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Safe Rides abused, canceled

By BEN NYSTROM
STAFF WRITER

Safe Rides was suspended last week due to abuse of the system by a small group of students who incurred almost \$200 in cab fare in two weekends.

The new Willamette program offered students cab rides back to school from parties where they felt uncomfortable or were otherwise unable to return safely.

The university would have been unable to continue the service due to the cost of the cab rides amassed by the abusers over the past two weekends.

Conceived last summer and instituted this fall, Safe Rides was meant to give Willamette students an opportunity to escape possibly dangerous situations

without the possibility of Campus Safety involvement.

Two student dispatchers would take calls on Friday and Saturday nights from students who felt they were in possibly threatening situations.

The dispatchers then called a cab company who picked up the students and returned them to campus.

Sophomore Tasha Shapiro, one of the ASWU senators responsible for Safe Rides, said its creators wanted a program that was not directly connected to the university.

"We wanted a program that was as far away from the school [as possible]," Shapiro said.

"This program was Willamette's attempt to help people make responsible decisions."

However, the program was not used responsibly.

"A very small group of students used the cab service as a party shuttle. It was obvious in the bill," Shapiro said.

The absence of the program could have detrimental effects not only on Willamette, but the Salem community as well, Shapiro said.

Safe Rides received 18 calls on one Saturday, prior to the weekends Safe Rides was abused.

This suggests that the program was working smoothly and correctly at one time.

"It's unfortunate that it was abused and students aren't able to utilize it anymore," senior Nancy Nelson

said. "It's a good resource. Campus Safety wasn't involved and students could get home safely."

Senior Aaron Cavin felt that the suspension was a hasty decision.

"It's ridiculous that they should cancel it after such a short period of time. I'm glad our school is encouraging drunk driving," Cavin said.

Shapiro stressed that Safe Rides is not cancelled permanently, and that the system was abused by only a small group of students.

"What's important is that this is a temporary suspension, not a shut down," Shapiro said.

Safe Rides is a university-

funded program. ASWU gave the program roughly \$1500 for the year.

Shapiro and others were forced to suspend the program when almost 15% of that funding was spent in only two weeks.

The future of Safe Rides is uncertain, but Shapiro affirms that it will be up and running again.

The new program, however, will most likely be stricter and with more university involvement.

"A lot of kinks need to be worked out. A lot of it has to do with [Willamette's] liability," Shapiro said.

Though the return of Safe Rides has no definite date yet, Shapiro was optimistic.

"I don't want to make any promises at this point, [but] I'm almost positive that next semester there will be a new program."

"This program was Willamette's attempt to help people make responsible decisions."

TASHA SHAPIRO
SOPHOMORE

Students react to military strikes

By AVI KATZ
STAFF WRITER

Four weeks after the tragedies in New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania, the United States has taken military actions against Taliban targets in Afghanistan.

This past Sunday and Monday, the United States launched air strikes that in the words of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld were "very successful in hitting two or three dozen military targets."

United States F-16's and battle carriers launched cruise missiles at the cities of Kandahar, Jalabad, Herat and the capital of Kabul. U.S. C-17 aircraft have also been dropping food aid to refugees within the troubled region.

With the United States also claiming that military actions might be taken on other nations who harbor terrorists, conversations at

Willamette have turned toward the recent actions.

Several students weighed in on the military strikes, offering their views and opinions about the developments.

"There could have been so many other ways to resolve [this]," said junior Yuji Haraduchi. "Lots of countries from all over the world would have other ways to solve this," he said.

"The Afghan people have been oppressed and perhaps the aid shipments are a way to signal our support for their fate."

Freshman Jacob Doherty added his thoughts about the recent attacks. "I understand the need to 'fight back' but I wonder if we could not have done something to ensure that the Afghan people will not be harmed by this."

Other students shared their opinions about the balance factor in the air strikes.

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Senate passes budget

By BRIAN HALEY
STAFF WRITER

The Senate convened last Thursday to pass 2001 ASWU Fall Budget Package, after the previous vote was deemed invalid by junior Speaker of the Senate Geoff Winkler earlier in the week.

It had been suspected that the earlier vote was erroneous when three people who participated in the vote were not voting members of the Senate.

The final vote was 18 in favor of passing the proposed budget, one in opposition and eight votes abstaining.

Throughout the night there was a general feeling that the Senate's top priority was to get the budget passed.

Many of Willamette's clubs and organizations were awaiting the outcome of Thursday night's vote to see if and when they would receive the requested funds in order to begin their planned activities for the year.

"[We] need to get the budget passed tonight. Without it the clubs will not receive the funding they so desperately need to be effective," junior senator Jacob Berg said.

The results of this year's budget have left more than one student organization short of where they hoped to be financially.

This year Willamette's clubs and organizations requested \$94,717.43 from ASWU, though only \$60,533.98 was available.

According to ASWU Vice President of Finance Andrew Cockrell, there were no biases used to decide which organizations would not receive the full amount of funds.

"During Finance Committee deliberations, members with unjust and biased views [towards a club or organization] leave the room," Cockrell said.

In recent years the Senate has had difficulties providing funds for new clubs that would form throughout the year.

Because all available

funds are disbursed at the beginning of the semester by the Senate, no money was available for new clubs.

In an effort to provide needed funds for the many new clubs and organizations that are created over the course of the year, the ASWU Finance Office has created a new "recycling" system this year.

This system breaks the year up into four quarters. The funds that are not spent by existing clubs and organizations in the requested quarter are to be recycled back into the Willamette community.

The next quarter, they are given to the new clubs and organizations that crop up throughout the year.

Another purpose of the "recycling system" is to help meet the needs of existing clubs that did not receive sufficient funding at the beginning of the semester.

For the clubs that did not receive ample funding, Cockrell recommends two possible courses of action.

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Sigma Chi cleans beaches

By BECCA LEGG
STAFF WRITER

Sigma Chi went to the beach this Saturday. Not to catch some sun or surf the waves, but to pick up trash. About 30 Sigma Chis and friends of the house spent two hours cleaning up the beaches Saturday in Pacific City as a part of the Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup.

Junior Zack Cesarz, Sigma Chi's Environmental Chair, organized the event. He was inspired to do more than just recycle cans, and "rallied the troops" behind the beach cleanup, according to junior

BJ Wright, president of Sigma Chi. "It's good for the chapter anytime that we get together as a group. If we rally behind a cause then we can help that cause and help ourselves," Wright said.

The sororities were well represented in support of the cause.

Meghan McNeil, a Pi Beta Phi junior, attended the beach cleanup her freshman year and was excited to go again. "One of the focuses of our house is philanthropy; this is just one of the opportunities available. Beaches are an important part of Oregon," she said.



BECCA LEGG

Junior Tyler Hunnex sports a garbage bag at the event.

Talk of conflict

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"I support the fact that they [the United States military] are dropping aid but that shouldn't justify or mitigate the fact that people might be harmed because of this," senior Tad Porterfield said.

Students also commented on the political effect of the bombing and escalation of tension.

When President Bush said that there was "no in between" on this issue it scared me because who knows what could happen if we don't allow for moderation," freshman Will Roper said.

These sentiments were also echoed by sophomore Nathan Foster. "We're trying to appeal to both sides at home and abroad and we need to find some way to calm everyone."

Students expressed per-

sonal sentiments about the attacks as well.

"I feel frustrated and scared," sophomore Roseanne Barker said. "Scared as to what might happen and for people who could be harmed and for those who would fight. But I also am frustrated at the fact that we are common citizens and only a select people know the details as to what happened."

"I want to know what we are undertaking and just exactly what we can accomplish."

With the military on high alert and the concern that there might be more news of missile strikes down the road, the students of Willamette again returned their conversations to Afghanistan.

Sophomore Trevor Newton summed up his feelings about the military action. "It's a necessary evil," he said.

An Open Forum for Discussion by Community and Campus

National Security After September 11, 2001: Where Does Missile Defense Fit In?

Cone Chapel, Willamette University
October 13, 2001
1:30 - 5:00 pm

Invited Speakers - Open Discussion - Information Tables

Campus sponsors FLY

By ERIK de BIE
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This is one conference that proves leaders are pretty FLY people.

The FLY (Fostering Leadership in You!) Conference was held Oct. 6 throughout the east side of campus for leaders and members at large of organizations.

The morning began with breakfast for club / organization presidents at 9 a.m. and continued with registration — accompanied by classic Beatles music — at 10 a.m. Senior Tommy Ziemer, ASWU president, offered a motivational welcome speech to those participating in the events.

His words carried motivational phrases such as "leadership is a buzz word" and "being a leader doesn't have to be scary or intimidating."

Ziemer reassured those participating that leadership is not natural or easy — that leaders need support, and that was exactly why they were there.

He concluded with a discussion of goals — "dreams with timelines" — about

how they are very important for leaders to keep in mind. He then went around the room, having everyone stand up and share their personal goals.

After Ziemer had finished, the large group was off to smaller group sessions about different leadership issues.

The FLY Conference, hailed as "the Ultimate Leadership Event," covered a wide scope of different activities.

There were thirteen different small group sessions, offered at various times throughout the morning.

Each person could attend three.

These ranged in focus from "What is residential living and how does it affect me?" led by Dean Bob Hawkinson and Dean Jim Bauer to "What kind of leader are you?" led by Diana Gonzalez to "Managing Group Dynamics" led by Jeani Bragg.

Student leaders could ask questions about leadership

themes they did not understand and probe for new information they were curious about.

Several students felt unfulfilled, however.

The residential living plan meeting in particular was not as informative as some hoped — several felt that it was a forum for finding facts on the project, rather than collecting

student input.

"They took input last year," sophomore Charli Hancock said.

Finally, the conference concluded with a motivational speech by Tori Haring-Smith, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

She told students that the best way to be a leader was to realize that one "leads a group" — involving everyone in the decision making process.

People are more likely to become involved when they think the idea is theirs, Haring-Smith said.

"Being a leader doesn't have to be scary or intimidating."

TOMMY ZIEMER
ASWU PRESIDENT

WU prepares for parents

By ANDREW SWAN
STAFF WRITER

With just a few days remaining until approximately 300 families descend on Willamette University, the Office of Student Activities is busy preparing for the event.

Organizing entertainment, food service, museum exhibits and athletic events are all major elements of Parent and Family Weekend.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Derek Morgan explained that planning the event begins in the spring with the consideration of plans and early organization.

In the summer and fall, student staffers are selected to assist at various locations this weekend.

Training for students begins in the fall.

The Office of Student Activities plans to spend

about \$3,000-\$4,000 putting it together, Morgan said. The majority of funding for this weekend will come from ticket sales to different events.

Parents have the option of pre-ordering tickets for events or purchasing them at registration between noon and 8 p.m. on Friday.

Later that afternoon, the Hallie Ford Museum will host an open house until 5 p.m. The current collection is "David Giese: Excavations at the Villa Bitricci."

The Music Department will host Jazz Night at 7:30 p.m. in Smith Auditorium, and the Theatre Department will host "The Good Person of Sichuan" at 8 p.m. in the Kresge Theatre.

A gourmet brunch will be served Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m.

Families will have the opportunity to attend three

classes as part of the "Mini-University Sessions".

Options for these classes range from Professor Iltis' discussion on "The Mathematics of Voting" to Professor Buis' lecture on "Women in National Politics."

From 1-5 p.m., families are welcome to attend the Town-Gown Forum on National Missile Defense held in Cone Chapel.

Willamette's football team will play against Whitworth College at 1:30 p.m. in McCulloch Stadium.

Between 5:30 and 7 p.m., President Pelton will host a reception in Bishop Plaza.

At 7 p.m., the Music Department will host the Family Weekend Concert in Smith Auditorium.

The evening will conclude with comedian Carlos Alazraqui in Smith Auditorium at 9:30 p.m.

Week Without Violence begins Sunday

By JENNY ANDREWS
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The Week Without Violence begins next week at Willamette and all across the nation.

The campaign touches on issues of domestic violence, racism and verbal abuse.

Sponsored locally by the YWCA, Week Without Violence begins Sunday at local churches and continues with free events every day on and off campus until Saturday, Oct. 30.

The purpose of this national effort is to bring awareness to issues of violence to the community.

Charity Aridad, who coordinated the event for the YWCA, thought Willamette was an appropriate site to co-host the event.

"Willamette is a strong influence on the community, and a leader in education. We're hoping that [Willamette] would be an example to the community as a whole."

A video called, "That's a

Family" will show in the Cat Cavern from 7-9 p.m. on Monday. It features children raised in various family structures, and will be followed by a discussion forum.

Wednesday, a presentation by Nancy Huppertz on sexism, "Do Women have to be Hit to Hurt?" will be held in the Cat from 7-9 p.m. This program will look at how sexism has hurt women historically and continues to harm them today.

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Chaplain Charlie's door open to all

By ALI MCCART
STAFF WRITER

Sixteen years ago, Charlie Wallace established himself as the Willamette University Chaplain and has been "nearly native" since. Now, his duties define him as an advisor for many of the religious affiliated groups on campus, coordinator for convocations, and minister for on-campus church services as well as professor and academic advisor.

Though originally from the Washington D.C. and Baltimore area, Wallace ventured west because Willamette offered "a good job and a nice place."

Before he adopted Salem as his home, he majored in history at Bowdoin University in Maine, attended Yale Divinity School in Connecticut, and earned a Ph.D. from Duke University. Wallace was also a minister for a small church in rural Maryland, and he taught theological seminaries for students in the Washington D.C. area.

Though the role of Chaplain was introduced as part of the Methodist roots of Willamette, Wallace encourages students of all backgrounds and beliefs to discuss questions with him

and to convene with other students of all faiths.

"We try to make sure everyone's religious needs are being met," Wallace said. "We're always on the outlook for people who want to form new groups, and we try to get some dialogue going between the different traditions."

Wallace also ensures students' religious liberty by making sure they are not being coerced to participate or convert in any way.

"But in my experience," Wallace said, "[coercion] has not been part of the culture here."

Willamette's convocation custom is also reflective of the Methodist roots. Traditionally, the meeting was called Compulsory Chapel and everyone was required to attend. The president would speak and the student body would sing hymns. However, this tradition became decreasingly popular as Willamette students became less affiliated with the Methodist church.

Now, convocation is an optional, general meeting of all those involved in the college of liberal arts. It takes place each Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m., while no classes or other formal events are scheduled.

"I think it's still important to have that time," Wallace said. "I try to get people in [to speak] that are doing important academic, social, or political events."

Because Willamette's location is within walking distance of many churches, the services in Cone Chapel are intermittent. Wallace conducts non-denominational services during formal events, such as Opening Days, Parents' Weekend and Christmas.

Looking toward the future, the Chaplain's Office is hoping to receive a \$2 million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., in order to develop programs for students to explore theological vocations over a span of five years. The office will receive a response by December 1, 2001.



NAOMI CORWIN

Chaplain Charlie Wallace talks with Sophomore Erin Koach between other duties.

"In general, I would love to see people deepening their spiritual culture and enriching it with visits to other faiths," Wallace said. The office prides a small library in which students can research religions and find resources for low-key visits to unfamiliar faiths.

Wallace would like to open his office door to all students. "I like to think I'm low key and funny, not imposing. So if people want to come in and chat, I won't press the need to 'convert you.'"

Curriculum lacks Islam

By MICHELLE THERIAULT
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There are 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide, 5 million of them in America.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world, and demographers contend that by the year 2025 one in four people on earth will practice Islam.

Beyond the statistics, the political and cultural effects of Islam are extensive.

The media has scrutinized the Taliban and other Islamic fundamentalist groups recently, but many in America and around the world are uninformed on the beliefs of Islam, Willamette students included.

"I don't think I can even have misconceptions about Islam without an education about Islam," senior Greg Jones said.

Currently, Willamette offers no classes focusing on Islam and no Islamic student groups.

Willamette offers courses on eastern religions including Buddhism, Shamanism and Confucianism, but not Islam.

Religious studies program chair Lane McGaughey concedes that Islam is not taught proportionately to other religions in the curriculum.

"We don't have a separate course on Islam — in that sense its not equally represented."

"Islam is not understood here, its not understood at all," McGaughey said.

Islam is covered in an introductory level survey courses through readings of

Islamic texts like the Qu'ran, the Islamic holy book.

The religious studies department faculty includes experts on Christianity, Judaism and Eastern Religions of China and Japan, but no faculty member's scholarly background is focused on Islam.

The department plans to expand its coverage of Islam in the upcoming year.

"Until we can get a course organized, we would like to have a lecture series on Islam," McGaughey said.

The terrorist attacks and the resulting prominence of the Islamic world in national affairs have also encouraged the university to expand its scope.

"The events of September 11 have drawn attention to the need for us to do work on the issue," McGaughey said.

Willamette has no formal Muslim student union, and Muslim students are few.

"As far as Willamette goes, I only know of one other Muslim on campus, and that's because our families know one another via the Islamic community in Portland," senior Omar Chisti said. Chisti is a practicing Muslim.

"It does rather surprise me that so little goes into the study of Islam here at WU."

"Of course, I have never taken a religion course here, so I do not have first-hand experience with the curriculum regarding Islam."

"I feel many schools do the same by not really prioritizing Islam in their religious studies," Chisti said.

WU's Methodist roots still show

By BRIANNE KENNEDY
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"Willamette University ... honors its historic roots in the United Methodist Church and values the ethical and spiritual dimension of education," the University Mission Statement says.

While Willamette's roots are strongly founded in the Methodist faith, the connections among Willamette, the life of its students, and the Methodist denomination has changed drastically over the years.

What medieval monks intended at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge and Paris; what New England Puritans wished for Harvard and Yale; Virginia Anglicans, for William and Mary; New Jersey Presbyterians for Princeton; and Philadelphia Quakers, for Swarthmore was what Jason Lee and his Methodist missionary friends desired for Willamette in 1842," says a pamphlet entitled "The Methodist Connection," distributed by the Office of the Chaplain.

From the time that Lee, a Methodist missionary himself, founded Willamette in 1842 and until the '60s, the school's connection to the

Methodist Church was so strong that students were required to attend chapel as well as fulfill a religious education requirement.

According to Willamette University Chaplain Charlie Wallace, these requirements were lifted in the '60s but, even now, "[Willamette students] can get a lot of [their] MOI (Mode of Inquiry) requirements by taking religious classes."

Dale Harris, a member of the Willamette Class of 1955 and of the Board of Trustee's Committee on Religious Life, said that for most of Willamette's history, the presidents of Willamette were ordained Methodist clergy themselves.

In fact, it was not until the 1950s, when the University presidents began to be Methodist lay people instead of clergy, that a group of concerned Methodists endowed a chaplain for the campus.

It was not until Jerry Hudson, current President M. M. Lee Pelton's predecessor, that Willamette had a non-Methodist president, Harris said.

Today, Wallace said, the United Methodist Church "doesn't demand a whole lot in terms of denominational identification."

Still, Willamette continues to be reviewed every several years by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church, which oversees the Church's affiliations with Methodist universities across the country, which include Duke, Drew, Southern Methodist, and Boston Universities.

Also, the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church, which holds its annual conference on the Willamette campus three out of every four years, appoints seven of the 55 members of the Willamette University Board of Trustees.

The connection to the denomination and the presence of a Methodist chaplain on campus presently serve primarily to "allow for better access to all religious groups" on campus, Wallace said.

"We go out of our way to work with various groups that, in turn, work with students."

Wallace feels that, with time, there has come to be less correlation between the affiliation of religious schools across the country and the religious affiliation of the students that attend them.

Freshman Anna Brown, who is Catholic, said that she was never nervous about attending Willamette because of its connection to the Methodist Church.

"Though Willamette is Methodist in its foundation," she said. "It is very open and accepting of other faiths."

"We probably have more Catholics than Methodists on [the Willamette campus]," Wallace said.

Inside the Willamette Bubble: finding 'faith' at home

Reflections on the precious, little things here at WU.



By BEN KESSLER
COLUMNIST

So my big boss at the *Collegian* informed me that my column this week would have to actually have a point to it - no more scandalous stories of clubbing in Portland or chillin' with the greenies up at Reed.

"Ben, we're focusing on faith at Willamette in our next issue," he told me as he chomped on his fat stogie, propping his feet up on his huge mahogany desk. "We need your column to tie in with that theme - think you can handle it?"

"Faith? We do want people to read this next issue, right?"

"C'mon now, chief. I don't have to remind you of all the perks you're getting as a *Collegian* columnist - all the new cars, clothes, and don't forget the 24/7 access at Aja's. You were Joe Frat-boy when I found you. You're living like a freakin' rock star now."

He had a point. And then there were the backstage passes he slipped me for the upcoming Too Short concert.

"Go take your boys up to P-town and enjoy the show; I'll arrange for a limo to pick ya'll up at six. But don't forget the story on faith."

I had been reduced to mere putty in his hands at this offer. "Baby, I'll write about laundry lint for the chance to hang with my boy Short-Dawg."

So ya'll will have to wait till next week to hear about our evening with the pimp daddy of rap music, but I can promise you it will be pretty eventful: Daddy came along.

And so here I am, hoping to find some divine intervention as I attempt to write an entertaining story on faith. Now although I consider myself to be a fairly religious fellow in the traditional

sense, I'm not going to get into that right now. Instead, we're going to talk about a different kind of faith - the truths that I've come to expect around WU over the past four years. Without further adieu:

Faith that Lilly Wolff at the Cat Cavern will make the best club sandwiches anywhere. No joke. How can anyone not love this woman?

Be sure to congratulate her on being Bon Appetit's Employee of the Month this October. Props to you, dear.

Faith that whenever I'm really craving one of those club sandwiches, the Cat will be closed. No props to the Northwest Naturals at Goudy.

Faith that Sparks will always be busting the jams on 95.5. Ain't nuthin' but a gangsta party in there ya'll. Props to the thug love.

Faith that athletic coaches at Willamette will be highly-skilled computer golf players. Props to being on salary.

Faith that the Goudy Scramble will explode in your stomach like an H-bomb. Next time I'll just eat a stick of lard. No props.

Faith that virtually none of

the North Face backpacks on campus will ever hit the trailhead. No props to your S.U.V.s either.

Faith that there will always be some toothpaste left in the tube. Think about it, you never can squeeze every last bit out. Props to Colgate Total.

Faith that Café Today will serve up the best breakfast in Salem. Simply a must-go whenever mom and dad take you out. Props to the French Toast Combo.

Faith that President Pelton can wear a bowtie and not look ridiculous. Hey, not many fellas can pull it off, so his props are due.

Faith that Muchas Gracias Mexican Food at 2 a.m. is about as close to heaven as one gets. Props to the breakfast burrito.

Faith that the Bistro is a much cooler place to hang out than the Montag Center. Props to atmosphere.

Faith that the soccer girls will have the best legs on campus. Props to Coach Tursi's calf workouts.

Faith that the Women's Center will have something to say about that last comment.

Don't worry ladies, I'm sure they have nice personalities too. Props to a well-rounded relationship.

Faith that most people will only pick up this newspaper for the Campus Safety Reports. Major props to those of ya'll actually reading one of our articles.

Faith that my '91 Subaru Legacy wagon will continue to be a certified chick-magnet. Props to the rusted-out floorboards.

Faith that I will be able to outrun any Campus Safety officer. Props to the pastries at Goudy.

Faith that I can sneak one of my buddies into Goudy at dinner. Props to the incognito-ness.

Faith that the dryers around campus will never fully dry my clothes. No props to you fools at Coin-O-Matic.

Faith that I'll be getting kicked out of our room every night on the weekend. No props to the couches in the basement.

Faith that the package slip will always be for my box partner and not for me. No props to you, buster.

Personal stories: contributors explore their faith

By CHRIS PARISI
CONTRIBUTOR

I am an agnostic. According to Dante, my place is at the gates of the Inferno, forever chasing an ever-changing standard. To the faithful I am a lost soul floundering in the Styx. To the faithless I am a coward lacking the courage of my convictions.

In the end I must simply say that I do not know.

That is my only creed, one of admission, one of ignorance. I make no claims at understanding the cosmos, but I do not dismiss the attempt.

Only through the search for truth may such understanding possibly be gained, and

even if it were a Gordian knot of unfathomable proportions, that shall not sway me from the attempt.

In short, I seek truth, and I seek understanding, which may or may not be independent or transcend the very notion of God.

I therefore find my faith in all things, from the elegant simplicity of the Hindu dictum *tat tvam asi* (thou art that), to the Zen notion of *mu*.

I find wisdom contained in passages from the Biblical Canon, the Qu'ran, the Gospel of Thomas, even within the elegant mathematics of Einstein's Theory of Relativity or Heisenberg's Uncertainty principle.

As the Tao says, the true path is really no

path, and the road I walk has neither form nor structure.

I do not need structure, nor do I desire it.

Yours may indeed be the "right path," but neither you nor I have the authority to say so. Your faith is your own, and that I respect, but do not place it above all others.

In short, do not preach to me; do not try and convert me. If you wish to reach me, speak of yourself, not of your religion; speak to your faith, your experiences. And in turn listen to mine.

If this is done with purpose and intent, we may just grow to understand each other, which, of all things, is the greatest prayer we are capable of making.

By ADRIENNE DAVICH
CONTRIBUTOR

When one asks an acquaintance of his or her religious background, in as much as organized religion is concerned, the response is generally an identification with a certain religious tradition or lack thereof.

My experience, however, has been rather unconventional in this field. Some will claim being what is known as a "Jack of all trades." I suppose that I could modestly concede that my observation of religion so far, puts me close to being a "Jack of religions."

Varied exposure has left me with a religious perception of which I will not so much convey, as I will concisely describe the experiences themselves, and draw a few conclusions.

I've drawn for myself accordingly. My ethnic background is predominantly Serbian, and so, at the request of my pious great aunt and grandmother, I was baptized in the Serbian Orthodox church. However, prior to my sixth birthday, my dear mother wished to reestablish herself in the Roman Catholic Church.

I soon became enrolled in religious education classes and received my first communion.

A year later though, my mother and I moved from Las Vegas to Reno, Nevada where Mormon missionaries befriended us, and while on a

break from voluntarily cleaning my aunt's house, they moved us. Mormonism, surprisingly, didn't stick.

Before long, I'd seen quite a bit of religious diversity within my immediate family. As consequence of marriages, I've seen both the Muslim and Jehovah's Witness religions at their best.

At sixteen, I went back to the Catholic Church to be a soloist, which was generally enjoyable until I was asked to canter songs bolstering donations for church expansion.

Despite any disagreement I find with religious tenets and dogma, I can not disagree with the support system that religion, or a belief in a benevolent God, brings to those who embrace it. It's easy to create an iron wall with the conventions distinguishing different faiths, but in the end, the wall is paper thin.

Regardless of the creed, religion brings human beings together to share in a spiritual experience, love each other, and hold each other up in times of hardship.

Personally, I have become a young woman of strong spiritual beliefs, though I've found my faith elsewhere and I don't adhere to a specific religion.

But this is all due to my individual experience from which my perceptions have been drawn, and really, religion to me is most simplistically this: perception.

Does it matter
WHERE
you shop?

Ever ask yourself...
Who made this?
Who benefits?
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Question of the Week: How has college living changed your faith?



"I'm not very religious. What I've seen at Willamette has given me new viewpoints. Certain biases have been erased, stereotypes have been put to an end. My beliefs haven't changed, but my outlook on others has."

- Sophomore Casey Repp



"I've always been agnostic. Being at Willamette has made me realize I'm more in the minority than I thought I was in my belief systems."

-Junior Una Kimokeo-Goes



"My faith hasn't changed, I'm still a Christian."

-Freshman Mara Johnson



"In Japan we never read the Bible, now we read it to study English. We are comparing the oldest Japanese myth, Kojiki, to the Bible and learning that some parts are similar and some are very different."

-Sophomore Yuichi Kuroda and Junior Chie Watanabe



"Being here hasn't lessened my faith in God, but in my particular religion. I used to feel that my religion was the right choice, coming here has affected the way I look at other religions. I am more open, more accepting."

-Junior Cal Cruz

Faith-based groups provide spiritual communities

By IAN LINDSAY
STAFF WRITER

Faith-based groups on campus provide opportunities for students of faith to come together with other students who have similar beliefs.

Campus Ambassadors, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes are organizations that hold weekly interdenominational meetings. The Jewish Student Union organizes activities to celebrate their faith.

Each group invites any interested students to attend their functions, regardless of their beliefs.

Interested students are encouraged to sample meetings of all of the groups in order to discover which one is most appealing. Few students participate in more than one group on a constant basis.

Campus Ambassadors - "We act as ambassadors for Christ and make Christ's presence be known," Campus Ambassador Kevin Hall said. There are two forms of meetings that this group holds on a weekly basis. Koinonia (Greek for worship) meetings take place Fridays from 6:30 - 8:00 in the Hatfield room of the library. Two other weekly meetings focus on Bible study. The session features singing worship, scripture readings, prayer and games.

"Potter's Wheel" is a session geared toward freshmen, helping students gain a basic understanding of the Bible and to explore the character of God. "Spiritual Formation," which is rarely attended by newcomers, allows participants to study the Bible in much more detail and learn about and deepen their faith.

"It's not a church," Hall said. "It's a fellowship for all people." The Campus Ambassadors plan on organizing a community service project in the near future. For more information, contact Jeff Poush or Andy Herrmann through the Chaplain's office.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Despite its name, this organization is open to all interested students. It focuses on studying the Bible and Jesus Christ.

This group is that it is led and organized by students. Meetings are held Wednesday nights at 9 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. They feature bible readings, games and skits.

Bible study sessions are also held Sundays at 1pm on the second floor of the University Center. For contact information see the Chaplain's office.

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship - While this group has a common weekly meeting, it also supports Bible-study groups focused toward different factions and areas of the campus. "Refuge" meet-

ings are held on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Montag Center.

They consist of a half-hour of predominantly singing worship, followed by an hour of in-depth bible study.

"We seek to provide a safe place for people to explore what Christianity is and to explore and experience God," Bethany Gibson said.

She is the leader of a Bible study group for women. There are many leadership opportunities for newcomers.

Last year, 12 freshmen were appointed to leadership positions. The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship is a national institution, and Willamette students often attend a Northwest conference in the spring.

Anyone is permitted to attend, and the Willamette group can provide scholarships for those not able to pay. For more information, contact Krista-Dawn Kimsey or Eric Grant

through the Chaplain's Office.

When choosing among these three Christian organizations, "It is important to visit all three. Each one is going to be different," Gibson said.

The groups occasionally come together to hold a joint worship.

Jewish Student Union (JSU) - This group is "alive and healthy," according to

co-president Josh Heumann.

They will host various get-togethers throughout the year.

These include quarterly Shabbat dinners, a Channukah party and a Passover Seder next semester.

"The best way to keep informed is to get on the official JSU list," Heumann said.

Students can do this by emailing Heumann at jheumann@willamette.edu.

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Editorials

A very welcome journey

In this time of antagonism and changing attitudes, it is vital that we as citizens continue to interact with the issues of the world outside our tiny community, through personal and group initiatives for activism.

Last Friday, kicking off with the ARTCAR nonviolence workshops and concert, was the beginning of the "Journey to a Hate-Free Willamette", a month of events designed to engage students, faculty and citizens of Salem in a common discourse. The underlying goal of all this free programming is to educate participants about the origins of fear, hate and violence and to start a discussion about ways to prevent it from reaching into our lives.

Co-sponsored by a broad spectrum of students groups on campus, from the Pan-hellenic Council to Angles, the "Journey to a Hate-Free Willamette" is a shining example of the kind of student action that we should hope for in the future.

Beyond groups here on campus, the programming for "Journey to a Hate-Free

Willamette" is being coordinated with the Salem-area YWCA and the Mid-Valley Women's Shelter and will feature guest speakers addressing a broad range of topics.

In addition to unifying the campus in observation of the National Safety Awareness Month, the planned events will confront an all-too-often complacent student body with the problems it is sheltered from within the comfort of college life.

Far too many students choose to ignore the realities of the world that exist in all the communities that surround us.

Our thanks and praise go to those campus institutions and student groups, such as the Willamette Events Board, ASWU, and the Bistro, who have pooled their efforts and organized the "Journey to a Hate-Free Willamette." Their initiative, opening forums for communication and broadening our horizons, is a model for us all as we attempt to reshape our shaky world in the coming months and years.

Guidance for life beyond WU

Placed behind thick glass doors on the second floor of the University Center are individuals who can change your life.

Interested in breaking out of the Willamette bubble and doing something good for the community? Go talk to Mari Morando in the Office of Community Outreach Programs x6807.

Have questions about anything relating to life after your undergraduate years at Willamette? Go schedule an appointment with Nancy Norton in Career Services x6213.

Wanting to apply for a competitive research grant or national scholarship for your graduate education? Make sure you talk to Jane Curlin, the director of Student Academic Grants and Awards x6607.

Unbeknownst to many Willamette students, a wide array of opportunities await them outside our city block. Whether you

are looking for something to do for a weekend or a lifetime, Willamette has brought together individuals who can help you find exactly what it is you are looking for.

Internships, scholarships and service projects are readily available, but you must take the initiative to go and seek out the services of these incredible people. One of the biggest mistakes a Willamette student can make is to neglect these opportunities and never take advantage of these resources.

Education is not a process confined to the classroom. Willamette University has obviously realized this, as is demonstrated by the establishment of resource centers and the hiring of talented directors. Unfortunately, it appears that the student body has yet to learn this vital lesson. Do not wait until it is too late. Plan ahead for life beyond Willamette.

Been down this road before

That the United States and its allies were going to retaliate militarily was inevitable. Everyone knew that the bombs were going to fall. The American public would not have stood idly by while Washington continued politics as usual.

The biggest mistake that the United States is making in its war on terrorism is not the bombing raids in Afghanistan, but rather, is the dangerous policies toward foreign countries that the Bush administration and Congress are approving.

Bush's pledge to support the Afghan guerrillas opposed to the Taliban, as well as the United States' newly developed ties with the countries of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan, are reminiscent of America's abysmal foreign policy decisions during the Cold War. These actions will no doubt have lasting, and possibly dire consequences for the United States and for citizens in Middle Eastern countries currently being supported by America.

Let us not forget that Osama bin Laden was once supported by the United States in the fight against the Communists in Afghanistan. Why have not we learned that supporting terrorist guerrilla groups and countries with atrocious human rights records are completely antithetical to our supposed support of democracy and individual rights?

General Musharraf, the military leader of Pakistan, came to power after a coup d'etat. His promise of a democratic election has yet to be fulfilled. Uzbekistan and Tajikistan continue to violently oppress political dissidents and grossly violate the human rights of their tortured citizens. The United States has responded by lifting sanctions and politically legitimizing the iron rule of these non-democratic regimes.

If the United States wishes to truly see peace and justice in the world then it should stop perpetuating this horrendous cycle of violence and oppression.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

With regards to your editorial of Oct. 4 ("Where is your money going?"), I must protest the scheme it proposes. The editorial presumes that the entire budget process never has any student input. I disagree.

First of all, the ASWU Senate must pass the budget after the Finance Board has made its recommendations. The senators, elected representatives of the student body, debate the recommendations.

I agree with the editorial that students should attend Senate meetings. I was proud that students from many clubs attended the last meeting. The Senate is always open to students and it will never operate behind closed doors.

I also agree that students need to hold their senators responsible. Talk to your hall's senator; demand to know what is happening with your elected student government.

The best way to solve a problem like this is to get involved.

JACOB BERG
JUNIOR, ASWU SENATOR

To the Editor,

As an objective member of the Willamette community, I am disappointed with the choices that the editor has made with regard to publishing aspects of the Collegian that disregard fact in favor of stereotyping and slander.

The latest article published concerning SAE's party combined with the disrespectful comic was more than I could handle. The theme of SAE's party may not have been sensitive to the greater social issues that we face, but they apologized willingly and moved on with their lives. I hope that whoever wrote this last article can move on as well.

The editor has allowed the Collegian to become a forum for voicing ignorant views and spreading dissension among the "Willamette Community". This sort of treatment from the Collegian towards fraternities is not any different if not more offensive than the name of a themed party.

MARQUES JOHNSON
JUNIOR

Editor's Note

In response to recent questions, the *Collegian* would like to clarify editorial policy.

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A queer old time

By KELLY MULLIGAN
CONTRIBUTOR

Earlier this week, I was eating dinner with several fellow Willamette students at Goudy. We were all participating in a timeless Goudy ritual: pushing our food around our plates and reading table tents.

I told everyone at the table that they should attend "Guess the Straight Person," which was being held Wednesday night in the Bistro.

Most had polite excuses about homework, but two were actually willing to admit that they had a real problem with the idea of the panel. One thought that it seemed a little too objectifying, a little bit too much like going to the zoo.

I tried to explain the importance of visibility; how seeing a panel full of normal, happy, healthy and openly queer Willamette students might be reassuring to other students on campus who are not yet comfortable with their sexual orientation.

While no one could really argue with that, another person did say that she still didn't see the need to separate queer and straight people by putting queer people on their own panel. "I guess I

just don't think that gay and straight people are any different," she said.

While that's a nice sentiment, I felt like asking her to tell that to the next queer person who wanted to get married or join the military or adopt a child. Obviously, there are still enough people out there who think that there is something different — and maybe even wrong — with queer people.

And that's why programming like "Guess the Straight Person" is put on. The idea behind the panel was not to emphasize queer people as different, but to emphasize that they're exactly the same as others.

Everyone answers a bunch of very superficial questions like "What's your favorite color?" or "What's your favorite television show?" The audience tries to guess the straight person based on this kind of information, and in the end, most of them are wrong.

And if you can't pick out a queer person as being different based on their favorite food or their major, then maybe they're really not that different from you at all.

Kelly Mulligan is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

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KATIE MOODY

Things can change so quickly

By ANN NICGORSKI
GUEST OPINION

The photo of a Tomahawk cruise missile being launched from the USS Philippine Sea that appeared on the front page of the Statesman Journal on Oct. 8 sent a special chill down my spine. It really brought home, in a personal way, how tremendously the world has changed in just a few weeks.

You see, on the evening of Friday, July 13, 2001, I was standing aboard this very ship, in the very spot depicted in the photo, drinking a cocktail while the sun set over the incredibly beautiful Souda Bay in western Crete.

The occasion was a farewell reception in honor of the former U.S. Ambassador to Greece, R. Nicholas Burns, who had been re-appointed by President George W. Bush as U.S. Ambassador to NATO.

I was most happy to be invited to this reception since Burns is a man I greatly admire for his careful diplomacy, great intelligence, and true sensitivity to the cultural and historical background of any situation with which he is confronted.

Hence the unusual presence of myself and other Cretan archaeologists at this event as well as my husband, Dr. Bryan Preppernau (Oregon Health & Science University), and close friend, Jerrie Lee Parpart (Western Oregon University). The invitation, however, was extended by the Commander of the U.S. Sixth Fleet, Vice Admiral Gregory G. Johnson, and we were welcomed on board by the ship's captain, Richard W. Hunt, as well as by a former student, Andrew Smith,

now a Naval JAG officer stationed at the NATO base at Souda Bay.

Also present was the former Prime Minister of Greece, Constantine Mitsotakis, and most impressive of all, George Psychoundakis, famous author of "The Cretan Runner." He also fought in the Battle of Crete in 1941 and was a courageous leader of the Cretan Resistance throughout the German occupation of the island — a real war hero and an inspiration to everyone on board: politicians, diplomats, archaeologists and U.S. Navy personnel alike.

It was for me an interesting mixture of high- and low-tech, including sophisticated SONAR for detecting submarines, advanced tactical displays that could pinpoint my archaeological site with impressive detail, together with the voice tubes that have been used on such ships from time immemorial.

I was very impressed with the technical expertise and dedication of these young men and women.

It gives me pause today to think that I must know some of the people who launched the cruise missile in that photo and that these people, who served me cocktails on a hot and festive summer evening not so long ago, are now risking their lives for my security and for my freedom to publicly lament the massive failures in education, communication, intelligence, and foreign

policy, which over the years have led to this tragic situation. But that is the subject of another essay.

After our tour aboard the USS Philippine Sea, we listened to a magnificent speech by Admiral Johnson about the importance of strong allies and the special relationship between Greece, the birthplace of democracy, and the United States of America.

In this speech, he quoted Thucydides, the famous Athenian general and author of a history about the Peloponnesian War, fought between Athens and Sparta from 431 to 404 B.C.E.

I was impressed with the depth of his knowledge about Greek history and when he spoke to me afterwards, he told me that Thucydides is required reading at the U.S. Naval Academy as it currently is for Willamette University freshmen.

Taking a cue from the admiral, I would like to quote from Thucydides (III.82), words as universal and relevant today as it was some 2400 years ago: "In peace and prosperity states and individuals have better sentiments, because they do not find themselves confronted with imperious necessities; but war takes away the easy supply of daily wants, and so proves a rough master that brings men's characters to a level with their fortunes." I pray for everyone involved in this tragic confrontation.

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THUCYDIDES
GREEK HISTORIAN

Morality and vengeance

In these dark days, with World War III looming on the horizon, we are uncertain as to what to do.

We think we know, but for some reason there is lingering doubt twisting in the back of our minds.

I recently received, by email, a petition against going to war against Afghanistan. Supposedly, it is an actual U.N. document signed by people all around the world who are opposed to war. I'm talking Europe, South America, and the big U.S. of A. Now, I'm not too sure about its nature (whether it's real or not) but I am sure about this. Before there was even a doubt in my mind about its validity, I was going to copy, paste, and then write my name, but I found I could not. Something had come over me, and I simply could not do it.

Is war a bad thing? Absolutely. Must we avoid war at all costs? Most cer-



ERIK de BIE
COPY EDITOR

tainly. Should we use all the resources we have to avoid it? Yes. Then why could I not sign the petition?

The Christian in me wanted to sign it — killing is wrong, no matter how truly vile and guilty the one to be slain.

God says it pretty decisively: Thou Shalt Not Kill. Not a lot of room for debate there. But I could not sign the petition. I could not say "Yes, I believe this is true; I do not want any more blood spilled." There is never justification for the taking of another human's life.

I could not sign the petition. I'm still debating it. It's going to be hard, even if it is completely bogus.

But it is just a testament to the weakness in our hearts and minds that I could not do it.

And I weep for all of us.
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Bistro brings artistic escape and leisure

By STEPHANIE SOARES
STAFF WRITER

The Bistro, Willamette's popular hangout for students often transforms itself into a club hosting a variety of artists on its stage.

From Open Mic Nights, to "That One Guy," an artist who created his own seven-foot pipe as a musical instrument, the Bistro runs a variety of events both to entertain Willamette students and to provide a welcoming, homey atmosphere.

The events coordinated at the Bistro add to that environment.

Cheri Kate Lester, a student manager, was enthusiastic about "That One Guy."

"[It] was awesome. Everybody got into it. It was a really good way to start off the semester," Lester said.

The Bistro, which works closely with the Willamette Events Board, puts on many

events for the community throughout the year.

Open Mic Night provides Willamette students with a forum to express their artistic talents through readings, poetry slams, musical performance, or other artistic venues.

"Bands contact us, we listen to their CDs, and call them back to schedule performances. [We look for] a diverse group so that we can reach everyone on campus. Musical groups like the college crowd because we're open-minded when it comes to music," Lester said.

JACK AUSTIN
FRESHMAN

In addition to Open Mic Night and musical events put on by the Bistro, clubs can also schedule events for the community.

"Guess the Straight Person," put on by Angles to promote the idea of being "straight but not narrow," is just one example of the many

events put on by Willamette organizations.

Some students find the Bistro a very relaxing place to hang out.

"It's cozy, warm, and comfortable. [The Bistro has] good music and a relaxed feel, and the central location makes it an easy destination from wherever you are," freshman Jack Austin said. "There's always someone cool to talk to there. I'm looking forward to attending the next cool event. The Bistro has interesting things going on, and it's always entertaining."

"It's a good place to meet with study groups and hang out if you're pulling an all-nighter. There is a lot of variety," senior Jenny Asbury said.

Junior Chris Foot said that the Bistro "has a familiar atmosphere. It's very welcom-



KELLEN GALSTER

"That One Guy" performed in the Bistro last week. Look for Open Mic tonight at 9 p.m.

ing and they have good music there."

Students can look forward to many events in the near future including Open Mic

Nights, a Reggae band playing on Nov. 1, Jeremy Toback playing on Nov. 7, Richard Birke hosting a techno-dance party on Nov. 9.

As an added highlight, the Bistro will be open during Parents Weekend from 7:30 to 11 p.m. both on Friday and Saturday night with students playing jazz and singing a capella.

"The Bistro doesn't make any money off of [these events]. It's a service that we're happy to do," Lester said. "[The Bistro] is run completely by students. It is not for the money but to provide a fun place to work, hang out and do homework. We like to be dependable."

Clubs who are interested in scheduling an event in the Bistro should contact one of the managers.

The next Open Mic is tonight at 9 p.m. If you'd like to perform, there is a sign-up sheet in the Bistro.

'Marco Polo' is not just a game

By JACOB BERG
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday night, I wanted to do a review of a pizza place.

Unfortunately, Pizza by the Slice was closed, so I wandered into the Salem Center hoping for some tasty goodness in the Food Court.

It was miserable.

It made me long for Goudy and that's really bad.

The pizza had more grease on it than...well, any analogy I could come up with would be too gross to tell.

Needless to say, I ran back to Goudy and saved myself with a simple bowl of cereal.

Monday night, I searched Salem for redemption. I had read about a relatively new place on 210 Liberty called Marco Polo's Global Restaurant, so I grabbed a couple dinner companions.

In a shameless ripoff of Ben Kessler's articles, I shall give them nicknames but mine will be far worse.

I gave "Lollipop" a call because I knew he had a car and, like me, sought to avoid Goudy whenever possible.

He brought along his girlfriend, "Grape Soda." (Quick writer's note: please do not kill me, those who are Lollipop and Grape Soda.)

We cruised down State Street to

Liberty. The restaurant is at the intersection. There's a neon sign in the window. We parked in front of a tattoo parlor located across the street and entered this place of fine cuisine.

Now, I'm no history major, but I seem to remember that Marco Polo was some guy from Europe who went over to the China area around the same time that Strom Thurmond got elected to Senate.

This place was a true representation of the Polo spirit. It was a lovely atmosphere with soft music playing and really nice tables.

There were other people in the restaurant, so I fought off the urge to make the hostess lead me to the table by continually shouting "Polo" after I yelled "Marco" with my eyes closed.

The menu was incredible. There was an immense section of Chinese-Asian food, a large vegetarian selection, and a European-American section for the less cultured folks (like me).

Grape Soda began by ordering some chicken on a skewer as an appetizer. It was fabulous. It had been grilled and then basted with teriyaki sauce. Lollipop, Grape Soda, and I finished it off quickly.

We ordered our entrees. Lollipop ordered sweet and sour chicken after the waitress strongly recommended it. Grape Soda ordered the kung pao chicken. I

decided to go Italian and ordered grilled chicken stuffed with ham and topped with alfredo sauce.

I got an iced mocha to drink, which is cool because not many places make those.

Lollipop used his powers as a 21-year-old to order a Tsing Tao beer.

Marco Polo was unique in that it offered a Chinese beer, a Mexican beer, and a bunch of American beers.

At least I found that cool.

The food arrived. My chicken was superb. I ate it quickly and also tried some of everyone-else's dishes.

Grape Soda's Kung Pao chicken was pretty good.

I had to avoid the mushrooms (fruits of the devil) but I can live with that.

Lollipop's sweet and sour chicken was also good. I found it really spicy.

Even though we all ordered chicken, Marco Polo's has an excellent pork, beef, and vegetarian selection.

It is not too far to walk and it turned out to be relatively inexpensive.

Marco Polo's also offers breakfast and lunch, for which they have a large selection of burgers and sandwiches, so you can go there anytime.

I recommend Marco Polo's Global Restaurant with a hearty five out of five pieces of chicken.

The Salem Center Food Court gets a case of longing for Goudy.

If you find yourself heading that way, take a left on Liberty.

You'll thank Lollipop, Grape Soda, and me later.

What: Marco Polo's
Global Restaurant

Where: 210 Liberty

Rating: Five of five
chicken pieces

Mini Calendar O' Fun

Portland

Oleander - Crystal Ballroom, Oct. 14

Tesla - Roseland Theater,
Oct. 17

Dar Williams - Aladdin Theater,
Oct. 19

The Verve Pipe - Aladdin Theater,
Oct. 22

Bouncing Souls (and company) -
Crystal Ballroom, Nov. 4

Jane's Addiction and Stereo MC's -
Rose Garden Arena, Nov. 4

Tool - Memorial Coliseum, Nov. 6

Jeffrey Gaines - Roseland Theater,
Nov. 10

**Family Values Tour (Stone Temple
Pilots, Staind)** - Rose Garden Arena,
Nov. 16

Midnight Oil - Roseland Theater,
Nov. 17

Eagle-Eye Cherry - Berbat's Pan,
Nov. 20

Formula still good

"Serendipity" adds appeal to the basic romantic comedy by adding some surprises.



By JON McNEILL
STAFF WRITER

A good romantic comedy should be like a good blues song: the formula should be comfortingly familiar.

Everyone knows what a blues song should basically sound like; the chords are mostly the same, the words usually interchangeable.

It's the same at the movies.

In romantic comedies, the fun is in how the couple gets together.

There isn't really any point in "Serendipity" when the audience doesn't know who will end up with whom.

Just like a good blues song, the memorable parts in "Serendipity" come from the surprises inside the formula.

Sure, John Cusack's Jonathan and

Kate Beckinsale's Sara will wind up holding each other for happily-ever-after, but the things that make this movie fun are all in between.

Cusack plays Jonathan, a producer for ESPN (possibly one of the coolest jobs ever) in New York City. Jonathan is about to be married in a few days, but he can't stop thinking about one romantic night he had with a girl named Sara seven years ago.

Beckinsale plays Sara, a therapist living in San Francisco with a strong belief in fate and, well, serendipity.

You see, seven years ago, Jonathan met Sara in Bloomingdale's department store while Christmas shopping. They fought over the same pair of gloves (for their

significant others) and wound up spending the rest of the evening together around New York.

Before they part, Jonathan does what any normal, red-blooded American male would do, and asks for her number.

The hook comes when Sara writes her name and number in a book, and then sells it to a used bookstore. If Jonathan finds it, she reasons, they are meant to be together.

So, for the rest of the movie, Jonathan tries to speed up fate a little bit by playing detective with his best man, Jeremy Piven.

The supporting players almost steal the show from underneath Cusack and Beckinsale — which is a good sign in a movie that spends 80% of the time on the two leads.

Piven as Cusack's best man, Molly Shannon as Beckinsale's New-Age-y best friend, and Eugene Levy as a Bloomingdale's salesman are all howls.

By the end of the movie, Levy draws laughs from just showing up on screen.

There is also hilarious John Corbett (Northern Exposure), who is Beckinsale's fiancée and a Kenny-G wannabe...on the oboe.

A particularly funny scene occurs when Corbett performs in a club. He sways like Jim Morrison and almost seems hip until we see what he's playing.

Also like the blues, "Serendipity" doesn't completely skirt falling into some traps of cliché from time to time.

It is a testament to Cusack's and Beckinsale's acting skills that they almost pull off even the corniest of lines, but some still seem a little wince-worthy.

Movie: Serendipity

Directed by: Peter Chelsom

Where: Santiam 11

Look for Warren Miller's "Cold Fusion: The Power of Snow" on Nov. 1

Cuban theatre brought home



Left: Steve Duman and Ayano Watanabe perform in senior Ben Maixner's play "US," about school violence, at the Montag Center's Compass Plaza. The play was based on a form of Cuban theatre and featured audience participation. It was presented on Monday and Tuesday nights.

From left to right: Steve Duman, Ayano Watanabe, Jesse Young, Anne Bither-Terry.

Background: Nolan Scott and Vanessa Bisbee.

Performers in the premiere of Maixner's "US." Maixner went to Cuba and wrote the play as part of a Carson Undergraduate Research Grant during this past summer.

PHOTOS: NAOMI CORWIN



Video Pick of the Week: 'Goonies'

By DAVID NITKA
CONTRIBUTOR

What a great time it is for films, especially with the advent of DVDs. Now we can enjoy our favorite films revisited and revamped to the glory they deserve, including "Goonies" (1985). What happens when you take two of Hollywood's most creative minds, Richard Donner (the Superman and Lethal Weapon series) and Steven Spielberg, and let them make a movie together? Good things.

"Goonies" is a classic generally remembered for lines like "Rock-y Rooaad?" and a soundtrack with a lot of Cindy Lauper. Though "Goonies" can often be found on TNT on a Sunday afternoon, the DVD gives us what we have always wanted: "Goonies" remastered and with audio commentaries. One of the interesting Easter eggs on the disc is the full twelve minute video for the song "The Goonies 'R' Good Enough." The more intriguing thing is that the video features classic '80s wrestlers like Rowdy Roddy Piper and Andre the Giant. Go figure.

The movie itself is worth it and the extras are fun. Check it out with nostalgic friends.

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Willamette Invite draws top runners from across the West

By DAVID NITKA
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, Willamette University played host to the largest Cross Country meet in the West.

The Willamette Invite hosted 53 different teams or organizations and 22 of these teams had achieved some sort of ranking within their respective divisions.

The Bearcats entered the meet ranked ninth in the nation in NCAA Division III.

This meet the first opportunity for the Bearcats to test themselves against their primary competition, Claremont-McKenna-Scripps (CMS).

CMS was ranked No. 17 in D-III entering the meet, and they would be tough competition for the Bearcats.

The men's race began at 10 a.m. and was followed by the women's race.

The Willamette Cross Country alumni appeared in force to support the current team, led by Stephen Cruise and Bryce Mercer.

The men's race gun went off and Willamette's two young stars, sophomores Jacob Stout and Aaron Young, asserted themselves early and ran with the lead pack.

For the entire race, Stout

and Young ran with some of the top runners in the Northwest.

At the half-way mark, Stout and Young sat at 10th and 15th place, respectively, and looked to continue fighting their way against stiff competition.

By the end of the race, Stout had improved to 9th while Young fell to 24th.

The team was unfortunately defeated by CMS, which placed its five scoring runners in front of Willamette's third scorer, sophomore Nathan O'Brien.

Stout, who finished the 8000 meters (4.96 miles) in 24:34, was upbeat about the results.

"I believe that Saturday was a great simulation of what nationals will be like. If we run like we are capable of, there isn't a team in this region that can beat us," Stout said.

The upset of the day was Stout's defeat by Neil Weare of Lewis and Clark. Stout has been running ahead of last year's conference champion Aaron Young.

It did not seem to concern Stout, though: "Neil is a great runner with a lot of experience so he'll definitely be a factor for the conference title. Our first priority is to

win the conference as a team, something Willamette hasn't done for well over a decade."

If the Willamette Invite is any indication, the men are on track for success with a fifth place finish, at 167 pts.

Their nearest conference competitor was Lewis and Clark, who finished 9th with 332 pts.

The women's team also took the Willamette Invite as an opportunity to face off against CMS.

Many of the top runners did not run, so the meet did not act as a true barometer of the rivalry.

Many of the women expected to be running for the Invite were not on track to compete this weekend.

Thus, CMS ran away with a second place while the Bearcats settled for sixth.

Sophomore Liz Rodda led the team, finishing 23rd overall in 18:20, a personal record for 5000 meters (3.1

miles).

Freshman Katie Pierce ran a personal record and finished second on the team and 53rd overall in 18:44.

The teams will be traveling this weekend to Clark College in Washington to face off against several junior colleges.

Bush Park will also be the site of the conference championships on Oct. 27 and the national qualifying meet on Nov. 10.



ERIC LAM

Sophomore Liz Rodda leads the pack at the Willamette Invite last Saturday at Bush Park.



ERIC LAM

Freshman Brendan Brown races neck-and-neck to the finish line.

Bearcat sports week in review

Men's Soccer:

The men's soccer team went 1-1 on the week, beating Puget Sound 1-0, and losing to PLU 3-2 in double overtime.

Junior Mike Semenza was the hero on Saturday, scoring the only goal of the game in the 38th minute.

The Loggers spent the rest of the match blistering Bearcat goalkeeper Andrew Ward with shots.

Ward held firm however, and the Bearcat

defense preserved the shutout.

Sunday's game against PLU was an exciting match with several lead changes.

Sophomore Ricardo Sanchez started the scoring with the only goal of the first half.

PLU responded at the beginning of the second half, with Semenza putting the Bearcats ahead only a minute later.

The Lutes tied the score with nine minutes left in the match. Both teams had good oppor-

tunities in overtime, but the Lutes took the game with Michael Rosenau's second goal of the game.

Volleyball:

The team traveled to Colorado Springs last week for the Colorado College Invitational.

The team beat Smith College twice, 3-2 in the first game and 3-0 in the second. However, the Bearcats lost 3-0 to Colorado College, and to Chapman University 3-1.

Women's soccer loses its showdown with UPS 1-0

By MIKE SEMENZA
STAFF WRITER

This past weekend, the Bearcat women's soccer team earned a split on the road against Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran.

On Saturday, the team lost a close game to UPS 1-0, but then came back on Sunday to defeat Pacific Lutheran 2-0.

Going into Saturday's match, Willamette and Puget Sound were the only undefeated teams left in the conference, both with a record of 5-0.

That was to change, however, by the end of the day. The winner of this game would assume sole possession of first place.

Unfortunately for the Bearcats, Puget Sound took an early lead ten minutes into the game from a shot just outside the penalty box that landed in the upper corner of the net.

Afterward, the Loggers dropped back in defense and protected their lead from the furious Bearcat attack in the first half.

The second half saw much of the same as Willamette continued to attack the Logger defense, but could not find an opening.

The Bearcats said they had not played their best soccer on Saturday and in the words of senior Buffy Morris, "came out on Sunday to avenge the loss and play a lot tougher."

The offense certainly came out stronger on Sunday, recording

twenty-two shots on the day. It didn't take long for them to convert one of their chances either.

Thirteen minutes into the game, sophomore Anne Merten was upended in the penalty box, and the Bearcats were awarded a penalty kick.

Morris converted it, and the Bearcats took a 1-0 lead.

The score didn't change until the 59th minute of the game, when Morris struck home a corner kick from senior Emily Kern to give the Bearcats a 2-0 lead.

Kern recorded another assist off a corner kick and now leads the team with seven assists on the year.

The defensive line of freshman Kara Forsyth, sophomore Stacy Clarke, junior Laura Kunnert, senior Karen Heaston, along with junior goalkeeper Shelby Springer once again recorded another shutout and limited the Lutes to only four shots on goal.

After giving up only their second goal of the season on Saturday, the defense "came out ready to play from the start on Sunday" Forsyth said.

Commenting on the win, Coach Tursi said, "It is never easy to play in the bad conditions and on the small field at PLU," but he was glad that the "team came out with more fire on Sunday."

Next weekend, the Bearcats begin the second round of conference play when they travel to meet George Fox and Pacific.

Football loses heartbreaker, falls against Southern Oregon 29-27

By SHANNAH FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

The Willamette Bearcat football team (3-2, 1-0 NWC) probably wishes it could have erased the first half of last Saturday's 29-27 loss to Division III Southern Oregon University.

After giving up 267 yards and 29 points before halftime, Willamette's defense shut down Southern Oregon in the final half.

"We need to play the whole game," freshman defensive end Nate Matlock said. "The early points hurt us."

Southern Oregon scored first, but junior running back Justin Peterson answered with a 15-yard touchdown run to tie the score at seven.

With 5:16 remaining in the first quarter, Southern Oregon put six more points on the board to take a 13-7 lead.

Peterson kept Willamette in the game with a 90-yard run to put the Bearcats up 14-13. The run was one of the longest in Willamette's history. Sophomore flanker Greg Reed's success running the sweep opened up the middle for Peterson.

"They can't stop us inside and outside," Peterson said.

Willamette's lead did not last. When the horn sounded, signaling halftime, Southern Oregon had scored

16 unanswered points and led 29-14.

In the second half, the Bearcat defense looked like a new team, only giving up 80 yards. For the game, junior middle linebacker Colin Campbell led the defense with 11 tackles and Matlock picked up seven.

"The defense played great in the second half," head coach Mark Speckman said. "We should have won and that is frustrating."

For the third consecutive week, Reed continued to trouble opposing defenses, running for more than 100 yards.

In the second half, he rushed for two touchdowns. Reed's final score with 1:23 remaining in the game put Willamette within two.

The Bearcats attempted to tie the score on a two-point conversion, but were unsuccessful.

Turnovers came back to haunt the Bearcats for the second time this season. Willamette fumbled the football four times and lost possession twice. Earlier in the fall, the Bearcats lost a close game to Central Washington University because of turnovers.

The Bearcats' two losses this season have been to a fifth-ranked NAIA team and a Division-II team.

Starting this Saturday, the Bearcats will finish out the

season against Northwest Conference opponents.

"We're in good shape in Division-III," Speckman said. "We've got to just tighten it up. Our guys are hungry."

Willamette will rely on strong defensive efforts and a balanced offensive attack led by Peterson and Reed on the ground and sophomore quarterback Tyler Gaspard.

Since Gaspard took over at quarterback, the Bearcats are 3-0 and have begun to develop a much-needed passing game.

Gaspard threw for one touchdown two weeks ago against Chapman University and was 5-for-11 for 134 yards against Southern Oregon.

"We have to stay consistent and not sputter on offense," Peterson said. "We have to keep the ball moving on third down."

Another key to Willamette's success in the upcoming games will be the team's ability to handle the football.

Turnovers have proven costly against quality teams such as Southern Oregon or Central Washington, and the Bearcats cannot afford to continue to give up the football.

The Bearcats host Whitworth College on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at McCulloch Stadium.

Bearcat Box Scores

VOLLEYBALL

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Puget Sound	8	0	11	2
Whitworth	5	0	13	4
George Fox	6	2	13	2
PLU	5	3	11	4
Linfield	5	4	8	6
Willamette	2	5	5	7
Whitman	2	5	4	11
Pacific	0	7	0	13
Lewis & Clark	0	7	0	13

Last Week

WU goes 2-2 at the Colo. Coll Invite

Next Week

Oct. 12
Whitworth 7 p.m.
Oct. 13
at Whitman 3 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

	NWC			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Whitworth	6	0	1	9	1	1
G. Fox	5	2	0	6	4	1
Willamette	4	3	0	5	3	0
Linfield	4	3	0	7	5	0
UPS	3	3	1	7	5	1
PLU	3	3	1	4	4	1
Whitman	0	5	2	2	7	3
Pacific	0	6	1	3	6	1

Last Week

WU def. UPS 1-0, PLU def. WU 3-2

Next Week

Oct. 13
at G. Fox 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 14
at Pacific 2:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

	NWC			ALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
UPS	7	0	0	10	1	0
Willamette	6	1	0	8	1	0
Linfield	5	2	0	8	3	0
Whitworth	3	4	0	5	6	0
Whitman	2	5	0	6	5	0
Pacific	2	5	0	3	7	0
PLU	2	5	0	2	7	1
George Fox	1	6	0	4	7	0

Last Week

UPS def. WU 1-0, WU def. PLU 2-0

Next Week

Oct. 13
at G. Fox noon.
Oct. 7
at Pacific noon

FOOTBALL

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	1	0	3	0
Lewis & Clark	1	0	2	1
Willamette	1	0	3	2
Linfield	1	1	2	2
PLU	0	1	2	2
Puget Sound	0	2	0	4

Last Week

Southern Oregon def. WU 29-27

Next Game

Oct. 13
Whitworth 1:30 p.m.

All standings current as of October 9.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: OCT. 1-7, 2001

Reports provided by Campus Safety. Officers responded to 160 requests for service last week.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

October 2, 2:45 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot) - A student reported that unknown subjects damaged her CD player while attempting to remove it from her vehicle.

The student did say that she had left her windows partially down because of the hot weather.

October 4, 8 a.m. (Kaneko Hall) - An employee advised Campus Safety that unknown subjects damaged a soda machine and candy machine in a lounge area. The subjects also left behind a shopping cart that had been stolen from K-Mart.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

October 6, 4:22 p.m. (Belknap Parking Lot) - WEMS and Campus

Safety responded to a student who was complaining of severe stomach cramps as a result of eating seafood.

After initial treatment, Campus Safety transported the student to the Urgent Care Center and after treatment there, the student was transported to Salem Hospital.

SAFETY VIOLATION

October 7, 3 a.m. (Montag Center) - Campus Safety found that members of the DJ Dance Club had placed paper towels in the light fixtures to darken the area for the Octoberfunkt dance.

They were informed this was a fire hazard and members removed the towels after a discussion of safety.

THEFT

October 3, 9:45 p.m. (Phi Delta Theta) - A student reported that unknown subjects took his specialized "Hard Rock" bicycle after it was left unlocked in the bushes in front of

the house for less than 20 minutes.

October 4, 1 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot) - A student reported unknown subjects reached into his vehicle through the open sunroof and removed a leather bag containing a notebook and palm pilot.

October 5, 1:31 a.m. (Smith Fine Arts) - An off-campus construction company reported that unknown subjects took a tool from the hallway of the building.

October 3, 7:46 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot) - A student reported that between September 21 and September 30 unknown subjects removed approximately \$1,000 worth of personal property from the back seat of his vehicle.

October 7, 9:03 a.m. (Off Campus) - The soccer team reported that while on a road trip, unknown subjects removed university property from a university van.

Trespass October 7, 9:25 a.m. (Doney Hall) - Campus Safety found a subject going through the trash cans on the south side of the building. The subject stated he was "living free" with no rules. He was advised that he was in a "rule zone" and was issued a written trespass notice.

HARASSMENT

October 1, 9:20 a.m. (Montag Center) - A student reported that while she was leaving the Salsa dance an ex-boyfriend verbally harassed her and was acting very strangely.

STALKING

October 2, 2:45 p.m. (Campus) - An employee reported that a subject had been following her around campus and requested that he be issued a trespass notice. The subject could not be located but was sent a written trespass notice to his home address.

Student groups can appeal funding to ASWU Finance Board, Senate

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One is the appeals process, the other a meeting with the Finance Office to reach an agreement on the needed funding. In the past the appeals process has not been successful in acquiring additional funding for clubs and organizations.

To improve the chances of an appeal, Cockrell recommends that "students first come to Finance and reach a mutual agreement that can be taken to the Senate with reciprocal support between the organization and the Finance Office."

Cockrell stated that student groups can always appeal to the Senate for additional funding; however, Cockrell believes that reaching a mutual agreement would be more successful.

The Finance Office will also help organizations find alternate and sup-

plementary funding from the Salem community.

Also during last week's Senate meeting, the Senate voted to create a new committee named the Community Health Ad Hoc Committee.

This was a committee created with a focus on various health issues at Willamette and in the surrounding community. The committee was created because "certain issues need to be addressed."

"For instance, the Senate feels it important to have an organ donation awareness campaign and periodic blood drives on campus," freshman committee chair Paul Swenson said.

The committee will also be looking into issues raised on campus such as services the Wellness Center does not offer, WEMS, and coordinating efforts with the Pre-Med Club to set up projects on campus.

Event addresses domestic violence

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On Thursday, Cone Chapel will host "Full Steam Ahead: Relational Aggression Prevention" from 7-9 p.m. This workshop will look at aggression in families and its effect on children. It is presented by Carla Pomroy and Sue Krayer.

The Week Without Violence concludes with "A Night of Latin Dance"

Saturday in Sparks gymnasium, from 6-10 p.m. Salsa and Merengue dance lessons will be offered.

Various other events will be held at the local churches, schools and the YWCA on the corner of Winter and State Streets, one block from campus. All events are free.

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