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*'Death
Cab' rocks
more than
cute factor*



Despite a pop feeling to their most recent album, "Transatlanticism," Death Cab for Cutie awed and rocked the crowd two weeks ago by adding past hits to their play list.

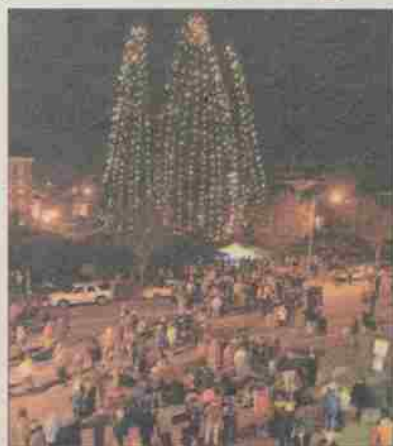
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*Dean search adds
student voice*

The Dean search committee has chosen its student representative: senior Rebekah Steinfeld. She replaces junior Andrew Swan after a rejection from the committee. Steinfeld will act as liaison between candidates and the campus as well as host meet and greets with the student body.

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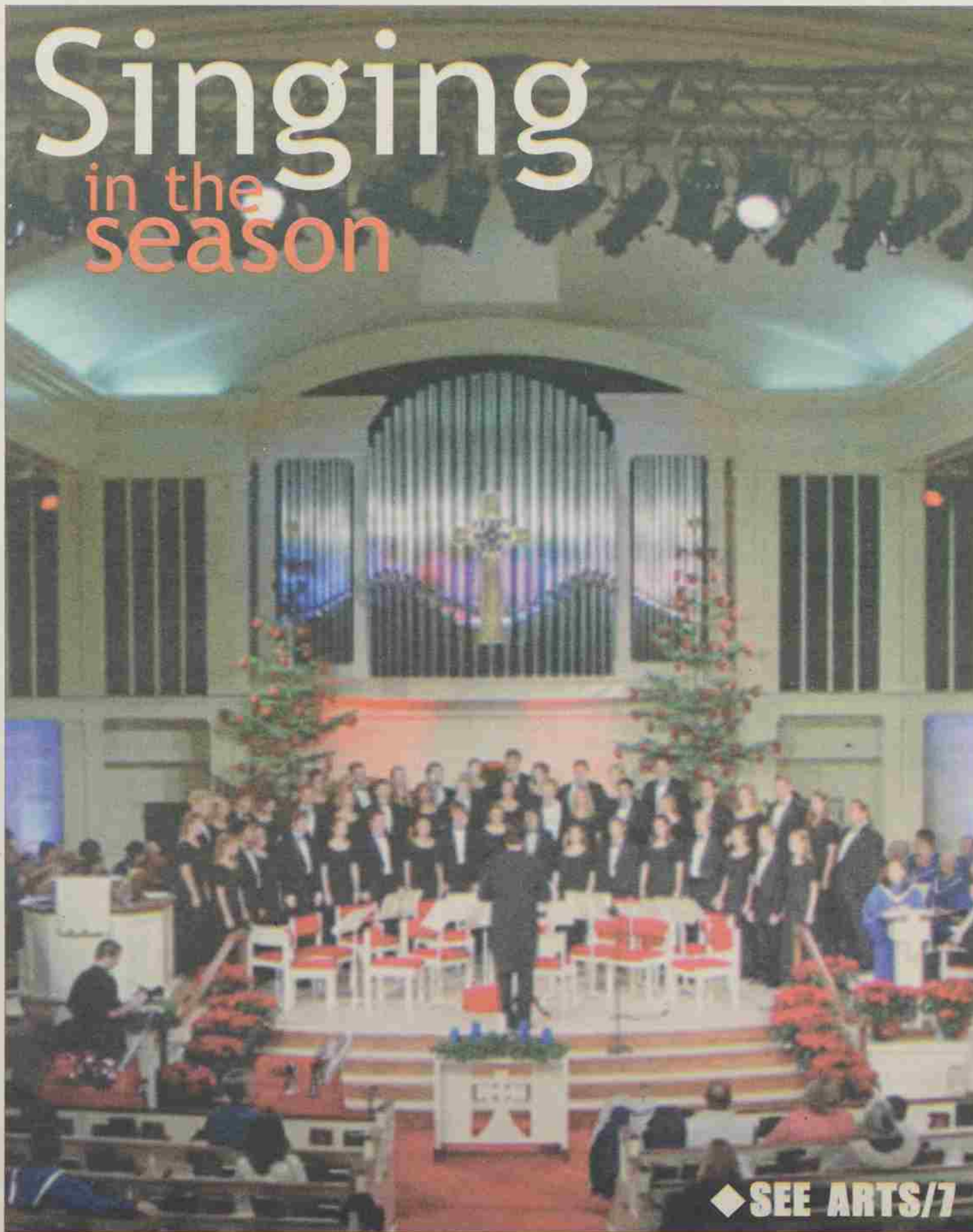
*Season bright
from starry night*



On Dec. 5 the star trees will light up for the 85th year in a row. The lighting ceremony marks the season's start for the entire Salem community.

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Singing in the season



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Registrar confident in web system

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Web Registration for freshmen is tonight (Dec. 3) and tomorrow night (Dec. 4), starting at 6 p.m.

Willamette has used Web Registration for five semesters and suffered from glitches three times.

First Classes to fill: ENGL 135 (Creative Writing), EXSA 85: Yoga, ARTS 145: Creating with Clay.

Students of myriad ages swarmed their computers the last few school nights, but not because term papers are due or finals demand constant studying. Rather, time for Web Registration has come, with its accompanying trials and tribulations.

The first night of registration, Nov. 24, saw Willamette's seniors struggling with an unresponsive system. "Maximum number of searches" was a common term in error messages that appeared when seniors tried to "Search and Register for Classes." Because of system problems, "registration went extremely slow for the seniors. Our phones were ringing off the hook," Registrar Paul Olsen said.

Fortunately, the Registrar's Office fixed the glitches in the system before the juniors of Willamette registered the next day, Nov. 25.

In the two and a half years Willamette has utilized Web registration, there have been three similar incidents, where the seniors run into unexpected problems as they try to register.

Every time, according to Olsen, the Registrar's Office has "figured out what was going wrong during that evening and fixed it." Every time, Olsen said, the glitch appears to be different—it is not a systemic problem with registration.

It took senior Kate Rykken a half hour to register for her classes. "I think (Web registration) is a good

idea in general, but decreasing lagtime is a must," she said.

Some students feel that too much traffic jams the registration system, but Olsen contends that there is no truth to this assumption. "(Registration) is planned carefully so only a manageable number of people is on the system every half hour," he said.

Some classes require department approval, such as ENGL 454 also have trouble enrolling in class from which they have withdrawn or received a failing grade for the same reason.

Students studying abroad are asked to be in contact with Olsen and send him class preferences by email. He then registers them personally in the course of the appropriate evenings for their years at Willamette.

Olsen is glad Willamette has gone to a Web Registration system. "Arena registration was not necessarily the 'bad old days' but it was the 'old days.' The time for it has passed," Olsen said. Web Registration allows the Registrar to more consistently enforce prerequisites, have a "fair and organized" waitlist and avoids Saturday mornings when students crushed into the Cat to register.

Web registration continues tonight with freshmen leaping onto the system for the first two of their credits, and they will register for the remaining classes they desire Thursday evening. This split system is designed to allow all freshmen an equal chance at first and second year level classes.

A little more happiness brought by the 'freaks'

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Two weekends ago, in an unprecedented move, a fraternity and a club co-hosted a party. Kappa Sigma and Freaks N Geeks joined forces and put on Barbary Coast.

The party, according to Kappa Sigma President senior John Turner, was a hit.

"Barbary Coast was a first-class success, good enough for all the scurvy rascals that came aboard the pirate party," he said.

The fraternity was unable to organize the party with Alpha Chi Omega, as had been done in years past, so they utilized their connection in sophomore Reid Stillman, a self described Freaks N Geeks "regular Joe" and Kappa Sigma Social Chair.

"We thought it would be fun to introduce two groups who might otherwise have very little to do with each other," Stillman said.

Turner continued in character, "Due to unsuccessful efforts to organize the party with our regular sorority shipmate Alpha Chi Omega, Kappa Sigma decided to take the opportunity to explore previously uncharted waters," Turner said.

"Combining Greek, Geek and Freak made for a fun evening had by all."

This party marks increased and unparalleled club participation from Freaks N Geeks. Together with the publication of their 'zine, "Accidental Pornography," the club is one of the most active groups on campus.

Senior Ryan Rogers, president of Freaks N Geeks, has kept the club hopping with such events as Pajama Jam, Pumpkin Week and the DARE Program.

"We also do Music in Goudy every week, and we have things like Random Acts of Kindness, Happy Thoughts, and Crazy Fun events, like our water balloon fight and picnic day," he said.

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Search duties begin for new student rep

By CHRIS FOSS
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ASWU recently selected senior Rebekah Steinfeld as the student representative to the upcoming Dean Search Committee.

Vice President of Administration Charli Hancock nominated Steinfeld who received a vote of confidence from the ASWU senate body at the Nov. 13 meeting.

Steinfeld has already begun her duties as part of the search committee that intends to select a new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts by this spring.

ASWU had originally selected junior Andrew Swan to be the DSC student representative.

The senate originally protested when it was disclosed to ASWU that Swan didn't meet the committee's qualifications, but now ASWU Vice President of the Executive Kate Rykken and Hancock emphasize that any misunderstandings between ASWU and the committee have been cleared up.

"It comes down to that it was a miscommunication, and in the future, we'll make sure that all of the committee's expectations are clear at the beginning," Rykken said.

Following Swan's rejection, Hancock gathered a list of all the stu-

dents that fit the committee's requirements and e-mailed those people to ask if they were interested in joining the committee.

Steinfeld stood out because of her repeated interest in the process. "She was very concerned and she was really interested," Hancock said.

She added that Steinfeld sent numerous e-mails in response to Hancock's inquiry, and that persistence was part of why Steinfeld was ultimately chosen.

Steinfeld's duties include accompanying the committee to Portland when applicants for the Dean come to the region.

There the committee will conduct an "airport interview" of the candidate. Steinfeld will be given the opportunity to ask each candidate one question from a list that the ASWU Senate approved at its Nov. 20 meeting.

As a result, more students than just Steinfeld will have at least a peripheral involvement in the selection process.

In addition, Steinfeld will also act as a liaison for the applicants to see the point of view of the students.

"She will serve as a student 'host' so to speak, for the candidates, hosting chats with students and the candi-

dates in the Bistro, or other outreach type activities of her choosing," Hancock said.

"It's Rebekah's job to show the candidate the campus from a student perspective. The Dean search process is not just Willamette trying to hire a great dean, but also the university trying to sell itself to the Dean," Hancock said.

She added that it is up to Steinfeld to showcase Willamette and its students at their best in this process.

Steinfeld recently began updating the ASWU Senate on the committee's progress.

In the coming months, she will begin sending reports of her work directly to the students of Willamette.

According to Rykken and Hancock, Steinfeld's work will likely be detailed in e-mail updates as well as in the Collegian.

The first candidates for the position of Dean of the CLA will be interviewed December 15 and 16 in Portland. More candidates will be interviewed during winter break in January, and when school resumes candidates will come to campus for "meet and greet" sessions with students as well as on-campus interviews.

The DSC hopes to have made its final decision by mid-February.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: NOV. 15-29, 2003

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Nov. 17, 5:41 p.m. (Law School): A student reported that her bicycle wheels were damaged while the bike was locked to the rack.

Nov. 20, 11:10 a.m. (1300 Mill Street): A student reported her car window had been broken.

Nov. 21, 1:45 p.m. (400 14th Street): A student reported her car window had been broken.

Nov. 23, 10:15 a.m. (TIUA Lot): An officer discovered a student's vehicle with a broken window. The student reported that nothing was stolen.

Nov. 24, 12:23 a.m. (TIUA): An officer responding to a pool alarm found that several beer cans and bottles had been thrown into the pool.

Nov. 24, 1:31 p.m. (Kaneko): A student reported that someone had discharged a fire extinguisher on the third floor. Three students identified the suspect.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Nov. 16, 2:20 a.m. (Matthews Hall) A student reported an intoxicated student who had gotten sick. WEMS evaluated his condition and located someone to watch him closely for the night.

Nov. 16, 12:52 p.m. (Doney Hall): A student dislocated a finger while playing football and was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 19, 8:47 p.m. (UC): WEMS treated a student after she injured her ankle on the stairs. An officer then escorted her to her room.

Nov. 21, 10:14 p.m. (Kappa Sigma): WEMS treated a student after a wet bar fell over onto her legs. She received some bruises and abrasions.

Nov. 22, 9:20 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): WEMS evaluated a visiting student who became ill. It was determined that no medical treatment was needed.

Nov. 22, 12:25 p.m. (Quad): A student was struck on the chin while playing football. WEMS bandaged the laceration to stop the bleeding and he was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 23, 5:00 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student was treated by WEMS after falling in the stairwell.

Nov. 25, 5:35 p.m. (Sparks): A student reported that a visitor had trouble walking. The victim thought she was having complications from a spider bite. She was transported to the hospital.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

Nov. 16, 1:44 a.m. (Baxter Hall): A student reported an intoxicated male student who was out of control. He was located in a restroom acting violently, so Salem Police were called. Upon their arrival, the student calmed down.

Nov. 16, 8:00 a.m. (Interstate 5): A citizen reported speeding and careless driving by the driver of a University van.

THEFT

Nov. 17, 6:53 p.m. (Law School): A student reported his black and silver cruiser style bike was stolen from the bike rack. It had been secured with a U-lock.

Nov. 18, 11:00 a.m. (Lausanne Hall): A student reported his bike stolen after cable locking it to a rack.

Nov. 19, 6:35 a.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported their car window broken and stereo faceplate stolen.

Nov. 19, 3:40 p.m. (1300 Mill Street): A student reported their car window broken and CDs stolen.

Nov. 19, 6:28 p.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported their car window broken and items stolen.

Nov. 21, 8:35 a.m. (Matthews Hall): Employees reported theft of service from the laundry room. Suspects are manipulating the washers and dryers to obtain free service.

ASWU AMENDMENT

The following is up for a vote in addendum to the standing referendum procedure for passing technical Constitutional amendments, Article XIII:

Sec. 2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be enacted upon two separate votes of the full membership of the Senate, including the President of the Senate, in which all voting members vote in the affirmative.

A. The separate votes must be made in regularly scheduled Senate meetings and held two weeks apart, with the proposed changes posted in the Collegian immediately following the first vote.

B. Amendments to the Constitution enacted in this manner must not effect or otherwise alter:

- i. the Student Body Fees or constitutional allocations, as described by Article VII Funds
- ii. this article, Article XIII Amendments to the Constitution."

Nov. 22, 6:40 p.m. (Cat Cavern): A student reported that her jacket was stolen along with personal items after leaving them unattended.

Nov. 23, 5:50 a.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported a vehicle with a broken window. An officer found the dash damaged and stereo missing but was unable to identify the owner. The owner later called and stated the stereo and several compact discs were stolen.

Nov. 24, 4 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student reported that her jacket was stolen after leaving it unattended for a few minutes.

Nov. 25, 3:58 p.m. (Smullin): An employee reported her bike was stolen after leaving it for a few hours.

Nov. 26, 11:45 a.m. (Montag): An employee reported receiving a counterfeit bill during a transaction.

Nov. 28, 7:30 a.m. (Matthews Lot): An officer discovered a vehicle with a broken window. The owner was contacted and reported his stereo and some CD stolen.

TRESPASS

Nov. 23, 5:50 a.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported seeing a male near a vandalized car. The subject was located and questioned but would not allow a search of his backpack. He was trespassed from the property.

Nov. 23, 4:15 p.m. (Waller Hall): An officer saw two juveniles trick skating and recognized one from a previous trespass incident. They were contacted and one was issued a warning. The other was detained while his parents were contacted to pick him up.

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THE WEDNESDAY PROFILE

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OF THE RUSSIAN DEPARTMENT

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Blink and you'll miss it. While flipping through the printed version of the 2001-2003 course catalog, if you happened to skip over pages 162-164 you would miss the descriptions of the Russian department, which is the smallest department on campus.

Professor Mark Conliffe carries the Russian department solely on his shoulders. Forty students, spanned across three courses, absorb his knowledge of Russian culture, language and literature. "Studying another language and that culture, we begin to appreciate the complexity of our own," Conliffe said.

Conliffe, like every professor since the program's establishment in the 1950s, is the only faculty member of the Russian department.

Being Assistant Professor of Russian and the Department Chair leads Conliffe to invest a great deal of his personal time into his department and his students. He does his part to ensure Russian will be an integral part in the futures of both.

Conliffe teaches eight courses throughout the year. During fall term, he teaches four days a week and spends many weekends and evenings in the office. "It is exciting for me when I have to come in on an evening and see my colleagues. Like all my colleagues, I work at home a lot," he said.

Conliffe lives with his wife, Gill, and their two daughters, Ella and Claire. He spends most of his free time reading and playing with his daughters. The Conliffe family moved from Canada to Salem when he was offered the professing position four years ago. Before coming to Willamette, Conliffe had finished writing his disser-

tation at the University of Toronto.

"The day I received the phone call that invited me for an on-campus interview with Willamette, the Canadian Foreign Service called me for an interview as well," Conliffe said. The Canadian Foreign Service involves government work and could possibly have had Conliffe working in embassies or as a consulate all around the world.

Conliffe never accepted the second interview. "The position at Willamette was much more desirable for us as a family. It suited the type of family life that we wanted and I think it suited my energies and passions much better."

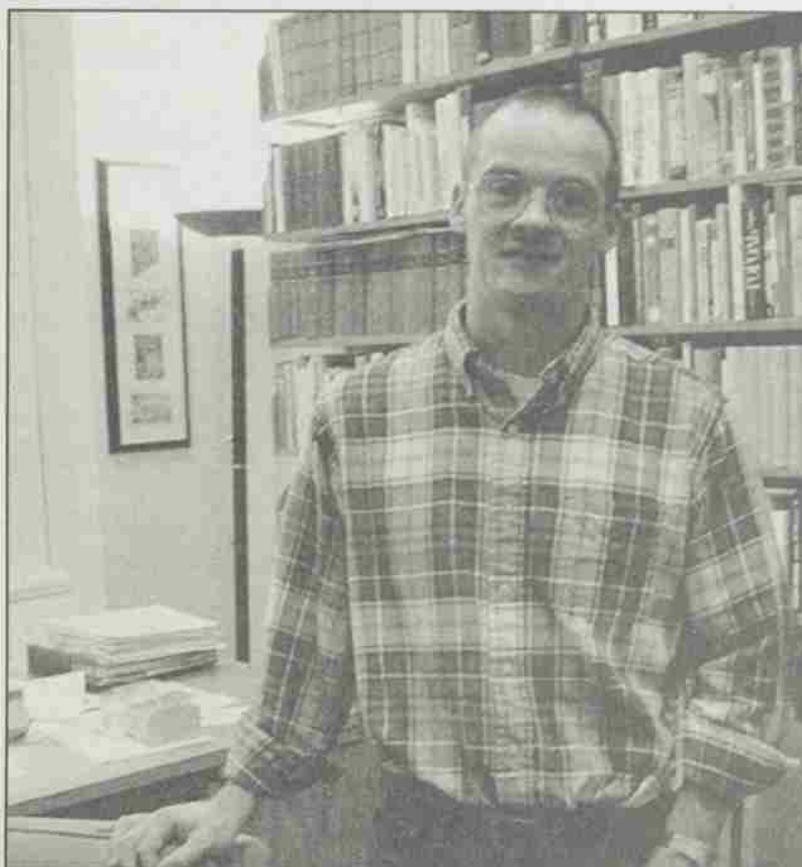
When Conliffe first arrived to campus, professor Madga Schay was involved in a campaign to keep the Russian program as part of the curriculum.

Russian was and still is the smallest department on campus, and was under the threat of discontinuation.

A rocky past leading to an even rockier future was a concern of Conliffe's when he started. "Yet, the moment I was here it was made very clear that by continuing the program the university was making a commitment."

He added that he is supported in requests for research, efforts to strengthen the study abroad program and in implementing of new courses. This year's new course was a freshman seminar 'cluster course' that analyzed Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace."

Conliffe can see the low number of departmental faculty members as an area with room for improvement. He would like to see at least two new professors, in hopes that it would help students see the importance of the classes as well as turn some



ERIC LAM

Professor Mark Conliffe is the sole faculty member of the Russian department. He has hopes of expansion and growth through an integration of Russian into daily life.

attention onto the program.

"Because I am the only professor here, I think it is both liberating and constricting," he said. It is liberating in the way that he can teach the courses that he feels help students to understand and appreciate Russian.

He feels limited that, although he enjoys teaching them, there are certain courses he must teach every year, and there is only so much time with which he can do it.

Conliffe is passionate about Russian culture and history. He feels that Russian culture impacts society politically, artistically and scientifically. "Students interested in natural sciences can benefit greatly from reading the research studies performed by Russian scientists."

Conliffe advertises the Russian department through campus mail, leaflets and through informing his colleagues of possible class offerings so they can pass the information along to students.

He emphasizes that Russian can be used in many ways. Conliffe believes that if he offers courses "students can implement into others, then we are doing a service to Willamette."

Conliffe's graduates have used Russian in different arenas in life. Two are attending gradu-

ate school (one at Harvard Law, another at The Atkinson Graduate School of Business). One is teaching at the Defense Language Institute in Texas. Another completed graduate studies in History and attended the School of Education and is teaching for South Salem High School.

Currently, of the 40 students enrolled in Conliffe's classes only three have declared or are in the process of declaring Russian as their major. Russian is offered in conjunction with the German program, however a specific major can be obtained through the study abroad program that was started in 1989.

The students involved with the department also work at Waldo Middle School in a bilingual mentoring program that helps immigrant children understand their school work as well as refines the linguistic skills of both student and mentor. Conliffe stumbled across this service project after searching for ways his students could implement their skills into everyday life and help the community.

After running into two dead ends, he returned home one day to find a message on his machine that offered the program to him. "These programs prove Russian can help you in your own back yard," he said.

"Yet, the moment I was here it was made clear that by continuing the program the university was making a commitment."

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Public Eye

TIUA TO HOLD AUCTION/FLEA MARKET

The annual TIUA auction will take place on Saturday in the Kaneko auditorium. The event will include a flea market which will run from 2 to 5 p.m. and an auction which is scheduled from 3 to 5 p.m. Members of the TIUA community will be selling a variety of personal items which they are unable to transport back to Japan.

OBBERG TO RETIRE FROM LIBRARY STAFF

University Librarian Larry Oberger will end his time at Willamette on Dec. 18. A formal retirement celebration is planned to honor Oberger who began his tenure at Willamette in 1992. Oberger's library involvement began in 1965 and has included serving on editorial boards for the American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries. He is also the founder of the library publication "Movable Type."

MLK JR. CELEBRATION TICKETS AVAILABLE

Ticket order forms for the Willamette Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration are now available at the UC information desk and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The celebration will take place on Jan. 23 and will include performances by Reverend James Lawson and the Harlem Gospel Choir.

KWANZAA DINNER PLANNED

The Black Student Organization, in conjunction with Bon Appetit, will host a Kwanzaa dinner celebration on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. The celebration will include "soul food" and will showcase traditional Kwanzaa rituals. Kwanzaa is a world-wide celebration of African American culture and heritage.

STUDENTS TO VOTE ON ASWU AMENDMENTS

On line voting polls for the ASWU Constitutional "Clean Up" amendments will open at 9 a.m. today and continue through 4 p.m. tomorrow.

♦See also "ASWU Amendment" on page 2.

Haseldorf, University Apts declare independence from HHR

In a joint move, Haseldorf and the University Apartments secede from the House of Hall Representatives. The move was made because the apartment councils felt their involvement was unnecessary.

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"I hated to see them go because HHR creates a kind of family, and their absence is felt. But I can understand why they left."
-Brian Haley
HHR president

Both Haseldorf Apartments and the University Apartments recently succeeded from the House of Hall Representatives without much fanfare.

Junior Paul Swenson, a spokesman for Haseldorf Apartments, said that there are numerous reasons for seceding from HHR, but "the main reason is that we as a community are not very involved in HHR. The only reason we go to meetings is to have access to funding."

Because both Haseldorf and the University Apartments are forms of alternative campus housing for both undergraduate and graduate students at Willamette, the communities formed are very different than those in other on-campus residence halls.

However, Haseldorf and the University Apartments have always been included in HHR, because they are still under the jurisdiction of Residence Life.

According to junior Brian Haley, HHR president the issues that campus apartment facilities face are very different from those that occupy on-campus residence halls. "I hated to see them go because HHR creates a kind of family, and their absence is felt. But I can understand why they left," he said.

There was little resistance from HHR and the individual hall councils of on-campus residence halls to the secession of Haseldorf and the University Apartments, despite the fact that HHR will be losing about \$300 from its overall budget.

When considered in relation to the overall budget of \$4000 for the fall semester and \$3000 for the spring semester, members of HHR felt that the funding loss was not overwhelmingly important.

"Honestly, it's better to have that money go directly to their own needs," Haley said.

Swenson couldn't agree more. "The money wasn't being put exactly where it needed to be put," he said, because the types of activities put on by HHR are not generally directed

toward the more "aged community members" of Haseldorf who don't need as much guidance from HHR and Residence Life.

"We don't exactly subscribe to the HHR doctrine of planning at the beginning of the semester," Swenson said.

"We're a popcorn hall - when an idea comes up and there's enough support, we do it."

According to sophomore Jessica John, Vice President of HHR, part of the reason why the University Apartments and Haseldorf remained in HHR for as long as they did was partly because of a lack of interest and leadership within those communities.

"This year they were led by very motivated people, and they were conscious of what people in those residence halls wanted and needed. They never had that before... It's a good thing for them to branch out on their own."

Although the University Apartments and Haseldorf are no longer part of HHR, Haley hopes that both communities will occasionally send a representative to HHR meetings, in order to stay up to date on policies and issues that are of importance to the housing communities at Willamette.



WHERE'S
WEST?

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Submit your guess of the
photographer's location on
campus to Stacy West at <swest>.

Last week's location remains a
mystery with all attempts
unsuccessful!

ARTS

PERSONAL ACCOUNT

Choir shares national spotlight

By MARY ANN ALBRIGHT
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The Christmas Eve sermon special airs December 24 on CBS (Salem channel 6) at 11:30 p.m.

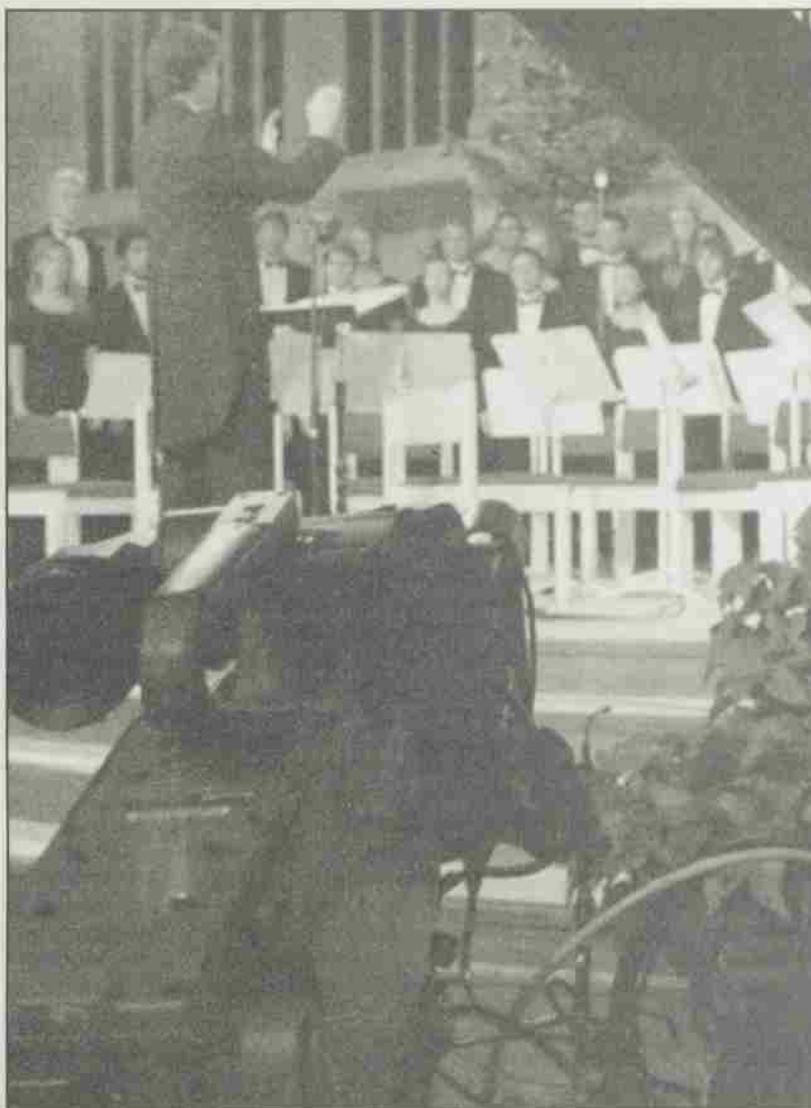
Poinsettias line the room. Wreaths adorn the windows. Trees twinkle with lights and shiny ornaments. The smell of Christmas surrounds us. But my calendar says it's Nov. 20. Did I unknowingly step through a time travel portal and completely bypass Thanksgiving and Advent? Or am I shopping in an over-eager department store at the Salem Center?

No, I'm standing in Salem's First Presbyterian church with the Willamette Chamber Choir, about to film our segment in a CBS Christmas Eve special.

When I first heard that we had the opportunity to sing on national television for an anticipated two million viewers, I was very excited.

Christine Welch, the Director of Music Ministries at First Presbyterian and Willamette's Director of Voce Femina, helped make this possible.

Every year CBS chooses a religious denomination and then a specific church of that



STACY WEST

CBS cameras recorded the Chamber Choir as part of the Christmas special that will air on Christmas Eve.

religion to host its Christmas Eve service. This year they chose the Presbyterian faith, and churches around the country volunteered their venues.

Among them was Salem's First Presbyterian. On Aug. 22, Welch learned of First Presbyterian's selection. "I think I felt really excited and also stunned. Then immediately all the planning gears go into action," she said.

First Presbyterian's five musical ensembles, three choirs from Willamette and a professional orchestra collaborated for the event. This added up to approximately 230 musicians, Welch said.

The church's congregation also got involved, and 350 parishioners filled the pews during the taping.

"I thought it went very, very well. All of the choirs did great,

and the orchestra. I was also proud of the congregation for keeping their sense of joy and worship throughout the stop-and-go production. They had a great attitude," Welch said.

Kristen Iverson, a sophomore and second-year member of Voce Femina, agreed. She said she appreciated this unique opportunity made possible by Welch. She also enjoyed the "very Christmasy feeling" the production catalyzed.

Curtis Bell is a junior and a member of both Chamber Choir and Male Ensemble Willamette. An Alaska native, he especially values the chance for his family to finally hear a Willamette choir performance. "I felt that it went pretty well . . . and hopefully all our moms and friends and families will too," Bell said.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now through Jan. 3
In Search of the Real St. Nicholas: Orthodox Icons from American Collections
Hallie Ford Museum of Art
Free admission for students

Wed., Dec. 3
A Holiday Organ concert
Hector Olivera, Organist, and the Chamber Choir
7 p.m., Hudson Hall

Fri., Dec. 5
Holiday Concert - Bands and Chamber ensembles
7 p.m., Smith Auditorium
Free

Sat., Dec. 6
24-Hour Theatre project - theatre students write, direct, act in, and produce four plays in just 24 hours. Performances are at 8 p.m. in the Kresge Theatre.
Free

Sun., Dec. 7
Salem Chamber Orchestra
7 p.m., Hudson Hall

Mon., Dec. 8 and Tues., Dec. 9
One-Act Plays - directed by senior Alyssa Bradac and junior Leah Batt
7 p.m., Theatre room 308
Free

Wed., Dec. 10 and Thurs., Dec. 11
"Crave" - directed by senior Jesse Young
7 p.m. Wed., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Thurs., Arena Theatre
Free

Wed., Dec. 10
A Christmas Recital - Jean David-Coen, piano
8 p.m., Rogers Rehearsal Hall
Free

Thurs., Dec. 11 and Fri., Dec. 12
Christmas in Hudson Hall - A Service of Readings and Carols
8 p.m., Hudson Hall

Sun., Dec. 14
A Victorian Christmas with John Doan
7 p.m., Hudson Hall

Sat., Dec. 20 and Sun., Dec. 21
Willamette Master Chorus Holiday Concert



STACY WEST

The Chamber Choir rehearses "There Will Be Rest" in First Presbyterian Church Nov. 20.

Talk of the Millstream

This week, the Sustainability Committee hopes to make Willamette take a long, hard look at it's trash.

Sustainability Week highlights campus use of resources and aims to make students aware of their ecological footprint through their consumption.

One change making Goudy-goers antsy is the total lack of to-go containers, which 40% of the lunch crowd use. Goudy is voluntarily discontinuing use of to-go containers in support of Sustainability Week, instead offering paper plates, much to the displeasure of some customers, who have been complaining to Assistant Retail Manager Alison Crateau. "They say, 'this just isn't working.'"

The general opinion seems to be 'If can't get my food covered in a sheath of plastic right this very instant, the terrorists will have already won.' Seriously comrades, buck up and buy some Tupperware or just go Medieval style and carry it out with your bare hands.

So just how much does Willamette consume? According to a Sustainability Week display, Willamette generates 31 tons of waste in three months, which adds up to a whopping 279 tons per school year. Goudy alone



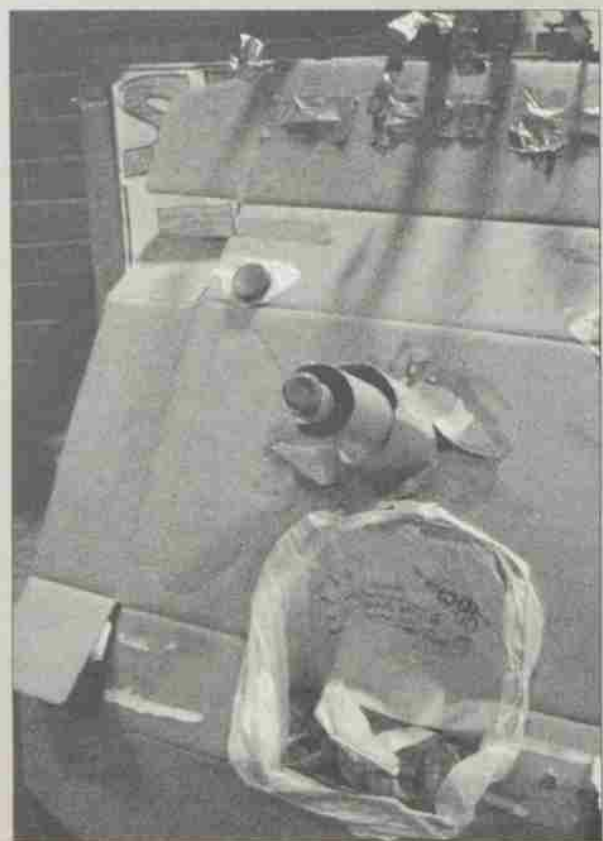
ISALY JUDD & MICHELLE THERIAULT
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throws away "easily over 500 pounds" of food waste every single night, according to Pete Ross, Goudy Executive Chef.

In other areas, the campus is ahead of the curve. Willamette is actually a designated "energy star" physical facility. The Energy Star designation is given to buildings that are highly effective in their use of electricity, using less than 12 kilowatts per square foot per year. Willamette used 11.7 in 2001-2002.

Willamette also pays \$60,000 a year for garbage services, and Goudy accounts for a third of the garbage picked up by the City of Salem. Solid waste is taken to the trash incineration facility in Brooks, sorted and incinerated. What cannot be burned is put into a landfill.

This week, think about what you use, where it came from, and where it will eventually end up.



ERIC LAM

Sustainability man sculpture in the Bistro.

The University used 13,518,921 kilowatt hours of electricity in the 2001-2002 school year.

NW Natural Gas sold Willamette a total of 674,245.3 Thermal units, called "therms" in 2002-2003, the lowest since the 1997-1998 school year.

The City of Salem picked up 69,984 cubic feet of trash in 2001-2002.

Growing club publishes second zine

The Freaks N Geeks mission statement:

- ♦ To built community and togetherness.
- ♦ To celebrate individuality and uniqueness.
- ♦ To challenge and expand the status-quo and go outside the mainstream.
- ♦ To have a wicked good time and put a little edgy fun into a far too serious world.

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Freaks N Geeks, which was chartered last year by what Rogers calls "a small but rabidly committed group of students," began as a group to combat apathy and produce a 'zine.

However, the club has expanded far beyond anyone's expectations to a fifty-member organization.

With the club's success has come the success of "Accidental Pornography." The 'zine is made by hand and turned into a PDF file.

Freaks N Geeks found that it was so popular last year that they had to reprint.

This year, the club has produced 600 copies of the publication, which was compiled from numerous student submissions and edited by a group of associate editors.

Freshman Saera Hanlon, like other club members, enjoys the process of producing "Accidental Pornography."

"It's a great opportunity to see how the process works, very exciting for a writer like me," she said.

"It's really special because not only does it give students a chance to publish their creative works, but we get to learn more about each other, and that kind of unification is what Freaks N Geeks is all about."

For the time being, Freaks N Geeks is tossing around the idea of working with Kappa Sigma again along with other clubs and organizations on campus.

"We have strong efforts of working with other clubs, and we have a full schedule planned with co-sponsored events with many other groups next semester," Rogers said.

In the upcoming weeks before break, Freaks N Geeks will be co-sponsoring Midnight Breakfast with WEB and a holiday party.

Call for Tutors - Spring 2004

WANTED: several students interested in helping non-native speakers of English with English for Academic Purposes class assignments and general English skills at TIUA during Spring 2004.

Qualifications: Experience in learning a foreign language, experience living or traveling overseas, and/or previous teaching or tutoring experience is preferred, but not required.

Pay: \$8.00 per hour.

Dates: TIUA Spring semester - February 17 - May 12, 2004 (specific start and end dates for tutoring may vary).

To Apply: Pick up an application at TIUA (373-3300) Applications are also available online at: http://www.tiua.edu/official/Campus_Resources/Opportunities/index.htm

Salem Chamber Orchestra Presents: "Holiday Concert"

The Salem Chamber Orchestra will present its "Holiday Concert" on December 7, 2003 at 7 pm, in Hudson Hall, Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center, on the campus of Willamette University.

The concert will feature Mary Jo DuGaw, soprano, in Joaquin Rodrigo's stunning "Cantos de Amor y de Guerra" ("Songs of Love and War"). "Souvenir of Guanajuato, a suite of Mexican themes," by renowned Oregon composer Mike Curtis, will be premiered on this program. Engelburt Humperdink's "Prelude to Hansel und Gretel" will open the concert, and the "Nutcracker Suite," a holiday favorite by Piotr Tchaikovsky, will round out the evening.

Tickets are \$21 for adults and \$10 for students. They may be purchased at the door or by calling (503) 375-5483. Pre-concert dinner tickets are \$19 and may be purchased by calling (503) 375-5483. Willamette University students may purchase student rush tickets for \$3 at the door.



The Star Trees will be lit this Friday: State Street shuts down at 6:00 p.m., and the ceremony will commence at 6:30 p.m. with caroling. The trees are lit at 7:00 p.m., and the holiday concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Auditorium.

By MARY ANN ALBRIGHT
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The rain pours down as Rory Cramer and Tim Dodds descend from the treetops. Their wool hats, rubber boots and green and orange overalls offer limited protection from the elements.

Despite their physical discomfort on this stormy morning, these two men enjoy conquering trees in general and Willamette's five iconic Sequoias in particular. Climbing is their profession, trees are their patients, and their bodies are their tools. With no safety nets, there is little room for error in this business.

"It's wet, windy, cold, but fun," Rory said. "We like hang-

ing lights in trees. We live to climb."

"We climb to live," Tim countered.

This year Cramer and Dodds are the two climbers from Elwood's Tree Service who string Willamette's Star Trees with 1750 colored lights in preparation for the holidays.

TREES ALL AGLOW

Willamette first lit the Star Trees for the holidays in 1997. Jim Booth, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, credits Maynard "The Tree Man"

Drawson and Warren Franklin with the idea and the passion to make it happen.

The two met when Franklin interviewed Drawson, a Salem community member heavily involved in the Heritage Tree program that inventories historic trees, for his KBZY radio show.

According to Booth, a lack of university funds threatened to prevent Drawson and Franklin's vision from becoming a reality. However, Franklin approached private donors and managed to raise over \$12,000. With the money secured, the university quickly began tackling the logistics of this massive undertaking.

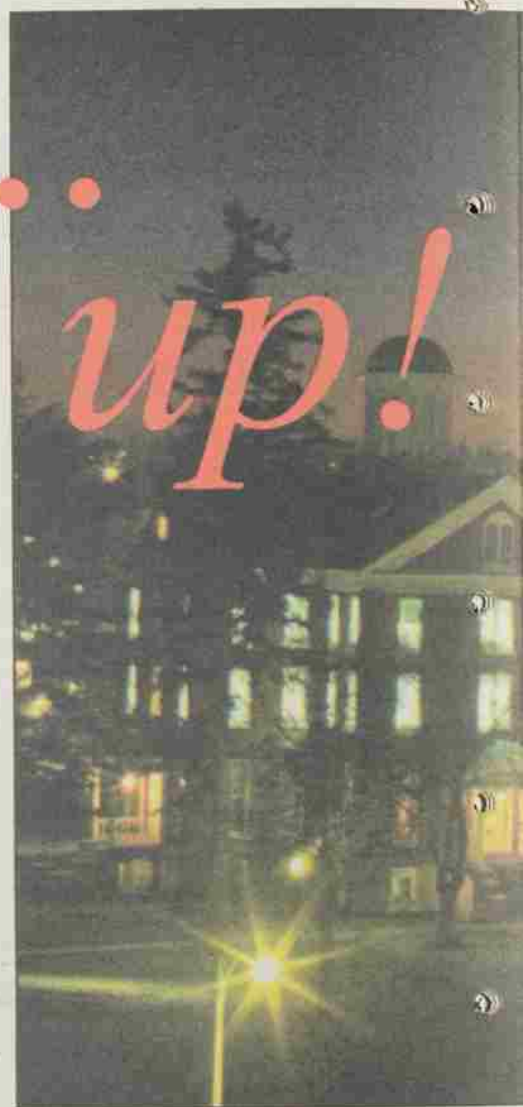
Tom Neal, Director of Facilities, said that special care was taken in designing and hanging the strands of lights to ensure that the trees would not be damaged.

Nylon straps fasten mounts to the trees and help distribute the lights' weight. There are 70 strands of lights, each about 125 feet long and weighing nearly 15 pounds. Fourteen strands of the red, green, yellow and blue lights trim each tree. This amounts to a 210-pound burden per tree.

Because using cranes or other heavy machinery under the trees could compact the roots, Willamette turned to Elwood Tree Services. That first year, as they have done each year thereafter, Elwood sent climbers to install the lights by hand. Willamette aids them by attaching the strands to golf carts that function as makeshift pulleys.

Neal said that the initial costs in 1997 were close to \$15,000 and mostly consisted of one-time expenses such as designing, building and installing the strands and mounts. Each subsequent year costs the university about \$5000 for installation, replacing dead light bulbs and electricity.

According to Neal, the size of the crowd that assembles to



ABOVE: The Star Trees light up once a year
BELOW: Two employees untangle one of 70

watch the lighting varies from year to year, ranging from 300 to 1000 people. Neal said that nearly half the Willamette student body attends. This is the largest group lighting of trees on any college campus in the United States.

61 YEARS AND COUNTING

Seniors, take note. The Star Trees, which were officially designated Heritage Trees last April, are an example of how significant a class gift can be. The class of 1942 planted the five Sequoias for Willamette's centennial celebration.

The star formation was definitely intentional. "It's amazing in my mind. To be that visionary to plant small trees that far apart in that pattern. Very forward-thinking. Outstanding," Neal said.

BIG TREES ON CAMPUS

Sixty-one years after their planting, the trees play a crucial

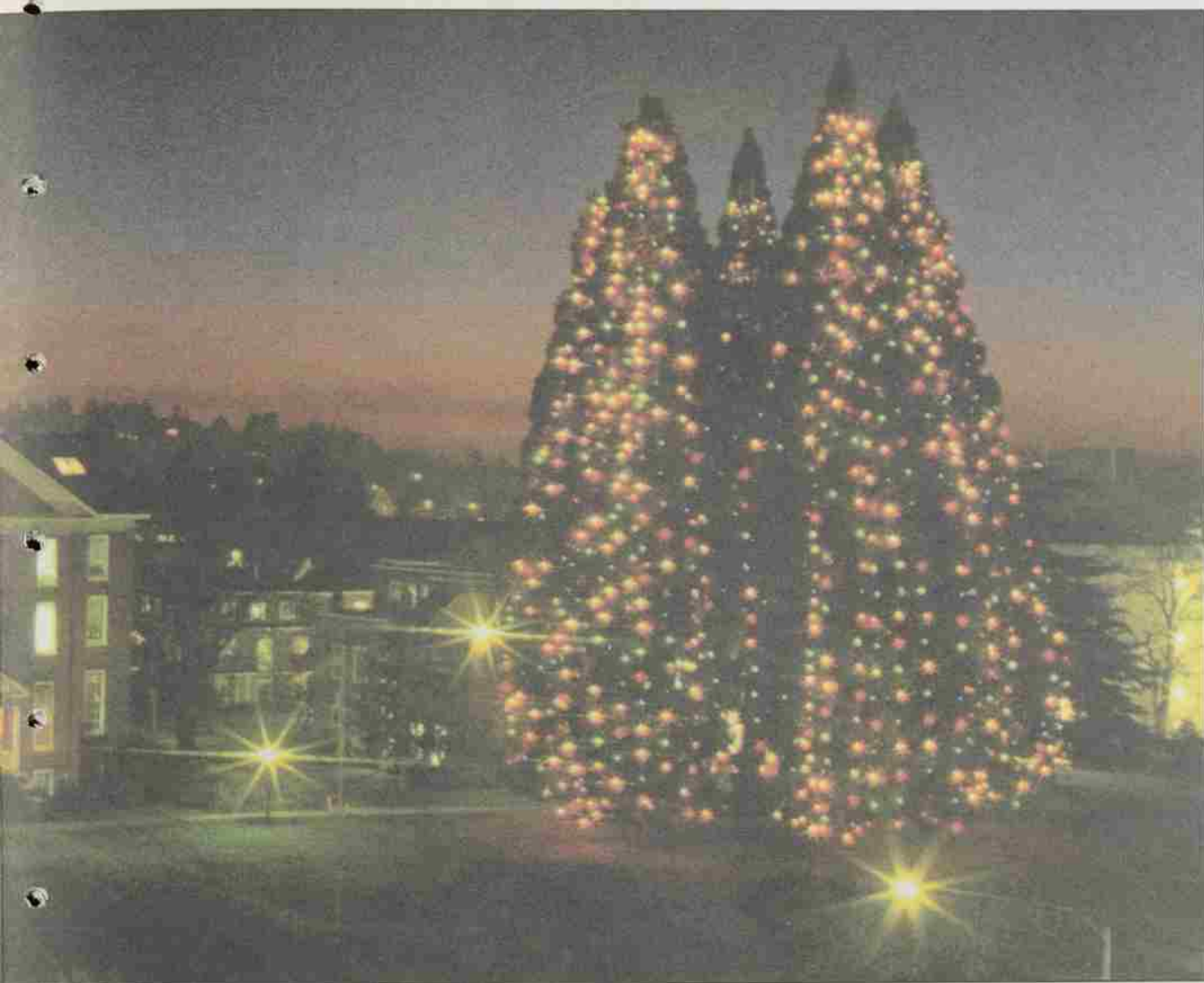


STACY WEST

Rory Cramer and Tim Dodds string lights on one of the five Sequoias that were gifted to Willamette by the graduating class of 1942.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS CHECKLIST

- ✓ Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: Hector Olivera Organ Concert
- ✓ Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., North Lawn of Waller Hall: Caroling and Star Tree Lighting
- ✓ Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m., Smith Auditorium: Holiday Concert
- ✓ Dec. 5, 9:00 p.m., Salem Riverfront Carousel: Sleigh Bell Ball
- ✓ Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: Salem Chamber Orchestra Concert
- ✓ Dec. 8, 8:00 p.m., Smith Auditorium: Oregon Symphony Christmas Concert
- ✓ Dec. 10, 7:00 p.m., McMenasins Kennedy School Gymnasium: Young Alumni Holiday Bash
- ✓ Dec. 11, 12:45 p.m., Cone Chapel: "Lessons and Carols"
- ✓ Dec. 11, 8:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: Christmas in Hudson Hall
- ✓ Dec. 12, 8:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: Christmas in Hudson Hall
- ✓ Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m., Goudy Commons: Holiday Brunch
- ✓ Dec. 14, 7:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: A Victorian Christmas with John Doan
- ✓ Dec. 17, 8:00 p.m., Rogers Rehearsal Hall: Christmas Recital
- ✓ Dec. 20, 7:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: Willamette Master Chorus Holiday Concert
- ✓ Dec. 21, 3:00 p.m., Hudson Hall: Willamette Master Chorus Holiday Concert



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to bring Willamette and the Salem community together in the holiday spirit. 125 feet long, 15-pound strands of lights that adorn the Sequoias.

role both on campus and in the Salem community. Each tree is now approximately 154 feet tall with a 21-foot, eight-inch circumference.

According to Doug McClellan, Maintenance Electrician, the trunk grows up to 18 inches in height annually for the first 50-100 years of the tree's life. The trunk's diameter expands between three-quarters and one inch every year, and this growth continues throughout the tree's lifetime.

Elwood climbers Cramer and Dodds inspected the trees while hanging the lights and said they are in "excellent health." Sequoias can live 4000-5000 years, so even though human traffic compacts their roots and shortens their lifespan, these trees could be around for millennia to come.

University Chaplain Charlie Wallace shares what the Star Trees mean to him. "They've kind of been just a natural, sacred space," he said. "They've



STACY WEST

always been a kind of symbol of the West. It fits with the Oregon and Northwest spirituality to have a natural, outdoor sanctuary not connected with any particular religious perspective."

Wallace said that the annual lighting is especially meaningful because it helps bridge the gap between the Willamette and

Salem communities.

In addition to the formal Star Tree lighting, students have their own informal rituals involving the trees. Wallace said that when Elwood's climbers first ascended the trees in 1997, they found empty beer bottles high in the branches. "Who knows what all goes on in there?" Wallace said.

STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVES

Senior and amateur tree climber Carson Brown likes to have a bird's eye view of campus. As part of a nest survey for his vertebrae biology class, Brown climbed the Star Trees twice.

"The first time I climbed it, there was a crow's nest right above me. The crows all started mobbing me to get me away from their nest, so I got down."

Although Elwood's climbers estimate it takes them a half-hour to climb a Star Tree, and between four and eight hours to put all the lights up, Brown said he climbed nearly to the top in

MARRIAGE MYTH

Are the Star Trees analogous to a giant bushel of Mistletoe? An admissions tour would not be complete without a stop here. Most guides take this opportunity to share the Willamette myth that if you and your significant other share your first kiss under the Star Trees, then you will eventually get married.

Seniors Bethanee Gibson and Daniel Esqueda hope to lend credence to this campus legend. The pair first kissed after the Star Tree lighting their sophomore year.

"I planned it. But we'd talked about it before. We decided we wanted our first kiss under the Star Trees," Gibson said.

Both knew the myth but say that is not why they chose this location for their first kiss. "I just liked being under the Star Trees with him, so I thought it would be fun. It's really romantic," Gibson said.

The two eventually intend to marry. "We're planning on (the legend) coming true," Esqueda said.

Gibson gives him a mischievous look as she thinks about how public their dream just became. "It'd be really bad if we broke up," she said.

about five minutes.

On his second ascent, Brown was spotted by a campus maintenance man and asked to come down. "But I just kept going," Brown said. According to Brown, campus police came to investigate but allowed him to continue after learning that he was a Willamette student doing research.

He said that the climb was "sort of scary," but he very much enjoyed the view from the top.

Most students have to settle for a view from the bottom, and on Fri., Dec. 5, this sight will be illuminated once again. State Street shuts down at 6:00 p.m., and the ceremony will commence at 6:30 with caroling. The trees are lit at 7:00, and the holiday concert begins at 7:30 in Smith Auditorium.

Junior Michael Robinson is one student looking forward to the festivities. "I enjoy it very much. I went last year and am looking forward to it this year," he said. "I think it's romantic."

When the class of 1942 planted the Star Trees, they also buried a time capsule. In 1992, Willamette's sesquicentennial anniversary, Professor David McCreery and his archaeology class unearthed the capsule. Its artifacts are currently on display on the third floor in Waller Hall.

OPINION

Veterans' sacrifices snubbed at Willamette

One of our nation's most contributing groups is the one that has received the least.



JOHN SWANSON

Our veterans, who have fought to preserve democracy and rid the world of tyranny and oppression, remain a significant part of our nation. The American Legion and other associations of veterans donate what little money they have to programs such as Boys' and Girls' State, and they sponsor many speech and writing contests, providing a multitude of scholarship opportunities. They have fought for us and now they are helping our lives progress. Truly, such selflessness is worthy of utmost commemoration.

So how do we show our thanks and gratitude to our nation's veterans? Willamette University turns its back on them. Veterans' Day, which took place a few weeks ago, was marked not by what did, but by what did not happen. Veterans across America would feel saddened knowing there was no effort made to decorate the University's walls with red, white, and blue, or to post an extra flag. Just as Vietnam soldiers returned home to a nation that often ignored their sacrifices, the lack of patriotism on campus that day rekindled such ignorance.

Willamette University honors one national holiday: Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Recognition for a man who helped break racial barriers in America should happen, and I'm glad it does. And what do we credit this man for? Ending

segregation? That's interesting, because the first major steps taken to halt the separation between blacks and whites were made by our military - veterans. America's armed forces had desegregated long before the civil rights movement snowballed into true power. Are America's veterans remembered for the first changes in favor of true equality?

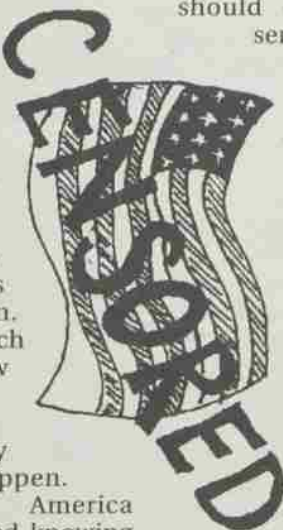
Often at Willamette, I hear negative words spoken of our troops in Iraq. Whether you agree with the liberation of Iraq's people or not, it's important to realize that each American soldier is devoted to serving America, as they simply follow orders. When they return, it is crucial that we don't exclude them. Rather, we should embrace them for serving us. They will be veterans.

Devotion and selflessness by our veterans during the thick and thin of American history has made tremendous leaps and bounds for the progress of our great nation. Changes in the military have directly influenced changes in our society. Aside from the positive contributions our veter-

ans have made for us at home, imagine where we would be without their past accomplishments in our nation's wars. Years of combat in order to ensure peace and democracy must not be forgotten. Freedom isn't free, and our veterans have paid the price.

I hope that next year Willamette flies more American flags on Nov. 11.

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School of the Americas: Teaching terror for over 56 years (with your money)

Last year six Willamette students went to the School of the Americas protest in Fort Benning, Georgia. Many people don't know what this school is and the role it plays in their life. For the past 13 years, thousands of people have made the trek to Georgia to try and put an end to this School.



JAVIN MARTIN

Originally the School was located in Panama where it trained Latin American troops against the threat of Communism. However, years passed and the threat of Communism was replaced by the threat of civil uprisings in many South American countries. The School trains troops in counter-insurgency tactics, used to suppress civil uprisings. These tactics range from interrogation and torture techniques to psychological warfare and sniper training.

While in South America, the School was named the "School of the Assassins" by the public. Former Panamanian President Jorge Illueca stated that the School of the Americas was the "biggest base for the destabilization in Latin America."

In 1984 it was moved as part of the Panama Canal Treaty to U.S. soil, where it now resides. In its 56 years of existence, the school has graduated over 60,000 troops. Many, like Manuel Noriega and Omar Torrijos of Panama, Leopoldo Galtieri and Roberto Viola of Argentina, Juan Velasco Alvarado of Peru, Guillermo Rodriguez of Ecuador, and Hugo Banzer Suarez of Bolivia, later became dictators noted for their civil rights violations.

The School of the Americas is essentially a military center funded by U.S. dollars that

trains South American terrorist regimes in order for U.S. economic interests to be protected.

Each year thousands of people from across the U.S. and the world gather outside the base to raise awareness and support for shutting it down. The protestors range from gray-haired Grandmas for Peace to college students and veterans. It is a non-violent event that focuses on education and awareness of U.S. actions across the globe.

Among the 13,000 protestors at last year's vigil, six were Willamette students who documented their trip. Protests like the School of the Americas vigil are designed to be high-energy, emotionally-draining events. And while at the rally the six students periodically stopped to process their thoughts and feelings, all of which they captured on tape. When they returned to Willamette they made several presentations to the student body as well as to organizations off campus. Through their film, the six students were able to bring back their moving experience of the School of Americas back to the Willamette community.

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Nineteen School of the Americas graduates were responsible for the massacre of six Jesuit priests in San Salvador in 1989.

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EDITORIAL

Elitist mindset polarizes WU

Although we are pleased senior Rebekah Steinfeld has taken her place on the Dean Search Committee, students still have no answers more than a week after a frustrated ASWU Senate meeting where angry members discussed the rejection of junior Andrew Swan from the Dean Search Committee.

"Is this the Dean for the College of Liberal Arts or the Dean for the College of Liberal Arts with a 3.7 GPA?" senior Senator Andrew Cockrell asked members of the Willamette's student government.

In many ways, however, the flap over the rejection of Swan is a bureaucratic side story. There is no doubt that the Bowersox committee's snobbery is undiplomatic, but this is not surprising. The committee's rejection of Swan is understandable as a symptom of the paternalism that dominates this institution and its relationship to its students.

This mindset is inexcusable.

At Willamette it not only fosters apathy among the student body, but throws the school's accreditation for providing a liberal arts education into question.

Where does Willamette find its true identity, among the students or the faculty? Strangely, it is in part a question of job titles. Schools on the east coast, institutions that Willamette has long emulated, have identified the school with the students. There, the position the school hopes to fill is called the Dean of the Faculty.

Bob Hawkinson, who supervises all the facets of student life on campus, occupies a position referred to as Dean of the College. This is no small matter, for this simple name change sets the tone for the rest of the university: here, the faculty makes the college. Students shrug off their relegation to the sidelines - we are only here for four years, they say. The faculty is here for much longer.

It is true that Willamette

could not be the place it is without happy faculty. The education we receive would hardly be worth the cost if Willamette could not attract the best minds. However, that education is not what it could be without Willamette's students involved at every level of the community.

Educators and students have special responsibility in times of such universal and undeniable apathy. Willamette is not fulfilling its mandate to cultivate leaders if students are not shown the duties and the rewards of personal investment in the democracies that surround them.

The launch of the residential commons pilot program is a short 10 months away. We are fast approaching a point of no return.

Unless all members of our community - students, faculty, and administration - take ownership of the changes and confront this mindset, the chance for student self-governance will be sunk.

Evaluations should be public

Willamette CLA has 39 academic departments.

Each semester students evaluate the professors from every department. Students see none of the results.

Nothing ruins a semester like wasting time and money on a bad class, but how can students predict which classes are worthwhile?

The answer is in the professors. More than any other factor, the quality of the teacher determines the quality of the class. That is why end-of-year course evaluations are so important.

Unfortunately, the administration chooses to keep the results of the evaluation process confidential. As a result Willamette students fly blind when they pick classes.

When students look at

new departments, knowing which classes to take is extremely difficult. They can ask friends for guidance, but that advice is just one person's opinion.

Students can ask their academic advisors, but understandably professors are reluctant to speak negatively about other faculty, who are after all, they are their friends and colleagues. The best way to evaluate a course is to take it. Advisors, as mere observers, cannot provide the kind of first-hand knowledge students need.

That is why Willamette should make the professor evaluation process transparent. The faculty review

board needs to make their results known. One option would be to publicize some of the information from student surveys. A less formal solution, which several schools have adopted, would be to create an online evaluation site where students could post questions, discuss courses and rate professors.

Either option would enable students as they create their schedules, enabling them to make more informed choices about classes. Ultimately, students will be freed from the fear of bad classes and be able to explore all their academic options with confidence.

Booty Call

"I would like very much to write some opinion articles for the newspaper. I am tired of all this conservative crap being printed in the paper."



KEVIN BOOTS

Another angry e-mail from an angry student wanting to submit a left-wing opinion. I receive one of these every other week or so. I responded the way I've responded to every other similar e-mail: I would love a leftist piece. I'm dying for a leftist piece. I'm on my knees. Just turn one in. As usual, there was no response.

This semester, at least, trying to obtain left-wing pieces for these pages has been as futile as drinking O'Doul's to get drunk. I'm afraid the editorial imbalance is indicative of a wider problem.

Consider the College Republicans, a group which, it is probably fair to say, represents the Right. The past semester has seen enormous activism from this group. Their propaganda is plastered everywhere, from light posts to urinals. Instead of being proactive, the Left's response has largely been to either deface the Republicans' signs or to tear them down altogether. Who are the reactionaries here?

Visible left-wing activism has been nearly nonexistent. Wringing 425 words of Leftist opinion out of the campus is a Sisyphean chore. Meanwhile, the Right encourages the campus to "hug a capitalist" and feeds us insinuations against affirmative

action while we pee.

This imbalance is a problem; it's national too. On nearly every front it looks like the Right is winning.

The media is cowed. Economically we've seen several huge tax cuts passed. Socially, there's been a ban on partial birth abortion, which could very well be a slippery slope to outlawing abortion. The biggest threat to this legislation comes not from the people, but from activist courts.

Politically, Congress is controlled by the Republicans. The front running challenger to the apparently redoubtable Republican White House is Howard Dean, a man who has built a campaign on hatred of Bush, thus energizing a base that wouldn't have voted for Bush anyway. Vitriol and hatred don't change minds or win elections; they only polarize the electorate; just ask Bob Dole and George McGovern.

Both Dean and the dearth of leftist Collegian opinions pieces highlight the Left's biggest problems.

What activism exists is limited to reactionary responses to Bush and his minions. Although conservation isn't necessarily a Leftist issue, the various events of sustainability week provide a good model for future action. However, The Left needs to get over its dogmatic hatred of Bush if this country's righthard roll is to be stopped.

Kevin Boots is a junior.

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SPORTS

Disc heroes stand out this fall

ChalkTalk

MEN'S BASKETBALL ONE-AND-ONE OVER THANKSGIVING

While most students went home and got a well-deserved break, the men's basketball team participated in the Southern Oregon Classic in Ashland over the long Thanksgiving break. On Friday, the Bearcats overcame the Southern Oregon University Raiders with a 74-71 victory.

Senior Ryan Rahlfs had 24 points, with four coming in the last minute and a half of the game. Sophomore Henry Greely had 11 points while senior David Force had 10. Sunday saw disappointment for the Bearcats as they fell to Oregon Tech 60-84. Junior Harold Sublett Jr. led Willamette scorers with 11 points and Force had 10 points and 7 rebounds.

The Bearcats shot 32 percent from the field in the game. The men's team will travel to Redlands, California this weekend for the Redlands Tournament.

SWIM TEAM GEARS UP FOR NORTHWEST INVITATIONAL IN MCMINNVILLE

The men and women's swimming teams will head to McMinnville this weekend for the Northwest Invitational. Linfield University will host the event. The meet will start Friday evening and will continue all day Saturday. Look for results of the meet in next week's issue of the Collegian.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM TO PLAY CONCORDIA THIS FRIDAY

The women's basketball played Western Baptist last night but a final score was not available at press time (see photo with women's basketball story). The team will be in action again this weekend when they play host to Concordia this Friday at Cone Field House. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Watch for coverage of this game, along with last night's, in next week's issue of the Collegian.



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

Sophomore Galen Smith scrimmages on the quad with the rest of the Ultimate Club. The team members practice Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

By NICK PATTEN

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Ultimate Disc

The Willamette Ultimate team is now one of the teams to beat in the Oregon college ultimate circle. With an impressive 4-0 record posting at a tournament in McMinnville on November 23, the ultimate enthusiasts of WU proved that they are not to be overlooked when competition picks back up again next semester.

"This tourney was awesome for us because it showed everybody in the state that we are a team that can contend, and we showed ourselves that we can win games against good teams," said sophomore Mike Reich.

In the first game of the day, Willamette took on Lewis and Clark who beat the Bearcats last May in sectionals. This time around, Lewis and Clark didn't seem to show much opposition, and Willamette prevailed 13-6.

Next, the team took on Linfield B and easily rolled to victory 13-2.

The third game proved to be the most challenging for WU as they faced South Eugene High School.

Reich pointed out that although it is

a high school team, their age should not be considered. "It might sound bad that we had a hard time with a high school team, but they are easily in the top 15 in the country right now. They are probably headed for junior nationals this year in May," Reich said.

The WU Ultimate aficionados began by scoring the first two points of the game but South Eugene H.S. quickly countered with four of their own. Then Willamette used strong defense and key turnovers to translate into points. In the second half, play was tight between the two teams but a hand block by senior Luke Behnke and a resulting quick score put Willamette up 12-10. This score put the nail in the coffin for South Eugene, as the Bearcats were able to capitalize on mistakes by the other team to secure the win.

"After a mistake by the South offense, we worked the disc up the field and scored on a sweet throw to Lukey (Behnke) on the inside cone of the end zone for the (game) point," Reich said.

In the final game of the day, Willamette easily rolled over Linfield A

13-4, to go undefeated on the day.

Reich points out what the team's success over the weekend ultimately means. "For the first time ever, Willamette is the best small college team in the state right now...To put this all in perspective, Willamette never won a game last year," Reich said.

Behnke attributes the team's success this year to hard work and passion for the game. "I think that more than anything, this year we have so much love for the game. In years past, numbers of people tended to fall off as the year progressed, but this year, it seemed like the numbers got stronger as time went on," Behnke said. "Everyone put in extra time throwing and at drills at practice and at Linfield's tourney."

The teams focus on next spring and a desire to continue their success is important, but their main goal remains the same.

"This spring, we hope to continue the intensity and hopefully get a spot at college regionals, but we will see. The team has that goal in the back of their minds, but more than anything, we just want to have fun," Behnke said.

REVIEWS

Death Cab for Cutie: less emo, more rock and roll

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On Nov. 19, Death Cab for Cutie played their 38th show of a 40-night tour at the Crystal Ballroom in Portland. Death Cab's popularity is rising. That doesn't mean it's easy for them from here on out.

Compared to former records, "Transatlanticism" comes off poppy, and feels overly polished in places. The "You Can Play These Songs with Chords" album highlighted what the band could do with a more rough sound. "Transatlanticism" goes contrary to that direction. This irked some fans, namely me.

Boy, was I in for a surprise.

They proved themselves early on by opening with a mix-match of songs drawing from nearly all their past records. Many of the band's songs are lyrically repetitive, and even though Death Cab's lead singer Ben Gibbard has impeccable phrasing, what carries the songs are the swaying drums of Michael Schorr, the ambient yet raw guitar of Christopher Walla and the unsteady front running bass of Nicholas Harmer.

The band is riding a high from the recently released "Transatlanticism."

The band has also gained some attention from the summer success of "Give Up" by The Postal Service, a project on which Gibbard collaborated. Both albums have been selling rather well, especially in the Northwest.

The venue was as full as I'd seen it. Twenty-somethings stood on the benches below the windows along one wall, the crowd spilling back all the way to the bar. The curtain of bodies reflected the sharp light of the stage. During the opening act, concertgoers busted into the crowds for a good position.

The band attracts an eclectic crowd. Mohawked punks with long chains crowded up next to



PHOTO BY BRIAN TAMBORELLO

Lead guitarist Ben Gibbard with his band Death Cab for Cutie.

jockish guys and their petite girlfriends.

On the third song, "Movie Script Ending" (from "The Photo Album"), they changed the beat to some kind of crazy 4/5 deal, revealing that not only can Death Cab rock, but they can rock with old tricks in new ways.

"This feels like an auditory collage," junior Hunter Berns, fellow fan, yelled in my ear during the concert.

Most shocking was the band's treatment of their encore. They busted out with the title track to the last album. It is a repetitive song about an

unrequited love that lives far away. It is poppy. It is all those things that I doubt about the band. But that is on the CD. In concert they wailed on this song. Gibbard played his guitar with a drumstick.

Walla crouched over his guitar with the veracity of a starved lion over a white legless bunny rabbit. Harmer stood himself on a four-foot amp and struck that bass like a locked door. Schorr's drums carried and delivered the jam, ending it seamlessly and decidedly.

This kind of fresh audacity will be what keeps this band a must-see.

THE REEL DEAL

'Station Agent' fights prejudice

By STEVE DUMAN
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I have made jokes about midgets. I have done so wittingly and yes, at times, without remorse.

However, the days of midgets "just being funny" have come to an end. The era of munchkins and Oompa-Loompas draws to a close as Finbar McBride wreaks havoc upon classic stereotypes in both film and life.

"The Station Agent," the debut film of writer/director Thomas McCarthy, follows the very calm adventures of McBride as played by Peter Dinklage. Though very slow and methodical, this film is amazing at drawing the audience in and being undeniably funny.

Finbar is a quiet man who faces prejudice on a daily basis. The death of his friend leaves him living alone along a railroad track in New Jersey in an old, all-but-abandoned station agent house. Fin soon discovers, however, that he is not alone. Directly in front of his house resides a lonely hot-dog vendor by the name of Joe Oramas (Bobby Cannavale). In addition, Fin meets Olivia Harris (Patricia

Clarkson), a woman grieving the loss of her dead son.

The three soon befriend each other, and their awkward acquaintances are amazingly fun to watch.

Naturally, conflict arises, and it seems to stem simply from Finbar's size. Olivia's bereavement creates an almost Joycean replacement of Fin, and this confused love hurts all involved.

This conflict is particularly important in its reinforcement of a resounding theme of the film. Finbar, for all intents and purposes, is just a regular guy — "boring" even, as he states. His size, however, brings him constant and unwarranted attention, attention from which he seems unable to escape.

Though strange at first, Finbar's presence as protagonist becomes extremely natural, and I found myself cursing myself for it feeling initially awkward.

The truth of the matter is, dwarves are never the headliners of films. Due to the arbitrary restriction of size, we have come to expect our films to have characters over five-feet-tall.

"The Station Agent" manages to expose this blatant prejudice in a manner that explains rather than accuses. Though Finbar is certainly a non-traditional film star, this principle seems almost ridiculous.

As a result, I would recommend this film to anyone, if for nothing else to make everyone think twice before participating in a prejudice you might not have known even existed. In any case, it makes one think twice about midget jokes.

**The
Station Agent**
Director/Writer:
Thomas McCarthy
Playing at:
Salem Cinema
Rating: **R**

Slow weekend start leaves women at 1-2

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The Willamette women's basketball team began the 2004 season with a slew of opening games during the last week and a half of November.

The Bearcats took part in the Bon Appetit Classic, a series hosted by Lewis and Clark College that set Willamette against Minnesota's College of St. Catherine on November 21 and the Leopards of La Verne, California on the 22nd.

Despite leaving Portland with two successive losses, the Bearcats triumphed over Western Baptist with a last second lay-up at home on the 25th.

The season opener against St. Kate's proved to be one of offensive growth for the Bearcats. However, the opposition's intensity led the Bearcats to commit 33 turnovers that counterbalanced double-digit scoring exhibited by four of Willamette's attackers.

The leading scorers for Willamette were seniors Deanna Lund (14), Jammie Muth (13), Simmie Muth (12), and sophomore Megan Scheeler (10) in the 65-82 loss.

The Bearcats' record quickly changed to 0-2 after a frustrating defeat at the hands of the La Verne Leopards. Willamette held the lead at halftime 35-26 thanks to Lund's 12

Women's Basketball

points and Simmie Muth's 11.

The Leopards were quick to tie the scoring during the opening minutes of the second half, and each team struggled to take command for the remainder of the match.

The Bearcats were unable to overcome a 3-point lead after converting only two of four free-throw attempts in the last 90 seconds of the fourth quarter. The game would end 60-61.

Regardless of the team's disappointing results at the Classic, the Willamette women confronted their Salem neighbors from Western Baptist College on November 25 with vigor to actualize their potential.

Freshman Kari Woody would give her team a surprising 68-66 win with a lay-up assisted by Lund (nine points, 14 rebounds, three assists) in the final seconds of the game.

Woody totaled 19 points for the Bearcats, with 14 of them arising in the second half.

Simmie Muth added 12 points as well in a game that saw 12 lead changes and six ties. Senior Abbie Unick sunk two key free throws that disallowed another Warrior lead and allowed Woody to secure the victory.

"It was awesome to make the game-winning drive in my first home game as a freshman and get recognition from the team and



MICHELLE THERIAULT

Senior Abbie Unick stares down a Western Baptist Warrior last night.

coaches. But in the end, it was definitely an all-out team effort," Woody said.

Commenting on her future with the Bearcats she said,

"As a taller guard, I hope to become a more versatile player [that is] able to provide consistent numbers for the team."

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Men's team loaded with experience

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James also praised the play of freshman point guard Josh Erickson, from Salem's McNary High School, and sophomore wing Henry Greeley, who has been playing well early this season despite guarding much bigger players due to Garrelts injury.

Though the Bearcats will miss Hepp's speed and Johnson's size, this year's team has so many weapons that the Bearcats should still do quite well. The Bearcats have won three of their first four games.

"We are looking real good so far," assistant coach Ioane noted. "We will be really fun to watch this year."

Women break into top ten nationally

By DAN HUMPHREY
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The Willamette University women's and men's cross country teams finished eighth and twelfth respectively at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships in Hanover Indiana.

Senior Kari Holbert led the women's team with a twenty-fourth place finish earning her first ever All-American honors. Only runners who finish in the top 35 overall competition receive the prestigious award.

"I kind of went out too fast," said Holbert who completed the first mile of the 6k course in 5:30. "It was a tough race, but what kept me going was knowing that we needed the points for a strong finish so that more women's teams from our region will be able to qualify for next year's meet."

Sophomore Natalie Muren and freshman Danya Rumore finished 52nd and 54th respectively, just missing All-American honors, but helping the Bearcats to their best overall NCAA finish in school history. Now two West region teams (instead of the

Cross Country

usual one) will now be eligible for next years NCAA meet and six of the seven woman, including Holbert who has one more year of cross-country eligibility, will return with hopes for a national trophy.

Senior Jake Stout led the Men's team with a ninth place overall finish, earning his third consecutive All-American honor and becoming the first Willamette male distance runner to earn three.

While Holbert started her race by sprinting towards the front of the pack, Stout took the opposite approach, actually finishing the first 600-meters of the course in last (215th) place. At a national meet, a plethora of quality runner's push for places, and although a fast start may seem advantageous, it actually often causes runners to go into early oxygen debt.

The pre-race favorite, Wisconsin Oshkosh, sprinted out to an early lead, but could not maintain the pace and suffered a ninth place finish. The Willamette men's team employed the opposite strategy, staying



AUDREY SQUIRES

Picking off one competitor at a time, Jr. Natalie Muren finishes 2nd.

towards the back of the field in hopes of remaining relaxed. However, only Stout effectively picked off enough runners to finish in the top thirty-five, and the Bearcat's ended in a tie for twelfth place.

"It just wasn't our day," said Stout. "A lot of our guys started in

the back and we just couldn't make up the deficit. It was unfortunate, but we'll be more prepared in the future."

Last year's runner up, Calvin College handily won the men's team title with 48 points, while Middlebury College won the women's title with 135.

Willamette Team Results:

WU Women —
8th
15 — Kari Holbert, Jr
22:41.1
30 — Natalie Muren, So
23:18.1
31 — Danya Rumore, Fr
23:19.7

WU Men —
12th
7 — Jacob Stout, Sr
25:29.0
46 — Aaron Young, Sr
26:17.4
81 — Scott Overby, Jr
26:51.3
91 — Brendan Brown, Jr
27:01.4

Total Time = 2:12:42.2
Total Places = 318

Bearcat roster packed with seniors

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Willamette Basketball Seniors

-Harold Sublett Junior

-P.J. McDevitt

-David Force

-Miles Sandgathe

-Ryan Rahlfs

-Sadiki Stone

For fans of Willamette basketball, this season's team will probably look a little unusual. Last season, the bulk of Willamette's scoring came from two players: point guard Ryan Hepp and forward Marques Johnson, both of whom were picked to the All-NWC First Team in the past two seasons. Both Hepp and Johnson graduated last spring, along with current Bearcat assistant B.J. Dobrkovsky.

To make up for their loss, and for this year's relative lack of height, Bearcat head coach Gordie James is installing a new offensive system that will take advantage of Willamette's speed.

"We want to get in the open court a little more," James said. "We will shoot more three-

pointers, too. Our philosophy is that every guy, in the right place at the right time, has the green light to shoot."

One player expected to see a lot of "green lights" is senior forward Miles Sandgathe, a 2002-2003 All-NWC Second-Team member. Sandgathe made 47% of his three-pointers last season, the second highest percentage in the league.

Sandgathe also averaged 14 points per game last season, the tenth-highest average in the league and the highest among returning Bearcats.

However, James was quick to note that Sandgathe is not the only senior poised to have a good year.

"David Force and Ryan Rahlfs are off to outstanding starts," James noted. "P.J. McDevitt has

hit some shots for us, and Todd Lewis has rebounded real well and played good defense."

Force will be the Bearcats' starting point guard this year, and McDevitt and Lewis will be among the first players off the bench. Rahlfs, at 6'5", has been starting at center in place of injured 6'7" sophomore Brennan Garrelts. Garrelts broke his hand in an early-season scrimmage, but James believes he will be ready to play in the Bearcats' next game.

The five seniors on this year's roster mark the most on a Bearcat team in a number of years. Former player and current Bearcat assistant coach Kip Ioane believes that the number of seniors on this year team will be a big part of the Bearcats' success.

"It's really good to have that leadership," Ioane said. "They

all have different personalities, and the younger guys can go to any of them."

The other two starters on this year's team will be junior guard Harold Sublett Jr. and sophomore guard John Olinger.

Sublett is one of the quickest players on this year's squad, and despite playing in the backcourt last season, Sublett was the Bearcats' second-leading rebounder last season. Olinger, a product of South Salem High School, transferred to Willamette this year after a year at Clackamas Community College.

"Johnny is very versatile," James noted. "He is a very solid defender. Offensively, he can knock it down from the outside, and is also a good penetrator."

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THE IMPLEMENTATION SQUAD

Residence Life is seeking interested students to become a part of the Res. Life Sanctions Committee which reviews sentences given by Area Coordinators on campus. The committee will also begin the transition to the Student J-Board program of 2004. Students that can meet every Wednesday morning 8-10:30 a.m. should contact Marilyn Derby <mderb@ for further information.

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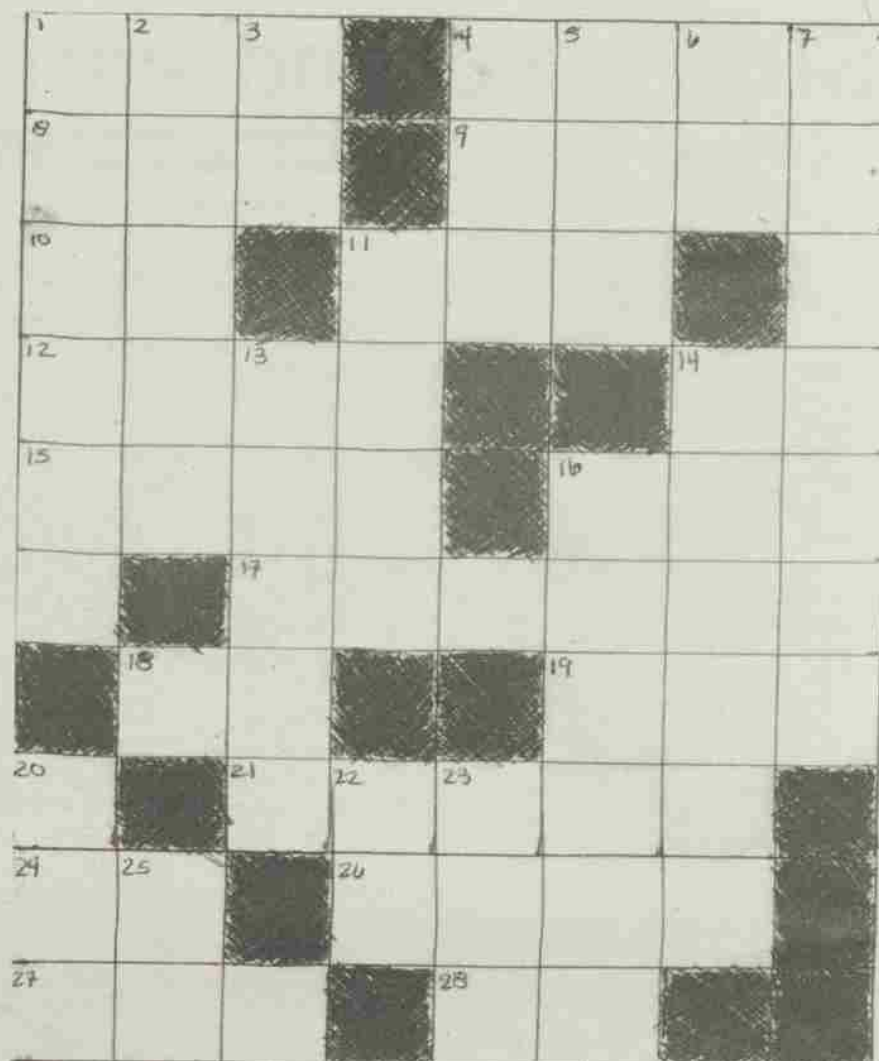
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 - Bud slogan
 - Drew Barrymore's co-star
 - Scandinavian capital
 - Charlton Heston's followers
 - Vomit comes _____ (direction)
 - Not air shampoo
 - Distance per unit time
 - Homer's expletives
 - Krispie Kreme Graveyard
 - A long long way to run
 - Homer's expletives
 - Auto _____
 - Ducks home

- Down**
- President
 - Hops make?
 - _____ Stein
 - Bozeman bumper sticker
 - Not rent
 - Residents asst.
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