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Ghost stories abound at historical Salem landmark

By JEFFREY CARLSON
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Although it may not seem like a typical haunted house from the outside, the Mission Mill Museum, across 12th street from Willamette University, reportedly has a number of spooky apparitions roaming the premises.

The five-acre museum, which includes the old woolen mill, as well as the Jason Lee house and parsonage, does not advertise its reputed eerie happenings, but the staffers freely talk about them.

"I'm a believer, but I haven't experienced anything," said museum curator Kuri Gill about the ghostly things in the museum. "I've heard curious noises, but that's all."

According to Gill, the stories range from many instances where staffers felt they were being watched from windows to encounters with spirits of the deceased.

One particular story she spoke of took place six to eight months ago. After a tour guide finished showing a group around the parsonage, she

took questions. On the tour, they had passed an unoccupied rocking chair. A young boy raised his hand and asked,

"Who is that lady in the rocking chair?" The boy seemed to be serious, so the tour guide looked but didn't see anybody. "I don't know," said the guide. They now think the boy may have seen the apparition of a woman who has been known to roam from the living room to the kitchen.

Kylie Pine, a Willamette junior, has volunteered at the museum many times



BRANDON BENNIGHT

The Mission Mill is reportedly home to more than just the staff that works there.

since high school. She said she has heard "lots of stories" about ghostly appearances. She said there was a time when left-out items from a storage room were somehow put in an old chest. Very few people had access to the room after the items had been handled.

door on the third floor of the woolen mill. She said that some can still sense him "make his rounds" and hear his footsteps on the third floor.

The museum has had investigators look around and test the area for paranormal activity. According to the Pacific Paranormal Research Society's (PPRS) website (www.nwpprs.com), the area is haunted "both by conscious ghosts and residual imprints." Gill said they felt the presence of people most strongly in the houses on the mill

OTHER REPORTEDLY HAUNTED SITES IN SALEM:

Bush House:
600 Mission
St. SE

Capitol
Building:
900 Court
Street NE

Governor's
Mansion:
533 Lincoln
Street

ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH? Visit the Mission Mill:

Hours: Monday through Saturday from 10:00 to 5:00.

Self-Guided tours from 10:00 to 4:00. Guided and group tours available by reservation.

Though she is skeptical, she said it can be a spooky place.

"I spent a lot of the time alone there at night, and some of the buildings don't have lighting, so we have to use flashlights," Pine said. "I have heard noises, but they could've been anything."

She recounted the story of a turn-of-the-century night watchman who got drunk during his shift and fell out to his death from a glass

grounds. The Pacific Paranormal Research Society investigators reportedly saw a friendly old man tending the grounds of the mill when they first arrived for their tests. They later found the picture of the man inside the museum, who was one Wayne Mentzger, a deceased groundskeeper who had worked for the mill for 60 years before passing away.

Hanson named new endowed chair in Willamette economics department

By CHRIS FOSS
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Economics department chair James Hanson has been endowed as the Peter C. and Bonnie S. Kremer Professor of Economics. Willamette President M. Lee Pelton announced the new endowment to the campus last week.

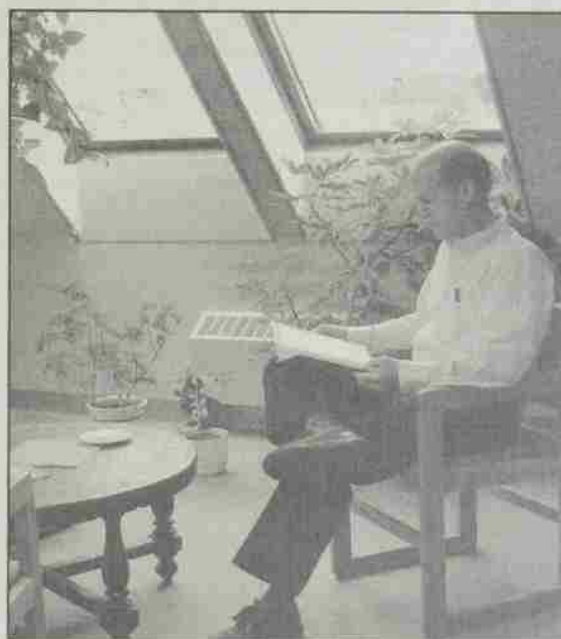
Hanson, a member of the Willamette faculty since 1976, became the first endowed chair in the history of the department. According to Pelton, an endowed chairmanship represents the ultimate recognition of scholarship that can be bestowed upon a faculty member by the Willamette community.

Hanson said that the honor was "totally unexpected." He also emphasized that the endowment would be a great boon not just to him. "I really view this more in terms as an honor that has come to the whole department," he said.

That honor would not have been possible without an establishing \$1.5 million gift from the Kremers, both of whom graduated from Willamette in 1962. Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Carol Long said that it was Peter Kremer in particular, who majored in economics and has served on the Board of Trustees for 25 years, who was instrumental in directing the gift toward that field of study.

"His interest in the chair holder was for someone who teaches at the entry level and spreads a general understanding of economics to students of various disciplines," Long said. She said that it was very important to both of the Kremers that the gift be used to spread the value of taking economics courses in a modern society.

Willamette Vice-President of Development Ron



CHRISTINE NYUGEN

Econ. professor James Hanson is now endowed.

Korvas said that this was the largest donation Kremer has made in a distinguished period of alumni service that has also included the establishment of the Peter C. and Bonnie S. Kremer Scholarship, as well as a contribution toward the construction of the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center.

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DID YOU KNOW?

James Hanson has become the fourteenth endowed chair at Willamette University. Nine of these chairs are in the College of Liberal Arts. A complete list of all endowed chairs and directorships can be found in the College of Liberal Arts Catalog.

Public Eye

WILLAMETTE SELECTED FOR KEMPER SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The James S. Kemper Foundation recently announced that Willamette is one of 15 universities in the nation selected for the Kemper Scholar Program. Under the scholarship program, the Kemper Foundation will select one Willamette freshman as the Kemper Scholar each year for three consecutive years. Scholars will receive between \$3000 and \$8000 per year for three years and \$2000 to \$6000 for internships during the summer of their sophomore and junior years. Additional benefits of the scholarship include financial support to attend the annual Kemper Scholar Conference for three years and opportunities for internships with Chicago based non-profit organizations during the summer of their sophomore year.

SIERRA PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Former Willamette Sophomore Scott Sierra pled not guilty to charges of first-degree rape and sodomy in a preliminary hearing on Oct. 14. Sierra was charged on Friday, Oct. 1 after allegedly raping a visiting Oregon State University student at knife-point the previous weekend. Sierra is currently incarcerated after an order to revoke release was issued following Sierra's previous release on bail. A hearing is scheduled in front of Judge Hart on Friday, Nov. 5.

STUDENT TEACH-IN TAKES PLACE THIS AFTERNOON

Forest management, gay marriage and stem cell research are among the topics that will be discussed at today's student teach-in, which will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. in Smullin B-17, Eaton 209 and Eaton 211. The 2 p.m. panels will address stem cell research and forest management specifically concerning the implications of Oregon Ballot Measure 34. The 3 p.m. panels will address education and punitive damages specifically related to Oregon Ballot Measure 35. The 4 p.m. panels will address health care and gay marriage specifically related to Oregon Ballot Measure 36. Panels will comprise faculty members, elected officials, students and initiative campaign staff members.

ASWU compiles comprehensive list of club goods

By MOLLY BRADY
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The list of items ASWU is currently compiling of all club possessions can only be described as eclectic, peculiar and very random. How else does one classify a document that details speakers whose girth rivals a small modular home, dozens of sequined dance pants, a multitude of reproductive videos and enough all-condition gear to outfit an army platoon?

As part of its Funding Request Guidelines, ASWU recently implemented a policy stipulating that, "Each organization must submit an update of inventory items to ASWU...Inventory forms will include the item's date of purchase as well as its storage location and contact information for the individual in possession or accountability of that item."

ASWU made the request to all club presidents that such a list of each club's goods be pooled and made available for university-wide use. According to Vice

President of Finance Weston Eiler, since all funds for purchasing equipment come directly from student activity fees, these items are actually commonly owned student property and thus should be made available to everyone. All clubs, from S.H.E. to Pan-Hellenic Council, were asked to submit a list of holdings.

Eiler explained that the motivation behind such an undertaking is both economic and social in nature.

"Recently, some clubs have made requests to purchase items that the university already owned because no one knows what's out there," Eiler said. In addition to maximizing the use of ASWU property, he believes that the culmination of this inventory, an on-line database listing all ASWU property, will have other positive effects.

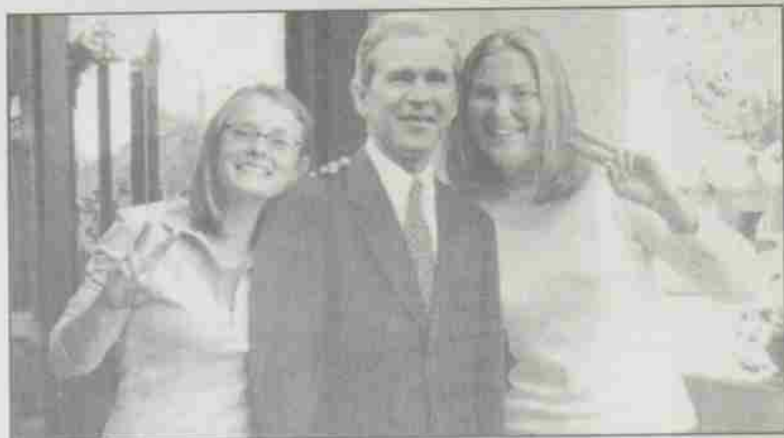
"It will promote cooperation and sharing amongst clubs, possibly leading to joint events or other benefits," Eiler said. All students and clubs will have access to the listing, most likely through the ASWU webpage.

Outdoors Club co-presidents and sophomores Lisa Frost and Jen Regan commented on the task, stating that the undertaking was not too daunting a task.

"All clubs with large amounts of 'goods' should already have inventories to maintain appropriate use and care. Therefore, it should be no inconvenience for the clubs to relay this information to ASWU," Regan said.

According to organizers, the project is still in its preliminary stages; the target date for completion and posting of the database is set for late November or early December of this year. Meanwhile, ASWU will continue in its quest to scour the shadowy recesses of campus, searching out the bizarre treasure trove that Willamette clubs have amassed over the years. The hope is that the next time the occasion arises that students are in dire need of a lone straight ski absent of its bindings, they'll know precisely where to get it. Incidentally, in this case, that would be the Outdoors Club.

Talk of the Millstream



AMY RATHKE AND ISALY JUDD
news editors

We avoided it as long as we could, but the time has come for us here at the TOMS desk to offer a column on the upcoming presidential election.

Normally, we like this type of material to stay out of our column and strictly on the op-ed pages, or at the very least, in news articles. We'd rather focus instead on more fun topics like parking on campus and slacker work-study jobs.

But we took this really great mug shot when the College Republicans had a cardboard cut-out of George W. Bush on campus, and it would just be a shame not to use it. The representative from CR who was hanging out with the real life cardboard replica seemed to know somehow that we didn't want to sign up to support Bush. She came to the conclusion that we must have been Nader voters. Well, we were wearing sandals...?

Both of us have already mailed in our ballots, so now it's time to just sit back and wait and see what happens. Our lives could drastically change if G.W. wins: Amy's parents will be moving to Canada. Her dad actually threatened to disown her if she voted for anyone but John Kerry. Hopefully they'll be able to make the trip down from Manitoba for graduation.

Isaly's dad, however, finds himself at the other end of the political spectrum. As Isaly was trying to tell him about seeing Michael Moore's speech last week, their call mysteriously got "disconnected." Oops. We guess Pa Judd wasn't too interested in a

"slacker uprising".

So when you get down to it, this column really hasn't been that hard-hitting or informative. But in the spirit of Jon Stewart's recent appearance on Crossfire, we'd like to offer in our defense the argument that, hey—we're not on CNN here, folks. People don't look to Talk of the Millstream for ethical or legitimate journalism.

Just because we take on topics like eating disorders, meth labs and political elections doesn't mean we have to be serious about it. We bet more people read Talk of the Millstream than the ASWU report, so why not bring you the news in a softer, friendlier fashion?

A recent poll by the Annenburg Public Policy Center (the wonderful folks who bring us factcheck.org—that's right, Vice President Cheney, not factcheck.com) showed that people who tune in to the Daily Show are more likely to be informed about politics than those who don't.

Is it really too much of a stretch to extend this theory to TOMS? We think that folks who read TOMS are more likely to be informed about issues on campus that matter than those who don't. No other section or column of this paper bothered to bring you the news that the bookstore carries trucker hats, after all.

Whatever happens at the polls next week, we'll at least be here for the rest of the year to keep you all informed and entertained—even if we do move to Canada the week after graduation.

Willamette club inspires people across the nation to get freaky

By KEENA PRESNELL
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Willamette's original club, Freaks N' Geeks, is finding members across the nation. This fall, the on-campus Freaks N' Geeks club has turned into a national organization, as the University of Wisconsin-Madison just opened its own chapter of the alternative club. Plans for a branch of the club are also underway at Boise State University.

Thanks to junior member Gina Johnson's online communication with University of Wisconsin friend Chelsea Smith, a sophomore, the UW-Madison club is operating with over 70 members. Organization founder and Willamette Alumnus ('04) Ryan Rogers said that adding a club in Wisconsin doesn't come without its concerns.

"Wisconsin is the opposite of here. I mean, the classes are as big as our graduating class. Would the club work big?" Rogers said. He affirmed that the Madison club is already planning a life-size Candyland game and a pumpkin smash. It is also in the process of creating its own 'zine.

However, it is important to Rogers to establish more clubs like Willamette's because he feels that just affecting the 40 people at Willamette isn't enough. "We can change the way a generation looks at each other," Rogers said.

Senior co-president JP Hill believes it is important to become national because it adds validity to the movement. "It makes sure what we are doing falls in line with what we are saying," Hill said. Hill added that when he graduates, he plans on

opening a club wherever he goes.

The club has had to make changes to accommodate to the national outreach. About 30 of the original members act as an advisory board for the club. They make democratic decisions regarding how to get clubs started in places where they do not know people, and how to garner funds without asking for dues from the members.

However, Rogers and the current presidents agree that no action regarding the Freaks N' Geeks national movement should get in the way of the club's original purpose. "There is a real threat of the club being consumed by this project (of going national)," he said. The presidents and Rogers work on separating the national from local work.

"We want to make sure we keep it very open," Hill said. "Because it is about community, it doesn't matter if it is a national movement. Advertising it won't serve a purpose."

Hill's "better half," junior Katie Johnston, agreed and did not think that being a national organization will necessarily add to the club roster. "It is hard to gauge people's interest now. By the time it is a national movement, it is tough to anticipate how people will react," Johnston said.

Johnston and Hill are the first presidents since Rogers graduated last year. Under their watch, they admit the club has changed. "When you have a club filled with people and a purpose of the club is to embrace differences, when you have new people you are going to have new differences," Hill said.

FREAKS N' GEEKS HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES:

Reverse Trick-or-Treating -

Starting tonight, and every night leading up to Halloween, FNG invites anyone interested to meet in the UC at 7:00 p.m. wearing costumes. They will hand out candy to passersby at various locations around campus.

Pumpkin Carving -

Friday, October 29, FNG will be hosting a pumpkin carving contest at Matthews. Prizes will be provided.

Smashing Pumpkins -

Monday, November 1, all are invited to a pumpkin smash in Jackson Plaza at 8:00 p.m.

Hanson to begin putting gift to use

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"He's been a donor to the university since the early '70s, one who has believed in the importance of giving scholarship support to students," Korvas said.

Long said that one of the primary benefits of the endowment is that it will enable the economics department to do more extra and co-curricular activities. "One of the very real effects of gifts of this kind is that they relieve the operating budget," she said.

Once an endowment is established, the endowed chair is able to use the interest off the principal donation as a means to supplement the departmental budget. In the case of the Kremers' donation, the actual \$1.5 million gift can never be touched, but the interest can always be derived by whoever the chair happens to be for programs within the department.

"I think it will really enrich the programs we offer to students," Hanson said.

the wednesday profile

By ISALY JUDD
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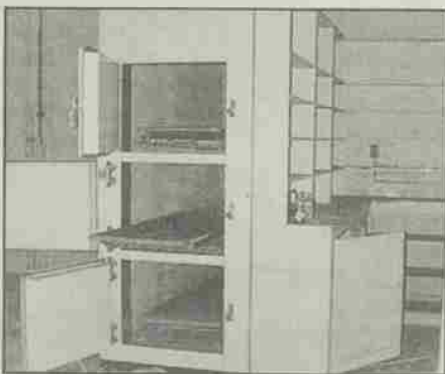
The impending Halloween season of ghosts and goblins does little to phase Willamette senior Jen Bunch. She has grown up in a household where the scary notion of ghosts and spirits is an everyday affair. Her mother, Joan, is a ghost hunter.

"I honestly believe my mom has a gift. She can sense things that other people can't sense," Jen said.

Joan's understanding of the spiritual community centers around the theory that there are "layers of dimension." Living beings exist in the physical dimension. However, she noted that some individuals live more in the spiritual dimension and are therefore more sensitive to the spiritual world. "It's like when someone walks into a room and they're in a bad mood and you can just sense it," Joan said. "People who are more in touch with their spiritual sense, they're putting something out there."

Joan describes the typical ghost hunt as a group of people equipped with video cameras, highly sensitive voice phenomenon recorders, temperature gauges and electromagnetic field devices who wander the premises looking for inexplicable changes in environment. Changes in the readings of these devices can be indicative of the presence of a ghost.

Ghost hunting is a family activity for the Bunches. Jen recalls childhood trips to graveyards and abandoned buildings with a history of spiritual presence. "Growing up, that was what we would do on a lot of our weekends," Jen said.



COURTESY OF JOAN BUNCH

The morgue at Waverly Hills

Seeking out the Supernatural



COURTESY OF JOAN BUNCH

Waverly Hills, an old tuberculosis sanatorium, was teeming with spirits.

Her younger brother, Brian, now accompanies Joan on investigations, helping run the video equipment.

Due to the small size of Jen's hometown of Winston, Ore., most of her friends and classmates were well aware of her mom's ghost hunting. "Every time my friends would come over for slumber parties, she would tell ghost stories and freak everyone out," she said.

According to Jen, it was never much of an issue. She has even had friends, both in high school and at Willamette, who have joined Joan on a ghost-hunting venture.

Although the experience was a part of Jen's upbringing, she does not harness the same passion for the spiritual world as Joan.

Joan's interest in the spiritual world began at a young age. However, it wasn't until 17 years ago that she began to actively seek out the thrill of the ghost hunt. At the time, the Bunch family was living in Kentucky. The local tuberculosis sanatorium, Waverly Hills, had closed down nine years earlier and proved to be a dwelling for high levels of spiritual activity.

Waverly Hills had a long and unsettling history as the treatment site for tuberculosis patients from 1910 to 1980. Among the features on the grounds of Waverly Hills were the nurses' housing, separate housing for African American patients and a "body chute" used to transport the deceased from the facility to the train tracks.

Joan remembers the Waverly Hills sanatorium as being an epicenter for high levels of activity in the form of temperature drops, increased electro-

magnetic field and unidentified noises. Her interest in the property grew as she visited the area multiple times before a property owner finally put an end to her visits.

Jen also remembers visiting Waverly Hills as a child. "That was one of the only places my mom ever looked into that I was certain there was something going on," Jen said. "I'm probably a lot more skeptical than she is. But I do believe that there is something that we don't understand."

Despite Jen's skepticism, Joan believes her daughter harnesses a unique sensitivity to the spiritual world that would enable her to sense the presence of beings in the spiritual dimension. "Waverly Hills has a lot to do with that," Jen explained. "I was so young when we went there, and I picked up on a lot of the things that other people didn't."

Although Jen does not express a significant interest in her mother's hobby, Joan has found trustworthy ghost-hunting companions in both her best friend and her sister. Joan noted that a large part of successfully understanding the spiritual dimension is remaining respectfully aware of your surroundings. She trusts her gut to tell her whether a situation is inviting to her investigations.

"Sometimes we've arrived ready to do an investigation, and as we get into it, it will feel very oppressive," Joan said. "Sometimes it's really strong, so that you feel disoriented. But, if it feels bad, we won't mess with it."

According to Joan, one of her most

noteworthy experiences took place at Edgefield in the Portland area. Now a hotel and winery run by the McMenamins Brewery chain, Edgefield historically served as a poorhouse for individuals who couldn't pay their bills. "Basically, it was a debtors' prison, and you worked for the state. When it was paid off, you were able to get back on your feet," Joan explained.

Joan and her sister rented out what was reportedly the most haunted room in the establishment for an overnight visit. The room didn't disappoint the two ghost enthusiasts. "Have you ever slept when there's a party going on in the other room?" Joan asked. "That's exactly what it was like. You're lying there, and you know somebody's going to burst in. You're not scared, irritated almost."

The trip proved to be a success as the two experienced a variety of suspicious activities. Throughout their stay, doors randomly closed, lights went off, doors banged and their personal belongings mysteriously moved. "As the night wore on, we had to go down and sleep in the car to get any kind of sleep," Joan said. "We couldn't hear it physically, but it was there. It was just so busy."

Although her hobby is somewhat out of the norm, both Jen and Joan believe that people have been accepting of Joan's interest. "Rarely do I get a reaction that's negative," Joan said. "Most of the time I get curiosity, some joking. Several times people have wanted to share something they've seen or experienced."



COURTESY OF JEN BUNCH

Joan and daughter, senior Jen Bunch

Mostly made-up news

global inconsequential news for a change



MICHELLE
THERIAULT

THE COPS CAN'T BUST IN IF YOU'RE PUKING

*Adding to the list
of reasons I love
Montana*

The venerable Montana Supreme Court declared that while police are allowed to enter a home if a loud party is going on, they are still not allowed to open the bathroom door if someone is inside vomiting.

The verdict stemmed from the case of an underage drinker who contested her citation, given while she was passed out on the linoleum, on the basis that it was an "illegal search."

If you are drunk enough to be murmuring pick up lines to your toilet bowl, you are probably being punished enough already.

GEORGIA MAN SETS OWN TRAILER ON FIRE AFTER GETTING DRUNK AND WATCHING DISASTER MOVIE

*Another setback to South's "rise
again" plan*

Remember my warning about getting drunk and eloping/voting/shopping online/doing taxes? Add another one, especially if you happen to be Charles Alton Adams, of Cordrelle, Georgia. Adams was relaxing in his trailer home and watching the disaster movie "The Day After Tomorrow," during which he accidentally drank nine or ten beers.

All well and good- who doesn't like to kill a case on a nice Tuesday afternoon in your mobile home? Then, things went horribly wrong. Adams, inspired by the disaster in the movie, decided to light his pillows on fire. He told police later, standing in the charred remains of both his trailer and dignity, that he "wasn't really sure" why he had torched his own domicile.

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS, IN THE BIBLICAL SENSE EITHER

*History is more fun if you're
naked*

The results of either a really

great dare or a really hot date at The Alamo landed Kristine Nissel, 18, and Matthew Hotard, 19 in a Texas jail last week. The Lone Star couple was caught doing team pushups (if you know what I mean- and I think you do.) at the historical site in San Antonio.

It being Texas, the couple will be summarily executed.

CAMBODIAN MONKS ABANDON THEIR VOWS FOR BEER GIRLS

*A story with a special place in my
heart*

This story really rings true to me. See, while I was abroad in Thailand, a friend of mine went to Laos and came back with an unusual story: she had kissed a Buddhist monk. With tongue.

We were shocked! Monks are supposed to follow an ascetic lifestyle, and sloppy makeouts with American girls in village discos are definitely not included in the saffron robes and enlightenment deal.

History repeated itself in Cambodia this week, when two girls who sold beer across from Nang Pong and Vom Vong's Pnohm Penh temple lured the boys into sin, infuriating the public.

I guess the sight of pretty girls bearing beer was too much for the holy men, proving that, as 17-year-old boys absolutely everywhere could attest, thinking is not always done with the head.

UKRANIANS INVENT PORK FAT CHOCOLATE BAR

*America "actually kind of
suprised" it didn't think of the
idea first*

And....we've reached a new low. Ukrainians, who regularly drink vodka in the morning, have invented a new snack that puts standard obese American fare like mozzarella sticks to shame. Why hide pork fat in breading or nugget form when you can simply dip it in chocolate and eat it, pure and unadulterated, like the new Pork Fat Chocolate Bar being marketed currently in Ukraine? Well, er, several reasons, your arteries are politely protesting right now.

ASWU watch:

how your student government served you this week

WHAT WENT ON?

GUEST SPEAKER

Bon Appetit General Manager Beth Delmar addressed members of the senate as well as executive officers about the various aspects of food service provided to students on the Willamette campus. Delmar outlined the structure of the Bob Appetit Management Company and its history of working with small liberal arts colleges to provide both environmentally concerned and small-farm oriented food service.

Delmar spoke on how Bon Appetit had developed and implemented a "farm to fork" food program in partnership with the non-profit Food Alliance organization to purchase organic produce from Willamette Valley farms to support the local economy. The speaker explained the steps Bon Appetit was taking to ensure eco-friendly food practices such as not

ordering fish on government watch lists for vanishing species as well as investigating ways of reducing waste and relying on recycled products.

Delmar answered questions from the Senate on numerous topics beginning with the issue of food quality during all-you-can-eat meals. Delmar explained that Bon Appetit makes all of its food from scratch and when it is feeding 800+ people in 2 hours for dinner, if an item turns out to be of the utmost quality, there is no quick way to replace it.

The speaker also addressed the issue of investigating how either Bon Appetit or Willamette could supply students with standard size take-away lunch boxes and/or drink containers that would serve as permanent to-go boxes. This could greatly reduce the dependence on non-recycle containers now used take away items.

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"Beth gave the Senate insight into her vision for Bon Appetit and sincere reflection of student concerns brought up at the meeting."

TYLER REICH
ASWU V.P. of Administration



Show support for YOUR candidates and issues. Make your voice heard

BALLOT DROP ROMP!

FRIDAY, October 29, 2004
Willamette University's JACKSON PLAZA

(rain or shine)
3:30pm Gathering and Poster Making
4:00pm MARCH to the Ballot Drop Box
at the Courthouse (3 blocks)

We will be joined by Claudia Howells, Democratic Candidate for Oregon House District 21, and others!

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Coup d'Coop

November 2 is fast approaching, and I'm praying for the safe arrival of my mail-in ballot into safe hands who will treat it with the pluralistic love and respect that it deserves.



EVAN COOPER

Too bad a bunch of other Floridians are going to be totally screwed. Again. Apparently, the touch screens installed in 15 counties in Florida for the upcoming presidential election are allegedly buggy and the ballots filled out on them are going to be unable to be recounted. The reason for this is there's no paper to recount.

Remembers the movie "Hackers?" There are many of us who are squirming in our seats thinking about the fate of the nation being placed solely in the impermanent digital realm.

As a former teenager with too much time on his hands, I can attest to just how easy it is to compromise systems. If it was that easy for me to modify little Sally's Christmas list from N'Sync CDs and Gap clothes to Marilyn Manson albums and bondage gear, I am loathe to think of what Jeb Bush wants to put on America's Christmas list.

According to Democracy now.org (The actual organization is called

DemocracyNow! I trust any organization with a "!" in their name) Populex, who own and distribute the touch screen voting machines in Illinois, has Frank Carlucci, chairman emeritus of the Carlyle Group, sitting on its five person advisory board. Walden O'Dell, Chief Executive of Diebold, another touch screen company based in Ohio, reportedly stated that he is "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the president next year."

According to Julie Carr Smyth in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Diebold is a top fundraiser for the Bush administration's reelection.

You might be saying, "Those boxes aren't hooked to the Internet. How can they be hacked?"

Don't worry, they're probably being shipped pre-hacked. Or maybe they'll be hacked on site. We'll never know, because the way these machines actually count votes is a trade secret only the manufacturers are privy to.

Hopefully Diebold and Populex believe in democracy as much as the rest of us. For the time being, I think I'll entrust my precious ballot to the postman.

WEMS reform makes campus healthier

Talks are being held among Residence Life and WEMS concerning whether or not, when students call WEMS for help with potential alcohol poisoning, disciplinary action should come hand in hand with the medical assistance. The chief concern of Residence Life in regard to this policy is that it inhibits students from making a potentially lifesaving call simply because they will get in trouble if they ask WEMS for assistance.

Potentially, if Residence Life chooses to modify the way in which WEMS functions, calling WEMS will no longer be synonymous with basically inviting campus safety to bust you in the process of getting help for someone who is dangerously intoxicated.

This is a very wise policy change, if it does indeed go through. Rather than having students doing the drunken duty of taking turns making sure someone who has passed out is breathing, they will be able to call on trained professionals to make the more well reasoned and more sober call on whether or not they're going to require treatment.

It is tragic to think about the potential of a student dying as a result of the fact that their friends and peers are afraid of disciplinary action. Undoubtedly, Residence Life is taking this into consideration while they discuss this possible policy change.

Changes like these represent an administrative shift towards placing more responsibility in the

hands of students, rather than putting R.A.'s and Campus Safety into the roles of surrogate parental figures. With the prospect of the Residential Commons becoming a closer and closer reality, policy modifications like these are a welcome and productive route for the administration to take in order to make the Willamette campus a more inviting, and most importantly, more mature atmosphere.

The feeling of community on campus will also be bolstered by this policy change. Students will no longer have to adopt an obligatory cynicism as they see people becoming dangerously intoxicated, thinking to themselves, "Well, I'm not responsible for them, and I am definitely not going to get in trouble if they can't take care of themselves." Instead of this outlook, students will be more apt to look out for one another, knowing that they can call for outside help, without implicating themselves as an accomplice of some sort.

College students will be college students. It is wise for Residence Life to recognize that young people are prone to party and experiment, sometimes pushing their boundaries too far. By making Campus Safety and WEMS more focused around help and security rather than discipline, the campus becomes a much friendlier place. Watch out, Campus Safety and WEMS, because we're gonna hug you.

First amendment, first priority for one and all

Defending free speech on campus

This editorial is a defense of free speech. There are two kinds of opinion pieces published in the Collegian: editorials and opinions. On this page the Collegian publishes its editorials. The unsigned, anonymous pieces on this first editorial page represent the ideas and opinions of the Collegian editorial page board. The editorial board meets once a week to brainstorm ideas for this page and then jointly writes the editorials. Like all newspapers, these unsigned editorials represent the collective opinion of the editorial board. Thus this editorial and the one below it are the opinion of the Collegian editorial board, no more, no less. However, once the reader turns this page, the Willamette community is on display in all its glory; warts and all.

The pieces in the Opinions section, unlike those in the Editorial section, are signed because they solely represent the opinion of the writer. The Collegian makes an effort to represent the entire Willamette community, which means a diverse range of thought is embodied on the Opinions page.

One of the most important services the Collegian can render Willamette is to facilitate campus wide dialogues on a wide range of issues. The Collegian should be a forum for constructive persuasion from both sides of an issue. When one finds an opinion

piece disagreeable, the best thing to do is to confront the type of thinking represented in the article, not call for censorship. Last week the Collegian ran an opinion piece by a student who supports Measure 36. This piece was met with cries for censorship.

While the Collegian strongly disagrees with the rhetoric and positions taken in the piece, it was important to run it. Being a defender of free speech means defending the right of people to voice opinions and ideas that are potentially disagreeable. The piece illustrates the Collegian's role as a forum for debate and persuasion. It would have been more harmful for the piece to have been censored or cut entirely as doing so would simply perpetuate the Willamette Bubble.

The fact is, outside of Willamette, the majority of Americans oppose gay marriage according to separate polls by CBS News, and CNN, USA Today and Gallup. This opposition is based on similar reasons enumerated in last week's piece, and refusing to engage those arguments helps no one. The arguments made in the piece and in so many other controversial Collegian opinions pieces represent real world ideas and opinions. It would be irresponsible for a newspaper to not run opinions on both sides of an issue, particularly one represented on a ballot initiative.

Open-minded people everywhere should welcome a chance for vital and lively debate, whether the issue is a controversial campus speaker or a controversial written opinion.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We invite your letters to the editor. Letters can be received by postal mail, email, campus mail or fax (see contact info on page 2).

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Measure 36: Not a threat to humanity



ANDREW SWAN

As with many in the Willamette community, I have responded to John Swanson's occasional outbursts with bemused, if queasy, toleration. Yet his vile, naïve piece in last week's edition compels a response.

Swanson's argument assumes that same-sex marriage threatens the "sanctity of traditional marriage." Why? We're given no reason why it does. A system

uphold this disgusting claim? Second, why is this intrinsically a bad thing? Third, many heterosexual relationships "lack both permanence and fidelity." Should we scrap marriage altogether? Fourth, can we really be surprised that this is the case given that extant law grants these individuals no motivation to make these relationships permanent?

Swanson is concerned that legalizing gay marriage—voting no on 36 does NOT do so—will "encourage more young people to experiment." Why is this a bad thing?

How does this experimentation gravely threaten society? I contend that Measure 36 further entrenches the shame that many gay youth already deal with. Swanson would take a glance at tragically high suicide rates among gay teenagers and say, "hey, it was their choice to be gay!"

Love isn't perverse nor is commitment, affection, or a desire for equality. Discrimination is perverse as is silly science, paranoia, and furtive claims to antiquated morality. I fear that John Swanson would tell two men or two women in love that their relationship is a threat to society;

he would tell any non-heterosexual that their live is a sinful one and tears apart the fabric of American culture; he would tell anyone who has ever doubted his or her sexuality that he or she is a confused, bad person.

Join me in telling John Swanson that his rhetoric and his viewpoint are wrong. Join me in standing up for equal rights and against irrational, hateful fear. Join me in opposing Measure 36.

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MEASURE 36

wherein nearly half of marriages fail and Britney Spears' week-end-long fling is giggled at is already damaged. If marriage is a good thing as Swanson implies, why limit it?

I was relieved (and surprised!) to see that Swanson thinks that, "homophobic bigotry must not be tolerated." Even though an overwhelming majority of "homosexual activists" in this state oppose Measure 36, Swanson implies they're confused because "it will cause further harm." Never



ENSURES

EQUALITY

GRAPHIC BY JAY OOST

Fear, queers, John Swanson's here! It is patently arrogant and

paternalistic for Swanson to assume he knows better than tens of thousands of responsible adults.

The only real argument Swanson levies at same-sex marriage is his belief that gay relationships "lack both permanence and fidelity." First, where is the empirical data to

PC on DC

Bi-weekly political analysis

Stewart takes on "Cross-fire" hosts



PAUL CRISALLI

A little over a week ago, Jon Stewart appeared as a guest on Crossfire, a political "debate show." The hosts, Paul Begala from

the "left" and Tucker Carlson from the "right," expected that the show would just be entertainment. They believed that Stewart would provide light comedy, discussing the pipes of the Supreme Court Justices in Stewart's new book. Like Bill O'Reilly several weeks before, the hosts were wrong. Except, in this case, Nielsen Media Research did not have to prove Stewart's point; Stewart Spoke for himself and lambasted both

Carlson and Begala for hurting America with their professional wrestling style journalism. Begala was smart enough to sit there and take his lumps, but Carlson chose to engage with which, Stewart made him look like a fool.

Last year, I attended a taping of the show. I left the show knowing that Gigli provided better political commentary. All they did was yell at each other. No substance or analysis was provided. All I learned was that both Begala and Bob Novak are d--ks.

The media is putrid, deplorable, and soulless. The many, many shows like Crossfire all use blip arguments, meant solely to rally the supporters and enrage the opposition. To them, the world is only in red or blue, right or wrong. As the audience, you are forced to join one of two poles, immediately and without

full information.

To the political hacks on these shows and all other news media, I beg of you, as do others, PLEASE STOP! Please stop the blip insult answers, and please stop destroying brain cells in America. You have become as bad, if not worse than the politicians themselves. America can handle substance and analysis; in fact, we crave it.

I am convinced that it is possible to have a media that is both in depth and unbiased. TV reporters and newspapers need to ask tough questions and require direct answers. Instead calling the person a "liberal softy" or a "soulless conservative," maybe provide actual analysis. We don't want a visit to "Spin Alley;" we want the facts and logic. Maybe we can actually have a productive discourse in society that

CROSSED BALLS!



GRAPHIC BY JAY OOST

As a political tool, I yell and rant! I don't know politics, and I don't know what the hell I'm talking about!

does not again result in an even split of red states and blue states.

Sadly, Jon Stewart has become my news source. His news may be fake, his stories may be made up, and his correspondents who claim to be in Paris may actually be standing 10 feet away from the newsdesk, but his show represents far more journalistic integrity than "political" shows. And for that, pundits and hacks, please stop. Mr. Stewart: never has your news been so honest.

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But Do They Have Oil?

weekly foreign affairs column

Scientists discover homophobic bigotry gene. Kind of



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The president of a Willamette club with a name that rhymes with "pampas meflublicans" came out last week in opposition to gay marriage by writing a Collegian opinion piece. The article addressed the topic of why we should oppose gay marriage, apparently based on assumptions derived from a methodical, scientific study of gay porno films:

1. "Homosexual relationships ...usually lack both permanence and fidelity."

2. "Also, more young people will be encouraged to experiment [with homosexuality]."

3. Also, study mailmen will have sex with you any chance they get.

I made that last one up, but it fits with the general theme. These aren't assertions, they're fantasies. The author stated that although he feels "those who choose the path of homosexuality or other perverse lifestyles are indeed committing sin," it is still important that "homophobic bigotry should not be tolerated." Either the author is not sure what, if anything, comprises bigotry, or was willing to selflessly provide

an example of bigotry for us to analyze.

He also said, "Should you favor taking the radical left-wing course [of supporting gay marriage], understand that you are entering land that has never been traveled before." I like that metaphor about land never traveled before. I have this mental image of Lewis and Clark in drag as they stumble in high heels through the great plains, arguing over who used the last of the mascara. It's important to understand that by "land," what the author really means is, "land not including 11 Western European nations and Canada." Because they have all legalized gay marriage or civil unions.

And they've all "quickly died away" as a result, just like the author of the column argues. There's nothing left in Canada now but smoking rubble and giant homosexual orgies. Not a single building standing or a single family left.

So what about those countries that do oppose gay marriage? For example, China, Cuba, and the old Soviet Union? If you really want to blow a Republican's mind, explain to them that communist states tend to be the staunchest opponents of gay marriage, so if Republicans oppose gay marriage, they must be communists!

Fair enough, you might say, but surely by not opposing gay marriage we're undermining marriage? Right? Right? It turns out that of the countries in which some form of gay marriage is legal, only two of them have higher divorce rates than the US. Flaming Spain, where gay marriage is about to be fully recognized by the government, has a divorce rate of only 17 percent. We have a rate of at least 44 percent. What about infidelity? The lowest figures I could find for married American men is an infidelity rate of 24 percent. For homosexual men in a committed relationship, it's around 20 percent.

Let's not be too hard on the author of that article. Maybe he's right to be scared of the homosexual agenda. "What's next?" he asks. It won't stop with marriage. As soon as homosexuals get the upper hand, they'll pass laws banning heterosexual marriage, forbidding schools to mention heterosexuality in sex-ed classes and making the missionary position illegal. It would only be fair. Isn't that what happened when African-Americans and women were granted equal rights? Hmm. Well, maybe not. I guess bigotry is just a choice, after all.

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The race to Social Security solvency



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In this race for solvency each candidate has placed his bet on a different horse. President Bush puts his money on "Nest Egg", a relatively young system with great potential derived from a foundation in the protestant work ethic and the American dream. Senator Kerry has endorsed "Trust Fund" a veteran racer who replaced Seabiscuit in the

limelight in 1935 when the pay-as-you-go system of Social Security came to the United States.

This issue has been left in the stable for two reasons. Neither candidate wants to scare seniors – the most consistent voting demographic – by discussing change in Social Security, and those who must bare the burden of the failed system, young Americans, are historically the most dubious of voters.

The current pay-as-you-go system is both economically and socially inefficient. Economically it fails to adequately meet the needs of the growing number of retirees. Socially the current system disconnects effort and reward, the foundation of the American dream. These inherent flaws must be resolved to maintain long term viability of Social Security.

Just about every young American knows that Social Security's "Trust Fund" is going bankrupt and, in its current state, will be unable to provide sufficient retirement benefits to future retirees. Some suggest that the funding shortfall of the system should be ameliorated by simply raising taxes and reducing promised benefits. This burdensome and haphazard solution has been employed as a quick fix in the past

and has repeatedly exacerbated the situation.

The time for changing the system to prevent severe economic crisis has come and gone. Political procrastination has forced this generation of young Americans to inherit the single greatest financial debt the world has ever known. Our generation is faced with the challenge of financing Social Security's promise to our retiring parents, securing our own retirement, and preventing the next generation from inheriting the same burden.

A system must be developed that allows workers to take responsibility for their future instead of transferring debt from one generation to the next.

We need a system based on the fundamental American principle that hard work pays off. Finally, we need to do this without forcing workers of the previous generation to live in poverty.

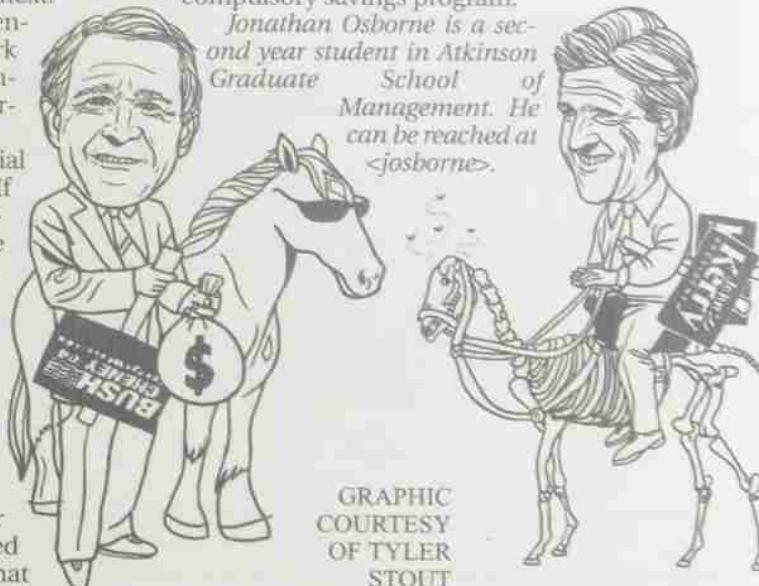
Financial independence builds social security through individual security. If every American saves for their retirement, future financial burdens can be avoided. Encouraging workers' ownership in their social security gives them ownership in our country and economy.

Common sense, history, and empirical evidence from other nations tells us that by leveraging the far greater returns generated through investment we can return Social Security to financial soundness. Throughout history our economy has, without exception, yielded a positive average return greater than that

currently earned in the intergenerational wealth redistribution system in place today. Many developed nations including Australia and the U.K. have given testimony to various U.S. legislative committees attesting to the success of personal account systems in reducing poverty and relieving state financial burdens.

We must take social security seriously and stop the trend of shifting responsibility to future generations. For the United States to continue to be one of the world's great nations we must make the necessary adjustments to procure social security as an effective compulsory savings program.

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GREEKS in transition

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Willamette fraternities face an ultimatum this spring: fill your houses or lose them.

At a time when each and every one of Willamette's residence halls is filled to capacity, vacancy is definitely not welcome for Willamette's five on-campus fraternities.

Because junior and senior fraternity members often choose to live out of the house or study abroad, houses are often not filled to capacity even when a chapter boasts a robust membership. For instance, Sigma Alpha Epsilon has 32 total members, exactly enough to fill the house to 100 percent capacity. Only 24 out of 32 – or 75 percent – of members live in the house, putting them below the 90 percent threshold that Residence Life will enforce next fall.

In April of 2003, Greek chapter advisors, fraternity presidents, and senior Residence Life staff members agreed upon a housing rule whereby 90 percent of a fraternity's beds needed to be occupied by members or independent students voluntarily choosing to be roommates with members in order for fraternity to keep control of the house.

If a fraternity did not fill 90 percent of its beds with members or students choosing to live with members, an entire floor of the house would be turned into a normal residence hall. If a house failed to meet the 90 percent threshold two years in a row then a yet-to-be-composed review board would hear the reasons why minimum

occupancy was not met and decide whether the entire house would be turned into a standard dorm. This would mean that the fraternity would need to relocate their chapter room, furniture and any other property or paraphernalia belonging to the fraternity.

Such an event occurred in 1996 when, due to continuing under occupancy, Delta Tau Delta had their fraternity house converted into the environmentally-themed residential dorm now known as Terra House. Currently, four out five fraternities are under the 90 percent threshold and if a fraternity were to lose their on-campus house it would present significant challenges to the Greek community.

Greek leadership is confident of the stability of their place in the campus community, housed or not.

"The executive officers of Phi Delta Theta are holding very frank discussion on the future of our house should we lose our residence with the intent of passing on to future members the resources and information that they need to run a fraternity that is without a physical house," Phi Delta Theta President Robert Sumner said. "I would hate to see it come to that, but it is a system that works on many other campuses nationwide including schools such as American University in D.C."

One of factor effecting the decision to create and implement the minimum occupancy threshold for fraternities was the loss in room and board revenue for the university when there



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Fraternities must increase house occupancy to 90 percent.

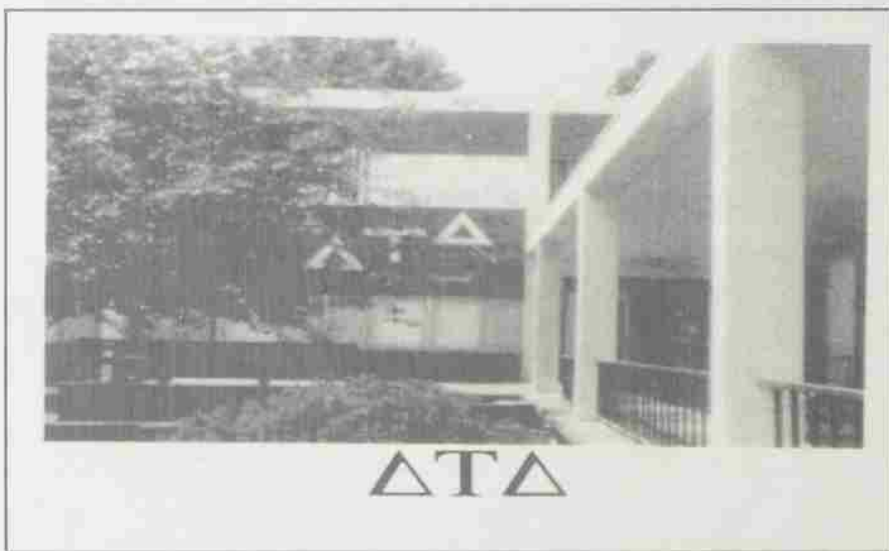
were empty beds within Greek houses. In previous years, housing in fraternities has been limited to chapter members living on-campus.

"The occupancy policy is set up so that we must fill our house or face university probation," Sigma Chi junior Andrew Schroeder said. "Members living off campus or studying abroad do not count towards our house occupancy. Thus, to avoid university sanctions, we will have to deprive Sigma Chi's of the valuable experience of studying abroad or living off campus."

When chapter members do choose to study abroad, or live off campus as juniors and seniors and their vacant

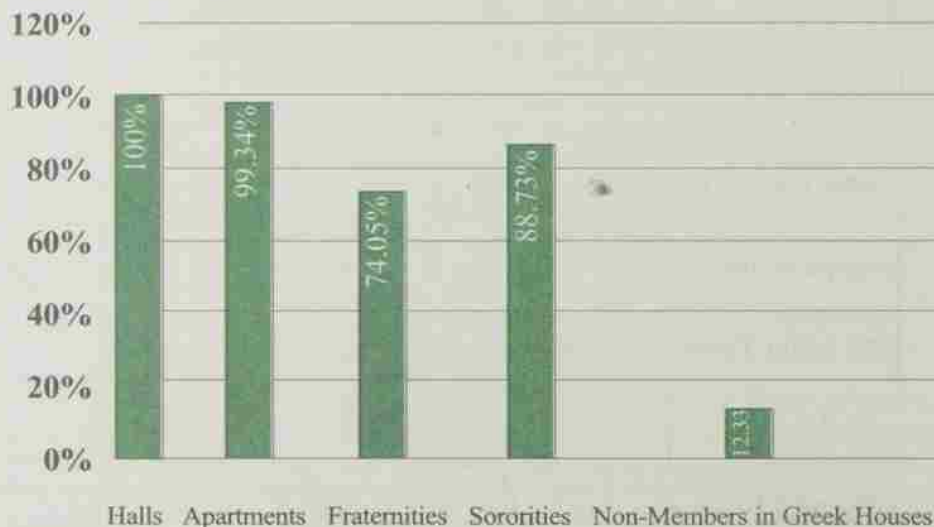
beds are not filled by new pledges, the university lost a significant amount of tuition revenue. Although, none of the four fraternities that are under occupancy have lost an entire floor to normal residence housing, there are several independent, TIUA and transfer students living within those houses.

"With fraternity houses, we have a residential facility set aside for the exclusive use of a specific group of people," Director of Residence Life Marilyn Derby said. "If fraternities are not filling their houses then it is unfair to students and the university to keep that facility for the exclusive use of that group."



COURTESY OF WALLULAH ARCHIVES

Delta Tau Delta was Willamette's sixth fraternity until they lost their house in 1995.



In order to assist fraternities with recruitment, the Office of Student Activities, has provided Greek chapter houses with resources and information aimed at developing comprehensive and effective recruitment plans. This fall, each fraternity is increasing publicity for Greek sponsored events designed to attract and introduce to independent students to the Greek system and the different philanthropic, social and educational events sponsored by each individual house.

"This year is no different from any other year: recruitment is key and we are planning accordingly," Beta Theta Pi senior Richard Wolfe said. "The stakes may be higher but the pressure has always been there in some form. Beta is a chapter of good men that has a lot to offer to students here at Willamette and in life beyond."

In conjunction with Residence Life, the Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) co-sponsored a recruitment boot-camp for Greek leaders and rush officers during this past summer. Each fraternity has also worked to offer continual weekly events and programs in an increased effort to familiarize independent students with the social aspects of the Greek community.

"Currently, Sigma Chi only needs six men to keep above the trouble barrier and we expect to meet that with our fall recruitment practices," Sigma Chi President senior Aaron Hasenkamp said. "Not meeting the threshold is not an option or concern for us. This is not because it is a university regulation but because we are confident in the fact that there are plenty of men who recognize the value of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and who we can make a part of our orga-

nization."

Willamette has had a long history with Greek organizations beginning in 1947 with the formation of three fraternities and one sorority. Greek alumni serve on the university Board of Trustees and have collectively contributed millions of dollars over the years to Willamette's annual fund. Several buildings on campus are named for Greek alumni and each year, the charitable events of chapter houses raise over ten-thousand dollars for local non-profit organizations each year.

"Through the loss of fraternity chapter houses, this university would lose a great partnership that has been supporting the Willamette community for over fifty years," Phi Delta Theta senior Lopaka Purdy said. "Joining my fraternity has been the best decision I've made during my college career. It has provided me with an environment where my concerns, problems, ideas and opinions are valued and listened to."

"Last spring, Kappa Sigma had its largest pledge class in ten years and this fall we built on our success by pledging 11 new gentlemen; the most men of any house on campus," Kappa Sigma President senior David Westlund said. "Recognizing these accomplishments, we as Kappa Sigmas have put ourselves in a good position and we plan to simply continue our recruitment efforts targeting the most exceptional men Willamette has to offer."

Students are encouraged to stop by each Greek house and speak with executive and rush officers as well as members of each specific fraternal organization. IFC will be holding informational sessions on rush activities later in the semester for interested students.



MICHELLE THERIAULT

Andrew Wilson of Sigma Chi outside his house.

"If fraternities are not filling their houses then it is unfair to students and the university to keep that facility for the exclusive use of that group."

MARILYN DERBY
director of residence life

Greek House Occupancy Numbers for the Fall 2004

Fraternity	# of beds in houses	# of beds filled by fraternity members	# of beds filled by non-fraternity members	percentage of beds filled by fraternity members	# of beds needed to be filled to keep above 90 percent
Beta Theta Pi	32	21	12	65.63	29
Kappa Sigma	30	19	7	63.33	27
Phi Delta Theta	32	24	4	75	29
SAE	32	24	8	75	29
Sigma Chi	32	30	0	93.75	29

Flicks & Quips

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MUSIC REVIEWS:

GREEN DAY: American Idiot

If you thought Green Day's previous album, *Warning*, was too political, you'd best stay away from *American Idiot*. It's centered on that lonely, chronically masturbating couch potato from "Longview" again, except this time lead vocalist Billie Joe Armstrong has decided to criticize the slacker's indifference rather than walk in his shoes. I personally think it's a step up from the endless navel-gazing (albeit it sing-along-able, insightful navel-gazing) of *Dookie*, and despite Armstrong's new, vaguely communicated global perspective, the music, for the most part, has lost none of its anthemic nature. Though there are a lot of standout tracks, there are also a few significant dead spots, including a nine-minute closer that simply recycles most of Armstrong's older lyrical motifs. On the whole though, Green Day's newest is a satisfactory listen.

Rating: 7.0 out of 10

CAKE Pressure Chief

Cake has never, in their five-album discography, explored any variations to the sound they're comfortable with, making it difficult to track their artistic progress as a group. Regardless, they prove with *Pressure Chief* that there's still material to be mined from the consistent combination of trumpet, keyboard-blip-blips, blubbery bass twangs, and "Aaalriiight-Ahhhyeaaahhh-Uuuhhh" John McCrea croons. It's more of the same, but I suppose that's a good thing for a band like Cake, who are fine in their current groove.

Rating: 8.0 out of 10

Parker and Stone do it puppet-style

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Yes, they've gone from paper cutouts to "Thunderbirds" dolls dangling from strings. But don't worry, Writer/Directors Trey Parker and Matt Stone's key elements (profanity, vulgarity, and singing about profanity and vulgarity in a profane and vulgar manner) are predictably preserved in this film. However, anyone going in expecting the nonstop hilarity of *South Park: Bigger, Longer, and Uncut* will likely come out disappointed. In fact, even if you're expecting a cutting political satire on the current administration, you probably won't get what you want out of this movie.

Team America: World Police might best be gauged on its own terms, although the task may seem nearly impossible considering the outspokenness and blatant desire to offend any-and-every one by its creators. The movie's main goal, it seems, is to parody the flamboyance and preposterousness of Jerry Bruckheimer/Michael Bay films. This idea works, with varying levels of success. The main character, for instance, is called by the leader of Team America to use his Broadway acting skills to save the world from terrorists—a plot point cleverly referencing Bay and Bruckheimer's wretched disaster film *Armageddon*, in which NASA trains oil drillers to become astronauts instead of training astronauts to be oil drillers. In addition to this, the faux-dramatic soundtracks of Bruckheimer/Bay films are aped in a hilarious way with Trey and Stone's hastily slapped-together song recordings, whose titles include: "America, F*** Yeah!", "I'm So Lonely" (performed by Kim Jong Il), and "Pearl Harbor Sucked and I Miss You."

When it comes to an all-out comedy where true sympathy is invested in none of its characters, the attention and appreciation of the film's viewers hinges completely on its comic momentum. *Team America's* primary flaw is in its long stretch-

es of intentionally outrageous exposition and corny tradeoffs, inspiring little more than forced chuckles. In these situations, the send-up of the Bruckheimer/Bay formula gets a bit old,

and I found myself tiring from simply admiring Parker and Stone's efforts toward parody—I wanted to laugh at it, too.

Team America starts out spectacularly: the opening scene is a wonderfully conceived and playfully silly portrayal of the French, the terrorists, and counter-terrorists. The succeeding scene, in which Gary the Actor performs a rendition of the song "Everybody Has AIDS" in a play called "Lease", is also laugh-out-loud funny. From there, the comedic pace flags quite noticeably, and doesn't get back on its feet till the "barf scene" and the "panther scene" (you'll have to see them to understand how indescribably funny they are). If one were to measure *Team America* on a scale in comparison to "South Park", it's about as funny as four back-to-back episodes—but less funny when one considers the fact that *Team America* will cost you at least \$5.50, and four *South Park* episodes will cost you nothing.

Much of the politically relevant comedy comes up a little short, despite its desperate willingness to be nail-drivingly offensive. In fact their worldview is so minimal as to be described by an analogy involving "assholes, pussies, and penises." Stone and Parker declare at the top of their lungs that they have no serious position on the state of their country or their world, and do so with pride. But hey, at least they're funny about it. Well, sort of funny about it. And to their credit, it's hard to effectively satire a nation that so unwittingly mires itself in easy-target absurdity.

Where to see Team America?

- ♦ Regal Santiam Eleven
- ♦ Regal Movieland Seven

♦ Website: www.teamamericamovie.com/

La Hacienda Real is a real good meal

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La Hacienda Real is rumored to be some of the finest Mexican Cuisine in all of Salem and from the looks of things on a recent afternoon; it's been a successful rumor.

Comfortable, padded booths and attractive tables make it an easy place to while away an hour (or less) while indulging in authentic Mexican treats, and/or some mildly Americanized versions of Mexican classics. The menu is huge. My waiter told me that everything was good, so choosing became daunting until the super-easy-priced "lunch only" specials (\$4-\$6.50) jumped out to grab our attention. La Hacienda Real delivers dead on value.

The quesadilla supreme was simultaneously mellow and piquant; shards of roasted jalapeno peppers were tempered by a tangy melted cheese that wrapped its way beautifully around cubes of roasted chicken. Chile verde from the "platter" was bigger price-wise, size-wise and flavor-wise, with big Mexican flavor, particularly in the mildly acidic tomatillo sauce draped over



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La Hacienda Real's "Macho Burrito" is served up hot, tasty and for a great price.

slow-roasted pork.

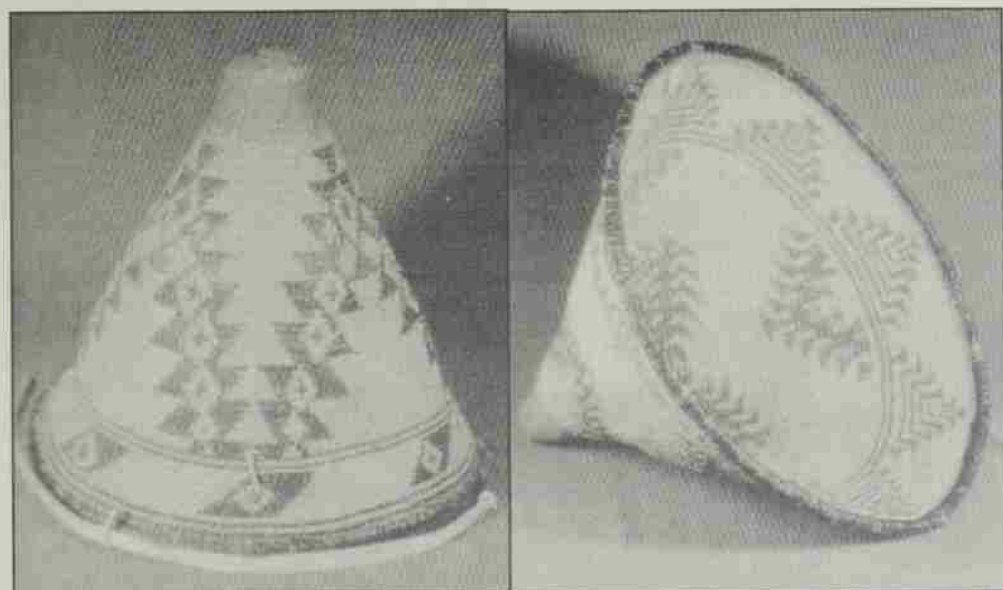
Everything at La Hacienda Real is purportedly homemade. It sure tastes like it. The refried beans and guacamole are especially fine.

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PRESERVING OREGON TRIBAL CULTURE



COURTESY OF HALLIE FORD ART MUSEUM

These baskets, pictured above, are just two pieces currently on display and woven by Northwest Indians tribes from the Columbia River region.

A native legacy lives on in weaving exhibits

By AUSTIN LEA

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Most of us who venture to the Hallie Ford Museum do so with an art class or for the ever-changing exhibits in the main gallery space. Yet the often ignored second floor galleries hold treasures comparable to any other exhibit.

Willamette was fortunate enough to have received an endowment from the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde (an amalgam of Oregon Tribes) which allowed for the creation of the Grand Ronde gallery space. This space is filled with some basketry woven by Northwest Indians tribes from the Columbia River region, the high-deserts of eastern Oregon and even into Northern California. The endowment also allows for the purchase of basketry created by contemporary weavers.

The exhibit is highly educational, with maps and photographs documenting the tribes from which the baskets come. Small placards by each basket tell viewers the materials used in constructing the baskets, with often surprising inclusions.

For instance, porcupine quill is dyed with natural pigments extracted from the roots of the Oregon grape to create the vibrant yellows, as bright today as they were decades ago when the baskets were added to the Willamette collection.

Walking through the exhibit it is hard

to imagine the skill involved in the creation of the baskets. The process begins with the respectful and careful collection of materials by the weaver, followed by the selection of the style of basket. There are many different styles of weaving which create distinct aesthetic as well as practical effects. For instance, some of the baskets are so tightly woven that they are water-tight.

"The design of the exhibit," says curator and Willamette professor Rebecca Dobkins, "is meant to emphasize these baskets as works of art, but also as insights into the lifeways of the native people who made them." A visit to this artfully assembled collection helps us understand and value the native cultures which surrounding us in the Willamette Valley.

While some contemporary examples of basketry by native weavers remain true to their original forms, others take advantage of new materials such as film. One basket - made of film sections from a movie about the "Wild West" - makes a powerful statement about cultural appropriation and media portrayals of native peoples.

In the words of professor Dobkins, "[t]his exhibition celebrates the still unfolding legacy of Northwest Native America."

The Hallie Ford Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and is located on State St. one block west of campus.

Accalimed musician performs throughout northwest cities

By DARREN MCCOY

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Allison Swenson-Mitchell, mezzo-soprano, was named Outstanding Graduate when she earned her Bachelor of Music Degree from the University of Southern California. After that, she went on to gain a Masters of Music from Binghamton University in New York City and is now on her seventh year of teaching at Willamette University.

Her debut at the renowned Carnegie Hall included the world premiere of Taneyev's Upon Reading a Psalm. Other past achievements involve the title role in Bizet's Carmen with the Syracuse Opera, Handel's Messiah and De Falla's El Amor Brujo with the Jacksonville Symphony, as well as Mozart's Requiem with the Bravo Vancouver Concert Series and the Oregon Repertoire Singers.

She has also recently performed Haydn's Missa In Tempori Belli, translated as Haydn's Mass In Time of War, with the Salem Chamber Orchestra in Hudson Hall on

the Willamette University Campus.

Several upcoming events consist of the role of Olga Olsen in Kurt Weill's Street Scene with the Portland Opera, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony with the Jacksonville Symphony, Mahler's Songs of a Wayfarer with the Astoria Music Festival as well as his Second Symphony with the Eugene Symphony.

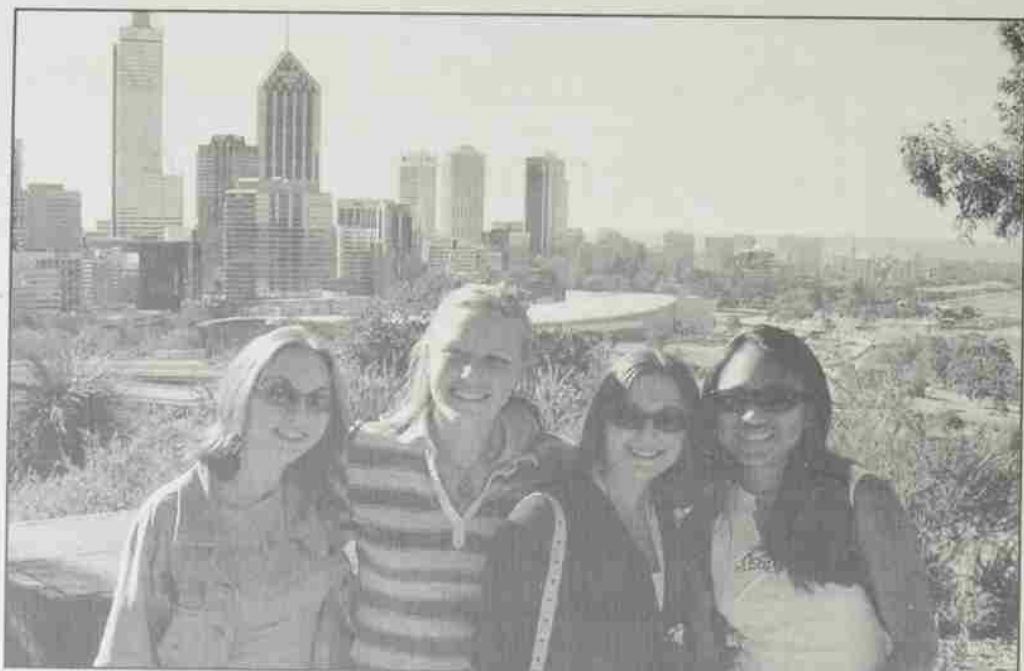
Mrs. Swenson has performed with many additional groups such as the Spokane Symphony, Sarasota Opera, Syracuse Symphony, Seattle Symphony, Tacoma Symphony, Yakima Symphony, Boston Opera, Walla Walla Symphony, Marin Opera, and the Eugene Symphony.

Allison has earned several awards and honors such as first place in the prestigious Metropolitan Opera's Portland District Competition and third place in the Seattle Regional Finals. She has also placed third in the Ellen Faull Gordon Competition in Portland and was a finalist in the concert Artist Guild Competition in New York.



COURTESY OF ALLISON SWENSON-MITCHELL

Allison Swenson-Mitchell, pictured above, has performed all over the country, including Carnegie Hall in New York City.



COURTESY OF APRIL VIRNIG

Willamette students April Virnig, Alia Chuck and Natalie Vuylsteke enjoy a distinct lack of rain in downtown Perth.

Desert oasis in Australia

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Imagine the most desolate place you can. Picture heat waves rising from the ground, low, spiky shrubs are the tallest plants. Miles and miles of red earth, scorched by the sun, and a lone bird circling over the baked earth hoping for a meal.

Picture standing on a pile of rust-colored rocks, sweltering in 102-degree windless weather, looking over this land of nothingness and saying "I'm going to build a farm here".

Doesn't sound very plausible, does it? On our trip to the Pilbara region, in Western Australia, a group of Willamette and Notre Dame students were introduced to a family that lived on a station (giant ranch) in that area. Take the above description and make it into a few thousand acres and you have their station. It's amazing.

The ground is so dry the animals barely leave hoof prints, and there are seasonal tropical storms which, every few years or so, wipe out hundreds of their animals. Due to the hardship of living on this station, the

family who lives there had to sell most of their animals and buy a business in the nearest town - two hours away - just to survive.

The isolation of that house is amazing. The children have learned to entertain themselves after the animals were gone by making a zip line and jumping on a trampoline.

The oldest girl, Esther, has to spray down her gymnastic bars with water before they're cool enough for her to practice on. Their entire house can be enclosed under metal sheets; during storms, the verandah included.

The children's days consist of a few hours of homeschooling, sometimes outside due to indoor heat (there is no air conditioning), and work around the station. The children's hair is all bleached white-blond, their skin thick and darkly tanned. The soles of their tiny feet are calloused, and their parents don't look much different.

To get to the other side of their land takes around two days, there and back. To muster animals from the far reaches of their property is a hot, dangerous task. Food

and water have to come along, and a reliable truck with gas in the back. Money is scarce and life is rugged.

But I've never seen a happier family. They love their lives, they love the land, and they have what they need. I didn't hear one complaint about the heat from anyone but the Americans.

It makes me wonder why I complain about something as trivial as having to wait in traffic or when it rains a little, when these people have to pray for rain and if their vehicle breaks they cannot reach another family because the closest neighbour is miles away.

It makes you realize just what people will do, what they love, and the ways in which we all decide to make a living. We were only there for a few hours and we could barely stand the heat and sheer magnitude of overcoming nothingness that we saw. The phrase I heard most from that family was "it's a hard life, but we love it."

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Amsterdam: Party for sale

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Amsterdam is a circus. With its eccentric people, Venetian-esque canals and exotic substances, this city takes a pinch of fantasy, mixes it with reality, and well, for the average tourist, it's all "madman stuff."

Two trips and 2 weeks later, Amsterdam has become one of if not my favorite city. I expected my first trip to the 'Dam back in the second week of August to be just three days. It lasted 11. With no fixed time table, some pocket change and a place to crash, I counted myself one of the luckier ones.

I arrived to Amsterdam Centraal with six hours to spare before meeting up with Nathan, the friend I would later stay with. I threw my luggage in a locker and proceeded to do what many a tourist has done after getting off a train and smelling pot billowing through the corridors: I went on a mission.

I flipped open my trusty Let's Go Europe to the Amsterdam section and sought out a coffee shop. Number one on their list was Barney's Coffeeshop whose review only said "get a breakfast with your big fat joint" next to a thumbs-up sign.

That'd be the one. I walked down Haarlemmerstraat in the pouring rain and made it to Barney's a cozy hole in the wall. The first person I met and later hung out with while in Amsterdam was the man behind the counter at Barney's and coincidentally, the owner's son. They've got two menus at most coffee shops. The food and then the herb.

I have never seen so much marijuana nor spoke with someone who knew with such precision the makeup and effects that each strain produces. It was then that I realized that as much as Amsterdam is a tourist destination, comprised mostly of Americans, partying here is a business.

In the span of one Amsterdam city block, which is relatively tiny, you can get almost any-

thing: strains of marijuana, hashish, ecstasy, fresh mushrooms - dozens in variety, absinthe, opium, smart pills (which are concoctions of various unknown chemicals that create effects that cater to the buyer's desire) or just a good beer if that's all you're looking for.

In addition you can purchase all types of drug paraphernalia to go with your substances, all for a relatively low price. Now while all of this sounds good and fun, and for the average tourist, it really is fun, after eight days of partying I really began to itch.

Amsterdam has such an awkward air to it. True it reeks of substance use and abuse but there is something strange about this city that only now, two months after my first trip there, am I able to begin to comprehend.

How can the city center live constantly on the brink of insanity? I really thought it was mad. How prostitutes, pimps and marijuana growers all have a legal worker's union. How people walk down alleyway upon alleyway surrounded by naked women behind windows boxed in a 3 ft. x 3ft square selling themselves.

Those same people that will go to the shop next door and buy a shirt that says "I did it in the Red Light." How you can walk through Vondelpark guaranteed to see groups upon groups of youngins' tripping.

Amsterdam, one of the world's biggest party destinations, can really be a non-stop party, but when all the fun trips wear off, it unmasks something deeper and a little more depressing.

I feel in love with Amsterdam, this is true, but not because of the universe of available substances and services, but perhaps because of the odd atmosphere such a combination creates.

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The tendency to classify the Other overwhelms the individual. This work of art by Sean Gyshen critiques the viewer's habit to make visual assumptions. The combination of pictures with statistics challenges the internal thought process that causes one to stereotype others. All the statistics came from the group of Willamette students and community members.

Group Statistics

2 Transgender
 7 Homosexuals, 7 Bisexuals
 15 from Divorced Families, 1 Parent Never Married
 43 Not Tested for HIV, 22 Tested Negative
 5 Not Registered to Vote, 8 Voting for Bush, 47 Voting for Kerry
 32 Democrats, 7 Republicans, 1 Communist, 1 Anarchist, 1 Socialist
 24 Not Religious or Spiritual, 24 Spiritual, 15 Christian, 2 Jewish
Heritage: 3 Mexicans, 1 African, 49 Europeans, 4 Asians, 4 Native-Americans, 1 Indian
 45 Discriminated Against
 37 Discriminated Against Someone
Childhood: 4 Physically Abused, 10 Mentally Abused, 7 Sexually Molested
Adulthood: 8 Physically Abused, 16 Mentally Abused
 29 Have Low Self Esteem, 26 Do Not Think they are Attractive
 16 Sexually Assaulted, 2 Sexually Assaulted Someone
 13 Diagnosed with a Psychological Disorder
 12 Have or Have had an Eating Disorder
 10 Tried to Commit Suicide
 11 Have a Learning Disability
 3 Have Been Homeless

Second place after two weekend wins

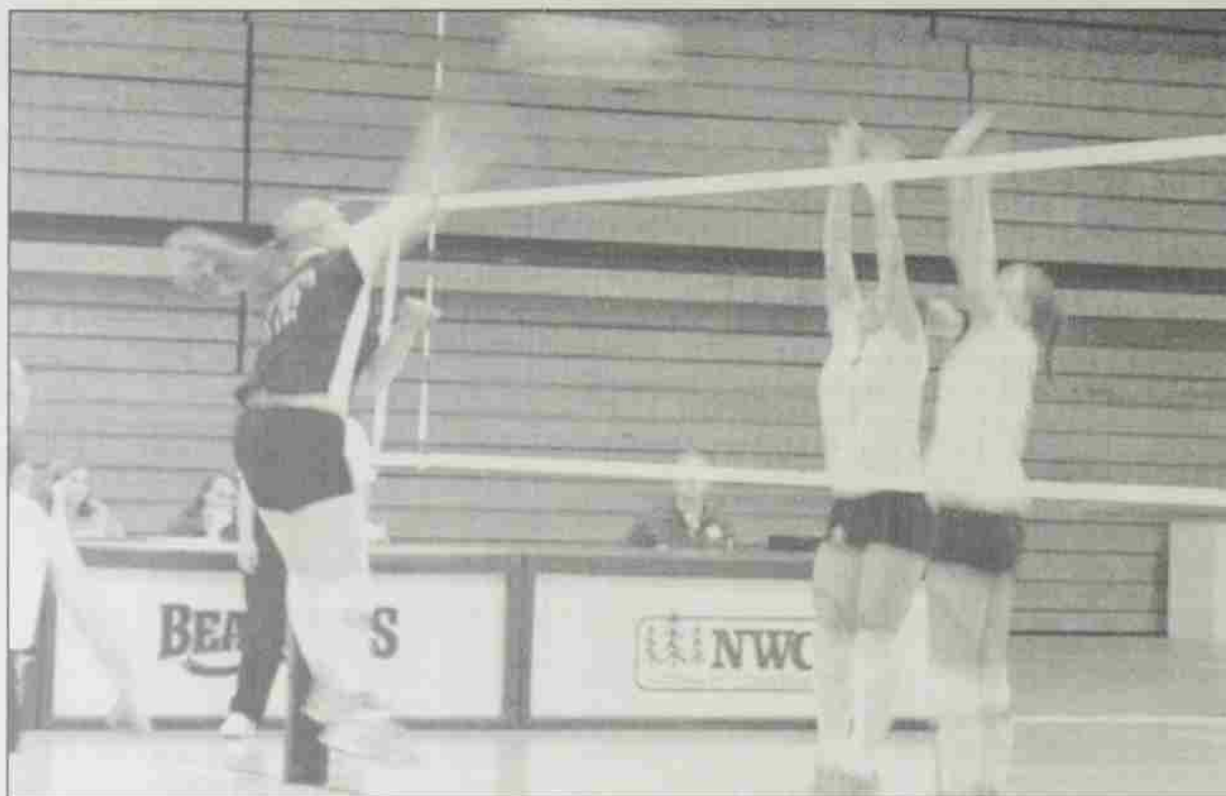
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The Willamette volleyball team sits safely in second place after winning two weekend matches against two NWC cohorts, Whitworth and Whitman colleges.

After a disappointing loss to Pacific Lutheran University a week prior, the Bearcats were ready to get themselves back on track. Senior Lauren Thompson said, "We've worked very hard all season; we are happy to be in second, but we are still feeling the bitterness from our loss to PLU."

Friday evening's face off against the Whitworth Pirates proved to be especially rewarding for the fans when the 5-game duel ended with a Bearcat comeback from behind. Saturday's winning performance against the Whitman Pioneers brought Willamette's conference record to 10-2, placing the Bearcats in strong contention for the NWC championship.

The Whitworth Pirates entered Friday's match strong, taking game one with a score of 30-25. However, the Bearcats owned the opposition for games two and three. Senior Lauren Thompson's



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

After spending most of the season at number one, the team dropped to third, but is now back at second.

kill in the second put the Bearcats up 29-25 but Whitworth responded with four straight points to tie the game. Ironically, a rotation

error on behalf of the Pirates gave Willamette the game with a score of 32-30. Game three was less tense, as the weary Pirates exhibited Whitworthless efforts that resulted in their 21-30 demise. The Pirates took control of game four with an early lead that never lost its momentum.

Whitworth's energy was conserved in game five, until the Bearcats surmounted a 14-9 deficit and sailed to victory. Junior Angie Sammons ended the match with her 24th kill of the evening.

Concerning the exceptional win, Thompson said, "In all actuality, it was thought we wouldn't be able to pull it off. It still seems as if it didn't happen. But with a few good plays on our part and mistakes on Whitworth's part, we were able to come through."

The lead in game one on Saturday was handed back and forth until the Missionaries lost on a service error, bringing the score to 30-28 in favor of the Bearcats. Willamette continued to dominate in the second and third games, as Whitman lagged behind by more than 10 points at each game's end. The Missionaries became diasporic as the scores deviated further;

Volleyball

the team lost its sense of unity and could not counter the Bearcat attack. The 30-19 and 30-15 final scores of games two and three, respectively, were the product of Sammons's 20 kills, Senior Kristin Halleck's 18 kills, and Senior Jodi Zaffino's 43 total assists.

In the NWC standings, the Willamette Bearcats are in second place behind Pacific Lutheran University. Head Coach Tricia Wright said, "Second is great. The games we have lost have been hard fought. It hasn't been like we have underachieved to be in second."

With the regular season winding down and the conference championship closely approaching, the Bearcats must focus on team discipline.

"We always go in knowing we need to make minimal unforced errors. We have talked about playing hard, and with playing hard you play to win" remarked Wright. "We need to win the next four games and hope an upset comes to PLU."

The Bearcats play their next conference match at home against George Fox on Friday.

Volleyball Terminology

Dump – This action is usually performed by a setter when he or she receives the second ball, which is the second touch of the ball during a possession, and directs it quickly onto the opponent's court to surprise the defense.

Service Ace – A served ball that does not come back over the net. The serve results in a direct point.

Setter – A position that usually sets or passes every second ball. The offense runs through the setter. The hitters rely on good sets or passes to attack the defense of the other team effectively.

Side-out – A term used to describe the hopeful action of gaining back service. More specifically, it is when a team is receiving serve and the team rallies its defense to stop the service of the opponent. Then the team gets the opportunity to serve.

Dig – A dig is the act of retrieving a ball that resulted from an attack and has been successfully passed, most likely to the setter. Any player can dig balls.

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Women's soccer's 5-1 win over number one Whitworth Saturday keeps the NWC leaders from getting a bid to nationals.

Women split weekend, defeat number one team in NWC

By STEVE SMITH
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It was another weekend of women's Bearcat soccer action and another weekend of opposing fortunes.

In a huge win for the women, the Bearcats beat Whitworth 5-1 on Saturday, but lost on Sunday to Whitman 3-1, in what is becoming an all too familiar theme this year for Willamette, going 1-1 on the road.

The Saturday game had been a great boost for the Bearcats as junior forward Brenna Hindman led the way scoring three goals in Spokane. The women managed to repay Whitworth for the disappointing defeat suffered at home weeks ago. The loss dealt a blow to second-placed Whitworth's NWC title hopes.

Sophomore midfielder Jessica Lammers opened the scoring in the ninth minute when she headed in a free kick by sophomore midfielder Laura Uhlmansiek. Rachel Leavitt managed to tie the game in the 22nd minute before Hindman scored her first of the day off the post and past

Women's Soccer

Pirate goalie Jenn Miller.

Uhlmansiek added a goal to her assist in the 51st minute on a free kick before Hindman sealed the game and her hat-trick with two more goals. The first came unassisted in the 66th minute and her last was in the 78th minute from a pass by senior midfielder Naomi Baez.

Despite the scoreline, Whitworth out-shot Willamette 17-11. The Bearcats only had four shots in the second half but scored on three of them. Willamette's sophomore goalie Kari Woody recorded six saves in the win.

"We were really happy with the big win, beating Whitworth at their home the way we did," remarked Lammers. "And I was pretty happy with my goal, as well."

The women were not as happy with Sunday's result, however. Behind two second-half goals, the Whitman Missionaries managed a 3-1 win in Walla Walla. Freshman forward Rachel Clevenger's goal late in the second half kept Willamette from

being shutout but goals from Katie Schmitz, Lauren DeYoung and Jennifer Toy ensured that it was the Missionaries who were celebrating on their parents' weekend.

Schmitz scored just eight minutes into the game. DeYoung got the eventual game winner in the 65th minute and Toy finished off the game four minutes later.

Whitman dominated the game as they outshot the Bearcats 20-13. Sophomore goalie Kristin Muramoto had six saves for the Bearcats. Whitman goalie Annie Owen also had six.

"It was another frustrating weekend and something that we obviously have to work on," remarked sophomore midfielder Susan Butler. "We can't keep winning one on Saturday and losing the next day. This is something we're going to have to change for the rest of this year and definitely next year."

The loss drops Willamette to 8-6-2 overall, 6-5-1 in the NWC. Whitman is now 10-7-1 overall, 6-6-1 in the NWC.

The women play George Fox next Saturday at Sparks Field.

ChalkTalk

ROWING IN PORTLAND LAST WEEK, WOMEN FINISH STRONG

Oct. 16 the men's and women's rowing teams competed in the Charlie S. Brown Regatta on the Willamette River in Portland. Weather conditions were moderate and there was a slight tailwind and current throughout the day.

The women's first and second Varsity 8 as well as Varsity 4 all came in third with times of 15:52, 16:11 and 17:56. The women's Novice 8 came in second at 17:45 and the second/third Novice 8 came in first with a time of 18:02. The men's JV 8 finished third at 15:26, and the men's Varsity 4 finished fourth at 15:31.

More information about the regatta can be found at www.row2k.com.

FOOTBALL BEATS SOUTHERN OREGON IN ASHLAND

The University football team beat Southern Oregon University 21-10 last Saturday at the Raider Stadium. Junior quarterback Cameron Walton had 120 rushing yards and 93 passing yards.

The Bearcats stopped SOU from winning its sixth straight game and setting a school record. The next game will be away this Saturday against NWC rival Pacific Lutheran University.

MEN'S SOCCER WINS OVER WEEKEND

The men's soccer team beat Whitman 4-2 last Sunday in Walla Walla after being tied 2-2 at half time. According to the Willamette website Whitman outshot Willamette 21-17.

WILLAMETTE ATHLETE RECEIVES PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Last week Stockton, Calif., native junior Michael Plank received the NWC Special Teams Player of the Week for his effort in the Bearcat's victory against Lewis & Clark in the football game last weekend.

Standings

FOOTBALL

	NWC	All
Linfield	(3-0)	(6-0)
Willamette	(2-0)	(5-2)
PLU	(2-1)	(5-1)
Whitworth	(1-1)	(5-1)
Lewis & Clark	(0-2)	(1-5)
Puget Sound	(0-4)	(3-4)

MEN'S SOCCER

	NWC	All
Whitworth	(9-1-1)	(12-2-1)
Puget Sound	(7-2-1)	(10-2-3)
Linfield	(7-3-1)	(9-7-1)
PLU	(4-5-1)	(5-10-1)
Pacific	(4-6)	(5-9)
George Fox	(3-6-1)	(4-9-2)
Willamette	(3-8)	(3-11-2)
Whitman	(2-8-1)	(4-10-1)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

	NWC	All
Puget Sound	(11-1)	(14-1)
Whitworth	(10-2-1)	(11-4-1)
PLU	(7-4-1)	(7-6-2)
Whitman	(7-5-1)	(10-6-1)
Willamette	(6-5-1)	(8-6-2)
George Fox	(5-8)	(8-8-9)
Pacific	(4-7-2)	(5-8-2)
Linfield	(3-9)	(3-12-1)
Lewis & Clark	(0-12)	(2-12-1)

VOLLEYBALL

	NWC	All
PLU	(11-1)	(12-6)
Willamette	(10-2)	(16-5)
Whitworth	(9-3)	(16-4)
George Fox	(6-6)	(11-10)
Linfield	(5-7)	(7-11)
Whitman	(5-7)	(7-13)
Puget Sound	(4-8)	(5-15)
Lewis & Clark	(2-10)	(3-15)
Pacific	(2-10)	(3-17)

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FACES IN THE CROWD: Kevin Takayama

IM program allows student athlete to shine

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In the world of collegiate athletics, the majority of the spotlight falls upon varsity athletes and their game-to-game performance. But amidst the hustle and bustle of varsity sports is Willamette's intramural program, whose athletes deserve recognition for their athletic prowess and love of the game.

One such IM athlete is sophomore Kevin Takayama, whose team Soy Sauce is the championship winner of IM volleyball.

In his two years at Willamette University, Takayama has participated in intramural co-ed and men's indoor volleyball, grass volleyball, co-ed and men's three-on-three basketball and kickball.

"My most memorable IM moment so far is going undefeated in men's and co-ed volleyball this year and grass volleyball last year," said Takayama.

According to Takayama, he stays involved in intramural athletics because it builds teamwork, he loves playing basketball and volleyball and "even though it is not solely about winning, he enjoys it."

In addition to being one of the premier IM athletes, Takayama also lends his expertise to the intramural program as an IM official.

"Intramurals is a great opportunity for those who can't play Division III sports. IM gives you another way to be recognized and win championships in your favorite sports," said Takayama. "The t-shirts are nice too."

Takayama has also harnessed his love of volleyball to help out with Willamette's own bearcat team. According to Takayama, volleyball head coach Trisha Wright asked him to help out the varsity team after watching him play in her volleyball class.

"We use his quickness, speed and hard-hitting to mimic how our opponents will hit at us," said Wright. "Having Kevin in practice makes us more competitive and gets us fired up."

Takayama's love for volleyball did not begin at the University though. He was involved in varsity volleyball as middle blocker for four years during his high school career and spent two years playing club volleyball.

"Volleyball is really popular in Hawaii. At UH Manoa, women's volleyball brings in the most money out



PHOTO COURTESY OF KEVIN TAKAYAMA

Takayama played on his high school varsity men's volleyball team, and is now involved in Willamette's intramural teams.

of any sport and men's volleyball won the NCAA championship," said Takayama. "I wish it was more popular here so I could play."

Now that the IM indoor volleyball season is over, Takayama will get geared up for three-on-three basketball and attempt to keep his title of grass volleyball champion in the spring.

"I think our intramural program is great," said Takayama. "They offer a wide variety of sports and offer an excellent environment in which to play."

This week in sports is freakin' weak



LINDA AHMED

It's a slow sports week. Scanning the internet and watching ESPN has done nothing. It's just the same recycled stories that have been around for the last month. Laker drama, Boston maybe breaking "The Curse," BCS drama, Toronto Raptors in a rut become symbolic of other NBA teams who aren't good enough to win and aren't bad enough to get a decent draft pick, some ice skater got dropped on her face and Jerry Rice goes to the Seattle Seahawks.

I already talked about LA. Nothing's really changed. Analysts are now questioning the impact of Shaq in Miami and Phil Jackson is speaking out on the "break-up." To be honest I'm not too amped about Boston. So they beat the Yankees, BFD. Next year George Steinbrenner will write a check and buy their starters. Besides 85 years is a long time to be bitching about a trade. FYI, Ruth was an alcoholic, misogynistic, bigot who ran like garbage.

I'm bored with the BCS. Everyone knows it sucks. Well, at

least most people know it sucks. It's time for DI football to move to the playoff system. It would be so so easy.

I would talk about the ice skaters except...ice skating isn't a sport. It's just one up for dancing on the aerobic activity chart.

Finally to Jerry Rice, he's 6'2", 200-pounds and 42-years-old, and apparently it's a consensus. Jerry Rice needs to hang up his cleats and leave the game of football and get used to driving the carpool. According to most analysts his last ditch trade to Seattle isn't fooling anyone. No longer is Jerry Rice the man to make the impossible look all too easy. Instead fans grimace every time his 42-year-old body moves for an over-the-middle catch hoping that he'll get there in time and nothing will break. I was going to write my column on this, but it turned out to not be so popular with the people I ran it by. I even had a top ten reasons why he should stay list. My number one was going to be that his butt still looks good in football pants...eh...sorry. I guess that's what happens when a girl gets to be sports editor.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

October 17 – 24, 2004

This week, Campus Safety responded to over 155 calls for service.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

October 17, 1:15 a.m. (University Apartments): Someone recklessly discharged a fire extinguisher on multiple floors and in a stairwell. Cleaning crews had to do extensive work to remove all the debris from the carpet and walls.

October 17, 4:46 a.m. (Hatfield Fountain): The fountain had to be drained and cleaned after someone put soap in it.

October 22, 9:00 a.m. (TIUA): Employees reported finding smashed pumpkins and beer cans around the tennis courts. Custodians had to clean it up.

October 23, 3:44 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student reported that two males and a female broke a large mirror in the third floor restroom.

Custodians were called in to clean up the glass.

October 23, 6:30 a.m. (Smullin Hall): Someone splattered paint on the entry doors.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

October 19, 10:30 a.m. (Shepard Parking Lot): A visitor became verbally abusive and refused to pay for parking. He was located on campus, escorted to his vehicle and asked to leave.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

October 18, 8:01 a.m. (Collins Hall): A student who wasn't feeling well was transported to the hospital.

October 21, 1:30 p.m. (Baxter Hall): A student reported having fallen on stairs the previous day. She was transported to the hospital for facial injuries.

October 22, 1:00 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student

was taken by ambulance to the hospital after becoming very intoxicated. She was unable to walk and barely conscious.

THEFT

October 21, 8:55 a.m. (TIUA): A student reported his bike had been stolen from the bike storage.

October 21, 5:45 p.m. (Campus): A student reported his black Schwinn bike stolen. He wasn't sure if he had last left it on campus or at his residence but could not locate it anywhere.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

October 22, 9:30 a.m. (Winter and Mill streets): An employee driving a University vehicle, reported being rear-ended while waiting to turn onto Mill Street. The vehicle was not damaged.

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