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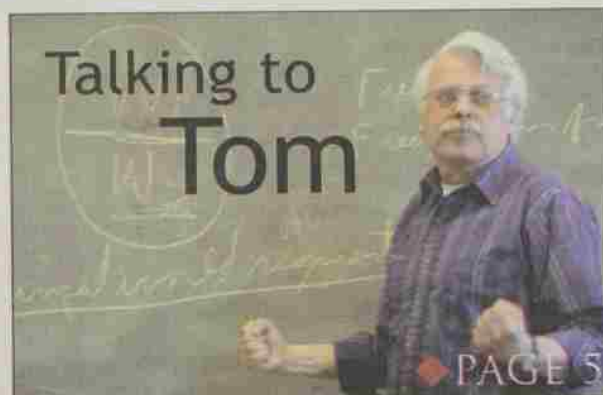
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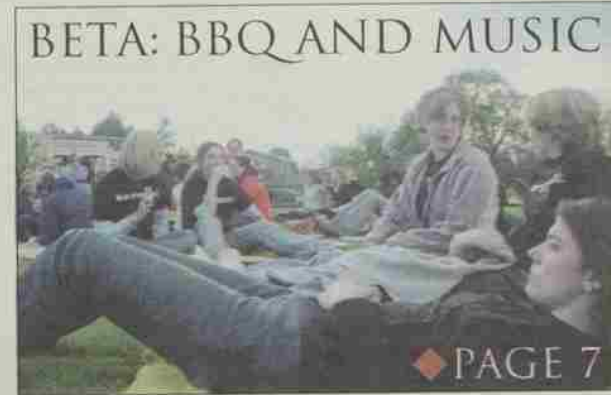
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Financial aid is online

By STEPHANIE SOARES
NEWS EDITOR

The newest addition to Willamette's plethora of online processes will be the awarding of financial aid packages to all continuing students.

Starting this June, E-Awards will take the place of large, paper-filled envelopes, and students will have the opportunity to access their financial aid packages as well as any relevant and essential forms for Willamette online.

"The students will benefit most from this new process," Director of Financial Aid Jim Eddy said.

"We will be able to reach more of them more quickly

than we have in the past by going through the web-based approach."

The Office of Financial Aid sought this change after the successes of other online processes including online class registration. "We finally have the technology to do this effectively through the support of WITS," Eddy said. "This is what enabled us to move forward and award financial aid in a similar way with the same level of service."

In addition, because Willamette does not have a captive on-campus audience, staying in touch via email will be a better means of keeping in contact with students that may miss paper mail.

With the actual financial aid e-award, students will have the opportunity to fill out and send other necessary documents including verification worksheets and special condition forms as a few examples electronically.

Students will have the option of accepting or declining aid in the similar fashion done on all paper documents and, because students will be accessing a secure website, will be able to approve the award without the need of a "wet signature."

Keeping parents informed is one of the main concerns of the Office of Financial Aid.

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Cinco de Mayo celebrates Mexican culture

By YEN TRAN
STAFF WRITER

Unidos por Fin hosted their annual Cinco de Mayo celebration in the Cat Cavern on Friday, April 2, 2003.

The event, financed by funds from ASWU and the Office of Multicultural Affairs, served an enchilada dinner from La Hacienda Real, a local restaurant in the Salem area.

Students from McKay High School, dressed in traditional white dresses, performed two ballet folklores named Vera Cruz and Sinaloa.

Guest speaker Dr. Leo Rasca, a professor at Western Oregon University and Chemeketa Community College, was the main event of the evening.

"This day has been born out of an awesome history of struggle," he said. Rasca proceeded to present all the events that led to this day of celebration: Battle of Puebla in 1862.

It was a two-hour battle against the French with 10,000 French troops and 4,700 Mexicans.

After the two hours, the French retreated. "People rallied for a common cause, that is a reason to celebrate," Rasca said.

Rasca then challenged the audience to think about individual cultural significance



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Dancers from McKay high school perform the traditional Mexican dance, "Balet Folklorico."

in this institution. "Resist demons in our circumstances, to overcome, to have hope, to have life, to be our individual selves," he said.

"You must go on because your ancestors went on ... the power of spirit comes from our parents. (It is) the trust of spirit or soul that motivates and strengthens."

He ended by encouraging WU students to take advantage of opportunity to grow

in solidarity by learning from people of other cultures.

"In your culture, you will find your soul," he said.

Unidos ended the event with a skit of the Battle of Puebla, a gritos contest and a piñata by Movimiento Estudiantil Chicana / o de Aztlan (MEChA) led by sophomore Jaime Arredondo.

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Events Board says Midnight Breakfast will be more sober

By HANNAH
MEISEN-VEHRS
STAFF WRITER

Tonight's Midnight Breakfast will stray from the usual by its sound, menu, and atmosphere.

Students may find it to be a less "drunken tradition" than it has been in the past.

In an effort to curb the mess that sometimes results from this bi-yearly event, the Willamette Events Board has decided to enforce the rules on drinking and visible inebriation more strictly.

"We want it to be as alcohol-free as possible," WEB committee chair sophomore Kelsey Soma said.

"I think it's always been a problem in the past, but we tolerated it."

It has always been the policy of WEB to restrict visibly impaired students from entering the breakfast at Goudy Commons and to remove those who are disruptive.

This year, according to Soma, the policy will not be so lenient.

Other changes include adding live music rather than having a DJ to play songs.

Incidentally, the theme for the evening will be "Dress as your favorite band or as a band groupie."

In the past, students have dressed up for the breakfast, which inspired Soma and her committee to institute a theme.

"People like to dress up, they just need a reason," she said.

Health foods, such as fruit and make-your-own burritos, have been added to the menu too.

Students should be aware that while the event is still free, ID cards will be

checked at the door and those without a card will need to pay.

"It's not fair," Soma said, "to pay for the Events Board to pay for people who don't even go here."

Entertaining for their fifth time on campus will be the Weezer Cover Band.

The group of four student musicians assembled last semester and has been gaining popularity ever since.

"We are very happy to do this," bassist and lead vocalist Jonathan Westfall said.

"We all love this music and we're surprised by how many others feel the same."

"Weezer is just a band that everybody likes," junior Israel Arauz said. "I don't know anyone that doesn't like them."

The group, which also includes senior Craig Webster on drums and lead guitarist senior Nathan Foster, is especially excited to play for a large audience.

"The atmosphere (of the breakfast) is that it's just the place to be," Westfall said. "It's one big party."

Concerning the policy change on drinking, Westfall worried that some of the group's hard-core fans may not be able to get in.

"I didn't know it was such a problem," Westfall said. "I always thought that's kind of what it's about."

Sophomore Curt Johnson also expressed some confusion. "That's ridiculous," he said.

"You can't expect that if you have an event that goes 'till midnight on a night where there are no classes the next day, that there won't be any drinking."

"We want it to be as alcohol-free as possible."
KELSEY SOMA
SOPHOMORE

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: APRIL 27- MAY 3, 2003

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

April 27, 7:00 a.m. (Law School): An employee reported two candy machines had been broken into. The matter was referred to Salem Police.

April 28, 8:00 a.m. (University Center): Graffiti was reported in the first floor men's restroom.

April 28, 6:15 p.m. (Kaneko Hall): The elevator emergency phone was damaged.

April 28, 10:07 p.m. (Smith Fine Arts): Staff reported that a glass door panel had been damaged.

April 29, 7:23 p.m. (Waller Hall): Staff reported graffiti on the outside doors.

April 30, 10:40 a.m. (TIUA): Staff reported finding graffiti in three separate areas.

May 1, 7:27 p.m. (York): The door lock to a student's room was intentionally damaged.

May 2, 2:10 a.m. (Brown Field): Campus Safety officers observed a vehicle driving on the grass causing extensive damage. The Officers were able to see the vehicle's license plate and determine the owner. The matter has been referred to the Campus Judicial System.

May 2, 9:13 a.m. (Sigma Alpha Epsilon): Staff reported that a rug had been damaged by water and what appeared to be flour.

THEFT

April 27, 1:00 p.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): A student reported that about \$100 worth of clothing had been stolen from the laundry room.

April 27, 8:44 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): A student reported a sports bag had been stolen from a common area.

April 28, 9:00 a.m. (14th Street): A student reported two vehicles had been broken into. The matter was referred to Salem Police.

April 29, 5:15 p.m. (Goudy Commons): A student reported that his laptop had been stolen from the lobby storage area while he ate.

May 1, 3:15 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student reported that her wallet had been stolen while she was studying.

May 2, 11:59 a.m. (Eaton Hall): A student reported their bicycle had been stolen from the bike rack.

May 2, 7:58 p.m. (Law School): A student reported her purse had been stolen and her credit card used at a local store. Salem Police contacted the student later and told her the man had returned to the same store and tried to use the credit card of another law student. The man was arrested.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

April 25, 12:42 a.m. (Terra House): WEMS and Campus Safety responded to a report of a student who was experiencing stomach pains and dizziness. The student decided not to go to the hospital for further examination.

April 27, 8:21 p.m. (Theater): WEMS and Campus Safety responded to a report that a piece of wood had injured a student's foot. After examination by WEMS the student was referred to the Wellness Center for follow up.

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CONVERSATION

with Tom Talbott

By ERIK de BIE

This week, the Collegian sat down with Thomas Talbott, Professor of Philosophy.

Talbott has taught at Willamette since 1972.

He obtained his B.S. from Portland State, a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Santa Barbara. He has taught at Westmont College and UC Santa Barbara.

This esteemed professor holds passions for more than just philosophy — he is also an avid fan of hiking and backpacking, religion and theology, and soccer.

Collegian: What drew you to teaching and philosophy in general?

Talbott: Actually, I was drawn first to philosophy as a discipline long before I considered teaching. I took my first course my freshman year in college, and in a way, I took it by mistake.

I had a hole in my schedule and I just kind of filled it with this course. I had absolutely no idea what philosophy was. And the very first day of class, I came very close to dropping the course.

The guy was standing up in front of the class and holding a penny. He had you look at it one way, and he says, "What is it you see?" Well, you see a

round circle. Then he turned it on end and he says, "What is it you actually see?" It's kind of like a straight line.

Then he turned it where it was oblong-shaped and asked the same question again, "Well, it's kind of oblong." Then he paused and says, "Now which is the real penny?" And I thought that was just about the stupidest thing that I had ever encountered in a class.

I went home and I told my dad, "you know, this is ridiculous.

I'm going to drop this course," and my dad, who can be very conde-

scending at times laughed and laughed and gave me this "Of course it's stupid! It's all stupid! But just do what you have to do to get your degree." Much, perhaps to his chagrin, by the time I finished that course, I was absolutely sold on philosophy. I was absolutely convinced that this was the discipline for me.

And I suppose one of the things that really attracted me to it was that here was a discipline in which no presupposition, no set of assumptions was sacred.

In lots of disciplines, you

make a lot of assumptions before you even get started and then you work within the context of these assumptions but in philosophy, you're always asking critical questions in a sense about everything, about every assumption you're making.

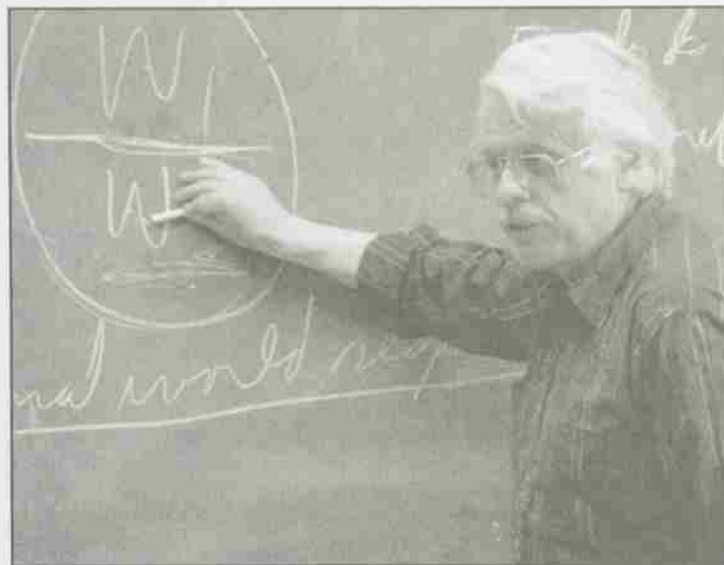
I also came to college from a very conservative religious background and it so happened that in this class we had a segment where we were looking at arguments for and against the existence of God, and I found that really interesting.

In fact, I kind of enjoyed criticizing bad arguments for the existence of the God with my colleagues. But one of the arguments was the argument from evil, which also challenged my faith, the faith I had grown up with in a very fundamental way.

That, in a sense, also was one of the things that attracted me to the discipline because I realized it was important to give reasons for what you believe, as best you can, or at least to examine the beliefs you inherited in your youth.

I took two philosophy courses the next term, and

"A student came up and said, 'Professor Talbott, do you believe in the existence of God?' To which I replied, 'Well, hell yes!'"



just loaded up on philosophy courses. When I got to the point where I didn't have any more degrees to get, then obviously the way to stay in the discipline and the way to stay connected with universities was to consider a teaching career.

I have a sort of inertia about me — I tend to stay in a place until I get kicked out. At universities, the way you get kicked out is by getting your degree.

I was teaching part-time while I was working on my degree, but I seriously considered teaching philosophy because I was in love with the discipline and wanted to stay with the discipline.

Collegian: How have you shocked students in the past?
Talbott: When I first came to Willamette and was teaching a Christian ethics class because that was one of the conditions of my being hired and I was billed as a Christian, in a sense, my language shocked students.

My way of expressing myself was more cynical, and I tend to use words that Christians think that one ought not to use.

In fact, as just a silly example, when we're looking for arguments for the existence of God and against the existence of God, a student might not know where I stand, because I'll be taking different positions on different days, and trying to examine various arguments and see how good they are.

A student came up and said, "Professor Talbott, do you believe in the existence of God?" To which I replied, "Well, hell yes!"

At that time, it was a slightly more conservative age and

I had the sense that the student was taken back by my sort of joking answer.

I like things to get crazy in class once in a while. I like to think that careful philosophical analysis is compatible with just having fun, with joking around — that's not going to shock anyone...

Every once in a while, when things get jocular, and a student makes a very good point against something I'm saying, maybe raises an argument I know I don't have an answer to, for fun, I have flipped off the student in class, and only in a context where I know, where I have the strong sense, that the student will get a kick out of it.

I would certainly never do something like that in a context where it would offend the student. Now it may offend another student, but as long as it doesn't offend the student it's happening to, I feel free to do things like that.

I like to think that careful analysis, clear thinking, being academically respectable is compatible with being crazy.
Collegian: Is there truth to the "tooth-filling" story?

Talbott: I didn't realize this story was going around. These two front teeth are caps, and every once in a while a cap will come off, like when you're eating corn or something like that.

Then of course you have to have it sealed, replaced, but usually it takes me a long time to do that, so I just shove it back up. There was a time when I was talking in class and got a little wild in what I was saying and I accidentally spit out the cap and I put it back in.

That's not a filling, but it's a cap.

QUESTION

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What's one thing you're looking forward to this summer?



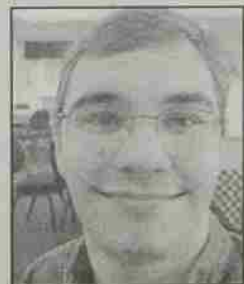
Going on evening walks with my mom.
-Junior Alexiz Gardner



Studying abroad in Costa Rica.
-Junior Keith Bondaug Jr.



No homework and more time to spend with my daughter.
-Sophomore Becky Stott



A better bed.

-Freshman Ben Kaster

of the WEEK

Campus icons leave mark

By AVI KATZ
STAFF WRITER

After the last diploma is handed out and the fanfare of baccalaureate and graduation has ended, Willamette will be saying goodbye to two of its most popular personalities.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Derek Morgan and Politics Professor David Gutterman will be leaving Salem for different positions in student affairs and academia.

As Willamette's Professor of the Year, Gutterman often found his classes on political philosophy and American political theory filled to capacity. Students felt Morgan's presence on campus in the numerous student organizations he advised and the countless educational, multicultural and social events he helped to piece together.

"I came to Willamette because I wanted to work at a small liberal arts college in a part of the country I had not lived in before and because the job was a great fit for my experience," Morgan said. "I stayed because I enjoyed the students and staff, the opportunities for growth, and the beauty of Oregon."

A native of Tennessee, Morgan graduated with a B.S. in Interpersonal Communication from the University of Evansville, Indiana in 1994. He then



Morgan

Director of Student Activities, Morgan was responsible for advising W.E.B., Interfraternity Council and S.H.E. (Strength, Health Equality). He also played a major role in planning Parents and Family Weekend, the Campus Life Honors Awards, the Activities Fair and the Senior Party. He will be departing Willamette to work as Director of Student Activities at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo.

"This position at Willamette was my first full time job as a professor. In many respects, it was the culmination of years of study, practice, and anticipation," Gutterman said.

"I hoped to be able to learn from students and fellow professors about how to teach, about how I could most effectively communicate my ideas and concerns in a way that invited people into conversation, study, and critical analysis."

A frequent presenter at last lectures and other faculty-student interactive events, David Gutterman was one of Willamette's most well recognized professors.

earned an M.S. from Colorado State University in 2000 before coming to Willamette. As Assistant



Gutterman

earn his PhD from Rutgers University in 2000 before joining the Willamette's politics department.

He has taught classes ranging on subjects from politics and religion to public law and his academic interests range from politics and ethics to feminist theory.

He will be leaving for a faculty position at Linfield College in the fall.

Willamette is still searching for a new Assistant Director of Student Activities and, depending on sabbatical leave, the politics department will determine the need to add a new faculty member with Gutterman's departure.

"Derek (Morgan) is just an amazing guy and I truly appreciate his instantaneous smile and easygoing nature," junior Javin Martin said.

"Professor Gutterman and I worked together on the 'Teach-In' and his expectations can be overwhelming sometimes but I believe that is because students are not always used to be given as much professional respect as he does."

After receiving his B.A. in 1991 and M.A. in 1993 from Duke University, Gutterman

went on to

Love is in the air

By CRYSTAL WEBER
STAFF WRITER

While most Willamette students study for finals and make summer plans, others are preparing for more long lasting changes.

Every year a number of Willamette students decide to take the plunge and get married. Married, you ask? Aren't we too young to get married?

Not really. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the median age for first time marriages in the U.S. is 24 for women and 25.9 for men (as of 1990). That's not that much older than most of us and that is only the median age.

Thirty years ago, way back in 1973 when our parents' generation was getting married, the median ages were 20.6 for women and 22.5 for men.

But what is it that makes students decide that now is the time to get hitched? Junior Dayna Randleman (20) and senior Ryan Rogers (26) were married a few weeks ago at the Mission Mill. The couple wanted to marry during the school year while all of their friends were still in one location.

Randleman was happy with their wedding and commented that "many people have had an image in their minds since the age of five of what they want their wedding to be like with a horse drawn carriage and lots of flowers, but Ryan and I weren't like that. We tried to remember that the wedding is not the marriage. It's a public announcement to the world that we are committed to each other."

Commitment is also very important to freshman Jean-Jacques Tétu. Tétu (18) and his wife Katherine (19) were married last December.

When asked about marriage Tétu replied, "It's bigger than mere love; it's a state of being more than myself. Marriage, for me, as an institution, means an

absolute commitment to someone, a never-ending declaration of a soul-mate bond."

Despite his young age, Tétu's parents were very supportive of the marriage. "My parents were married young, and they've been married for 24 years," he said.

"It's suited them very well, and they were happy for us, just as long as they were sure that we understood the implications of getting married. We did."

While some students decide to marry while in school, others choose to wait until after graduation. Senior Jennifer Wiegman is engaged to be married to MAT student Greg Ishmael in the fall of 2004.

When asked about marrying young, Wiegman replied, "there is no right age to get married. If you love the person and know it and know you want to be together, then what are you waiting for?"

Society also presents couples with incentives to make their commitment official.

As Wiegman observed, "we want to teach overseas and join the Peace Corps, both of which require couples to be married to be placed together."

The common thread in these marriages is a desire to make an official declaration of love and commitment.

Marriage, especially for younger couples, appears to separate truly committed relationships from teenage flings.

While the marriage document will not change a couple's commitment to each other, it will announce to the world that they are planning to stick together.

Wiegman summed up this feeling when she commented on what marriage means to her, "Marriage, to me, is a commitment to the person you love to stay beside them no matter what," she said.

"In a sense we have already made this commitment because love is the same thing. Marriage simply makes it official."

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ARTS

Choir celebrates year's end in Spring Concert

By BEN NYSTROM
ARTS EDITOR

Friends, families and music lovers crowded into Hudson Hall Sunday as the Music Department celebrated the end of the year with the Spring Choirs Concert.

The concert, which lasted from 7 p.m. to roughly 9 p.m., featured the vocal talents of The Six Basses, Voce Femina, Male Ensemble Willamette, and the Chamber Choir.

As the lights dimmed and the all-senior Six Basses took the stage, audience members knew they were in for an entertaining evening.

With pieces ranging from a slow, atmospheric arrangement of the "The Irish Blessing," by The Six Basses to an amusing choreographed version of "Mr. Sandman" by Voce Femina, the concert was overall a success, according to sophomore James Moore.

Moore, who attends the choir concerts regularly, said the variety of pieces performed helped keep the audience on its toes.

"There's been concerts before where you get tired, but that didn't really happen this time," Moore said.

"The women's choir did more non-traditional pieces, and it was nice how they combined the chamber and ensemble choirs."

However, Moore was slightly upset by one of the songs, "Pseudo-Yoik," by

Jaako Mantyjärvi.

"The conductor said it was a song making fun of another language," Moore said.

"It was totally making fun of other cultures, and that's not cool."

Senior Amy Hoang said that she thought it was a "nice concert," despite the fact that "most of the audience is other choir members and parents."

"I don't see a lot of student representation there," Hoang said. "I don't know why."

"There's been concerts before where you get tired, but that didn't really happen this time."

JAMES MOORE
SOPHOMORE

Hoang said her favorite pieces were ones in which the choirs did a dance with their pieces.

"I liked 'Mr. Sandman' and 'Pie R Pie,'" Hoang said. "But, again, those were the ones they danced in."

Sophomore Emily Melander, a first year choir member, said she "felt like an outsider at this concert, looking in, perhaps on the future."

"A lot of work did go into this concert, and there was a lot of memories," Melander said.

"However, I didn't eat any of the cake."

When asked about how she felt about the concert as an end-of-the-year event, Melander said she didn't think of the concert as a "wrap up" because she was "coming back next year."

A reception followed the concert to celebrate Dr. Wallace Long's 20th year as a music professor at Willamette.

Beta makes music, food

By CHELSEA WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you saw signs and table tents around campus advertising the "End of the World," you read correctly. In an effort to bring the school year to a close with a bang, the members of Beta Theta Pi and Delta Gamma combined their efforts to throw a party for the whole campus.

On Tuesday, May 6, on Brown Field outside of the University Center, the Betas and Delta Gammas arranged to have three student bands and one solo musician play from 6 until 10 p.m., as well as several other fun activities.

While the Weezer cover band, Something Clever, Derby and soloist Ian Steger excited the crowd, there was a barbeque, catered by Bon Appetit and audience members participated in other activities such as croquet, flying disk, and football.

"The Weezer cover band is awesome," freshman Nate Allenby said. "I'd listen to them anytime. It's a shame that it's raining though."

Despite the occasionally drizzling rain, this event had



VICTORIA SAVERY

The Weezer Cover Band performed at the "End of the World."

a large turnout. The size of the crowd changed as people wandered in and out, but with all of the Betas, Delta Gammas, and curious passers-by, the crowd stayed at around 100 people.

This annual event has been taking place since the 1980s, though it was shut down for a few years due to the somewhat rowdy nature

of the event. This year, the organizers were current House Social Chairs junior Mike Ross of Beta and sophomore Vanessa Lyall of Delta Gamma.

The hardest aspect of organizing this party / concert, which has been in the works for the last three months, was the coordination of all of the different aspects of the event and all of the many people involved, according to Ross.

The party has traditionally been held in front of the Beta house, but this year the decision was made to move the event to Brown Field.

"The point is to open it to the whole campus, and to have it be an event that more people come to," Ross said.

In this aspect, the party was definitely a success. The crowd was composed of Willamette students of all different ages and interests, Greek and Independent, most of whom seemed to enjoy it immensely.

"We've been looking forward to it," sophomore Chelsea Bender of Delta Gamma said. "We get to go outside and play. I'm having a great time."



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Beta Trevor Newton served burgers to those who attended.

The Grapevine

Another year at Willamette has gone by, with its "ups" and "downs" in news — with things going up or falling down. In addition, some news is "for better or for worse."

Our observations this week cover just a few of the events that shaped our lives in the past year. Presenting... the Year in Review.

The "Downs"

Lausanne almost burned down in early fall. Now RAs really can insist with some legitimacy that "fires happen."

A student took a swan dive off a third floor Kaneko balcony (the day after the fire). The student landed almost completely unharmed — the tin roof he plummeted through couldn't say the same.

Oregon, already the hungriest state in the United States found itself in the midst of a budget crisis, cut the public school year by a month, in addition to cuts in such areas as law enforcement, fire, parks, libraries, and other social services.

Measure 28, which would have added to personal taxes to compensate, was defeated.

In national news, bombs fell down on Afghanistan, Iraq, and almost Syria, but we backed off, figuring we'd done enough damage.

The economy continued to slide down the tubes — typical.

The "Ups"

Tuition rose — again. This time, 5.2 percent.

This year saw the rise of the first-ever Willamette powwow, planned to be an annual tradition paralleling such events as the Lu'au and Wulapalooza.

A hot air balloon took off and landed in the quad as part of a Roots and Shoots celebration of Earth Day.

The football team ended up with a 6-4 record, turning 2002 into a winning season.

The up-and-coming club Freaks-n-Geeks came into its own, putting out an

underground 'zine called "Accidental Pornography."

Despite a two-year hiatus, the Chrysalis rose again, making its return in a small magazine format, complete with prose, poetry, and painted art.

Willamette Events Board also came up strong, hosting seemingly constant activities, including an outdoor showing of Spiderman, drive-in theater style.

The international community met the local when Archbishop Desmond Tutu got up and spoke, asserting that, "we are all family!"

For Better or for Worse

Following tradition, the end of the year saw several engagements and marriage proposals, particularly among seniors.

HHR and ASWU introduced the Collegiate Readership Program and it took off.

The senate will be organized by class next year, with each class having five representatives.

In a show of what some call "political apathy," several of the positions had no candidates and were decided by write-in.

In Other News

Only two of the four ASWU executive positions were contested, and they were settled by 25 total margin votes of the 642 votes cast.

Javin Martin beat out Andrew Cockrell by 16, and Charli Hancock beat Kara Pierce by 9. Voting took place entirely online.

The administration went through major reorganization.

Former Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer moved to Vice President of Administration. Marilyn Derby took over his former job, and former Dean Tori Haring-Smith laid down the CLA sword to become Vice President of Educational Affairs.

And, of course, the *Collegian* got color!

The Grapevine is written by the news editors.

Unidos por Fin celebrates Cinco de Mayo

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The Director of Multicultural Enrollment and Admissions Ramiro Flores advises the club, led by sophomore Diego Ochoa. Unidos' mission statement says, "United we stand as one strong familia. We share a unique bond of love and pride for our cultural heritage. We are determined to be la voz Latina at Willamette University."

The goals of the club are to: Strive to build diversity, express their cultural pride by sharing their heritage and to create a sense of

community with their peers, through the practice and conservation of their culture and ideals.

Throughout the year, Unidos had also planned the salsa dance, Día de los Muertos. "As a family, we try to do cultural events, and volunteer with the Latino community in Salem," Ochoa said.

"We wanted to do something with Unidos," freshman member of MEChA Carmen Porres said. "It is awesome to help with such a big celebration."

"I think people got a little bit of everything from this

event, but the most important things I would say were people coming together and an gaining insight into a different culture," Ochoa said.

Arredondo and freshman Francisco Hernandez are in charge of organizing volunteer work with Waldo Middle School in the Salem district. "We coordinate the Latino Club there every week on Tuesdays," Hernandez said.

Junior Alexis Gardner recently joined this semester. "(Unidos is) a way of including people to share culture and breaking down barriers," said Gardner.

Aid packages now available on computers

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To combat the issue, parents will be receiving a letter informing them of the new online processes.

"I think the majority of students at Willamette will take seriously our guidance and let their parents know about the transition," Eddy said. "There will still be a minority of students who will probably not communicate as well as we want to therefore it's important that we directly notify the parents ourselves."

Another major concern lies in students who will not have access to either the Internet or e-mail. To

address this issue, the office will be giving students the option of USPS mail. By June, the office hopes to send out an initial e-mail to all students notifying them of financial aid awards in which students can opt for snail mail. The office will be tracking responses from all students, and if a student does not respond to e-mail, the office will take the initiative and send paper documents.

"It will be really helpful for students to review their email for their initial award message," Eddy said. "We are more likely to have fewer confused students."



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Senior Thoughts

How do you describe the flavor of the class of 2003? It's impossible to bottle 332 unique graduates under one label, or pinpoint a single characteristic to represent so many different voices. But after four years, the contributions of this small class have made a distinct impression on this campus.

Administrators familiar with the students describe the character of the class of 2003 as full of creative fervor, adventurous, remarkably insightful, and dedicated to improving the quality of life at Willamette.

Director of Career Services Nancy Norton tells seniors: "I have, for most of your four years, referred to your class as the 'small, but power class.'"

The class started small, with 363 students in the fall of 1999. So when 23 percent of the class transferred out, mostly in the first two years, it was a big hit to the group.

Among graduates to walk May 18 are 261 from the entering class of '99, 44 transfer students and 27 who are graduating either in their third or fifth year of study.

Norton says she is awed by the class' accomplishments, notably seniors' 15 nominations to the Peace Corps — the third highest in

Oregon, and the highest among colleges our size in the western region.

A number of students also will live and teach English in Japan after graduation through the JET and KET programs, Norton said.

And seniors didn't walk the line when it came to students activities, according to Assistant Director of Student Activities Derek Morgan.

While most classes drop in involvement as their time at Willamette progresses, "Your class members seemed to get more involved as they went along," Morgan said.

He added that the class' ties are strong.

"You have a strong sense of community — you like each other and like to be together."

Dean of Campus Life Bob Hawkinson complimented the diversity of skills and interests among the senior class. "A lot of people might have majored in four or five different things," Hawkinson said.

He said the per-capita impact of the class feels extremely high.

"There's been a lot of quality focus to a lot of activities this class has done," he said.

Many voices and many lives are at a turning point.

Below, seniors share four year's worth of memories, regrets and advice — penultimate words of wisdom on the eve of graduation.



"Be happy!"

—Jenny Abbott



"Go abroad."

—Marisa Gant



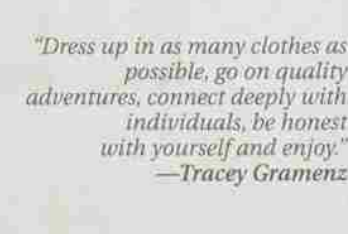
"You will study intensely, play hard, and laugh often," according to the admissions viewbook. Kurt Vonnegut said, "This campus is heaven on earth." They were right, and we'll miss life at Willamette.

—Leslie Radin



"God blessed me with selfless individuals to make this Willamette experience possible. Don't take this learning and growing opportunity for granted and appreciate the beauty everyday!"

—Katie Arntson



"Dress up in as many clothes as possible, go on quality adventures, connect deeply with individuals, be honest with yourself and enjoy."

—Tracey Gramenz



"As long as you can see the sky, there is adequate reason to be happy."

—Meghan Roberts



"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not be faint."

—Janice Belknap



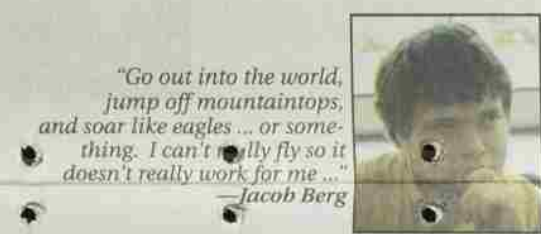
"Twenty years from now, you'll be disappointed about the things you didn't do, not the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the harbor. Explore. Dream."

—Mark Twain
—Marie Hogan



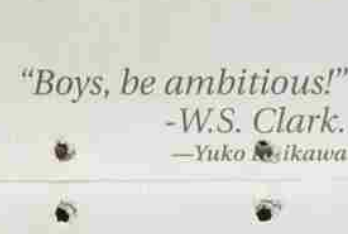
"Never stop searching. Strive to obtain truth and beauty in the most mundane of things, but never settle for mediocrity, for it will drown your spirit and leave it gasping for inspiration."

—Melissa Smith



"Go out into the world, jump off mountaintops, and soar like eagles ... or something. I can't really fly so it doesn't really work for me ..."

—Jacob Berg



"Boys, be ambitious!"

—W.S. Clark
—Yuko Kikawa



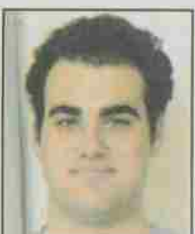
"Ah, the Cult of Quotation—why this penchant for bite-sized witticisms? Isn't sword collecting funny enough? What about unicycles, and bottled water? And duck mating?"

—Raul Moreno



"What a journey... Thank you to everyone who helped along the way. This place is home and I will miss it."

—Graeme F. Byrd



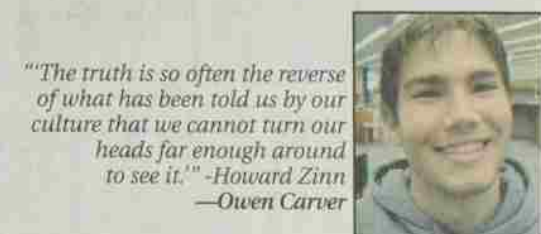
"Try not to get too stressed out. It's only college. Everything will be alright."

—Andrew Koch



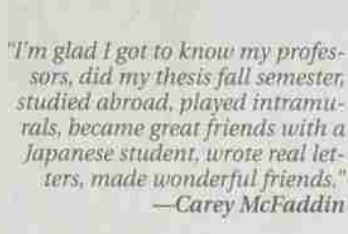
"It's not good, not bad, just different."

—Kat Theiss



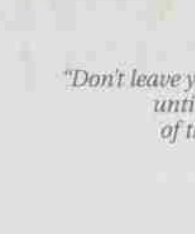
"The truth is so often the reverse of what has been told us by our culture that we cannot turn our heads far enough around to see it."

—Howard Zinn
—Owen Carver



"I'm glad I got to know my professors, did my thesis fall semester, studied abroad, played intramurals, became great friends with a Japanese student, wrote real letters, made wonderful friends."

—Carey McFaddin



"Don't leave your senior thesis until the last minute of the last semester."

—Martin Tuttle



"I'm not young enough to know everything."

—Oscar Wilde
—Ben Christiansen



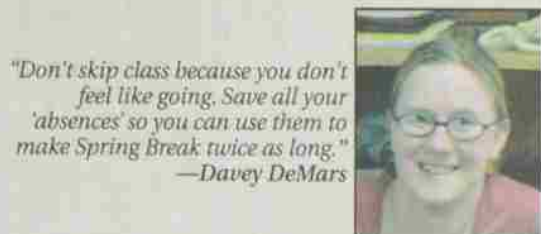
"People are important. Make the connection and ... you don't have to lie to make friends."

—Courtney McHill



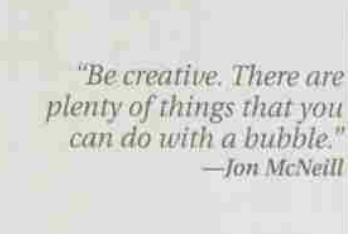
"The Dude abides."

—Andy Walter



"Don't skip class because you don't feel like going. Save all your 'absences' so you can use them to make Spring Break twice as long."

—Davey DeMars



"Be creative. There are plenty of things that you can do with a bubble."

—Jon McNeill



"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

—Jen Wiegman



"Keep it simple. Manage your time and get your work done. Meet as many new people as possible. And never settle for a damn thing you don't want!"

—AJ Franzke



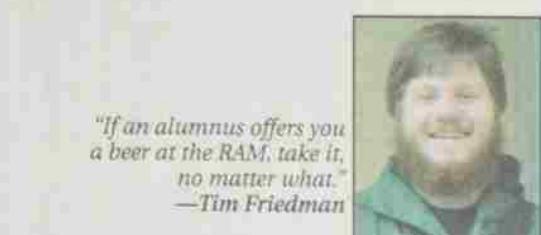
"Go to Take Back the Night, just once. Read the astounding No Logo, the disturbingly relevant 1984, the wickedly funny Transmetropolitan, and check out ProjectCensored.org. Question inequalities, speak truth to power."

—Katie Moody



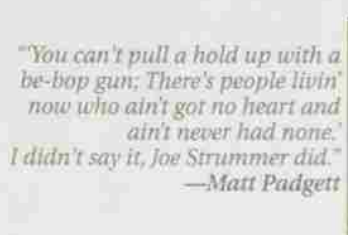
"Get in shape."

—Terrence Wong



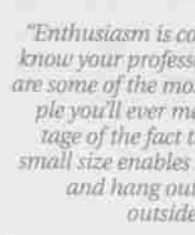
"If an alumnus offers you a beer at the RAM, take it, no matter what."

—Tim Friedman



"You can't pull a hold up with a be-bop gun; There's people livin' now who ain't got no heart and ain't never had none." I didn't say it, Joe Strummer did."

—Matt Padgett



"Enthusiasm is contagious. Get to know your professors because they are some of the most amazing people you'll ever meet. Take advantage of the fact that Willamette's small size enables students to chat and hang out with professors outside the classroom."

—Sun Yu

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OPINION

Break away from the limitations of fashion

By DANIELLE PAGE
STAFF WRITER

Style and fashion are the way people express themselves sometimes.

It's an outward indication of how people are feeling inside. I know Style File is a column, thus indicating an expression of opinion, but I believe that Style File has the potential to be less frivolous if it is more encompassing of the many styles prevalent outside of

Willamette, and different from what we are inundated with by the media.

High fashion only sells to a small percent of the world, seeing as the majority (who often make the clothes) can't afford to buy them with a month's worth of salary.

For those of us who are fortunate enough to care about what we put on, we should



DANIELLE PAGE

realize that clothing is extraneous.

They are materials we wear to sometimes cover our imperfections.

Some use clothing as a mask. People hide behind their flashy boots or accessories.

Clothing is a distraction from what is really there. It hides character, or enhances it, or even gives people a new persona.

Bottom line, it cannot display what it hides and covers and all of the valuable attributes humans harbor. All of the things that have true meaning.

Clothing is society whispering in your ear and embedding itself into our subconscious, eventually taking over our conscious and conscience. Before we know it, we're on autopilot, buying things because *Cosmopolitan* or *Bazaar* told us it is the hippest way to look hot for spring.

The clothing that we so readily buy ends up deciding for us who we are, or who we are to become.

Clothes end up manufacturing us, synthesizing, and ultimately homogenizing us. Then downsizing our creative abilities, and roboticizing us, by making us free billboards.

Sigh. Let's just all become nudists.

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Opposing Viewpoints PART 2 OF 2

Free markets are tyranny

By KATIE DESMOND &
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In *The Great Transformation*, Karl Polanyi envisioned a more socially responsive and just economic system rising from the ashes of fascism. He argued against the idea that the market economy and self-interest should dictate human well being.

Such an ethic could only result in fascism, poverty, and the loss of freedom (except for those few who benefited from the market).

Privatization, deregulation, rollback of the social-welfare state, and the suppression of wages, represent the rise of a global market-rule ethic.

These neoliberal strategies are designed to externalize costs.

For the beneficiaries of market-rule, transnational capitalist classes, it matters little who eventually pays the costs of doing business as long as it does not cut growth or profits.

Gone are the days of enlightened capitalism that saw state management of capitalist crisis and amelioration of that system's worst effects.

In many ways we are experiencing a return to the

bold-faced and unapologetic capitalist world of the early 20th century, when human security was left to market whim.

Liberal reformism has been cast aside, replaced by market rule.

(Market-rule) has successfully transformed basic human rights, self-determination, food, health, housing, and a safe, clean environment, into privileges.

Those on the receiving end of market rule have been victimized by downward pressures on wages and workers' rights through an overt attack on unions.

In the deregulated global marketplace corporations can move if docile and inexpensive workers are to be found elsewhere while CEOs award themselves generous bonuses and push for tax cuts on their wealth.

Further, after decades of environmental advances, nature is once again viewed as a sink for the wastes of capitalist growth and resource for building short-term profit margins.

Economist Amartya Sen

argues that where market-rule leads to increased levels of income for the poor, human insecurity also increases as state services are axed.

Environmental destruction wreaks havoc as the natural world is cashed in for economic growth.

Evidence indicates that market induced roll back of state services and the imposition of user fees has increased both gender and health inequalities.

Market-rule succeeds when it externalizes the cost of doing business. It has successfully transformed basic human rights, self-determination, food, health, housing, and a safe, clean environment, into privileges.

Democracy has been replaced with what Noam Chomsky accurately describes as a "virtual parliament of investors."

Market-rule translates into inequalities in political power.

With the rise of the neoliberal project, we have reached a point in which the self-interested barbarism of the market guides social policy.

Katie Desmond is a professor of politics. Paul Vaughn is a PhD Candidate at Northern Arizona University.

A risk worth taking

An editorial in the April 30th edition of the Collegian called the Residential Commons program a "risky scheme." I would have to agree. I disagree, however, with the view that the plan is "too risky."



JENN HEIDT

After two years on the Implementation Squad (the WU committee of students, administrators, faculty, and alumni who are working to research, develop and implement the Commons system), I am convinced that, while the transition years will undoubtedly be difficult, Willamette will experience unprecedented rewards from this "risk": stronger community; individual governance, responsibility, and accountability; much improved facilities; affordability; and class coherence (among many other spectacular opportunities).

While the editorial raised valid concerns, common misperceptions were expressed as well. The Commons plan seems "too risky" because the Commons model is being applied to the Willamette we know right now—an environment in which the plan would indeed fall short.

The beauty of this model, however, is that Willamette is going to change—old WU feeling minus the patriarchy. Residence Life? Scratch it. RAs? No more. While there will be a "federal judicial branch" to

deal with serious infractions such as rape, we foresee issues such as drinking, quiet hours, and the like to be dealt with by peer boards under a friendlier process.

RAs will become Preceptors under the new model, which means enhanced programming, better peer relationships, and none of the parent-like policing. So, as for the editorial's arguments about seniors being monitored by "the man" and not being able to afford housing (WU will offer competitive pricing and more flexible meal plans, by the way), I ask that we stop trying to shove the design into our current WU model.

It's discouraging that so many people are working off of ancient models of the Commons system. It is our responsibility as students, faculty, or staff to stay well informed about the changes that will affect us or the people/places we care about.

Check out the website: <http://www.willamette.edu/depart/campuslife>. Gather your questions. Contact the Squad. Interrogate. But please don't pass around misinformation ... find out the truth. It's a risk but it's a risk worth taking.

Jennifer Heidt is sophomore in the CLA and a member of the Implementation Squad, a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

EDITORIAL

Grassroots Goudy Guerrillas: Stop the waste, feed the poor

A strange phenomenon goes on inside Goudy around finals time.

Students, realizing they have \$70 left on their board plan and two days left of school, buy flats and flats of Mountain Dew, bags of Doritos and every other non-perishable foodstuff they can get their hands on, amassing an Imelda Marcos-like excess of food in their rooms.

Si a Mogahadezien remembers a student with 370 board plan points leftover buying flat after endless flat of SoBe.

Why do we do this? We don't want to waste our food points.

Yet in buying massive stockpiles of junk food, we pretty much are.

The employees of Bon Appetit hate to see this waste as much as we do. Luckily, we can stop it from happening.

As the year winds down, do something good for the world — let us change the way we spend our excess board plan points.

Many students end the year with a great excess of board plan points, thinking that they will rollover to the next school year.

This is untrue. Bon Appetit absorbs the profit.

This year, lets organize and start a revolution of sorts, a grassroots food redistribution program.

Viva la revolución!

There are some compelling reasons to organize against wasted board plan credits.

Most importantly, Oregon has the dubious distinction

of being the hungriest state in the nation.

A great many of the hungry are children and fami-

households live with hunger due to insufficient money for food.

This is the worst rate in the country.

As you leave to escape Salem for the summer, or if you are really lucky, to stick around, befriend your Salem neighbors with one act.

It is simple: Go to Goudy and ask a Bon Appetit employee what types of food are available to purchase in bulk.

They will take you back to the "grocery room," which is pretty fun in itself, and show you what is available to purchase with board plan points.

They have everything from peanut butter, to pasta, to dry cereal to bulk

canned foods.

It is possible to purchase food desperately needed by area shelters with this money you would otherwise waste.

So use your extra card money to buy bulk, non-perishable food and take it to the bin in the front of Goudy marked "Goudy Guerrillas."

The Collegian will take the food to the Union Gospel Mission and the Marion-Polk County Food share, both of which accept almost any kind of food donation, though processed, packaged foods are easiest to distribute.

If every Willamette student with extra money on their board plan used it to buy healthy bulk food from Goudy, as opposed to Doritos and soda to waste, it could feed hundreds of our Salem neighbors.

Think of it as Guerrilla warfare on chronic food waste.

How to be a Goudy Guerrilla

-Ask a Goudy employee about using your extra card points to donate food to charity. Peanut butter, cereal pasta, canned food or any other non-perishable bulk food is useful.

-Drop the non-perishable goods in the Goudy Guerrilla bin in the U.C., sponsored by the Collegian.

-The Collegian will donate the food to Marion-Polk County food share or the Union Gospel Mission.

lies.

A recent report by the Oregon Hunger Commission found that children and families are most likely to need emergency food.

In fact, 53 percent of the households receiving emergency food are households with children.

Twenty-one percent of households with children reported that their children had to cut or skip meals, and 39 percent of these households reported this happened every month.

Seventy-one percent of respondents said they worry at least sometimes where their next meal is coming from. 60,000 children need emergency food in an average month.

In our county alone, it is estimated that one in four children live hungry.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that 5.8 percent of all Oregon

Theriault Talk

This is my last Theriault Talk column, (single tear) and for better or for worse, writing this column has shaped my sophomore year at Willamette.

In fact, many administrators and faculty now know that I celebrated Halloween for three days in a row by drinking beer in a pregnant woman costume. Next year, the Opinions Editor torch is being passed to the very capable and highly Alaskan Kevin Boots, who has promised me he will write a column called "Boot Up Your Ass" in lieu of Theriault Talk.

This year at Willamette has been full of highs and lows for me, and you have gotten to/been forced to hear about lots of them. Mistakes were made. Lessons were learned.

I got 17 parking tickets, and towed once. Lesson: holy war against Campus Safety will not end with a glorious revolution. It will end with you buying a parking permit and paying a lot of fines. Luckily, I made up with Campus Safety



MICHELLE THERIAULT

and am now an unofficial Campus Safety sweetheart.

I "played" intramural soccer and didn't get even one concussion or score even one goal! Lesson: have reached the quota of team sports

participation for rest of life. Time to go back to faking asthma all the time. I accidentally dyed my hair pornstar blonde. Lesson: don't let anyone in Salem put peroxide on your scalp, unless interested in world of adult films.

So, in summary, it's been a great year. We drank a lot of beer, we read a lot of books, we had a lot of good times together, my dear readers. And now, I must share my final triumph of the year with you: I finally figured out how to do that crazy Scandinavian accent thing on the computer, completing a several-year-long mission. It has been a year of growth and discovery, indeed. Thanks for coming along for the ride.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS

I greatly appreciated the article in last week's Collegian about Labyrinth walking and its potential benefits for spiritual seekers of all kinds.

I would like to offer a clarification, if I may. I am quoted as saying that many of us are spiritual but not religious; I think this is true for some of the Willamette community and for the Pacific Northwest; I must hasten to add, however, that I would identify myself as both spiri-

tual and religious.

I have found a welcoming home in religious institutions, but I also know that institutions do not meet everyone's spiritual needs.

One reason for my enthusiasm for the Labyrinth is that it can be useful in discernment and meditation for those who self-identify as religious and for those who do not belong to a particular religious community but seek the spirit in their lives.

Karen Wood, Associate Chaplain for Vocational Exploration.

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SPORTS

Athletes honored

Racing until the end

By DON CONDRY
STAFF WRITER

The Bearcat women's team finished their regular season with strong performances last weekend at the Division III qualifying races and the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships. Soon they will find out if their season has earned them a bid to nationals.

The top two Division III women's crews on the West Coast are Willamette and the University of Puget Sound, though it is likely that only one of these schools will qualify for nationals.

"We've had some really good races this year against UPS," senior Emily Caruso said. "Going into last weekend, they were probably a little bit ahead of us in the race for the bid to nationals."

The Division III qualifying races on Friday produced a stalemate between the two schools. In the race between

Crew

each schools' top boat, Willamette's Varsity Eight took second while the UPS Varsity Eight took first. The results were opposite in the race between the second Varsity Eights.

The Bearcats greatly improved their national hopes with a strong showing at the WIRA championships on Saturday. As the 11th seeded boat, the Varsity Eight exceeding expectations by making the Grand Final. They ended up taking fifth place, ahead of UPS and several bigger schools. The women's second Varsity Eight won the petite final, also finishing ahead of UPS.

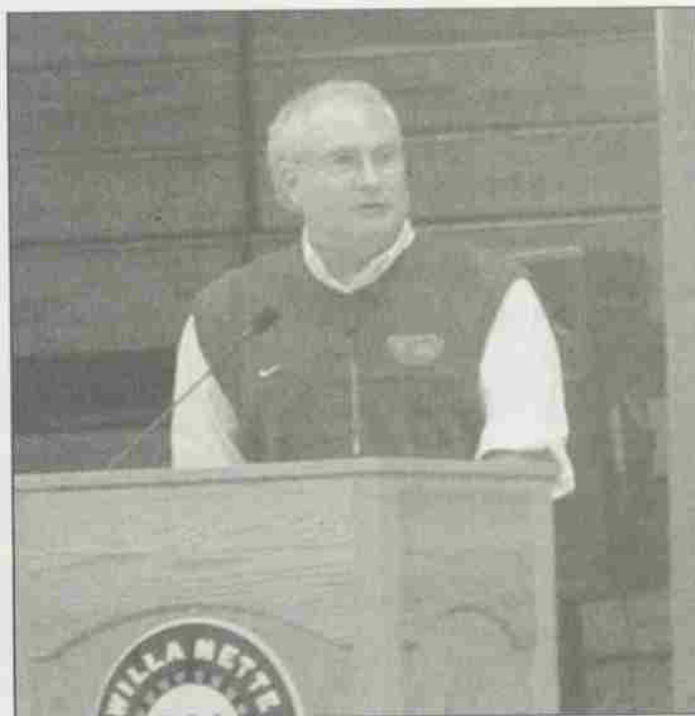
While Caruso was optimistic that last week's performance gives the Bearcats a good shot at nationals, she was cautious when talking about the subject. "We were given the national bid last year and,

due to injuries and a lack of team depth, we didn't go," she said. "That may hurt us this year in the committee's eyes."

Unlike many bigger crews, the Bearcat women have relied on several novice rowers to step in and row in the varsity boats. Their solid performance this year was not lost on Caruso. "Crew is a tough sport to learn," she said. "For these girls to step right in and contribute in a varsity boat is indicative of their dedication and ability, as well as the strength of our program."

So now the Bearcats play the waiting game. According to Coach Rodney Mott, they should find out if they make nationals by today.

Regardless of the result, Caruso believes that this year's team is better than last years. "Our times are better, and we are a deeper team," she said. "Even if we don't make nationals, we can take pride in the fact that we've competed hard and improved."



ERIC LAM

Coach Mark Speckman honors seniors for their final year on the football field.

By TOM KARNES
STAFF WRITER

Cone Field House hosted Willamette's second annual Athletics Awards Program on Saturday as both coaches and players recognized achievements from throughout the season.

After opening remarks by Athletics Director Mark Majeski and President M. Lee Pelton, the ceremony shifted to Willamette's coaching staff for the remainder of the proceedings. As the program made its way through each season of Willamette athletics, the emphasis was put on departing seniors and the

level of commitment that is need to hold a position as both a student and an athlete.

Women's soccer coach Jim Tursi commented on the role athletics can play in a senior athlete's collegiate experience. "Because of student athletes' extra time and effort, student athletes, in my opinion, are more likely to have better pride in their university."

It gives them a closer connection to that "Bearcat" identity and pride that often times keeps them connected to the university for a lifetime."

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Three break records

By DAN HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Senior Kasey Sorenson began the extraordinary day with a provisional qualifying and record breaking toss of (150'1") in the hammer throw at the Linfield Invitational.

"It's really nice to finally hit these marks, my junior year was rather stagnant," Sorenson said.

Although she has qualified provisionally, only the top 16 hammer throwers compete at nationals, and so she hopes to improve within the next few weeks.

Later, junior Jazzmin Reece and freshman Nick Symmonds set school records in front of a crowd of

Track and Field

3,300 people at the University of Oregon.

Reece placed fifth in the 100 meter hurdles with a provisionally qualifying time of 15.08 seconds.

She would like to improve this time to secure a place at nationals but said she is also "really happy" with her progress thus far this season.

"We have a firm, tight-knit coaching staff, and I appreciate the time all the volunteer coaches have committed," Reece said, who also hopes to qualify in the heptathlon.

Symmonds competed in the final event, the prestigious Bill McChesney Jr. Memorial Twilight Mile, and

won it in a remarkable time of 4:03.85.

This converts to a 3:45 in the 1,500 meters, which eclipses the old school record of 3:51 that David Fleming set in 1980.

The time also qualifies Symmonds automatically for nationals and is among the nation's fastest for a freshman at any level.

"I hung in the back for most of the race, but I made a surge in the second to last lap to move up in the pack, and made a final move with about 150 meters," Symmonds said.

"The race went out fast, and I was behind for most of it, but I held on and managed to pass Mike McGrath with 80 meters to go."

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REVIEW

You'll have to pry my open mic out of my cold, dead hands

If we have crossed paths in the last week, I put my hamster's life on it that I have introduced you to my best friend Vondra who is visiting this week. Vondra Suzanne Cael is the reason I learned being a stress-ball doesn't help you get better grades. Vondra Suzanne Cael is the reason I remember the word jolly exists.

Vondra Suzanne Cael is also the reason, however, I missed all but 10 minutes of the last Open Mic. Playing get-ahead on my homework foiled me again. Blimey papers.

All of this matters, you see, because if Open Mic were the second amendment, I would be Charlton Heston. My go-go gadget college radar tells me Open Mic is as valuable as the stranger who plugs your expired parking meter. Missing the last Open Mic, for me, meant at least 5 minutes sleeping time was lost to wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Open Mic is worth that emotional energy because it is just absolutely crucial to stitching the groggy/disconnected feeling that is the Willamette social scene. All too often we get so secure in our own group of friends: fraternity brothers, fellow runners, the other politics



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majors, etc., that we do not even acknowledge the existence of other's as we pass them on campus.

Open Mic provides a forum to move people into each other's lives. The person you thought about smiling

at as you passed them today is now doing a rendition of your favorite song, acoustic-style. The person you opened the door for but didn't make eye contact with today now has a shoulder tightly packed against yours.

Open Mic matters, number one because it gives people a way to share themselves in a way people are interested in taking time out to hear, and number two because it creates an environment that often eases self-constructed social boundaries.

If Vondra hadn't forgotten to wear a belt on the first day of history class in 1999 and not had plumber's butt, that first laugh that started our friendship might have never happened. If student's had ever forgotten to take time out of an every-so-often Thursday to express themselves and branch out to the gift of other's, Open Mic might have been the last casualty to Willamette's "misguided sociality." Faith is still alive.

Viva la revolución.



ERIC LAM

Sophomore Hunter Burns watches junior Lisa Oakley.

'X2' does the job

Jon: The biggest movie event of the year (until "Matrix: Reloaded" hits a cinema near you on May 15) has resulted in — more importantly — the biggest column of our young careers! How are we going to fill the space?

Jeff: Let's talk about the movie! For starters, I enjoyed it more than the last one — but I'm not sure if it had any lasting impact.

I felt that there were opportunities to really use the film in evolving the comic book movie genre. However, some of the themes were too clunky.

They did not effectively move past where the first one began. For example, the allusions to homosexuality could have been dealt with in a more genuine manner.

Jon: Allusions to homosexuality?

Jeff: Yeah. Like the scene in which Iceman "comes out" to his parents that he's a mutant; it's actually one of the better instances of drawing parallels to themes that are relevant in the real world.

Jon: I thought that that particular sequence was played as a joke in the way that the parents worded their part of the conversation: "Have you ever tried ... not being a mutant?" but I didn't think that this was part of a greater theme of homosexuality — except for all that prancing around in tights that they do.

In fact, I thought that the way the writers of the film (all five of them) drew these comparisons to real life was one of "X2"'s main strengths.

Such a fantastical storyline benefited from these ways to ground it in real experience.

Racism, intolerance, and

even the recent Middle East conflict had resonances in the film, and I felt that it was stronger because of them. You disagree?

Jeff: First of all, Sir Ian McKellen (Magneto) has said that one of the reasons he signed on for the films was

because he feels strong parallels to his experiences as a homosexual.

Director Bryan Singer used a hodge-podge of themes but didn't really develop any to the point where people were forced to rethink their views. There were parallels, but they weren't lasting.

Jon: That's interesting that McKellen

said that, and I can see how the idea of being subjugated

or feeling different based on one's uniqueness definitely plays a part in X-Men's appeal — most everyone at one time or another feels that way.

That's why Stan Lee's creations have lasted for so long: many people can identify with them, whether they are actually in a minority, or just feeling that way.

But I don't think that Singer or the writers did a poor job of making that fact clear—it is implicit in the characters and not necessary to spend more explicit effort explaining.

I don't think "X2" or the X-Men in general will be used as instigators for changing people's minds, I think that they can be used as refuges for people who

feel a little different.

Jeff: Fair enough.

Jon: You're giving up?

Jeff: No, but I don't like to go to bed angry. I really did like this movie; I was just hoping for more of those political themes to be present.

It's probably the Politics major in me. One element that was expertly exploited

was Brian Cox (for an explanation of his films, see our "25th Hour" review). I love that guy.

Jon: Definitely. I don't feel like mentioning how good he is, but suffice to say, he is one of the most underrated actors who always has a presence in the films that he

plays in.

His part in "X2," as a wealthy third-party force intent on ridding the world of all mutants, raises this nerd-action flick above other movies that Marvel has sponsored recently ("Daredevil," etc).

He becomes the evil force in "X2," which moves Magneto and his mutant followers into a much more interesting position in the mythology.

Magneto becomes that charismatic villain that everybody knows is bad, but sometimes roots for anyway. Sometimes, even, we come close to agreeing with Magneto's stance.

These are the most intriguing bad guys, the almost-enticing ones, the Hannibal Lecters. Kudos to "X2" for not just settling for one villain.

The movie is much richer with two.

Jeff: Yup.

FILM

X2

DIRECTOR

Bryan Singer

STARRING

Hugh Jackman

Halle Berry

Patrick Stewart

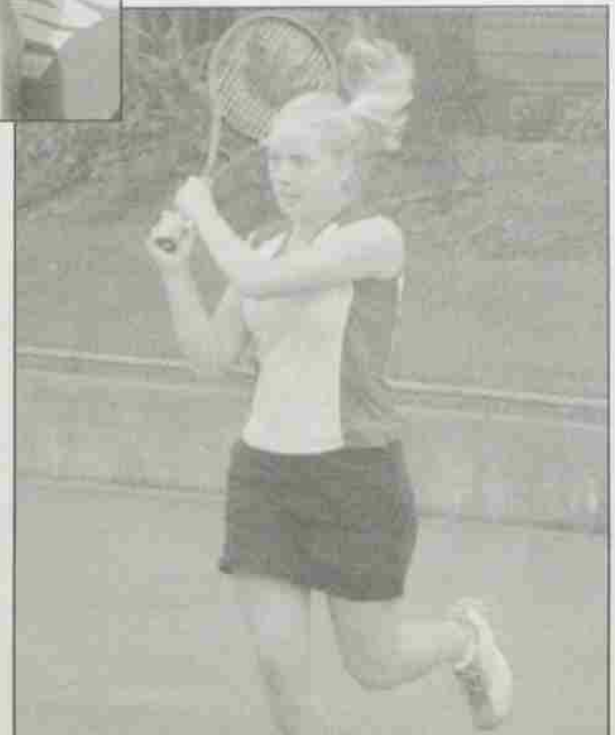
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- ♦ Track going strong into Nationals
- ♦ Golf: NWC champions
- ♦ Club Lacrosse ratchets up

- competition
- ♦ Mens' Basketball: second in NWC
- ♦ Softball finishes third in conference
- ♦ Womens' Crew #1 in Western Region

Season ends, seniors finish IMs

By KATIE ARNTSON
SPORTS EDITOR

Despite the wet Salem spring weather, the intramural programs finished up their seasons, and seniors finished up their intramural athletic careers.

Team Terrance upset the Rainbows in grass volleyball and the Faddis team won the Ultimate League.

Bruce Mace, Willamette's director of campus recreation, noted that the basketball league was a highlight of the semester with over 35 teams competing.

Other highlights included the debut of competitive Scrabble at Willamette with 25 people testing their word knowledge. The video game league, indoor soccer, dodgeball and wiffleball tournaments were successful new additions to the collection of events put together by Mace and the student directors.

According to Mace, "the student supervisors took ownership and did a great job," and without their beliefs in themselves and the program, the year would not

have been as great as it was.

Senior Carey McFaddin, a student coordinator of intramurals, recalled two of her most vivid memories from this year in intramural sports:

- One night during IM basketball season, two IM employees had to go to the hospital to get stitches for injuries suffered during the game.

- Nuts from the trees on the quad posed a problem during soccer season when they fell right on the sideline and linemen often slipped on them.

McFaddin also talked about her team, the Faddis, who have been together for four years. They have kept some of the same team members for all three seasons every year, while adding new team members. The Faddis tradition will be continued by McFaddin's brother freshman Read McFaddin.

"Our name came from my lack of creativity on coming up with a name, so we were 'Team McFaddin' ... then a few people came up with 'The Faddis' after that, particularly

because my email is cmcfaddi and the name stuck," Carey McFaddin said.

Senior Tracey Gramenz, a member of the Faddis, when asked about her four years participating in IM sports, said that it was "probably the best thing that could have happened to me at Willamette. If I didn't play IMs, I would have sat isolated and alone in my room."

Gramenz described how the Faddis have changed their style over the years. The Faddis first year, they wore plastic lei, another year they had t-shirts and this year they wore headbands that said "Faddis."

Gramenz thought a highlight of this year was awarding her coach Carey a trophy for her four years of her invaluable leadership.

IM coordinators next year will be freshmen Kristin Kutara, Read McFaddin, and Jessi Todd. Look to Intramurals next year for more creative tournaments, well-organized leagues, and a little ol' fashioned competition.

Spikes set for summer



COURTESY OF KYLA KILANTANG

Senior IM Team manager Vince Sivas supervises the heated grass volleyball championship.

Records fall to track athletes

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His time was 18 seconds faster than the time he set in high school just one year ago, and close to the magic four-minute mile that distinguishes many of the greatest distance runners of all time.

"My career goal is to break four minutes, but I gave it all I could on Saturday, and I am extremely happy," Symmonds said.

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NICK SYMMONDS
FRESHMAN

He has also qualified in the 800 meters, but will focus on the 1500 meters at nationals, in what promises to be one of the best Division III races ever. Eighteen Willamette track and field athletes have currently qualified provisionally for nation-

als, but the exact number of entries will not be determined until soon before the meet, which takes place the May 23-25.

Sports in memoriam

As the sun begins to shine once again and finals loom on the horizon, sports at Willamette are coming to an end. Despite the lack of success in the post season by Bearcat teams, the 2002-2003



STEVE
ALBAUGH

year was truly one to remember in Willamette athletics. All this year's action was a product of solid team play, but we cannot forget the seniors that helped make this year's sports so magical.

For instance, men's soccer would not have been the same without the flow of Matt Snodgrass' hair, the anger of Mike Ott or the quiet confidence of Mike Semenza, while football would have been at a loss without standout running back Drew Ecklund.

In the winter, an era in

men's basketball came to an end, as first-team all-league point guard Ryan Hepp and high flying forward Marcus Johnson will leave the confines of Cone Field House and accept their degrees,

along with star wing Rosie Contrí, who anchored the women's b-ball team this season. Honestly, I never thought I would see the day B.J. Wright and Bryan Ruttkay would leave the pool, and it brings a tear to my eye knowing that catcher Darcy Hertel will not be behind home plate for the softball team.

It is because of athletes like these that no one will forget such events as the women's soccer team getting snubbed out of the playoffs or the double overtime victory over Lewis and Clark by

the men's basketball team. These are the moments that will be remembered for years to come, by not only the players who experienced them, but also the lucky fans that were along for the ride.

As you can tell, it hurts me to write this last column; not only because come next week I will be out of a job, but also because I will be forced to cover Salem-Keizer Volcanoes baseball for the summer. For now I hang up my paper and pen, and am left to wonder who will be the next break-away running back, gravity-defying power forward or sub-four-minute miler I can write pointless articles about.

These are all questions to be answered next year, but I say thank you to all the senior athletes that made my job so fun.

Steve Albaugh is a junior in the College of Liberal Arts.

Awards honor departing seniors

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Beyond their direct contributions to athletic ability, seniors often fill vital leadership roles within their teams.

On and off the field, the success of a team can be closely attributed to the number of and degree of involvement from its seniors.

"Seniors always provide a lot of direction for the younger players to follow," freshman football player Kevin Dean said.

"They really exhibit the type of properties that guys will try to fill as they develop as players. The football team has definitely had some great seniors this year and I think that it has helped our team a lot."

For many senior athletes, athletics has been a significant element in their collegiate experience since freshman

year. As the pressures of graduation can often define a student's senior year, athletics helps establish important support groups that help maintain a level of sanity and perspective throughout.

"Athletics has played a huge and important role in my senior year and throughout my college experience," senior cross country and track athlete Amber Emery said.

"I came to Willamette with specific intention to run both seasons. My experiences here have led me to realize that I want to be a part of the Track and Field community for many years to come."

The Willamette Men's Athlete of the year went to senior football and baseball player Drew Ecklund.

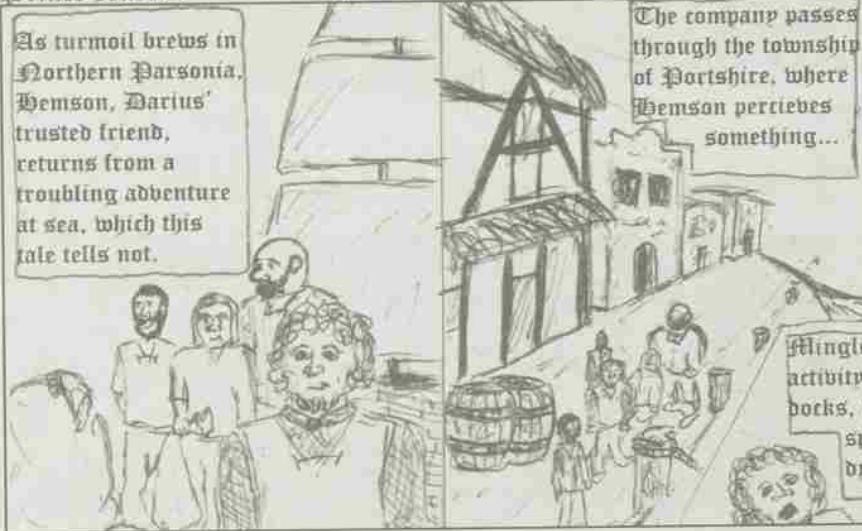
The Women's Athlete of the year award went to senior rower Aubrey Merryman.

COMICS

Prince Darius

By P. William

As turmoil brews in Northern Parsonia, Hemson, Darius' trusted friend, returns from a troubling adventure at sea, which this tale tells not.



The company passes through the township of Portshire, where Hemson perceives something...

The gull's death-throes are an ill omen...



Next Week: Precious Cargo

Mingled with the activity of the docks, Hemson spies a spying seabird.



THE WU SIDE BY BYGINA JOHNSON

Aw.... Could they BE any cuter?



But you know something awful? Every year, they're cut down by Willamette lawnmowers...

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Oh, brother.


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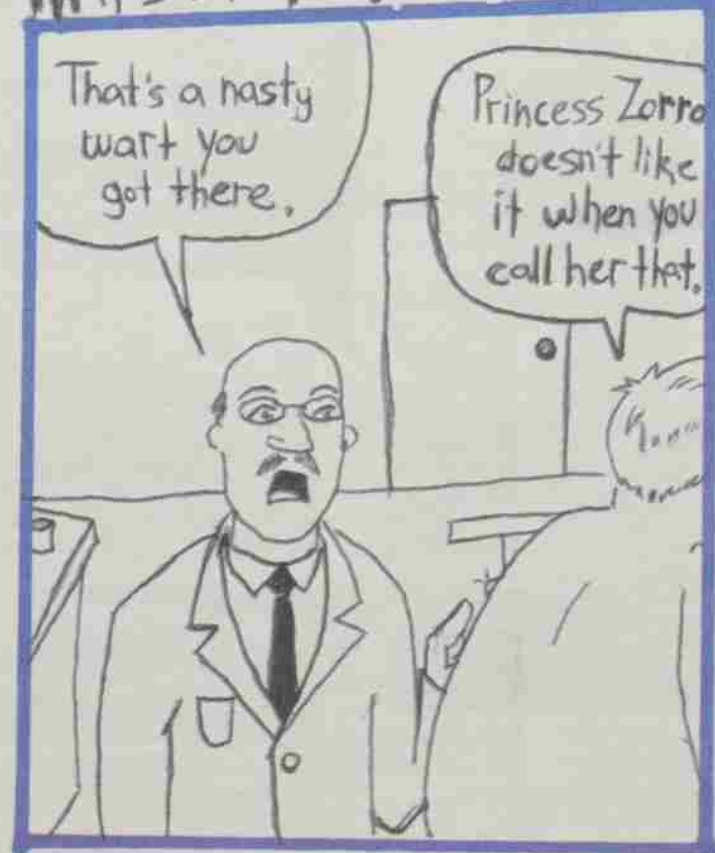


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