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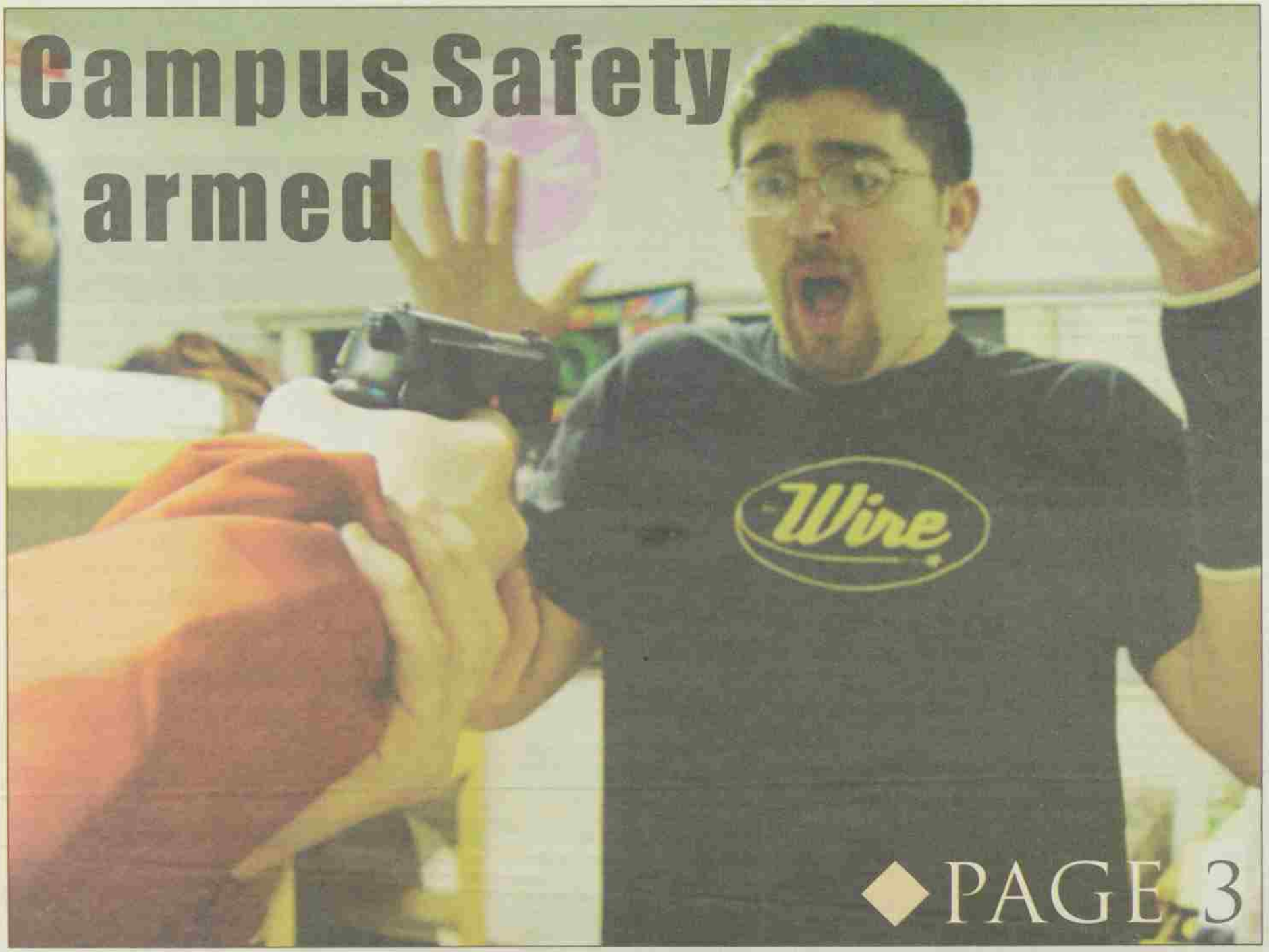

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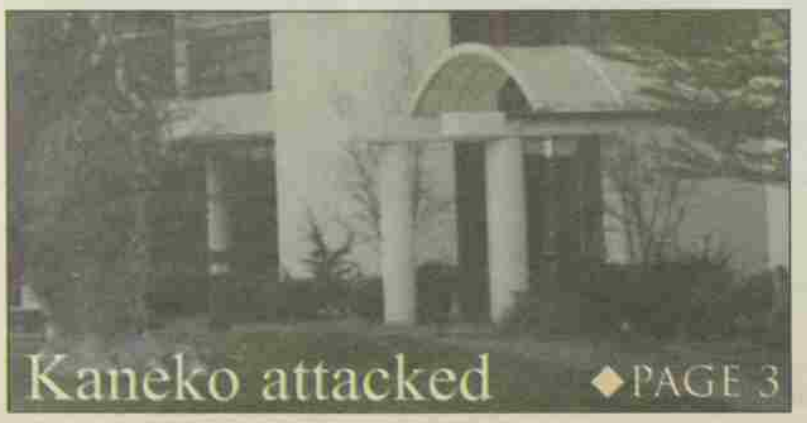

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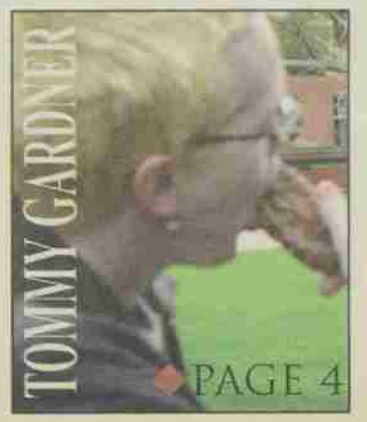

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: APRIL 1

Written Trespass Warning

March 29, 3:45 p.m. (UC): A swarthy foreigner of indeterminate origin but wearing a nice turban was reported looking for a man named Ashcroft, saying that he had important information on the whereabouts of unknown individuals named Saddam and Osama. He was informed that, within the Willamette Bubble, these names have no meaning, and was issued a written trespass warning and escorted off campus.

Criminal Mischief / Wanton Destruction

March 31, 12:04 a.m. (Kaneko): Officers responded to a report of an unidentified Baxter resident having stolen a street sweeper and used it to derail a southbound train going 50 mph.

The resulting devastation destroyed much of the surrounding area, including Felony Flats, but missing Kaneko Hall, which was destroyed earlier in the week by an unidentified giant lizard. An investigation continues.

Missing

March 28, 11:30 p.m. (Baxter): Officers responded to a report of the disappearance of a large green dragon from a student's room. The student had apparently just stepped out for an unnecessarily long trip to Montag, and when he returned, the ancient Thaumator Navariel was gone, along with $75,000 in gold and jewels. An investigation continues.

Non-Theft

March 27, 12:46 a.m. (Baxter): A student reported leaving his single door wide open and the light on, visiting his friends down the hall and returning four hours later to find that nothing had been taken from his room. His two CD players, stereo, television, DVD player, Playstation 2, Desktop, Laptop, collection of Orson Scott Card books, and $2,500 in plain sight on his bed next to his collection of genuine Rolexes were all present.

Medical Services

March 28, 8:46 p.m. (Doney): A student was acting uncharacteristically aggressive for Doney residents and refused to cooperate with Campus Safety and calm down. The student was pistol whipped, breaking his nose, and subsequently treated by WEMS and transported to Salem Hospital for further treatment.

March 30, 2:34 p.m. (UC): A student reported a visiting family member suffering a fit, suddenly exuding fiery flames, spitting projectile green vomit, and speaking backwards in Latin.

The student remained calm, saying that this kind of possession thing happens all the time to the little girl in question.

WEMS and Campus Safety accessed the situation and transported the victim to Salem Hospital Exorcism division for further treatment.

Minor in Possession

March 27, 10:04 p.m. (WISH) Campus Safety responded to a report of an anthrax-like smell emanating from a student's room. Upon investigation, the student was found to be hoarding weapons of mass destruction. The student was fined fifty dollars and ordered to attend a weapons of mass destruction safety class. The matter was then referred to the UN Security Council for further investigation.

Ecological Disaster

March 31, 3:59 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): All the water in the Chicken fountain suddenly became wine, allegedly in response to a tired gymmer's desperate plea. Campus Ambassadors arrived on the scene before Campus Safety, and when they tried to pin the so-called "miracle" on God, the wine abruptly became Vanilla Coke. An investigation of the supernatural continues.

Bloody Political Coup

March 31, 5:03 p.m. (University Center) Campus Safety responded to reports that Adam Holbrook had dissolved the ASWU Senate and declared himself Caesar. Campus Safety attempted to detain Holbrook, but protected by the other members of the Executive (who he called his "Praetorian Guard") he escaped. Holbrook remains at large and is considered dangerous.

Campus Safety writes up Campus Safety for policy violation

Campus Safety Headquarters March 28th 9:03 p.m. A Campus Safety officer approached the Campus Safety office and noticed that a door was propped open.

He investigated and found that several Campus Safety officers were having a "beer party" and some were even "doing silly dances."

When he tried to write up the officers, he was reminded of the "brotherhood of silence" and threatened with an official Campus Safety notepad and pen. The officer referred the matter to the Campus Judicial system.

Terra House March 31 2:27 p.m. Campus Safety Officers reported smelling marijuana smoke in Terra, for the very first time ever.

They discovered students smoking marijuana in the room, right here on our very own campus. The officers were as shocked and appalled as we all are.

Now nobody feels safe anymore, and reefer madness has seized the entire campus in its decadent grip.

Montag Center March 23 8:46 p.m. Campus Safety responded to reports of students habitually visiting the Montag Center late at night with red, glassy eyes and buying nachos. Some administration were reportedly concerned that the Montag Center was becoming a "haven for stoners."

A Campus Safety investigation yielded no solid proof of the pot-montag-nachos connection, but did notice a trend of disheveled, confused looking males entering the C store between the hours of 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. to buy nachos.

Mark O. Hatfield Library March 31 11:10 p.m. Campus Safety is leading an internal investigation after students reported they were approached by a woman in a karate gi claiming to be an official of the University.

The students were reluctant to produce their student I.D.s, primarily because she was wearing a karate gi.

Terra House March 30 12:05 p.m. W.E.M.S reported the first case of SARS to hit the Willamette community.

It was decided R. H. Berns contracted the new and hip illness after a spring break trip to California. Mr. Berns is now quarantined in a secret holding cell in Bishop.

The cell hasn't been used since the famous and equally fashionable 'China Syndrome.'

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Trustees approve firearms

By MEGAN MINA
STAFF WRITER

After fourteen hours of deliberation, the Willamette University Board of Trustees voted seven to six to arm Campus Safety.

The deciding vote was cast by University President M. Lee Pelton, who said, "The pressing interest of the university is to keep the students safe - and we can only do that with the safety off."

The Office of Campus Safety praised the decision. "You don't know what it is like out there," Officer Joseph Johnson said.

"You get some guy all hopped up on goofballs, like one of those Doney hoodlums, and they're liable to do anything. If we don't stop them with a bullet to the chest, no one will — and someone might get hurt, or worse," he said.

Firearms aren't being distributed only for internal purposes.

"We're less than ten miles from the State's mental institutions," Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout said.

"And even worse, the Capitol is right across the street. You don't know what these people are capable of."

Students say that the new policy has increased their feelings of safety.

"There's nothing as reassuring as knowing you've got an office full of armed men next door," sophomore Lausanne resident Kara Lincoln said.

"When I got locked out of my room last night, the Campus Safety officer just shot the lock off. It was great!"

Officer George Pirot has started to train a Special Weapons and Tactics team for the university, something not possible before the new policy.

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TIUA destroyed

RATSON CARLSON

The giant thunder lizard sizes up unsuspecting students from Tokyo.

By KEMOSABE
STAFF WRITER

Most Willamette students were surprised to see the skybridge gone and Kaneko in ruins when they returned from Spring Break. Not the TIUAs though.

"I thought coming here, all the way across the Pacific, I could finally escape the terrible lizard monster Godzilla," sophomore Tomohiro Suzuki said. "I should have known better."

Godzilla appeared out of the Pacific at Lincoln City on Sunday night, making a beeline directly to Willamette University. Despite the best efforts of Campus Safety writing him a citation for trespassing and the National Guard firing rockets at him, Godzilla began a rampage through campus.

"While 'shock and awe' was an important part of my strategy, I also attempted to target selectively, to minimize damage to the non-Tokyo population," the 80 foot tall Godzilla said. "I was about to crush this one girl, and then I realized she was from Kyoto. That would have been a regrettable accident."

Witnesses agreed. "I've been attacked by Godzilla three times now, and I noticed much less use of his massive spiky tail this time," junior Keiko Nakatomi said. "That tends to be an indiscriminate weapon, so I knew something was up. What does Godzilla have against us?"

"Everybody has a niche," the ravaging lizard monster replied. "King Kong has New York. Those big worms from 'Tremors' have that little hick town. I've got the people of Tokyo, wherever they might run."

Those who hadn't been victims of past rampages were stunned at the ferocity of the attack. "One minute I was enjoying the unseasonably warm weather, and the next minute I was fleeing the fiery breath of a beast created from man's hubristic tampering with atomic weapons," Kaneko RA Blake Molody recalled.

But some members of the Willamette community are more positive about the aftermath of Godzilla's attack. "In all honesty, we were planning massive remodeling of that section of campus under the Master Plan anyway," Dean Bob Hawkinson said. "And it's all covered under the 'Savage Monster' section of our insurance policy that President Pelton had the foresight to take out. So we're sitting pretty."

Student group created to fight abuse of ducks

By THE LORAX
STAFF WRITER

Spring is a celebrated season, a time of romance, flowers and candy. Yet few truly appreciate the repeating tragedy acted out on campus every year. While students are joyfully attending classes and studying diligently in the library despite the sunny weather, innocents are persecuted relentlessly all over campus.

Centered around the Mill Stream, duck harassment and even molestation occur approximately once every 30 seconds.

Some students feel this duck-on-duck abuse has been tolerated at Willamette long enough. As a liberal arts college, harassment of any kind is usually treated with a zero-tolerance policy.

Year after year, however, male ducks continue to chase the unfortunate female ducks around campus, filling the quiet spring air with urgent quacks of protest.

In answer to this call, a new student organization has emerged, ready to lead the suffering ducks to better days. Calling themselves QUACKD (Quietly United Against Cruel Killing of Ducks), students involved with the organization have personally pledged themselves to protect suffering ducks at all costs.

The president of QUACKD encourages others to place themselves in the ducks' webbed feet.

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JOEY BUTTAFUCCO

This duck, giving her name only as 'Mildred,' claims she was abused last week.

Pelton makes hip-hop

By TUPAC SHAKUR
STAFF WRITER

Not since Kurt Cobain and the mighty Nirvana has the Pacific Northwest produced such a musical sensation as the artist formerly known as "Pelton."

Soon to be former Willamette President M. Lee Pelton is leaving the private university administration biz in order to begin a promising musical career as the hip hop artist 'M. Piddy.'. Piddy was also thinking of converting his name to just a symbol, but, according to his song "stupid pop culture — yo," the use of a symbol rather than a name is "so 2000, yo."

"Yo yo yo, I be really ill," Piddy said. "I been a presidential playa, but as a rappa I make the real pay. Crusin' in my Saab, chillin' with my posse… I like 'sh*t, man, I should rap about this sh*t. This sh*t's real, foo.'

Long simmering discontent with making great improvements to Willamette's small campus has given Piddy plenty of material for his first CD, "42 … word" — destined to go platinum by 2004 — and particularly his first single, "Drivin' a Saab to work, yo."

"I drive past all these poe a*s pads and I say to my bro, 'Dog, I wonder how many of these is crack houses, yo,'" Piddy said. "Just has a natural rhythm to it, you know?"

Piddy plans to have members of the Willamette music department write the music for him, and is also looking to collaborate on lyrics with members of the English department, but refused to speculate on who those professors might be. He did, however, claim that he would only elicit the help of real hip-hop fans.

"Pelton — I mean, Piddy — is the cover face for the band, after all," Associate Dean David Douglass said. "As history's rhetoric teaches us, a band is more successful if there is a single face to associate the music with." Douglass may be recruited to sing back up vocals.

The cover of "42-word" will feature Piddy's face, with a pair of "cool" sunglasses and his distinctive bowtie, with stylized Greek lettering and "drugs and gun imagery."

"Don't be tripping, man. It'll have parental advisory warnings," Piddy said. "Like some of our upper division classes, g. Actually, that's one of my songs: 'twisted teaching … word.'"

"42 … word" will be available at all major record stores in the spring of '04.

COURTESY ASSASSIN RECORDS

M. Lee Pelton as 'M. Piddy.'

No sex at Willamette

By GILVA HENDRAKE
STAFF WRITER

The results of the 2002 Oregon Students Survey named Willamette University the most expensive form of contraception in the State of Oregon.

"Hands down," survey analyst Richard Simmons said, "Going to Willamette is the best way to avoid sex of all sorts. For your thirty grand, you are safe from any danger of intimate contact with the opposite sex."

Research suggests that a combination of many factors go into making Willamette such a chaste place.

"Part of it is the small size," Simmons said.

"It's just small enough to make the walk of shame really shameful but not so small that everyone can just sleep with everyone else. As a result, there's a powerful social push against 'getting it on.'"

Director of Residence Life Marilyn Derby praised the results.

"I can only think that it is our innovative resident programming and our commitment to building community that keeps our students from wasting their time on this dangerous and antisocial behavior."

Students were much less happy. "Like, dude," senior Mike Jeffers said.

"I ain't gotten any since I was, like, in high school. I don't know what's down with that - I'm like 'what's up ladies,' but all I get is shut down."

Freshman Susan Sharp disagreed. "I'm really glad I go to a clean school," she said.

"I looked at some other schools - like Reed - where there were all sorts of immorality going on. Here at Willamette, I feel good that people's intentions are always the purest."

PERSONALITY SPOTLIGHT:

TOMMY GARDNER

JAMES 'VODKA' BANK

Tommy Gardner surveys the Willamette of his youth.

By FATTY ARBUCKLE
STAFF WRITER

In a recent exclusive interview with Willamette Alumni Tommy Gardener, class of '97, the Collegian was able to answer the age-old questions that plague Willamette students who eat at Goudy: Who is Tommy Gardener, and why does he eat poop?

In an effort to debunk what was once urban legend, Collegian reporters and investigators tackled the assignment with enthusiasm. In our exclusive interview, Gardener set the record straight….almost.

Gardener revealed to reporters that the Goudy trays that have graffiti stating things such as "Tommy Gardener eats poop," are actually his work, and the efforts of a few other students, who until now, remained elusive and unknown.

"I admit that I scratched my name into several Goudy trays during my time at Willamette," Gardener said. "I wanted to leave my mark at Willamette, in a unique way, and in more than just having my picture in the yearbook."

When questioned about the conspicuous trays reading "Thomas" or "Tom," instead of "Tommy," inconsistencies that led several students to believe that it was all a hoax, Gardener confirmed that they are all his own.

"I was also going through a phase of trying to identify myself. A person's name is a big part of him, and I was just trying different forms of my name out."

Gardener explained his choice of using Goudy trays as a medium for his expression by saying that he wanted to "reach people individually, on a personal basis," and that he wanted his memory to be "visible, but not so big and obvious that everyone ignores it."

As to the origin of the comments revealing Gardener's supposed eating habits, he claims that two girls, fellow students of his, inscribed those words.

"I had dated them both at the same time, but kind of didn't tell either of them," Gardener said. "When they found out, they not only dumped me, but decided to take revenge too. That's who inscribed the poop comments."

Gardner described his initial reaction to seeing his signature trays distorted and destroyed as one of anger, but then later of deep sadness and with a sense of being wounded.

When questioned about how and why the girls would get the idea to describe such a crude and disgusting thing as eating poop, Gardener initially did not respond to reporters. When further questioned about the possibility of the comments being based on truth, Gardner only replied with, "I can't talk about it, it's too painful."

At this point in the interview, Gardener abruptly left, looking very choked up.

So, at least this much is known: Tommy Gardener signed several Goudy trays, and later two ex-girlfriends revealed his unusual dietary habits. Unfortunately, the Collegian can still neither confirm nor deny the truth of those dietary habits.

Fraternity brother watches basketball, war over break

By GEORGIA PARKER
STAFF WRITER

Junior Bjorn Olaf's roommates returned from Southern California Wednesday to find that their friend hadn't left the house in a week, having spent his entire week watching war coverage and NCAA basketball.

He said that he was bored.

Waiting for something big to happen and not wanting to miss the next development, Olaf has monopolized the big-screen television in his fraternity. Even with CNN's Wolf Blitzer filling him in on the main screen and Fox News' Brit Hume updating him from a picture-in-picture box in the bottom left hand corner, Olaf still suffers from a big let-down.

Olaf remembers spending his week at the beach glued to the television during the NATO's air campaign over the skies Kosovo against Yugoslav forces. He even recalls the excitement he felt as a child when at 9 years of age he watched the first Gulf War break out.

"I can remember we stayed home from school for the whole ground war, 100 hours of action-packed desert charges," Olaf said.

"This is so dull," Olaf said before he gestured longingly to the box of Funyons on the floor next to the end table.

"I was expecting far more pictures of things blowing up — like the ones they show on those war documentaries on the Discovery Channel."

Olaf said his interest was piqued by promises that embedded journalists would be able to supply him with up-to-date information from the frontlines of the battlefront.

According to his fraternity brothers, Olaf was furious when he missed the massive bombing attack leveled on Baghdad on Thursday morning.

"He had worked himself up into quite a frenzy, flipping back and forth between the seven channels of C-SPAN, screaming 'All I can get is goddamn Tony Blair,'" sophomore Jerry Leventhaler said.

Watching the replays of the explosions that leveled several buildings on the presidential compound, Olaf lamented, "Now all I can do is watch it in reruns. Look, it's almost as bad as one of the after-school TV movies."

QUACKD rallies around Willamette waterfowl

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"We are currently in the process of putting up signs around campus, alerting every literate student to the dangerous reality of life as a female duck in the spring.

Imagine if you were a duck: how would you feel if you were chased around every day by hormone-crazed ducks with vicious beaks and scary black feet? How could you keep your dignity?"

With posters, awareness meetings and newly designed graphically disturbing infomercials broadcasted daily in the U.C. throughout the season, QUACKD hopes to change the Willamette campus from several square-blocks of pain to a sanctuary for female duck protection.

Yet surprisingly, QUACKD is not without controversy. Despite the ducks' beseeching quacks for help, many students turn a blind eye.

One student observer, who chose to remain anonymous for his own protection, commented, "The ducks are just trying to mate. I don't understand why some people are so bothered by it."

Another said, "The female ducks just aren't doing enough to please the males. They're brown and ugly. Maybe they're asking for it."

Out of the many strong and passionate personal beliefs concerning duck abuse, a war is quickly brewing on campus. With protests planned later in the week, a confrontation between the so-called "Duck-Lovers" and the "Apathetics" is inevitable.

As the campus administration gears up to meet the possibly violent battle, ducks continue to quack late into the evening, unsure whether their call will be answered.

Cold war in Box G185

By HALLIE BALOSA
STAFF WRITER

Williams

Michaels III

Sophomores Sage "Justice" Williams and Prescott Michaels III, who share mailbox G185, are engaged in a silent, bitter war. They have no U.N. support, no coalition of the willing, and no weapons. Their war is a war of mail.

Williams describes herself as a "artist, activist, puppeteer and pacifist, in child-like awe of the world, tree hugger, goddess" while Michaels III characterized himself as a "golfer, republican, Caucasian and male."

Michaels III, who receives Golf Digest as well as several conservative news publications outrages Williams, who is a subscriber to the Utne Reader, Earth First! Bulletin and several anti-war publications was outraged at the contents of their shared mail slot last week.

"I open my mail, on Earth Day no less, to find a Worth magazine. Worth! While we are destroying the environment and oppressing millions of impoverished peoples through corporate globalization, the sub-human cretin I share a mailbox with is reading about stock options. What an a**hole."

Williams, who picked up the offending publication with her pinkie and thumb and gingerly pushed it aside, loathes the nearness of what she calls "capitalist propaganda" in her mailbox.

"Sometimes I feel like my Moon Womyn magazine must just want to rise up and take the form of a bird and fly far, far away from my idiot mailbox partners NRA bulletin." Williams said.

Observers report that the two typically gather their own mail and then sift through the remaining contents of their mailbox making sarcastic comments.

Michaels, who enjoys cigars, microbrews, economics classes and the oppression of indigent farmers of the third world is routinely disgusted yet vaguely titillated by the plethora of feminist Lesbian publications Williams receives.

The quiet war between Williams and Michaels have engaged in includes passive aggressive acts of defiance, including the "accidental" theft of Affluent Golfer magazine by Williams, and the not-at-all accidental theft of an International Workers Party Bulletin by Michaels.

Tensions escalated in early February, when Williams received continual mailings about the Vagina Monologues

"You wouldn't believe the goddamn volume of mail she got about vaginas during early February. And not piece of it was even mildly arousing. Not one piece."

Guns given out to Campus Safety

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"Sometimes you get a rowdy party at Sigma Chi or one of those 'Peace and Justice' riots in Jackson Plaza. It's times like that you need SWAT," he said.

"We've got tear gas for the fraternities and machine-guns for the protesters. It's just like it was back in Nam."

Not all has gone perfectly with the new policy, however. In the first few hours after officers received their sidearms there were several incidents involving students.

"Thankfully, there weren't very many casualties," Stout said.

"We consider the four we lost acceptable — after all, even the best of operations has a little collateral damage, and my men and women just got a little trigger-happy. However, the students who died were on scholarship, so no harm, no foul."

EBENEEZER MARKLEY

An artist's sketch of a fully-equipped Campus Safety officer under the new policy.

Keiko in Mill Stream

By LOUIS LOUIS
STAFF WRITER

In a pleasant but unexpected visit to the Willamette campus last Sunday, Keiko the whale swam up the Mill Stream and jumped the bridge near Jackson Plaza.

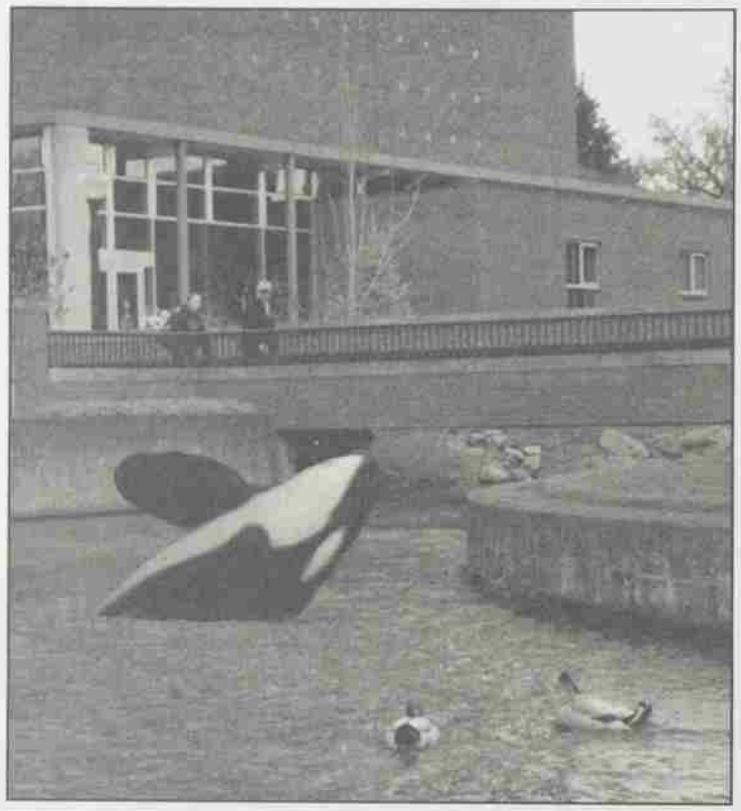
Keiko, known mostly for his role as Willy in the inexplicably successful "Free Willy" movies, was seen swimming up the stream around 4:30 p.m. Sunday and disappearing into the culvert near the law building.

Those fortunate enough to witness this miracle said they found the event made them feel "inspired, choked-up, and hungry."

"When I first saw Keiko in the Mill Stream I thought, 'Oh, there's another frat boy in a Keiko costume hamming it up for the perspectives again,'" said sophomore Loretta Dean. "But then I saw his trademark limp dorsal fin, and I knew this was the real deal."

Law student Carl E. Carl had similar feelings after witnessing the aging sea-mammal's trek.

"I've been feeling really inadequate lately, and nothing seems to be helping boost my self-esteem," Carl said. "Then I saw Keiko, and it made me realize that if a cetacean captured twenty-some years ago from his native waters surrounding Iceland and forced to live in inhumane conditions until his release in 1998 can make it big in Hollywood, I sure can pass the bar exam."



SAM THE MAN

Keiko, during his visit to the mill stream.

A convocation honoring the whale's visit is planned for later next week. The convo will feature "Free Willy," "Free Willy 2: The Adventure Home," and "Free Willy 3: The Rescue," with a panel discussion of the social implications of Keiko's films to follow.

"I really liked 'The Rescue,'" said President M. Lee Pelton. "It was the best 'Willy' I've seen in years."

Professor of marine biology Ariel Sebastian said this event reaffirmed her floundering faith in aquatic animals, God, and democracy.

"Keiko is such an amazing creature, and I think somewhere between 9/11 and 'American Idol' we lost sight of that fact," Sebastian said. "What's so incredible was his ability to swim in only about six inches of water. Let's see Saddam Hussein do that."

NATIONAL FOCUS

War a prank

By I.M. EMBEDDED
STAFF WRITER

With American troops approaching Baghdad, the last thing Saddam Hussein expected was an offer to meet with George W. Bush. "Between my paranoia and his insane vendetta against me, I was pretty apprehensive, but I thought 'What the hell?'" Even more unexpected was Bush greeting him, "Smile! You're on Candid Camera!"

In a heartbeat, Saddam realized he had been the butt of the most elaborate international prank to date. Bush explained he just wanted to mix things up. "After I was more-or-less elected, I thought to myself that this world could use some fun," he said. Tricking Saddam into believing he would be slaughtered and his country overrun became Bush's passion, as he set about forming a "Coalition of the Funny."

"I knew Tony (Blair) would be game, but things didn't really start falling into place until Jackie-boy (Jacques Chirac) came onboard. Nobody can play an obstructionist like the French."

Chirac was equally enthusiastic. "This was the role of a lifetime," Chirac said. "Unlike French fries, we French perfected comedy. Mmm... French fries... Excuse me, I'm off to McDonald's (Chez MacDo) for a Grand Royale (quarter pounder)." With Chirac playing his part to perfection, other nations were quick to get in on the gag. Russia and China led the way, organizing the world in massive "anti-war" demonstrations.

The world watched in merriment as Iraq scrambled desperately to meet Bush's demands. Things worked out perfectly, as Hussein gave a series of increasingly desperate addresses to the world about Iraqi defiance. "I can't believe I didn't realize what was going on," Hussein said. "I mean, we couldn't figure out what the devil Bush wanted from us."

But not everyone is amused. Kofi Annan, who was left out of the joke, complained that the millions of dollars of damage to Iraq and the civilian casualties were no laughing matter. Nonsense.

"You can't put a price on a good gag," Hussein retorted.

As British and American tanks and troops began exiting the country, Iraqi's newly amused citizens rejoiced in the streets. "Hehe. I accuse Bush of possessing weapons of mass hilarity," Hussein said. "Allah willing, we will smite the infidels with a righteous practical joke of our own in return."

Peace groups broaden focus, protest more than just Iraq

By HONOR HARRINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Willamette peace groups announced Monday that in solidarity with peace organizations across the United States, they would be expanding their efforts to curb unjust US intervention around the world.

"We think that it's unfair of us to only talk about the way the United States is behaving in Iraq. There are so many other places the US is abusing its power to intervene in places where it has no business, and we need to talk about those, too," junior Sally Moran said.

"Like our continuing aid in East Timor. Did you know we actually have US troops stationed there distributing food?" Moran questioned. "It's imperative we withdraw our forces right now."

Many members of the peace group lamented that they had not come to this social consciousness earlier. "If we knew how bad it was to go in and stop the systematic oppression of the Shia majority in Iraq, we would have known to refrain from intervening in other cases of oppression," sophomore Derek Justinian said. "Like the Civil Rights movement. Boy, was that a mistake."

Students wanted to make sure that this new move was not taken as any indication that their opposition to the war in Iraq had diminished, however.

"We are absolutely against the war," Moran said. "It was horribly wrong to act without the United Nation's blessing in Iraq — we just want people to know that when the world stands silent to oppression elsewhere, it is just as wrong to break the silence there."

US Government chooses new mascot

By GEORGE SHRUB
STAFF WRITER

Ever since Ronald Reagan praised Rambo for being the model of American courage and bravery in the face of opposition, the nation has been looking for the next American icon.

And we have found it! It is a combination of peaceful bliss and all out capitalist imperialism.

Later this week, the Treasury will unveil America's new symbol of itself to the world: RoboGandhi.

"RoboGandhi will be offering the olive branch of peace to all nations but he will not be afraid to lay the American smack-down on your oil-rich axis-of-evil country's candy ass," White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said.

"It will show the world that we are serious about peace and freedom ... so serious that we will use violence and brutal oppression to achieve freedom."

QUESTION ? of the WEEK

World Leaders: Who's hot?

"JFK."
Senior Martin Tuttle

"Prince William."
Freshman Lindsay Yocum

"Jackie Onassis."
Senior AJ Franske

"FDR."
Junior Jesse Ellison

"George W."
Junior Carly Minford

Residence Life turmoil means high turnover among RAs

By DIOR PARKE
STAFF WRITER

As many college students know, it's not easy balancing school and work, along with all the other stuff they actually want to do, but consider the life of your average RA, who has to balance school, work, and fun, along with all the responsibilities of being a Resident Assistant. In addition, this year, RAs are running into conflicts with ResLife, resulting in the turnover of seven RAs.

The current RA staff has 28 members, with 14 returnees from the previous year. The number of returnees differs when some RAs go abroad or graduate, but alternates are on hand when these occasions arise.

An unusual situation persists this year, with seven RAs who were either fired or quit just last semester, an unusually high turnover.

Doney second has witnessed this occurrence the most. Freshman James Haines is the current RA for Doney second, but he isn't the first RA this year for that floor. That position has been replaced by a few people, starting at the very beginning of the school year around the time of the Lausanne fire.

"We had a nice RA last year, but Res Life was mean to her."
LESLIE GOMEC
SOPHOMORE

Sophomores Erin John and Leslie Gomec, who live on Doney second, commented that they've had three RAs so far. They had heard that one RA was fired, and that another was asked to quit.

"We had a nice RA last year," Gomec said, "but ResLife was mean to her."

Haines says that he is enjoying the job so far. He's been at Doney for about one month now. "Nothing unusual has happened so far. everyone's respectful."

Doney second's sense of community may be the one thing most damaged by all the changes they've gone through, according to sophomore Beth Phillips. Phillips was an RA for Doney second earlier this year, but was let go by ResLife when she failed to write-up two incidents involving drinking and pot.

"I don't think that it was a good reason to let me go," Phillips said. "I was never told clearly about exactly how strict I had to be or anything like that. I don't have any regrets and I enjoyed the time I had there, but I was happy about what happened when I realized how dysfunctional ResLife is."

Sophomore Curt Johnson was the RA for Doney third, but was fired because he didn't write up students smoking marijuana. He believes that he shouldn't have been fired.

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Student seminars mean classes to be cancelled

By AVI KATZ
STAFF WRITER

Student Scholarship Recognition Day (SSRD) is the cumulative results of students who spent months conducting fieldwork, weeks locked in the library researching papers, and countless hours rehearsing and reshaping creative projects.

On April 16, the Willamette community will pause for SSRD as students will be granted the opportunity to share their academic projects, papers, and performances with students, faculty, staff and visiting family members.

During SSRD, students are divided into panels based on the subject of their research in which they have 20 minutes to give their presentation and 10 minutes to take questions from their audience.

Students who submitted applications for SSRD will soon be hearing back on whether or not they were accepted to present their work in a specific panel.

"SSRD gives students the opportunity to share their work with their colleagues and professors and allows the Willamette community to recognize the accomplishments of (our) students," CLA Dean Carol Long said.

"The sharing of questions and insights is at the heart of an intellectual community, and SSRD brings that discussion into public focus."

In the past, students have presented materials ranging from the history of Chicago's Bread and Puppet Theatre to the social and political purpose of plazas in Latin American cities.

Many of the papers and research that students have shared during previous years' SSRDs have also gone to various conferences and academic journals for publication.

Students who participate in SSRD have often used the result of their presentations to gauge whether or not they wanted to submit their for publication and academic peer review.

"SSRD allows us the chance to see if we can take our research to the next step," sophomore Bracken Killpack said.

"I wanted to be able to see and hear what others had to say on the material that I would hopefully be presenting."

Traditionally, upperclassmen have been the majority of presenters during SSRD as many of them will be sharing their senior thesis projects or Carson Grant results with the Willamette community.

However, there was no restriction on the application of who could apply for SSRD as long as they had faculty approval for their projects. In previous years, the number of students who participated in SSRD varied but was typically 70 to 80.

"This is the third year for SSRD," administrative assistant Kelly Moore said.

"The concept of setting aside a day to have students be recognized for their academic achievement was that of the late CLA Dean Larry Kress."

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Professor, senior create Naturalist program

By JESSE GOLDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Located in the heart of Salem, Willamette University is home to a wide assortment of plants and animals.

While the different species have long taken shelter on campus, only recently has anyone attempted to document the flora and fauna native to this area.

"We need to start this documentation and preservation now in order to spread the word."
DANNY RAMIREZ
SENIOR

Assistant Biology Professor David Craig and senior Danny Ramirez have worked together to create the Willamette Naturalist, a website and program designed to document and explore the natural history of the campus.

Craig, who conceived the idea as a sophomore at Lewis and Clark College in 1988, has long desired to create a Campus Naturalist program of his own.

After applying for and receiving a Hewlett Grant, Craig's dream finally became a reality.

"This idea has been burning in my mind for over a decade," he said. "I am trying to use it as a pedagogical connection for all my courses. As a new professor, I am interested in making this a baseline for long-term class research and enjoyment."

In order to involve students and create a network of naturalists, Craig asked Ramirez, a Biology and Spanish major, to be the student leader of the group.

When asked why he selected Ramirez for the position, Craig replied, "Danny was a creative write in my ecology class. He is a smart guy and a hard worker and I had also selected him to be a research assistant in the SCRP (Science collaborative Research Program) so I knew he could start work over the summer."

Ramirez looks back fondly on his summer working in the SCRP, which helped prepare him to become the first Willamette Naturalist.

"It was an amazing experience for me. Through the program, I learned about local ecology and the importance of a healthy environment, and I also learned that many people want to know what is happening in our environment. What better fuel could a naturalist need than interest in what I was doing?"

As the Willamette Naturalist, Ramirez has created a website (www.willamette.edu/cla/biology/naturalist) as well as an online newsletter documenting the local natural history and the ecology of the University.

According to Ramirez, the creation of this website will have many positive long-term effects.

"We need to start this documentation and preservation now in order to spread the word," he said.

"There are currently few projects like this one. By founding this project we instantly become leaders and experts in the documentation of our campus' natural history."

Before graduating this May, however, Ramirez, along with Craig, plans on conducting a nature walk on Scholarship Recognition Day, April 15, around campus and Bush Park, answering questions about local ecology and natural history.

Despite losing its first leader, Willamette Naturalist Program has many plans for the future.

Hoping to promote interdepartmental relations by displaying art, poetry, photography and other subjects, Craig hopes the Willamette Naturalist will continue to flourish and encourage other Universities to start similar projects.

"It would be fantastic to have the Willamette Naturalist Program include all the colleges along the river."

RAs under pressure

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"It wasn't that big of a deal. I don't think it was worth losing my job. You hear about RA's in the past getting away with things like that, but I think ResLife is just tougher this year than they've been before. Maybe they're trying to set an example, I don't know."

When asked if he had heard about RAs quitting and leaving this year, junior RA Matt Smucker replied that he had.

Smucker is the RA for Baxter second, being one of 14 returning RAs this year.

Smucker spoke about one of the hardest parts of being an RA: programs.

"It's hard to find time to fit in programs with the academics and work," Smucker said. "And it's even harder to get people to come. Food helps. You just have to find the right incentives."

Stasha Liesik, Westside Area Coordinator for the Office of Residence Life, said that the purpose of the programs is community building and "it's education that isn't in the classroom."

Some of the projects involved discussions on alcohol, sex, and diversity. RAs are also responsible for organizing community service projects for the floor to participate in.

All these projects can be challenging for the RA to set up as well as getting their residents to participate in them.

All in all, the job is no cakewalk so the application process is very important.

"I am very excited about next year's group," Liesik commented.

The new RAs for next year received their letters of acceptance on March 21. Haines is already living the RA life and spoke of the application process as being "a lot of fun."

"It was clear that they were looking for certain things through the activities we were doing (during the application process). I thought it was a lot of fun, and you meet a lot of people. You just enjoy yourself."

Liesik said that the whole process starts in October, when students can notice the announcements about RA positions available around campus.

Written applications were due on Feb. 3, and applicants participated in group activities and interviews. The pool was made smaller and smaller until the RA's were chosen and letters of acceptance were sent out.

"I was a little shocked, a little happy," Haines said about being asked to be an RA this year.

"I mean, part of me was not surprised, but I thought about it (the offer) for about an hour. I wasn't going to turn it down."

Take a Break considered a success

By YEN TRAN
STAFF WRITER

"It was amazing, but that doesn't describe it." This was the general feeling of students who participated in the Take a Break (TaB) program this past spring break.

Students who attended the Chicago, Illinois site participated in a variety of activities, targeted at different groups of people.

TaB Student Leader, senior Robbie Zumajit-Hanson said. "There's nothing like passing out condoms at one in the morning." The team also helped serve food at homeless shelters and cleaned a church.

The Paiute-Shoshone Reservation, Nevada group had the objectives of painting houses, tutoring and talking to the kids. The group painted a total of four houses.

"The trip went smoothly," Nevada leader sophomore Brian Haley said. "The community was so friendly."

Student leader for the Jonestown, Mississippi site, junior Angie Mitchell shared the sentiments. "My first impression was 'this place is scary looking,'" Mitchell said.

"But I soon found it was the friendliest place I had ever been to."

The Mississippi group's main project was to paint two habitat houses, and tutor special education kids.

"At a shelter, I was told by a homeless person that I smelled bad," Zumajit-Hanson recalled. "And when we walked out, they applauded us. It was amazing."

Another favorite moment comes from co-Chicago Leader, senior Courtney McHill. "I was at a shelter house for men, and without knowing who I brought with me, everyone hugged me, and welcomed me," she said. "They were happy that I was there."

Not all the memories were good.

Haley remembered an eye opening experience he'd had when sitting with a 4-year-old boy. The boy asked if he had a mom, and Haley said, "Yes."

The boy proceeded to ask if he had a dad, Haley answered, "No, he left years ago." The boy then asked if Haley's dad had shot himself.

"Imagine being four and experiencing that," Haley said.

The trip also brought up issues of guilt and anger. "It made me guilty of the advantages that people take for granted and how some people have all the break, and some don't," sophomore Katie Myers said. "It's not fair."

This trip also raised good feelings. "It was valuable," sophomore Katherine Eum said. "It gave us opportunity to go somewhere we wouldn't normally go and experience a culture we've never seen before."

ARTS◆REVIEW

Oscar's Unmentionables

By BEN STAFFORD
MANAGING EDITOR

Well, hopefully you haven't seen all of the fantastic movies that came out this winter as movie studios jostled for Oscars.

I'd strongly suggest going to see the haunting "The Pianist" at the Salem Cinema. But if a little Holocaust fun doesn't seem like the way to brighten your spring up, you're going to be stuck watching what happens when Hollywood realizes it has released all the decent films it has.

Ah, spring! When we eagerly wait to see which mediocre flick wins the weekly box office by virtue of being slightly less crapulent than the others. Here's what's out there.

The Core

After humanity realizes it might not have been such a good idea to rape and pillage the Earth, it is up to an intrepid team of scientists to reestablish the electromagnetic field around the core of the Earth (or something like that). The tensions rise until the dramatic conclusion, when the other members of the crew realize Hilary Swank is really a woman.

Tears of the Sun

Finally, a war movie that Rumsfeld and Dubya can love. Bruce Willis stars as the tough but loveable army commando who weds America's badassery with its idealistic rhetoric. Best line: "I need you to cowboy the f*** up."

Boat Trip

Cuba Gooding Jr. has apparently set out on a wacky mission to make the worst movies possible. In this fine flick, Gooding and Horatio Sanz "star" as two straight men stuck on a cruise ship full of offensively stereotypical gay men.

Just remember, somebody said, "Hey, I have a great idea for a movie, give me millions of dollars to make it!"

Creative Corner: *Untitled*

A cowboy walked into my saloon
and he asked for a drink.
I gave it to him although he didn't
look me in the eye.
"I've been running." He said and
he finished his drink.
"Why's that?" I asked "I
don't know," he said more, he rambled sometimes but was charming.
He even smiled.
His guns were big.
He asked if I had killed a man. No,
I'd once saw one die. "Why not?
Why not kill?" "Have you read the
Bible?" I asked.
"Yah," he said. He'd gotten a big
one from his daddy along with the
guns at his waist:
"Oh," I said. "My Bible tells me
not to hurt people — that there is
sin in killing."
"Yah," he said. "Yah, I guess that's
right. I never really read it all the
way-it gets confusing with all the
stains.
"The stains?"
It's old, sometimes it's completely
blacked out by all the slick
water. It drips. He took it out of
his backpocket and showed it to
me.
"It's oil," I said.
"Yah, I'm from Texas" and he
tipped his white hat at me like this
meant something worthy of metaphysical ethics
like he knew something I didn't.
He let me keep the Bible.
The cowboy shot the card players
as he left. I suppose the drink went
to his head.
As I cleaned the floor that night
the black stains didn't come off
the cards. The blood was too slick.
His guns were huge
I thought.
I wonder where he went.
He never paid for his drink.

—Duncan S. Robertson

The Goings-On

April 2- 13
— "Man and Superman," a play by George Bernard Shaw, Portland Center Stage

April 3
— Country legend Tim McGraw and the Dance Hall Doctors, Rose Garden, Portland, 8 p.m.
— punk band F-Minus, WOW Hall, Eugene, 8 p.m.

April 4 — Bill Engvall Comedy Tour, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland, 8 p.m.

April 5
— Beethoven and Elgar, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland, 7:30 p.m.
— Punk showcase AFI, The Explosion, and Bleeding Through, Roseland Theater, Portland, 8 p.m.
— "The Firebird" ballet, Hult Center for the Performing Arts, Eugene, 8 p.m.

April 6
— Dub Narcotic Sound System, WOW Hall, Eugene, 8 p.m.

April 8
— Silent Short Film Festival, Elsinore Theater, Salem, 7 p.m.

April 9
— Robert Randolph and the Family Band guitar jam band, WOW Hall, Eugene, 8 p.m.

April 10
— Rocket from the Crypt punk band, WOW Hall, Eugene, 8 p.m.

April 12
— Jazz vocalist Jenna Mammina, Elsinore Theater, Salem, 7:30 p.m.

EDITORIAL

All an ASWU candidate can be

The deadline for candidates to turn in the petitions for the ASWU executive candidacy is this Friday. One doesn't have to be cynical to have little hope for the new ASWU executive. One of the reasons why this newspaper is not in the habit of endorsing candidates for office is that, as it stands now, anyone could do the job.

As a result, few student body races rise above the trivial trappings of the popularity contests that made high school so memorable.

Perhaps it is time however, to expect more from our elected leaders. There have been signs of hope recently, the result of hard work by both the administration and the current executive. The opportunity to expand the powers of ASWU is approaching, so it's very important who the next few executives are. We need to examine the profile of what ideal candidates should look like.

This ASWU executive needs to walk a fine line between idealistic reform and working within the existing system. We need leadership that is realistic about their powers. While ultimately good intentioned, one of the flaws of the current administration was aiming for dramatic change, and ending up with little to show for it.

Being conservative can accomplish as much as being radical.

The first way to initiate change is for the new administration to gain firm jurisdiction over the coming student judiciary. ASWU must retain the power to appoint members of the judiciary, and have significant control over the powers of that judiciary.

If ASWU was responsible for the oversight of the body that was responsible for campus punishment, it would immediately become relevant.

Second, now that Connecting Classes has been approved by general referendum, we need the leadership to see the program become a valuable part of the Willamette experience, instead of another layer of irrelevant bureaucracy.

Those are the two immediate issues the new executive must deal with, but improvement is possible in other areas as well. If the executive truly directs the ASWU senate in its business, it is time to see that leadership in action. The Senate is one of the least high-profile student organizations on campus.

Simply put, we need to know when our "leaders" are actually leading.

The Executive needs to become much more visible, introducing speakers, serving food at Goudy, hosting Bow Ties in the Bistro alongside the university administration. The new executive has a rare opportunity to enact real reform. In an ideal world, they would seize that opportunity.

Teach-in for understanding

Today, Willamette students, faculty and staff will come together in an attempt to better understand one of the most complex and broad military conflicts in recent history.

It is wartime, and except for the news on television or links to armed forces service people, we as a Willamette community so easily would remain uneducated, and all too often apathetic about the war in Iraq.

We cannot fight for or against what we do not understand.

The organizers of the Teach-In have done their best to create a positive forum for the community to further understand what's happening in the Middle East, regardless of their views on the war.

This type of event truly sets Willamette apart from other institutions in that it demonstrates a grass roots ethic and a strong dedication to self-education in a time of great confusion.

The danger of an event like this is that it will degenerate into a self-congratulatory parage of identical viewpoints.

If we are going to truly be good citizens and good scholars, we must look at the complex dynamics behind the war with unbiased eyes.

The offerings of the Teach-In span almost every discipline — the technology, politics, cultural viewpoints, religious considerations and even the geography of the region.

Recent polls suggested that most Americans could not even locate Iraq on a map. How can we stand passionately for or against a war when we don't know all the facts?

The organizers of the Teach-In have modeled it on demonstrations of the 1960's- the love-ins and teach-ins where college students and bohemian thinkers expressed their anger with the war in a positive way.

The aim of the Teach-In is completely honorable. It is better to present a variety of viewpoints and information than to hold a sign with a simple catch phrase on it.

Take advantage of this opportunity to educate yourself about the war.

The world is changing. Make sure you understand it.

Theriault Talk

MICHELLE THERIAULT

Well, we're at war with Saddama bin Hussladen. Just two weeks ago, in my mind, the phrase "coalition of the willing" meant people who were up for drinking some beers.

I thought Umm Qasr was the name of a Radiohead song, and a "shock and awe" campaign sounded like a wrestling move.

Now, it's wartime. You may already be aware of this, especially if you own a radio, television set or are literate.

Last week, I had ample opportunity to war-watch from a bevy of very comfortable couches.

Every network is in on the act, including TNN, the Home Shopping Network and somehow, the Weather Channel. Even the Collegian was considering sending me to report live from Baghdad, but my mom said no.

The networks are clearly pulling out all the stops. Every time there is a war, kidnapping of a wealthy Caucasian child, winter storm, or new disease the networks come up with a fancy catch-phrase and computer graphic to put on the screen, like "Winter Assault" or "Heartland Sniper." Most of the graphics these days are some combination of a tank, guy wearing turban and crying eagle.

I have to say this, it's been driving me crazy: Does anyone notice that the White House and most major newscasters pronounce Saddam "Sodom?" As in sodomy? Oh, the vast right-wing conspiracies I believe in!

It's sad to say, but let's be honest. The second we started bombing Iraq how many Americans first thought was, "This is going to screw the NCAA tournament up so much?"

The other funny thing about watching CNN is the "live from the field" reporters.

There seems to be the misconception that journalism is better/more Pulitzer worthy when the remote camera doesn't focus and keeps fading in and out, and the reporter who has no business being anywhere near a tank is wearing a flak jacket in a desert.

Meanwhile, every celebrity in the world seems to be jumping on the war-pundit bandwagon as well. Sheryl Crow made a serious statement with her 'No War' guitar strap, As did Oscar winner Adrian Brody who "wants the conflict to end." Most of us would prefer a long, bloody battle raging for at least a decade. Very bold, Adrian.

"Bowling for Columbine" creator Micheal Moore offended Hollywood by being outspoken and, frankly, not that good-looking at the Oscars.

The inexplicably famous Kid Rock advised the president to "Slit that Saddam motherf---ers throat, and the guy in North Korea too." Ohh, you mean *that* dude in North Korea? Thanks, Kid Rock. You could have a future with the CIA.

A note to Kid Rock: before you propose the slitting of throats of political figures, it is classy to learn their names.

In the words of a great, great man, "War, ungggh, good god man, what is it good for?"

Well for one thing, great television ratings.

Next week: Theriault Talk, Live from Kuwait City.

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OPINION

An anti-war patriot

JEFF EXTINE

In this writer's opinion there is a disgusting trend occurring in this country.

This trend is the labeling of actions by anti-war protesters as "Anti-American."

This attitude is completely disgusting and revolting to me. America is based on dissent and bringing about change.

If we did not have people who wanted to change things for the better (or at least what they believed to be better) we would not be the country that we are today.

This country's forefathers were rebels and terrorists, the Boston Tea Party was an act of civil disobedience that is praised and taught as a crucial part in our history.

In fact, there is a bill in the Oregon Senate right now (SB 742) that would label acts such as the Boston Tea Party as "terrorism," under the penalty of life in prison.

While this bill will be shot down (otherwise please write to me in prison), it is definitely a scary thought.

Actions such as these represent a growing trend in nationalist thought and a disregard for open debate over important issues.

It is disgusting to see the term "terrorism" being thrown around and so obviously used to promote the self-interest of those in power.

The broadening of the definition of terrorist is a threat to everyone due to the use of the word in many new bills.

If peaceful protesters practicing civil disobedience are labeled terrorists, then the government in charge is truly betraying what America stands for.

This brings us back to anti-war protesters being labeled as"Anti-American."

This is simply ridiculous and is essentially just name-calling, as protesting is the greatest American freedom.

As a last comment about the war protests, I just wanted to point out that anti-war protesters also support the troops, they don't want them to get killed ... and what better way to hurry them home than to not fight this war?

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Drunk boaters ram crew boat

PAT KEYS

Sunday, March 30, the 'last day of Spring Break,' was a normal overcast Salem day.

The crew team (since they have no boat ramp) was rigging their boats and putting them in the water to row back to the boathouse, a mile up stream. The river was very high with a swift current, both of which are not particularly out of the ordinary.

As we, the rowers, pushed the boat off the shore, they glided into the river. However we 'glided' a little too quickly, and were swept towards the bridge pylons. After some firm direction from the coxswain and some powerful rowing we avoided a terrifying experience by about 5 feet. All a little shaken we floated downstream a little to gather our bearings and prepare to row the mile back to the boathouse.

Out of nowhere, two men in their mid-forties speed in between the bridges and start doing donuts in the water. This does not sit well at all, because we have to row through those bridges. So we shout and we yell for them to move.

They see us, and with a drunken twinkle, they laugh. That was the scariest part. As the nine of us in the boat sit in silent horror, the boat, wielded by two drunken men, comes careening towards us. Not around us; at us.

With zero time, we struggle to move the boat out of the way, but the 200 horsepower is too much for our dead stop, and the speed boat crashes over our bow, breaking an oar and a rigger, and nearly crashing into the rower in the back. Once again, we shout in horror and anger, but we are only answered with smiles from the belligerently incoherent boaters.

They drive downstream and are not seen again for an hour or two. In the meantime we row the boat back to the house, with nervous strokes. The police are called at around 5:45 pm.

We return to the boat ramp to find that the gruesome two-some has not returned. However our entire team has. The speedboat approaches the ramp, and we silently control our fury, while one goes to get the car and the other fumbles trying get the boat to shore.

After sending four of our rowers to dissuade the drunken boater to not drive, he returns and they wait for what comes next.

Up rolls Salem 5-0 at 7:20 p.m. (over an hour and a half after the call). Long story short, we give our statements, and the drunks give theirs. The boat driver gets cuffed, after miserably counting backwards from 101 to 103. His friend fared a worse fate with a stern slapping from his wife and a trip in the back of a police car. I had never lived COPS till now.

On Sunday March 30, we nearly lost a boat, and one, maybe more, of our fellow Willamette students.

The university is not the only organization to blame for the lack of a boat ramp but they could have poked Marion County in the kidneys to maybe build a little faster. As of right now the boat ramp will not be built until mid-May.

Crew ends May 11th. Thanks a lot, 'people upstairs', and please look forward to more stories of Shock and Awe (as the Great G W would say) from the Willamette Crew team, which has no boat ramp.

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Unnecessary lighting obscures night's wonders

BEN ZEIGER

Some time ago there was a movement among the student leadership. Its aim was to increase lighting on the campus for the sake of safety.

Perhaps I have that rare gene that makes people into nocturnal vampires and have eyes unusually accustomed to the dark, but it seems to me that the campus is quite adequately lit.

Indeed, so much so that campus designers feel justified in sending over half of the campus's outdoor light heavenward in that majestic aura of our glaring lights.

There may actually be some nighttime darkness somewhere on the campus, and in that darkness there might be enough space for a rabid Willamette squirrel to hide, waiting for an unsuspecting passerby.

We must certainly guard against this possibility, but is it sensible to spend even more energy on lighting up those few cubic inches of space while farms and watersheds run dry for the sake of hydroelectric power? And while there is a movement afoot to make Willamette into a green and sustainable campus?

It seems rather illogical to me. But then again, as stated above, I could be part vampire.

I was never fond of such childhood contests as seeing how long I can stare into a flashlight or other bright objects.

There are times when I can be seen squinting while walking beneath a Northwest winter sky.

But what if all that energy that is radiated upward was redirected? Back to Earth, perhaps.

By putting reflective caps on the lights, our school could achieve the state that so many want, and like the great British Empire before it, the Sun would never set on the Willamette campus.

This would also give some measure of comfort to the freaks like myself who enjoy the stars.

Even on a clear night, only a handful of stars break through the shield of Willamette's lighting system, while cities like Tucson, AZ, with five times the population of Salem, control their lighting by capping outdoor lights and using lower-energy (but yellow) sodium lights.

Tucson succeeds to the point that the Kitt Peak National Astronomy Observatory sits on an overlooking hill, peering into the depths of deepest space. And yet from the quad, the brightest stars fade into nothingness.

For the price of capping the lights that waste so much energy that trees near them stay green long after others have shed their leaves, we could have our safety, our stars, and our efficient campus. What do you think? Is it worth such a high price?

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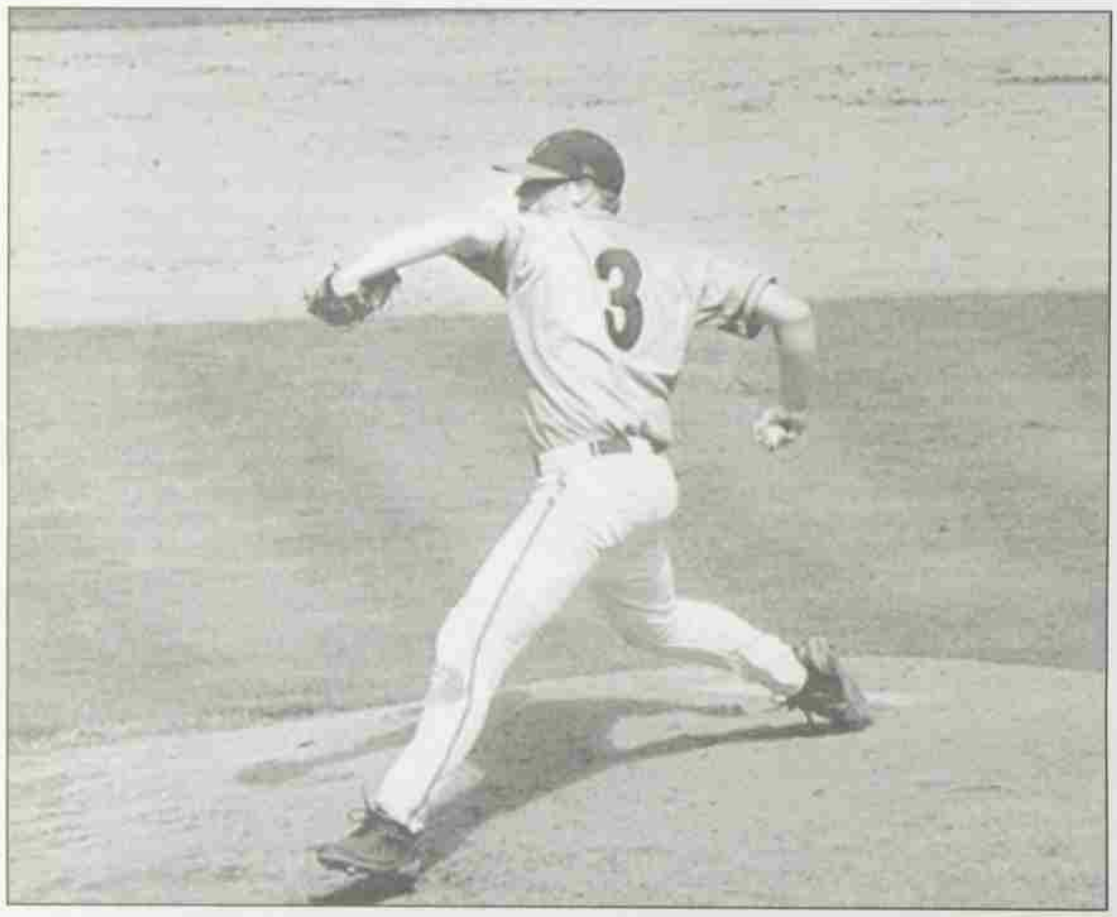
SPORTS

Sluggers number one



BEN STAFFORD

Freshman Zach Vande Griend pitched in the first game of a doubleheader against Whitworth Pirates on Saturday. Vande Griend has earned NWC pitcher of the week honors for two weeks.

By JEREMY JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Baseball

After a week away from school, the Willamette baseball team finds itself sitting atop the Northwest Conference with two huge sweeps over teams from Whitman and Whitworth.

The Bearcats jumped to lead the league and also helped their coach gain enough wins to become the all-time winningest baseball coach at Willamette.

As many of us headed to a much-needed spring break, the boys of summer hit the field in Walla Walla, Wash. and emerged with three big wins.

The first game was a 10-6 victory for the Bearcats, sophomore Jeff Ross picking up his first collegiate win in three innings of work and freshman outfielder Mike Allen hitting a home run and notching five RBIs.

The second game in the series was a 5-4 win for the Bearcats with senior catcher Travis Shull getting a game-winning RBI with a two-out double in the top of the ninth inning.

Sophomore pitcher Jeff Jensen went all nine innings to get the win and collected 12 stike outs.

Shull said that the current seven-game winning streak has been "outstanding" and that the "team knows we are the only ones who can beat us."

Sophomore pitcher Zach Vande Griend wrapped up the series with a no-hitter through six innings, allowing only one earned run over eight to earn NWC co-pitcher of the week honors in a 15-5 victory for the Bearcats.

Shull drove in five runs in the game while getting four hits along with senior outfielder Drew Ecklund and third baseman junior Andy Bartels.

Facing a tough Whitworth team, the Bearcats fought back for three come from behind wins over the past weekend.

Allowing only three runs through nine innings of work, Vande Griend earned his third win of the season in the series opener with a 4-3 win as Willamette grabbed the lead in the bottom of the sixth.

With a 7-6 win in the second game, Willamette coach David Wong became the all-time winningest baseball coach at Willamette surpassing the legendary John Lewis.

Wong jokingly said that the record just shows he "has had plenty of good players and that he has been here awhile."

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Rowers spend spring break annihilating old records

By CHARLI HANCOCK
STAFF WRITER

Crew

On sunny Lake Natoma in Sacramento, California, the Willamette University crew team opened their season with a scrimmage against the Hornets of Sacramento State University on March 28 and 29.

While Sac State won all events over the weekend, both the men and women of Willamette crew put up a good fight against the Division I squad, with the WU women's first varsity boat finishing within two seconds of the Hornets.

The Bearcat men's varsity boats fared equally well, finishing within six seconds and five seconds behind Sac State.

As defending Western Region champions, the women of Bearcat crew look to dominate once again, led by senior captains Emily Caruso, Sonya Dorrance and Aubrey Merryman.

"The men didn't row varsity last year," said coach Rod Mott, a seven-year veteran of the Willamette crew program.

"This will be their chance to start strong." Senior captain Nathanial Tjoa will lead the men's team.

Looking to their first regatta this weekend against Lewis and Clark, University of Puget Sound, Pacific Lutheran and Gonzaga, expects the team to perform well.

"We're going against teams in our conference, so this will show us where we stack up in the conference." Mott said.

"We're going in with high expectations." Lewis and Clark will host the regatta this Saturday, April 5 at Oaks Park in Portland, with the men starting at 10 a.m. and the women at 1 p.m.

Disc takes all kinds

By TOM KARNES
STAFF WRITER

Ultimate

Willamette's Ultimate team revolves around a loose network of enthusiasts and entails a roster of active participants that can change regularly as new players join the team throughout the season. The team has no defined coach and the rules are often interpreted according to each circumstance. It is this casual atmosphere that lends itself to the flexible and relaxed format that has come to define ultimate flying disc here at Willamette.

"The nature of the game is pretty chill and calm," sophomore club president Anna Garner said. "There aren't any refs or coaches. Everything revolves around having a good attitude."

The Willamette team recently participated in a Frisbee tournament hosted by Linfield University in McMinnville, Ore. Four Oregon colleges attended the tournament along with one local high school team, and an adult club team from Salem. Willamette competed in five games and came close to defeating Linfield as well as Pacific Lutheran University. While the commitment level varies from team to team (some schools like Reed College have regular coaches) most lean towards the same kind of relaxed environment as Willamette.

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Coach Wong sets new WU record for wins

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He mentioned that this year's Bearcat team is "special" as players love to show up to ballpark and just play the game.

The key was the bottom of the eighth when Willamette rallied for four runs to go ahead 7-5.

The final game of the series was a dramatic 11-10 win for the Bearcats, as junior outfielder Matt Drahn's two-out, two-run double in the bottom of the eighth finished put the Bearcats ahead for good.

Ross picked up the win in relief work and Vande Griend got the last two outs to earn the save. Drahn led the offensive attack going 4 for 5 with four RBIs.

Vande Griend was awarded the NWC pitcher of the week award once again with his impressive weekend.

With the current seven-game win streak in hand, junior outfielder Ken Halpin mentioned that the team "still has a long way to go" to get where they want to be.

Disc tossers attracted to casual atmosphere

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However, without encroaching on this element of fun, the team has recently begun to focus on becoming more competitive and developing as a team.

"Everything still revolves around having a good time, but we are trying to focus a little more on winning," freshman Mike Reich said. "We have more of a vision this year and everyone is getting more involved in the team."

While Willamette has no real set coaching positions, the influence of senior co-captains Luke Behnke and Bethany Helmboldt is considerable. Being the most experienced players on the field, the two captains are responsible for teaching the game to new players and delegating positions come game time.

"We really try to just keep everyone motivated and focused," Helmboldt said. Having fall semester to orient the newer players to the rhythm and pace of Ultimate, the spring semester brings with it numerous opportunities for the team to showcase its talent. The Gandy Goose tournament, held in mid-April in Bend, Ore., represents to largest tournament on Willamette's schedule.

Extending itself beyond college teams, Gandy Goose encompasses the entire Ultimate community by inviting a full range of club teams from all over the Northwest. However, while large events bring with it a more competitive atmosphere than some of the smaller gatherings, the relaxed atmosphere is by no means lost. Each team is required to bring with them a piece of artwork that is put on display during the annual party to welcome all of the teams.

"The sport can be pretty intense if you're playing it correctly, but that doesn't take away from the fun," Garner said.

Rites of spring

JULIE WILLIAMS

There are two sure signs of spring: daffodils and giddy scalpers.

The anticipation became unbearable as fans scrounged for tickets and set out their best hats for March 31:

Opening day of the new spring collections.

The buzz of the bees was that some of the main contenders, such as the New York house of the Mets, would be sporting some of the hip-hop inspired street style (think Sean John).

There was also hope that Grady Little, the new 27-year-old manager of the historic Boston firm, would be streamlining the turbulent team effort of the past few years.

Unfortunately, in the current camo-frenzied times he has stayed conservative and stuck with the traditional red sock focus.

As these national outfits are hitting safely down center, this may be a season to look to the independents for the interesting plays on the overall sporty theme that has been driven home this season.

A sure-fire contender for the playoffs and a hefty bonus contract is a company launched straight out of college. "WU Wear" has created strong collections for both men and women.

These collections have a distinct west-coast feel and are sure to set the trends for the season.

The men's collection will be the urban uniform of the spring.

The fitted striped capris and solid "baseball" Ts (that means the sleeves are shrunk to a T-ball three-quarters length) are ready-to-wear staples.

If you really want to steal a base, pair a thinly striped muscle-baring top with the capris for a completely vertical look (remember, thin is in!).

You can expect to see this look sprouting up on college campuses faster that you can say Botox, I mean, astro-turf.

WU Wear women's line is just as promising making the athletic look even hotter than Britney Spears doing hurdles.

The piece de la resistance is the white pleated mini (about 3 inch inseam) skirt.

This little number paired with solid, fitted polos in one of the spring colors (nectarine, mint, paisley, periwinkle and sunburst) are a winning pair whether you're studying or playing recreational croquet.

To be sure this season will be filled with foul balls and home runs, even so it is guaranteed entertainment.

If you really want to stay on top of your game, I suggest you bypass the scalpers, grab a lite beer, Easter-colored M & Ms and hit up the college independents.

Julie Williams is stylishly a junior in the College of Liberal Arts.

800-meter record falls

By DAN HUMPHREY
STAFF WRITER

Track and Field

On Saturday, March 22, 35 members of the Willamette Track and Field team competed against division one powerhouse University of Oregon in a non-scored meet, with a variety of other teams, represented by only a small number of athletes.

For Willamette, the purpose of the meet was to give its athletes the opportunity to compete against some of the nation's best.

Freshman Nick Symmonds ran his first 800-meter race of the year and shattered the school record of 1:51.94 set by Dale Hartman in 1958. His time of 1:51.18 won the event by two seconds in a field where quality athletes are fortunate to break 1:50.

"Everybody was talking about this guy from Oregon who could run a 1:48 and I was really intimidated," Symmonds said.

"I stayed towards the back of the pack until there was about 300 meters to go. When I took the lead, I was expecting the other runners to pass me, but I just focused on the finish line."

Besides breaking the school record, he qualified automatically for nationals, and joined five others who have qualified provisionally.

Along with Symmonds, Willamette's NCAA qualifiers thus far include: junior Jake Stout — 3000m steeplechase, sophomore Shannon McGrane — 400m hurdles, junior Kari Holbert — 3000m steeplechase, sophomore Zach Larson — high jump, and sophomore Tyler May — Decathlon.

"Our main goal is to continue to have fun with what we are doing, but we would also like to defend our two conference titles from last spring, get 20 NCAA qualifiers, and a possible top-10 finish at nationals," Coach Kelly Sullivan said.

Other members of the team have similar aspirations, and feel that the team will perform much better this year at the national level since performances have improved early in the season.

"I feel a lot more in shape this year, and that our team is more well-rounded," McGrane said. McGrane didn't qualify for nationals until the conference meet last year.

She, along with Symmonds and Holbert, were named Northwest Conference athletes of the week for their national qualifying marks.

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COMICS

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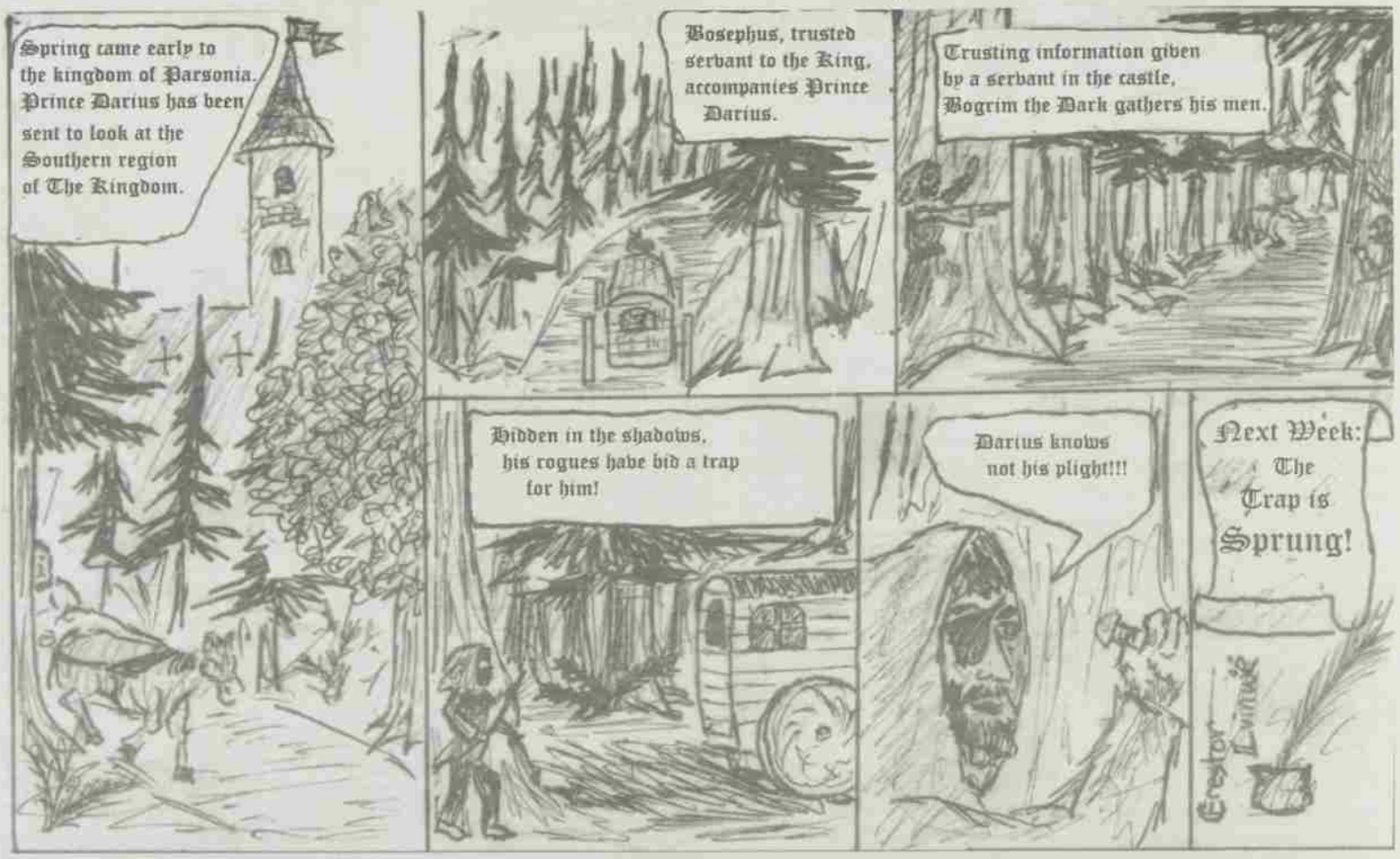

CALL TO ALL ARTISTS: the dead line to submit art pieces for display is April 5th,this Saturday.Please contact Anna @ agarner to give her your paintings, charcoal drawings, ceramic wares, sculptures, mobiles, clay masks guerrilla art, t shrunk heads, wax hand cardboar cut-outs collages sodaplay taxidermy, quilts, doodles, artsy nude

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