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More than \$60,000 stolen from Pi Beta Phi

A Thanksgiving break-in raises campus wide concern over security.

By CANNON-MARIE GREEN and MONA LUQMAN
STAFF WRITER AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Members of the Pi Beta Phi chapter returned to find that their sorority house had been burglarized over Thanksgiving vacation.

Lt. Bill Kohlmeyer, public information officer for the Salem Police Department, said that initial reports indicate that over \$60,000 worth of belongings were stolen, a number that will increase as members find more things missing.

Among the missing items are laptop computers, cd players, cds and jewelry.

The police have determined that the burglary occurred sometime between 5 pm last Wednesday and 11 am Sunday.

Police believe the burglar(s) knew what they were looking for.

As of Wednesday, there were no suspects, but Kohlmeyer said, "It is likely that this person had some knowledge of what was in the house."

Campus Safety was first notified on Friday after the house mother noticed a light in the basement that was

turned on but had been off the previous night.

"An officer checked the building outside and saw it was secure," says Steve Tuthill, Campus Safety officer.

The SPD was notified on Sunday at 3:10 pm as members of Pi Phi began returning from break and went through their belongings. The officers did not respond until 9:20 pm that night.

When we were swamped with several domestic disturbances that had the potential for violence," he said. "A cold burglary that could have taken place anytime in the span of four days has a lower priority."

While the police have yet to firmly establish a point of entry, it is likely that access was gained through a basement window, which had a lock cut off. According to

Tuthill, none of the basement windows are connected to the security system. "The fact that there are no locks on the residence's doors is a house corporation decision," said



This window in the basement of Pi Beta Phi was the supposed entrance for the burglars. Campus safety checked the area out and originally said that nothing had occurred.

Ross Stout, director of Campus Safety, explaining that access to the rest of the chapter house was feasible upon entrance.

Kohlmeyer says that no suspects have been identified as of yet, however crime lab technicians were called onto the scene Sunday.

Police dusted for fingerprints which are currently being analyzed for information.

While Campus Safety and Residence Life are concerned about the alarming number of break-ins on sorority row this semester, a "distinction between residence halls and sororities has to be made," says Stout.

When property damage takes place in a sorority, Willamette practices a laissez-faire policy. "The sororities are leased to National corporations, therefore structural situations go through those offices," says Stout. All three sororities have been broken into this year.

Forty-eight hours after the break-in, Pi Phi is already taking measures to upgrade their security system.

Locks are being put on all the residence's doors. Stout said that Pi Phi is a "community situation where members knew another member would not steal from them." During the Monday night

chapter meeting crime prevention was addressed, information was corrected and assessed, and specific action plans were created to improve security. Members of Pi Beta Phi were unavailable for comment.

"This is not a singular issue," says Delta Gamma sophomore Nancy Nelson. "This affects the entire feeling between the sororities. It is upsetting for all of us to know about the violation."

"If Panhellenic voices interest we would be very willing to host a program tailored to specific interests of the safety of the sororities," said Stout. According to Stout, interest has not existed until now.

Kohlmeyer points out that there are actions individuals can take as well because the Willamette community now has cause to worry about safety.

Kohlmeyer stresses the importance of students being aware of who they are bringing into their houses or rooms.

He also suggests that students take pricey possessions, like laptops and cd players home with them when they leave for vacation.

The burglary has caused widespread fear on campus.

"I fear for my own safety and for the safety of my personal belongings," says sophomore Rebecca Anderson.

Sexual assault forum asks for student voices to find solution

By MONA LUQMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Women's Center is hosting a forum on sexual assault tonight at 7pm in the Bistro. Alexandra Cowen, student co-coordinator of Willamette's Women's Center, said the purpose of the forum is to "come up with ideas on how to, as a campus, stop sexual assault and relationship violence, whether through education, awareness or self defense."

The forum follows a Wednesday convocation on

sexual assault as well as a campus-wide survey on the same subject. "In light of the attention given to this topic, we feel that this is a good time to call the school to action, from administration to students," said Cowen.

She encourages students to attend, because the program seeks a "wide range of voices and ideas on how to keep our student body safe."

The forum will consist of an informal panel, with representatives from different campus and community organizations. Ross Stout,

director of campus safety, and Meredith Edelson, a sexual assault advisor, will be on hand as a part of the panel.

The panel will also feature Willamette alum Aimee Sperl from the Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service and Tai Chi instructor Joseph Laronge.

This is just one of the events that the Women's Center is hosting in effort to curb domestic and sexual violence. The Center will also be putting on a series of self-defense nights in the spring as well as "Take Back the Night."

15 minutes of fame



DAN RIVAS

Freshman Seth Woolley contemplates voicing his opinion to the "Fox Box" on Wednesday. Channel 49 airs the comments daily during commercial breaks.

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TIUA gears up for party

Holiday fever is infecting students on both sides of the sky bridge this season.

By **RELINDA STILION**
STAFF WRITER

As the fall semester whirls to a halt, Willamette students will eventually get away from the computer lab and celebrate the holiday season. Some will dance at Sleighbell Ball this Friday, some will attend lessons and Carols, and some will witness the annual lighting of the star trees this Saturday.

However, the Associated Students of TIUA have different plans.

They will celebrate at their Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Cat Cavern. ASTIUA invites all Willamette students to this free event, offering food, live

music, and performances.

ASTIUA President Mitsu Miyoshi says the party is an effort to better relationships between Willamette and TIUA students.

"We really hope many students will come," he said. "In the past it has been difficult to meet Willamette students, but this time we want success!"

Mitsu's enthusiasm for the Christmas Party stems from an eager sentiment among TIUA students.

"If many [WU] students come, I would be very excited," said TIUA student, Yuki Iwahashi. "There's distance between American and Japanese students, so we should celebrate together."

Sophomore Andrea

Kunder agrees.

"If we try to glean ways of celebrating Christmas in other countries, we will enrich our personal joys of Christmas."

"In the past, it has been difficult to meet Willamette students, but this time, we want success!"

MITSU MIYOSHI
ASTIUA PRESIDENT

Junior Danielle LaBrie understands the ambition behind the event.

"TIUA students are definitely separated from campus life," she said. "So I think organizing intercultural activities is a great idea."

With live music and free holiday goodies, ASTIUA's Christmas Party aims to blur cultural boundaries in sharing the holiday spirit.



HHR & Santa Claus welcome Willamette community to the Sleighbell Ball on Friday

This Friday HHR will deck the top floor of the Mission Mill Museum with boughs of holly.

By **CANNON MARE GREEN**
STAFF WRITER

On December 3, the House of Representatives will host Willamette's annual semi-formal holiday social event, Sleighbell Ball.

From 8-11 p.m. at the Mission Mill, students, faculty, and alumni have the chance to have a "rump shaking good time," says freshman Bryan Ruttkay.

"It is in place," says Dave Rigsby, Assistant Coordinator of Leadership Development, "to celebrate the holiday season and to give the

Willamette Community one last chance to get together before finals." Ruttkay has it that Santa Claus will also be in attendance to enjoy the festivities and to collect Christmas lists from starving college students. "HHR will put countless hours into it, ensuring its success through publicity, decorations, food and photos," says Rigsby.

This is the last year that it will be held because, beginning next year, Black Tie will be in the fall and another formal dance, tentatively named the Governor's Ball, will be held in the spring.

Gifts have been arranged to escort guests to the Mission Mill, which is located on 12th Street by Kaneko Snacks, dancing, and St. Nick await the eager and young at heart.

The world is not enough for Feyling



Schloss Neuschwanstein in Bavaria is one of Europe's most frequented castles.

First of all, Munich is an awesome city. The people here in Bayern (southern Germany) are friendly and talkative, once you get them going. The city is clean and the Muncheners have an extreme pride for community property, i.e. don't put your feet up in the U-Bahn (subway) because an old man may come by and yell at you.

At first I was under the impression that Germany was disappointingly too Americanized, judging by the amount of American commercials and billboards. I realized however that though they have some Marlboro signs up, they are not American.

The differences between the United States and Germany are too many to count, although some are

quite obvious.

There is a huge park in Munich called "Englischer Garten" (because of the natural garden style) in which people have no qualms about lying around naked. Well, they may have some problems now because of the snow, but during the summer it was a favorite activity.

While we're on the naked track, German television (all American shows are dubbed into German, so I can now watch "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" with strange voices), has no problem showing advertisements for sex telephone lines, with men and women in interesting positions, revealing a lot more than the neck area. That was a surprise the first time I turned on the TV!

Another difference would have to be regarding alcohol. Bavaria is the King of Beer. The Oktoberfest is a good example. We're talking the mother of all country fairs, except replace all the stables with beer halls (12 of them). Now picture 8,000-10,000 drunken people dancing on tables and singing with the German "oompah-loompah" band. On a side

note, all Germans seem to know the John Denver song "Take Me Home, Country Roads" and when they play it the room erupts into joyous singing.

Kirsten Feyling from Munich

louder than imaginable. I have to say, I didn't even know that song till I got here. Oktoberfest is a blast and I want to come back to sing some songs and drink some masses.

As far as life after the Oktoberfest, I've been traveling. I've been to Salzburg, where the "Sound Of Music" was filmed, I, of course, sang all the appropriate songs in all the appropriate places, while receiving some strange looks from other tourists. I've been to Regensburg and saw a really important old bridge, but since that was beginning of my stay here and all the explanations were in German, I don't really know too much about it.

I've also been to Neuschwanstein. You know, the Disneyland castle.

Another interesting trip was to Dachau, the first WWII concentration camp. It was very interesting, and I felt the layout was quite insightful to German culture. Most of the camp was destroyed after the war, so what's there now is a replica. It is laid out in a very matter of fact manner - educa-

tional, and yet a bit reserved. The feeling at Dachau is totally in contrast with the Holocaust Museum in DC. There, no one leaves without crying.

I think the differences speak true to how our

different cultures think about WWII. Americans want to see the emotional aspects. We want to cry, and God knows there is a lot of ammunition. Germany, on the other hand, wants to accept what happened and try to move on. It's interesting, because at the same time, they spend a huge amount of time analyzing and dissecting what happened in a very scholarly manner. I don't know which way is better or which way brings healing more quickly, but the difference is truly interesting.

Oh, I've been to some other places too: Berlin, Oslo, and a couple of small towns. My semester began on November 2, which is crazy because most other abroaders are going home soon. I'm here for nine more months, which by the way, is a really long time, but I'm still happy about it.

I have so much more that I want to see and learn, and luckily, I have the time for it.

Kirsten Feyling is a junior from San Francisco.

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Tobin's Take: '2' Good for words

Movie: *Toy Story 2*
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 Directed by: John Lasseter
 Verdict: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

By TOBIN ADDINGTON
 STAFF WRITER

As a kid I loved my toys. I played with Star Wars action figures, GI Joe guys, G.I. Bots, Transformers, and (of course) Legos. Cities came and went, campaigns raged across the living room floor, civilizations rose and fell. My imaginary worlds were faster and richer than any TV show, video game, or even movie could provide.

If you have any such exciting memories of your childhood playthings—even if

you're too "old" or "cool" to admit it—you owe it to yourself to see *Toy Story 2*.

This superior sequel to the 1995 computer animated blockbuster is a delight of fantasy, comedy, and surprising emotion.

Many of the same faces—er, voices—are back: Tom Hanks (*Forrest Gump*), Tim Allen (TV's *Home Improvement*), Don Rickles (*Casino*), Jim Varney (a.k.a. Ernest), Wallace Shawn (*The Princess Bride*), John Ratzenberger (Cliff from TV's *Cheers*), and Annie Potts (one of TV's *Designing Women*).

Joining the cast are Joan Cusack (*In & Out*), Kelsey Grammer (TV's *Frasier*) and Wayne Knight (Newman on TV's *Seinfeld*). Someone could make a fortune bottling this group's comic vocal personality!

For the three of you who



Tom Hanks (Woody, left) and Joan Cusack (Jessie) star in Disney's *Toy Story 2*.

haven't seen the original—or won't admit it—the *Toy Story* world is one in which the toys come to life when the children are out of the room.

They play together, rescue one another, and worry about things only a toy would consider. Like being broken, garage sales, and what happens when the kids outgrow

their beloved toys. This subject gets much attention, including a heart-rending Randy Newman song performed by the ethereal Sarah McLachlan.

It is also this final question that makes the film a perfect fit for an audience our age. We don't have time for action figures, dollhouses, and

remote control cars. We now have stereos, college loans, and real cars. Who's got time for toys? We've got the real world to deal with, right? Who needs imagination anyway? If you're answering "yes" you're beginning to sound like your parents.

Sure, we may say we're "too old" for cartoons. Yeah, we might pretend to forget the simple joys of a wandering imagination. And, okay, maybe the movie's whole premise buys into our capitalist society, one so chocked by materialism that we can't breathe unless the air has a brand name label.

But *Toy Story 2* is a marvelously funny, action packed ride that deserves to be seen on the big screen. So, if you're feeling too self-conscious, take your little cousin, buy a ticket for *End of Days*, or just sneak in. But go see *Toy Story 2*. You'll be a better kid for it.

Dave album needs support

By JAMES BANKS
 STAFF WRITER

Dave Matthews Band fans are becoming spoiled with all the live releases by the band. "Live at Red Rocks," "Luther College," and "Listener Supported," have all been released within the last two years.

The most recent release, "Listener Supported," was recorded on Sept. 9, 1999 at the Continental Airlines Arena, in East Rutherford, N.J. The funds from this album support PBS programming. However, the pressure of recording an album and video for release before the concert occurred made the band a little tight during their performance.

Disc one never really gains any momentum or flow. The band goes from a short song like "Crash Into Me" or "Rapunzel," and a long twelve-minute jam breaks out.

The second disc begins with a nice version of "Too Much" Dave's scat rap at the end is a nice touch. The next song on the album is a nice treat "True Reflections." Written and sung by violinist



Dave Matthews Band new live album "Listener Supported" is out for release.

Boyd Tinsley, the song really highlights the fact that the rest of the band is under-talented.

"Two Step" follows in the show. This song has been mutated and reworked a thousand times in concert. However, the addition of Butch Taylor on keyboards does this song no justice. Taylor gets a seven-minute keyboard solo that is just awful lounge music.

Thankfully, this was the only time he was given an opportunity to play by himself. After hearing DMB's original organist Peter Greiser play "Two Step," where the song ended in a free-form Caribbean jam, this is a big disappointment to fans of old.

The band does give fans

something to salivate over in the amount of unreleased songs on *Listener Supported*.

The die-hard DMB tune, "#40" makes an appearance, as well as the Johnny Cash song, "Long Black Veil," which was played extensively on the summer tour. These tracks, along with the fan favorites "Granny," "True Reflections," and "#36" all provide the serious DMB fan ample reason to pick up this album.

The album finishes with a cool version of Bob Dylan's "All Along the Watchtower." The band really gets into this song, leaving all emotion and energy on the stage. However, it took the band an hour and a half to get into this groove.



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Editorials

Thankless at Pi Phi

While members of Pi Beta Phi enjoyed Thanksgiving, thieves stole their possessions.

Coming back from last weekend's Thanksgiving holiday, members of Pi Beta Phi Sorority were less than thankful.

During the break, thieves used student laundry baskets and backpacks to steal over \$60,000 of property and possessions from the sorority.

As returning Willamette students heard horror stories about the break-in, they likely had one question on their minds:

How could this happen?

Good question. Currently Campus Safety and the Salem Police do not have a definite answer.

Although campus and city officials are still investigating, one thing seems clear. Willamette should do all it can to ensure that such a break-in does not occur again.

Pi Phi was particularly susceptible to burglary. None of the 27 personal rooms have locks. Furthermore, unlike campus dorms, students were not

allowed to stay in Pi Phi over the Thanksgiving break.

Ironically, it looks like the thieves were aware of these inconsistencies in campus policy, and took advantage of them.

But even if the criminals were not aware of these rules, the policies make Pi Phi susceptible to burglary. Campus and sorority officials should consider changing these rules.

In addition to potential rule changes, Campus Safety should re-evaluate its methods of responding to and dealing with criminal activity on the Willamette campus.

Campus Safety responded to a call by Pi Phi's house director Friday morning. The house director had noticed that a light had been turned on during the previous night — despite the fact that no one was staying in the house.

Although they responded, Campus Safety's actions fell short of protecting the house from the subsequent crime.

Changes must occur to protect other residences.



KESIN BUIZ / CURILOUS

Changes for Willamette's future

A number of people have approached me throughout the year to inquire about some of the changes that are happening at Willamette.

Now in his second year, President Pelton has had the chance to evaluate some of the strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities at this university.

This evaluation has led to a series of committees and task forces which are examining a number of areas within the university. These committees and task forces include:

- **Long Range Planning Committee.**

This committee identifies key planning areas for the university based on institutional values and priorities. The committee met throughout the summer and the draft report is in a stage of community review and feedback. It will then be adopted by the Board of Trustees. Students on this committee are Remy Choi and myself.

- **Campus Life Task Force.**

This group conducts a baseline review of all areas in campus life, including but not limited to, student activities, residential life, multicultural affairs, health, and counseling.

The student members of this committee are Erin Dougherty, Dave Rigsby, Greg Amorelli, Remy Choi and myself.

- **Accreditation.**

This committee works with an outside organization to provide the necessary information regarding the university's status as a degree granting institution. The stu-



PRESIDENT'S POSITION

Erik Van Hagen

dent position on this committee is unfilled. If you are interested, please let me know.

Beyond these internal reviews, there are also two studies currently being con-

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ducted by outside organizations:

- **Technology survey.**

This study will evaluate the university's use of technology in all areas of the campus. Students will be involved in this process as it progresses.

- **Enrollment study.**

This study aims to provide information about prospective Willamette students and some of the reasons a low enrollment year occurred.

Students have been involved throughout these processes and their input has been well received.

There are no decisions being made in smoke-filled rooms behind closed doors by faceless administrators. Through their representatives, the entire Willamette community is involved with the future of the university.

Furthermore, these initiatives consider the core values and identity of Willamette University. As a member of the university's Long Range Planning Committee and the Campus Life Task Force, I can say that each of these committees began with extensive discussion about what our community values are.

This is done to ensure that we maintain our institutional identity as things change.

As you can see, there is quite a bit of activity throughout the university. These reviews and studies will examine some of the most basic elements of university life.

This translates into some possible changes that I believe will make Willamette a better place to go to school.

During the last year-and-a-half as ASWU President, I have worked closely with President Pelton and several others on these initiatives. While all of the work is not complete, things are headed in the right direction.

This work is designed to make Willamette not necessarily a higher ranked university according to U.S. News and World Reports, but an institution with a strong foundation and outstanding programs in all areas.

Erik Van Hagen is a senior politics major from San Francisco, in his second term as ASWU President.

The damage of instability

Despite several accomplishments this semester, recent instability has harmed ASWU's credibility.

November was a rough month for ASWU.

Plagued by instability, the ASWU Senate struggled to meet quorum, and Vice President of the Executive Adam Dines was nearly forced out of his position.

As Willamette approaches the end of the semester, many students are confused as to what is happening in their student government.

This is unfortunate.

ASWU President Erik Van Hagen admitted "there's clearly been some confusion."

However, Van Hagen said, "It highlights some of the structural problems with ASWU."

Though Van Hagen said he would not say ASWU is unstable, problems seem to exist.

Van Hagen said he will address the problems he sees in the structure of ASWU next semester, but the instability seems to lie more in the political and personal battles waged, rather than the con-

stitution.

It seems as though policies are being abused and political power is being unfairly exercised.

In the case of Adam Dines' status as an officer, technicalities became paramount, and accusations were freely tossed around.

Instability was also exhibited by the senate when they could not approve a budget, at one point allotting only \$15 for groups who did not attend the first budget meeting.

The senate controls a lot of money, and to threaten to withhold it because of a technicality is childish.

ASWU has done positive things, however, instability overshadows accomplishment.

Trust is an essential element in a successful student government. Students must feel that their government is dependable.

ASWU should do more to instill trust in its constituents.

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The Weekly WULLABALOO Symposium

Presented by the Willamette University Philomathean Society, the oldest debating society in the West

This week's question: Is school spirit good for college life?

For Willamette students, it seems that school spirit is almost as elusive as a sunny day in January.

Many students dismiss this as a facet of college life. After all, the world of cheerleaders and bubbly mascots is usually associated with high school, not college.

However, there are a number of benefits to having a strong degree of school spirit in college also. School spirit seems to disappear at high school graduation.

Most notably, school spirit gives students a reason for banding together, rather than fractioning into divisive groups.

Here at Willamette, the need for more school spirit could not be emphasized enough. Our campus has

deep divisions that prevent us from achieving an academic and social environment that is positive all.

What am I talking about? Well, we've all read plenty about the Greek system this year in the Collegian.

As a matter of fact, the subtle conflict between the Greek and independent communities is one of the greatest reasons why we should find a way to increase our pride in Willamette as a holistic community.

It's human nature to find differences among people.

This explains the conflict-

ing anti-Greek and anti-independent sentiments on campus.

When we place students in stereotypes by emphasizing differences, we set up a "self-o-t-h-e-r" dichotomy that only serves to antagonize members of the community.

And that is why we need a common sense of identity. We need to recognize that every Willamette student is part of the same community.

School spirit is one of the easiest ways of doing this.

By taking pride in the

YES



Sara Mahan

One of the main complaints of students at Willamette University is that there is no school spirit.

It seems that deep down in the dark confines of our souls, we long for the high school days of pep assemblies and locker signs.

I must confess, I can't understand this nostalgia. What's more, the recent tragedy at Texas A&M highlighted the dangers of excessive school spirit.

As everyone clamors for more school spirit at Willamette, perhaps we should look at the consequences of too much school spirit.

Going south to Texas, we can see that school spirit is not confined to the joys of pom-poms and school colors.

Last month, the Aggies at Texas A&M endured a tragedy that befell one of their most sacred school traditions.

A large construction of bonfire logs turned into a funeral pyre when the massive engineering structure gave way in the early hours of the morning.

Why was this massive construction erected? Because the Aggies have some of the strongest school spirit in the nation.

I'm not claiming that 11 people died in Texas merely because of school spirit.

But I think it is ironic that

even after 11 people died, officials and students at A&M adamantly insisted that they would rebuild the structure the following year.

Apparently, tradition and school spirit are the most important values at A&M.

But even if you ignore the bonfire incident, there are many other indicators that school spirit is an undesirable thing.

At A&M, the students have so much school spirit that they defend it with a pseudo-military atmosphere.

Many A&M students join the university's Corps of Cadets, a group that fiercely

defends A&M's traditions and school spirit at all costs.

So what's wrong with a little para-military hazing?

Everything if you value education and independent thinking.

The problem with excessive school spirit is that sometimes it leads to dogma and mob action.

A school consumed by tradition and spirit runs the risk of sacrificing independent thought in favor of group action.

Is it unfortunate that Willamette does not have as much school spirit as other schools?

Many people think so... but I don't.

Sara Mahan is a junior history major from Portland, Ore.

NO



Daveleen DeMars

Obsession with genetics corrupts society

A friend of mine brought to my attention a website auctioning off the sperm and eggs of young models.

Ron's Angels (ronsangels.com) offers the sperm and eggs of a single model to the highest bidder.

The minimum bid for an egg was \$15,000 for all the models. Some of the bids exceeded \$150,000 for a single egg.

I realize that it is important to provide opportunities to infertile couples in the world. However, major issues are being ignored by bidding for the component of a child over the Internet.

First of all, a majority of the characteristics described by Ron's Angels are not genetic traits. Sure, the egg may be of the same race of the person pictured, but that's about it.

A majority of the description for each donor talks about their GPA in high school, their current jobs, and how they are warm com-

passionate individuals.

Although I'm not a psychologist, I tend to lean toward the ideas of B.F. Skinner in this area. Each human is defined by the environment in which they live.

The characteristics of these eggs do not carry genes for compassion, intelligence, or fortune.

Sure, you may be able to play the odds and get eggs and sperm from professional basketball players, hoping to get a tall child.

But looking at grades from high school isn't the best way to pick your offspring.



MY TWO CENTS

James Banks

"It worries me that sites such as Ron's Angels exist. This webpage only highlights our obsession with superficial characteristics in our children."

Any child can be given a good education. Parents can show love and compassion, or they can not exhibit love and compassion.

The nurturing of a child, not genetic traits, develops the characteristics of a child's personality.

After all, if genetics alone determined personality, our society would have already taken the sperm of Mr. Rogers and the egg of Mother made a race of Theresa and nice people.

The final issue is that there are thousands of children up for adoption each

year all over the world.

It is nice to attempt to play God by being able to choose a child's characteristics. Yet there are thousands of children born each year that have no parents to raise them.

These children should be adopted before anyone attempts to make more children.

It worries me that sites such as Ron's Angels exist. This webpage only highlights our obsession with superficial characteristics in our children.

If the parents of every child used the time and money spent on making their child a beautiful model or stellar athlete and instead provided support and love for their child, society would in turn be a much more loving and compassionate environment.

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IN MY OPINION

Courtney Gregoire

Read between the lines

Contracts are indeed a scary thing. They are usually excessively long, written in legalese (for all practical purposes- a foreign language), and very difficult to understand.

One thing is for sure—signing your name to one can have serious repercussions.

As a young, trusting college student I signed my name to my Willamette Housing Contract. I made the natural assumption that a University for which I pay \$27,000 annually would act in my best interest.

I figured that the student handbook was just a long-winded way of telling me not to drink or use drugs and to always make sure I parked my vehicle correctly.

Let me be the first to admit: I failed to scrutinize all of Willamette's rules and regulations carefully.

As a college student, I just could not seem to find the spare hours it would take to peruse OVER 85 PAGES of "selected policies."

"I made the natural assumption that a University for which I pay \$27,000 annually would act in my best interest."

So, let me save some of your time and draw your attention to the lower paragraph on page 66:

"The University assumes no responsibility for damage, loss, or theft to residents' personal property from any cause. Even items you place in a University storage room are left at your own risk."

Now, let me offer a practical translation: As a resident of Pi Phi, where a rather large burglary occurred over a five and a half hour timespan in which Campus Safety just happened to fail to walk by, I have no legal recourse for my personal property that was stolen.

Better yet, individuals without homeowner's insurance have absolutely no method of getting retribution.

And all of this for property that was stolen from within "campus housing," patrolled by Campus Safety, and guarded by Willamette maintenance locks.

I beg all of you to read between the lines.

Courtney Gregoire is a senior politics major from Olympia, Wash.

Swimmers expect strong season

By SHANNAH FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

Although the season is early, the Bearcat men and women have already swam in two meets and several swimmers have already come close to achieving national qualifying times.

The first meet of the swim season was against the University of Puget Sound.

"We were handled fairly easily by UPS, which was no surprise since they are the defending NAIA National Champs on the women's side," head coach Al Stephenson said. "We did see some good races, but their depth and power was overwhelming."

The weekend following the Puget Sound race, both teams went to the High Desert Classic in Bend, Ore.

"At the High Desert Classic, the swimmers swam better, some with personal bests, and a couple with times close to national standards and school records," Stephenson said.

Team members who performed especially well included freshman Sarah Morish in the 200-Butterfly and the 400 IM, sophomore Jennifer Pike also competed in the 200-Butterfly, and freshman Rochelle Kibby 500 Freestyle, 200 freestyle, and 200 IM.

The men also opened the season against the UPS and had several second-place finishers. At the High Desert Classic, three freshmen set personal records.

Freshman Brady Childs

swam 2:01.21 in the 200 IM race, but his 1:59.50 in the 200 Butterfly is only a couple of seconds off the school record. He also set good times in the 500 Freestyle and the 400 IM. Other swimmers finding early success were freshman Ben Wright and freshman Alex Fiksdahl. "Ben established a personal best in 200 Backstroke (2:14.85); Alex PR'd in 200 Back (2:19.03), and the 500 Freestyle (5:40.09)," Stephenson said. "Those are some of the better swims so far this year."

"We could have our first NCAA Division III qualifiers in the history of Willamette swimming."

AL STEPHENSON
HEAD SWIMMING COACH

Upcoming competition includes the Husky Invitational in Federal Way, Wash.

Neither team competes until after the

New Year, when conference meets begin.

"As for the upcoming season, our women become really short-handed next semester as three of our top performers will be gone, studying abroad or pursuing personal agendas. They are sprinter sophomore Susan Hale, and mid-distance ace junior Heidi Hoang, and backstroke/breastroker junior Kris Kowalski," Stephenson said.

Leading the women's team are co-captains senior Marissa Axell and senior Lindsay Zettel.

Senior Brian Frazzini and senior AJ Cahn are the co-captains for the men's team.

"With the additions of our freshmen, and the leadership of our seniors, we could have our first NCAA Division III qualifiers in the history of Willamette swimming," Stephenson said.

Women's basketball off to good start

By CANNON-MARIE GREEN
STAFF WRITER

Thanksgiving weekend was busy for the women's basketball team. Saturday they faced off against Cal-State Hayward and Sunday against Menlo State College.

"Overall, I'd say this was a weekend of growth for us," says junior Monica Scott. "Our game versus Cal-State Hayward was a good win as far as our confidence....maybe too good because we went back the next night and had a tough time beating Menlo State," Scott continues.

Senior Jamie Davis led the Bearcats in total points Saturday against Hayward by earning Willamette 15. Right behind Davis was junior Kelly Sorenson with 14 and junior Tyan Sanderson with 11. Combined with other group contributions the Bearcats

crushed Hayward, 90-54.

Sunday, against Menlo State College, Kelly Sorenson was again a leader earning 18 points toward another victory. Sorenson earned half of the 18 points on three assisted three-point shots. Menlo put up a fight Sunday, however, and the Bearcats barely edged past their opponent to win 72-61.

The women's team enters the 1999-2000 season after losing three key seniors. In return the team gained three experienced transfers all of whom are juniors; Heather Ludwig, Stevie Spaulding, and Denise Bean. Furthermore, Rosie Cotnri and Kasey Sorenson, two strong freshmen, joined the team as well. Scott says, "I'd have to say that the lack of senior experience won't effect us much at all. We have a strong junior class to help carry that load."



MOE DESROCHES
Junior Heather Ludwig guards senior Jamie Davis during practice.

The seniors who remain however, Jamie Davis, Katie Edmonds, and Kim Wright, were voted in as captains and have earned confidence from their peers to perform on the court and as leaders.

Men's basketball begins season

By COURTNEY GREGOIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Willamette's men basketball team traveled down to Ashland, Ore. over Thanksgiving break for the Raider Classic.

On Friday, the Bearcats kicked off tournament play against Southern Oregon University.

The Bearcats were trailing by two at the half. However, they came out of the locker room ready to play in the second and managed to rack up a sizeable lead. The men handily beat SOU with a final score of 67-54.

Coach Gordon James, in his 13th year at Willamette, had nothing but praise for Friday night's game. "We performed offensively, moved the ball very well, and had persistent defense."

Jason Downey was Willamette's leading scorer, contributing 22 points.

Nick Lubisich had an all-around solid game leading the Bearcats to victory with 18 points, 11 rebounds, and four assists.

The Friday evening win over SOU meant a Willamette advance to the Championship Game.

The Bearcats faced-off against nationally ranked Oregon Tech on Saturday, with the championship trophy at stake.

Although the Bearcats put up a good fight, they could not overcome Oregon Tech. The game closed with Tech winning 71-48.

Coach James lauded the play of Oregon Tech. "They shot the ball exceptionally well from the floor. It was apparent why they are ranked

number 16 in the nation."

Shawn Gahr led the Bearcats in scoring with 20 total points.

Downey and Chad Dehaan added eight points and seven points, respectively.

Kip Ioane played a significant role at play setter and closed the game with six assists.

Men's basketball opens their home season this weekend with a match against Whitworth tomorrow at 7:30 pm. On Saturday the Bearcats will host Whitman.

Coach James commented on the upcoming games. "As we enter our first two conference games of the year we will be looking for tremendous intensity on defense and consistent offense. We have a mere two returning starters, but the team is maturing quickly."

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Bearcats out in first round of playoffs against PLU

The Bearcat defense gave up 17 points in the fourth quarter.

By DANIEL BURNETT
STAFF WRITER

The 1999 Bearcat Football Season came to a close last Saturday, following a loss in the first round of the NCAA Division III playoff game. Willamette advanced to the national playoffs in just their second year of being bumped up to the larger, more competitive NCAA Division III.

Although the loss ended the season, head coach Mark Speckman remained upbeat after the game. "We had a great season. We had to overcome a lot of diversity, and we played a tough schedule. Winning the conference was an accomplishment in itself, and nobody can take that from us."

The Bearcats ended their season with a record of 7-4. The Bearcats were undefeat-

ed in conference play.

The game was hard fought from the beginning, with PLU striking first. Kevin Lim caught a 12 yard pass from Chad Johnson in the first quarter, which proved to be all of the scoring in the first half.

Willamette stuck back in

"Winning the conference was an accomplishment in itself, and nobody can take that from us."

MARK SPECKMAN
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

the third quarter however, outscoring the Lutes 17-0 in the period. The Bearcats got a touchdowns from senior Sardell Bailey and Nick Shein, and a field goal from sophomore Duncan Libby during the scoring spurt.

Bailey managed another score in the beginning of the fourth quarter, giving the Bearcats a 24-7 lead with 8:51

remaining in the game. But PLU went on to score the final three touchdowns of the game, with the last one coming on a 37-yard TD pass with 0:49 remaining.

"It really was an exciting game. I really think that we played them better today than the last time we played them. It's really frustrating to out-play them and lose, but I guess they just got the breaks in the end," said Speckman.

One of the bigger breaks for the Lutes came after PLU's first fourth quarter touchdown, when Willamette freshman Francis Turner fumbled the ensuing kickoff. PLU recovered the ball on Willamette's 12 yard line and went on to score less than a minute later.

Offensively, the Bearcats out-gained PLU 407-276, and trampled them on the ground by a total of 396-88.

But the Lutes' passing game proved to be the difference, winning the air battle 232-46 yards. PLU's four

touchdowns all came through the air.

Individually, senior Tim Blair was the Bearcats' top rusher, gaining 130 yards on 20 carries.

Defensively, the Bearcats were led by senior defensive lineman Eric Thomson, who had nine tackles.

Seniors Tim Stewart and Mica Dayborn also added five tackles apiece.

Speckman says that he is looking forward to next season. "We have a really tough schedule, but it should be an exciting year."



Junior Andy Miguel jumps over a defender to pick up a few more yards.

Pete Rose should be kept out of the sport of baseball

In between classes, I was sitting in my apartment watching the Martin Short Show. Judge Judy wasn't on yet and I was bored.

In between sleeping and reading, I noticed that Pete Rose made an appearance on the show.

Pete Rose is something of a paradox. Well, not really, I just wanted to use the word paradox in a sports column.

There has been increasing support for Rose and his attempts to be reinstated into the game of baseball.

There is overwhelming sympathy for this man and his plight.

The question remains as to whether or not we, as sports fans, should support him.

My answer is simple: no. Rose is not a baseball hero, he is a common criminal.

Sure he could hit a baseball, but he bet on his own



FEATURED COLUMN

Daniel Green

adds yet another reason to move to Canada.

While mentioning common criminals I think it's important to note the price of an NBA ticket.

In a recent article in the Statesman Journal it was noted that the average Laker ticket costs \$88 (equivalent to a keg of Labatt's).

There is something wrong when a 10 year old kid has to sell crack to George Bush Jr. in order to watch his favorite sports star play.

On a side note, Nov. 17 marked the annual Alpha Chi Omega three on three basketball tournament.

Congratulations to the independent squad of Mike Allender, Darren Allender, and Paul Duman for capturing the title.

Daniel Green is a junior history major from Walnut Creek, Ca.

sport, and furthermore on his own games.

Since when do we support criminals?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not standing on some moral high ground preaching the need for universal good.

If we're going to support Rose why don't we support other criminals?

Sure, Ted Kaczynski killed people, but he made a mean bomb.

In a country wrought with contradictions, the moral majority's support of Rose

Fitzgerald, Cruise return from nationals

By DILLON SHEA
SPORTS EDITOR

Beth Fitzgerald, a senior cross-country runner earned All-America honors at the NCAA Division III cross country meet held in Oshkosh, Wis.

Fitzgerald covered the 5,000 meter course in a time of 17:28, exactly one minute better than her previous personal best. Fitzgerald was in 36th place with 800 meters to go. Fitzgerald an All-

American in track in the 800 meters, passed 17 runners over the last half mile and finished 19th place overall.

Stephen Cruise, also a senior, placed 87th out of 214 runners. This was Cruise's third appearance at nationals. He qualified two times before at the NAIA level.

Cruise finished with a time of 25:07, the 12th fastest time in school history. He was the sixth runner in from the NWC.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: NOV. 14 - NOV. 27

Attempted Theft

November 16, 11:04 p.m. (Sparks Center) - Campus Safety received two reports from students stating that there was a suspicious man trying to steal a bike from the rack. Officers were able to locate and detain the subject and arrest him.

Burglary

November 17, 3:25 p.m. (Lausanne Hall) - A student reported that his watch had been stolen from his room.

November 23, 9:30 a.m. (Olin Science Center) - An employee called to report that someone stole a balance from one of the labs.

November 25, 11:05 a.m. (Olin Science Center) - An employee reported that someone stole a VCR from a room in the building.

Criminal Mischief

November 14, 10:30 p.m. (Collins Science) - Campus Safety received a report of a computer monitor that had been thrown out a window. The monitor was damaged beyond repair.

November 16, 7:50 p.m. (TIUA) - Campus Safety received a report of what appeared to be gang graffiti on the northeast wall.

November 19, 4:40 a.m. (Olin Science) - While on patrol an officer found a manhole cover lying next to the manhole. The officer replaced the cover.

November 20, 1:07 a.m. (Sparks Center) - While on patrol an officer noticed that one of the pool doors was not closed all the way. The officer found that a screw in the door had been part way removed to prevent the door from closing. The officer fixed the screw and secured the door.

November 22, 8:40 p.m. (Sparks Lot) - A student reported that her vehicle had been broken into and her glove box rifled through. Nothing had been stolen, but the window on her car was broken.

November 23, 2:00 a.m. (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) - A student reported that someone threw a 40 oz. glass beer bottle at the front door of the House.

November 24, 11:15 p.m. (Waller Hall) - An employee reported that someone had thrown a juice bottle through the window of the Copy Center.

November 24, 2:23 a.m. (Belknap Hall) - A student reported someone attempting to pry open a window in a first floor room. Campus Safety kept the caller on the phone while responding to the call and was able to catch the suspect leaving the scene. The officer identified the suspect as a student.

November 24, 10:08 a.m. (Mattheus Hall) - An employee reported that a fire extinguisher had been discharged on the second floor of the building.

November 24, 10:08 a.m. (Doney Hall) - An employee reported that a fire extinguisher had been discharged on the second floor of the building.

Criminal Trespass

November 14, 6:01 p.m. (Law School) - Campus Safety received a report of three males subjects trick riding on the south steps. Officers contacted the individuals and asked them all to leave and not return.

November 17, 3:40 p.m. (Goudy Commons) - An employee trespassed after being let go by the University for a theft committed on campus.

November 17, 2:30 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot) - While on patrol an officer contacted an individual who had previously been found trespassing. The individual was arrested for trespassing.

November 20, 1:15 a.m. (Hatfield Library) - Campus Safety received a report of a disturbance between a male and a female. The caller stated that the male was hitting the female. Officers made contact with the couple and with Salem PD for assistance due to a possible arrest. The female denied that the male had hit her. The couple was advised to leave campus.

November 24, 12:58 a.m. (Haseldorf Apartments) - While on patrol officers came across a transient digging through the dumpster. Salem PD was called to assist and suspect came up clear so

officers released him.

Emergency Medical Aid

November 16, 9:27 p.m. (Smullin Hall) - Campus Safety received a report of a student who was unable to move due to a lingering back injury.

November 19, 11:00 p.m. (Lausanne Hall) - Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a student who was complaining of feeling ill and having a high fever for over 24 hours. The student was examined by WEMS and then transported the Salem ER.

November 20, 7:21 p.m. (Lausanne Hall) - Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a medical call of a student suffering from a very high temperature. The student was evaluated by WEMS and then transported to Urgent Care.

November 22, 8:07 p.m. (Sparks Center) - Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a call regarding a student who had possibly dislocated his knee. WEMS evaluated the injury, which turned out to be much less serious, and the student was released under his own care.

November 23, 12:35 a.m. (University Apartments) - Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a call of a student who was hypoglycemic and hyperventilating. WEMS evaluated the student and she was released.

November 23, 1:46 p.m. (Lee House) - Campus Safety

and WEMS responded to a call regarding a student who was suffering from severe abdominal pain. The student was evaluated and transported to the Wellness Center.

Harassment

November 20, 12:25 a.m. (Baxter Hall) - A student reported having been "spied on" by two male students outside her window on the roof of the building.

Hit and Run

November 16, 11:41 a.m. (Sparks Lot) - Campus Safety received a report from a student regarding a hit and run accident in which her car was damaged.

Theft

November 16, 10:05 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot) - A student reported her car was broken into. She stated that a flashlight, several CD's and her stereo faceplate were stolen.

November 17, 12:34 a.m. (Goudy Commons) - An employee reported another employee entered the kitchen and took several items of food.

November 17, 9:05 p.m. (TIUA) - A student reported that someone stole both tires and wheels along with the seat of his bicycle while it was locked in a secured area.

November 21, 10:30 p.m. (Doney Basement) - A student called to report that someone had broken into the vending machine and taken all the items and cash.

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