

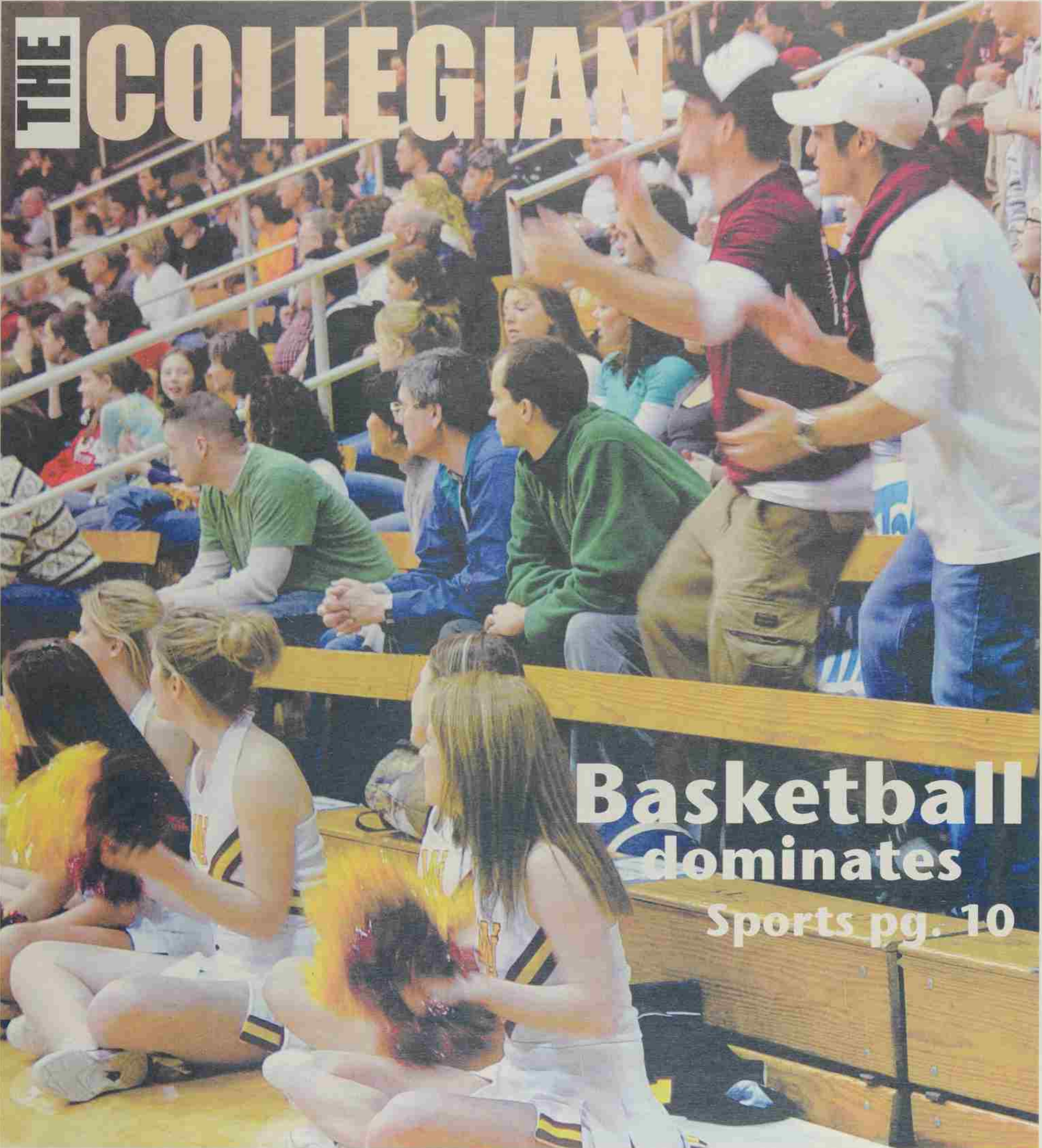


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Black Tie: a good deal, a great time

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How much would you pay for two dance floors, a live band, a DJ, delicious catered food and a glass commemorating it all? How about \$10?

This is what you'll get and more from this year's Black Tie event in Portland. According to WEB annual events committee chair Tammy Ko, the price increase - up from \$5 in 2004 - is primarily a result of normal economic inflation. "As WEB runs on a budget that is given to us from ASWU, we were forced to raise the price of Black Tie in order to help cover these increasing costs," Ko said. "\$10 per person is still a very reasonable price for going to a formal dance in Portland."

This year's Black Tie will be held at the Tiffany Center, as opposed to last year's, which was held at the Lloyd Center Double Tree. According to WEB Co-President Jessica Lee, it is the charge of the annual events committee chair to select the location for the event each year, a choice often based on which location offers the best deal. Ko said she chose the Tiffany Center because "of how the rooms are set up and the reasonable price."

Sleigh Bell Ball, originally the HHR counterpart to Black Tie, was not held this

BLACK TIE

- 21 and over section
- 2 dance floors
- Live band and a DJ
- Food and Drinks
- Tickets \$10

past fall. HHR Prime Minister Elli Koch cited the reconstruction of HHR as a major reason for the cancellation of the annual event. "In spring of '04 we decided to concentrate more in programming targeted towards the residence hall. WEB had decided to host it last year...I'm not really sure who has it now," Koch said.

Lee explained that WEB did not pick up SBB this year because the organization simply doesn't have enough funding to hold two formal events per year. "We divide our budget up among campus events, film, music, etc. Since last year's campus events didn't bring in a comedian in the fall, they had enough money to host the dance. This year's campus events brought in a comedian, so there wasn't enough money to do Sleigh Bell Ball," Lee said. Lee also suggested students interested in bringing Sleigh Bell Ball back as an annual event should do so through a club, at which point WEB could co-sponsor.

Black Tie is happening this year, however, and there is much to look forward to.

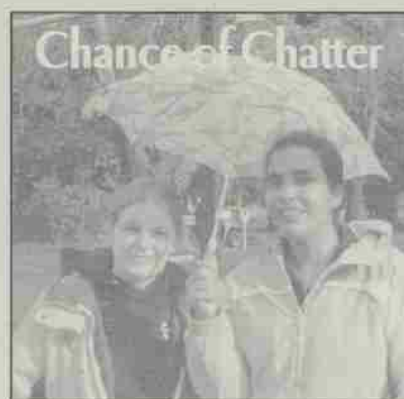


Freshmen Kelsey Tulare and Julia Mazur try on their formal dresses for Black Tie. Black Tie is this Friday at the Tiffany Center in Portland.

photo by NOAH ZAVES

"Students can expect more of the second floor sectioned off strictly for people over 21 so that they have their own space to socialize," Ko said. "Black Tie is a great Willamette tradition and has always been a very successful event every year."

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LAUREL GRISANTI &
JAMIE GREEN

A more prominent figure on campus than President Pelton or the Gold Man is the duck trio. They are soooooo popular that they even have a Facebook group named after them. Many of you have names for them, however, our favorite Botanical Garden and Greenhouse Curator and silent observer of all wildlife here on campus, has affectionately named them Huey, Dewey and Louie after the popular children's cartoon Duck Tales, woohoo.

We became an avid follower of Dean two and a half years ago, when Laurel

corresponded with him about using some of the coleus plants he grows in his greenhouse for a class experiment. While the experiment did not work, our love for Dean never diminished. We finally had the joy of seeing him in person only two short months ago and now smile and say hi every chance we get. Unfortunately, we don't think he remembers us, but he is friendly all the same. Luckily, Dean has known the ducks since they arrived here on campus, and was kind enough to share some of his experiences and knowledge with us about the subject.

The duck trio has been a constant companion to us since we arrived on campus almost four years ago and they had been around several years before that. You may remember them trying to "drown" each other in the Millstream or waddling through the grass looking for bugs. Strangely, the three male ducks have never been spotted with any female companions. While they may seem like the poster child for the Gay/Straight Alliance, these ducks are actually hybrids, a cross between a domesticated and a mallard duck, and couldn't get a girl if they tried. The joys of nature just work that way sometimes.

Last year, Louie was spotted hobbling

around and no longer participating as enthusiastically in the duck antics. It was a sad day to return this year and not see the duck trio. That trio had been cut down to two. Poor Louie, may he rest in peace, had finally succumbed to the infection in his foot.

While this is a tragic event, Louie lived a long and happy life. He went from being a rejected Easter gift to being one of the most influential members of the Willamette community. When he quacked, people listened. While he was teased by his fellow ducks, he was loved by campus and always had his two companions to sleep with at night. He also lived a long life for a duck, living off of Goudy rolls and crackers that students affectionately tossed at them when Campus Safety was not looking.

While this is normally a cheery column, this is a very sad subject for CoC to write about. However, this is a very important subject, and we felt those of you who loved Huey, Dewey and Louie had the right to know. Any testimonies about your memories of Louie are greatly appreciated. Through all of us, may the memories of Louie be remembered for always, and may he live on in our hearts and spirits forever.

CORRECTION

Last week's cover photo was by Liz Cauley, not Leia Thomas.

NEWS MAKERS

WU AIDES READ-A-THON CAUSE FOR A MORE LITERATE OREGON

Oregon Literacy, Inc. is starting its 4th Annual Read-Across-Oregon Read-a-Thon program. The program, sponsored by Starbucks Coffee, invites interested students and staff to help raise money to further literacy services for the 380,000 Oregonians without basic reading skills. Groups can receive half of the funds that are raised by anyone that they have recruited to participate in RAO, with the other half of the money going directly to forwarding OLI's mission. Participants donate a small entry fee and then commence with obtaining per page pledges. For more information, contact Oregon Literacy at 503-244-389, Toll Free at 800-322-8715 or online at <http://www.oregonliteracy.org/rao>.

CONVO FEATURES EARTH-FRIENDLY FILM: "MAMA EARTH"

Filmmaker Leslie Bloom-Van Ee will be on campus this Thursday, Feb. 16, as a part of the University Convocation series presented by the class "Convo: Campus-Community-Cosmos." The event, starting at 12:45 p.m. in Cone Chapel, will feature the first 45 minutes of Bloom-Van Ee's film, "Mama Earth," as well as a discussion with the filmmaker. The final portion of the film will be viewed from 1:45-2:30 p.m. for those able to stay. In a press release from the university, the film is described as one that "engages the masses with whimsy and delivers experts in the field of sustainability in a universal language we all understand—money."

SUMMER RA INTEREST MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

An interest meeting will be held Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 5:30 p.m. in Kaneko room 144 for all students interested in applying to be a summer RA for TIUA. The position is a full-time paid position that is a blend of typical RA responsibilities as well as planning programs and events and helping TIUA students in being self-efficient as they continue to learn about the American way of life. Activities include baseball, barbecue and beach trips and the Oregon outdoors. Applications for the position are available at the TIUA front desk, the UC Information Center or online at <http://www.tiua.edu/about/opportunities.shtml>. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2006.

Layne lauded Young Coach of the Year

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Robert Layne, Willamette's Assistant Director of Forensics, recently won the Young Coach of the Year award from the American Forensics Association. In his second year coaching the team, he has helped propel them to a national #1 ranking, along with Director of Forensics Robert Trapp.

Layne coaches debate full time at Willamette. "He is considered one of the administrators here," Trapp said. "He does not have a teaching assignment. His full-time responsibilities are coaching for debate and speech."

The award was granted by the American Forensics Association, which Trapp described as the "premier debate association in the country." He said one award is given each year to someone in the first five years of coaching. Layne is currently in his fourth year.

Layne was nominated for the award by Trisha Goodnow of Oregon State University.

Layne debated successfully during college at Truman State University, a liberal arts school in Missouri. Following his graduation in 2000, Layne coached for two years at Central Michigan University before starting to coach the Willamette debate team.

Debater Aaron Floyd is excited to see Layne receive this award. "So often in the debate community, only the student competitors get the trophies rather than the people who guide them toward victory," he said. "I look forward to going with him to the national championship tournament again this year."

Trapp said that Layne thrives under pressure. "He really likes the hands-on, in the trenches, at the moment, 'let's get this figured out' mentality at tournaments," Trapp said. "When he has really superior teams, which are debating well, he can come up with great ideas. He can spur them to think of even better ideas, just before the debate happens."

Layne also excels at teaching debate for newcomers, according to Trapp. "Rob is skilled at setting a basic knowledge for beginners," he said. "He's done just a great job with the debate team right now. We have teams currently ranked 10th, 12th, and 33rd in the country. And our squad overall is ranked first."

Juniors Logan Will and Matt Bost are currently ranked 12th in the country. According to Will, Layne has had a profound influ-



Layne (striped shirt) poses with the debate team. Under the direction of Rob Layne, the team is currently ranked number one in the nation.

photo by BRIANNA WHITE

ROB LAYNE

- Position: Assistant Director of Forensics
- Experience: Four years coaching
- Education: Truman State University

ence on the Willamette debate team. "Rob has improved the competitive success of the team. Our top teams have moved to a higher national ranking under him," Will said.

The debate team has a tournament this weekend in California. The following weekend, the Mark O. Hatfield Tournament here at Willamette is the last one before nationals.

Ramig, a member of the debate team, said he felt the award was well deserved by Layne. He described Layne as a good speaker who works very hard with individual speech events. "He's very creative, entertaining and interesting to listen to."

Trapp said he is glad Layne will continue coaching next year. "He's a super-nice guy, and we're really lucky to have him."

Honor Roll Online exposes grad resumés

Willamette is the only Oregon school chosen for a website dedicated to joining large corporations with smaller liberal arts colleges

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As we the end of the school year approaches, many students get excited about the possibilities that await them during the summer. For those Bearcats who are seniors, though, worries concerning the direction of their lives begin to well-up and overflow.

Now a new door has opened for Willamette students in the form of Honor Roll Online, a web-based organization that promises to "showcase your qualifications to Fortune 1000 companies" and increase Willamette's visibility in the corporate and academic communities.

"Honor Roll Online," according to Willamette's Director of Career Services Nancy Norton, "is trying to niche itself as one of the searches for good talent in small-

er, liberal arts schools." This service is primarily aimed at seniors and looking to place them in full-time positions following graduation. Willamette, along with the 29 other schools chosen from across the nation to be represented by Honor Roll Online, also encourages companies to expand their services to sophomore and junior internships.

Willamette is the only school in Oregon that was invited to be a part of HonorRollOnline.com, and one of only two schools in the Pacific Northwest. Norton said that "Willamette obviously fits within the superior 30 small colleges" and it is "about time the world started recognizing you guys."

Enrollment is free and can take as little as five minutes. All you have to do is go to HonorRollOnline.com, use your Willamette e-mail account and follow the directions by

creating a profile and filling out an online resume. This allows the Fortune 1000 companies to search and review your profile, request your references and conduct face-to-face webcam interviews.

When considering Willamette for partnership with Honor Roll Online the company sent a representative to inspect the campus interview some of the administration. After first conducting a self-guided tour to check out the campus and students, the representative interviewed Norton. She explained that Fortune 500 and 1000 companies target the same schools every fall for recruitment, but do not fill their quotas.

What Honor Roll Online aims to do is introduce smaller, premier schools into the same recruitment process so as to not have small, liberal arts school graduates overlooked.

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ARTS

The Cat's Pajamas

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GET OUT OF BED:

Two weeks ago, Cat's PJs attempted to lift the icky grayness of the rain by encouraging us to appreciate its hidden merits. In retrospect, while this was perhaps a noble endeavor, it was highly unsuccessful. Rain sucks.

A better understanding of rain doesn't dry one's socks or drench our dampened spirits with vitamin D. As Mr. Rogers himself would advise, the only thing to do is find things that make you feel sunny on the inside. I know. It is a mind-blowing revelation. Thus, I offer a few suggestions of things that just may be able to fill you with some excellent internal sunshine:

1. Go out. No, really. Fight the urge to hide in bed and wear the same sweats for 14 consecutive days. It takes a little mustering, but grab a few of your closest friends and get out of the house/dorm/library. If you are of age, get thee to a cozy bar with lots of booths and ideally a fireplace.

If you are not of age, go out for a long lingering dessert or even dinner if finances allow. Salem is surprisingly flush with options: Wild Pear, j-james, Jonathan's, Heck, even Red Robin will do it in a pinch. Three hours minimum. Only effective if experienced with one's innermost circle.

2. Have people over. If leaving the house is just beyond possibility, stay in and have people over for an excellent evening. Spend the day making a lovely dinner, build a fire if possible and have your friends bring the wine. The goal of this evening is not drunkenness. It is warmth and general S.A.D.-defying conviviality.

3. Plan a trip. Whether you know when you'll be taking it or not, the thought of getting away is absolutely life affirming. For some serious internal sunshine, I'd recommend Tahiti or a little Greek island somewhere in the Mediterranean.

Grab a travel book or two. Save a little money. Definitely get someone in on it with you. If spring break is coming too fast (too fast, ha!) for you to scrape enough money together, there is always summer... when else in your life do you have 3 months to do whatever your little heart desires?

Mouth-watering vegetarian delights prevail at Marco Polo

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Few places can match Marco Polo Global's diversity. This eclectic restaurant offers vast vegetarian, Chinese and European menus. You can find everything from a charbroiled New York steak to veggie General Tso's chicken. The exhaustive menus feature fresh seasonal ingredients and sauces from scratch.

Marco Polo Global regularly takes home The Statesman Journal's Best of the Mid Valley best overall and best vegetarian award. Much of this popularity lies in its broad appeal. Almost every type of eater can find something appealing here. The separate vegetarian menu makes it easy to please herbivores. More carnivorous patrons have their choice of standard European-American or Chinese-Asian fare.

I recommend ordering from the vegetarian menu. Several of the meat dishes proved lackluster, while the vegetarian ones really stood out. The smooth texture and flavorful tofu highlighted the ma po tofu with pork (\$8.50). The pork turned out to be disappointing, yet the tofu ranks among the best I've tasted. I would definitely recommend the vegetarian version of the dish.

Onions and salt overwhelmed the

chewy Mongolian beef (\$8.95). At the end of the meal, the server asked if we wanted to get the dish to go. She hadn't realized that all we had left was one giant pile of onions.

The garlic prawns with black bean sauce (\$10.95) ended up being the one non-vegetarian item I thoroughly enjoyed. The prawns arrived perfectly cooked and bursting with flavor. Refreshingly tasty broccoli and red peppers complimented the dish well.

The garlic green bean with mushroom in soybean sauce (\$8.50) is another stellar vegetarian option. The crisp green beans and mouth-watering mushrooms rested in a sweet soybean sauce.

Service, however, threatens to undermine much that Marco Polo Global has to offer. On our visit, no one was at the door to greet patrons, and the servers weren't very well trained. We were left alone with no menus for far too long. We eventually gave up waiting and got them ourselves.

Located at 210 Liberty St. SE, Marco Polo Global resides mere blocks from Willamette. With amazing tofu and excellent vegetables, this multi-cuisine restaurant provides students with a convenient escape from Goudy.



Above: Just a couple of many stellar options available at Marco Polo Global Restaurant.

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Hollywood legends grace Historic Elsinore Theater

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Wednesday is just one of those days. It can be the longest day of your week, and there are still two more days before the weekend. So why not try something new on Wednesday night? Or rather, try something classic.

The Elsinore's Wednesday evening film series begins its spring program "Great Hollywood Directors: Alfred Hitchcock, Billy Wilder, John Huston, Fritz Lang, and Orson Welles" on March 1. Suspense, expressionism, satire and even romantic comedy can be found in the films of these great directors. And if you really like your movies classic, alternating weeks feature silent films from the likes of Buster Keaton and Laurel and Oliver Hardy, accompanied by live organ music.

You don't even have to wait until March 1 to see great classics. This week, the winter film program closes out with a showing of *The Three Musketeers*, Fred Niblo's 1921 adaptation of Dumas' famed novel. Leonard Maltin calls it "great fun," so really there isn't much more I can say.

And if you really like those musketeers, then you'll love *The Iron Mask*, playing on April 5. This 1929 adventure features Douglas Fairbanks returning to the role of D'Artagnan. Of course, swords and swashbuckling aren't for everyone, and there are plenty of options for everyone else this spring.

If it's romance and comedy you're after, there's *Some Like it Hot* on March 29 and *It* (not to be confused with the creepy clown movie) on May 3. For suspense and paranoia, catch Hitchcock's *Rebecca* on March 1 or Fritz Lang's *Fury* on April 12. Buster Keaton lightens things up on March 8, as do Laurel and Hardy on March 22.

One of my personal favorites, *Treasure of the Sierra Madre* with Humphrey Bogart, offers a powerful bit of everything on March 15. And of course, no series including Orson Welles would be complete without a showing of his masterpiece, *Citizen Kane*, on May 10. So why not live up to a Wednesday night this spring with a classy trip to the Elsinore? It's only \$5, and shows start promptly at 7 p.m. The doors open at 6 p.m., and I would recommend getting there a bit early, especially if you want a coveted balcony seat. The more popular films fill prime seats quickly, and there are plenty of refreshments in the lobby to occupy your wait time.

Take some time out mid-week and enjoy some great films by Hollywood legends. It definitely beats studying any day.

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"Best singing group" according to Bill Clinton

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Salem can occasionally feel a little on the dull side. As far as the arts go, while there is a small local arts scene, there isn't a lot coming into Salem from the outside world. Which is why it can be a lot of fun to go soak it up when we do get a visitor, even if that visitor comes in the questionable form of the Celtic Tenors. This traditional Irish trio will be gracing downtown's Elsinore Theater Thursday, Mar. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

So unless you are a 60-year-old OPB addict, you probably haven't heard of the Celtic Tenors. Not that there is anything wrong with being 60 or an OPB addict. Or with the Celtic Tenors for that matter. It is quite simply that most of us haven't been exposed to them. Described by Bill Clinton as "the best singing group I have ever heard," they can't be all bad. I mean, we all know what good taste he has. Bono himself arranged to have them play at Kofi Annan's birthday party. Maybe they'll be painfully awesome by association? Maybe they'll wear ridiculously large sunglasses?

Curious to know more about this emerald isle threesome, I turned to the ever-brutal honesty of amazon.com user reviews. While some skeptics complain that they are more boy band than traditional soul-filled Irish, most people were quite enamored. They rave about the Tenors' performance of the classics: *Danny Boy*, of course, as well as a few smoothly harmonized Gaelic songs about the usual misty island things such as lost love and anti-war pieces.

Probably as far from truly traditional Celtic music as other-end-of-the-spectrum bands like Flogging Molly and the Dropkick Murphys, The Celtic Tenors are a departure from the norm. For those in search of a few kicks in a town in which those can be few and far between, this at least promises to be an entertaining, if extremely campy, evening.

FEATURE

Combating the problem of sexual assault

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According to the Sexual Victimization of College Women Survey conducted in 2000, 20-25 percent of women in five-year college careers will likely experience rape or attempted rape. As distressing as this is, the following fact hits closer to home for Willamette students: in the spring 2005 survey of students, 19.8% of females stated that they had experienced sexual touching against their will, attempted sexual assault or completed sexual assault during the 2004-2005 school year alone.

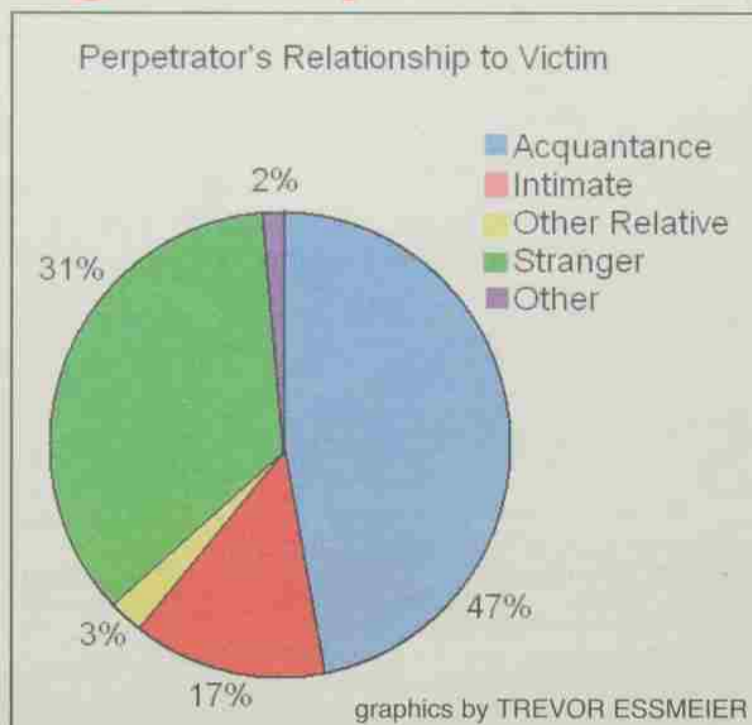
High-profile events, such as former Willamette student Scott Sierra's conviction in the case of raping a woman in Bush Park last year, can genuinely stun the campus community. But as these figures indicate, sexual assault is a more common problem here than most recognize.

"I think our campus must acknowledge that sexual assault happens here," Dawn Albert, Co-Director of Strength, Health & Equality (SHE) said. "I know many women who have been survivors of rape and/or sexual assault both on and off campus...Chances are, every person on campus knows multiple women who have been assaulted. It's just not an issue that is talked about enough, and that makes it difficult to effectively combat."

Although she stated it is difficult to pin down why sexual assault is so prevalent, Albert attributed the promoting of gender-roles, a lack of respect for women and girls and society's inability to face this issue head-on as strong factors.

One thing is for certain—alcohol has a negative influence. Margaret Trout, the Director of Student Health Services, said alcohol "is the number one drug that is used to facilitate sexual assault." She explained that the perpetrators of these acts—who almost always are acquainted with or familiar to the victim before the event—often are looking for those who have been drinking a great amount at a given time. "Alcohol is a tricky thing because sometimes it can be seen as an instance where both parties are drunk so 'who can be culpable?'" Trout said. "Research has shown that...alcohol is used as the drug to get the victim, to even facilitate (the assault)." The involvement of alcohol in the illicit action also discourages victims from coming forward because it makes them less believable.

Assistant to the Dean of Campus Life Dave Rigsby stated the difficulty in pinning down the extent of the problem lies in the lack of on-paper information. "What is true nationally is if you



have so many instances of sexual assault in a year, only a sliver of those will be reported," he said. Rigsby partly compared underreporting and the aversion to going to the authorities in these cases to the issues faced by "whistle blowers" of other illicit activities. He stated that the university is trying to cultivate a better environment on campus. "Our goal is that we have a climate in which victims are comfortable with reporting harm," he said.

would use advocates through the Mid Valley Women's Crisis Center because they have the most experience day to day with the survivors going through the whole range of what they're feeling."

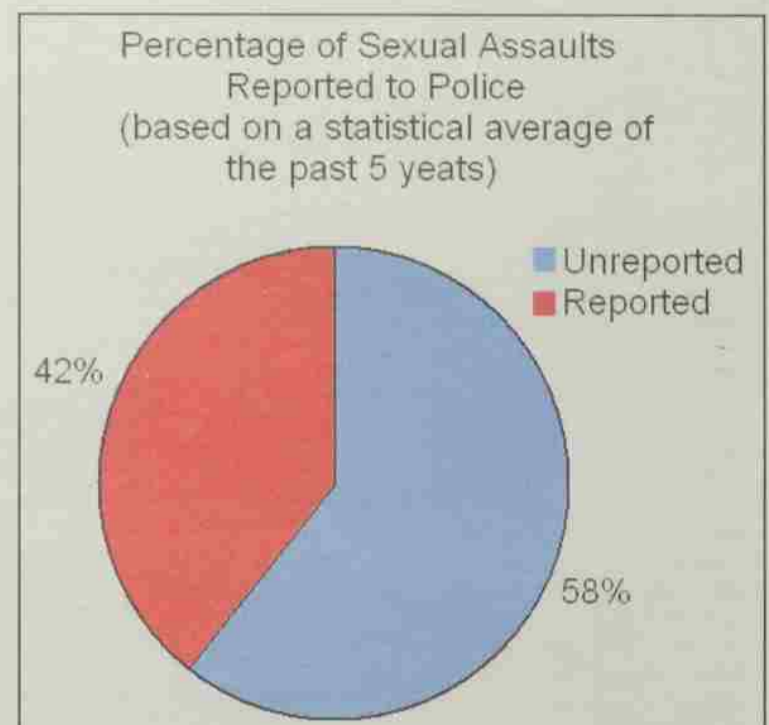
Victims of sexual assault—including males, though to lesser extent—respond to the shock in different ways. "Some women are very focused," Trout said. "This happened to me, now I need antibiotics, emergency contraception and this is how some women take care of themselves, or sometimes they're a mess." Whatever the condition of the victim is, the wellness center works with them by providing the morning-after pill, medications for STDs and counseling during their crisis with full confidentiality. "That's the message we want to give, that this is a confidential place. We are going to meet you where you are."

Students take Charge to Prevent Future Sexual Assaults

One of the first things that Trout noticed upon her arrival to the campus scene last semester after holding a similar job at Portland State University was the student involvement in tackling this problem. "I come from a different school where we had a women's resource center that was a funded department on campus that was staffed...and we put on a lot of events and did similar things," she said. "But here there isn't any department like that and these are students taking their time and being creative and it is wonderful."

In a nationwide survey of 6,100 college students, 1 in 12 men admitted to committing acts that met the legal definition of rape.

One example of student involvement is in the aforementioned SHE organization. Albert explained that the organization has three broad goals. "We want



to raise awareness about these issues, provide a 'safe-space' for survivors and ultimately aid in the reduction/elimination of sexual assault on campus," she said.

This week's showing of the play *The Vagina Monologues* is one of their more notable examples of bringing the issue of violence against women out into the open. SHE also helped plan the sexual assault forum along with their advisor, Trout, which was held last semester. Other regular SHE events include "Take Back the Night" and the Clothesline Project, which also promote discussion and action against sexual violence.

Albert expressed enthusiasm for SHE's causes as her reason for involvement. "Feminism speaks directly to my heart," she said. "It is of utmost importance to me that women are loved, respected, taken seriously and free of violence and sexual harassment in all spheres of life."

Joining SHE's efforts this year, after being defunct for some time, is the Willamette University Men Against Violence organization. Co-Chaired by Cason Schmit and Drew Herbert, the group has done a number of events thus far this year, including aiding SHE in planning the sexual assault forum, the White Ribbon Campaign and "These Hands Are Not for Hurting" to promote a different example of machismo for male students to follow—one that absolutely does not condone violence towards women.

"We hope to harbor a general feeling of community and to make people feel they're in a community that doesn't tolerate that kind of activity," Herbert said. He feels the group has had success in their efforts thus far. "We were overwhelmingly surprised by the male involvement and support from women on campus. It exceeded our expectations."

Approximately 50 people participated in White Ribbon Day, while about 100 took part in the art wall mural for "These Hands."

For the remainder of the year, the majority of WUMAV's focus will be the establishment of the Good Guys Program. Beginning in April, the program will have a number of volunteer males, approved through application and vetting process, working weekend nights to escort women between locations on campus. "We heard some talk from women on campus who said they haven't felt safe walking through campus at night and other parties who've been worried about Campus Safety ride along," Herbert said, referring to some students concerns about approaching campus security officers after attending parties with alcohol. "[The Good Guys Program] kind of just evolved over about a month through hash-

In a study of first and second year college students of 1996, 55.7 percent of males reported at least one incidence of employing non-physical coercion to obtain sex.

ing out ideas to keep people from choosing to avoid trouble at the cost of personal safety."

Prospective volunteers will need a recommendation from a female friend to participate in the program. Both the application and recommendation forms are online.

"WUMAV's greatest concern is that we can get guys to understand how valuable this is to the community and that it is worth one weekend a semester of one's time," Herbert said. Asked why he has put his time into this group, Herbert said it was to make the most of his stint at WU. "In my junior year, I asked myself, 'What do I want the rest of my college experience to be about? What do we need on campus?'" he said. "I started thinking about WUMAV, and I saw the absence of the group since my freshman year. I met Cason and others who were energized to start it up again, and it made me very excited to put something valuable back into the Willamette community."

ABROAD

Mixing business with *pleasure* in Europe

By SARA NOEL

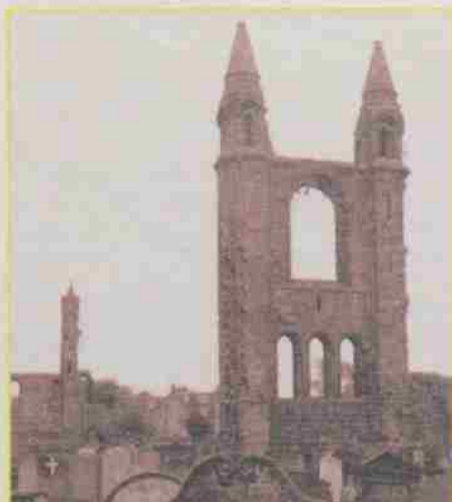
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While serving breakfast in the Ochre Vita restaurant in Channing's Hotel in Edinburgh, Scotland, presenting a vacationing family with their full Scottish breakfast—two eggs, a potato scone, sausage, button mushrooms, stewed tomatoes and black pudding—the first question I was always asked was, "What is black pudding?" Explaining, with the most cheerful and casual smile that I could muster, that the hockey puck-looking delicacy beautifully perched atop their potato scone and stewed tomato was in fact a mixture of congealed blood, oats, and grains made into a sausage, sliced and fried, they would politely nudge the Scots version of a Pop Tart to the furthest edge of their plates and ask the second inevitable question, "You have an American accent." So yes, I realize that technically this is not actually a question, however, the look that came with it certainly implied that I was to give some response.

This was a critical moment. My response could potentially lead to an in-depth conversation and explanation—not that I minded chatting with the guests, it was simply that in a hotel that includes a full service breakfast, I had a lot of foreign hockey pucks to explain. My fellow foreign waitress experienced the same conversations over and over as well, although I think the "You have an American accent" comment was slightly more irritating to her as she was in fact from Toronto. My point is simply that by responding with, "Yes, I'm from Colorado but I'm currently a student at the University of Michigan and this is my summer break," usually raised more questions than it answered. Especially if these same guests came across me later in the day, dressed in my oh-so-striking black dress and white apron, cleaning their bathroom floor.

So what was an American college student doing waiting tables and cleaning rooms at a hotel in Scotland? Well the checky answer would be that London was too expensive and it was better than serving sausage rolls to over-friendly and toothless dock workers at a cafeteria by the Firth—I lasted less than a week, there was hairnet involved. The easy answer is that if I was going to spend my summer waiting tables anyway, it may as well have been somewhere new and fun. Those are the answers I gave to the hotel guests, the answers that allowed me to move on to the next table or to turn the vacuum back on. Back at Castle Rock Hostel—my home for the summer—I gave a different answer, one the travelers understood, to travel. I wanted to travel. I still want to travel. I love being in a new place, feeling lost and knowing that everyone you run into will be someone entirely new. Even more than that, I love when that new place becomes familiar and the people you run into are your friends.

I served breakfast and made beds in Edinburgh because I find the statement, "I would love to travel, if only I had the time and the money," to be a cop out. The three-to-four-month break students are given



A glimpse of Sara's travels: boats on the shore (top right), St. Andrew's Cathedral (top left) and Firth of Forth Bridge (above).

photos by SARA NOEL

each summer is a gift, an opportunity. And that tiny, overcrowded dorm room, or that campus house with the slanted floors, creaky doors and mystery basement puddles, is also a gift. There will be few opportunities in our future when we can take that time to just go somewhere and experience a new place, and fewer still where we will put up with the living conditions often faced by the budget backpacker. It is only after living in a dorm that sleeping in a bunk bed in a room full of strangers and sharing the bathroom down the hall seems almost normal. But how do you afford it? Now we're getting to the, "Why are you serving black pudding and scrubbing toilets?" question. The Brits, the Aussies and the Kiwis refer to this as a working holiday, an idea grossly underutilized here in the States. The fabulous idea that if you don't have the money to travel, you work while traveling.

In the summer of 2002, my friend Taylor and I did just that. Through an organization called BUNAC (British Universities North America Club), we got visas to work in Britain for six months, they also offer programs to work in Ireland, Australia, Canada and New Zealand—Taylor, in fact, is repeating the program in New Zealand at this very moment. So in May, the two of us

"Why are you serving black pudding and scrubbing toilets?"

boarded our plane to London, armed with visas and resumes—and probably too much luggage—no idea where we were headed, where we would work or where we would live beyond the single night in the hostel in London we had pre-booked. We had a vague plan of heading to Bristol, knowing only that it was on the coast, which sound-

ed cool, and would probably have plenty of hotels, pubs and restaurants eager to hire summer help. After a few days in London, we soon realized that London was far too expensive to stay even one more day, let alone our remaining months. We were also told by the BUNAC office that while our logic behind going to Bristol made sense, it was also the same logic used by nearly every other BUNACer as well as the majority of British university students. Edinburgh or Bath were much less popular destinations, and just our luck, there was a bus leaving for Edinburgh that night. So yes, essentially I

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Our first week in Edinburgh was a little rough. We had settled nicely into our five-story hospital turned hostel on Johnston Terrace, tucked behind the Edinburgh Castle. Jobs, however, took a bit more time to find. Taylor and I signed up with a temp agency which led to various catering jobs as well as the infamous cafeteria at the docks opportunity. Eventually, Taylor found a position at a café/bar and I was hired by Channing's as a housekeeper and waitress. We stayed on with the temp agency after we got our full-time jobs and picked up catering jobs here and there when we had a night off and needed some extra cash. We were able to be a little more picky—no more dock workers—now we only served at the National Rugby Awards banquet and

various events held at the Natural History Museum.

This is usually the point at which most BUNACers start the search for an apartment. However, Taylor and I decided to stay at Castle Rock Hostel. One of the reasons we stayed was for the perk of being able to work a few hours a day at the reception desk or making beds in exchange for our rent but the bigger reason was the people at the hostel. We had not only become friends with them, but they had become our quasi-family. We had gotten used to coming home from a long day at work to be greeted in a friendly South African accent by Heinz, keeping order behind the desk; to walk into one of the homey lounges and find our friends Shaun from Vancouver, Donna and Heather from Toronto, Wayne, William and James from New Zealand, Gus the Aussie, Deb the local Scot and all of the other long-termers (those of us who had made the Castle Rock our temporary home) as well as all the wonderful faces that passed through along their travels. We would cook dinner together (except for Taylor who after many meals of not quite warm canned soup was excused from duty) and go out to the local pubs and clubs. On our days off we would take trips around the country to see the golf courses in St. Andrews, the statue of William Wallace in Sterling and to swim with Nessie in Loch Ness. Four years later, I not only have a few more lines on my resume but couches to sleep on all across the world.

There are still more alternative ways to travel, especially as a college student. Before I graduated, in addition to spending that summer working in Scotland, I had spent a semester circumnavigating the globe on Semester at Sea, a semester living in Berlin and traveling Central Europe and the former Yugoslavia with the School for International Training's study abroad program in Central Europe. I backpacked across Europe with a rail pass, reducing my costs by spending two weeks exchanging my labor for food and lodging on a vegan organic farm in Greece through WWOOF (Willing Workers On Organic Farms). Now that I have graduated I am still seeking ways to continue to travel. Currently, I'm working towards my Teaching English as a Foreign Language certification so that I can make my working holiday a permanent state. Traveling is always an option!

OPINIONS

Cleanse your Pallett

I was sitting in my room when one of my friends burst through my bedroom door. "Dude," he exclaimed, slightly out of breath, "Cheney shot a dude." A bit out of it and surprised at his abrupt entrance, I was slow to comprehend what he was saying. I asked him to repeat himself. "He shot a guy. Shot him right in the face."

Finally I understood what his excitement was over. The vice president of the United States had shot another human being. Shot him right in the face. People don't usually make it after being shot like that. Both of us ran downstairs to see what CNN had to say about it.

As I ran down the stairs, it struck me as hauntingly morbid that I was hoping that this person had died. I had images in my head of Cheney pulling some anti-war protestor by his long hippy hair out to the front lawn of the White House and executing him right then and there for treason. Or maybe he had just lost it when some reporter asked one too many times about his daughter's sexual preference and Dick had pulled out a hand cannon from the inside of his jacket and given a speech Dirty Harry style before splitting open the reporter's head like a ripe watermelon with 44 caliber magnum bullets.

What I was really hoping for was that just this one death would be so horrific that it would bring down this whole house of cards the Bush Administration has constructed and every last one of them would be expelled from office.

When we finally got to the TV, we found that Cheney hadn't executed anyone for treason, though I'm sure the man wants to do that to a lot of people. He had just accidentally shot a friend of his on a hunting trip, and the friend was going to be fine. We were both slightly disappointed. "Man, what kind of wussy bullets was he using anyway?" my friend demanded.

Sitting there, I began to feel guilty over wanting another human, whom I had never met and had no honest beef with, dead. Then I began to think about how I had wanted that death to bring such scandal and disgrace to the entire current administration. I realized it wouldn't have worked out the way I wanted it to.

I mean, if the deaths of over 2,300 U.S. soldiers and countless Iraqis in a war that didn't need to happen aren't enough, what would one more do?



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EDITORIAL:

Marley advocated tolerance, not disrespect

Perhaps you have noticed the recent addition to the student art wall. Two weeks ago, a stenciled image of Bob Marley appeared, complete with birth dates and a puddle of yellow paint. Let us tell you, Mr. Marley is looking good. Perhaps it was an appropriate apparition for the rare appearance of sun that week.

Unfortunately, the unknown artists painted over the face of former President Ronald Reagan. The original work, done by the College Republicans, was painted to commemorate the birthday of the former president who passed away last year. After completing the application process and following the procedures for the Art Wall outlined by the Willamette Events Board, the portrait of Mr. Reagan stood for less

than one day before it was defaced.

Some of you may be slightly amused by this. Perhaps that's because you belong to the political majority on campus. Or, you may realize that when Reagan was painted over, the views of the College Republicans were painted over. When the College Republicans experience daily the trials of being in the minority, it is unfair to suppress their political views. On a campus that some praise for its tolerance, there is clearly a degree of political intolerance for those who do not follow the crowd.

If tolerance is something we value on this campus, it is time to put away petty and immature differences. The Art Wall is meant to allow students a public venue to express themselves,

their views and certainly their political beliefs. There are rules and procedures for the use of the Art Wall. Some may scoff at the idea of rules for public freedom of expression, but clearly they are needed. The unknown artists behind the face of Mr. Marley have proven that much. What the artists haven't proven is their understanding of Mr. Marley's message of tolerance and acceptance.

For more information on the Student Art Wall, please visit www.willamette.edu/org/web/ and click on the link for the "Student Art Wall User Guide," or call the Willamette Events Board at 503.370.6058. Paint and supplies will be provided to those who follow the simple guidelines for use.

EDITORIAL CARTOON:

by Raino Isto



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I was shocked and saddened to read Mikey Inouye's thoroughly irresponsible piece in the Feb. 1 issue. I wholeheartedly hope and believe Mikey's comment that "a fraternity without unmitigated access to alcohol as a rush tool" is "Key Club + Secrets - Awesome" not only is dead wrong, but is unrepresentative of the true mission of the fraternity system in general. I sincerely hope his comments do not damage the remaining Greek organizations on campus. Irresponsible and morally reprehensible comments such as these, while completely valid within his freedom of speech rights, only serve to further perpetuate inaccurate stereotypes in terms of a general analysis of WU's Greek system and demand a rebuttal. Yes, drinking and partying happen often in some Greek houses, but as we saw last semester with the Katrina kegger bust-up, non-Greek houses are far from paragons of virtue themselves. Mikey's piece clearly represents the point of view of a frustrated ex-Greek member writing in the heat of the moment, not that of a calm individual, and I certainly hope that most Greek and non-Greek students and staff would join me in condemning his extremist view promoting underaged drinking as a vital tradition of fraternities.

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What's your favorite Olympic sport to watch?



Vag Mons a "perversion of feminism"

The wild success of *The Vagina Monologues* on campuses seems to be a real enigma. Several weeks ago, I had the chance to view the HBO production of the play featuring its author Eve Ensler. I could not help but wonder why a seemingly feminist play would reduce women to mere sexual objects.



JOHN WICKRE

Why a play that has devoted itself to fighting violence and rape of women, also promotes what Ensler characterizes as the "good rape" when it comes to the "politically incorrect" sexual awakening of a 16-year-old, based on a true story of a 13-year-old. When the play takes on a serious and somber look at the sexual abuse stories of a group of Bosnian women, it is curious to note that Ensler does not refer to the women as entire beings being violated, but merely as vaginas being violated.

With a bit of extra research, and the benefit of the interviews provided by Ensler during the HBO production, I think I may have helped solved this enigma. Today, *The Vagina Monologues* is promoted in conjunction with V-Day in an effort to combat violence against women. By all means, this is a noble message.

Yet this framing of the play's message only began in 1999. When the play was written in 1996, its purpose was framed with a different message.

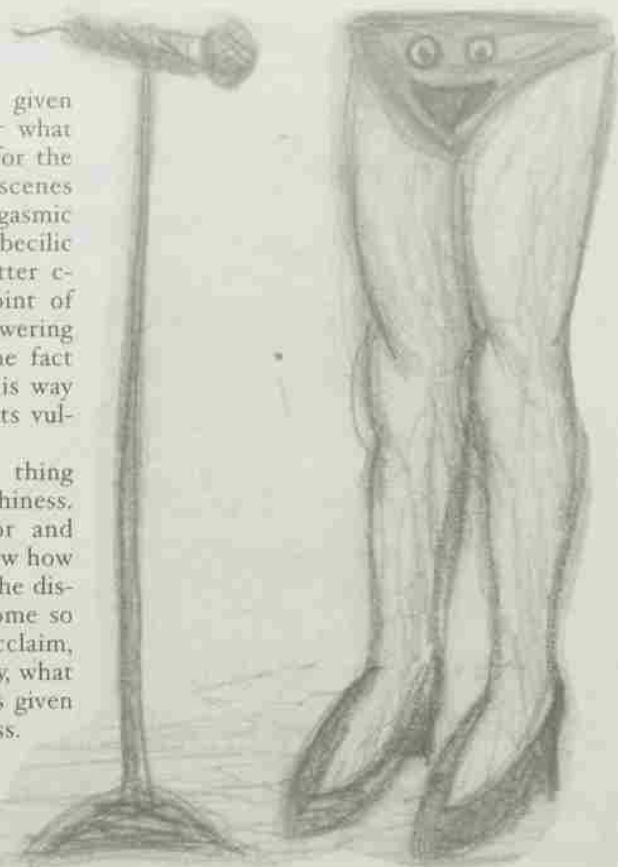
Rather than being a play against abuse and violence, it was a play about female empowerment, and in some ways supremacy—since women have vaginas. While I certainly don't oppose the idea of empowerment to any group, when I think of empowerment, it has to do with character, education and ambition, rather than women as sexual objects. This has led some feminists to call the play a "perversion of feminism."

Yet for all these contradictions, perhaps the biggest enigma is the

seriousness that people have given this play. One has to wonder what level of instinct is the cause for the humorous uproars in the scenes where Ensler makes various orgasmic sounds, or makes repeated imbecilic pronunciations of the four-letter c-word. While the apparent point of the latter exercise was an empowering reclamation of the c-word, the fact that this is seen as profound is way more disturbing than any of its vulgarity.

Ultimately, the bothersome thing about this play is not its raunchiness. Howard Stern, Richard Prior and countless other comedians know how to be just as raunchy. Rather, the disturbance is that we have become so enamored with this play's acclaim, that in certain parts of the play, what is properly lowbrow comedy is given an unquestionable profoundness.

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Dean Hawkinson oversteps authority in controlling free speech

On Jan. 24, a Willamette student, let's call him Phil, posted an announcement on a Facebook club. Phil, clearly angry at the Willamette administration, said, "I'm gonna just do what I want. I'll break as many rules as I want." The rest of the message was of a similar vein: he challenged the established rules, specifically those dealing with alcohol and partying. I've read the post and I've spoken with Phil, and honestly, I'd say that the post was neither remarkable nor inflammatory. He was simply voicing his outrage at the current system on a private forum, not threatening to burn down the school.



FRED ENGELL

that Hawkinson didn't like what Phil had to say, so he used his position of power over Phil to scare him and threaten him. Hawkinson is the opposite of what he espouses.

Rules are in place to protect individuals, not control them. Personal choice and expression are not crimes if they do no harm to others. Phil posted his comment on a private club and on a private website. No one had to see it who didn't want to. His "crime" had no victim. In fact, he did nothing wrong at all.

We cannot allow Campus Life or anyone to blackmail us by using our Facebook or Myspace profiles. Just like we would not allow them to blackmail people through what they write in *The Collegian* or any newspaper. It is our God-given right to express ourselves and make personal choices. Any rule that victimizes individuals like Phil, instead of protecting them, is unjust.

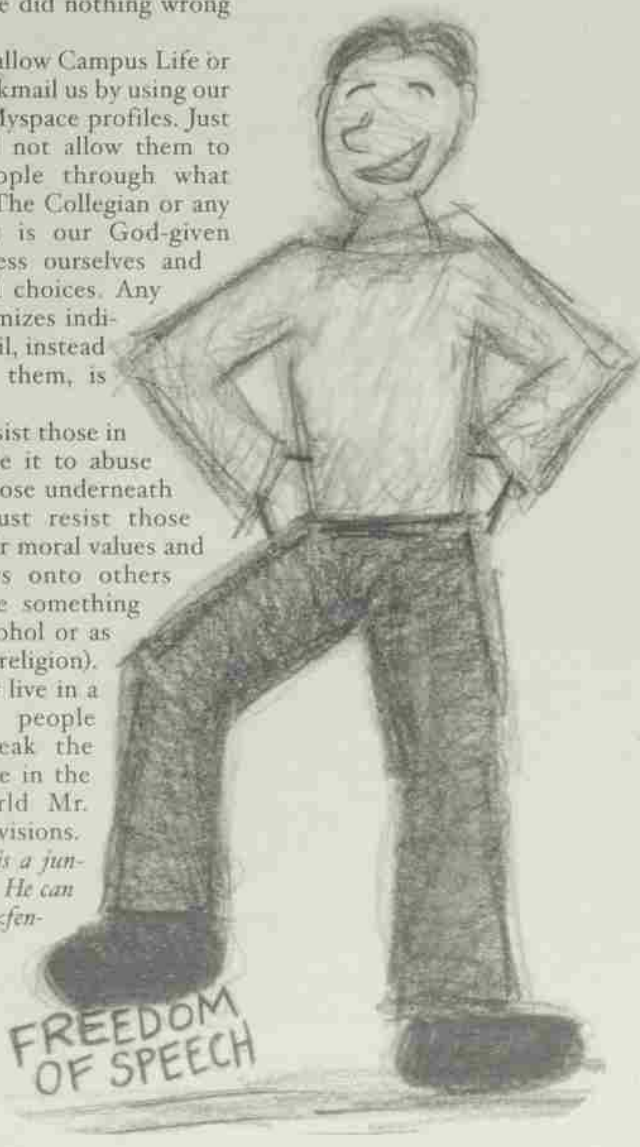
We must resist those in power who use it to abuse and control those underneath them. We must resist those who force their moral values and personal views onto others (whether it be something as little as alcohol or as important as religion). I would rather live in a world where people like Phil "break the rules" than live in the jingoistic world Mr. Hawkinson envisions.

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Unfortunately for Phil, that's not how the administration took the post. My guess is that someone, possibly an administrator but more likely a student, saw the post and reported it to Campus Life. It then somehow managed to make it all the way to the top, and Phil soon received a letter (through the mail) from the Dean of Campus Life, Robert E. Hawkinson. In the letter, Mr. Hawkinson explained the importance of having rules in a collective society and said that Phil was wrong to say that "rules" should be broken. He then accused Phil of plagiarism and cheating and told him that he was going to be carefully monitored for the rest of his time at Willamette. Finally, he said he would inform Phil's academic advisor and the associate dean of liberal arts about Phil's "statement of intent."

This is completely unacceptable. Since when do people take Facebook rants as hard evidence of immoral behavior? Justice, rules and laws are created with the purpose of protecting victims. Beware of those who search for crimes and for ways to enforce laws. I think

"We must resist those in power who would use their power to abuse and control those underneath them. We must resist those who would force their moral values and personal views onto others."



Salem's not so bad after all

I knock Salem at least once a month. Do not think you are any better than me. I have several friends from Salem who do their best to keep from having to say that they are from here. What is so bad about Salem that we are ashamed to even admit that we live here?



EMILY DOERR

This year I've started to experience Salem and it has been wonderful. For my Ethnographic Methods class, a requirement for anthropology majors, we are asked to go out into the field and open up a part of our community to anthropological analysis. I chose to participate in Jazzercise at Columbus Hall. Of all my great experiences at Willamette, this definitely tops the chart, more than that however, it has brought me into a real part of the Salem community.

I have started to wonder what is actually so bad about this place. Why am I always complaining about our school being here? Why are any of us? Salem is not a small town with nothing to do; it is a small city right in the middle of an amazing wilderness that is filled with a plethora of diverse activities. Just two weeks ago, my mom and I enjoyed lunch at the Blue Pepper and then walked across the street to peruse Katmandu, and found that the owner of the store teaches cooking classes every Saturday (all Nepali dishes).

All in one weekend my friend made her way to a gymnastics competition at Oregon State, the Oregon coast for fun and Silver Falls for some hiking. One day a week my friends and I meet at Bentley's Grill to have a couple of drinks. When I took my mom there she said, "This doesn't seem like Salem. It's as hip as Seattle!" Of course, there are many 'creepers,' as we say, roaming the streets, but the same is true for every city and town in America...and the world. A recently graduated friend of mine encouraged me to make a list of things that I want to do before I graduate: 1. Walk in Capitol mall through the cherry blossoms. 2. Go 'rafting' down the Mill stream. 3. Take a cooking class at Katmandu. 4. Go out to coffee/lunch/dinner with my professors. 5. Go biking through the vineyard hills. 6. Wine taste at Willamette Vineyards. 7. Go dancing at Moonbakers. 8. Ski/snowboard Mt. Bachelor. 9. Play poker with my friends. 10. Ask out that guy I've had a crush on since freshman year. 11. Go jogging on the coast. 12. Go camping. 13. Go to some U of O or OSU athletic events. 14. Have dinner at Tre (the really expensive and classy wine restaurant downtown). 15. Take a ride on the Sternwheeler.

The point is, Willamette students do not give Salem enough credit. We have this amazing community at our fingertips, and we just pass it by for a night of playing table tennis in Montag. There are so many things to do in this city. It is time for Willamette to experience Salem!

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SPORTS

NWC
STANDINGS

Men's Basketball

Puget Sound Loggers	12-2
Willamette Bearcats	12-2
Whitworth Pirates	11-3
George Fox Bruins	8-6
Whitman Missionaries	5-9
Lewis & Clark Pioneer	5-9
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	4-10
Pacific Boxers	3-11
Linfield Wildcats	3-11

Women's Basketball

Pacific Boxers	12-2
Puget Sound Loggers	11-3
George Fox Bruins	9-5
Lewis & Clark Pioneers	8-6
Whitman Missionaries	8-6
Whitworth Pirates	7-7
Linfield Wildcats	6-8
Pacific Boxers	2-12
Willamette Bearcats	0-14

Men's Swimming

Whitworth Pirates	7-0
Puget Sound Loggers	6-1
Linfield Wildcats	5-2
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	4-3
Willamette Bearcats	3-4
Lewis & Clark Pioneer	2-5
Whitman Missionaries	1-6
Pacific Boxers	0-7

Women's Swimming

Puget & Clark Pioneers	6-1
Whitman Missionaries	5-2
Whitworth Pirates	4-3
Linfield Wildcats	3-4
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	2-5
Willamette Bearcats	1-6
Pacific Boxers	0-7



Pre-Season: MEN'S BASEBALL

Baseball starts with three-game streak

By ANNETTE HULBERT

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The Willamette baseball team opened their season with a series of three wins over Occidental College in Los Angeles, hinting at a preview of the successes to come in 2006.

With these first victories the Bearcats indicate they can overcome the loss of last year's graduating class to be a strong contender in the Northwest Conference. Experienced returners and a host of talented newcomers are the core of a team with something to prove in the upcoming season.

The victorious weekend in Southern California started out with a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon. Willamette scored five times in the top of the first inning, starting with a single by Sean Anderson. In the duration of the game, RBI hits were made by Kyle Stalker, Matt Rasmussen,

BASEBALL

Grant Yamaguchi and Steve Johnson. The Occidental Tigers were no match for Willamette offense, as the Bearcats maintained their 5-0 lead.

The game was also highlighted by a strong pitching staff, led by sophomore right-hander Tye Sundlee. Sundlee struck out eight and allowed only one hit during his five innings, with Adam Beebe and Nic Nottingham finishing out the work he started.

The Bearcats handed Occidental its first loss of the season, 9-3, and continued its winning streak in the next two games.

Sophomore left-hander Clint Moran evened out the stellar pitching, delivering with six strikes in five innings and allowing only one hit. Ryan Smith and Matt Bicocca stepped in towards the game's end, each pitching a hitless inning to remind the

Tigers of the program's depth.

Yamaguchi's single started out the scoring spree with a single, followed by a sacrifice fly by Matt Johnson and an RBI single by Steve Johnson. The Bearcats scored nine hits, led by Rasmussen's pair of hits and two RBI.

The third game in the series was marked by Steve Johnson's three-run homerun in the fifth inning, breaking the 2-2 tie that had previously existed. Junior Drew Herbert and freshman Kelsey Nakata combined to allow six hits, while Matt Johnson's two runs and an RBI contributed to the team victory. The final score of the third game was a 6-4 win, providing Willamette with a solid start to a promising season.

NEXT UP: The team will return to California next weekend, competing against Menlo College on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Bearcats face rival UPS next Fri.

By BRIAN BEST

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Sitting second in the NWC, the Willamette University men's basketball team was eager for two more conference games against Pacific University and Linfield College.

Friday night was the last home game for five of Willamette's seniors, John Olinger, Brennan Garrelts, Jason "Twinky" Luchterhand, Drew Miller and Jacob Baran. Pitted against the Pacific Boxers, Willamette came out to an early double digit lead with sophomore Ian Mansfield scoring 11 in the first half although the Boxers managed to cut the Bearcat lead to 38-31 by halftime.

Seniors Olinger and Miller led the Bearcats in the first half, scoring the first 23 points and further increasing Willamette's lead. Willamette shot 70% in the second half with Olinger hitting five consecutive three-pointers and fueling the forty point lead the Bearcats would end up with by the end of the night.

All five seniors managed to score in the game, Olinger led the team with 24 points, Garrelts had 12, "Twinky" Luchterhand chalked up 8, Miller had 6 and Baran added 2. Willamette's win over Pacific puts them at 11-2 in the NWC where they remain the No. 2 ranked team and drops the Boxers to 2-11 in conference.

After a sound win over the Boxers, Willamette traveled to Wilsonville to pit against Linfield College whom the Bearcats defeated earlier in the season. Junior CJ Stuvland led the team with 18 points while scoring 4 for 6 three pointers.

Senior Drew Miller added 14 points and Olinger chalked up 10 each contributing to the 58% shooting percentage of the game.

Exchanging baskets with Linfield, the score was tied at 11-11 until a clutch three-pointer by Stuvland at the seven minute mark ignited a Bearcat run of 23-4 against Linfield and ending the first half with a score of 37-22.

Willamette maintained their lead throughout the second half and jumped to 25 after two consecutive three-pointers by Michael Smith in the last minute of play.

For the season, Willamette's team statistics were a lead in conference for field-goal shooting at 50.1 percent and in three-point shooting at 40.3 percent. The Bearcats were tied for first in defense, allowing 68.8 points per game, first in field-goal defense and first in three-point goal defense.

After their second victory of the weekend, Willamette sits 12-2 for conference and is tied for first place with No. 1 ranked UPS.

NEXT UP: Willamette will face UPS this Friday in Tacoma.



Senior John Olinger secured the Bearcats victory against Pacific University with 24 points in his final home game.

photo by BRANDON BENNIGHT

Christy's SIDE LINE

One of America's top athletes and inspirations, Michelle Kwan, recently pulled out of the Olympics due to her groin injury. She has been trying for years to achieve gold, but instead has landed as a nine-time



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U.S. champion and five-time world champion. Kwan commented on her decision stating, "After yesterday, going on the ice and feeling stiff and doing the flip and pulling my groin again, I don't think I can be 100 percent and I respect the Olympics too much to compete when I don't feel I'm at my best." Kwan realized late Saturday night that she was not healthy enough to perform at her best and put in her notice in time to let someone else compete. "It was always the dream to win the Olympics. It's always an honor to represent your country. [But] I've learned that it's not about the gold. It's about the spirit of it. It's about the sport itself. I have no regrets. I tried my hardest. I've had a great career and I've been very lucky. I'll miss the sport. It's beautiful," Kwan said.

For the snowboarding finals on the men's side, Shaun White, aka the 'Tomato,' stole gold for the United States, but not as easily as expected. Although White was favored for No. 1, this time he had to put some effort into it. In the first round qualifier he let his nerves get the best of him and he hit the lip of the pipe, landing a score of 37.7, which left him in seventh place. In his second run, White played it safe throwing six rather conservative tricks but with great finesse. He was rewarded with a 45.3, giving him a tie with Gary Zebrowski of France for the highest qualifying score of the day. One of the perks for snowboarders is the fact that they get to choose their own music. White chose AC/DC's "Back in Black" to drop into the pipe as he slid to a halfpipe gold finish. White's run included a straight air, a McTwist, a frontside 1080, a backside 1080, a front-side 900 and a backside 900, giving him a mark of 46.8, scoring 5.3 points better than second-place Markku Koski. White said of his performance, "The hard part didn't come until I was just sitting at the top, waiting to see if anyone would beat my score."

Currently U.S.A. is tied for second overall in the medal count to Russia who holds 9 while both the U.S. and Germany hold 7, followed by China with 5 and the Netherlands with 3.

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Swimming grabs seventh at NWC

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Last weekend the Bearcats swam into seventh place in the overall competition at the Northwest Conference Championship; with the men and University of Puget Sound women earning the first place standings with overall scores of 722 and 719.5, respectively.

Although the Bearcat men ended with a score of 263 and the women with a score of 201, there were individual successes achieved by junior Kei Otawa, and sophomores Shannon Gima and Pete Kahn. Otawa garnered third place finishes in the 100 free and the 100 breaststroke and is "satisfied with his performance," as he had two personal bests and is "looking forward to next season". Gima finished sixth in the 100 backstroke and seventh in the 200 backstroke, and Kahn swam to an eight place finish in the 200 backstroke.

According to head swimming coach Al Stephensen, the teams did as well as they possibly could with "a lot of great swims and almost everyone establishing at least a season's best time and a personal best time."

"We definitely had a lot of fun. This was probably my favorite swim meet so far in my college career in swimming," said Otawa. "Although we did not place high, we swam with our hearts and went all out."

Although the teams did not place high, Gima agrees that the team was still in high spirits throughout the competition with "everyone behind blocks cheering for our teammates."

"Many times throughout the year, I have been congratulated on our teams' camaraderie and support for each other," Stephensen said. "This was the case this weekend as well with cheers of encouragement given by all members of the team."

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junior

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According to Stephensen, next year's team strengths will be Otawa in the breaststroke and sprint events, Gima in the backstrokes, freshman Lauren Vice in the mid-distance and distance events, sophomore Bridget Sutherland in the fly and mid-distance freestyle events and Kahn in the backstrokes. Stephensen also accredits sophomore Greg Henselman with showing great improvement over the past season. Stephensen also forecasts that the return of Becca Fischer and Emma Knox from study abroad will greatly improve the team's versatility, quality and depth.

"This group has been exciting to watch grow and get better, especially this last month-and-a-half," Stephensen said. "The next challenge will be for more of our team to step up, train hard and consistently improve each day. We have fallen as far as we can, and now it's time to rebuild upon the current foundation of younger swimmers, if they're up to it."

Tennis teams take a pre-season swing at DII

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The Willamette men's and women's tennis teams wrapped up their second weekend of pre-season exhibition matches last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Both the men and women faced University of Oregon's club team, and the women had another scrimmage over the weekend against DII Southern Oregon University.

The men's team was overtaken by the Ducks with a final score of 2-5. Junior Shaun Mihalick said: "It was a very well-fought match on our part. Up to the very end the match could have gone either direction."

The individual results varied, but all in all the practice served to show the men what they needed to work on before next weekend, when the regular season begins. Individually, freshman Dave Reichert won the first match of his collegiate career, and Mihalick persevered through three sets to overcome his opponent.

Sophomore Eric MacMillan lost in a "three-set marathon" match that lasted almost three hours. The mixed results could be a preview of what may be expected for the rest of the season, but the loss will in no way limit the team's potential in achieving a higher NWC

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ranking than last year. "As a team we have set our goal to be 5th in conference, which is a big jump up from 7th last season. With the players and our determination there is a good chance that Willamette tennis will be competing for a NWC championship," Mihalick said.

The women's side has seen a similar series of ups and downs so far during the pre-season. On Feb. 5, the women defeated the OSU Beavers in a scrimmage-style match. The results of last Friday's matchup against Southern Oregon was not quite as fortunate, however, as the Bearcats were decisively trounced by the Division II squad.

Afterwards, sophomore Elaine Anderson said, "I feel that it was a great opportunity to play against a DII program to start off our season and we determined several aspects of our games that we need to improve on."

Anderson went on to comment about the team's potential for this season, demonstrating that both the men's and women's sides have high expectations.

"We have a young team with a lot of new members but with strong leadership from junior Hannah Johnson, transfer student Meg Gilbert, and returning sophomore Tiffany Kam. I can really see us improving as the season progresses"

and I look forward to starting off our league play this weekend against two of the top teams, UPS and PLU."

Hannah Johnson added, "It is always difficult to implement what we work on in practice into match-play, but it will just take some time, and I am confident that we have a really strong group of girls that will just keep getting better as the season progresses."

Apart from the entourage of young players that will be leading the teams this year, probably the most exciting addition to Willamette tennis this season is Jon Endrikat, the men's new head coach. Jon has been involved in competitive tennis for many years, as he is currently one of the top-ranked players in the Northwest. Mihalick said that Endrikat "has been a breath of fresh air for the team. He has done a very good job of organizing us and inspiring us to play our best." The team takes advantage of his experience by using him as a hitting partner as well as a mentor.

NEXT UP: This Friday and Saturday will mark the beginning of the regular season as both the men's and women's tennis teams will be opposing University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University. The women will be traveling while the men will be playing in Salem, on Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse.

One more reason tea is better than coffee

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We all know we can't survive without consuming water. And while we are told to drink about eight 8-ounce glasses of it a day, sometimes the thought of needing to drink that much plain water is downright discouraging. Consider a tasty alternative with an abundance of health benefits that might just convert you to a permanent tea drinker instead.

Why drink tea? Tea is brimming with antioxidants, which help lower the risk of disease by removing "free radicals" from the body and preventing them from harming healthy cells. Its consumption is also generally believed to heighten the body's immune system. Antioxidants can also be found in fruits, veggies, nuts, meats and wines. Three of the most common kinds of antioxidants are known as polyphenols, flavonoids and catechins.

While tea is best known for its cancer fighting abilities,

other benefits of tea drinking include lower blood pressure, potentially lower cholesterol and protection against heart disease. A recent study also suggested that oolong tea may slow the effects of aging, while green tea may be a new allergy buster and arthritis reliever. Green tea is also potentially a weight loss supplement because of the influence of flavonoids on a hormone in the body which increases the rate of calories burned by the body—including fat calories. Tea can also lower "bad" cholesterol levels in the body. In addition, tea also contains fluoride which helps strengthen teeth and kill bacteria which cause bad breath and plaque formation.

Are all teas equally beneficial for the body? While researchers cannot agree on all points, here are some general guidelines to consider when picking a tea:

Overall, any tea is a great option to fulfill that daily water consumption recommendation, but to get the most benefit, choose high quality loose-leaf teas and enjoy!

- White tea has more antioxidants than other types.
- Higher quality teas also have more catechin antioxidants than lower quality ones.
- Unfermented rooibos teas have more polyphenol antioxidants than fermented rooibos.
- Freshly brewed teas contain more polyphenol antioxidants than instant or bottled ones do.
- Decaf tea using a natural CO₂ process retains 90 percent of its cancer-fighting properties.
- White tea seems to have more potent cancer fighting qualities than green tea.
- Loose leaf teas contain more antioxidants than bagged teas, which tend to have lower quality crushed leaves.
- Black tea may lower the risk of heart disease.

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Campus Safety Reports

February 4 - 11, 2006
by Steve Woodward

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

February 5, 4:15 p.m. (Hatfield Fountain): The fountain was shut down after someone put soap in it.

February 6, 1:00 p.m. (University Center): Someone painted the ASWU display board without their permission.

February 11, 10:47 p.m. (1300 Mill St.): A student's car was discovered with a broken window.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

February 5, 12:31 a.m. (Belknap Hall): A student requested medical attention for their very intoxicated friend. WEMS attended to the victim and determined he could be left in the care of a friend for the night.

February 5, 8:26 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): A student was escorted to the hospital after WEMS examined them for a sore throat and fever.

February 7, 10:48 a.m. (Goudy Commons): A Bon Appetit worker was escorted to the hospital after falling and lacerating his arm.

February 8, 12:50 p.m. (Doney Hall): A student was taken to Urgent Care after injuring his ankle.

February 8, 7:15 p.m. (University Apartments): The parent of a student suffered minor injuries after falling outside. WEMS treated her wounds on scene.

HARASSMENT

February 10, 7:58 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A threatening message was left on a student's door.

POLICY VIOLATION

February 5, 3:18 a.m. (Beta Theta Pi): While investigating a window alarm, an officer observed an alcohol container being thrown out of the house. Numerous empty containers were found littering the north porch area.

February 8, 12:38 a.m. (Hatfield): A newspaper delivery driver was verbally warned after she was seen driving on a sidewalk.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

February 6, 9:45 p.m. (Skybridge): A male subject approached two female students near the skybridge and verbally harassed them. They ran to Sparks and reported the incident. Campus Safety and Salem Police checked the area but were unable to locate the suspect. He was described as 30-40 yrs old, wearing a maroon sweatshirt and blue jeans.

February 8, 7:39 p.m. (WISH House): A suspicious male was reported to be loitering between WISH and Alpha Chi Omega. Officers checked the area but the subject was gone. A possible suspect was seen getting into a red Nissan Sentra and leaving the area. He is described as Caucasian, 40 yrs old, short hair, goatee, wearing jeans, a dark shirt and a ball cap.

THEFT

February 8, 6:01 a.m. (Montag): A student reported finding a picture that had been stolen from the Montag Center. The picture was undamaged and returned to Montag.

February 8, 8:40 p.m. (University Center): An employee reported his backpack missing after leaving it in a secured area. It was later turned in as found property and returned to the owner.

TRESPASS

February 11, 12:31 a.m. (TTUA): A student was seen climbing a fence into the construction area. In the process, he knocked over a large section of fence. The suspect was gone when officers arrived but a witness provided the student's name.

* If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety.

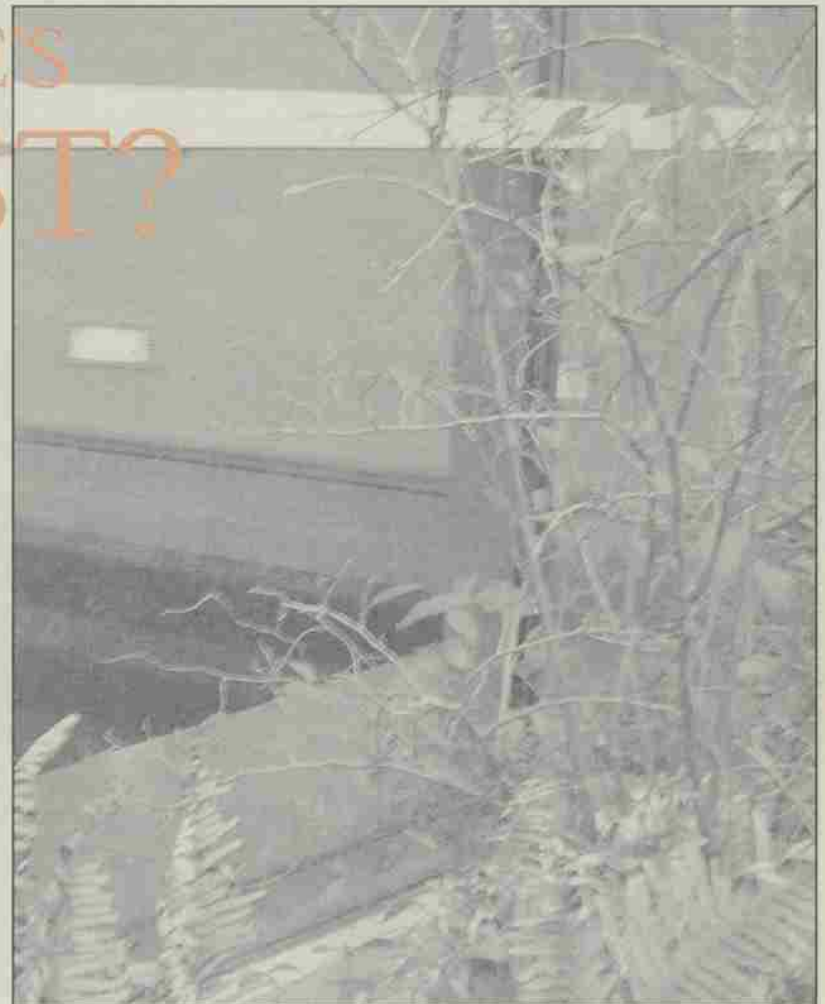
by Trevor Essmeier



Guess and Win

Be the first to submit a correct guess of the location of the photograph on campus to Stacy West at <swest> and win five Bistro Bucks.

Last week's winner was Jordan Rash. The location was the sundial in the rose garden.



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