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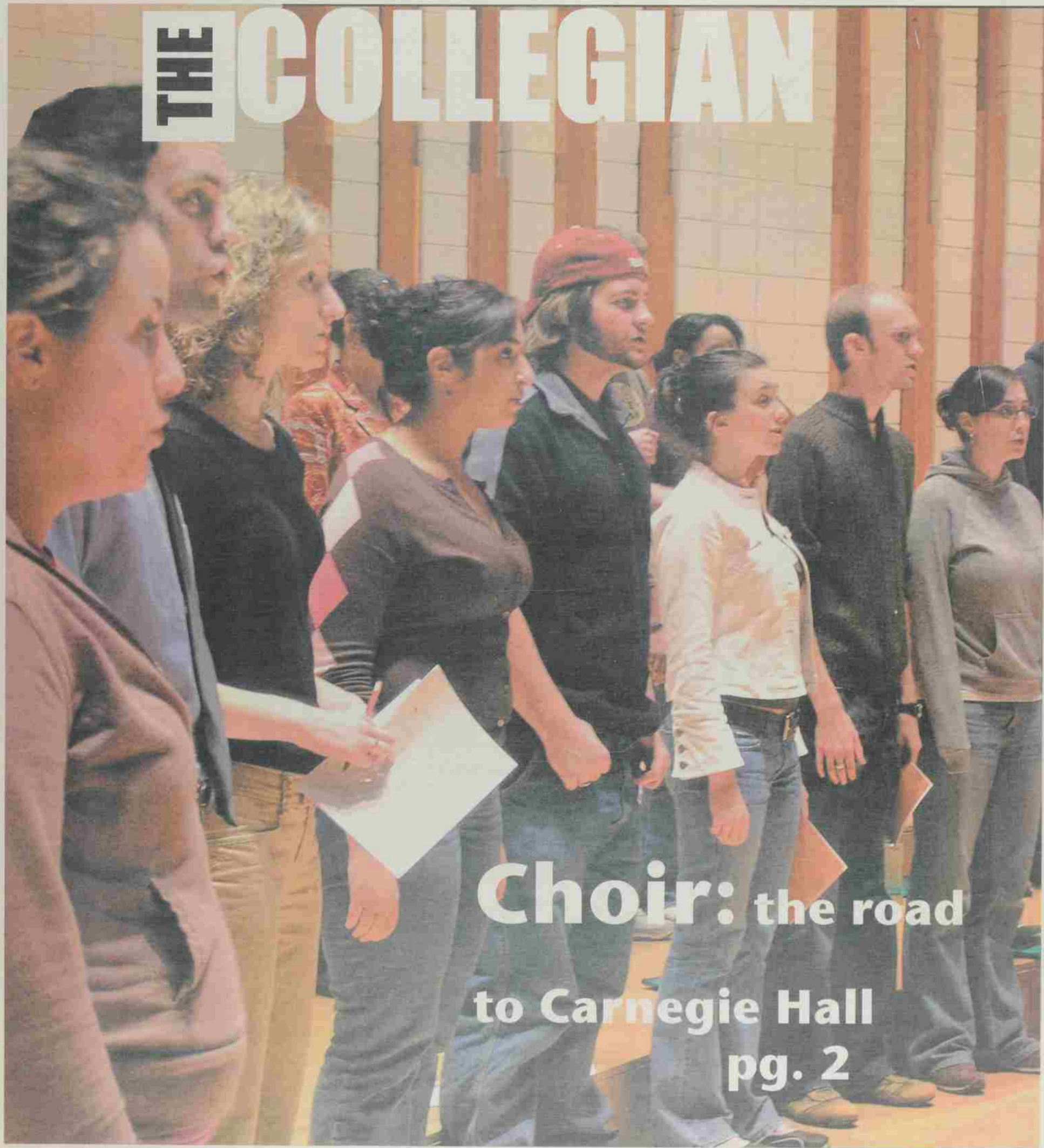
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## Choir \$5K short on road to Carnegie Hall

By SARAH MILLER

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Come May 22, Professor of Music and Director of Choir Activities Doctor Wallace Long will raise his baton before the Chamber Choir and more than 200 other voices at Carnegie Hall in New York City. That is, if the choir can find the money.

In Jan. 2005 Long was approached by Mid-America Productions with the opportunity to conduct Franz Joseph Haydn's "Paukenmesse" ("Mass in the Time of War"), a contractor for Carnegie Hall. As part of this honor, Long was asked to nominate several choirs from around the country for invitations to accompany him to Carnegie.

With the subsequent outpour of interest, Long decided he wanted to share the experience with his past and present choral students. Choral alumni from Long's 23 years at Willamette were extended invitation, and additional funding for the current Chamber Choir was sought through the University.

Having traveled to South Africa with Chamber Choir in the summer of 2003, Dr. Long approached the university with no expectations for support, only a hope. "We are just one in a vast array of institutional funding priorities," Long said, "and I respect those priorities."

According to Long the university hoped to attempt to raise enough money to offer the choir \$1000 per student attending the trip, with a \$500 expected contribution on the part of the student. The trip was approached as not only an incredible opportunity for the choral students, but also a beneficial opportunity for the university to kick off the Campaign for Willamette to a growing alumni base on the east coast.

Sometime between initial conversa-



(from bottom left) Junior Damien Butler, senior Kylie Pine, junior Morgana Williams and senior Reed McFadden practice under the direction of Dr. Long.

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## COMING UP

- 24 hr. Music Marathon April 7-8
- Spring Choral Concert April 23
- Carnegie Performance May 22

tions in October and the present, funding attempts have come up short. "Development did their best, donors did their best," Dr. Long said of fundraising efforts. The university has had quite a few top priorities for funding this year, which included the Campaign for Willamette kick off including the visit of Former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

President Lee Pelton has expressed regret to Long regarding the situation. "We have a very positive relationship," Long said of Pelton. "When he needs something special [from the choir], we deliver. It is because of his energy that we went to South Africa. I have a warm respect for him."

Despite a current deficit of \$5,000

still needed for the trip, the choir has not given up. They recently requested donations at their winter choral concert and will do the same in the spring. Many students are asking for help from parents or dipping into their own funds. "We've lost some students because they simply can't afford it," Long said, "We are currently trying to take 29 students."

The choir council is also in the planning stages of various fundraising efforts, including a calendar and a 24 hour Music Marathon with various venues around campus. "We have lots of ideas right now," Choir Council President Darren McCoy said. "I really hope we can get all we need, otherwise we might have to pick and choose who gets to go."

Long and the choir are working hard to make up the \$5,000 still needed, as this is too good an opportunity to pass up. "As a senior it would be an amazing culmination to my choral career," senior Julia Hansmeier said. "I feel really lucky to have the opportunity."

"Carnegie is the most famous place in the world to perform," Long said, "Martin Luther King has spoken there and The Beatles have played there. It would be a priceless experience."



## Needs More Cowbell



BRE STEPHENS, MAGGIE SHANEYFELT, CHRISTINE RIIPPI

You may or may not have heard this already, but we were recently appointed as Head Interior Designers of the Kaneko Commons. Booyah.

In order for students to want to live in the new Commons, Willamette decided that they should have students closely involved with the process. Now, technically we haven't been asked to be on any committees, but we're assuming that the email is coming.

Don't worry, we're qualified for this job. Between Maggie watching "Home and Garden" all of winter break, Christine reading her Bible, aka, Architectural Digest, and Bre's dad owning a hardware store, we know what we're doing.

When we first sat down with our team of designers, we thought the first thing we needed was an overriding theme. After tossing around a few ideas—Squirrels on Parade, Medieval Times, and Sex in the City . . . of Salem—we came up with something that was sure to please everyone: Around the World In 80 Rooms. Now before you decide to move off campus—or worse, turn the page—hear us out. There are some true gems in here. So come join your friendly NMC cast on a rip-roarin' journey around the world . . . in Kaneko. First stop: Antarctica!

All thirty-five ice machines and the ice sculpture of the Goldman will be located in the south corner of the atrium. Communal blankets will be available, and "March of the Penguins" will be showing on a continuous loop.

As we exit Antarctica, we cross through the main hallway—also known as the Pacific Ocean—and enter the Australia Bathroom. You're greeted by a friendly Steve Erwin cardboard cutout who says, "G'day, mate!" The toilets have been specially designed to flush in the opposite direction. It's the most technologically advanced thing in the Commons.

We're going to go up the Everest stairs to the Eight Wonders of the World Room. We've got some pyramids,

the Great Wall of China, the first Starbucks in Pike Place Market, and the only person in the world who still listens to Chumba-wumba's "Tubthumpin'."

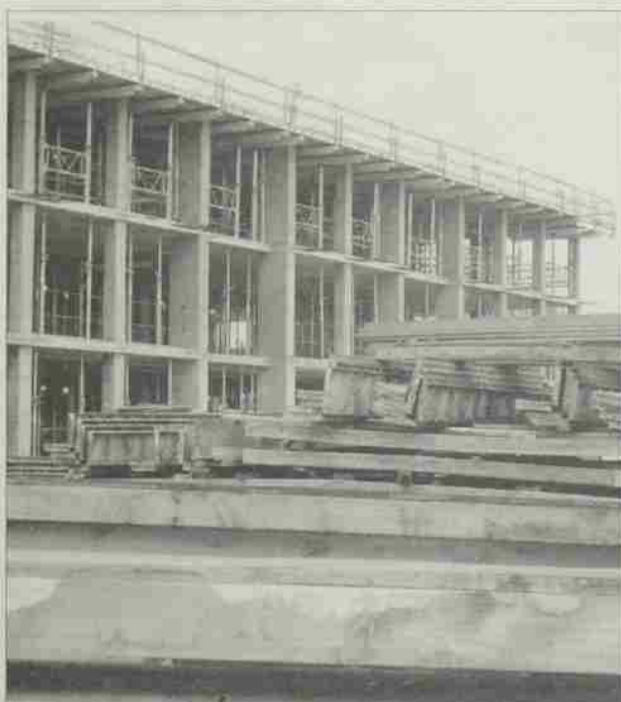
As we exit the Eight Wonders of the World Room, we enter Amsterdam Hall. This is where the student apartments are located. Take a second to note the strong incense aroma.

Due to poor planning of the English Channel Computer Lab, students will need to bring their own laptops to the Commons. And galoshes.

And finally, we come to the highlight of our tour: the newly added NMC office. Inspired by the Hall of Mirrors in Versailles, this office will also serve as the class of 2010's Senior Gift. We sent out fundraising/donation slips with their acceptance letters.

We're finishing our tour back in the good ol' US of A Cafeteria! The tables are shaped like Nascar Stockcars, Britney Spears is playing over the loudspeakers, and there are posters of Oprah and Dr. Phil on the walls for inspiration. And don't you forget those golden arches—all the food is brought to you by the lovely people at McDonald's—with special permission from Bon Appetit, of course.

Thank you for joining us on this lovely tour. We hope you're as excited as we are to see the finished product!



## SETTLING — INTO —

# commons GROUND

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Kaneko Area Coordinator, said. "We want students who are committed to a greater good. That sense of community is what the Commons is about."

On March 15, students who currently reside in Kaneko and who will have junior and senior standing by next year, may sign up for the new rooms or apartments in the Commons. On a first come first serve basis, students with senior and junior status will be eligible to sign up on March 21 and 22, respectively, at the Office of Residential Services for residency in the new rooms and apartments. After Spring Break, the housing procedure will return to a model students are more familiar with, with in-house lottery on April 10, and the all-campus lottery on April 20.

Only 14 new double occupancy rooms and eight shared single rooms will be available for current underclassmen residents of Kaneko only. Current Kaneko residences wanting to live with a roommate from elsewhere on campus next year will be asked to move to the end of the line so that current residents may have the opportunity to live in the new wing.

Hamachek said that he hadn't heard any strong reaction from students regarding the new housing selection process. Current freshmen expressed discontent because they received misinformation in housing packets. Learning from their frustrations, Hamachek said that the university's "goal is to be as absolutely open and forthcoming as we possibly can" regarding the status of construction in the commons next year.

All rooms are on schedule to be completed by this fall, though the atrium and the dining area will be under construction. Food service is expected to begin in the new din-



LEFT: Kaneko Commons is scheduled to open fall 2006. ABOVE: The atrium and dining facility will still be under construction until Jan. 2007.

photo by LEIA THOMAS

**W**ith spring break fast approaching, students planning on living on campus next year are beginning to think about the housing situation next year. Posters have been put up around campus and flyers appeared in mailboxes earlier this week informing students of the somewhat different housing process for next year. Due in part to the new Kaneko Commons, which is scheduled to open this fall, the housing process will facilitate the goal of mixing students from different class standings.

According to Assistant Dean of Campus Life, David Rigsby, the goal of the commons is to "create an environment in which students can take their positive first year experience in Kaneko and build upon it to create a unique experience." By encouraging older students to live in apartments and rooms in the new wing of the commons, the university hopes to create a greater sense of community.

"Our hope is to encourage older students to educate and help younger students in the commons," Ryan Hamachek,

ing facility in Jan. 2007.

Planning for the community aspect of the commons has been undertaken by the Kaneko Commons Leadership Implementation Committee, a group consisting of nine students and other members of the Willamette community. Studying the success of Rice University's residential commons, the committee hopes to implement changes that will benefit the community in Kaneko.

"I'm really excited to see the beginnings of a new and unique community taking hold in Kaneko," said committee member Steve Malick. "We're taking a look at governance and at the role of the 'resident assistant' in the commons. I believe we're actually going to call the RA a mentor, and... this person will serve in more of an advocacy role for their residents."

Some of the biggest changes planned for the new commons is the abolishment of the 'wellness floor,' as well as a \$50 increase in student activity fees that will allow Kaneko residents to have three times as much money for community building activities. "I'm really excited about letting students in the Commons decide what the outcome will be, what they can create," Rigsby said.

Hamachek noted that all plans for the Commons are a work in progress. "It really is an experiment—we're going into it with an open mind." He encouraged students to voice questions or concerns through the Kaneko Commons website (<http://www.willamette.edu/go/kaneko>).

"It's a wonderful opportunity to be a part of something that transcends the usual four year experience at Willamette," Rigsby said.

# Senate productivity down, many say

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According to several senators, the ASWU Senate has become less productive than in past years due to factors including unwillingness to follow through on legislation, budget difficulties and tension in the Executive.

"On the surface, some of the resolutions might create the illusion to somebody who doesn't really look too deeply into it that we are doing stuff, but I think all the resolutions this semester have been kind of symbolic," sophomore Senator Louis Pappas said. "Work is getting done, but it's just not to the magnitude I think it was last year."

However, ASWU President Tyler Reich said that the Senate has recently become more active. "This semester, I think the Senate is the most productive Senate I've ever seen while at Willamette," Reich said. "Last semester, that wasn't the case. Last semester, it took a long time for the Senate to find their foundations, to figure out exactly what they wanted to do."

"I just think the student body should not be fooled by the hollow resolutions," Pappas said. "There's been some good stuff to come out of this year, but not as much as last year. My name is on the Sparks resolution [calling for safer equipment in the athletic center], and I'm one of the sponsors, but I don't think anything's going to get done."

Pappas said that the Executive has been closed-minded and unwilling to listen to opposing opinions. "I'm not exempt from Senate being not as productive as in past years, but you can't blame individual senators as much as the leadership. That's a paid position... [and] they have a responsibility to the school to be more open-minded," Pappas said.

"The whole reason that we have decided now to speak out about what's going on is

because of Senator Pappas' comments," ASWU Vice President of Executive Mandy Guile said. "If someone is going to call us slippery and conniving, we should defend ourselves, because that's the exact opposite of what we are. If he had ever taken the time to come talk to us about his concerns, we would have been willing to sit down and lay out our side. He's only heard one side, and he hasn't heard the other, and he made that comment without any balance on the issue."

According to Pappas, Reich's proposal of the Financial Oversight Commission legislation, which will provide students an outlet for complaints, undermined ASWU Vice President of Finance Aaron Floyd. He said that this posturing polarizes the Senate's support for those who are supposed to be acting as leaders of the body, and it is reflected in what he sees as the Senate's lack of cohesiveness.

"Tyler's sponsorship of the oversight committee was nothing more than a stab at Vice President Floyd, not a real step toward the 'transparency' of the budget process," Pappas said. "What will the five students chosen to sit on the committee be able to do better than the members of the current finance board? ... Actions such as these by members of the Exec back my characterization of their actions as slippery and conniving."

But according to Guile, Floyd in part created the tension in the Senate by inappropriately handling the budget. "Vice President

Floyd has made certain statements and then not backed them up." She said that one of many examples is Floyd's promise of funding to the Best Buddies organization when no funding existed, which forced the Senate to dip into the Second Quarter

Recycling Budget. "Best Buddies is now a defunct organization," Guile said. "They don't have any money to do programming."

Floyd denied having promised any clubs funding, saying it was the Senate that chose which clubs to fund.

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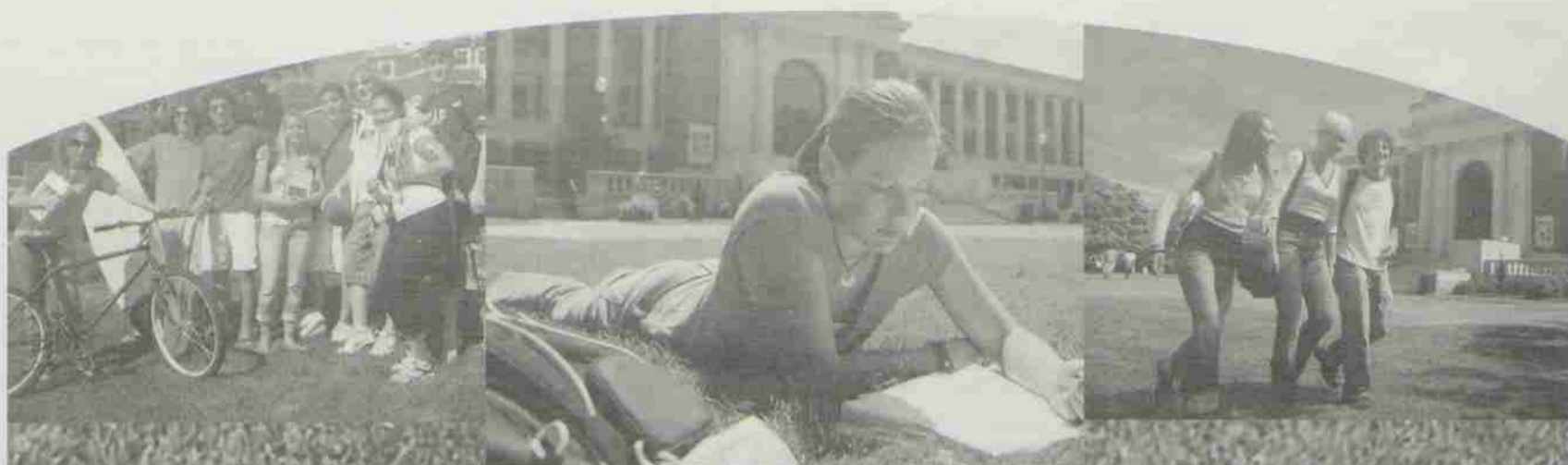
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## ARTS

## The Cat's Pajamas

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## AFTER GRADUATION...

If you're anything like me—which I sincerely hope you're not, but assume you are—you're just now adjusting to the flow and grind of school, homework, tests, etc. You feel a little bit on top of your classes, maybe midterms won't be so bad. And then you realize—Midterms. That would mean half way through the semester. That would mean—if you're anything like me—that your graduation is mere months away. This fills you with huge, simultaneous waves of ecstasy and dread and everything in between. Most of the time, it's a great feeling. You've accomplished so much, you'll be released into the world an educated person with something to offer, all that good stuff. Dread creeps in because of other people. "So," it begins "What are you doing after graduation?" As I ummm and stall, all that runs through my mind is, "Can't. Answer. This. Again." So I thought I would try and help us all out by compiling a convenient list of short, pleasantly open-ended answers to be pulled out and used in times of need.

## 1. TRAVELING

My personal favorite, and my post-graduation activity of choice, BE AS NON-SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE. They don't need to know that by 'traveling' you mean you're thinking about driving to the coast pretty often, or you'll have to 'travel' from the couch to the kitchen for snacks on a quite regular basis.

## 2. GRAD SCHOOL

There is no need to say when you plan to attend, and chances are decent that you will eventually decide to continue your education in one way or another. So what if you have no idea when you'll go.

## 3. TAKING TIME OFF

Obviously this is the most open-ended, and if it's true, then of course this is what you should say. This said, I'm not a fan of this response because it always seems to prompt further questioning, in which case, you may want to resort to one of the above options.

## Tongue of a Bird leaves emotional impact

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Tongue of a Bird is not a lighthearted play. It will not be turned into a blockbuster film franchise or become a TV series. The writing is not realistic. It is, however, a good, well-acted production that leaves a strong emotional impact.

"Tongue of a Bird" is the story of Maxine, a search pilot (played by Leslie Okorn) who is commissioned by a mother, Dessa (Sarah Hamilton), determined to find her kidnapped daughter (Corinne Becker) in the Adirondack Mountains. During the search, Maxine stays with the Polish grandmother (Sharon Barto) who raised her. Maxine's return home and the search for the missing girl dredge up long suppressed memories of Maxine's own mother (Eliza Leoni), making her search personal as well as professional. All the actresses give excellent performances. Corinne Becker and Sarah Hamilton especially stand out as a

delightfully bratty twelve-year old and her unwavering, wounded mother.

The only flaws in "Tongue of a Bird" rest with the writing. Language plays a big role in "Tongue of a Bird." Instead of writing the way people talk, McLaughlin fills her play with imagery. The lines are lyrical, descriptive and blend elements of mythology, fact and folklore. Though generally somber, the play is peppered with occasional black humor and the actresses navigate well through the play under the direction of Professor Susan Coromel. McLaughlin's disinterest in realism is not necessarily a bad thing, it just means that Tongue of a Bird is very theatrical. The upside is that this gives the production designers the opportunity to demonstrate some nifty bits of theatrical know-how.

The set, designed by professor and theatre department chair Chris Harris reflects both the cold climate of the icy Adirondacks, but also Maxine's state of mind. She is frozen by memories of her dead mother and emotional-

ly cold. The lights were designed by Vikki McGuire and costumes designed by Bobby Brewer-Wallin. The sound was created by guest artist Jen Raynak and keeps tension high with music that sounds almost, but not quite, like it comes from a seventies horror flick.

Though Tongue of a Bird is an unusual and at times challenging play, the acting and technical elements are excellent. It still leaves a strong emotional impact and some misty eyes in the Kresge Theatre (not mine of course). Give this quality production of a unique play a try.

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## THE STAIRCASE

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Six hours might seem like a long time to invest in a documentary film. But "The Staircase" is more engrossing than a "Law & Order" marathon. In 2001, author Michael Peterson's wife was found lying at the bottom of the stairs in a pool of blood. Was it murder? The police promptly arrested

Peterson, who claimed his wife's death was an unfortunate accident involving too much alcohol and Valium. Filmmaker Jean-Xavier de Lestrade gained unprecedented access to the accused, the defense team and the courtroom to show a trial that had twists and turns stranger than fiction.

If you were glued to the tv for OJ Simpson's trial, or the even stranger trial of Michael Jackson, or even if you're just a casual Court TV watcher, there's no excuse not to immediately track down this documentary. Of course, I've never watched Court

TV in my life, but I do have a weakness for "Law & Order." Either way, there's an emotional investment that comes with spending this much time with Peterson, his family and their lawyers. The film operates under the assumption that Peterson is innocent, and while it would be a crime to give away the ending, as a viewer you start to form your own ideas and might catch yourself keeping score on behalf of the defense.

"The Staircase" takes you deep inside the American legal system, and offers a look at a highly publicized murder trial

that just might make you rethink any assumptions you have about justice. The big money spent on the defense goes up against the scrappy DA's team, and it's a match-up that seems lopsided at one minute, and then completely flipped the next. "The Staircase" demands a time investment, but in eight 45-minute sections, it's more than doable. Although, after the first two sections you just might find yourself sitting through the duration and blowing off studying. But hey, if you want to be a lawyer (or umm, a film critic) some day...there's nothing wrong with that, right?

## Dinner at Jonathan's Oyster Bar goes swimmingly

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When Jonathan's Oyster Bar opened in 1979, a Salem hallmark was born. Using high-quality ingredients prepared simply in order to show off their natural flavors, Jonathan's became a hit. The mostly seafood menu is bright and fresh, and the concept of pairing your choice of fish prepared in any style, with a scrumptious grilled sweet potato and vegetables served alongside, pioneered a new breed of restaurant in Salem.

As soon as you walk into Jonathan's, you become engulfed in a tsunami of sailing paraphernalia. Giant oyster shells, lifesavers, toy sail boats and netting covers the walls. These decorations set a welcoming family atmosphere and provide many talking points, but are in no way overdone.

The staff is friendly and attentive. However, our server lacked a reasonable knowledge

of the menu. When asked to suggest a fish from the restaurant's vast selection he said, "I don't know. I don't like fish."

He eventually stated that the wild salmon was the most demanded. The wild salmon proved mediocre, while other fishes such as the halibut were better choices. Parmesan

crusted, curried and traditional are among the many styles of preparation offered for your fish. The papaya-mango salsa with coconut sauce turned out to be one of the best.

The seafood menu draws the most attention, but a wide selection of steaks, appetizers and "lighter" dishes are also available. Most of the entrees set you back \$15 to \$22, appetizers and the "lighter" fare typically cost between \$8.50 and \$12.95. But don't be tricked by the title, the lighter menu offers very filling one course meals such as hamburgers, fish tacos, seafood stew or

crab cakes. Although the entrees carry a hefty price tag, portions are huge and they come with clam chowder or a salad and a delicious loaf of freshly baked olive bread for the table.

The restaurant's longstanding success can be attributed to the food and atmosphere, but not

location. Hidden away in a small alley off State St., Jonathan's Oyster Bar relies on reputation to draw in customers.

However, a connected and more easily located Liberty Street building offers the same menu for the 21 and over crowd at Jonathan's Long Bar Cafe.

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## FEATURE

# Leaving to lend a hand

Some WU grads  
include the Peace  
Corps in their post-  
graduate plans

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Spring is nearly here, and with the changing of the seasons comes the liberating (or horrible) truth that Willamette's seniors will soon be graduating. Some of them might get a foot in the door at the company of their dreams, others might have a little less direction about what to do with their lives. Some seniors, however, have already committed to spending the time after they graduate to serving others in the Peace Corps.

On Jan. 30, 2006, the Peace Corps Press Office announced that Willamette is one of the top schools for producing Peace Corps volunteers. The university is 24th on the list of small universities with the most alumni volunteers; there are currently 16 Willamette alumni serving communities all over the world through the Peace Corps.

Since the Peace Corps was founded in 1961, Willamette has had 246 alumni participate in the program.

According to its web site, the Peace Corps was established by President John F. Kennedy with the goal of aiding countries in need and encouraging a better mutual understanding between American volunteers and the residents of the countries that host them. Today, Peace Corps volunteers represent a range of ethnicities, ages and backgrounds, and they serve in 71 countries all over the world. Their work ranges from teaching computer skills to promoting HIV/AIDS awareness.

### Journey to the Peace Corps

Several Willamette students and recent graduates are currently preparing to serve in the Peace Corps. Paul Swenson graduated from Willamette in December 2005 and is in the process of deciding whether he wants to serve in the Peace Corps or Teach for America, a program that places college graduates into teaching positions in urban, rural and low-income school districts

across the country for two years of service. If Swenson chooses to enter the Peace Corps, he will leave in May or June.

"I decided to apply because Peace Corps [would offer] me a few learning opportunities I deem valuable," he said. Swenson cited foreign language skills, knowledge of other cultures and experience in the field of environmental education as benefits of serving with the organization.

Swenson does not know where he will be assigned if he chooses to enter the Peace Corps, however, he does know that his primary responsibility would be environmental education.

Jean-Jacques and Katie Têtu, a married couple who are graduating in May, will leave for the African country of Benin on July 18. Katie Têtu said that serving in the Peace Corps has always been something the couple has

wanted to do.

"Ever since we were little, we've both dreamed about joining the Peace Corps," she said. "Helping others is extremely important to us and although we're married, we're not ready to settle down yet. We want an adventure and the chance to put into practice all we've learned at Willamette."

Jean-Jacques Têtu added that he has wanted to serve in the Peace Corps "ever since my parents presented it to me as the naturally preferable alternative to serving my country through the Armed Forces. I'd rather present the United States as a country of accepting, peaceful people than a group of gun-toting, oil-fueled mercenaries."

The couple knows that Katie will be teaching English – and perhaps other subjects as well – to secondary students and Jean-Jacques will be working in forestry and wildlife conservation. While the Têtus know some of what they can expect from their Peace Corps experience, they will have to wait until their arrival in Benin before they will find out exactly

where they are serving.

"We'll be posted north of Parakou, which is considerably more than what most people would know at this point," Katie Têtu said. "Once we get [into the] country, we'll be assigned to a village. We could have electricity and running water, or be in a location where none of these amenities are available. While at times we wish we knew more about our posting, we're thrilled to be going to Benin and are happy to know what we do."

Jean-Jacques Têtu said that he has researched Benin and is excited to live in a different environment.

"[Benin] looks to be a safer place than here!" he said. "Less violent crime, friendly people for the most part, and [fewer] guns per capita ... sounds like Canada. We'll be in the mostly Muslim north, and I'll really enjoy living with the people that practice that religion; it's a peaceful, logical and community-building faith."

### The Application Process

Because applying to serve in the Peace Corps is a multi-step process, it can take a long time and a lot of effort to apply, and there is an even longer wait to receive notification of acceptance, candidates say.

Jean-Jacques Têtu said that the application was extremely time-consuming.

"It was hell!" he said. "It took us three full days of work, eight to 10 hour days, just to fill out the initial application."

"Plan on the application process to take a year," Katie Têtu said. "In our case it only took six months, but that's extremely rare." She also said that during the process, it is helpful to keep in contact with Peace Corps recruitment and regional officers.

Swenson said that although the application is not difficult, the process takes quite a bit of time because Peace Corps officers must discuss applications after each step.

"There were a number of hurdles to get through," Katie Têtu said. "You first have to complete an application. Then you get an interview and if you pass that, you

get nominated to a region. After the nomination, you've got to complete a series of medical tests and have a dental check-up. Once you've received medical clearance, you wait a while for an official invitation from the [Peace Corps] to arrive in your mailbox. Once you find out what country you're assigned to, you have more paperwork to fill out – passport and visa info."

### A Learning Experience

Although Peace Corps volunteers serve their assigned areas in a number of different capacities, the chance to understand another culture more deeply can be one of the volunteers' greatest learning experiences.

"[The Peace Corps] encourages a cross-cultural dialogue between the host country and United States," Katie Têtu said. "Also, it serves to educate the volunteer and his/her friends and family about the host country and third-world conditions. [In the case of my husband and me], most of our friends and family have never heard about Benin, but now, since we're going there, they are pulling out maps and going online to look at pictures from the area."

Furthermore, the Peace Corps can be a valuable place to learn skills for subsequent occupations. Swenson said that he believes his

Peace Corps experience would offer him good experience for his future career, which he hopes will include working in Latin America in an environmentally-oriented job.

Jean-Jacques Têtu said, "I plan to work for an international aid organization, and this is the perfect introduction to such a field. [My wife and I] are also seriously considering staying abroad for most of our lives, and this is the kick in the pants to get us going in that direction."

### Practicing What We Preach

Jean-Jacques Têtu said that the Peace Corps ultimately allows Americans to be proactive about stopping the inequities they condemn.

"If you say that helping fellow human beings is so important, you need to put your money where your mouths are," he said. "If you go around saying how badly you feel about the poor and forgotten of the world and still drive your SUV every day and drink your \$3 lattes and spend \$15 on beer in one night, you're just as bad as the people you disparage. The Peace Corps, while it has its flaws, has done a lot of good overall, and gives every American the opportunity to serve not only their country, but humankind in general."

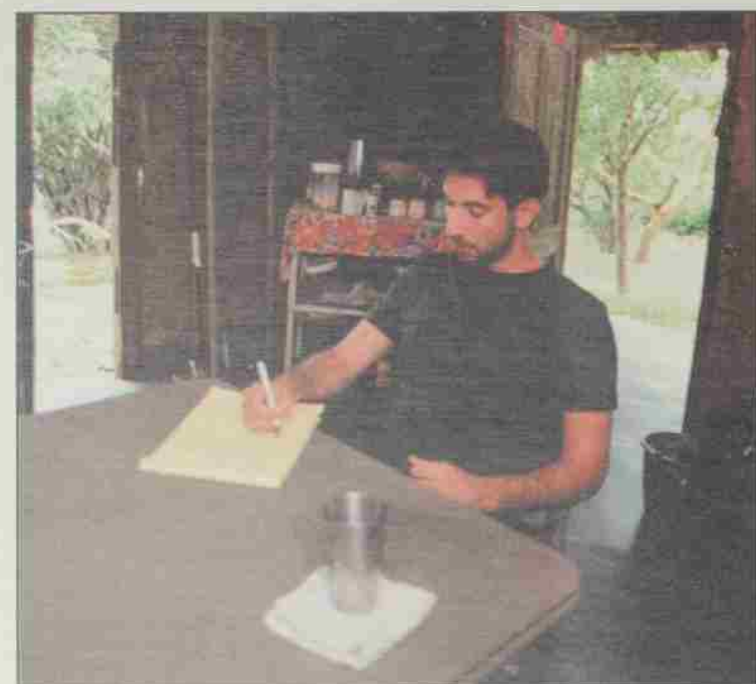


### FAST FACTS

- Total number of volunteers and trainees to date: 182,000
- Total number of countries served: 138
- Current number of volunteers and trainees: 7,810
- Age: 28 years old (average), 25 years old (median)
- To apply: Visit [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov)

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MARIA LEE



# ABROAD

Last week, Willamette University celebrated Africa Day for the first time ever and it was amazing, so I hope you went and enjoyed the party. Afterwards, however, I thought to myself, "Gee Heather, you sure know a lot about South America, but you don't know jack about Africa." Which lead me to think that we should all review our worldly knowledge in a fun and competitive manner. My whole point is simply to stress how little most of us actually know about the rest of the world. Aside from the international politics class you're taking right now and the history of Latin America you took as a freshman, it can be a challenge to keep up with our dynamic little world. So, try this little quiz I have put together and test your knowledge.



HEATHER HUDSON

*How well do you know the world?*

**1. THE COCA LEAF IS WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING**

- a) A form of cocaine
- b) The leaf of the cacao plant
- c) A medicinal and traditional plant in South America
- d) An ingredient used in tooth paste

**2. KILEMANJARO, THE HIGHEST POINT IN AFRICA, IS LOCATED IN WHICH COUNTRY?**

- a) Zimbabwe
- b) Kenya
- c) South Africa
- d) Tanzania

**HOW MANY COUNTRIES ARE IN SOUTH AMERICA?**

- a) 10
- b) 18
- c) 5
- d) 13

**4. THE CAPITAL OF ICELAND IS WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING?**

- a) Hvannadalshnukur
- b) Reykjavik
- c) Anchorage
- d) Hetvavhers

**5. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS NOT TRUE ABOUT ANTARCTICA?**

- a) It is in the south
- b) It rarely gets above freezing in the summer
- c) Polar bears live there
- d) It is larger than the United States

**6. PUT THESE COUNTRIES IN ORDER BY POPULATION, LARGEST TO SMALLEST**

- a) Japan
- b) Indonesia
- c) Russia
- d) United States

**7. THE COUNTRY GUYANA IS ON WHICH CONTINENT?**

- a) South America
- b) Africa
- c) Europe
- d) Hawaii

**8. WHAT IS THE CAPITAL OF SOUTH KOREA?**

- a) Pyongyang
- b) Laos
- c) Seoul
- d) Hanoi

**9. WHAT IS THE ISLAND NAURU BEST KNOWN FOR?**

- a) It was recently purchased by Donald Trump
- b) It is the home of the smallest bird
- c) It is the third smallest country in the world
- d) The people traditionally spit when they first greet you

**10. WHICH COUNTRY RECENTLY APPROVED "A SAFE INJECTION SITE" FOR HEROIN AND COCAINE USERS?**

- a) Amsterdam
- b) New Zealand
- c) Mongolia
- d) Canada

**11. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING IS A RUSSIAN TRADITION?**

- a) Kissing on the forehead only at funerals
- b) Throwing the first shot of vodka over the left shoulder
- c) Singing in the rain
- d) Boys shaving their heads on their 16th birthdays

**12. IN WHICH COUNTRY CAN YOU ENLIGHTEN YOURSELF WITH THE GIFT OF GAB BY KISSING A STONE?**

- a) Scotland
- b) Ireland
- c) New Zealand
- d) Greenland

**ANSWER KEY**

1. C) A medicinal and traditional plant in South America. 2. D) Tanzania  
 3. D) 13. 4. B) Reykjavik. 5. C) Polar Bears live there. 6. United States, Russia, Japan  
 7. A) South America. 8. C) Seoul. 9. C) Third smallest country  
 10. D) Canada. 11. A) Kissing on the forehead  
 only at funerals. 12. B) Ireland

## 5th Annual Senior Salute Celebration!



**When is it?**

Thursday, March 9, 2006  
 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in  
 the Alumni Lounge.

**Class of 2006!**

We Salute You!

**What is it?**

An event designed to assist Willamette seniors in handling all of those little arrangements that often times are stressful, but are always necessary for graduation. Such arrangements include:

- ▶ Cap, stole and gown sizing and pick-up.
- ▶ The ordering and purchase of announcements, class rings, and diploma frames.

This event will also allow you the opportunity to get in touch with department representatives and find out about all of the other exciting activities for the CLASS of 2006.



**Who's it for?**

ALL SENIORS graduating in the class of 2006 are invited. We want to answer all of your questions and help with your graduation needs.

# OPINIONS

## Cleanse your Pallett

I'm not a religious person, but I do think that participating in rituals and having some sort of spiritual side is healthy and can help a person grow. That is why I occasionally participate in seemingly religious activities, but I like putting my own personal spin on them. Lent serves as a good example, and I try to find something I can give up for 40 days and nights.

Sophomore year I decided to give up all animal food products and be a vegan for Lent. Being a vegetarian normally, I didn't think it would be that big a deal. Thirty or so days later, I was lying in my dorm room thinking I might be dying as my roommate ran around screaming, "Eat some protein for God's sake!" I admit that relying on Goudy to provide me with edible vegan food was a bad idea; instead of just fasting from animal products, I fasted from food altogether a lot of the time. One can only eat so many peanut butter sandwiches and cold, slimy tofu washed down with unflavored soy milk. I lost a lot of weight and was sleeping about 14 hours a day. That, and I had terrible gas.

So this year I have decided to take on something a little less challenging, though it is proving difficult. I want to stop cussing so damn much. Those who know me know that I take pride in the rampant, unchecked stream of obscenities that help me make my verbal points. But I think it has gone too far, and now I am fasting from all of my favorite four letter words, with the exception of damn and hell (I need something).

Things were going well until I was at a Portland bar on Saturday night, and some guy decided he really didn't like the cut of my gib and wanted to do something about it. I suggested very politely that we take it outside. Once we were on the street, he shoved me hard in the chest, and I shoved him back yelling, "What the frick man? What the frick is your fricking problem?" Needless to say I was less than intimidating.

The guy just stared at me a second looking more than perplexed. I stood there holding my physical and moral ground, refusing to give up my Lent time vow or let this guy just get away with being some words I can't say for another 32 days. Then he made his mistake; he started laughing.

He laughed so hard that he bent over his knees, giving me a clear shot at his chin. I knocked him down and took off. Ha, both a moral and physical victory pour moi. Go Lent.



JOE PALLETT

## ASWU problems slow legislation

While many people are generally oblivious to what is going on in ASWU, there are others who have been hearing gentle whispers about the drama that's been happening with the ASWU Executive.

This is not an easy editorial to write since many of us on the Editorial Board are friends with fellow students on both sides of this Executive conflict. Yet it's clear that the interrelation inside ASWU has become very dysfunctional. The entire Executive Board has not been able to meet since last semester. Even worse is that fact that these troubles have trickled into the ASWU Senate meetings. Senate members are not showing up, and legislation is being stalled. Members of the ASWU Senate are no longer debating the issues, but rather arguing with each other.

Yet it appears that the problems plaguing the Executive are much worse. What are these problems? Unfortunately, they are all still at a confidential level, but they are numerous, and they are just starting to come to light. What are

the root causes of all these troubles? That's what we would really like to know. If you listen to both sides, you will hear very different, often contradictory, stories. At this point, we can't say for sure who's being straight with us and who is being a little fast with the truth. Something, however, seems awful, and it is important to get to the bottom of the issue.

This Editorial Board has a strong leaning toward the issue of accountability, and we feel that this trouble within the Executive needs to be resolved. Because we elected these students to represent us, we need to know about the problems that have affected our government. If there are ethical issues surrounding the ASWU execs, their positions of power make these ethical issues all the more pertinent.

While we are starting to get a better understanding of what's been happening, it has become clear that what we're hearing this week is only the tip of the iceberg.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Iraq piece merely a liberal rant

In his article, "Iraq, three years later: what do we do now?," Casey Sparks hardly addresses that question. His article is merely a liberal's rant protesting the war. He talks about the lack of evidence for going to war and the world's opposition to U.S. military

action. If you want to open your mind to a second opinion, take a look at the Charles Duelfer report. He actually did find laboratories producing biological weaponry, but was unable to provide the United Nations with extensive results due to Saddam's unwillingness to cooperate. As far as world opinion goes, on Oct. 27, 2005, every major news agency reported

that over 2,000 companies in 66 countries paid Saddam close to \$1.8 billion through the Oil for Food Program. These countries wouldn't have gone to war with a lucrative business client. Remember what happens when evil people are not held in check? Think Adolf Hitler.

Max Roth  
CLA Freshman

### Student support imperative to Bistro's survival

Re: "Bring back the Bistro on Sunday" (March 1, 2006): The Bistro staff and management are delighted to hear that Willamette misses us on Sunday evenings. Indeed, the Bistro misses being open on Sundays, and even I, the one responsible for this decision, find myself at a loss for the perfect place to do - or not do - my Sunday evening homework.

So I wanted to reassure Tatiana, and everyone else who misses Sundays at the Bistro, that they will likely return in the fall, although perhaps at a different time. I also wanted to point out that the reason we

decided to close on Sundays was not because our studious staff members couldn't bear to be torn away from their Bio textbooks to work for a few hours. No, the reason is this: we weren't making enough money.

I know, it's easy to forget that your favorite Willamette institution is subject to the cold realities of capitalism like everyone else, but it's true. The Bistro is a business. At the end of the day, we need to make a profit. The Sunday evening crowd was barely buying enough coffee and cookies to cover the cost of labor. After factoring in the costs of product and overhead, it became clear that we were in the red almost every Sunday night. As losses like this compound, they endanger the

Bistro's ability to exist at all. Obviously, the end of the Bistro would be a tragedy of inconceivable proportions. For the past 20 years, we have caffeinated and entertained the Willamette community. Closing temporarily on Sundays was meant to help ensure that we will be doing so for the next 20.

So if and when we do reopen on Sundays, announce your enthusiasm by treating yourself to a buzz bar - and know that you're also treating the Willamette community to the continued presence of a thriving and happy Bistro.

Kirsten Wesselhoeft  
CLA Senior  
General Manager, the Bistro  
Willamette

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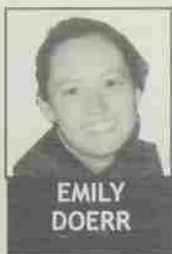
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Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and phone number and must be submitted by noon Monday, the week of intended publication. The Collegian may edit letters for length and clarity.

# Student reps in public eye

It is important to our school that we be aware and supportive of our student government. I am afraid that the desire to have a little bit extra on our resumes is taking the place of the care and work it takes to represent our university. It is a great experience to be a part of a group or club because of the random friendships we make. The work we are doing, however, is more important. While I truly know very little about what ASWU actually does, I do know that the association is important to Willamette and its students.



EMILY DOERR

Last week I received a note in my campus mailbox from Senator Patrick Mulligan and Senator Sara Barnes. I do not know either of these people personally, and while it was very announcing what they do, somehow they forgot to mention the 18 other senators as well as the four executive officers. I cannot imagine that Mulligan and Barnes could do what they do without the competence and involvement of the 22 other people in that organization. Why, then, would they send out a statement to us - funded by ASWU - about their role? I'm not sure why they even sent one to me. I am a member of the class of 2006, not 2007. If anything, ASWU should have worked together to send notes to all of its constituents. I would love to hear from my senators.

I am not writing this, however, to criticize these two senators, but rather to bring to the voters' attention the intent and integrity of our officers. I was perusing The Facebook the other day, and I found a group which has con-

tent that brings into question the character of the members of the ASWU Executive. I do not think that the intention is to report the truth; it is probably a fun joke among friends. Regardless, they are publicly representing Willamette in a completely inappropriate manner.

There are complaints about the power and control that the ASWU Execs have tried to have this year and concerns that their demeanor can be intimidating. A 2009 ASWU Senator told me that he did not feel that the ASWU Executive officers helped him to learn the ropes of ASWU in a productive and effective manner. If new members are not learning how to do their jobs from veterans, ASWU as a whole cannot be as productive for the students.

That said, there are many great candidates up for election to executive positions this year. Let us be sure to take note of the candidates' qualifications. Will they have the time to put the necessary effort into ASWU? Do they exhibit integrity, and will they represent you and your university well? Do you know these people, and do you like them? And most important, do they have a true desire to be in office and make this university better for the students?

Many of you may not be concerned about ASWU elections, but the members do work hard at what they do, and many of them really do care about the betterment of Willamette. Take great care in voting this election, and please get to know your candidates. Expect them to show you who they are through creative, inclusive and honest ways.

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# NCAA: Fixin' what ain't broke

The Northwest Conference reinstated its season-ending basketball tournament this year to determine which member of the conference would receive the automatic bid to the NCAA tournament. I think this was a great move by the NWC brass. But there is so much more they could do. They need to turn the tournament into an event.

This year, the NWC post-season schedule had the third best team according to regular season conference record play at the second best team on February 23. On the women's side, this placed Whitman at Puget Sound and Whitworth at Willamette (UPS and Whitworth both picked up wins) on the men's side. Then, on Feb. 25, Whitworth lost at UPS, and the UPS women lost at PLU.

What I propose is that the conference institute a three-day conference tournament. The top six teams in conference on both the women's side and men's side would be invited to the tournament. This year, because the UPS men won the regular season, they should have hosted the tournament, and the PLU women would have hosted the women's tournament. In this plan, both tournaments would be in the greater Tacoma area. I think it is very important that the tournaments be held near each other. I would argue that having Tacoma always host the games would be a great idea, but I understand that the Oregon schools are all very close and have a good argument to host also.

Under my plan, on Friday, Feb. 24 the second cede (cedings would be based on final conference record) would play the seventh cede, the sixth would play the third and the fourth would play the fifth. On Saturday, Feb. 25 the winner of the fourth/fifth contest would match up against the first cede, and the sixth/third winner against the second/seventh winner. The winner of these two matches would play on Sunday, Feb. 26 for the right to play in the tournament. The eighth and ninth place finishers in conference would not be invited to the tournament, and the first cede would get by into the second round.

I think this tournament would be amazing for the conference. The first great thing is that we

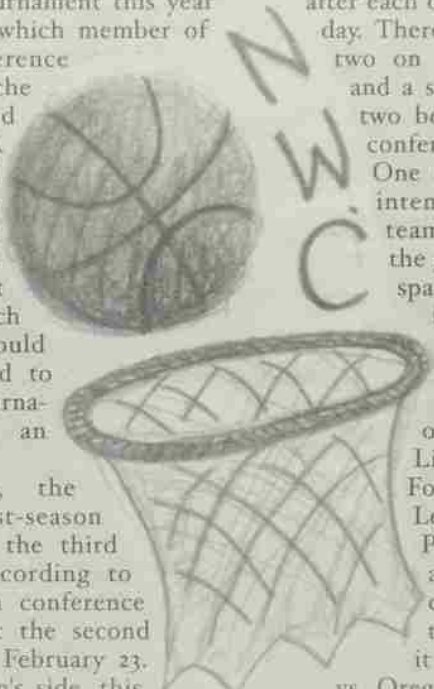
would have three conference games happening immediately after each other on the first day. There would then be two on the second day and a showdown of the two best teams in the conference on Sunday. One can imagine the intensity as seven teams' fans crowd the gym, fighting for space. Would PLU fans cheer on UPS or root heavily against them? One can only imagine how Linfield, George Fox, Willamette, Lewis & Clark and Pacific would align seeing how close they are together. Would it be Washington vs. Oregon? Would it be west of the mountains vs. those crazy easterners? Would the unruly UPS fans be put in their place? Would Walla Walla drag out its entire town?

Division I college basketball has long had conference tournaments like this because it brings the entire conference together and places the teams on a stage. Many DIII conferences do this out in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and New York. It creates a huge presence of the conference in the city. It is a celebration of the conference and of student athletes.

The reason the conference tournament creates a much better regular season is that every single game matters. The Linfield men played at UPS on Saturday and they did not play well (they finished in last place in conference). Going into that game, they were one game behind PLU and Pacific; imagine the different quality of play they would have put out if there had been a chance to make the conference tournament. Giving the conference a real tournament makes all the games in the second half of the season that are meaningless for post-season play so much more meaningful.

I do not wish to insinuate that DIII players only play for post-season awards (as non-scholarship student-athletes, they are some of the most amazing athletes on campuses), but I do think that when the post-season is on the line, one finds a way to step up the intensity. A seven team conference tournament ensures that all the games between those in the bottom half of the standings have the intensity of a playoff game.

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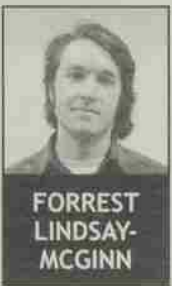


# Sustainable living requires simple behavioral changes

Dear Forrest,  
Will I have to live in a cave and frown all the time to become sustainable?

-Jenny

Well Jenny, that's a good question. Allow me to throw out a few statistics. There exist about 4.5 acres of biologically productive land on earth per person. Americans on average tend to need about 24 acres per person. Judging from these numbers, it looks like the answer to your question is yes. However, little of our consumption actually improves our quality of life. Most of it is just waste. In fact, the Italians have managed to create an extremely beautiful and comfortable country for about 9.5 acres per person. I think that instead of living in a cave, you should make sure to recycle every last scrap by finding a recycling box for your room (can be any box). You can also remember to turn off every unused light you see, even in classrooms, bathrooms and common areas. In addition, you can bring your own mug to the Bistro when you want coffee to go. I do not want to give away too many sustainability tips because thinking of ways to reduce your impact is half the fun. So in short, the answer to your question is: move to a cave only if you want to, but there is no excuse for frowning.



FORREST LINDSAY-MCGINN

tolerate in the future. The truth is that calculated human behavior will be just as important as technology in a sustainable future. For example, many people in our society drive high-tech cars to high-tech gyms where they run or bike in place. What ultimately helps people exercise is simple technology that has been around for centuries: running and biking. The reality is that technology is not going to get people in shape; people are going to get people in shape. The same can be said for sustainability. In addition, technology often patches problems temporarily rather than providing a permanent fix. For instance, many of the advances that have made America an agricultural powerhouse are entirely dependent on fossil fuels. Nitrogen fertilizer, tractors and pesticides, which all rely heavily on fossil fuels, have shifted the burden of food production off the exhausted land and onto a quickly disappearing resource. The only way to solve the problem is to bring production and consumption down so that the land can naturally regenerate. I hope that someday we can all live like the Jetsons. However, it is probably a good idea to prepare for a future without fusion power, flying cars or space dogs.

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Dear Forrest,

Won't technology create a Jetson-like utopia where the environment is safe, far below our floating cities?

-Will

I've got bad news for you, Will: the scientists are having trouble with the fusion-powered food robot, and it will not be ready until 2015. It cannot yet distinguish between medium and medium-rare steaks. Also, it makes second-rate ketchup, which I do not think anyone will

## CORRECTION

There was an error in my March 1 article titled "Jessica's Law: backed by ignorance and prejudice." I accidentally reported that 70 percent of prisoners recidivate and that 85 percent of sex offenders recidivate. Really, I meant that 70 percent of prisoners don't recidivate and that 85 percent of sex offenders don't recidivate. Or, you could look at it like this: there is about a 30 percent recidivism rate among normal prisoners and a 15 percent recidivism rate among sex offenders. I need a secretary...

*Michael T. LeChevallier  
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# SPORTS

## NWC STANDINGS

### Men's Baseball

Pacific Lutheran Lutes	3-0
<b>Willamette Bearcats</b>	<b>4-2</b>
Linfield Wildcats	2-1
Whitworth Pirates	2-1
George Fox Bruins	1-2
Pacific Boxers	1-2
Lewis and Clark Pioneers	1-2
Puget Sound Loggers	1-2
Whitman Missionaries	0-3

### Women's Softball

Puget Sound Loggers	4-0
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	4-0
Linfield Wildcats	3-1
Whitworth Pirates	3-1
Pacific Boxers	1-3
<b>Willamette Bearcats</b>	<b>1-3</b>
George Fox Bruins	0-4
Lewis and Clark Pioneers	0-4

### Men's Tennis

Whitman Missionaries	8-0
Puget Sound Loggers	4-1
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	3-1
Linfield Wildcats	4-2
Whitworth Pirates	3-3
George Fox Bruins	2-5
<b>Willamette Bearcats</b>	<b>2-4</b>
Lewis and Clark Pioneers	1-5
Pacific Boxers	0-6

### Women's Tennis

Linfield Wildcats	7-0
Puget Sound Loggers	6-1
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	4-2
Whitworth Pirates	3-3
Whitman Missionaries	3-3
<b>Willamette Bearcats</b>	<b>3-3</b>
George Fox Bruins	2-4
Lewis and Clark Pioneers	0-6
Pacific Boxers	0-6



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## Zerzan breaks 5000m record

By STEVE FIALA  
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Willamette track and field is poised to claim another division championship with promising performances from both veterans and newbies alike last Saturday at the Willamette Opener.

Facing competition from schools such as Spokane Community College, Whitworth College, George Fox University, the University of Oregon Running Club and Oregon State, the Bearcat athletes rose to the occasion and set the bar high for future competition, posting 39 individual Northwest Conference qualifiers in 51 individual events, one automatic NCAA qualifier, two NCAA provisional qualifiers and one school record.

Sophomore Sarah Zerzan started the season strong with a second place finish in the 5000m run with a provisional qualifying time of 17:14. Zerzan not only placed second in the Opener, but also broke the 21-year-old school record in the 5000m, formerly held by Kara Crisifulli, who was arguably the greatest female distance runner in Willamette history, according to Head Coach Matt McGuirk. Zerzan is now focusing on "staying healthy and working with her teammates to make this season awesome."

Senior Nick Symmonds also came out of the blocks strong by taking first in the 1500m run with an automatic national

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qualifying time of 3:49. According to McGuirk this was "his most impressive season debut to date, as he showed patience and good pacing, finishing his last 300m in approximately 42 seconds, which is notable." According to Symmonds, he is now focusing on consistent training and taking care of his body, so that he is healthy and ready to race when the big meets come in April and May. Junior Julio Vieyra took second place in the 1500m with a time of 4:04.

The strength of Bearcat track and field was also seen in junior Mariah Hanson who took first-place in both the 200 and 400m dash with times of 25.82 and 58.15, respectively. Sophomore Melinda Fahey placed first in the discus throw with a distance of 124'05"; sophomore Lucas Nebert won first-place in the 3000m steeplechase with a time of 9:44; junior Sophia Dentzel garnered a first-place finish in the javelin with a throw of 116'11"; senior Brennan Garrelts took first-place in the 110m hurdles with a time of 15.62 and senior Roseann Kassebaum won the women's heptathlon with a final score of 3721. Although junior Lindsay Patterson "did not do as well as (she) had hoped", the long jumper leapt her way to a first-place finish with distance of 17'3.25".

"The highlight of the Opener was seeing all the Willamette athletes back out

on the track again," Patterson said. "There were some great performances by returning athletes as well as freshmen."

Much promise was also seen in the freshmen athletes at the Opener. Freshman Alanna Pledger started off her collegiate track and field career with a provisional qualifying time in the high jump with a first-place jump of 5'5". Also, Josh Clough, who ran to a first-place finish in the 5000m with a time of 15:41. Freshman Drew Lackman also added to the strength and depth of the freshmen athletes with a second-place finish in the 110m hurdles and a third-place finish in the 400m hurdles with respective times of 16.11 and 56.93.

According to Symmonds, the highlight of the opener was watching all of the freshmen come out and show that Willamette University track and field team has the raw talent to eventually take the program to the next level.

"As cheesy as it sounds, the team is such an inspiration. I love watching everyone compete in his or her own event," Patterson said. "Each great individual performance inspires others on the team to do the same. We have a great group of individuals, and it's a lot of fun to compete with them."

Next Up: Willamette track and field will travel to Oregon City for the Mount Hood Invite next Saturday, March 11.

## Women put up fight against top-ranked Linfield Wildcats

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The Willamette softball team went up against the No. 1 ranked team in the Northwest Conference this weekend, and emerged from the difficult weekend as a stronger team. The teams played double-headers both Saturday and Sunday on the Willamette Field.

Saturday's games put the Bearcats to the test, as Linfield took a 7-0 lead in the first game and held on for a 7-3 win. The Willamette women put up a tough fight in the second game of the day, jumping to a 4-0 lead on a 2-RBI double by Marissa Richards and a two-run single by Marianne Ward. The Bearcats maintained this lead until Linfield scored five times in the bottom of the sixth to take a 7-4 lead. Although the Bearcats came back with four runs in the top of the seventh, they fell 9-8 to the defending Northwest Conference champions.

The team was off to a good start on Sunday, however, as they won the first game of the doubleheader against the Wildcats, 4-3. Freshman Nikki Franchi picked up her first collegiate win and also knocked in a

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key run in the three-run sixth-inning rally. Marianne Ward started the rally with a base hit, and then came around to score on Franchi's double. Franchi fouled off several pitches and pushed the count to 3-2 before lacing a double in the left-center field gap. Franchi went seven innings, allowing eight hits and three runs. Cirbi Anthony walked, and both runners moved into scoring position on Cari Schruth's sacrifice bunt. Sophomore Liz Gilgan doubled home the winning runs, to give the Bearcats their first win in the Northwest Conference this year.

The second game of the day proved to be more difficult, as Linfield came back to win 13-5 behind two home runs and seven RBI's. Having already gone up against the former Conference champions, the team looks forward to their next home match against George Fox University, at noon on March 11. The Bearcats are now 3-5 overall, 1-3 NWC. Linfield is 5-1, 3-1.



WU softball will face George Fox this Saturday at noon.

photo by LEIA THOMAS

## Christy's SIDE LINE

Cut from his JV basketball team, autistic high school senior Jason McElwain took the position of student manager of the Varsity Greece Athena team. His coach Jim Johnson had mentioned there was a possibility he would get some playing time in the last home game of the season, and the student section, having hearing that McElwain might play, was packed and ready with signs cheering for him.

With 4:16 left on the clock, the coach had the opportunity with the team up by double digits to put McElwain in the game, but no one could have expected the outcome. In four minutes McElwain scored 20 pts and tied a school record. McElwain missed his first shot with an airball, but soon recovered dropping six three-pointers and another shot. McElwain's coach Johnson stated, "I've had a lot of thrills in coaching. But I've never experienced such a thrill." His mother, Debbie McElwain commented, "This is the first moment Jason has ever succeeded (and could be) proud of himself. I look at autism as the Berlin Wall and he cracked it."

"The hope and the promise this provides, it's priceless," stated Dr. Susan Hyman, an associate professor for pediatrics at the University of Rochester's Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities. The impact was felt most strongly by the autism community where both parents and children were inspired by this exciting.

"For many in the autism community, McElwain's story provides a much-needed template for the right way to integrate a special-needs child into the mainstream community," Hyman said. Serving as team manager and getting a chance to be apart of the team provided confidence and social acceptance for McElwain.

Hyman stated that McElwain's story "is about looking at what sports do for kids in America." Sports can serve as a means of social interaction and acceptance for students. McElwain proved to the nation that kids with autism should not be overlooked, and that they hold untapped potential. "It's wonderful that he got all those points. But what's most wonderful is the circumstances around it. It's bigger than all those baskets," stated Hyman.

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## Baseball continues its winning ways

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This past weekend, the men's baseball team traveled to Tacoma for a standard doubleheader against the University of Puget Sound. The Bearcats gained a substantial lead from the start, but no one could have predicted the game would end in what may be the most suspenseful at-bat of the season.

Willamette scored four runs in the top of the first inning, propelled by Matt Johnson's RBI single that brought Sean Anderson to home plate. Soon after, Kyle Stalker doubled to center field to drive Johnson and Kelley Gilmore home as well. Stalker himself was then waved through when Matt Rasmussen RBI'd to give the Bearcats a 4-0 lead. UPS eventually tied the game in the fifth inning, but Willamette scored three times in the next series to take back the lead. The go ahead run came when Grant Yamaguchi scored from an RBI from Anderson. Matt Johnson was then struck with a pitch while the bases were loaded, bringing the score to 6-4 in favor of the Bearcats.

When Stalker advanced Adam Holden to home plate with a sacrifice fly, the three-run deficit appeared unattainable and a Willamette victory seemed certain. The Loggers had a magical seventh

inning, however, scoring three runs to bridge the gap. With the score tied 7-7 at the top of the ninth, the Bearcats had one last chance at bat to seal the win. The stage was set, and Sean Anderson hit the game-winning home run to put the final score of game one to 8-7. "The pitcher made a mistake throwing me a fastball up and in and I drove it out of the park. It was definitely the most timely homerun of my career here at Willamette," Anderson said, who also plays receiver on the varsity football team, is a sophomore studying Economics. He is a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and an avid fisherman and poker player outside of class.

Nic Nottingham picked up the win for Willamette, throwing just over five innings in relief of Clint Moran.

Game two was continued on Sunday afternoon after being suspended. The Bearcats had less trouble handling the Loggers this time around, defeating them 4-2. Home runs from Stalker and Yamaguchi took the edge off and pitcher Drew Herbert was credited with the win. Yamaguchi was 3-5 at the plate with an RBI and one run scored. Herbert gave up one run and five hits in five innings.

The Loggers secured their second win of the season as they dethroned a third Bearcat victory that weekend, winning the

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game 3-6. Willamette broke out with a 2-0 lead in the fourth on an RBI double from Yamaguchi and Lee Ecklund's RBI single. UPS scored once in the fourth, but the Bearcats responded with a sacrifice fly from Kelly Gilmore that sent Anderson home. The Loggers rallied with two runs off of Tye Sundlee in the sixth and three runs off of Adam Beebe to win the contest.

Gilmore was named the Statesman Journal Athlete of the Week for his hitting against Lewis and Clark two weekends ago. He was named NWC Honorable Mention last week as well. Gilmore said, "It is a nice honor to be chosen because there are so many great athletes in the small colleges around here." He is a junior Biology major who spends most of his free time in the outdoors. "I love to surf, snowboard, wakeskate, longboard and kiteboard most of all. I try to keep a board under my feet anytime I don't have spikes on."

The winning season continues with an overall record of 9-3 and 4-2 NWC.

Bearcat baseball player Kelly Gilmore has been named the Statesman Journal Athlete of the Week for his performance over the weekend against Lewis & Clark. Gilmore was also named NWC Honorable Mention for the week.

## Breakfast: Not the meal to miss

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**MYTH: Skipping meals, especially breakfast, will help you lose weight.**

You've heard it many times before, that breakfast is THE most important meal of the day! But why? Why get out of bed an extra fifteen minutes early to grab something to eat and start your day off right?

A personal trainer I know once compared our bodies to a furnace. Like a furnace, our bodies need fuel to run properly. Does it make sense to fill your furnace with coal at the end of the day, and let it run on empty up until then? No! While losing weight is ultimately about caloric intake versus output (you need to burn 500 calories more than what you consume to lose 1lb. of fat), when we skip a meal, our body assumes we are going into starvation mode and responds by lowering our metabolism. By the time you do eat, you are hungrier than if you had not skipped breakfast and are more prone to overeating. It's also more difficult to not give in to cravings for bad snacks if you skip meals.

Even if you can't stomach a good-sized breakfast that early in the morning, eating even a little something will benefit you. Try drinking at least a glass of juice and then bringing along some

snacks for later. Overall, a healthier plan is to eat smaller, more frequent meals throughout the course of the day. While this takes some planning, it will prompt your metabolism to work at a consistent rate and burn more calories overall.

Try these convenient healthy snacks for on-the-go students:

- Hardboiled eggs
- Snap peas
- Carrots
- Yogurt
- String cheese
- Nuts (limit to a 1/4 c., these guys are GREAT for you but have a ton of calories!)
- Fruit
- Cottage cheese
- Raisins
- Granola bars
- Low-fat Popcorn
- Pretzels
- Celery with peanut butter
- Oatmeal

Source: <http://www.healthcastle.com>

## Tennis powers up for Whitman and Whitworth

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Both the men's and women's tennis teams had sound victories over Pacific University last weekend. "We had a great convincing conference win against Pacific," said freshman Dave Reichert. The men played at home against Pacific on Sunday at the Courthouse, winning with a score of 7-0. Freshmen Reichert, Alex Sepenzis, sophomores Eric Macmillan, Fitz Paccione, Geoff Klein and junior Shaun Mihalick all won their singles matches. Out of all nine matches, Pacific only won a total of 10 games.

The day before, the men had battled Linfield College in McMinnville, losing with a score of 0-7. Macmillan and Mihalick were able to grab the first doubles match, winning with a very close score of 8-6. Linfield stole the next two dou-

bles matches and also dominated over the singles matches. Once again Mihalick demonstrated his strength, taking his singles match to three games, barely losing (6-3), (6-7), (8-10). The Bearcats are now 2-4 overall in the Northwest Conference. "We have a big Washington road trip next week against Whitman and Whitworth and every member of the team will need to step it up in order for us to be victorious and one step closer to an admirable conference ranking," Reichert said.

The women's tennis team traveled to Portland to face Pacific last Friday, securing a win with a solid score of 9-0. Sophomores Tiffany Kam and Alaine Anderson and juniors Hannah Johnson and Sara Potts won their games in straight sets. Also winning their singles matches were sophomore Christy Newell, fighting hard toward a (6-2), (6-2)

victory, and freshman Xochilth Franklin battled to a (6-4), (6-1) win. Willamette also swept the doubles games, helping the Bearcats win overall.

Like the men's team, the women also had a tough fight against the undefeated Linfield College on Saturday at the Willamette tennis courts. Kam fought hard in the #1 singles but was not able to conquer the opponent, falling short (6-3), (6-3). The other singles players played well but also fell short. In doubles, Johnson and Kam put out their best effort, barely losing 4-8 and Franklin and Newell with a score of 3-8. The overall score was 0-9, bringing the Willamette women's team to 3-3 in the NWC.

Up next weekend are women's home games against Whitworth and Whitman as the men's team goes to Washington to travel to the same schools.

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Sophomore Tiffany Kam and Junior Hannah Johnson team-up for doubles against the Linfield Wildcats.

photo by BRANDON BENNIGHT

# EXTRAS

## CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

Feb. 26 - Mar. 4, 2006  
By Brad Woodward

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 1, 3:30 p.m. (University Center): A student reported that a WEB bulletin board had been vandalized.

March 2, 12:00 a.m. (Quad): A witness reported seeing several people carrying two steel posts from the Quad toward the sororities. The posts are used to block vehicle entrance to sidewalks. Officers stopped and identified a group of students near the sororities that turned out to be the suspects. The posts were later found and had been thrown in the Mill Stream.

March 2, 2:10 p.m. (TIUA): Graffiti was discovered on the east wall along 14th Street.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

February 28, 12:25 a.m. (Baxter Hall): WEMS assisted a student who was bitten by a dog while off campus.

February 28, 8:17 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student suffered a facial laceration while playing basketball. WEMS examined the wound and he was escorted to the hospital.

March 1, 10:13 a.m. (Eaton Hall): A student was transported to the hospital after collapsing.

March 4, 5:32 a.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): WEMS assisted a

student who had consumed too much alcohol. No further medical treatment was necessary.

### POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

February 26, 1:51 a.m. (Quad): Students reported three intoxicated males causing a disturbance in the east side quad. They were seen entering Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Officers checked the building but they could not be located. Several alcohol policy violations were observed.

February 26, 5:30 a.m. (Smullin Hall): A custodian reported finding empty beer bottles and beer spilled on tables in room 205.

March 4, 11:22 p.m. (Belknap Hall): An RA reported smelling marijuana and discovered paraphernalia in a room. Officers responded and confiscated the paraphernalia. The occupant claimed it was used for smoking tobacco but had no explanation for the smell.

### HIT AND RUN ACCIDENT

March 3, 2:00 p.m. (Atkinson GSM): A student returned to her parked vehicle and discovered minor damage to the bumper. The suspect apparently left without notifying anyone.

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February 27, 4:40 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): A student reported that someone had entered his vehicle three days prior and stolen his stereo and toolbox. No damage was done to the vehicle.

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



## 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 Lauren Andrzejewski. The location was a window in Eaton walking from the third to the second floor.

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