and mobilize as a group, city government has no choice but to listen.

Working in our favor is Salem's incredibly low voter turnout. The population of Marion County, of which Salem is the county seat, is 288,269. In the May 2002 statewide primary, only 26,606 people in all of Marion county

voted. That's about nine percent. If every Willamette undergraduate and graduate school student voted, we would have made up almost seven percent of the total turnout. Seven percent is something politicians can't ignore. Local issues affect Willamette students, even if they consider "home" to be elsewhere. Local government controls funding for urban renewal programs, which would alter the face of Salem's depressed downtown economy, poverty and crime initiatives which could conceivably protect your car from being broken into some day and loitering laws that restrict you from standing in front of the Governor's Cup. Those things serve our interests specifically, but there is a greater reason to be a Salem voter and be involved in your local government: to advocate for the improvement of Salem for everyone. Care about Salem politics because your neighbors in Salem don't exist in a world unconnected to ours, as impermeable as the bubble may seem.

### Rest of universe co-ed

With the implementation of the Housing Commons plan on the horizon, it appears Residence Life is itching to be creative this year. In a change from the on-campus living situation last year, Residence Life has committed both floors of Matthews Hall to single-sex housing and offered graduate students the chance of living down the hall to freshman in the west wing on the second floor of Kaneko Hall.

Residence Life attributes interest for single-sex housing in the Matthews decision. However, in the recent past, requests for a single-sex housing have been fulfilled by just devoting wings of single floors to single-sex theme. What is different about this year?

Bauer expects the Matthews Hall dormitory to develop into a dynamic community with a self-identity that has been lacking while Belknap and Matthews considered themselves a single unit. Why couldn't Matthews develop a communal attitude

with men in the building?

Or is it possible that Matthews 3rd was just too wild the past year and Residence Life wanted a tamer all-freshman dorm, and thought taking men out of the mix would do just that?

Whatever their reasons, the real world isn't single sex. Willamette's duty to prepare students for citizenship in the real world includes an obligation to provide them with realistic learning and living environments.

Going away to school, students anticipate challenges, and living with students of the opposite sex is just such a challenge that many students never encountered at home and were looking forward to at school.

While the women of Matthews Hall will undoubtedly thrive no matter what the circumstances, we wish they would have been given a chance to thrive in a co-ed environment. But hey, the fraternities are just across the way.

### Once a month or not at all?

The new campaign funded by the office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse is definitely an improvement from last year's ambiguous ads. The new ads, which have lost the smiling students on sunny quad in favor of an austere blue background, simply say "most Willamette students drink once a month or not at all."

Aside from being incredibly vague, it makes no mention of the number of drinks consumed in these "safe" once-monthly drinking sessions. Once a month could mean 12 jello shots and some keg beer at once, or a glass of '84 pinot gris enjoyed while doing philosophy homework. There's a big difference between the two.

For all of the flaws last year's campaign had, at least it addressed the issue of vital importance: binge drinking. Research shows

that while college students may be drinking fewer times per month, they are drinking a ton when they do. The emphasis of "0-4 drinks" is more important than the number of times per month people drink. The office is moving in the right direction with their campaign but continues to send a patronizing message. A more effective message would be a focus on the results of binge drinking, as last year's Opening Days leaders artfully conveyed in their "Straight Talk" programming.

The true deterrent to students isn't a vague statistic, but real stories about the dangerous results of going overboard with alcohol. Students are probably going to continue to drink at Willamette, the emphasis should be on keeping them safe and informed if they choose to do so.

## The Soapbox

By MICHELLE THERIAULT  
OPINIONS EDITOR

I had a bit of a humble beginning here at Willamette.

My family and I drove down from Seattle and the whole way my mom looked like the was going to cry and my Dad kept asking if I has enough batteries and if I needed a socket wrench.

We rolled into Salem at 10:30 at night, and as anyone who lives in Salem knows, the only thing open at that time in Salem is a bar.

First of all, we couldn't find the hotel. Mom was "pretty sure" it "might have the word lake or river or something in it." Which really helped a lot.

We decided to stop at a bar to see if we could make some phone calls to find the right hotel. So Dad and I sat out in the car, boxes of bedding and clothes up to our elbows and wait. And wait.

After 20 minutes we start to wonder if Mom hasn't just given up and sat down for a drink.

There she was, in the dark smoky bar going through the phonebook and calling every hotel in town. Finally we found it: the Mill Creek Inn. Ohh. We were kind of close.

The next morning, I go down to the car to get my (very preplanned "It's the first day of college and I'm trying to look like I don't care at all") outfit and discover that no one remembered to close the back window and everything I've brought is soaked with Oregon rain. We finally show up at Willamette along with 500 other freshman and their families. We haven't even gotten past

the chicken fountain when I see my photography enthusiast father setting up a tripod. He proceeds to unload tons of paparazzi style lenses and equipment and announces his intention to "take a few shots to capture the day." By now people are wondering if he's from People magazine or what. A crowd is gathering.

The next few days are a blur. I fell down the stairs in Smullin in front of lots of upperclassmen (that was embarrassing).

I have a strange memory of standing in a gym and shouting "WU who are you?!" with hundreds of bleary-eyed, scared-looking freshmen but that may have been a weird dream.

There's something simultaneously humiliating and incredibly exciting about those first few days.

I look back at the people I met and my first impressions and 99% of them could not have been more wrong.

Take for instance, my closest friend who I met at a party during opening days. I thought she was shy. I'm talking about Amelia Cruver, the definition of not shy.

Between the newness, the unpacking, the thousands of reminders of what a select and special group of people you are, stop to enjoy the experience.

My advice for these first few days is to endure the humiliation/fun heaped upon you, try as hard as you can to withhold judgment, and relax. If you fall down the stairs or otherwise embarrass yourself, don't worry, no one will remember after a year or two.

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## Taking the time to smell *los flores*

This article was written to remind myself of what should be most important in my life. On looking towards my last year at Willamette, I want to remember how the people in Latin America view their time and the emphasis they put on what they do.



By SARAH REICHERNER  
CONTRIBUTOR

I want to put less importance on material goods and money and more on relationships. I want to really remember each moment and soak it in instead of running as fast as I can to the next without pause. I want to live simply, love unconditionally and accept unflinchingly.

I capture my native pace to bring it to the tame of the turtle. It seems like punishment, cutting down the RPMs of my American steps as I walk home from University. Feels like punishment being forced to a near stop behind the chatting, strolling pedestrians. Slow, methodic.

Their Ecuadorian systems don't tick to my tock; I feel like each word of theirs drags and falls like lead to my feet only to be a stumbling block to my clock as the minutes pass away. Hurry. How interestingly I envy their discovery of finding minutes in their days; how at ease they live cherishing thoughts amidst the chaos of third-world catastrophe.

Yet, in my innate understanding I cannot comprehend this waste of time, though I could try. Such a need has not been satiated. If I listen I could hear their words gather and make sense. Yes, I could try.

I cannot understand their rhythm, though I hunger for it. Finding it, how? Work is irrelevant when life's to be lived, and I sense their comfort in allowing the hands on the clock to slowly descend. I pass the tall buildings, decrepit but wise.

One couple stands admiring each other, cones in hand. *Mora y chocolate*. He just came from work. The parted hair, red tie and black leather briefcase give him away. But he escaped to discover the clock, to discover time and a bubble of seclusion together they se

Honking, smog and crowds of people laughing, living and distracting. I walk down the cracked sidewalk slowing only to be barricaded by the talking turtles of Ecuador or a high-pitched repetition of words by a pushy street vendor.

"Mandarinas, mandarinas, un dolar, mandarinas!!" A tug

on my arm reveals a tiny girl in raggedy clothes. "Por favor, un centavito. Por favor..." The tugs intensify with fear that I may leave her with hopes unsatisfied.

Do I walk past unaware, unconcerned, or do I invite her into my bubble. Come in. "I'm hungry... I'm cold... I'm afraid," her voice delivers with frailty. Had I rushed, pushed, allowed my American blood to quicken my pace, I would have not discovered, tasted humanity, honored life.

I am strangely intimidated by these two worlds. Two spheres which move in opposite directions, tugging and divulging, requiring of me my opposite; two opposing beings. Or do they?

True, I could quicken the pace and join the reality of chaos. I could rush past time and forget to cherish, forget to live. Or I could try. I could create.

Four mothers sit on the cold, gray sidewalk, backs against the red remains of rich clay bricks. Babes at breast, they allow the world to pass by completely unaware of wild existence that permeates the surroundings; instead talking lowly, stopping to laugh heartily, out loud, from deep within. The babies suckle undisturbed, eyes at rest under closed lids; they too find peace amidst sound so piercingly irrational that the mere escape is a talent to be admired.

A man with a gray hat leans thoughtfully against a cold cement wall, arms crossed, eyes searching patiently the passing pedestrians.

No hurry, no rushed thoughts, methodic permanence in time, tasting sweet life as existence outside bursts with irregularity and bitterness.

Yes, I try. So ingrained is the habit to hurry, the task of quieting my day with slower steps takes the very cobra of self control to choke to death those nipping hounds that all too often strangle my feet under their authority.

But so very sour the after-taste of time when devoured, untamed, unable to touch the soul or emit the peace that lay hidden in a bubble-like thing.

But oh so sweet those pop rocks of patience, that bubble of beauty. I'm determined to find.

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## A pharmacist's right to choose?

By AMELIA CRUVER  
CONTRIBUTOR

A person's right to conscience protects a health care provider's right to refrain from being involved directly or indirectly in medical procedures they find morally objectionable. In most states legislation is

being introduced, and in some states passed, to extend this protection to pharmacists,

enabling them to refuse to fill a prescription if they are morally opposed to it. The most likely prescription to be denied is emergency contraception, or the morning after pill. This is a form of contraception used up to 72 hours after unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy. The time-sensitive nature of this form of contraception makes availability a crucial factor in its effectiveness. Now, this "conscience-clause" legislation is threatening to deny some women's ability to safely control their reproductive health.

If a woman goes to her pharmacist to fill a prescription for emergency contraception, under this legislation, the pharmacist could potentially refuse to fill it. Women living in rural areas, women without personal means of transportation, and women without hours of leisure time would find it impossible to find an alternate location for obtaining emergency contraception.

Safe and effective contra-

ception allow a woman the freedom to decide when and where to start a family. To legislate her access to it not only infringes upon her right to privacy, but denies her the freedom to make her own decisions regarding her reproductive health. If you block a woman's access to contraception you deny her

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the right to contraception. Another facet of this legislation protects a physician's right to sue an employer if their position is terminated

for their refusal to be involved, directly or indirectly, in medical procedures they consider morally objectionable. However, in a free market society, does it make sense to prevent an employer from firing an employee if they cannot perform all of the services required by the job?

Refusing to fill a prescription is interfering with a doctor's ability to treat his patients. A pharmacist's job is to help medically treat a patient, not morally guide a patient. One person's right to conscience does not supercede another's right to safe and private healthcare.

A woman's right to use contraception is essential in a society that values gender equality. Objection to the use of contraceptives rests on an often religiously-based gender hierarchy in which women's sexuality is

defined by an exclusively procreative role.

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Currently, laws extending the right to conscience to pharmacists who object to dispensing certain medications are only on the books in South Dakota and Arkansas. In the last legislative session, 19 states considered laws containing these "conscience-clauses." Out of the 19, a few contained wording that explicitly protected pharmacists.

I believe in a person's right to freedom of religion and I believe in a person's

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right to conscience. I believe in conscientious objection to the draft and I believe that a person should never be discriminated against for

their religious or political beliefs. I also believe in a person's right to preserve their own physical health, and a person's right to privacy. Does a healthcare official's right to conscience come before a patient's right to seeking safe and private healthcare? A woman's right to preserve her own health and control her own future is more important than a pharmacist's personal objection to contraception.

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## The thing about maintenance

You know 'em, you love 'em (or, in the case of the freshmen, you soon will) ... they're the maintenance workers of Willamette University. They're those guys ResLife keeps paging to take care of our problems, some of which (though certainly not all) we inherited from the last batch of WU residents.

And it never fails. Talk to any second year or older WU student, and you'll get the same story. The WU maintenance department

inevitably makes your life miserable, or ignores your complaint, which is an important thing in favor of a hundred irrelevant things a hundred other people are whining about. And the only reason the W.U.M. can't get to you is because all those others with their irrelevant complaints were just faster than you were. Basically, the only way you're going to get an issue resolved is to do it yourself, have a health catastrophe, or suffer mental collapse (and the last isn't even guaranteed — not by a long shot).

I was on campus for five minutes and they had already screwed me over, albeit inadvertently. I'm a tall guy. If you don't believe me, look for the 6'7" slender guy with glasses walking at about 10 miles per hour around campus — that'll be me. They got me an extra long bed, as per my request at the end of the year, but a misunderstanding caused me to get a short-extra-long-bed instead of a



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tall one.

But enough about my problems — that's not what you're interested in. You want to hear my warning about W.U.M. Here it is: don't expect anything you ask them to do to be done, and don't be surprised if anything you request is (sometimes wildly) misunderstood. I don't think you'll get a fish when you request bathroom repair, but you know what I mean.

And the reason for this? It's not because they hate you, it's not because they're mean-spirited. No, on the contrary, it's because they have so, so, so many things that require their attention, which are mostly our fault.

So give our friends in maintenance a break. They have an endless list of complaints that need to be resolved. Look at the world through their eyes. If you had an endless sea of stupid, inane things to resolve before your eyes, how would you feel?

Very much like a congressman, I would guess. Anyway, I get inconvenienced by the evil or at least slow maintenance system (the bed's not the first instance), but I still see light at the end of the tunnel. I don't blame people for their overwhelming workloads, if that's the cause of slowness, and you shouldn't worry about it either. There are more important things.

*Erik deBie is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.*

### Quote of the week:

*"I believe human beings and fishes can co-exist in peace." -George W. Bush*

# Training camp starts season right

*The Bearcats project a strong season powered by a large returning squad. With a promising freshman recruiting class, Willamette is investing in the future.*

By Jenny Andrews  
MANAGING EDITOR

Before practice Tuesday, spirits were high in the Bearcat training room below the McCulloch stadium bleachers at Bush Park.

Dozens of taped ankles took the field in the afternoon heat as the players warmed up in their pre-practice rituals.

Midway through the second hard-working week of a three-week training camp, Head Coach Mark Speckman said the team looks solid

thusfar, with a key batch of returners along with some strong freshmen.

The team returns 18 starters - an important stat for a team that had a near-even 4-5 overall record last year (2-3 in the Northwest Conference).

"Last year, we were young," Senior Greg Reed said. "On both sides, we didn't lose too many people (this year). We're looking pretty good."

The high-scoring Willamette offense will again be a strength this season.

Reed fills the vital flanker position in the Bearcat's fly offense. Last year he rushed for 750 yards and led the Northwest Conference with

15 touchdowns.

Another offensive key-stone lies in Senior center Bill Joe Murray, who was named to a division III All-American team last year. Senior guard Isaac Parker

has also shone in training, and senior A.J. Franke, among others, tops off a strong offensive line.

First-team all-conference linebacker Colin Campbell will help anchor

the defensive line, and Senior Jeremy Johnson also proves to be a key player, among many other solid team members.

Speckman said the new recruits are also having a good camp.

Freshmen Quentin Brock, Megdi Khuri and Josh Barker have excelled, and Mike Plank is practicing well at quarterback.

"This is an impressive freshman group," Speckman said.

Speckman said the run-

**"Last year we were young... On both sides we didn't lose too many people (this year). We're looking pretty good."**

**GREG REED**  
SENIOR FLANKER



MIKE KIEFER

Willamette's defense goes through rushing repetitions on the Bearcat baseball field.



ning and defensive games will be solid.

At quarterback, Speckman said John Brannon and Tyler Gaspard have both looking good for the position.

Between Gaspard and Brandon at first-string QB, Speckman said, "That's a good battle right now."

The coach said the team has been fortunate to have a healthy squad thusfar, with only one player spraining an ankle Monday.

Athletic trainer Shane Wibel said many of the play-

ers have taped up before practice to prevent injured, but affirmed the team was in good shape, "just a lot of wear and tear. It's quite a lot of practicing for a three-week period," he said of the camp.

On upcoming opponent University of Redlands, Speckman is optimistic: "I think it's going to be a great matchup," Speckman said.

Spectators can catch the Bearcat's opener versus Redlands at 1:30 p.m. next Saturday, Sept. 7.

## Men's and Women's Varsity Sports

### Fall Sports

- \*Cross Country
- \*Volleyball (women)
- \*Football (men)
- \*Soccer

### Winter Sports

- \*Basketball
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# Volleyball starts season with a new coach and a new approach to the game

By MIKE KIEFER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Camp for Willamette's volleyball team has been in session for the past week and a half and the Bearcats are looking forward to their first game this Friday. They hope to improve on last year's rough season, when they won a third of their games.

Last spring, Willamette's volleyball team met Tricia Wright, the new head coach, who previously was an assistant coach at New Mexico State. "We are not as bad off as I thought we were," said after a week and a half of fall training camp.

Wright's focus has been on discipline and back-to-the-basics drills. "When it gets tough, they will revert to their bad habits," Wright said. She admits that her current approach will break down the players' skills and rebuild them. "We will get worse and then we will get better."

While Marlene Piper, the former coach, allowed the players to practice individual mechanical styles for passing and defense, Wright demands that each player use the same techniques.

Because only two senior middle players graduated, there is a solid core group of

Sept. Home Schedule

**20 Whitworth @ 7 p.m.**  
**21 Whitman @ 2 p.m.**  
**25 George Fox @ 7 p.m.**

First tournament

\*Fri., Aug. 30 vs. Montana Tech and University of Great Falls; Cascade College @ 4 p.m.

\*Sat., Aug. 31 vs. Northwest College; Lewis and Clark College, Pamplin Sports Center @ 2 p.m.

leaders on the court including seniors Jami Tautfest and Crystal DeMellow, and junior Jenni Linden.

Not having seen the team in previous years, Wright has a hard time seeing the changes that have occurred in the team over the time they have been in camp. The athletes themselves however say that it is a totally different atmosphere in the practices and they appreciate Wright's new approach.

"We really like the new tempo," Tautfest said. "We're working on the bits and pieces, and it's all coming together now. I think we are already better than we were last year."

Hope for the team also lies in a batch of incoming freshman including left/right player Angie Sammons who will be on the starting line for the Bearcats.

Preparing for this Friday and their first test against Montana Tech, Wright says that the team will be ready. "We are feisty, we love to compete and they are as excited as I am."

Wright's personal goals for the season include being competitive and learning something new in every practice, but coming back to the next practice fresh.

"We approach everything one step, one practice, one game at a time," Wright said.

# Sports medicine program serves students on and off the field

By KATIE ARNTSON AND JENNY ANDREWS  
SPORTS AND MANAGING EDITOR

After a rough day on the field or the court, Willamette varsity athletes can retreat to the basement of Sparks for some relief. The Sports Medicine program supervises and administers to the care off all athletes and works to prevent injuries.

They also keep tabs on the overall health of the student athletes. They are available during practices and on hand for all Willamette home games.

This office also works closely with the health center. Non-athletes may be referred to the sports medicine office for rehabilitation.

Deborah Cagle, the Head Athletic Trainer, is starting her seventh season at Willamette. She estimates that 10 percent of each team needs the assistance of the sports medicine team.

Cagle's advice to freshmen is: "Don't be afraid to come and see us. Often students don't want to lose their chance to play or think the injury is no big deal. Let us decide if [the injury] will go away on its own," Cagle said.

Some students have already been using the trainers for pre-season practice. Shane Wibel, Willamette Athletic Trainer, said there has been no big injuries during the football camp this year, "just a lot of wear and tear."

Part of the responsibility of caring for athletes is taken on by student aids. Students interested in nursing,



JENNY ANDREWS

Shane Wibel, one of Willamette's athletic trainers, tapes the ankle of junior Jeremy Johnson.

athletic training or physical therapy are taught how to recognize and care for basic injuries. Typically exercise majors work in this position, but some students from other majors have done this work.

Three students, seniors Josh Smith, Kyla Kilang and junior Tara O'Connor have been on hand at football practices to learn the ropes of athletic training.

**"Don't be afraid to come and see us."**

DEBORAH CAGLE  
HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER

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## CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: MAY 16 - AUGUST 24, 2002

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

*May 17, 9:14 p.m. (Executive)* A staff member reported what appeared to be a BB hole in a window.

*May 30, 6 p.m. (Haseldorf)* A resident reported her car had been "keyed" while parked in front.

*June 17, 4:50 p.m. (Mill Street)* An individual attempted to remove a boot that had been placed on his vehicle, damaging the boot. The individual later paid for the damaged boot.

*July 25, 2 p.m. (Sparks)* A staff member reported that the back window of his convertible had been cut in two places.

### TRESSPASS WARNING

*May 23, 5:45 p.m. (UC)* Two males were reported to be "hanging around" the UC. When contacted by Campus Safety officers, they had no explanation for why they were on campus.

They were given trespass warnings and escorted from campus.

*June 19, 6:25 p.m. (Collins)* A Campus Safety officer stopped a male on a bicycle with two large bags of cans.

When questioned the man admitted he had taken the cans from a University recycling area.

He was issued a trespass warning and escorted off campus.

*June 26, 5:50 p.m. (Law)* Campus Safety was notified of a suspicious person using a computer in the Law Library. When contacted he refused to cooperate until officers called Salem Police.

The man was not a student and using a computer to access chat rooms. He was issued a trespass warning and escorted from University property.

*June 30, 5:37 p.m. (Plant West)* An officer on patrol observed a man and women loading sacks of cans into the trunk of a car.

They claimed not to know they could not take cans from University property.

The "No Trespassing" signs were pointed out to them; they were issued tres-

pass warnings and allowed to depart.

*July 19, 6:53 p.m. (TIUA)* Officers patrolling the area observed a group in the bushes.

When they contacted the group they discovered that there were two males and two females.

Both females appeared to be impaired and unable to respond to the officers.

When Salem Police was contacted one of the males departed.

When the police arrived the three remaining were issued trespass warnings and escorted home by Salem police.

*July 26, 6:25 (Theater)* A Campus Safety officer observed a male remove a backpack from a parked vehicle.

When the male saw the officer he put the backpack back in the vehicle and walked away.

The man was not a student and had no explanation for his actions. He was issued a trespass warning and escorted from University property.

*July 29, 2:15 a.m. (Law)* An employee reported that a man with blood on his had was sleeping on a couch at the Law School.

Officers contacted the man who was dressed in hospital clothing.

The man stated he wanted to be arrested so he could have a place to sleep and refused to cooperate.

Officers contacted Salem police and Salem Hospital; both agencies reported having previous contact with the man.

When Salem police arrives the man was issued a trespass warning and arrested.

*July 30, 11:56 a.m. (Hatfield)* A summer employee reported that a man had approached her and spoke to her in a foreign language in a way that made her uncomfortable.

When contacted the man said he spoke Russian but denied speaking to the employee.

He was issued a trespass warning and as he was being escorted from University property he saw the employee and again said something to her, in a foreign language,

which was perceived as being threatening.

### ARRESTS

*July 19, 3:50 p.m. (ACO)* An Officer observed a male sitting in the patio area drinking a beer.

When contacted the officer discovered that the man had been previously trespassed from University property.

The man was arrested and Salem police contacted.

*August 2, 3:45 a.m. (Law)* Officers responded to a report of a female who was screaming loudly and attempting to enter the building.

They made contact with the female inside the building and discover she was intoxicated.

After numerous attempts they were able to get her to leave the building after calling her a taxi.

While waiting for the taxi, the female walked away.

She was able reenter the building and refused to leave. She was then arrested and Salem police contacted.

## Before opening days, WU campus is stirring

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With ten participants and five leaders, this year's NSOCO group was smaller than last year's, but a normal size on average.

"NSOCO is used to five or six participants, and we keep trying to grow," Morando said.

Morando said that what her group lacked in numbers they made up in enthusiasm.

"A lot of participants end up starting their own service programs," Morando said.

Almost all participants either return to the Salem organizations they visited with NSOCO or become NSOCO leaders, Morando said.

Morando said she hopes to help organize a NSOCO reunion in the spring.

"I'd like to see it continue to be a great social opportunity, a platform where students can engage in deep discussions of social justice issues," Morando said.

Stepping Out, a group of twenty participants and eight student leaders, is an opportunity for incoming students to get to know each other in a wilderness setting, said Stepping Out coordinator Bruce Mace.

"Days are long," Mace said. "Students are up at 6:30 a.m., are hiking by 10:00 a.m. and return around 5:00-5:30 p.m."

Stepping Out leaders undergo a lot of preparation after they've been selected as leaders, Mace said.

"They choose the hikes, create the fliers and the food list, and we encourage them to go on the hikes themselves."

Leaders must also have taken first aid and CPR training courses before they go on the trips.

"They get more first aid than they really need," Mace said.

Like NSOCO, this year's Stepping Out program was smaller in comparison to last year.

"They have just as much enthusiasm," Mace said. "They are making closer, tighter bonds with each other."

Mace said he'd like to see the number of trips offered and diversity of activities increase.

While Jump Start leaders were training for their activities O.D. leaders were preparing to welcome the incoming freshman class.

O.D. leaders started training last spring, took the summer off, then returned last Sunday for final training sessions.

Training lasted until Wednesday night.

"I couldn't ask for a better lead team," Opening Days Coordinator Maria Ortiz said of her fifty-four O.D. leaders.

"They love Willamette. I think we put together a great program to make students feel welcome."

The biggest challenge Ortiz faced was keeping up with the mailings that went out to incoming students.

With last minute student drops and transfers, it can be difficult to keep everyone informed.

"We try not to confuse students," Ortiz said.

Sophomore O.D. leader Lindsay Hook said that the program is tiring but rewarding.

"It's not dragging on," Hook said. "We have fun activities throughout the day, and it's all stuff we need to know."

"When I came to Willamette I knew I was going to be an O.D. leader," Hook said.

"I knew it was the right type of way to get involved."

## Class of 2006 has lower GPA, SAT scores

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With an average GPA of 3.71 and average SAT scores of 1230, the Class of 2006 is slightly behind the class of 2005, which had an average high school GPA of 3.8 and an average SAT score of 1240.

Hudkins was also pleased with the number of students from outside Oregon. "We love Oregonians," she said, "But we really have worked at having a variety of states represented."

Sixty percent of the class of 2006 hail from outside Oregon.

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