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U.S. News rankings show improvement

by Kelly Walsh
Contributor

Willamette has long been recognized as a prestigious liberal arts institution, and a September edition of *U.S. News and World Report* further solidifies the school's position.

The rankings, done by a research group at *U.S. News*, are a combination of many factors that contribute to the overall quality of a university.

Willamette's overall score places the school in Tier Two of the National Liberal Arts

Colleges. This status means Willamette is ranked as one of the top 80 National Liberal Arts Colleges in the United States. Competing in this category are the likes of Swarthmore, Amherst, and Williams, the top three colleges in this category, respectively.

Willamette's recent jump into Tier Two classification places the institution with some very exclusive company in the Northwest. Comparable schools in the region include Reed, the only Tier Two Liberal Arts College

in the region, Whitman University, another Tier Two school, Lewis and Clark College, and the University of Puget Sound, both Tier Three Schools.

James Sumner, Vice President for Enrollment, stressed the importance of Willamette's designation as a National Liberal Arts College.

"The thing that drives me crazy about these rankings is that you'll see schools such as Linfield and George Fox being ranked as Top 5 Colleges in newspaper headlines. Those schools are ranked as Regional Liberal

Arts Colleges, not National Institutions. It's like we're playing Major League baseball while those schools are playing Single A or Rookie League."

Sumner applauded the efforts to improve the University. "Our goal first is to make Willamette a better place, and hopefully the rankings will follow."

The improvements he highlighted were

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Vice President for Enrollment

Magazine makes error in report of student debt

by Jeffrey Chu
Staff Writer

According to a recent issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, Willamette is ranked second among the National Liberal Arts Colleges in student debt.

The average debt of the class of '95 was reported as approximately \$19,000. However, this data was based only on graduates who borrowed from one or more of the following sources: federal, state, and local governments, financial institutions, and colleges.

Zofia Miller, the Financial Aid Counselor, says that this figure is incorrect. Miller claims that submittance of the wrong figure was due to a computer error and the actual figure should have been about \$15,400.00.

The number which *U.S. News* reported was under the assumption that all the

students chose to accept the loans they were offered. However, many students only accepted a portion of their loans. Outside scholarship awards and saved money were used instead of loans.

At \$15,400.00, this puts Willamette below the top twenty-five schools. Miller says that Willamette's student debt is average compared to other universities with similar tuition rates. Nevertheless, the faculty is very concerned with this number and wants it even lower.

Several trustees are pushing for a campaign for more scholarships to be granted to students in an attempt to lower the debt. The financial aid office is also providing more information to students about outside scholarships.

Even with these attempts, Miller believes that the debt figure would remain reasonable, but as tuition increases, the amounts owed are bound to rise.

IFC alcohol policy stresses education

The modified policy requires that each fraternity follow their national organization's alcohol policies.

by Sean Bevington
Staff Writer

The policy of B.Y.O.B. is essentially at the heart of the new alcohol policy passed this week at the Intrafraternal Council's weekly meeting.

For those who are unfamiliar with the abbreviation, this means that all fraternity parties held on campus this year will be Bring Your Own Beer functions, except for those catered by a third party vendor.

The I.F.C. had come into the school year with a policy constructed by Risk Management Officer Andy Frazier, but later tabled it in favor of this new policy that gives individual fraternities more responsibility when dealing with alcohol at functions. The new

policy requires each individual chapter to adhere to four sets of alcohol regulations when serving alcohol at parties.

The first regulation is the policy set forth by Willamette University which centers around the fact that alcohol cannot be consumed in a public place on campus. Secondly, the houses must adhere to their National Chapter's drinking procedure. All of Willamette's fraternities have national regulations that outlaw the buying of alcohol by the house (so-called slush funds) and thus lend themselves completely to BYOB functions. These two rules must also be

followed along with state and federal laws concerning the consumption of alcohol.

Our other policy did not address I.F.C.'s

concern with the education about the proper use of alcohol. Liability was our first emphasis, but now we are taking a proactive stance towards education. We want to address the behavioral manifestations of

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Poet, activist tells of injustice



Carolyn Forche, a poet and human rights activist, spoke Monday night in the Cat Cavern.

by Katy Fraser
Staff Writer

Ask Carolyn Forche when she started writing, and she will tell you age nine. Her mother, on the other hand, would say that Carolyn has been pecking away at a typewriter since she was a toddler. One of seven children, Forche often amused herself by banging away at her mother's typewriter which was conveniently stored at toddler level on the floor. Thus began her now highly celebrated writing career.

Human rights activist, poet of witness, and professor, Carolyn Forche is a woman of many talents and myriad interests. Her visit was made possible by the Educational

Programs Committee.

Forche led a small group discussion in the Hatfield Room in the afternoon and later gave a poetry reading to a large crowd in the Cat Cavern. The afternoon setting was very informal, with poet and participants gathered in a circle for a casual chat. The topic of discussion at both sessions focused mainly on Forche's life and travels and the injustices she has seen and heard of in those travels.

Her tales included seeing a bag of human ears, which came from tortured prisoners, in a Latin American colonel's house, and meeting a Holocaust survivor who

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Expert warns of dangers of overpopulation



Werner Fornos, the President of the Population Institute, spoke on campus about the problems that come with overpopulation.

by Joah McGee
Staff Writer

Werner Fornos spoke at Convocation Wednesday, at one point cautioning them of the arrival of Armageddon. He predicted that the four horsemen of the apocalypse would arrive in the forms of famine, deforestation, global warming, and overpopulation.

"This will be a vastly different world if we don't heed the warning signs on the horizon and make the corrections," Fornos said. He went on to warn the audience that wars will no longer be a battle over political concerns, but instead over resources.

"The dangers inherent when a world's population outgrows its

environmental resources demand a new commitment to re-shaping our future," he said. "[The population problem] is not going to take care of itself. We can do it, but it's going to have to happen through individual courage and responsibility."

Fornos emphasized that there is a brighter side, and suggested four solutions.

Fornos said it is necessary to eradicate female illiteracy, adding that women with the equivalent of an eighth grade education have half as less births. In addition, more employment opportunities need to be created for women.

His final two suggestions were the reduction of infant mortality and universal access to the means of limiting pregnancy.

Debates continue over higher speed limits.

by Rudolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - Since the federal government let states raise highway speed limits last winter, at least eight states that did so have seen increases in highway deaths, an Associated Press survey found.

Yet, four other states that raised limits actually saw fatal accidents drop slightly.

The conflicting statistics have led the American Automobile Association and the government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to caution that it's too soon to draw firm conclusions. Many states, for instance, have yet to gather data since raising speed limits.

Many troopers out on the roads, echo Utah Highway Patrol Lt. Robert Flowers, who says he's seeing more damage from high-speed crashes: "It opens vehicles up. Doors come off, windows come in."

A little more than half the states have increased limits on at least some highways

since Congress ended the federal cap of 55 miles per hour - 65 mph on rural interstates.

Before the change, highway deaths had been increasing for the previous three years, highway safety groups note. And the increases that have occurred since might be attributable to reasons besides higher speeds, including bad weather or higher rates of drunken driving.

Many officials estimate it could take up to three years to get good data. Yet in some cases, the increases are startling and are worrying state officials.

Early counts show highway deaths up in Alabama, California, Missouri, Nevada, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Texas.

California statistics released Thursday indicate that although overall traffic deaths are up, traffic deaths attributed to unsafe speeds - either too fast or too slow - are down.

On the other hand, fewer people died in Florida, Massachusetts, Montana and Utah despite higher speed limits on significant numbers of roads. Massachusetts officials

attribute the drop to enforcement of seat-belt and drunken-driving laws.

Several states are still mulling whether to raise limits. Others, like Michigan, have increased the limits in just a few selected areas as a test.

While the death toll has varied, one thing seems clear: Raising the speed limit means more people can drive legally.

California Highway Patrol Officer Hector Marquez patrols a busy stretch of Interstate 5 near Sacramento. "I haven't seen a great change in people's driving habits. Many drove right around 70, even with 55 limit. Now that it has been raised to 65, people are still hovering right around 70."

But Utah officer Flowers said he sees an increase in damage since the speed limit was boosted to 75 mph on most rural freeways and 65 mph in cities.

Under the old limit of 65 mph on rural freeways, a car would roll over one or two times, Flowers said. But now, cars roll as many as seven or eight times.

When debate over the speed limit swirled through Congress, Montana and Nevada were often singled out as places likely to see increases in speeding and deaths.

In Nevada in the first six months of this year, 167 people lost their lives in accidents, 20 more than at the end of June 1995. The speed limit was boosted to 75. But the fact that Nevada's population is booming may account for some of that.

"With the massive growth in our state, you're going to have more accidents," said Gordon Absher, spokesman for the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Montana also is a special case. When the federal limit disappeared, Montana reverted to its old law, which specifies only a "reasonable and prudent" speed during daytime. Nighttime limits are 65 on interstates, 55 on other roads. Montana authorities stress that "reasonable and prudent" is not the same as no limit. As of Sept. 30 the state had recorded 152 deaths, down from 165 in the same period a year ago.

State nominates six prison sites

by Jeff Barnard
Associated Press

OREGON (AP) - Jefferson County Commissioner Rick Allen sees a lot of support around Madras for a new prison, which would bring 500 well-paying jobs to a county with one of the state's lowest per-capita incomes.

"We look at it as a good clean industry," Allen said Monday after a special state panel named two sites in Madras and four others in Eastern Oregon as suitable for a new medium-security prison. "It doesn't pollute and they don't downsize. Prisons are here to stay."

But when the Corrections Facility Siting Authority releases its second round of prison sites next week, many will be west of the Cascade Range, where opposition has already erupted in Molalla, Wilsonville, Willamina and southern Oregon.

In Madras, opposition has largely come from neighbors of a specific site, or over the broader issue of the fast pace of growth, Allen said.

"It's either A: Build it in an-

other part of the county not next to me, or B: I don't want any industry here that employs that many people all at once," Allen said. "It wouldn't have mattered if it were a new mill or a new french fry factory. Opposition from a segment of the community is over growth. Five hundred new employees in any industry is too many."

During the next 10 years, the state plans to build six to eight prison complexes to hold more than 10,000 inmates. The prison population is projected to double in the next decade because of a mandatory sentencing law voters approved in 1994.

The list released Monday by the Corrections Facility Siting Authority proposed expanding the existing Powder River Correctional Institution at Baker City and nominated

six new sites for medium-security prisons.

In addition to the two sites in Madras, the panel chose an-

other site in Baker City for a possible medium-security prison, as well as two locations in Boardman and one in Umatilla. The siting authority also nominated two places for minimum-security work camps

and suggested expanding the South Fork Forest Camp outside Tillamook. The minimum-security sites are at the airport in Redmond and on U.S. Bureau of Land Management property near the town of Mitchell.

"We are very much behind the eight ball on this issue and need to move very rapidly," Department of Corrections Director Dave Cook said. "That is exactly why we are breaking ground on two sites in April, almost immediately after the siting authority finishes."

Cook said the authority was trying to choose locations where a prison would be welcome, but that might not always be possible. Costs and access to major highways also were taken into consideration.

Local hearings on the first round of site proposals begin Oct. 31 and run through Nov. 6. Gov. John Kitzhaber is expected to decide by Dec. 17 where the prisons will be built.

In Umatilla, restaurant and lounge owner Floyd Mathews said he welcomed the idea of a prison, which would bring good jobs to the small farming community where he lives.

"Right now our economy is largely agricultural, which is largely seasonal," he said. "You are busy planting it, busy harvesting it, and the rest of the time you're on unemployment. We're trying to help level out the economy."

Madonna gives birth

by Beth Harris
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Madonna's a momma.

The 35-year-old pop diva and actress gave birth Monday to a healthy 6-pound, 9-ounce girl, Lourdes Maria Ciccone Leon.

Madonna, the baby and father Carlos Leon were resting comfortably, spokeswoman Liz Rosenberg said. It is the first child for Madonna Louise Veronica Ciccone. The 30-year-old father is her personal trainer and boyfriend.

The girl was born at 4:01 p.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital, Rosenberg said. No other details were released.

Paul Fleiss, father of Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss, told TV crews as he left the hospital that he was the baby's pediatrician.

Fans all over the world celebrated the news of the baby. MTV ran a series of Madonna videos along with congratulatory messages from fans on the bottom of the screen.

The New York Daily News reported earlier this month that Madonna had wanted a natural childbirth, took birthing classes, considered having the baby at home and planned to breast-feed the girl.

Gossip columnists had also said she would name her baby "Lola." Instead, she settled on Lourdes (pronounced LOB-dis). It also is the name of a French city - (but pronounced LUARD) - where millions seek healing each year at a shrine to the Virgin Mary. Maria is Leon's mother's name. Reporters staked out the hospital late into the night, but it was unclear whether Madonna and child were still there. Months before announcing her pregnancy, Madonna told ABC's "Primetime Live" she planned to take out a personal ad to find a suitable candidate for "the fatherhood gig."

Leon got the job but Madonna did not use him as a "stud service," she says in November's Vanity Fair, which published excerpts of a diary she kept while filming "Evita" in Argentina.

Madonna says she didn't get pregnant for "shock value" and in one entry describes first seeing her fetus during an ultrasound test:

"I was stunned when I saw on the ultrasound a tiny, living creature spinning around in my womb. Tap-dancing, I think. Waving its tiny arms around and trying to suck its thumb. I could have sworn I heard it laughing."

Supreme court bans Kevorkian

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court let stand Tuesday a 1991 Michigan court order that bars Dr. Jack Kevorkian from helping people commit suicide. The order has never been enforced, although courts have tried and acquitted Kevorkian on assisted-suicide charges.

The Supreme Court, without comment, turned away Kevorkian's argument that the order violates his free-speech right and his patients' right to decide when to end their lives. The justices already have agreed to decide whether states can ban doctor-assisted suicides.

Kevorkian has acknowledged assisting in 42 suicides since 1990. Michigan state officials sought the court order after the first of those assisted suicides, by a woman suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

The order bars Kevorkian from "offering or providing" suicide help and "conducting any acts to help a patient commit suicide."

The Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the order, and the state Supreme Court declined to hear his ensuing appeal.

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Representative Johnston addresses student concerns

by Christine Schaeffer
Staff Writer

Willamette students are not taking advantage of the abundant resources surrounding campus, said politician Bryan Johnston, who is running for State Representative.

Being across the street from the state capitol, Willamette has a prime political location. Johnston feels that this is a tremendous advantage to students who want to see how government operates. He suggests that students occasionally visit the capitol building to watch the legislative process.

Education is a significant issue to Johnston, who said, "Higher education is the engine that fuels the economy."

In the past years, money has

been cut from public education in Oregon, which Johnston feels could be harmful to the state's future.

Currently, "Oregonians make ninety-one percent of the national average in wages. We need to achieve the state's average wage," said Johnston. He believes that this is conceivable for the future through greater stress on education and also through economic alterations.

Johnston says that Oregonians need to realize that the state must do more to support Portland's economic growth. He is a strong advocate of the light rail system being constructed in hopes of creating growth within the city.

A recent concern among Willamette students and the surrounding Salem community has been the seemingly drastic increase

in crime, both on campus and within the city.

Johnston stated, "We're going the wrong direction. Our emphasis now is on lengthening sentences and building more prisons. We should concentrate our efforts on getting more police on the streets." He feels that by putting more police on the streets, preventative actions would increase, which in turn would decrease the number of crimes.

He notes that when a criminal is in prison, the crime has already occurred. Juveniles, specifically, are worried about getting caught rather than the period of time they will spend in a correctional institute.

"The emphasis on drug penalties is counter-productive. We should be far more involved in educating kids about drugs," added Johnston.



State Representative Brian Johnston works with a child.

Nonviolent protest session taught

by Katy Fraser
Staff Writer

Wednesday night the Oregon Peace Works, a nonprofit organization, sponsored a Non-Violence/Civil Disobedience training session.

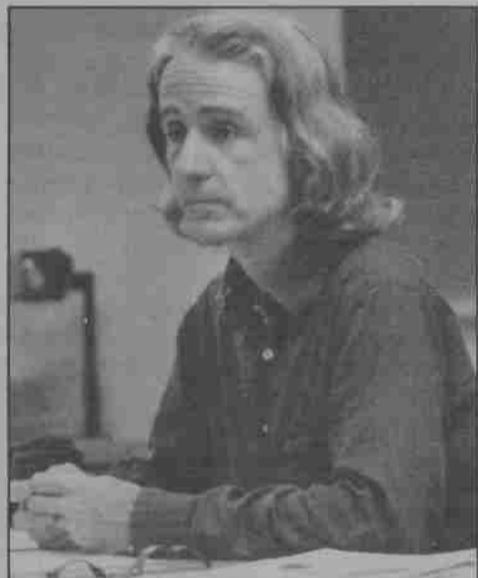
Michael Carrigan, Executive Director, coordinated and guided the instruction, along with his assistant Katie Rogerson. Only four people attended the session, which was not the desired turnout.

The purpose of the workshop was to prepare participants for a public protest to be held at an upcoming timber auction. While ideally the exhibit might stop the auction from happening, Carrigan is more realistic in his expectations. "We're looking for media attention, frankly," he admitted.

In detail, Carrigan expounded on the evils of the legislation recently passed regarding deforestation in Oregon.

Carrigan repeatedly emphasized the importance of non-violence training, "whether you're planning on getting arrested or not" at a protest.

In the past, demonstrations in which he has been involved have gotten out of hand, resulting in some unfortunate confrontations between protesters and authorities. Should one choose to take part in a protest, the buddy system is advocated by Carrigan. One member of the partnership should agree to steer clear



Michael Carrigan, Executive Director of the Oregon Peaceworks, led a session on nonviolent protest Wednesday night.

of being arrested, so that if the other happens to be hauled away, someone will remain on the outside to take care of things like taking their partner's car home, feeding household pets, and working out a legal strategy for their friend's defense.

Another role this support person plays is picking up their buddy when they're released from police custody. "There's nothing worse than getting out of jail and being all alone," said Carrigan.

EPC objects to budget decision

by Jeffrey Chu
Staff Writer

Even though the ASWU Senate approved the budget last month, not everyone walked out with smiling faces.

The Educational Programming Committee's \$15,650.00 was approved, but they did not get a check for that amount when everybody else did.

Instead, the money is being held in reserve and allocated only when the EPC requests it.

Every time a club or organization goes to the EPC for support, the EPC must turn to Finance Board to obtain approval and also to receive a check.

Jeremy Johnson, Chair of the EPC, feels that this was an unnecessary step. "Since there are already two members of Finance Board who are also in the EPC, the board should trust the EPC to make reasonable decisions."

However, ASWU Treasurer Loren Myers feels differently. "I looked at EPC's budget last year, and I have no idea what they spent their money on. Them coming up to me every time and telling me is the only way I know what they are spending their money on."

Myers has emphasized that when a

committee submits an application to request money, it must be extremely explicit about what the money will be spent on.

For example, the Outdoors Club listed the exact amount of money they will need for new equipment, transportation for both semesters, and general supplies.

The EPC did not do this because they have no idea what clubs or organizations will ask for their support in the future.

The \$15,650.00 is purely an estimate and Myers feels that all organizations must follow the same standard of specificity.

Another factor which convinced Finance Board of this decision was that several students had expressed a concern that EPC funded events last year that were not very popular among students.

For example, speakers scheduled to come last year had very low student attendance rates.

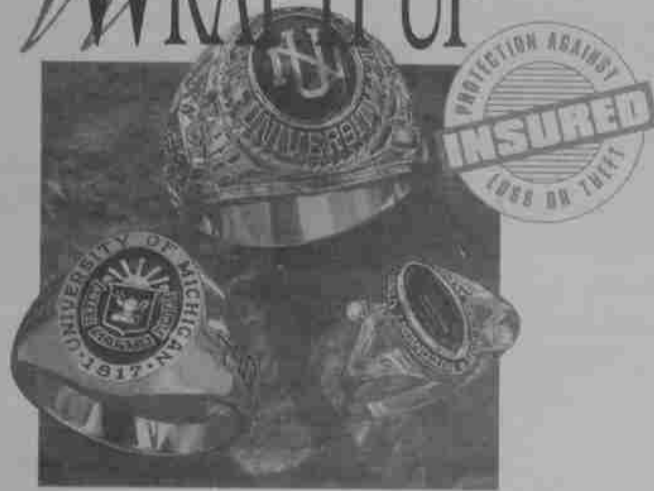
So far, Johnson feels that this process is "excessive and makes EPC a subsidiary of Finance Board."

However, he will not challenge it. "I would rather not hassle with it if it works."

Myers predicted, "I do not imagine seeing any difficulties, I think it is going very well and very fair."

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FORCHE: Poet witnesses to injustice

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refused to be fluent in any language.

Throughout the sessions, Forche's emotionally-charged free verse captivated the audience as she told of the incredible injustices which humans have committed. Perhaps the line that best defined her message was the final line in a poem about political repression in Latin America: "There is nothing one man will not do to another."

Forche believes that her poetry is more than just literature. She feels

that it can be a medium for educating people around the world about the struggle for human rights.

Students, professors, and administrators alike were a part of the group setting. English Professor Linda Bowers said "it was just wonderful."

During the evening reading, Forche mentioned that she has sparked controversy in the United States because her works have mixed poetry and politics, even though she wasn't aware she was doing so.

One of her concerns that is brought out in her poetry is how ordinary people such as the citizens of Nazi Germany can be party to such atrocities.

Forche has taken some surprising twists and turns. After a friend introduced her to an El Salvadorian poet whose work had never been translated into English, Forche was captivated by the poetry

and went to El Salvador to work intimately with the poet.

While in El Salvador, Forche became involved in the human rights movement. She ended up working with Monseigneur Romero, a bishop in El Salvador.

The week after she returned to America Romero was assassinated. It took nearly a decade for Forche to distance herself from the experience enough to write about it.

She has journeyed to Lebanon as a correspondent for NPR, been deported from South Africa while eight months pregnant, and been asked to represent the US in Japan.

Besides "Gathering the Tribes," Forche has published "The Country Between Us" and "Flowers From a Volcano." She has also edited an anthology of 20th Century poet's works, "Against Forgetting." Her most recent book is titled "The Angel of History."

"There is nothing one man will not do to another,"

- Carolyn Forche

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Editorials

No news of WU overseas

Have you ever expected a piece of mail, and waited and waited, only to find out that it was never sent? Such is the experience of Willamette students on study abroad programs as diverse as Ecuador, Japan and England. These students were promised *Collegians* as part of their undergraduate study abroad experience, but have yet to receive them.

The Office for Off-Campus Studies used to fund the mailing of *Collegians* to study abroad students, but they can't find the money in their budget this year to pay for the postage. And, now that it's halfway through the semester, no *Collegians* have been sent. It is certain that this oversight is not due to malicious intent on behalf of the university, but its effect on students is unpleasant nonetheless.

It is our hope at the *Collegian* that the Powers that Be would follow up on their goal to increase interest and enrollment in off-campus study programs and begin mailing *Collegians* to study abroad students as they did in past years, rather than taking away the one tenuous link which students have to the Willamette experience.

Alleviate stress naturally

Guess what? No, not chicken butt. It is only a week away from our three-day weekend mid-semester break. Hopefully you have something planned that will totally make you forget about school for a few days.

The semester is flying by and now is crunch time. Now is the time when the fit hits the shan and the stress level at Willamette rises to unheard of proportions.

Tests, quizzes, labs, papers, reports, and add work-study on top of that and you have a pretty busy schedule that is loaded with stress.

How you choose to deal with your stress is your own decision. Remember, however, that there are those of us out here who do not necessarily want to deal with your stress so be cool about it.

When dealing with stress it is important to remember the value of being outside in the elements. Going for a long walk in the woods by yourself or with friends is a great way to alleviate stress. Sitting by a stream and watching the water is another great way to relax and loosen up a bit.

The trick to dealing with stress is to not think about what is stressing you out. Yes, this sounds like an impossible chore, but if you concentrate long enough on nothingness, you will focus your mind on those things other than stress.

So, have a great miniature vacation next week and forget about Willamette for awhile. It will do your mind wonders.

Do not vote for Republicrats

With election time not that far away, there will be a lot of important decisions to be made in the coming weeks as to who to vote for, and what to vote for or against.

As for the issues, one of the hottest topics according to some of the recent polls is the environment. Voters are taking these issues very seriously and want their candidates to support these same issues.

Both the Democrats and Republicans know that the environment is a key issue in the upcoming election. Back at the beginning of the year, now defunct Clinton strategist Dick Morris told his boss that environmental issues were just about equal to political gold.

What this has turned out to be is another name-calling match with the Democrats calling the Republicans "rapers of nature" and the Republicans retorting, calling the Democrats "backwards thinking pinko tree-huggers."

The truth is that both the Democrats and Republicans have much less than savory records when it comes to the questions regarding the environment. Yes, even Bill "the thrill" Clinton.

Recently, Bill has been spouting off environmental rhetoric, promising to do this or that. Saying that the environment is a very important issue to his administration, and calling the Republicans the worst threat to the environment.

Calling Mr. Clinton an environmentalist is like calling Lon Mabon a social liberal—what a joke! Hey,

he signed the infamous "clear-cut" rider, and has continually backed down from the environment, instead choosing to appease the

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corporations. The fact is that the Clinton administration has a worse environmental record than Reagan and Bush combined, according to one of our elder environmental leaders, David Brower.

Bill has backed down from so many promises concerning the environment, that it is very hard to take him seriously.

On the other side of the coin, Mr. Dole probably does not even know that the environment is an issue in this election. Then of course, he does not always know where the bathroom is, or where the state he represents is located.

The point is that there is no real difference between Democrats or Republicans. They are one in the same. They should get together and form a single party called the "Expansionary Industrialists," because that is all that they really care about—economic growth. The fact is that the Democrats and Republicans are controlled by the money of the corporations, which is the real evil in the world.

Because of this evil corporate money, alternative political views such as the Pacific, Socialist, Reform, and Libertarian parties are ignored by the media and a large section of popular society who still actually believe that there is a difference between the Republicans and Democrats.

For instance, the Oregon Socialist Party is fielding 17 candidates in the upcoming election, but you would never know that from our media—they do not care. Like-

wise, the Pacific Party is also fielding many candidates including U.S. Senate candidate Gary Kutcher, who does not even exist in the "battle of the million-

aires" featuring Tom "I'm just a common guy" Bruggere and Gordon "I'm environmentally responsible" Smith. Still, another lost crusader in this monetary war is the Socialist Party's Chris Phelps.

There are an abundance of alternative ideas in these alternative parties. You, as a responsible voter, should check these different parties out for yourself. You might find out that those "other" parties represent your interests far better than the "Expansionary Industrialists." Check them out, and then join the party of your choice. Do not give in to the almighty corporations.

Calling Mr. Clinton an environmentalist is like calling Lon Mabon a social liberal.

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW

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Alternatives to our boring, redundant lives at WU

Here I sit, staring at a blank computer screen, as the pulsating cursor agitates my pathetic brain beyond belief, trying to think up something to write about; and it dawns on me: there is nothing to write about! There is nothing to write about because there is nothing new at this school on which to have an opinion. It seems as though we are all caught in a bubble that not only isolates us from the issues of the world, but also isolates us from our obligation as collegians.

One such obligation is that a student should facilitate a contentious state of opposition to what we are told; an "Always Question Authority" attitude. After this attitude is the responsibility of the educated and, as students, it is the kind of existence we must practice.

But, here at this wondrous institution of higher learning, debate of the norms does not seem to exist.

Birthdays are not about getting older

Two days ago, it was my birthday. I'm not saying that to solicit gifts, so don't panic (however, if you feel the need to shower me with presents, feel free). All of these birthday vibes have caused me to muse on the subject (I've found that musing can take the place of doing homework, so I do it quite often).

When I was little, birthdays really meant something. I started looking forward to good ol' October 16, in early September. I composed complicated gift lists, and pestered my parents with them.

Then, about a week before, the packages and cards would start rolling in like postal manna from heaven. That wasn't the best part, though. It was the parties that rocked my world. Some years, my parents managed to organize a bash which would involve a passel of small children running around on sugar highs playing pin the tail on the donkey and eating big hunks of cake. These parties were

insanely fun, and the more people that came translated into the more presents that I received. Some years, though, my parents were more nefarious when it came to planning my party. Instead of inviting my friends, they would invite their

The student body of Willamette University is content to sit on its collective butt week after week, lamenting about its problems, but

MALNU'S DOCTRINE

Ben Worsley

never taking an active role to find solutions.

Take the life of the student, for example. Our weekly routine seems very patterned. Monday sucks.

We all labor to get out of bed, but we head to classes anyway, knowing that the week must begin. We walk to class like drones, apparently affected by the aftermath of an intoxicated weekend. We continue to plod through the week as a robotic unit of conformity.

Once the weekend comes, we run to our location of choice to become inebriated, and then enter into the next Monday as painfully as the previous week began, only to

endeavor upon the same pattern again. This pattern is the fundamental problem with the student body of this school. We do the same thing week after week, year after year. We are all stuck in a traditional rut that none of us can seem to break out of. The truth is that we are boring.

But, you say, "Hey! What is there to do differently? I like my uninteresting life!" And I reply, "You do?" All I hear are people complaining about their problems with this and that, yet they don't do anything about it. It's time for us to rise up; to take a stand against the problems that we have and against the forces that constrain us to our insignificant lives.

Although it is often argued that these rules are necessary for an institution like WU to operate, I believe that these rules and regulations often go too far and create more problems than they attempt to resolve.

friends over for a big volleyball party. Sure, their friends brought better presents than mine, but still, it was the principle of the thing. I

THE CHEESE CHALET

Jessica Girard

don't know if this caused any permanent damage, but I know that I still like pin the tale on the donkey better than volleyball.

Then, birthdays metamorphasized into slumber parties. This entailed buying lots of food (health food, of course), about ten movies, and staying up really late and playing Truth or Dare (which meant that, eventually, somebody would end up running around outside the house naked, or something equally embarrassing).

Now though, birthdays are completely different. One thing I've noticed is that I don't get as much mail as I used to.

Apparently the distant relatives just don't think I'm cute enough to send five bucks to anymore, even though I would like to convince them differently. They're probably right, but I would still like to have the five dollars. Birthdays aren't as exciting

anymore, either. They're just more blasé now, but heck, I have had nineteen of them. When I was little, birthdays seemed like such a strange tradition: a random day came along every year and people gave you lots of cool presents. Now that I get the concept though, the novelty has faded a bit. I suppose I've realized that a birthday day is just like any other. Your close friends act differently, but other than that, it's the same old routine and rituals.

That's where the problem is. Birthdays have always been built up into these big days of metamorphoses, as if I'm supposed to wake up and suddenly be able to speak fluent Spanish, or finally be able to think of witty retorts right away, instead of two hours later. One thing that is better about birthdays now, though, is that they mean more to me in a symbolic sense, and less in a materialistic sense. My friend sent me an e-mail the other day that said "I'm glad that you were born." I like that. Because, really, it's so obvious why birthdays are touted as such a big deal; people want to show you that they're glad you're here.

I'm glad that I've made it on this planet for nineteen years, and that I exist in the first place. While for me a birthday's quality used to be judged by the amount of booty I could rake in, I think that now it's more of a satisfying feeling of "Yes. I made it another year." So, thanks to all who made this life possible.

that the issues that deal with men regarding sexual assault were also expressed, both men as victims and men as the friends of victims. So, to the contrary of the author's conclusion, the exclusion of male involvement on our parts was neither intentional nor ignorant. I am curious, however, to know which it was on the part of the author in regards to the attack on this program? The inclusion of males in this activity was added after the initial activity was planned so that publicity still dealt mainly with women. Instead, the author had to attack a program which START intended to be an educational and effective activity. This was an activity that primarily dealt with women. A simple inquiry by the author would have uncovered the

fact that START is planning activities throughout the year and yes, we are going to do programs that focus on men, such as the Men's Forums, one to be held later this semester and in the spring. We are not ignorant when it comes to sexual assault, whether it deals with men or women. As both the president of START and a survivor of rape, I deal with this issue day and night, and would like to think that I am well informed. This program was an attempt to make all people aware and more informed, not an attempt to segregate the sexes as the author seems to think. We are Students Against Rape Together, and we stand for just that.

LIANI REEVES
START President

People complain about the constraints placed upon us by an oppressive Office of Residence Life. Well, why not

organize some sort of rally to contest the lack of student input on ORL decisions? Others moan about the high price and pathetic quality of coffee at Goudy. So, why not organize a blockade in front of the commons that would persuade Steve to lower prices? Or maybe you don't have to have motivation behind your actions. Our lives are not monotonous solely because of the rules of this university, but because of the unwillingness of students to break out of the constraints of tradition. This needs to change.

Why not begin a campus-wide prank war to add some spunk to our days? I'm not recommending that you break the rules or cause damage

to our illustrious campus, but why not stretch the rules to the limit in the name of having fun? Instead of going to that party this weekend, do something different for a change. Don't let the restrictions of Willamette culture bind your actions. So, be crazy, be spontaneous, be original. Be a leader; others will follow you out of their tedious, repetitive lives and into a whole new world of fun and excitement. The choice is yours: break the weekly pattern or let the weekly pattern break you.

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Look beyond voting

Your vote will not change the election results. Your vote will not change the election results. You are one of millions; your ballot's plaintive cry will be lost amid the resounding chorus of less-informed Americans' Christmas-treed slips of paper. You will not cast the deciding vote.

It is also true that voting, by giving one the sense of participating in the all-important political process, actually stifles political change. People's sense of duty is fulfilled. They have met their obligation to the state and to their fellow Americans. Since we ostensibly control the government through our vote, a burden which in the minds of most thankfully only happens once every four years, there is no need to faithfully inform ourselves, or to inform others, and certainly not to attend rallies or carry signs or choose imprisonment.

But whether you vote or march, you are still one. You are feeble. So do you choose passivity? You are feeble, but what did you expect? If your vote could decide the fate of the nation, we would not be living in a democratic state. You are one—that is all you are, and you are all that. We have an obligation to live, and if we live numbly or dishonestly we insult ourselves and shirk our duty not to our neighbors, but to our integrity. The true life is the life in which belief expresses itself unadulterated.

We all have a sphere of influence in which we are at the heart, and we must do what we can within that limited space. We may not be orators, but we can always move ourselves to act. If we happen to be a humble minister

who, after innocently volunteering his church basement to organize a bus boycott, ends up leading the civil rights

movement, then we may become famous, but we will have merely used what was provided. Nevertheless, how many can say they are living truly and fully? One first step in living freely—like all first steps inadequate but necessary—is voting, which I encourage you all to do. More importantly, I ask you to look beyond the two tired political parties from which we imagine we must choose. Do not waste your time at the ballot box lying to yourself; rather vote according to your beliefs, and nothing else. If you support the Democrats or Republicans, excellent, but otherwise, keep searching. No group of people will ever replicate your personal beliefs exactly, but dare to govern yourself fastidiously.

The argument that you will vote the opposing party into power is just as mendacious as the MTV voting propaganda, and for the same reasons. If a third party did make a strong showing, however, it would send a clear message to both

established parties that they must tailor their future platforms toward those beliefs. That is arguably why after Perot's showing in the 1994 elections both parties shifted considerably to the right. Perot's supporters changed your life, because of their defied intimidation.

As long as you think you are trapped by surging masses of other voters, you are. When you vote for yourself, you vote freely. It is only when we can act knowing we will not change the world that we will succeed.

So do you choose passivity? You are feeble, but what did you expect?

ANOTHER VIEW

Paul Jungwirth

Letters to the Editor

I am writing to address the editorial written in last week's Collegian regarding Sexual Assault Awareness Day. Although I agree with the author's view that yes, men too, are victims of sexual assault, I can't help but to defend the work that START has put into this activity and point out the author's own failure to be well informed. If the author had only used the basic skills of journalism, she would have discovered that men were in fact included in this activity. Different ribbons were available to men so

The Drag Dance: A hotbed of entertainment

by Jed Jorgensen
Staff Writer

The drag dance is sure to be an event I will not soon forget. It opened my eyes to many things I had previously taken for granted - such as women, and (for some) the makeup ritual.

It is indeed a ritual, a very sacred one, it seems.

It is difficult to express the profound gratitude I gained towards society's expectation that men not wear makeup, while trying to 'prepare' myself for the dance. In fact, I wrote a short letter to the Revlon Cosmetics company, thanking them for never launching a line of male cosmetics.

I'm not saying I'm against men wearing makeup, far from it. I'm just addressing my complete and total incompetence in applying it in a manner that would somehow benefit my appearance.

However, I really do think that I would look great with some nice charcoal eyeliner, or some burgundy wine lip gloss, if I just knew how to put the damn stuff on.

Once I was dressed up I don't think I had anyone fooled in regards to my gender. My long skirt, puffy blouse and electrical-taped on breasts were no match for the other students, or the Salem Queens who were in attendance at the festivities.

I felt like a virtual drag dance ragamuffin. I was definitely the Orphan Annie look-alike at the dance, not some sort of glamour goddess.

Bill Thompson was one of those students who blew my outfit right out of the water.

Then again, he also shaved his hands and a portion of his arms and chest. I must admit that these are extremes I did not go to for one night of fun.

"I went out with a couple female friends," explained Thompson about the process of finding the right outfit.

"We went shopping. The idea was to go with something that was just slutty, not grotesque. I think I turned out more cute than slutty. It might have been my hair," he continued.

Thompson heard about the drag

dance last year. "Some friends told me that Jeff Chu won. I couldn't believe it, so this year I decided to compete against Jeff to see who's prettiest," he said.

The dance included a cat-walk competition where students could bump and grind their way into stardom to the song of their choice.

Chu won the title of "dance queen" for his second straight year of performing to the hit song "Vogue."

Erin Stocker, alias "Underwear Boy", earned the recognition of dance king with her interpretation of "I'm too Sexy."

Not surprisingly, the professional drag queens from the Imperial Court of Salem pretty much blew away all the student competition with their dressing, dancing, and lip-synching abilities.

Sara Johnston who helped coordinate the event was pleased with its success. "A lot of drag queens showed up, they did a great job and the audience was very receptive to them."

Let's just put it this way: no one gave ME a tip.

"The drag queens were dancing with us, and everyone had a lot of fun," said Johnston.

Approximately 70 people showed up to watch, dance, or strut their stuff in the cat-walk competition.

If they were lucky they tried one of the tasty non-alcoholic daiquiris that were served to help cool off from the hot-hot dance floor. If they weren't lucky, they passed out on the floor, in a state of sheer drag exhaustion.

"The drag queens were really funny. I wasn't expecting them to be so freakin' huge," said Thomp-



Junior Erin Stocker struts her stuff during the Cat-Walk competition at the Drag Dance last Saturday.

son. "It was funny watching the parade around. It was a real attitude thing. It's hard not to have attitude once you dress up, that's what I've found."

Institute presents solutions to overcrowding



This week's convocation on the world's population crisis was presented by Werner Fornos, president of the Population Institute in Washington D.C., and known to be the foremost spokesman on global population issues.

Fornos discussed the increase of the world's population and its effects on future resources and poverty levels.

The Population Institute is the world's largest independent, non-profit, educational organization that is exclusively dedicated to balancing the world's population with the environmental resources that are available.

The goal of the institute is to provide leadership in order to create complete awareness of social, economic and environmental consequences of the current rapid population growth.

To give a background on this crisis, Fornos gave some statistics on the ever growing over-population of the world.

In doing this, he emphasized that last year alone, the world grew

by over 100 million people and that 90% of these people were born into the poorest social classes.

Fornos questioned the audience, "What comes first: population or poverty?"

In addition, the number of humans that will be born in the next forty years will be equal to the amount of people born in the last 10,000 years.

He then went on to explain that the earth does not contain the amount of natural resources that are needed for the survival of the world population.

He gave more statistics, stating that it was ridiculous that only 374 people own more land than two-thirds of the world population.

Furthermore, 88 countries don't have enough land to produce the amount of food necessary to feed their citizens.

For example, the United States only contains five percent of the world's population, but uses thirty percent of the world's natural resources.

Water, Fornos stated, is also a scarcity. Out of the three percent of the earth's water that is not sea water, two percent is used for agricultural means, leaving only one percent for the 5.8 billion people to use.

Fornos concluded by giving a list of four actions that need to happen in order to solve the world's population crisis.

First, he stated that female education needs to be a priority. He commented that by educating women, women would be more likely to work and less likely to give birth to many children. Second, each country needs to provide full employment opportunities for women.

He pointed out that women own less than one percent of all property, earn only one-tenth of the world's salary, but do one-third of the world's work.

Third, there is a need to reduce infant mortality and increase male responsibility in the birth and raising of children.

Lastly, Fornos reasoned that humans need to have universal access to the means of education of birth control. Fornos believes that we need to "inform people making informed choices."

To get more information on the population crisis or how to become more involved in the institute's programs, the institute has a website at <http://www.population.institute.org> or write:

The Population Institute
107 Second St. N.E.
Washington, DC 20002.

Soul music swings onto campus

by Sean Bevington
Staff Writer

Is campus ready for the first bit of soul music to hit this campus in its history? The student-run Black Student Organization, with various black community groups, have put together a concert which, according to inside sources, should be the biggest thing to hit WU since the flood of '96.

On Saturday, October 19 at 8:00 in the Cat Cavern, an array of African American talent will be on hand to support the development of an Oregon Museum and Archive of Afro-American History. All ticket and T-shirt profits from the concert will go directly to the museum.

"This concert is a combination of fun times and some great service to the community," says BSO President Conn Standfield. "We'd love to see the campus support this event, it will give students a chance to show that they care about the diversity on campus."

Headlining the concert is Lynn Vidal and the Cadre of Giants, a nationally renowned blues ensemble straight from the

San Francisco Bay Area. "(They're) really bluesy; I'd put her music in the same category with Tracy Chapman. She has that kind of style," remarks Standfield.

After Vidal, the stage will feature a few special guest rappers before a huge dance party gets started with music provided by DJ Jeff Ray.

Standfield hopes that this is the launching pad for B.S.O. to become "...a very active and growing group on campus." The concert is brought to us by the NAACP, WU Black Law Student Association, WU office of Multicultural Affairs and the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs. These groups see this concert as a tremendous opportunity to celebrate the spirit of multiculturalism and diversity on campus and in the community.

Julian Ervin, a B.S.O. member remarks, "It's about time that we had a community and campus wide event that focused on the diversity at Willamette. This concert is that kind of event and should be a lot of fun as well! I hope we get a great turnout at what should be a great concert in the Cat."

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Senate Report



Andy Blanchard

This week's senate meeting opened with special guest, President Jerry Hudson, who spoke on several topics. He explained that his absence last week was because his daughter would have never forgiven him for missing her birthday. Hudson urged students to take an active part in the selection of the future president. He explained that we need to find a president who "fits the needs of our particular institution." This can only be accomplished with as many students' input as possible. The future president will be announced in early

May just before commencement. Other plans in the works include a change in curriculum by the end of next year and adding new faculty.

ASWU President Brown then opened the floor to comments on how senators think that senate is going in a pro-con format. Treasurer Myers then proceeded to call Dennis Miller a "fat link" for flipping us off a couple years ago. We will not be getting any more money back from that "sour deal."

Myers then moved to approve the new budget requests. Senator Trask then addressed some questions concerning the Hawaii Club request. Senator Kantor then asked for punch and cookies at which point Vice President Derville said he could have some soda if he wanted

it. He accepted and the budget passed.

This week's concerns included hiring a senator page, some Kaneko girls being scared to cross the sky bridge at night as well as a concern from Derville that the Cat Tavern was not available to her for activities because of the Salem Ballet.

Director of Student Activities also announced that Opening Days applications were going to be available on or before October 28 since the application process was moved to Fall instead of Spring semester. There will also be a 70's and 80's dance at Shepard October 18 with movies from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Campus Safety has also "made it their mission" to catch the guy exposing himself behind the sororities.

Safety Watch
Oct 6 - Oct 12

Burglary

October 7, 6:00 p.m. (Lausanne Hall)- A student reported that someone had entered his room and apparently urinated in a sock drawer.

October 12, 3:11 a.m. (Oregon State Capital)- A Campus Safety Officer witnessed four suspects committing burglary/criminal trespass at the State Capital. Salem Police Department was contacted and units quickly responded to the scene. During contact with the suspects it was learned that three of the four were Willamette students. Two of the suspects were charged with criminal trespass and one with burglary; the other was released.

Criminal Mischief

October 6, 11:55 p.m. (Hasseldorf Apartments)- An employee reported that the fire alarm buzzer had been removed from its wall mount.

October 10, 8:30 a.m. (Salem Hospital)- An employee's vehicle was broken into, but nothing was stolen. It is believed that the alarm on the vehicle scared off the would-be thief.

October 12, 10:41 p.m. (Doney Hall)- A student reported that the lower window in the stairwell had been broken. Several students were questioned and it was learned that a student had punched the window. However, none of the students actually witnessed this. A Campus Safety Officer attempted to contact the student in question but was unable to locate him.

October 12, 11:37 p.m. (Sparks Center)- An employee reported that he had heard someone breaking

glass by the skybridge. He also noted that the receiver from the red phone at Sparks had been torn apart. A Campus Safety Officer responded and went to the area but was unable to locate any suspects.

Criminal Trespass

October 6, 11:45 p.m. (Hasseldorf Apartments)- A Campus Safety Officer issued a trespass warning to a subject whom he had contacted on previous occasions. He was told not to return to campus.

Harassment

October 6, 11:20 a.m. (Bush Park)- A woman student was accosted by a male suspect who grabbed her and shoved her up against a tree. The student kicked the suspect and took off running. Salem Police Department was contacted but the suspect was not found.

October 6, 9:10 p.m. (York House)- A student reported that he had been receiving prank phone calls and threat letters in the mail. This had been taking place since last year. The student has been advised to report any further such occurrences.

October 7, 11:45 p.m. (Delta Gamma)- A female student reported receiving a disturbing phone call from a male suspect using a campus phone.

Hit & Run

October 8, 8:00 a.m. (Sparks East)- A student reported that his vehicle had been involved in a hit & run while he was in morning classes.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

October 9, 10:45 p.m. (University Apartments)- An employee reported the smell of marijuana emitting from a room. A Campus Safety Officer and two other employees attempted to contact the residents of the room but were unable to do so.

Suspicious Activity

October 7, 11:10 p.m. (Quad - North Side of Eaton)- A student called to report a suspicious person carrying a bicycle. A Campus Safety Officer contacted a person fitting the description given by the student, except that the suspect didn't have a bicycle. Upon further investigation it was determined that the suspect dumped the bike somewhere on campus. The bicycle was recovered from the bushes to the north of Eaton Hall.

October 10, 3:45 p.m. (Lausanne Hall)- A suspect was contacted by a Campus Safety Officer who requested ID from the individual. Instead of producing ID the suspect took off running. Despite the efforts of Campus Safety of several students the suspect managed to get away.

October 12, 11:45 a.m. (TIUA)- A Campus Safety Officer contacted three juvenile suspects messing around with the bicycles at the west side bike rack. It was discovered that one of the suspects had taken a chrome axle off one of the bikes. Due to the suspects' age, the parents were contacted and the suspects were released.

Theft

October 7, 8:00 p.m. (TIUA)- A student reported that his bicycle had been stolen. He had locked his bike to the rack near the tennis courts. The bike was locked to the rack by the front wheel only, which was left with the lock still attached.

October 9, 7:00 a.m. (University Center)- A student reported that two chairs had been stolen from the information desk.

October 10, 11:30 a.m. (TIUA)- A student reported that her bicycle had been stolen from the gated storage area. Her bike had been locked with a U-lock of which the locking cylinder had been forced open.

News Briefs



CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Women's Week of Action

Willamette Community for Choice will be sponsoring several events this week in conjunction with the National Week of Women's Action. On Monday, there will be a program entitled "Women's Voices" in the Bistro at 8:00 p.m. This will be a collection of stories, poetry, and biographical accounts of women who have had illegal abortions. On Tuesday, Dr. Liz Newhall will be speaking in the Hatfield Room, second floor of the Hatfield library. Dr. Newhall is an abortion provider from Portland who has been practicing since prior to the Roe v. Wade decision. Dr. Newhall is also targeted by the Right to Life Organization and she has been placed on their deadly ten list. The Community for Choice group will also be sponsoring various activities and displays around campus during this week.

by Jessica Hammond

Mentoring Opportunities

If you're looking for a chance to burst out of the "Willamette bubble" and help people at the same time, then look no further. There are mentoring programs at both Bush Elementary School and Richmond Elementary School that will allow experience in the community to help students who are in need of guidance and a role model.

To get involved with the Richmond Elementary School program, one can contact Alcina Garcia at x6758. WU students who participate spend approximately an hour each week with a student from the school he or she is paired with. "It's a great feeling you get from helping kids," said Garcia. "One time, for example, I brought my mentee to Willamette, and we ate lunch, I showed her the art gallery and the ducks. We had a great time".

Another program on campus is the Bush Elementary School mentoring program. To get involved with this program, contact Joie Brown at x6631 or by e-mail <jbrown>. As part of the application process, a criminal history check is required for students over 18 years of age. When the results come back, each student is paired up with a student from Bush Elementary.

According to Brown, men are generally paired with boys and women are paired with girls, although not always. "All these kids need a positive role model, and it's a positive experience for everyone involved," said Brown.

by Jessica Wingler

Health center gives shots

The student health center will offer flu shots for students. Appointments for these are not necessary. The cost is \$6.00 and a bill will be sent to student mailboxes. School insurance policies do not cover the cost of these shots. Students receiving shots will be asked to sign an informed consent prior to the injection and they are also required to wait in the health center 10 - 15 minutes after the shot. Immunizations will be available October 29, 30, and 31 from 10:00 - 12:00 a.m. and November 12, 13, and 14 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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Non-trad population on the rise

by Joah McGee
Staff Writer

When approaching the subject of minorities on a college campus, one might immediately think of describing people in terms of gender, religion, natural origin, sexual orientation, and color. However, another substantial minority at universities today consists of non-traditional students, which is defined as students over the age of 23.

"Why do the non-traditional students fall under the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs?" questions Rich Shintaku, who is in charge of this office. "We offer a support system for impacted populations, and some of those groups are not historically in the mainstream."

Nationally, the number of students over forty years old has more than doubled, 57 percent of all college students are 22 years of age or older, the majority of them women. Although, Willamette cannot boast nearly that high of a number.

Currently, only 63 students fall under the category 'non-traditional,' and Shintaku felt that about half of that number personally identified with the title.

Roger Knouse, a junior who has worked in the office-supply industry for 17 years, came to Willamette because he liked the idea of smaller class sizes. "I don't feel alienated here," said Knouse, who is also the head of

the Non-Traditional Students Organization, "but I do recognize the fact that others see me as older, and I thought there would be a larger percentage here. Some professors don't understand our special needs, but by and large most of the professors are good."

For Gena Isom, one special need included taking care of her ill daughter, Safire, on the same day that she was scheduled to do a presentation. "On the application, they say they welcome diversity," said Isom, "but a couple of professors I have had were not at all sympathetic about my approaching them. They disregard my situation. I was thinking why even recruit non-traditional students when you don't take their situation into consideration."

But Isom has found most of the Willamette faculty helpful, especially Suresht Bald, who welcomes her to bring Safire to class. Stated Isom, "It's helped that a majority of the people are supportive, and say 'go ahead and bring your daughter along.'"

"Of course they would feel different in the classroom," said Shintaku. "I would expect one hundred percent of them to feel different."

"We are older than most people," said Steve Dulaney, a senior. "We have a lot more real world experience, and a different outlook on life. We have different concerns than the majority of the students. Most of us are

married, have children, and many others have other outside commitments."

Because of this concern, the biggest objective the student union has launched has been the construction of a day-care center. "I think Willamette needs a day care center run by or affiliated with the university," Knouse said. It would alleviate a lot of problems with non-traditional students, and with faculty as well."

The major problem faced has been insurance and liability issues, but Knouse felt this is simply a challenge which must be overcome. He adds that the center could also serve as a place for research for psychology, music therapy, and other departments.

Speaking about easiness in relating with the faculty and traditional student body, Dulaney often feels at ease. "I socialize myself very well here," he said. "Some non-trads feel very shut-out, but really they just haven't taken the extra effort to extend more."



Professor Eleanor Berry speaks to a group of non-trads in the Writing Center. From the left, Annalivia Komyate (a writing consultant), Steve Dulaney, Amber Russell, Roger Knouse, Andrea Kemper, and Rosie Brado. These students offer a great deal of variety to the campus.

However, the structure of the school is a different matter to Dulaney. "It is not a comfortable place," he said. "Willamette is very different than any sort of community college. It is not as flexible, though the quality of the education is very good."

Shintaku said that one has to "keep in mind that diversity of age adds to the diversity of the school. I think there is a need to increase the number of non-trads; to add to the impact of interpersonal interchange that can occur, and to add to the classroom by increasing the number of perspectives."



One of the two students stands with his van. This self-pronounced community must deal with finding a safe place to live as Campus Safety has started asking them to leave at night.

A new angle on parking problem: living in vans

by Christine Schaeffer
Staff Writer

Very few students would consider their housing situation a blessing: a cramped space overflowing with pop cans and Ramen wrappers. A community bathroom where students get the opportunity to ask, "Hmmm. I wonder whose hair THAT is?" when taking a shower. A roommate who listens to nothing but those groovin' tunes from the Brady Bunch soundtrack and invites over large swarms of people to discuss "Dumb and Dumber" as a necessary cultural custom late into the night. There is also the fear of being run over by some large, strange man skateboarding down the hall.

Now transport yourself from that reality to a less chaotic place: your own garbage where the choice is yours whether to dispose of it or save it as decoration. A place all to yourself with your own music blasted as loud as you want it, whether it be Metallica or Mozart. Maybe the idea of a place all to yourself sounds like a good idea, until it hits you: "Wait a gosh-darned minute! I don't have any money." And maybe, just maybe, if you're like senior Willamette students Jay Moore and Dawson Williams, you decide to do something about it. If you're like them, you buy yourself a moving vehicle to live in where you are your own roommate, R.A., and Resident Director all wrapped up into one little package.

Unfortunately, such luxury does not come

without inconveniences, whether it be where to shower and do laundry, or the problem of Campus Security not being in utter agreement with you over your housing situation. For some time, students Jay Moore and Dawson Williams parked their respective vehicles in the Sparks parking lot until Campus Security wrote Moore a letter stating, "University policies do not allow for students, or anyone else, to sleep overnight in our parking lots." Williams told the *Collegian*, "I've never gotten any letters. I just get harassed if I sleep in my car."

Both Moore and Williams have been told that they may not park their vehicles on Willamette University or T.I.U.A. property between midnight and 6 a.m. Moore said, "The major reason I'm so upset is because if you sleep on campus you're a lot safer than sleeping on the side of a road in Salem," because of Campus Safety patrolling regularly.

Neither student can understand why they wouldn't be allowed to park on campus between those hours, as both have valid parking permits. They feel that the school is being unfair in their policy, and the only reason that Campus Safety disallows them from parking their vehicles on campus is that students sleeping in cars do not promote the clean-cut image found in Willamette university brochures. Neither appreciated Campus Safety officers hitting their vehicle windows to wake them up at three in the morning, when they were parked on school grounds.

Exchange students find home away from home

by Jennie Franck
Contributor

An occasional complaint of homesickness has been heard from nearly every Willamette student. Some of us live only an hour away from home, yet these sentiments are still a huge reality to us. Now let us consider the reality of having our homes on the opposite side of the globe. You are now scratching the surface of what it is like to be a foreign exchange student.

Willamette has approximately 70 foreign exchange students. For most students, the admissions office sends information to various countries in an attempt to get applicants, but has found word of mouth to be their most reliable resource.

The student then applies to Willamette, sending their grades and results. From the TOEFL (English proficiency exam). Though some students attend for only a year or semester, most graduate from Willamette. Other students are come over through various exchanges Willamette has organized with schools around the world.

Each exchange student coming to Willamette has a unique experience here, so of course this story cannot cover all of them. Instead, we will follow Djemma Valeeva through the beginning of her semester here. She is a senior from Simferopol State University in Crimea, Ukraine. Djemma came over with a Ukrainian professor, Irina Sokolova.

Djemma shares that when she first learned that none of her peers were going with her she was, "sad and a little upset. I wondered what I would do there alone, without close friends to tell my secrets or to share my thoughts."

She was happy to find that there was no need to worry when she got here. Djemma says, "From the very first day I have had a bunch of friends. They help me everywhere and I don't feel alone at all."

Commenting on the program itself, she said, "It's pretty nice. We had some excursions and more are planned, but it is a pity



Djemma Valeeva, a foreign exchange student from the Ukraine, is one of about 70 exchange students this year.

they all are only in Oregon and that we have not had the opportunity to visit other states."

Djemma points to several differences between universities in the Ukraine and America. Their campuses consist of one large building or two to three smaller ones. Dorms are a bus stop away and are only students live who live outside the city. Djemma likes the campus system here because, "All students are together which creates an enjoyable atmosphere. There are also a lot of student activities and entertainment on campus."

The main difference in the actual schooling is that students are required to choose their profession before entering a university in the Ukraine. They attend college for five years; with classes fixed for these five years because they only take classes that are connected with their major.

Just as these students get a unique opportunity in coming to Willamette, the Willamette community is fortunate to get to know these individuals. Director of Admissions, Teresa Hudkins, expresses her experiences with Willamette's foreign exchange students. "They are wonderful, bright, and talented people. They contribute a great deal to the campus. They are not just learning from us; we are learning from them."

No one should pass the chance to become acquainted with exchange students. They may consider themselves lucky to be here, but we are fortunate to have them.

Explore the great indoors: pranks, tea parties and love letters

by Erin Duffy

It's almost time for Midsemester Break, and some students may find themselves careless, fundless and lifeless -- stuck on campus with nothing to do on the only three day weekend before Thanksgiving. With a little ingenuity, however, staying within the Willamette bubble can be downright fun. Students do not have to be confined to watching reruns and gnawing stale vending machine licorice for the whole weekend.

Some of the following activity suggestions require a little forethought or a little cash, but most are absolutely simple and completely free of charge; all they require is creativity, spontaneity, and perhaps the willingness to seem a little strange in public.

The easiest, safest, and most foolproof adrenaline rush around comes courtesy of the Skybridge and the local trains. Bravehearted individuals simply sit on the skybridge with their eyes closed directly over the tracks when a train approaches. As the train comes barreling towards you in a whirl of noise and buffeting hot wind, it feels like you own the world. No peeking! This activity only lasts a few seconds each time, but it never loses its charm.

For the more sedate types, a dorm room tea party holds a certain charm. All the participants

can bring their own mugs, but to really create the right ambiance, semi-matching cups and saucers from Value Village are a must. The only other necessities are tea and English cookies, both available at Safeway, and a hotpot or microwave for boiling water. To add a little zip to the festivities, require everyone to speak in English accents and quote at least one dialogue from a Monty Python production.

When drinking tea loses its ability to entertain, the group of friends might enjoy a love letter fest. Everyone should produce the mushiest love letter they've ever received, with the dates and names blocked out. Those who have no steamy epistles can write their own anonymously. All the letters go into a pile, and an assigned person reads portions of the letters aloud so everyone can guess to whom they were written, when, or any other pertinent mysteries to be unveiled.

No

one is required to reveal the actual circumstances--part of the fun is fabricating the zaniest situations imaginable.

Another fun group project that requires making a mess is mural painting. The recycling bin behind the Statesman Journal usually harbors rolls of unused newspaper, and large bottles of tempera paint can be purchased for a few dollars each at Payless. Roll out the paper across the floor and fill some bowls with paint.

Using hands, feet, faces, elbows, or other body parts, create pictures or abstractions on a large scale. The first attempt is likely to become one big smear, but after a few tries quality productions are entirely possible. Particularly nice segments can be clipped out and hung around the room, or maybe a whole sheet could decorate a hall wall quite nicely.

Room-

mates might have fun tracing and coloring each other's bodies on the paper in kindergarten fashion, then cutting them out and hanging them on the door.

A combination of creativity and mischievousness can spark any number of fun activities. For instance, some people might enjoy creating an obscure but militant little group based on some absurd premise, such as "Chestnuts are radioactive!" or "Down with mismatched socks!" They could anonymously write a forceful, extremist manifesto and copy it onto papers from the recycling bins. This manifesto could also provide great entertainment to those who discover it in the Bistro or in the dorm bulletin board.

Harmless pranks are inherently interesting; there are many possibilities beyond the saran wrap on the toilet

One especially clever prank is to temporarily remove the door from a friend's room while he or she is gone. Then put a piece of plywood in the doorway and plaster and paint over it so it matches the wall around it. The Case of the Disappearing Room takes a lot of effort, time, and cleanup but it could be just the thing for dedicated pranksters. Simpler tricks designed to puzzle the public are easy to think of--for instance, choose a harmless square of sidewalk and block it off with caution tape, or hang cryptic signs around campus.

Perhaps none of these ideas seem appealing, but the most memorable activities evolve out of completely ordinary situations. Rather than sitting around trying to think of something to do, make something happen. Go outside and pick something up. Think of things you could use it for; make up a game. Anything can happen when you lose your inhibitions and give creativity free reign.

Oregon sites on a Mountain Dew budget

by Josh Holland, Contributor

Unless you count Cherry Lanes Bowling Alley and the Kappa-Sigma house I didn't brave the wilderness again for the third weekend in a row. Actually, I think you could count the bowling alley. I'd be willing to bet that any self-respecting taxonomist would classify the dude named Bubba three lanes down with the purple jersey and the reinforced bowling glove as an indigenous life form. Regardless, I have been tardy in my lofty function as the outdoor columnist, and I apologize. However, mid-semester is coming up in two weekends, and I can think of no better time than a three-day break to bounce out into the great green wild... But what to do? What a delicious question. As a result of a fascist concept called homework, you probably don't have all weekend, so a day-trip or two is in order. Here is a quick run-down of some ideas sorted by the amount of Mountain Dew one should consume on the trip.

12 ounce trip: (that's about a 15 min. walk) There's always Bush Park... don't forget your flak jacket and steel helmet. Perhaps even a kevlar vest for your dew.

24 Ounce trip: (a 20-30 min. drive, unless you are tired.) A few options here. First, there is the old standby of Silver Creek Falls. If you drive fast, watch the corners. Go at night, and hear a serious effort by the local crickets to out-shout the falling water.

The falls are breathtaking any time of year, but autumn makes the trees explode in color, the leaves fall in the water, and it... well, just go see it. Second: there are a series of mountain-bike trails basically in and around Corvallis. It's a short drive, and the topography of Salem doesn't really lend itself to any

get mountain biking trails. The place you will be looking for is known as "Dimple Hill." Most gas stations will know its rough location, but it's easy enough to find on your own. Ask directions to the company known as CH2M Hill, its centrally located, stand in the parking lot and look across Circle Boulevard. You will be looking at Dimple Hill. No official trails but fairly heavily used, it is almost exclusively a mountain-bikers' paradise.

One big gulp (45-50 minute drive) The coast. Just west of Salem is Lincoln city. A marvelous blend of kitschy American tourist crap and pure natural beauty, Lincoln City is never boring. There is of course the ocean, and if you get tired of that, you can always watch the six billion resident gulls mob some poor kid with a few scraps of bread. I love Oregon.

2 Big Gulps (1-2 hour drive) Mary's Peak. 40 minutes west from Corvallis you will encounter the tallest peak in the coastal range, which isn't saying much... You can hike a steep set of switchbacks to the top, a trail that feels like two miles, but is actually quite a bit less.

You can also drive to the top. Drive or walk, what you will definitely want to do is to arrive when the sun is either setting or rising, and find a the series of chimney rocks on the west slope of the mountain.

If it is a clear moment, you can see the whole coastal range, the Pacific, and the entire Willamette Valley. If it is cloudy, Mary's Peak usually pokes its dark head above the gloom and you are alone on sea of cotton. See you out there.

Mid-semester break gives students time to play



Break for service oriented

by Rebecca Olin, Staff Writer

Mid-semester Break. For some students this is an anticipated vacation when they can take a break from 8 a.m. classes on reading, writing, and arithmetic and actually--Gasp!--sleep in. For others, this is an opportunity to give something back to their community by participating in Alternative Break.

This fall, Alternative Break will take place on October 25-26, in Northeast Portland.

Loren Waller, who is in charge of this project, stated that Friday, "We will work weatherizing homes. This is particularly for low income houses to help them become more energy efficient. We will put up storm windows, put in caulking where insulation is lacking, and insulate pipes."

Later in the evening students will donate their time to Harbor Light, an organization which serves free meals.

On Saturday, Waller says, "We will be creating housing for low income families." This project is sponsored by Franciscan Enterprising, a Catholic organization similar to Habitat for Humanity.

This fall, Loren hopes to take a group of thirteen Willamette students into Northeast Portland. Right now, there are only six people signed up, with seven more spots still available. So, drop what you are doing and run--

don't walk--to the UC desk where you can sign up to help your surrounding community.

"Many TIUA students will be participating. We will get the mix we are looking for," Waller says.

Not only will there be the opportunity to meet new people and form long-lasting friendships, but there is also a sense of accomplishment and community pride that is gained.

Waller thinks that "naturally volunteering is a good way to help the community. It is also an educational opportunity which allows us to gain a better understanding of the circumstances people live under in Portland." If plans have already been made for mid-semester break, never fear; the Community Outreach Program has a variety of service projects which one can participate in on a one-time or regular basis. Also, expect Alternative Breaks to be planned for Christmas or Spring Breaks.

TIUA students also have a community service club which is open to all students. They participate in numerous activities around the Salem community and are always interested in helping hands. Their next project will take place on November 9, when the club will serve food at the Marion Polk County Foodshare. Interested students may obtain more information about this club by contacting Loren at 373-3313.

Bader honored as trendsetter

By Jessica Wingler
Staff Writer

Jerry Bader, the Residence Life Maintenance Coordinator, is becoming a trendsetter for the Williams faculty and staff. He has won the first ever Classified Employee of the Year Award for excellence.

According to Bill Kohn, the Systems and Technical Services Support Specialist and the head of the committee that awarded Bader, "One thing that stood out about him was that his nominations came from all different kinds of people, students and faculty alike. We didn't concentrate strictly on the work that the people do on campus, but also on the work they do in the community. Bader filled all of our criteria."

For Bader, this award was the culmination of hard work and great help from co-workers. According to him, "I have student workers that work for me. I feel that this is a big reason I got the award. We try to watch the fire & safety concerns. The student workers do 80% of work and help me immensely. There are a lot of people who do just as much as me. To get this I feel very lucky and honored."

Bader says, "I work primarily in the residence halls, with minimal work on the academic buildings. I work with anything that has to do with student housing. If we don't do it in house, we get a contractor."

Bader's help was instrumental in helping with recovery from the flood. "With the flood last year, we contracted out a lot, and are still doing a lot of work," Bader related. "We're still trying to get inventory



"I like my job, and I enjoy working with students. The students I work with are my friends" = not my co-workers."

-Jerry Bader

back up from flood because we lost so much. Shepard, Doney and the law school were all hit hard, any place with a basement. Shepard hit us hard because we store so much in there."

Bader really appreciates this award, and is very thankful for it. "I think it's a great thing," he said. "I've gotten congratulatory cards and things, even from people I don't know. I like my job, and I enjoy working with the students. The students I work with are my friends not my co-workers."

For going into student rooms to take care of problems, Bader has a special method. "If we need to work in a student room, we try to bring in 2 people, and we also try to call ahead so that the person knows that we're coming to work on their problem. It doesn't always work, but we

try and get hold of someone."

Also, Bader is heavily involved with the visits from the Fire Marshal. "They come about twice a year," Bader said, "and both myself and physical plant are involved in that."

Another thing that Bader does is help with decisions about painting, color choices, and furniture.

Bader received this award at a Classified Luncheon in the Caf. This award entailed recognition as well as a trophy and \$350. He received the first award of this type, and it will become an annual tradition.

This award is based on nominations by classified staff members, faculty members, administrators, and students. The winner and three runners up were selected by a five to seven member committee of classified staff.

Classics major studies ancient societies

By Carinna Tarvin
Contributor

Students who find ancient civilizations fascinating and yearn to speak Latin and Greek as fluently as Indiana Jones will soon have the opportunity to study these languages as well as other aspects of the Classical world.

When the proposal of the major was presented last year, as Lane McCaughy, the Atkinson Professor of Religious and Biblical studies said, the professors in charge of formulating the proposal were given the go-ahead from President Hudson to start searching for someone to teach Latin and Greek full time.

They are currently in the process of searching the country for someone to fill the position. When they find a professor, they will present the proposal to a committee for approval for the second time. If approved, the major will be an option beginning next fall.

There are two parts of this major. The first is

focused on the Greek and Latin languages and literature. Many of the required classes will be translations of classic philosophy and drama. The second part of the major will be the study of the ancient civilizations. A new class will be created that is a comparative study of these civilizations.

There is enough interest in the subject to prompt the professors to make the proposal. Three students are already majoring in classics by petition. There are also 35 or 40 students in the beginning Latin and first and second year Greek classes who are potential Classics majors.

A Classics major is useful for people who want to go into a field where they will have to read and understand ancient texts. Some of these fields are archeology, anthropology, ancient history, religion, and philosophy. Classics majors usually go on to graduate school and get their masters degrees in classics. Also, a classics major is useful for people who want to get into law or medical schools because so many law and medical terms are Latin or Greek.

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Film

THE GHOST IN THE DARKNESS

Director: Stephen Hopkins

Comment: The people who wrote this movie were on crack, the people who produced it were on crack, and the people who directed this were genuine crack addicts.

Let me get right to it: Do not, absolutely *do not*, ever go see "The Ghosts in the Darkness." This movie (if it can be called that) is just as threatening to one's health (mental and physical) as sitting down and eating a pound of lead chips and washing them down with a paint thinner martini.

I just don't see how this movie even managed to worm its way into production. My only theory is this: crack. I think the people who wrote this movie were on crack, the people who produced it were on crack, and the people who directed it were crack addicts.

Why do I think this? Because if they had been even halfway aware of what they were doing, they would have run screaming off the sound

stage and jumped off the nearest cliff like a bunch of lemmings.

I suppose I should now tell you why this movie should carry a warning label saying "do not allow children, senior citizens, pregnant women, or family pets to watch this."

"The Ghost in the Darkness" takes place in Africa during what I believe to be the mid to late 1800's. Val Kilmer plays a very manly man who builds bridges for a living and gets sent to Africa to build a tres important one that will connect two sections of a railroad.

When he arrives, practically the first thing he does is kill a big lion that has been "terrorizing" the camp. So everybody thinks he's this big hero, and they all love him, and everything is just peachy.

Do you see a problem here? I do. I don't really enjoy shelling out six bucks to see Kilmer kill animals. I have been firmly swayed by all of the National Geographic movies I've seen. Let me be honest; I like lions more than I like Val Kilmer.

So, when two more lions start turning the village into their own personal Whiskas factory by dining on multiple inhabitants each night (which one gets to watch happening

in Dolby sound), I didn't feel too bad at all. I mean, most people who hunt do it for their own enjoyment, but when a couple of lions start hunting and killing for kicks (What else are you going to do on a Saturday night in Africa?), everybody has a big hissy. Instead of clearing out of the village, they feel this manly need to kick some major lion butt.

I firmly believe that the writers sat down (after taking some crack) and said, "Let's see if we can offend every minority group on the planet with this thing."

Whenever the lions would slaughter a whole bunch of people, the camera would pan over the ripped up bodies of the natives, and then it would just freeze on the body of a dead white guy, with this swelling music in the background.

It was pretty sickening, not just because all the dead people had their heads ripped off and their guts everywhere, but because it was pretty racist too.

Other scenes made it clear that apparently the only thing people living in Africa do is perform rituals while wearing strange wigs that look like they were borrowed from RuPaul's closet when he wasn't

looking.

There was only one woman in the entire movie, some unknown who played Kilmer's prissy wife. In one scene, Kilmer has a dream in which she gets killed by one of the lions—this was my favorite part because she was so annoying and I wanted her to get it. This movie made me quite bloodthirsty; I wanted Kilmer to get his head ripped off by one of the lions. I honestly did.

Another annoying thing in this movie is Val Kilmer's hair. It starts out brown in the beginning, but then it gets very blonde right in the middle of the film. I suspect that he had his own personal salon in the plains of Africa that botched a frosting job.

I'm sure I won't ruin the end of the movie for you by saying that of course Kilmer ends up killing the lions and is then reunited with his annoying wife and ugly baby.

I was happy that the movie was over, but I know deep in my heart that I will never be able to hurt this movie as much as it hurt me.

— by Jessica Girard



Book

MICROSERFS

Author: Douglas Coupland

Published: Random House

Comment: This book examines our high-tech "geek" culture of the 1990's with a very high degree of accuracy.

Microserfs is one of the most provocative books that I have read in a long time. Basically, it is a book describing computer "geek" culture in the 90's. The less politically correct word "geek" is used because that is what the main characters in the book call themselves and their colleagues. *Microserfs* traces the lives of a group of programmers as they begin their

careers at Microsoft, and then decide that they have no lives and head off to Silicon Valley to begin a start-up firm.

The book's author, Douglas Coupland, gives the reader an interesting view inside the high-tech culture that constantly surrounds us and is even beginning to pervade our daily lives. The great thing about this book is that it gives someone like myself with no clue whatsoever about computers and geek-culture a window in which to peer.

The interesting thing is that a lot of the culture shown through the book is the very same culture that we experience every day. We live in a high-tech geek-culture, and this book acts as a mirror in which we can see ourselves, and grasp a sense of where we stand in our chaotic world.

The book begins amidst the backdrop of Seattle's corporate giant Microsoft. There is always the haunting specter of the "omnipotent" Bill Gates, who seems to be everywhere and you come away with the feeling that Bill is "big-brother" on the Microsoft campus.

This first part of the book simply describes the everyday goings on at Microsoft. Our group of "techies" comes the realization while at Microsoft that they have dead-end jobs. They decide to quit their jobs at Microsoft and move to California to form their own start-up firm with a new product that has not been marketed yet.

Once getting to California, the crew goes through many interesting twists and turns with their firm while trying to adjust to the Silicon Valley-Bay Area lifestyle. This is a serious

transition for our techies, but Coupland portrays the seriousness with interjections of humor and it comes off smoothly and leaves the reader wanting to read more and more.

I will spare the details here with what happens for the remainder of the book. However, I will say that you should go out and get a

This book gives you a view from the inside by letting the characters talk until you feel like you are part of the group.

What this does is allow you to be included, and the result is that you cannot put the book down. Go get this book and look in the mirror that the author gives you—it is highly insightful.

— by Nate Le Quieu



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INEXPENSIVE TASTY BEVERAGES

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Cost: \$5 a half-case

Comment: This is a review exploring the wonderful world of inexpensive, yet highly effective barley flavored beverages.

Oregon is the microbrew capital of the world and produces varieties that most people in the U.S. are not familiar with. Beers that are much different than that piss-water we call Coors. For the typical Willamette student, Oregon's wonderful micros are just a bit out of reach, monetarily speaking.

This is a crisis that our legislators

should desperately try and fix. On the bad side, all of the major brewers in the U.S. with their millions of dollars are lobbying to keep microbrews out of the reach of destitute students like ourselves.

Fortunately for us, we are blessed with a plentitude of really cheap beer. Hell, you can just go down to Capitol Market with a few bucks and come away with some really cheap beverages. The decision remains, however, as to which beer you should purchase. Well, it all depends on your certain tastes.

A huge misconception is that Milwaukee's Best is the best taste for the money that you pay. "The Beast," as University of Colorado graduate student and nationally know beer researcher Steve Johnson refers to it, "... tastes like warm

urine that has sat out in the sun too long." Listen to Mr. Johnson and steer clear of "The Beast."

Another inexpensive beer is Blitz. Hell, if you have five bucks and a couple of friends with five bucks, you can have a pretty damn good time with Blitz because after the first couple you cannot taste it anyway.

Rainier beer is famous here in the Northwest because of all the kick-ass commercials that aired in the mid-eighties. I mean face it, what would be more exciting than going out in the woods with some buddies, some Rainier beer, and searching for those elusive creatures—The Artesians. Artesians do exist; I've seen them.

This brings us to the rulers of the kingdom of cheap beer—Hamms and Oly. Hamms is the

beer refreshing, just as the can claims. Hamms has a distinct crispiness to its overly carbonated texture. As a result of this, it is a very tough beer to chug. It is much more a kick-back, conversational sort of beer. This brings us to Oly.

Olympia Brewing Company (Tumwater Washington) produces Oly, the true king of the cheap beers. Oly edges out Hamms simply by the fact that Oly has more body and a darker hue to its contents, no doubtedly attributable to the water with which it is brewed. So, go have an Oly and you're second to none. I hope that this little review has helped in your quest for the most economical, get-the-job-done, and not totally repulsive beer.

— by Walter Kerns

VOICES



Campus Opinion

What are you doing for mid-semester break?



"I am going to Seattle with my girlfriends and then to Canada."

Casey Eisele, sophomore



"I'm going home."

Jen Hess, senior



"I'm going to Seattle."

Lysha Wasser, sophomore



"I'm going to Canada."

Carey Schmidt, junior

OCTOBER 18

Friday

Interdenominational Conference for Women of all Ages, OASIS 1996, hosted by Salem First Church of the Nazarene, 1550 Market Street.

Trash Clean-up and Climbing, Outdoors Club Trip, for more information contact Kari Rollenhagen.

Reality Bites open discussion lunch, topic: Sexism at Willamette, Womyn's Center, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Rhythm and Form: Reflections on Arabic Poetry by Contemporary Artists, Hallie Brown Ford Gallery, this is the last day of the show, 4:00 p.m.

✚ Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Hatfield Room, 6:30 p.m.

ASWU Movie Night: *The Rock*, showing in Smith Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

✚ InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Friday Night Worship, Eaton Room 110, 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball v. Whitworth, Sparks Center, 7:00 p.m.

The Salem Big Band, Live music performed by an eighteen piece Big Band, tickets available for \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door, Mission Mill Spinning Room, 8:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

ASWU Movie Night: *The Rock*, showing in Smith Auditorium, 9:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 19


Saturday

Rafting the Santiam, Outdoors Club, for more information contact Jeff Smith 399-2583.

Interdenominational Conference for Women of all Ages, OASIS 1996, hosted by Salem First Church of the Nazarene, 1550 Market Street.

 Cross Country, George Fox Invitational, Newberg, 11:00 a.m.

 Women's Soccer v. Pacific Lutheran, Sparks Field, noon.

 Football v. Linfield, McMinnville, 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball v. Whitman, Sparks Center, 2:00 p.m.

Eugene Ballet Company presents *Swan Lake*, Hult Center, Eugene, tickets range from \$9 to \$49, 2:30 p.m.

 Men's Soccer v. Pacific Lutheran, Sparks Field, 2:30 p.m.

Sunjata, Life size shadow puppets, tickets are \$16, Hult Center, Eugene, 7:30 p.m.

 Celebration of Color Concert, Cone Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

Eugene Ballet Company presents *Swan Lake*, Hult Center, Eugene, prices of the tickets range from \$9 to \$49, 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 20

Sunday

Men's Soccer v. Puget Sound, Sparks Field, noon.

Eugene Ballet Company presents *Swan Lake*, Hult Center, Eugene, tickets range from \$9 to \$49, 2:30 p.m.

 Women's Soccer v. Puget Sound, Sparks Field, 2:30 p.m.

Salem Chamber Orchestra, featuring David Finckel, tickets are \$13 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors, Smith Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Sunjata, life size shadow puppets, tickets are \$16, Hult Center, Eugene, 7:30 p.m.

Eugene Ballet Company presents *Swan Lake*, Hult Center, Eugene, tickets range from \$9 to \$49, 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

Monday

Womyn's Center Meeting, Womyn's Center, 7:00 p.m.

Women's Voices, stories of illegal abortions, poetry, and tales, Bistro, 8:00 p.m.

American Sign Language Meeting, Smullin Room 130, 9:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 22

Tuesday

Oregon Government in the Information Age: *Open or Closed?*, 1996 Oregon Better Government Competition Awards Luncheon, The Senson Hotel, Mayfair Room, noon to 1:15 p.m.

Creative Writing Group, Plaza Conference Room, Salem Public Library, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Presentation of the JET Program, representatives of the Japanese consul will be present, Almuni Lounge, UC, 3:00 p.m.

Sex on Campus, speaker and open discussion, sponsored by Willamette Peer Advocacy, Cat Cavern, 7:00 p.m.

Willamette Community for Choice Meeting, Womyn's Center, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Liz Newhall, abortion provider from Portland, targeted by Right to Life, Hatfield Room, 8:00 p.m.


StART Meeting, Lee lobby, 8:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 23

Wednesday

University Convocation: "Called to Compassion," Jenny Virgo of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Cone Chapel, 11:30 a.m.

Literary Discussion Group, AV Conference Room, Salem Public Library, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

 Women's Soccer v. Linfield, Sparks Field, 3:00 p.m.

Personal Statements: *What Do They Want, Really?* Parents Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

Volleyball v. Puget Sound, Sparks Center, 7:00 p.m.

Campus Democrats Meeting, all democrats welcome, first floor Eaton, 8:30 p.m.

LGBA Meeting, Womyn's Center, 9:00 p.m.


OCTOBER 24

Thursday

National Young Women's Day of Action.

Backpacking the Gorge, Outdoors Club Trip, for more information contact Alia Albertowicz x6954.

✚ Interdenominational Holy Communion Service, Cone Chapel, 12:45 p.m.

 Men's Soccer v. Cascade, Sparks Field, 3:00 p.m.

Faculty Colloquia, *New Poems: Based on A True Story*, Michael Strelow, English Professor, Writing Center, 4:15 p.m.

Panhellenic Blood Drive, Sparks Center, noon - 5:00 p.m.

ECOS Meeting, Terra House Lounge, 7:00 p.m.

Red Star Red Army, chorus and dance ensemble, six concerts, \$70, Elsinore Theatre, 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 25

Friday

Mid Semester Day.

✚ Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Hatfield Room, 6:30 p.m.

Volleyball v. Linfield, McMinnville, 7:00 p.m.

✚ InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Friday Night Worship Service, Eaton Room 110, 7:00 p.m.

Gay and Lesbian Movie Night: *The Celluloid Closet*, snacks will be provided, Womyn's Center, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Scandia of Salem's Halloween Dance, 725 Shipping NE, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *A Grand Night for Singing*, Pentacle Theatre, showing from October 25 - 27, 30 - November 3, 6-9, tickets are \$15 for opening night and \$14 for all other performances, 8:15 p.m.

Cherry Poppin' Daddies, *Let's Go Bowling*, and *Big Reel Fish*, Come out swingin' tour, tickets: \$7 in advance, \$8 at the door, WOW Hall, Eugene, 9:00 p.m.

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Team redeems itself with 25-21 win over Eastern

men's Football



by Jennifer Miller,
Staff Writer

It was a football fan's dream come true. Saturday Willamette's football team redeemed itself after a loss to Southern last week by defeating Eastern 25-21 in La Grande, Oregon.

No. 18 Willamette had a 11-0 lead by half time on the 3-yard pass from junior Chuck Pinkerton to senior Forest Williams, and Tim Blair's subsequent field goal.

In the second half things started to get interesting. No. 21 Eastern came back to score two touchdowns and their subsequent PATs, edging out Willamette 14-11 in the third quarter.

Willamette answered back with a touchdown in the beginning of the fourth.

With just over two minutes left in the game, Eastern scored on a long run off the kick off.

With 13 seconds left in the game, Willamette scored again off of an

eight yard run by Pinkerton. This gave the Bearcats the 25-21 lead they kept to win the game.

Willamette went 85 yards on 11 plays during the game winning drive.

Eastern made one last attempt to salvage the game, but came up short when their quarterback overthrew the ball by almost a foot to the receiver who was positioned in the end zone.

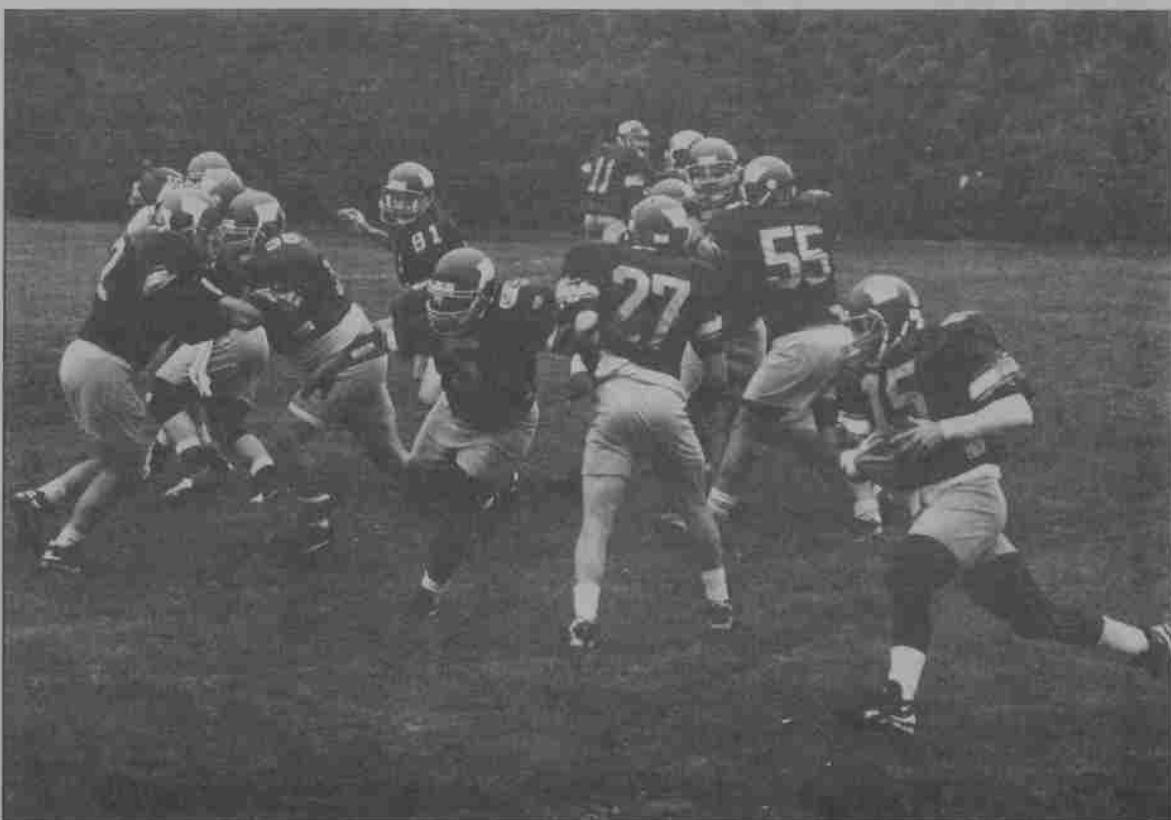
Junior Rich Rideout had 101 of Willamette's 316 rushing yards. Rideout missed the majority of last season due to a broken leg. He has not had as much playing time this season because junior Danny Osborne has been starting the majority of the time.

Pinkerton was 10 of 25 for 148 yards and two touchdowns in the game.

"Chuck is the kind of guy who always has complete control of the game, and he showed that Saturday," senior Robert Wilson said.

Fourth year Head Coach Dan Hawkins was pleased with Willamette's defensive play Saturday.

"Defense played awesome,"



Quarterback Josh Scott carries the ball down the field while Burke Eathorne blocks Ben Boyle in practice.

said Hawkins. "The defense dominated statistically; unfortunately we couldn't put them away and they had a couple of big plays. I give

them a lot of credit—they came back and made it a close game."

Players were pleased with the win, and pleasantly surprised with

the fact that Willamette did not depend on the big play to make the win, like the team has a tendency to do. "I thought we played pretty well considering we didn't have any big plays. We didn't depend on the "big play" to win the game, which is unusual because we normally do," said senior offensive lineman Adam Ballard. "I thought we had a good game because we just kept pounding the ball."

Hawkins said that the team didn't depend on big plays because of the style of play Eastern was using.

"Some teams are going to give you other things, and you just try to take what they give you. They were giving us a lot of stuff underneath, so we did what we had to do to get the job done." The team faces Linfield (2-2), in their first conference game of the season this weekend in McMinnville.

Linfield, although currently unranked, was ranked earlier in the season. Hawkins sees this game as being a challenging one for the team, one dependent on maximizing the big play and avoiding turnovers.

"They are extremely sound," he said, of Linfield's team. "They don't make any mistakes. They do a great job coaching, and the players play pretty much error-free football."

It's going to come down to big plays and turnovers. We've got to make the plays and avoid the turnovers to make it a winning situation."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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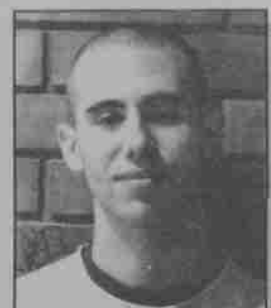


Chase Jordan Freshman

Chase Jordan, this week's Athlete of the Week, being 5'8, faces a certain vertical challenge for anyone playing the game of soccer.

It is only when one sees Chase Jordan play that one understands that his height is actually an advantage: to the sure-footed forward.

Jordan attributes his scoring ability not to his height but to his teammates. "I am only as good as the midfielders are," says Jordan. "I can't score without the ball and the only times I can get the ball are when they're winning the middle and getting the ball to my feet."



Leading the team in goals, coming into the weekend with seven, Jordan put on a clinic for the Whitman defenders on Sunday, creating numerous chances for himself and eventually connecting on two of them.

The first score came when Jordan was able to control the ball in a congested goal box. Taking a quick touch, he fired the ball past the hapless goalkeeper.

The second came off a cross which bounced past the face of the goal to a waiting Jordan, who flicked the ball past the keeper into the upper corner of the goal.

"I played against Chase in high school," said teammate Garet Luebbert, "and he's always been good. This year he went to the regional tournament and scored eight goals, and when you score eight goals in regionals it's pretty damn impressive."

Already Chase has made a name for himself on the college scene as well: the referees routinely give the outstanding freshman respect commanded only by upperclassmen.

"He pulls tricks out of his hat like Houdini," says teammate Jeremy Angaran. "He's a magician."

Indeed Chase was magical this weekend, helping his team to victory and earning him Player of the Week honors.

-Tyler Wilson-Hoss

Women persevere against Whitman

women's Soccer

by Katie Edmonds,
Staff Writer



The Willamette women's soccer team greeted this past weekend with great enthusiasm. Undefeated in all their games so far, they were ready to dominate anyone who stepped into their path. Unfortunately, so was Whitworth.

The game against the Pirates was long and sloppy. The Bearcats didn't play at the level they are capable of playing at, but played tough and battled back and forth with Whitworth. Halfway through the first half freshman forward Katie Edmonds scored off a pass from junior forward Jackie Leibler. The Bearcat defense held the Pirates scoreless up to half-time. Willamette came out strong at the start of the second half and Edmonds scored off a corner kick from sophomore Racheal Alenduff. The Pirates retaliated and scored 2 goals sending the teams into two 15 minute overtimes. Both teams entered the extended play with determination. Willamette had two shots that hit the crossbar and others that just missed.

"We had so many scoring opportunities, but the ball never found the back of the net," said sophomore defender Liz Heaston. The 120 minutes of play ended in a 2-2 tie. The Bearcats will most likely face the Pirates again for the conference tournament title.

Then women then traveled to Walla Walla and faced the fighting Missionaries. The Bearcats scored



The women's soccer team prepares for an upcoming game.

early in the game off a corner kick that bounced around and was finally finished by Edmonds. "We may have scored to early in the match," commented coach Tursi. Whitman retaliated and scored a few minutes later.

The women didn't quit and junior forward Jackie Leibler scored on a through ball from sophomore Lisa Newkirk, making the score at half-time 2-1.

The Bearcats struggled the second half and gave up a goal 10 minutes before the end of the game. Sophomore goal keeper Robin Heard kept the Bearcats in the match by making four big saves.

It looked as if the women were going to have to play another overtime, but junior Jamie Barton scored on a break away goal by juking the

keeper and netting the final goal of the game. The whistle blew moments later and Willamette escaped with a 3-2 victory.

"This road trip is always a hard one for us," commented Lisa Newkirk.

Willamette didn't play up to their potential this past weekend, but got the job done.

"We are looking to improve for playoffs," said Heard.

Even though the women came away with a tie and a win they are still in soul possession of first place in conference.

The women stay at home this weekend and play UPS and PLU. They defeated both teams earlier in the season, but these two teams always present another challenge for the Bearcats to conquer.

Overtimes prove disappointing in last weekend's games

men's Soccer

by Tyler Wilson-Hoss,
Staff Writer



The Bearcat men played a trio of games this week, first traveling northeast to take on Whitman and Whitworth and then taking to the road again to battle Linfield.

In the Saturday match against the Pirates of Whitworth, both sides generated many good opportunities in the first half but remained 0-0 at halftime.

The second half was still evenly played, although the Pirates made a tactical change that eventually produced an effective offensive surge. "Their fullbacks started making

some deep runs and making some good crosses and they finally put one in," said senior sweeper Rene Gonzalez.

The go-ahead goal, off a cross from one of Whitworth's before-mentioned fullbacks, would be the game winner. Willamette's offense never found the net.

The team regrouped for the next day's game against Whitman's Fighting Missionaries, a team previously beaten by the Bearcats on Willamette's turf. The Bearcats stormed out to a quick two goal advantage thanks to the offense outburst of freshman striker Chase Jordan. The achiever of both goals, Jordan made it 1-0 with a shot through a congested goal box, and 2-0 when a cross found him in front of the net to knock it past the keeper with a well placed header.

In the second half the Missionaries fought

back, eventually tying the game off a corner kick with just minutes remaining. The score remained tied as regulation time ended.

During the overtime periods the Bearcats regrouped, dominating the two fifteen minute periods and putting the game away with goals by Matt Janssen and Jeb Haber. "This was as fun a game as we've had all season," said freshman defender Garet Luebbert, "and coach was pretty ecstatic because we could have folded." The final game this week pitted the Bearcat's against a tough Linfield team on Wednesday. The game marked the return of striker Mark Flanders, absent from the weekend games due to injury.

Willamette found themselves in another neck and neck game as both sides were unable to score through the two 45 minute halves. In overtime both offenses came to

life.

The first goal was made by Willamette's Janssen, who scored from 20 yards out. His shot hit the lower left post before getting past the opposing keeper.

Linfield answered quickly, tying the score in the first overtime, and in the second overtime they scored again, winning the game 2-1.

"It was a really tough game," said midfielder Rob Laizure, "but you got to give credit to some of our guys. Without Flanders coming back the way he did and Kelly Walsh stopping their best striker we'd never have gotten to O.T."

The men's record stands at 4-4-2 in league and 6-6-2 overall. Next up for the Bearcats are home matches against Pacific Lutheran and Puget Sound.

Strong finishes aid in boosting teams' rankings

Cross-country

by Nathan Le Queieu,
Editor



This past weekend both the men's and women's cross country teams traveled to Tacoma to run in the Pacific Lutheran Cross Country Invitational at Ft. Steilacoom.

Both the men's and women's teams ran strong and will probably move up in the rankings next week. The men, who started the week ranked 23rd in the nation, finished 3rd, just 17 points behind 2nd place finisher Puget Sound, who happen to be ranked 10th in the nation. PLU, the 6th ranked team in the

nation finished first with 22 points.

On the women's side, the Bearcats, who began the week ranked at 16th in the nation, finished 3rd behind 5th ranked runner-up PLU. The 2nd ranked team in the nation, Puget Sound, won the meet, scoring a low 36 points. Overall, on the men's side, the winner was PLU's Chris Engel, who traversed the 8,000 meter course in 25:33. For Willamette, the top finisher was 12th place recipient Bryce Mercer, in a time of 26:47. Next in for the Bearcats was Steve Cruise in a time of 27:05 and in 14th place. Immediately following Cruise was 15th place finisher Chris Lyke, who finished in 27:05.5. Freshman Brian Robertson finished in 18th place in a time of 27:12. Rounding out the scoring for Willamette was Chris Olsen, who finished in

20th place in 27:17.

For the women's 5,000 meter race, the overall winner was PLU's Tanya Robinson, with a time of 18:32. The Bearcats were led by 4th place finisher Carrie Morales, who finished in 19:02. Next in was 24th place finisher Amy Astle, whose time was 20:18. 26th place went to Malia Greening, who covered the course in 20:21. Emily Williams came in the 32nd position in a time of 20:31. Rounding out the scoring for the Bearcats was Rayona Weber in 34th place, who finished with a time of 20:42.

This weekend the teams head north to compete at the George Fox Invitational. This is the most important race of the season for both teams as they try to move up further in the rankings to assure a spot at the national meet.

Intramural Scoreboard

Football Champions

A League: Bearcat Hoop

B League: Sigma Chi #2

Women's: Pi Beta Phi

Co-ed: Kaneko Bears



Home games bring victory

Volleyball

by Matt Kosderka,
Staff Writer



Kelly Middal sets the ball in preparation for a kill by Aspen Phelps.

In what may have been a first for Willamette, last weekend the women's volleyball team was negatively affected by a large and boisterous home crowd as they debuted in Cone Fieldhouse against Pacific Lutheran.

"They were trying so hard to play their best," said Head Coach Marlene Piper of her team who was playing in front of friends and family for the first time, after 19 straight games on the road.

It turned out that the Bearcats were trying too hard, as PLU took the first game 15-8. But after a few calming words from Piper, the Bearcats decided to get back into their game plan. And get back they did, winning the next three games and taking the match 8-15, 15-8, 15-3, 15-7.

The Bearcats were dominating after their first game blunder, jumping out to a 10-0 lead in the second game, and racking up 13 straight points in the third frame. Standing behind their overpowering play was excellent serving and an tightening up of their scheme.

"They were getting a lot of confidence," said Piper of the Lutes. "Then pretty soon we were tipping and digging balls, which got our offense going. And then our tough serving took them away from their offense."

Senior outside hitter Alicia Wright led the Bearcat attack, finishing with 19 kills and 26 digs. Senior middle Aspen Phelps did her part as well, chipping in 10 kills and 20 digs of her own.

Sophomore setter Kathy Fisher ran the offense with precision, dishing out 46 assists, while sophomore middle Rosie Allen finished with a team high five solo blocks.

Unlike their match with PLU, the Bearcats came ready to play from the opening serve against George Fox the following night. A balanced Bearcat offensive attack and brickwall blocking overpowered a young Bruin team, who were facing the Bearcats for the first time. Willamette eventually won the match in three games, 15-7, 15-9, 15-8.

In the few moments when the

Bearcats did struggle, Piper looked to the bench, inserting Jennifer and Amy Schultens. The twins, who played at George Fox last season, provided a much needed push in disposing of their former teammates. "That little combination gives us a little spark," said Piper. "Both Schultens came out ready to play."

With the pair of victories, the Bearcats, now 18-3 on the year and 8-0 in the Northwest Conference, have taken control in the conference race. Their final eight conference opponents have a combined record of 21-33, and five of those eight matches will be in Cone Fieldhouse, where the Bearcats have been unbeatable in the past few seasons.

Still, Piper is reminding her team to focus on their next opponent, knowing that in volleyball, anybody can win on a given night.

Both of this weekend's opponents are definitely teams to be concerned about. Even though the Bearcats have already beaten both Whitworth and Whitman on their home floors, the Bearcats know that their 2-6 conference records are misleading.

Whitworth will serve as the Bearcats' first test, coming to Cone Fieldhouse tonight for a 7 p.m. match. Willamette easily handled the Pirates earlier in the season, but

Piper realizes that some of their older players are capable of much more. "Just hope they don't barrel against us," she said.

The Bearcats, now No. 15 in the national poll, will finish off the weekend in Cone Fieldhouse, taking on Whitman at 2 p.m. The Missionaries are also a team that did not play up to their capabilities when the two teams met earlier this season.

The young Missionary team self-destructed in that earlier match, practically giving the Bearcats the match. "I hope we can score some of our own points," said Piper of tomorrow's rematch.

Despite Whitman's youth, they do have enough offensive prowess to give the Bearcats a run for their money. "That type of team is dangerous," said Piper. "If they are on, they could give us some trouble."

Willamette will round out the week by taking on the conference's newest member, Puget Sound. The Loggers advanced to the championship game in last year's national tournament, before falling to BYU-Hawaii.

Still, UPS has not been overly impressive in conference play. They have already dropped two matches, including a loss to winless Lewis & Clark. The 7 p.m. match is scheduled for Wednesday.

Crew team looking for a few good men

by Katy Fraser,
Staff Writer

It takes a special sort of person to want to abandon a warm bed at five a.m. for the frigid waters of the Willamette River. More specifically, it takes a member of the crew team.

Crew is a relatively new sport here at Willamette, although in fact it is the oldest collegiate sport in the nation. Pre-dating football and soccer, rowing, as it is sometimes called, was once even done professionally. Over time, however, the sport was corrupted with gambling and was forced out of the professional arena.

Willamette's team is currently about forty strong, a far cry from the 120 members that a team can carry. This disparity is something coach Rod Mott would like to see de-

creased. The women's team has filled out pretty well, though there is always room for more participants. The men's, on the other hand, is in need of a few more warm bodies. Mott says that ideally he would like to have 13 more men join the team in order to be really competitive. He reiterates that no experience is needed and that 80% of all those who join crew have never had any exposure to it.

This statistical lack of experience holds true for this year's teams, although to see them work together on the water, one would scarcely guess it. Observing the two boats that the girls filled at Friday's practice, there was an obvious sense of synchronization at work.

It is this unity of motion, as well as one added factor, that makes a crew team successful. The added

factor would be the coxswain (pronounced 'coksin'). Unlike the rest of the team, the cox does not row from his/her seat in the boat. Rather, he/she are responsible for keeping the rowers in time with one another, watching for and correcting flaws in technique, and motivating them. Coach Mott could not emphasize enough the role a good cox plays in making a team victorious. "It is a very important position on the crew," he explains, "almost coaching position."

Mott himself rowed as a student at Washington State University for four years. For the past seven years he has been with UPS, where he was the head crew coach. Having now moved to Salem, he is optimistic about Willamette's capabilities. "I'm really excited about the potential here," he says.

BEARCAT BOX SCORES

FOOTBALL

NIAA (division 3) conference standings

Team	W	L	T
Willamette	1	0	0
Pacific Lutheran	1	1	0
Linfield	1	2	0
Lewis & Clark	0	1	0
Puget Sound	0	1	0
Whitworth	0	1	0

standings current as of October 17

Last Week
Saturday, October 12
Willamette def.
Eastern Oregon (23-21)

This Week
Saturday, October 18
Willamette at
Linfield

VOLLEYBALL

NIAA (division 3) conference standings

Team	W	L	T
Willamette	8	0	0
PLU	2	2	0
Puget Sound	0	0	0
George Fox	0	0	0
Linfield	0	0	0
Pacific	0	0	0
Whitman	0	0	0
Whitworth	0	0	0
Lewis & Clark	1	1	0

standings current as of October 17

Last Week
Saturday, October 12
Willamette 15 15 15
George Fox 7 9 8

This Week
Saturday, October 18
Willamette at
Willamette

MEN'S SOCCER

NIAA (division 3) conference standings

Team	W	L	T
Pacific	0	0	0
Whitworth	1	0	0
Puget Sound	0	0	0
Willamette	0	0	0
George Fox	0	0	0
Linfield	0	0	0
PLU	0	0	0
Whitman	0	0	0

standings current as of October 13

Last Week
Saturday, October 12
Whitworth def.
Willamette (1-0)

This Week
Saturday, October 18
Pacific Lutheran at
Willamette

WOMEN'S SOCCER

NIAA (division 3) conference standings

Team	W	L	T
Willamette	0	0	0
Whitworth	0	0	0
Whitman	0	0	0
Puget Sound	0	0	0
PLU	0	0	0
George Fox	0	0	0
Pacific	0	0	0
Linfield	0	0	0

standings current as of October 13

Last Week
Sunday, October 13
Willamette def.
Whitman (3-2)

This Week
Saturday, October 18
Pacific Lutheran at
Willamette

CROSS COUNTRY

Pacific Lutheran Cross Country Invitational

Puget Sound	36
Pacific Lutheran	43
Willamette	110
Western Oregon	136
Linfield	152
Central Washington	174
Lewis & Clark	193
Pacific	204

standings current as of October 11

RANKINGS: WU places high among colleges

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the addition of 12 new CLA faculty members (dropping the student to faculty ratio to 10.5-1 in '97), the probable acceptance of a Phi Beta Kappa Charter, and a new music center. The key to augmenting the university's stature, according to Sumner, is "expansion and maintaining the high quality of the student body."

Sumner also outlined a few ambitions for the CLA. "We haven't had a Rhodes Scholar in a long time; we'd like to see that. We are deserving of a Tier 1 ranking and that's the direction we'd like to be heading."

A category Willamette ranked very highly nationally was efficiency, the amount of money the school expended on an average student, compared to the sum each student pays.

Sumner credited this statistic as a driving force behind Willamette being the recipient of the second largest Olin grant in the foundation's history. He also complimented the Office of Admissions, of which he is the head, for having a considerably smaller staff compared to many comparable and even smaller institutions, and the quality students that they enroll.

He also commented on how well paid the faculty is, and the University's \$150 million endowment. "We've run in the black for 20 years," he said.

The first step in determining the rankings was sending surveys to more than 4200 deans, presidents, and admission offices, who then rated comparable schools in their same category, of which there were four: National Universities, Regional

Universities, National Liberal Arts Colleges, and Regional Liberal Arts Colleges. These peer ratings contributed a quarter of the overall score.

Selectivity accounted for 15% of the total score. The basis of this category, with Willamette's score in parentheses, were acceptance rate (70%), the percentage of students accepted who enrolled (34%), the range of SAT scores of the 25th-75th percentile of the freshman class (1120-1310), and the percentage of freshmen who were in the top 10% of their high school class (51%).

Another 20% of the total were the faculty resources of the institution, which were broken down as the ratio of full time students to full time faculty (11:1 at W.U.), the percentage of full time doctorates or other terminal degrees, the percent of faculty with part time status, average salary for all full time faculty, and class size.

The financial resources made up another 10%, meaning the total '95 fiscal expenditures of the institution.

The retention rate, defined as the percentage of students graduating in 6 years (72%), and the average percentage of freshmen returning for a second year (88%), counted as an additional 20% of the total.

Finally, value and the rate of alumni contribution (39%) closed out the last 10% of the total score.

The rankings can be found in the September 24th issue of *U.S. News*. They are also available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/fair/home.htm>.

IFC: New policy emerges

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drinking alcohol," says I.F.C. President Nathan Young.

He also emphasizes that, "The administration at Willamette has failed to educate students about the proper use or misuse of alcohol."

I.F.C. believes that the new policy, by giving more responsibility to the individual chapters, will increase awareness and education about alcohol among the brothers of the campus.

To assist in the enforcement of this new policy, a task force called the Alcohol Management Group has been formed from members of I.F.C. and non-Greeks as well.

"(This group) . . . will make sure that parties are set up to be safe. Members of the group will be trained to deal with behavioral problems involving alcohol," says Frazier.

Young believes that this approach to alcohol will also further their original emphasis on the liability that goes along with serving alcohol at fraternity functions, "When behavioral problems are kept to a minimum, liability is as well."

Young also notes that this policy "will be followed 24 hours a day,

seven days a week. This doesn't only relate to registered alcoholic functions, but to everything that goes on in the house."

The I.F.C. will be its own policeman and Young and Frazier assure that any violation of national chapter policy will result in a letter being written by I.F.C. to the respective house's national fraternity. "Our national fraternities will become more involved because they have the resources to further our goals," Frazier notes.

Many questions remain in the minds of partygoers at Willamette. Will all good parties be held off campus? Will underage drinkers be able to get served anyway at parties? How long will this policy last?

For now, the individual chapters must adhere to this new policy or suffer the stiff consequences. The policy created by I.F.C. has been produced with the interests of the students of Willamette and the fraternities of the campus in mind.

Frazier says that now we can only wait and see if it works. "We come to Willamette to get an education, but an education is more than just books, it's about learning about life. This policy will put responsibility on the individual chapters and their guests to control their behavior and actions while consuming alcohol. It's time to deal with the real issues concerning alcohol rather than hide ourselves from them," he said.



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