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HHR Forum Focuses on Diversity at Willamette

By HOLLY GION

Staff Writer

The House of Hall Representatives' Multicultural/Diversity Forum was not scheduled for a very convenient time for those students that were leaving early for Spring Break or for those that were studying for midterms, but for eleven people, the forum, held on March 18, was a perfect place to talk about diversity here at Willamette.

James Banks, President of the House of Hall Representatives, stated that HHR sent out a survey this spring and the results indicated that cultural diversity was an issue of concern among Willamette students. Thus, it was decided to hold an open discussion forum on the subject.

Director of Multicultural Affairs and forum facilitator Rich Shintaku opened the discussion with questions pertaining to student feeling

about diversity. The students and faculty in attendance were very open and full of opinions and ideas about the cultural diversity, or lack thereof, at WU.

Shintaku spoke about the fact that Willamette is actively recruiting students of color to add to the only 11-14% minority population we have, but these students are turning down Willamette. One of the keys to attracting a more diverse applicant pool is financial aid and scholarship assistance according to Shintaku.

One of the problems WU has in attracting minorities or students of color is the stereotype of the "Great White North," according to Marilyn Derby, Associate Director of Residence Life, who also attended the forum. Shintaku noted that the retention rate at Willamette is high, which indicates that students are happy here, but the initial attraction is a huge key.

A student in attendance added

that the students themselves are responsible for not accepting diversity as a part of their comfortable homogeneity.

One student in attendance brought up the subject of homosexuality. She noted that WU students cry out for diversity but in reality shun those that choose alternative lifestyles. There is also a lack of religious diversity that proves to be difficult for some students.

Colt Briner, a senior that lives with two TIUA students, added that Willamette does not take advantage of the diversity that the TIUA students offer. Shintaku added that there are no African-American faculty members at Willamette. Having faculty of color is a big part in attracting students of color, according to Shintaku.

With the need for diversity coming from every viewpoint, there are many solutions that are just on the horizon if the student body gets involved. At the forum, many solutions

to Willamette's diversity dilemma were discussed. HHR has initiated the forum sessions for others to get involved.

They are also working to form a common "place" where students can come and meet each other, study together and live together. Residence life is encouraging students to live with TIUA roommates. Briner also added that classes in the curriculum that deal with diversity would help open some eyes.

Some individual steps students can take are to apply to live with a TIUA student next semester, join clubs that promote cultural diversity, attend functions, such as the Harvest Festival, write to the dean about the need for a more diverse faculty and get involved in the potential diversity task force or multicultural/diversity forums.

If the Willamette community wants more diversity, culture and new "world views", then they must actively seek them out.

Convocation Addresses Sexual Assault

The idea for a convocation on sexual assault was planned about a months ago

By MONA LUQMAN

Editor

On Wednesday (April 7), the Willamette community will have the chance to discuss sexual assault at Willamette in a public forum. Next week's convocation, held in Cone Chapel at 11:30 am, will be a "conversation about resources available on campus for those that experience sexual assault," according to University Chaplain Charlie Wallace. "Unfortunately, it happens all too often and we want to help," Wallace continued.

The convocation will feature a panel of Willamette's Sexual Assault Advisors and hopefully a representative from the Women's Crisis Center. The convocation was planned long before letters were printed in the Collegian regarding the Counseling Center's response to a sexual assault victim.

The original letter raised concerns that victims are not treated properly by the Center. This convocation will be a chance to air some of those issues. Sexual Assault Advisor Meredy Edelson says, "This will hopefully be a constructive discussion where people can express their concerns and learn what Willamette currently does to respond to victims of interpersonal violence." Both encourage students to attend with questions as well as ideas on how to better respond to such horrific violence.

Professor Douglass' Lecture is Last in Series

By CARINNA TARVIN

Staff Writer

At his Last Lecture, Professor David Douglass of the Rhetoric & Media Studies Department spent 45 minutes explaining why he was not going to give a Last Lecture at all.

He was not going to talk about the differences in gender communication, having given lectures on the subject in every residence hall and in classes. He did state that men initiate 95 percent of all interruptions and jokes in conversations and women laugh louder and longer at jokes. After giving a mini-lecture on the topic, he said he was not going to give a lecture about that because he has given it so much already.

He then spoke of another topic that he could lecture on: communication patterns in e-mail, a subject he is doing extensive research on. He used the e-mail fiasco of early



March as an example of thousands of people reading a few messages and not responding. He said that only about five to seven percent of

people who read e-mail discussions actually respond or participate. Of that percentage, 90 percent are men.

Douglass said e-mail changes the time signature of communication and eliminates non-verbal communication. He said that it "flattens out the communication conveyance," meaning people do not get the chance to change the information to suit their individual interests and needs each time it is repeated, like in a normal situation.

Douglass then stated that he was not going to talk about that topic either,

as he did not know how much background his audience would have with e-mail and how interested they would be.

He decided to directly attack the premise of the "Last Lecture," analyzing the words separately for each of their implications. After mentioning that considering the "Last" in Last Lecture to mean the last of the day would be too trivial for a lecture, Douglass moved on to more interesting implications.

A more dynamic premise would be if the lecture was the last one he gave before he died. Declaring this, he went on to decide when he would be dying.

Wanting to spend the last month of his life with his family and not giving lectures but also wanting a sense of immediacy to the lecture, Douglass decided that he was going to approach his task as if he was going to die in more than a month, but less than a year.

That out of the way, he had to

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Tenth Annual Job Fair to be Held April 7-8

By MONIQUE ALLEN

Staff Writer

This year marks the tenth in a row for the Oregon Liberal Arts Placement Consortium (OLAPC). This is the place to go if searching for a summer internship or a "real" job.

Many Willamette students complain that Willamette does not do enough to help students get jobs, however that simply is not the case. OLAPC is one of the largest job

fairs in the entire Pacific Northwest, drawing several recruiters who return year upon year. This year, there will be more than 130 companies and organizations offering information and conducting interviews.

This year, the OLAPC job fair will be held Wednesday and Thursday, April 7-8 at the University of Portland Chiles Center. On Wednesday, the fair is from 1-4 and is open to all participants who wish to get information from recruiters and schedule interviews. On Thursday, the fair is only open to those who

have interviews.

The dress code for both days is professional and it is a very wise idea to bring several copies of resumes. There have been workshops throughout the year on creating resumes, writing cover letters and learning interview skills. The last workshop before the fair is Monday, April 6 at 6 pm in the Parent's Conference Room.

OLAPC was first created ten

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Interest Lacks for Increased Library Hours

By JONI ROBERTS
Contributor

The fishbowl is currently the only place in the library that is accessible to students on a 24-hour basis. The idea of increasing the number of library hours was brought up last year. But there was not enough interest by the students who help staff the library to work more in order to accommodate the increase in library hours.

The cost of increasing hours vs. the number of students using those extra hours was also a factor in the consideration of keeping the library hours at its current level. A comparison of the Mark O. Hatfield's library hours to those of Swathmore College's library hours reveal that the latter does have longer hours, but only 2.5 hours longer a week.

The Hatfield Library is currently open 100.25 hours a week during the academic year, while Swathmore's library is open

102.75 hours a week. The Hatfield Library is open 7 days a week on Mon - Thur. (7:45 am - midnight), Fri. (7:45 am - 9 pm), Sat. (10 am - 6 pm), and Sun. (10 am - midnight).

A committee made up of library staff, representative from Student Affairs, and a student representative recently examined the fishbowl in order to find ways this 24 hour room can be improved. Recommendations by the committee have already been made to the library administration, which will be consider the findings within the weeks to come.

Though the library is not open 24 hours, students are still able to access many of the services via computer access. Students can access the libraries webpage (<http://library.willamette.edu>) if they wish to use databases such as Orbis, Britannica Online, Expanded Academic Index, Business Index, and Health Reference Center.

President Pelton's Office Hours for April

The President's hours are on April 15 and 29 from 2-4 pm. Students can drop by and discuss any issues or concerns with the

President. No appointment is necessary because it is on a walk in basis. Please call x6209 if there are any questions.

Procedure Changes for Conduct Appeals

Previously, appeals to the Standards of Conduct Committee sanction were considered by the President. The appeal procedure was changed upon the recommendation of the University Standards of Conduct Committee.

The Student Affairs Committee and the Board of Trustees unanimously approved changes to the Standards of Conduct Ap-

peal Procedure.

The new change requires the committee that prescribed or upheld the sanction to be responsible for the appeal by a student of that sanction. A copy of the new change may be obtained at the Office of Residence Life. Although the policy has not been printed in the policy manual, it is still in effect for the rest of the semester.

DOUGLASS: Giving Last Lecture Poses Problems

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determine what the cause of his death would be. He considered what it would be like if he had some lingering disease, which would make him look "sick, in a romantic way, like Kate Moss." He discarded that idea because nobody would want to watch a person with such a disease giving a lecture and such a person probably would not want to give a lecture.

The next potential cause of death was execution. This led to a description of gallows speeches made by convicts during the 19th century. Convicts scheduled for execution were entitled to last words. They would use this opportunity to tell people to learn from their bad examples. Douglass admitted that he really did not have any bad examples for the audience to learn from and thought that it seemed unlikely that any of them would be executed in the future, so that option was out of the question.

Douglass then explained that he climbed mountains all over the world to relieve his teen angst. When he was on dangerous climbs, he would write last letters to his friends and leave them in his bags at the bottom of the mountain, to serve as his wills. However, when he settled down and his kids were born, he stopped being risky and transformed the letters into one long

letter that he keeps on his computer.

He writes his ideas and accumulated wisdom in this letter, reading a section about character to the audience. He decided that kind of last lecture was too personal to give at that time and place.

Next, Douglass addressing the word "lecture." The word derives from the Old English word for "reading" and the latin word for "bed." In the middle ages, the only time that women could give their husbands rebukes was behind the curtains of their beds. However, he said that he did not want to put the audience on time out, so he would have to move on to another tactic. Since addressing the terms themselves was not working for him, he finally decided that giving a Last Lecture was never going to work, stating three problems he had with the idea of giving lectures.

The first was philosophical, as his giving a lecture would presuppose that he knows more than his audience and would be an imposition of his views on a captive audience. He said that teachers give lectures to show the students how smart they are, how much information they have and how prepared they are.

The second problem was pedagogical, as people lose interest after 10 minutes. They get drowsy when they do not have the adrenaline rush that comes with speaking.

In a lecture, there is unequal access to shared ideas and other modes of learning besides cognitive are excluded.

Douglass' third problem was sociological as he quoted H. L. Mencken, who did not want to give lectures because he did not want to meet the kind of people who go to lectures. Douglass stated that no one can communicate wisdom via a lecture, so he was going to tell a story about a poor Chinese man named Won who needed a job.

A fish restaurant owner offered him a job and a room above the restaurant. One day, a friend asked Won how he could stand cooking and serving fish to people all day when he couldn't eat any himself. Won replied that the scent of fish was so strong in his apartment that he could pretend that he was eating it along with his bowl of rice. The restaurant owner overheard this and tried to sue Won because since the fish belonged to him, so did the fish scent. The wise judge agreed and asked Won for all of his money. He took Won's three cents, jingled them in his hand and gave them back to Won.

To quiet the outraged owner, the judge said that since he was so concerned with the shadow of a fish, he deserved to receive the shadow of the money.

The audience received a shadow of a lecture.

JOB FAIR: Not too Late to Register

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years ago as an effort to draw recruiters to the region for the benefit of small liberal arts colleges. Eight schools participate in OLAPC, which means that recruiters can draw from a combined senior class of 2000 students, as opposed to 400 or less from individual schools.

OLAPC has a strong record of success. When it first was started, only 40 recruiters participated. That number has more than tripled in ten

years and 50% of current employers have participated for more than five years.

According to Nancy Norton, director of Career Services, "The recruiters love the quality of students that attend. They like the professional approach."

Although the pre-screening deadline has already passed, it is not too late. The fair is open to current students and first year alumni from the participating schools (Eastern Oregon, George Fox, Linfield, Pa-

cific, Reed College, University of Portland, Western Oregon and Willamette.) Registration costs only five dollars and forms can be obtained at the Career Services Office.

For more information on the fair, contact the Career Services Office on the second floor of the UC. Direct questions to Kathi Lutz. There is a van traveling to the fair on Wednesday only and seating is limited. If you plan to take the van, you must sign up in the Career Services Office soon.

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Tobin's Take: *The General*

(film reviews from Tobin Addington)

Film: *The General***Starring:** Brenden Gleeson, Jon Voight**Director:** John Boorman**Check Statesman for theatres****Verdict:** ☆☆☆☆ 1/2

Put away any preconceived notions you have about Irish movies. This is not *Waking Ned Devine*. This is not *Darby O'Gill and the Little People*. You never see the requisite rolling-green-cliffs-on-the-coast shot. In fact, there is no green at all. No, this is a witty, gritty, black-and-white crime drama about a real-life Irish Robin Hood in the mid-1980's. This notorious thief eluded and infuriated the police, the press, and the IRA for years and earned himself the title of the "general". "What a fantastic story for a movie!" I thought to myself as I sat down in the theater, "I hope they don't mess it up."

They didn't. Under the skillful direction of writer-director-producer **John Boorman** (*Hope and Glory*, *Deliverance*), *The General* avoids most crime drama conventions while still retaining the genre's excitement and suspense. Shooting in black-and-white was an excellent choice as the story alternates between the main character's light and dark sides. In the title role **Brendan Gleeson** gives an amazingly charismatic performance. He is not handsome. He is not dashing. In fact, he's overweight, he gets caught by the cops from time to time, and

he sleeps with both his wife and her sister, fathering children with both. And yet he is irresistibly charming. Everybody loves him! Even the member of his own gang who, suspected of stealing from the thieves, the General crucifies... literally.

I'm not a big fan of **Jon Voight** (*Midnight Cowboy*, *Deliverance*, *The Rainmaker*), and the last thing I saw him in was *Varsity Blues*, which didn't exactly elevate my respect level.

However, as the top police man out to get the General he does a fine job, holding the accent and the character's inner conflict between his duty to the law and his loyalty to Ireland quite well. Also to be mentioned is the General's devoted right hand man, downplayed wonderfully by **Adrian Dunbar** to let Gleeson's performance shine.

For fans of crime dramas there are gun fights, several thrilling heist sequences, plenty of police interrogation, a number of chases, and a lot of cash, gold, jewelry, and artwork stolen. For those who love character studies there is the title character, who always comes up with a new way to screw authority, dodge the law, and spread around

the wealth. For history buffs, this really happened, although it is an admittedly sympathetic look at a dangerous criminal. For those intrigued by family dramas there is the love triangle and family politics of the General's life, which are accepted by all involved. And finally, for everyone, this movie is really funny. The General comes up with some extremely outrageous ways to humiliate the police. He is, to use one of his own terms, very cheeky.

The General went through life flipping off authority with one hand while picking their pocket with the other, and it's a joy to watch.

~Tobin Addington



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HOT TIPS

for the week of Apr 2 - Apr 8

WHAT: 10 Things I Hate About You

WHEN: April 2

WHERE: check Statesman

WHY: Gil Junger directs this updated version of Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew". Like the recent *Cruel Intentions* this remake changes the language and sets the action in Padua High School. **Heath Ledger** and **Julia Stiles** star in this potentially awful film--although the previews look pretty good. Most of the characters have the same names and the story is fairly well intact. However, Shakespeare without the original language is always gamble.

This Week
Apr 2 - Apr 8

Fri. Apr 2
-THE MINDERS, BOY CRAZY, SLOWER THAN @ 17 Nautical Miles (PDX), 503.771.2411
-MEL, PEDRO LUZ, BLYSS @ La Luna (PDX), 503.241.LUNA
-PEDRO THE LION, DAMIEN JURADO, DIGNEN @ Portland State University, ?
-MEDESKI, MARTIN & WOOD, DJ LOGIK @ the Roseland (PDX), 503.224.2038
-JOHN LEE HOOKER & THE COAST TO COAST BLUES BAND, BOOKER T. JONES, KELLY JOE PHELPS @ Hult Center (Eugene), ?
-SIGNIFIED MONKEY @ Tommyjohn's (Salem), 540.4069
-BLIND DRIVER @ Boon's Treasury (Salem), 399.9062

Sat. Apr 3
-RED STARS THEORY, BISHYBACKSON @ 17 Nautical Miles
-VINCE WELNICK & MISSING MAN FORMATION, LLOYN JONES, STRUGGLE, ARTIS THE SPOONMAN, KEN KESEY'S THUNDER MACHINE @ the Aladdin

(PDX), 503.233.1994
-RUBBERNECK, THE FEEL @ Crystal Ballroom (PDX), 503.225.0047
-DEATH CAB FOR CUTIE, LIFESAVAS, EUREKA FARM, G O D D A M N GENTLEMEN, PEP SQUAD @ Portland State University
-MEDESKI, MARTIN & WOOD, DJ LOGIK @ the Roseland
-SUSAN MCKEOWN @ WOW Hall (Eugene), 541.687.2746
-BRIAN C. TRIO @ Boon's Treasury
-RADIO FLYERS @ Tommyjohn's

Sun. Apr 4
-CUBANISMO! @ Crystal Ballroom

Tue. Apr 6
-UNWRITTEN LAW, GRINSPOON, SPRING HEELER JACK @ La Luna
-J.T. Meier @ Boon's Treasury

Wed. Apr 7
-SEBADOH, LOWERCASE @ La Luna
-CHIP COHEN @ Boon's Treasury

This Month:
April

Fri. Apr 9: CANDLEBOX w/ GOODNESS @ Roseland Theatre...IMPOTENT SEA SNAKES @ La Luna
Sat. Apr 10: EAGLE EYE CHERRY @ La Luna...KORN & ROB ZOMBIE @ Memorial Coliseum...THE MARTINIS & SUNSET VALLEY @ E.J.'s
Tue. Apr 13: STABBING WESTWARD w/ PLACEBO & FLICK @ La Luna
Fri. Apr 16: MXPX w/ TBA @ La Luna
Sat. Apr 17: THE RESIDENTS @ La Luna
Mon. Apr 21: MOCKETT & THE THRONES @ La Luna
Tue. Apr 22: MAN OR ASTROMAN, ZEN GUERILLA, & ROCK - A - TEENS @ La Luna...R.J. BURNSIDE @ The Aladdin
Wed. Apr 23: 17 REASONS WHY, w/ MORE TBA @ La Luna
Thu. Apr 24: LIQUID SOUL & MER-KA-BA MOTHERSHIP @ La Luna
Sun. Apr 27: CRASH TEST DUMMIES & SIX PENCE NONE THE RICHER @ La Luna
Wed. Apr 30: GOMEZ w/ MOJAVE 3 @ Berbat's Pan...EVE 6 & LIT @ La Luna

Album
Review:

Videodrone

**Album:** *Videodrone***Artist:** Videodrone**Label:** Reprise Records**Available at:** Groovacious Platters**Verdict:** ☆

The most painful part of trying to review *Videodrone*'s self titled album was having to listen to every song in its entirety. The wannabe **Electronica** band goes in and out of butt rock constantly and in turn makes the music a lost cause. They manage to sound like bands ranging from **Soul Coughing** to **Metallica**, with hints of **Garbage** and **Duran Duran** thrown in to mix it up. Needless to say, it forms an interesting mix which manages to confuse and irritate the listener.

According to the Reprise Record's Media Information, Videodrone worked closely with **Korn's John Davis** and got much support from members of **Limp Bizkit**, including **Fred Dust**. Their close working with Korn and Limp Bizkit is reflected with a butt rock, dreary overtone to their music. Most of the lyrics are lost in a sea of whining guitar noises and drawn out bass cords.

Similarities to Korn and Limp Bizkit are further accentuated with a couple of their songs showing promise, but are destroyed 30 seconds into the song. The third track on the CD starts off with a kicking

bass beat, but is drowned out by deep angry lyrics 35 seconds later. Throughout the tune the bass beat is gone back to, but the overbearing lyrics and cutting out of the bass makes the song frustrating and unenjoyable.

Reprise also claims, "...the intrigue extends to each track of Videodrone, with lyrics that cut to the essentials and music that lodges in your lobes for the long run." I'm not sure who wrote this blatant propaganda for the band, but a concentration on lyrics which are hard to comprehend and justify is not the best approach.

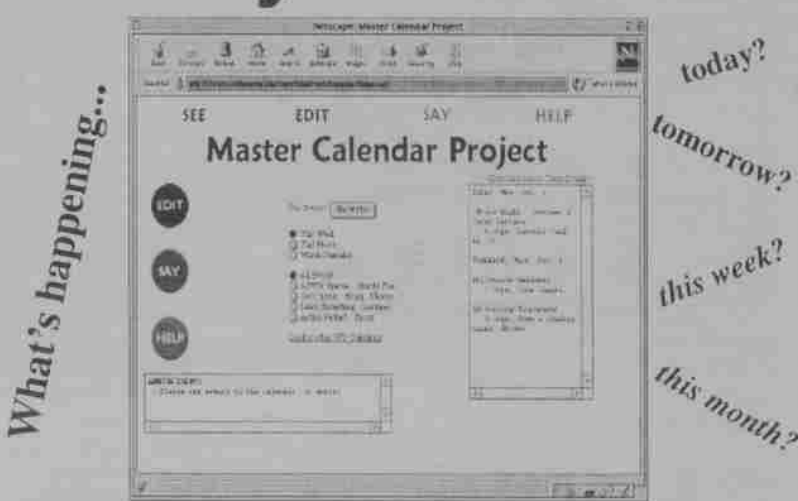
The sad truth to Videodrone's record is it gives the listener a desperate, confused, and irritated feeling, failing to stir up any emotion towards life or anything. Music should be able to change or exemplify one's mood at the moment, whether it's joy, hate, or contentment, music should cause something. Videodrone cause irritation, but not towards society or standards, but to the music itself.

"From the harrowing 'Alone' to the lacerating 'Ant In The Dope' to the haunting 'Ty Jonathan Down,' Videodrone is making music for the next millennium, just in the nick of time"—Reprise Records. If this is true, I hate to see where our world is going. The lack of emotion and feeling in the record makes me hope there is something better in the future of music.

~Mike Benkowski



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LETTERS

Inside Political Track

WORRYING ABOUT GORE—Democratic politicians, worried about Vice President Al Gore's shaky platform presence and poor showing in the polls, are nevertheless resigned to his nomination for president and hopeful that his candidacy will improve. That hope is based in no small part on the experience of the last incumbent vice president who was nominated for president: George Bush, who started well behind Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis and did not move ahead until the last months of the 1988 campaign. But Democratic strategists would feel more comfortable if Gore improved his performance. A footnote: Democratic consultants tend to fear Elizabeth Dole more than any other possible Republican nominee for president. They are terrified that she would eradicate the gender gap and destroy Gore.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY—Edward M. Kennedy as top Democrat on the Senate Health Committee at the last minute postponed a markup on the Patient's Bill of Rights for five and a half hours in order to participate in St. Patrick's Day festivities, including the annual lunch by the speaker of the House. Considering the high priority Kennedy has put on health-care reform, other members of the committee raised their eyebrows when the starting time was postponed from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to accommodate the senator's social calendar. The response from Kennedy's staff is that more than the speaker's luncheon was involved. He was meeting with John Hume and Gerry Adams, Catholic political leaders in Northern Ireland, and Mo Mowlam, British secretary of state for Northern Ireland.

GEORGE W.'S PIONEERS—Contributions for Texas Gov. George W. Bush's prospective presidential campaign are pouring into Austin from around the country to the tune of \$100,000 a day, encouraging his advisers to reject the federal campaign subsidy and therefore not be encumbered by spending limits. The money flow from Washington to Austin is aided by lobbyists seeking to achieve the status of "pioneer." To get an early seat on the Bush bandwagon, somebody has to send at least \$100,000 down to Texas. A footnote: C. Boyden Gray, White House counsel and longtime friend of President George Bush, hosted at his Georgetown home Wednesday night a \$1,000-a-person fund-raiser for Sen. John McCain of Arizona. Does that mean Gray is breaking his Bush ties to support McCain for president? No—in fact, Gray backs Gov. Bush, did not contribute to McCain and held the fund-raiser as a courtesy between two Washington insiders.

THE CHIEF'S SIGNATURE—Lobbyists assembled for a diabetes fund-raiser at the 701 Restaurant in downtown Washington Tuesday night were stunned by one item in the live auction: a ticket to the Senate impeachment trial autographed by its presiding officer, Chief Justice William Rehnquist. That provided additional evidence that Rehnquist departs from the traditional model of the cloistered chief justice. His signed ticket brought in \$600 for the Junior Diabetes Foundation. The most expensive item at the auction: \$2,200 for a luncheon with Sen. John McCain, a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination.

PRO-LIFE DEMOCRAT—Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, a leading anti-abortion Democrat, was in Washington this past week making contact with conservative activists to promote the social agenda of the Catholic Alliance. Flynn, who served as President Clinton's first ambassador to the Vatican, was the early front-runner last year to replace retiring Joseph P. Kennedy II in Congress but was defeated in the Boston district's Democratic primary. Disturbed by the hostile climate to pro-life advocates in the Democratic Party, Flynn told the mainly Republican activists in the capital that the Catholic Alliance will work against partial-birth abortion at home and religious persecution abroad. Flynn, however, said little about his organization's liberal economic message. Proposals such as another increase in the minimum wage are not welcomed by many social conservatives.

—Robert D. Novak

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Sexual Assault Advisor Responds to Trust Issues

To the Willamette Community:
I would like to respond to the recent letters in the Collegian regarding the sexual assault of the anonymous student, the response of the Sexual Assault Advisors, and the subsequent letters by Lou Barlow and Eric. While I certainly cannot divest myself of the title, Sexual Assault Advisor, I am not responding in that role. I am responding as an individual member of the community who is concerned about the interpersonal violence.

What I see in these letters is the perception of as a serious breach of trust between various members of the community as well as some clear differences regarding the issue of sexual assault and how it is perceived to be addressed on campus.

I want to try to address the issue of loss of trust that I see expressed, primarily directed at those of us who try to help victims of sexual assault. To be honest, I was angered and hurt by these letters for a number of reasons. Primarily, I was saddened by the notion that students on this campus believe that I, as a member of the Sexual Assault Advisors and Department of Psychology, did not believe the story of assault, that Eric would feel afraid to speak his opinion to the degree that he would withhold his last name (ostensibly for fear of retribution) or that Lou feels we don't adequately deal with sexual assault on this campus.

In order to address this lack of trust, I'd like to tell you a bit about the kind of person I am and why I became a Sexual Assault Advisor.

I am a Clinical Psychologist by training. I have worked primarily with children, many of whom were victims of sexual abuse.

I have seen the devastating effects of this abuse on them and I work to educate others about sexual abuse and sexual assault. I do research related to domestic violence and the effects of this violence on women and children.

I recently became affiliated with Liberty House in Salem which is an agency aimed at providing assessment, medical, and mental health services to children suspected of being abused. I teach courses such as a Violence against Women and Children Seminar, a Sexual Abuse Seminar, and Psychology of Women. I am a passionate humanist (my preferred word for what many call

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Contributor

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feminist); I adamantly believe that everyone male and female, Caucasian, African American, Native American, Asian, Hispanic, Biracial, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Atheist, homosexual, heterosexual, bisexual, asexual should be treated fairly, with respect and dignity. I'm outraged and appalled when individuals violate these beliefs by being physically or sexually assaultive. In fact, I'm so sensitized to these issues, that I get easily angered by how we, as a society, tend to covertly support interpersonal violence through media representations and lack of consequence for these crimes.

As you hopefully can see, I am not the type of person who would deny someone's report of sexual assault. I know the devastating effects this can have on a victim, and in my opinion, this would serve to increase the climate for continued violent behaviors.

I don't know exactly why Eric and Lou responded with this assumption, but I will offer an assumption of my own.

The Sexual Assault Advisors supported the staff of the Counseling Center, and this seems to be interpreted as being incompatible with believing the woman who reported her experience of assault.

In fact, believing her and supporting the staff at Bishop are not mutually exclusive. It is clear that the woman who wrote the initial letter did not have a good experience with the Bishop staff.

This does not mean that the Counseling Center is not responsive to the needs of sexual assault victims; it means that they weren't responsive to the needs of this particular person, this particular instance. None of us know, except the woman

and the particular staff person, what transpired. None of us know whether the issues that were concerning this woman would be an issue for others.

Those students who have been victims of sexual assault and who were helped by the Bishop staff are likely not to lend their voices to this discussion, but in the past four years, I've talked with them and I know there have been many who were helped. This brings us back to the issue of trust which, as I said, seems to be at the heart of each of the letters which were published. Trust is a two-way street (trite, but true). The faculty, staff, and administrators have to trust students and their perceptions. Toward this end, the perceptions published by the three individuals are important and valuable. With regard to sexual assault, the campus community needs to trust that we really do want to help, that isn't and "us" against "them" situation-- that stakes are way too high for anyone to think this way.

Lou wanted to examine how sexual assault is currently addressed on campus. I would like to invite the entire Willamette community to a convocation on April 7th in Cone Chapel (11:30 am) regarding the issue of sexual assault on campus.

This will hopefully be a constructive discussion where people can express their concerns and can also learn, in more detail, what Willamette currently does to respond to sexual assault victims and victims of other forms of interpersonal violence.

I would also like to invite Eric, Lou or other concerned students to stop by my office (253 Smullin) if you would like to meet more personally to discuss these matters. It's easy to have an argument in the Collegian, but difficult to actually have a discussion. Finally, I worry about the effects of continuing this debate in the Collegian on victims of sexual assault. It seems unfair to them to continue to have reminders of sexual assault in each week's paper. For this reason, I will not be responding to any further letters or articles pertaining to this issue at this time. I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the concerns expressed thus far, and hope that everyone on this campus can start to trust that we all want what's best for victims of sexual assault.

You Still Have Your Voice

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by request

From reading the last few issues of the Collegian, I was amazed by the number of students who had had unsuccessful experiences, similar to my own, with the resources on campus. Something more needs to be done to help survivors of sexual assault and harassment.

The answer I have found is not in placing blame on the Sexual Assault Advisors or the Counseling Center; I am sure that they have just as many success stories. Instead I believe students need to have another option, a student run resource.

In response to the letters and articles published in the Collegian recently, I have decided to form a support group for survivors of sexual assault and/or harassment.

I found, through my own experience with sexual assault that speaking about it is the best way to deal with the trauma. But counseling hasn't been enough for me.

I feel the need to talk with others, my peers, about my feelings and concerns. I need to know that I am not alone in this.

I want to be able to make something positive out of the traumatic event that happened to me at this university.

I believe that by creating 'Voice,' students who are survivors of sexual assault and/or harassment will be able to find a safe, comfortable environment to express their feelings and concerns.

The first meeting of Voice will be Monday April 5 at 8pm in the Womyn's Center, 3rd floor of the UC. The support group promises

complete confidentiality to any student who comes.

It is too late for many of us to seek any help from the Sexual Assault Advisors or counseling services. Now we need to turn to each other for strength.

The longer you keep it to yourself, the harder it is to make it go away. I encourage the students who wrote to the Collegian of their experiences, and all other survivors, to come to this first meeting.

Speaking about the event can help you regain your sense of personal power and control. This is a way for us to take action and do something about what happened to us. Your voice is something no one can ever take from you.

For more information about Voice please contact the Womyn's Center or call 370-6884.

Convocation on Sexual Assault Wednesday April 7 in Cone Chapel at 11:30 am

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Why do we idolize those who are our enemies?

By THOMAS SOWELL
Contributor

"No one is a bigger enemy to women than those who promote easy sex. Yet feminist leaders have pushed easy sex and a unisex vision of the world..."

cheered their führer. At least the Germans had the excuse that they did not know in the 1930s what horrors this hate-filled demagogue would bring down on their heads in the 1940s, or what lasting disgrace would hang over Germans in general as a result of Hitler's atrocities. Even Germans whose families had lived in other countries in Europe for centuries were sent "back" to Germany by the millions, as a result of the postwar backlash against the Nazis. On a smaller scale, we have seen charismatic cult leaders like Jim Jones in Guyana and David Koresh in Waco lead their people into lethal disasters. Jones and Koresh turned out to be the biggest enemies of their followers, though adored by them. Dictator Juan Peron and his wife Eva were the toast of Argentina as they transformed this prosperous and vibrant country into an economic disaster area. Argentinians were as capable as anybody else of loving their enemies. Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana, Lenin in Russia and Mao in China are among the many beloved leaders around the world who brought catastrophe to their respective peoples in this century. Napoleon was said to have been regarded as a

demi-god by the troops he led to their deaths in the vast frozen reaches of Russia. Maybe there is something in the human psyche that makes us yearn for idols. Euphoria over rock stars and mass adulation for Princess Diana are among the milder forms of this idolatry.

Even so, it is painful to contrast public responses to the deaths of Mother Teresa and Princess Di within a short time of one another. Hating your friends is apparently just as easy as loving your enemies. Ibsen wrote a play titled "An Enemy of the People" about a man who revealed dangers that others wanted to sweep under the rug, and who ended up as an outcast as a result. The smearing of honorable men has become a highly developed political art form ever since the orchestrated demonization of Judge Robert Bork during the 1987 confirmation hearings on his nomination to the Supreme Court. Although a similar smear campaign against Judge Clarence Thomas narrowly failed to stop his elevation to the high bench, a more all-out campaign of smears has made special prosecutor Kenneth Starr a national villain for finding out the truth about people who lied. Meanwhile, Monica Lewinsky has gotten up off her knees and gone on to collect big bucks here and overseas. Many people find it impossible to believe the polls because these polls seem to reflect so badly on the judgment of the American public. Believe them. They are part of a long tradition. If it turns out that we have been supporting a man who jeopardized this country's military security for the sake of political campaign contributions from China, it may be catastrophic for America someday, but it will be nothing new in history.

LETTERS

Closing the Golden Door

For a while, it looked like Americans were ready to slam shut the Golden Door on immigration and penalize those immigrants who are already here. Californians enacted a ban on welfare for illegal aliens and threatened to prevent their children from attending public schools in the state. Congress enacted strict limits on welfare benefits for legal aliens, and even President Clinton talked tough about better enforcement of the U.S. border with Mexico. Lately though, few politicians -- other than Pat Buchanan -- bother to raise the issue. Why?

Certainly a booming economy -- coupled with a severe labor shortage in some areas of the country -- has quieted the concerns that immigrants were costing Americans jobs. But just as important, immigrants themselves responded to the anti-immigrant backlash by curbing behaviors that could exacerbate those sentiments. A new study from the Urban Institute illustrates the most striking example.

The study, by Michael Fix and Jeffrey S. Passell, looked at declining welfare rates among citizens and non-citizens following the welfare reform debate from 1994 to 1997. Much of the resentment of immigrants, especially illegal aliens, stemmed from the perception -- albeit incorrect -- that many of them take advantage of U.S. welfare programs. In 1994, Californians passed Proposition 187, which sought to outlaw benefits to illegal aliens, including public education.

Although stymied in the courts, the measure nonetheless expressed widespread voter suspicion that many immigrants come to the United States not to work but to receive public assistance. The Urban Institute study shows immigrants themselves are fighting hard to prove those suspicions wrong. According to Fix and Passell, poor non-citizens are significantly less likely than poor U.S. citizens to be on welfare in the first place: 14.5 percent of non-citizens versus 18 percent of citizens who live in households that subsist on incomes below 200 percent of the official poverty level.

But more importantly, since 1994 non-citizens have been leaving the welfare rolls in droves. In fact, non-citizens accounted for a disproportionate share of the decline in overall welfare benefits between 1994. The decline in public benefits among non-citizens during this period -- 35 percent -- was more than twice the decline among citizens -- 14 percent. And these changes occurred even in those programs that were unaffected by the welfare reforms enacted in 1995 and among groups that continued to be eligible for benefits.

An earlier Urban Institute study of welfare in California found an even more impressive drop in welfare use by non-citizens in that state -- a 71 percent drop in Medi-Cal and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families among legal non-citizens compared to no decline in use of these programs among citizens. Ironically, the Urban Institute -- an old-fashioned liberal outfit -- warns that their studies demonstrate that the debate over welfare reform in the U.S. has had a "chilling effect" on welfare use among non-citizens. Well, yes -- and rightly so.

The United States has no obligation to take the poor of other nations if they cannot support themselves and their families by working here. Indeed, most immigrants come here wanting to work. And they largely succeed, as their labor force participation rates -- which are higher than those of the U.S.-born -- prove.

Welfare has often been associated with great shame by immigrants, most of whom come from countries without systems of public assistance. But, in recent years, as welfare programs both expanded and lost much of their former stigma, immigrants became increasingly likely to take advantage of the programs when times got hard and jobs disappeared. Unfortunately, this sometimes led to long-term dependence, which often sapped the very drive and ambition that led immigrants to come to the United States in the first place.

If the harsh rhetoric of the 1990s encouraged many immigrants who were receiving benefits to leave the welfare rolls, it could turn out to be a huge blessing in disguise -- not just for taxpayers, but for the immigrants themselves.

Americans will continue to welcome immigrants only so long as they believe the newcomers will be productive members of this society. Anything that discourages immigrants from becoming public wards will keep anti-immigrant sentiment low and America's Golden Door open.

-Linda Chavez

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Baseball Leads in League Standings

By JENNY FRANKEL-REED
Staff Writer

Their bats are swinging and Willamette has managed league-leading results in spring baseball action. The men have played seventeen games already this season with eight games that included a trip to California played over the spring break.

In play this month, the men won two games convincingly and lost one to Lewis and Clark early in March, went 2-1 against The University of Puget Sound, dropped two games to Chico State in California, and came away with two big wins over George Fox University last weekend.

They have improved their record to 12-5 overall and 6-2 in Northwest Conference play. The early league standings have Linfield, Willamette and George Fox on top and with their most recent wins over George Fox, the men have made it easier on themselves for the games down the road.

The Bearcats dropped their first match-up against Lewis and Clark in extra innings before winning the next two games in Portland. The men were also 2-1 the next weekend versus the Uni-

versity of Puget Sound Loggers. Their loss came from a lack of offense in a game that they should have taken in Tacoma. The rest of the weekend was dominated entirely by the Bearcats, however, who picked up the other two wins of the series. The Loggers fell to 3-11.

Next, the men headed to Chico, California for a couple of games against California State University, Chico. Chico won both games and improved to 24-9. CSU had strong hitting and managed a close win in the first game, as well as a not-so-close win in the second game.

The Bearcats struggled with their pitching in California, though freshman Zach Allen did well at the plate in his first chance on the mound for the Bearcats.

In the most recent baseball action, the men came away with two crucial wins over a top NWC team, George Fox University. Due to wet field conditions at the Willamette field, the games were moved to The Dalles. George Fox was coming off some big wins against tough California teams and had an impressive 15-2 record going into the series against Willamette.

Despite these earlier accomplishments, strong overall play by the Bearcats was too much for Fox to handle as they fell to 15-4.

Willamette won the first game by an 11-6 margin. Sophomore Brad

Ferrin started on the mound for the 'Cats but was replaced early on by senior Kevin Scherer who threw well for the rest of the game. Strong batting came from Mitch Gregg who hit a three-run homer, junior Ryan Hazelbaker who was 2-5, and sophomore Nik Lubisich who was 3-4.

The men won their next game 8-6. Lubisich pitched for the complete-game win and also had a home run and a double, going 2-5 at the plate.

Gregg kept up his consistent hitting and was 2-5. Junior Tim Stewart did an exceptional job in the outfield and had two hits at the plate.

Lubisich received Northwest Conference Baseball player of the week honors at pitcher for his performance against Lewis and Clark. Lubisich got the complete-game win, allowing only seven hits, one earned run, and striking out twelve batters.

Lubisich pitched well again last week against George Fox, again pitching the complete game, striking out ten and walking one.

Next up are three more games this weekend against Whitman University at home. Check out the action beginning Saturday at 3:00pm and Sunday at 12:00pm at John Lewis Field.

Bearcat Record Deceiving

By DILLON SHAE
Staff Writer

The Willamette softball team has a deceiving 4-13 overall record. That record is deceiving because the Bearcats are 3-1 in conference and six of those losses came against teams ranked in Division II.

Over the spring break the Bearcats went to a tournament hosted by Humboldt State, Western Oregon and Oregon Tech, the other two schools at the tournament, along with Humboldt are all ranked nationally and Humboldt is ranked number two in the nation in Division II.

"On paper it looks bad," said head coach Damian Williams, "but it went well because of how we came together as a team. We lost all the games but we learned from some top teams." Despite going 0-6 at the tournament, some Bearcat players turned good individual performances. Williams said freshman pitcher Shasta Journey had several good outings and Amy Ferguson a sophomore, second baseman earned all tournament honors.

The Bearcats returned home and swept Lewis & Clark 2-1 and 3-2. Journey picked up both wins for the Bearcats, her second and third wins of the season. In the first game Journey rung up ten strikeouts, she also knocked in the game winning run. The second game went to extra in-

nings, Jamie Taylor ended it in the ninth with her third RBI of the day.

The Bearcats next two games came against Whitworth University. The Bearcats lost the first game 5-4 but battled back for a 5-1 victory in the second game of the day. Sam Guyars picked up the win for the Bearcats, her first of the season. Renee Rutledge and Brienne Boesiger had, respectively, five and three stolen bases on the day. Williams also noted that sophomore third baseman Genesis Heath had "an excellent day offensively."

Williams said he believes the team's pitching has been a big advantage. "Shasta [Journey] is carrying us. But, right now our best attribute is that we came together as a team defensively. We hold our fate in our own hands. If we go 3-1 this weekend we will be in the hunt. It is a big weekend for us."

The Bearcats will play double headers against University of Puget Sound at 2:00 on Friday and Seattle University at 1:00 on Saturday. Puget Sound is currently in second place in the conference with a 2-0 record.

The Bearcats' 3-1 conference record is impressive when viewed in light of last year's 5-33 overall performance. "We are not in a hole that we have to work ourselves out of. We have a big weekend ahead of us and I think we will do well. Right now I am very happy with where we are at," said Williams.



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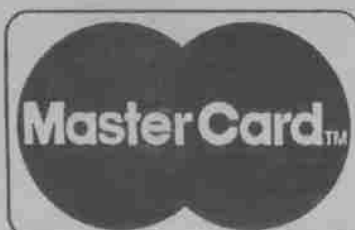
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