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Willamette welcomes new TIUA class

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Ninety-one Tokyo International University students arrived Monday morning. According to Executive Vice President of TIUA Gunnar Gundersen, this is the 19th year that a group has come for the one-year program. It is the 42nd year that Willamette and TIU have had an exchange program.

Immediately upon arrival, the students began a program similar to the Opening Days experience. Their first day included receiving ID cards, brief tours of the university and getting settled into their rooms. One thing many of the new students noticed is how involved people are on campus. "Many people are very active," Hiroko Mawatari said.

The initial impressions of a number of students were varied, though there was a constant theme. From Marino Samuri, who noted the number of big buildings on classes, to Junki Sakamoto, who was more concerned with the size of America's food and drink, the idea was the same: it is different here. Everyone also thought that Willamette students are very friendly, and one student pointed out how green the grass was, in comparison to Tokyo, where there is not a lot of grass at all.

Tuesday started with an introduction from Gundersen, who proceeded to introduce President M. Lee Pelton, Dean of the CLA Carol Long and ASWU President Jessica

Motais de Narbonne, along with the TIUA faculty and members of the Office of International Education. Pelton welcomed the students with a speech about the multitude of opportunities for volunteer work and leadership. "You are embarking on a wonderful tradition that began in 1989," he said. In that time, over 1,800 TIU students have come to Willamette.

Pelton spoke about the achievements of last year's TIUA class, praising their involvement and especially their volunteer work. Last year's class contributed over 10,000 hours of volunteer work to the community.

Pelton also spoke about the tradition and meaning of the connection between TIU and Willamette, citing the skybridge as a physical and symbolic link between the two organizations. Pelton said he was excited to be part of the group welcoming the new students.

"I hope you have an experience that will shape, in very significant ways, the rest of your years to come," he said.

The 91 students comprising this year's group come from many different places. Three of the students are Chinese and one is Korean. The other students come from all over Japan. There were also several guests. TIU professor Hiroshi Harimoto will be here for about a month. Another guest professor, Noriko Odagiri, will be here in September. Also, a member of the International Exchange Center at TIU will be visiting for the next two weeks.

International Peer Coaches (IPCs) help the



PATRICK WILLGOHS

Senior Jen Regan gives some new T.I.U.A. students a tour around campus on Tuesday afternoon.

students become accustomed to the cultural and lifestyle differences here. Many of them are Japanese Studies majors, though there is also a Politics major, Psychology major and a Rhetoric major in the group. Senior Jen Regan introduced herself to the TIUA class at large Tuesday morning by stating her goal to learn

all of their names within a week.

ASWU President de Narbonne summed things up in her welcome: "While many of us have been here for weeks, [Willamette] is just not the same without you here," de Narbonne said.

WITS stays strong despite low staff

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Last semester, two employees left Willamette Integrated Technology Services (WITS), leaving the organization shorthanded. Jo Meyertons left in July, and Mike O'Reilly left in November.

Despite the lack of major problems on campus, WITS felt an increased workload. John Balling, Executive Director of WITS, said that the current staff has to fill in for the vacancies, and that leaves little room for innovation. "We're not as able to do new things," he said.

User Services Consultant Cheryl Cramer also regrets the lack of innovation, yet said she still has plenty to keep her busy. "There's always a problem," she said. "But everyone has been very understanding. It's a very cooperative, collaborative group." Cramer also stated that her personal workload has not

gotten out of control. "If I let myself feel swamped, I could be. It's all about priorities," she said.

The recruitment process for replacements is already underway. According to Balling, WITS is looking for a person who can do many of the same things that Meyertons and O'Reilly did. An additional title, Director of User Services, has been integrated into the WITS program in order to accommodate new members.

The empty positions are slated to be filled soon. In fact, the deadline for applications has already passed for one of the openings.

Though the workload at WITS has increased, the number of problems the staff can handle has not changed. Willamette community members are still able to receive a reasonably timely response from WITS. Students and faculty alike are still free to enjoy the same services that were available previously.

In fact, an organization com-

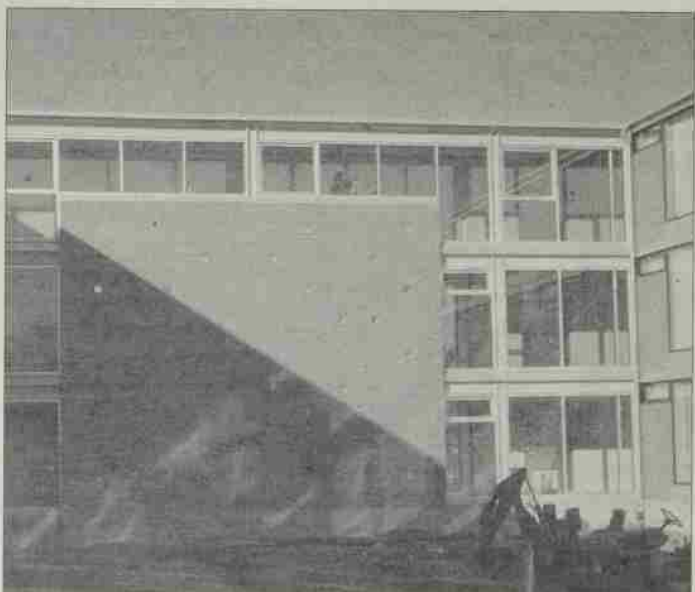
prised of students known as FAST (Faculty Assistance Services Team) helps faculty members with applications like Blackboard. Cramer explained that it is co-workers and organizations such as FAST that help WITS the most. "Other people are always able to help," she said. "It's really what's gotten us through the problem of being shorthanded."

In addition, the only way that WITS knows to help is if somebody calls in. "Any faculty can still contact WITS, and we'll provide whatever support we can," Balling said. All of the staff encourages anyone with a related problem to get in contact with them. "There's no reason not to call WITS," he said.

► How to contact WITS

- Visit the help desk in Smullin.
- Visit the WITS website at www.willamette.edu/wits/

Construction of Kaneko Commons nears completion



JESSIE ROBERTSON

This new corridor, when completed, will connect the residents of the new B and C wings of Kaneko with those in A wing.

CORRECTIONS

—The subject of the Jan. 31 article "Generous students give others a break," Lucas Rotter, is a junior. His class standing was given incorrectly at one point in the article.

—In the Jan. 31 article "The Beanery provides a relaxing study space," the operating hours given were incorrect. Correct hours for the downtown location of The Beanery

are as follows: Sun-Thurs 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fri-Sat 6 a.m.-11 p.m.

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Darlene Hooley explains financial aid

The congresswoman spoke to students on Thursday

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Representative Darlene Hooley illuminated Congress' work on financial aid last Thursday. She said the democratic majority lowered interest rates on student loans as promised, in the first 100 hours of the session.

Several Willamette students attended the presentation in the Cat Cavern dining rooms, filling many of the seats in the room, but College Democrats Vice President MaryAnn Almeida thought more people could have come.

"I was disappointed in the attendance at the presentation," she said. "We don't have a congressional representative on campus very often."

Sophomore Brenton Clark agreed. "Considering the time slot and how relevant the issue is to all Willamette students," he said, attendance was low.

Almeida said she wished a better cross-section of the student body had attended.

"I wish I had seen more Republicans at the event," she said, "for a better representation of Willamette's student body and diversity of viewpoint." She said she would have come to see any representative speak, not just a Democrat. "Meeting a congressperson and hearing him or her present on such an important policy is always exciting, regardless of political alignment."

Clark said Hooley's most important point was that new federal funding would not only increase the number of Pell Grants but also increase the amount of the awards.

Hooley's office contacted College Democrats vice president Travis Dailey about a week before the presentation, Almeida said, and asked them to set up the event.

"It was such a great opportunity for us to bring in an exciting speaker, even on short notice," she said.

Clark said he would like to see other visitors in the future. "Considering the perceived aloofness of Willamette to the city of Salem in general," he said, "a discussion or presentation with members of the city council would be very interesting."



COURTESY OF MARYANN ALMEIDA

Willamette's College Democrats hosted Representative Darlene Hooley in the dining rooms next to Cat Cavern. After speaking, she answered student questions about government loans.

Almeida said she is glad she could see Hooley speak. "As a member of the College Democrats, a fan of politics and a student with loans," she said, "Rep. Hooley's presentation was on a topic very interesting to me and very pertinent to my life."

Willamette celebrates 165 years with cake and events



ELISE YOUNG

Nancy Hancock, a chef for Bon Appetit, displays the cakes that she baked for Willamette's Founder's Day celebration.

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This year, Willamette's Founder's Day was a celebration consisting of cake, signs, cake, events and more cake. While stu-

dents may have been most interested in the free food, Founders Day is gradually gaining more presence on campus.

This year's events included convocation on the meaning of education, an Indian Country Conversations event and the Willamette Store's annual Willamette Author's Fair. What most students proba-

bly don't know is that many of these events were only introduced several years ago.

The idea of Founders Day as a birthday celebration didn't catch on until after the Sesquicentennial in 1992. "Particularly since President Pelton came," Chaplain Charlie Wallace said, "there have been occasional assemblies." He also added that birthday cake has only become part of events the last six years.

The lawn signs that attracted the attention of students and faculty throughout the day have an even shorter history. Director of Special Events Michelle Maynard, who was responsible for many of the events last Thursday, said that this was their second year using signs. "My goal is every year to add new signs" she said. Each of the 50 on display included archived photos from the Office of Communications and interesting facts about the history of Willamette. The signs were created by Maynard and the Office of Communications and put up by Facilities Support Services.

That day's convocation theme was "What Is School For?" The panelists, professors Bill Smaldone, Alison Butler and Don Negri, as well as junior Hannah Mitchell, participated in the lively discussion organized by professor Neil Liss. "The panel had been planned since last fall," Liss said. He added that while there was no official link to Founders Day, the discussion suited the celebration well.

The panelists agreed that school, prima-

rily kindergarten through high school, is a place to establish dominant norms and to teach children to think inside the box. They clearly differentiated, however, what they thought school *should* be. All emphasized that school should be a place where critical thinking skills are nurtured and minority views can be heard.

Despite the e-mail reminder sent by President Pelton, many staff and students forgot that last Thursday was the school's birthday. When she first walked outside, freshman MaryJane Morrow said she wondered, "What are all these signs?" While the cake and signs may have been effective at jogging students' memories, the reaction was generally ambivalent.

"It is supposedly a big day," freshman Katie Martin said. Senior Naomi Zeitlin said she didn't know much about Founder's Day, except that it was the founding of the university.

Even though the student body's response may have been more muted than hoped, the day's events still drew attention to the university's birthday. "Our goal with Founders Day is to make it a Willamette community event," Maynard said, adding that she would like to get students more involved.

Whether or not that occurs, Founder's Day still holds a place at Willamette. As Chaplain Wallace said, "Founders Day is an opportunity to remember the past."

Diary of an RA hopeful: the application

TOM BROUNSTEIN



Tom Brounstein is currently applying to be a Residential Assistant (RA). Each week he will provide an update about his experience in the application process.

Being an RA is something I considered doing since before I even came to Willamette. Back then, though, I was interested more in the free room than anything else. I thought I'd be good at it, but didn't really know what it would be like.

Thus, when I heard it was time to apply, I went and talked to my incredible RA. The short version of the conversation was essentially, "You'd be good at it, Tom. Here's an application. Now go."

The first thing I noticed about the RA application is that it's a lot like applying for college. The first page is mostly simple stuff like name, social security number and that sort of thing, while the second was my extra curricular activities. The third page, of course, forced me to write five essays. I was given four pages to do this.

The essay topics were the standard fare: why do you want to be an RA, what are your strengths and weaknesses, do you think there is enough diversity on campus. It seemed in part like a way to get to know me, and in part like a way to

make people hesitate before applying.

The hardest part, though, was that four pages wasn't much. With so many topics I needed to write about, it was easy to burn up the four pages very quickly. Of course the questions were also worded so as to call for a long response. How do I talk about all of my excellent qualities in just one paragraph? And my weaknesses? I don't have any of those! It was a struggle, but I still somehow managed to finish.

I turned in my essays one day before the deadline and while I was there signed up for an interview appointment. I made the first step, and now I have to wait and see what happens.

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Professor of the Year: Peter Wogan

Anthropology is not just his profession; it is his way of life

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Student votes for the Professor of the Year Award have been agonized over, submitted and counted. Now the results are in, and the winner is Professor Peter Wogan of the Willamette University Anthropology Department.

Wogan, who has been teaching at Willamette for eight years, was not expecting the award at all and was "very surprised and happy" upon its presentation. But as an anthropologist, it seems that "surprised" and "happy" are two states in which Wogan often finds himself: surprised because his profession often gives him a strange new way of looking at things, and happy because he loves his job. His love for anthropology is obvious and the passion he shares with his students is quite contagious. "I hope that [the students] do get really jazzed about anthropology and that kind of inquiry," Wogan said, and those in his classes usually do.

"He actually made me want to be an anthro major," said freshman Rebecca Smith, who took Wogan's introductory anthropology course last semester, just for fun. "It was kind of just like a lark," she said. But her lark soon developed into something much deeper, and Wogan's class became the highlight of school week.

"Even if I was sick, I would sleep through three of my other classes just to go to anthro," Smith said. "I wasn't just learning about anthropology, but I was connecting with this really amazing person who thinks about a lot of the same things I do."

Of course, Wogan does not detract from the popularity of other academic departments on Willamette's campus. "I don't think it's fair to set up the goal that, if you don't major in anthropology, you don't like me," he joked. "I don't think it's fair to say that anthropology is the only way." In fact, Wogan said he loves talking with professors from various disciplines. He says these discussions give him new ways of seeing things and good teaching ideas. Yet life would not be the same without his beloved field of study. "My research is my personal life, in a way," he said.

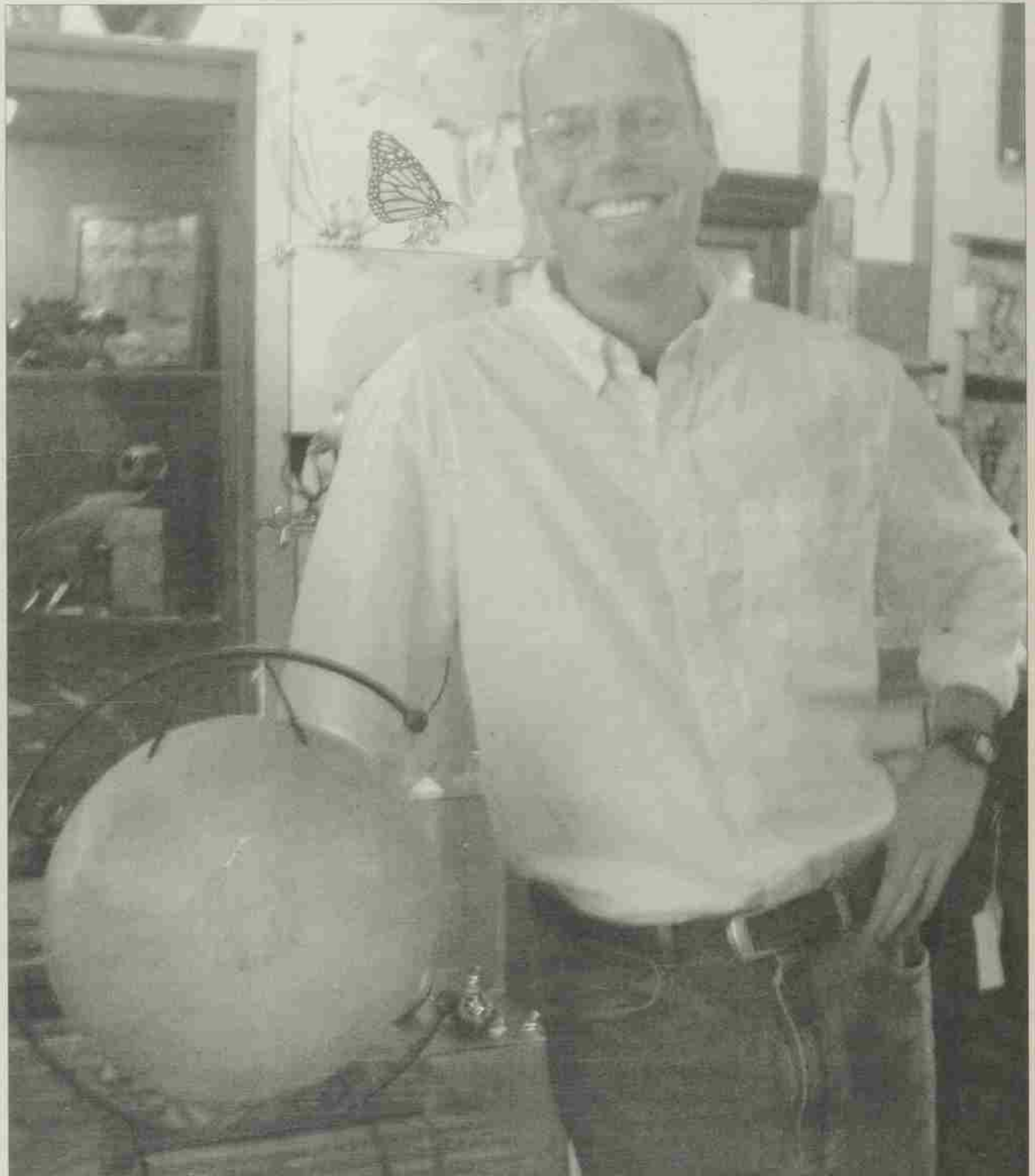
As for how he became an anthropologist, Wogan cannot recall any specific incident as being the deciding factor. His undergraduate program was a liberal arts college much like Willamette, and "I just kind of fell into anthropology," he said.

As a lover of travel, he spent one year of college studying abroad in West Africa, and now he conducts most of his research in Ecuador, where he stays with a host family and studies the local customs. Most of his time there is spent talking to people and observing their interactions. "I kind of follow people around," Wogan said. Anthropological field research is mostly about "just trying to get yourself in the middle of things," according to Wogan, "just so that you're around as things start to happen."

Just as Wogan's interest in other cultures is often transferred to his students, his way of looking at other cultures in an analytical way is often transferred to his own life. He says that the purpose of anthropology is to "make the strange familiar and the familiar strange" and if that's the case, his own familiar life has become a sort of strange pro-

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REBECCA SMITH
FRESHMAN



ALETA BURCHYSKI

Anthropology professor Peter Wogan, who has taught at Willamette University for the past eight years, poses with a gong in a Enerchi Living Spaces & Gallery on Church Street.

cedure to him. He refers to volleyball as being a "quite interesting ritual" and has a self-diagnosed inability to stop thinking about the world in an anthropological way.

"I can't turn it off," he said. "Everywhere I am - if I'm standing in line at the airport, or at the supermarket, or watching a movie, I'm always looking at it from the perspective of an anthropologist."

Really, though, being a 24/7 anthropologist is not such a bad way to go through life, especially for someone who appreciates anthropology as much as Wogan. One of the particular benefits of looking at everything in life from the unfamiliar angle of the anthropologist is that "every moment is just this potentially really significant moment," according to Wogan. He calls it "la vida encantada" - a phrase he got from a Colombian song (one of the many Spanish songs he keeps on his iPod). It translates to mean "the fortunate life" or "the enchanted life."

Wogan certainly does seem to live his life as if every moment is significant and new, and his attitude keeps him youthful and appreciative of each experience.

"The way he lives his life is very admirable," Smith said. He has an outlook that she describes as "curious, inquisitive, and irreverent," meaning not that he is disrespectful but that he keeps nothing on a pedestal where it is out of his reach. This active and intrigued approach to life benefits not only him and his profession, but his students as well.

"Professor Wogan is one of the best teachers I've ever had," senior anthropology major Aleta Burchyski said.

Perhaps not every person can appreciate life in the same innovative and anthropological way that Wogan does, but "everyone should take a Wogan class," Smith said.

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World's only full-time cello octet performs on campus

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The world-renowned cello octet, Conjunto Ibérico, will perform on campus Mon, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall as part of the Grace Goudy Distinguished Artists Series. Led by conductor Elias Arizcuren and joined by soprano Pilar Jurado, the octet will feature a variety of styles of music, including American jazz, Brazilian folk songs, Turkish dances and European classical music.

The Goudy Distinguished Artists Series aims to present a wide variety of instrumental and vocal ensembles, and the

range has been truly extraordinary," said Professor Anita King, the founder of the series. "A professional cello octet is quite unique and the result is a body of rarely-heard repertoire. Combining the sonorities of eight cellos with a world class soprano is going to yield some extraordinarily sensual music."

Senior Maya Karp, a cellist, echoed King's excitement. "Hands down, the sound of a cello is the most beautiful sound out there," she said. "Empirical studies have shown, the cello is the most gorgeous and versatile sound on the block. It's going to be awesome."

Arizcuren founded Conjunto Ibérico in 1989 after his cello students approached him with the idea of starting a cello octet. The group currently has a repertoire of over 150 pieces, including 65 original works written specifically for them by leading composers. Many of the composers are from Latin America, as it is Arizcuren's goal to increase the level of audience familiarity with Spanish and Latin American composers. To date, the octet has premiered 60 musical pieces for cello octets and released 13 CDs. Conjunto Ibérico is the only full-time cello octet in the world.

Conjunto Ibérico will be joined by soprano Pilar Jurado. She is the recipient of several international awards, including the 1998 Ojo Critico Prize. Jurado, who is also an award-winning composer, has written pieces for Conjunto Ibérico in the past.

Willamette University's Grace Goudy Distinguished Artists Series is in its 24th season. King founded the Series with the purpose of bringing nationally and internationally renowned musicians to campus. The Series presents vocal and instrumental soloists and ensembles in concert performances, as well as residencies that include master classes, lecture-demonstrations, open rehearsals and student composers' score readings.



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Conjunto Ibérico was founded in 1989 by Elias Arizcuren after his students proposed forming a cello octet. The group is the only full-time cello octet in the world.

► Grace Goudy Distinguished Artist Series
-The Grace Goudy Distinguished Artist Series presents Conjunto Ibérico and soprano Pilar Jurado in concert Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m. at Hudson Hall.
-Discounted tickets are available to the Willamette Community (\$12 faculty/staff, \$3 WU students) through the Music Department office or at the door.
- Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors and are available at the Pentacle Theatre Ticket Office, 145 Liberty St. NE, at (503) 485-4300. Tickets are also available at the door.
- For more information, contact the Department of Music at (503) 370-6255.

MOVIE REVIEW: Apocalypto

Gibson goes over the top with his latest effort

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Mel Gibson has done it again. "Apocalypto" is as heart-breaking as it is ultra-violent, as touching as it is repugnant. A contradiction of sorts, this is the kind of film grandparents and small children should probably stay away from.

Gibson's film is apt to bear the sense into you with a rock-club, stab you in the throat with a bone knife and leave you for dead, preferably with your youngest son watching the whole thing. Needless to say, the faint of heart should go

elsewhere with their Friday night.

"Apocalypto" is set in the very depths of Mayan culture, complete with rape, murder and only the most horrid of diseases. Slavery abounds, human sacrifice is staged for week-end entertainment and any semblance of peacefulness is lost beneath layers of crazed, senseless and unbridled brutality.

Jaguar Paw is our story's hero—a childish young hunter set to take the reins of his small tribe. When the tribe is attacked early in the morning, Jaguar Paw is set on a quest to save his loved ones while being tracked through his own jungle by a group of bloodthirsty captors focused on vengeance alone.

What unfolds is an action-packed adventure tale, which

leaves the viewer totally immersed in the myth that is Jaguar Paw, the unwieldy strength, the clever hunting skills and the unbelievably gruesome murders. Quickly the film loses sight of any storyline and replaces the loss with a hypodermic needle dripping with pure adrenaline.

With undertones of a culture facing its demise, and overtones of larger-than-life violence, "Apocalypto" has trouble balancing the gentle nuances. Gibson has a tendency to go too far, and this film is no different. This one is too bloody, too serious and in the end, simply too much for the senses to handle. All that said, I loved it.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Venti's Cafe

Big appetite? Visit Venti's Cafe

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If you're ever downtown with a lot of people who don't mind seemingly wacky combinations of flavors, head to Venti's Cafe. Located in the Reed Opera House, Venti's is open 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Mon. to Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fri., and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sat. The shop is an interesting place to try something new. I'll warn you: The café doesn't look like much from the outside, but colorful signs do point to signs of life within. The space isn't very large, and that makes it seem cramped. On one side there are a few tables and chairs to grab a quick bite, while the other accommodates the small kitchen and bar for ordering. The walls are adorned with painted records, and that adds to the edgy, trendy feel of the place.

The small shop serves varied combinations of pan-Asian, Middle Eastern and American cuisines. Offerings include teriyaki bowls, sandwiches, wraps, falafel and hummus. The teriyaki bowls are seasoned with different spices, like Thai peanut sauce or black beans and salsa. Each one is unique, and don't be afraid to try new and strange things—their inventive combinations have surprised me. Nevertheless, I still don't recommend the Italian Delight or the falafel; they both seemed rather flavourless and weren't made fresh right there. However, the Border Bowl (listed under the "specialties" section of the menu) was delicious. For

\$5.50 you can get a small portion, enough for one. For \$7, the medium size buys enough for a really, really hungry person, and the \$9 large could feed a small army. The servers even warn you about the size when you purchase one, asking, "Are you sure? Have you ever had one before?"

So, I guess the final answer is: If you go, go hungry, but not expecting a gourmet experience. The servers are accommodating and hip, and the restaurant itself virtually undiscovered and so usually calm enough to relax while you eat. Just make sure you stay away from the sides—not nearly as good as the entrees.

► Venti's info

- Located at 189 Liberty St NE, 503-399-8733



DANI STEVENS

Venti's Cafe overcomes small space with good food.

Feb 8 - Feb 24

CALENDAR OF ART EVENTS

- 8 Sam Brown performs at the Bistro. Concert starts 9 p.m., free admission.
- 9 Musicians Sister Hazel perform at the Aladdin Theater (Portland, 3017 SE Milwaukie). Show starts at 8 p.m., tickets \$15, available at ticketmaster.com
- 9-24 The 30th Annual Portland International Film Festival. Admission prices \$9 general, \$8 Portland Art Museum members, students and seniors; \$6 NW Film Center members, opening night tickets \$30, various festival passes. For the full schedule and venue information, visit www.nwfilm.org
- 10 Jazz Festival and Concert in Smith Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$3 for Willamette students, \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. For information call 503-370-6255.

HOW FAR DOES YOUR TUITION REALLY GO?



Willamette is known for its generous tuition packages, but a restrictive operating budget has administrators looking for ways to target financial aid more carefully

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Financial considerations are uppermost in the college plans of many high school seniors. They want to know how much they will be paying for four years at a prestigious private school like Willamette.

According to information presented at the March 2006 College of Liberal Arts faculty budget meeting, tuition and fees for the 2005-06 school year averaged \$28,416 per student. When taking financial aid into consideration, the actual amount the average student paid was \$14,860. That is a few thousand dollars less than what students pay at peer schools such as Whitman, Lewis and Clark and the University of Puget Sound. Superior financial aid may make Willamette look more attractive than its peers, but it also has its drawbacks for the university.

"Because we do discount and return half of all of our tuition dollars, we have less than other institutions for everything else," Jeff Eisenbarth said, Vice President for Financial Affairs, "so we operate pretty lean."

Among the trade-offs Willamette makes for high tuition rates is an average faculty salary slightly lower than that of peer schools. In 2005-06 a full professor at Willamette made an average amount of \$83,722, as opposed to an average amount of \$89,109 at Whitman, Lewis & Clark, UPS or Reed.

Upkeep of the campus is also an issue. "We're constrained in our operating budget in doing a lot of facility improvements," Eisenbarth said. "\$300,000 out of a \$70 million operating budget is what we have in the way of project funds for facility maintenance. That's not enough to take care of all of it."

Willamette tuition fees essentially go into a general budget pool with other sources of revenue, including room and board fees and alumni gifts. Tuition is by far the largest source of revenue, making up 68 percent of the total 2006-07 budgeted revenue. The same percentage of the 2006-07 budgeted expenses goes toward financial aid and faculty salaries and benefits. Within the College of Liberal Arts, the academic department with the largest budget for the 2006-07 school year is Music, followed by Biology and English.

Student services make up 10 percent of Willamette's 2006-07 budgeted expenditures. This category includes ASWU funding, which comes mainly from student body fees and goes toward supporting the Collegian, WEB and the many clubs on campus. ASWU faces its own financial challenges.

"There are always more requests for [club] funding than there is money available," Jared Rieger said, ASWU Vice President of Finance. "We have a lot of clubs that think if they can request money, they might as well try and get some, and that's problematic because it gives the finance board the challenge of figuring out which clubs actually need that money and which clubs don't."

Inevitably, some clubs do not spend all of their allocated funds.

"I would say the clubs end up using most of [their funds], over 50 percent," Rieger said, "but there's a significant amount that gets designated to clubs that doesn't get spent, which means that clubs are asking for money that goes into their account, and maybe they never end up doing the event or they never end up having that speaker they were talking about, and it ends up not going to a good use."

Willamette tuition rates have slowly but steadily increased



It gets harder and harder to pay the bills when you have to give away half of your tuition ... I'd like to see the discount rate come down.

JEFF EISENBARTH
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

▶ Fee and tuition comparison: Oregon and Washington Colleges in 2005

Reed	32,590
Whitman	28,640
Willamette	28,416
UPS	28,460
Lewis & Clark	27,494
U of P	24,900
Linfield	23,022
N.W. peer average	27,646

▶ What is a discount rate?

A discount rate describes how much of a student's annual tuition expenses are negated or deferred by financial aid packages, whether, merit or need based.

over the past several years. Over the last six years the average increase was just over five percent. At the same time, financial aid packages have grown larger.

"The overall total amount we award to students does go up every year. That's historically how it's gone," Willamette Director of Financial Aid Patty Hoban said.

The average merit-based grant size, however, has gone down. "There has been a shift from purely merit-based money to reducing those awards somewhat so that we can fund the students with higher need," she said.

The 2007 graduating class received the highest average tuition discount in Willamette history, above 50 percent. Incoming classes, however, should be prepared for a slight drop in discount rates.

"It gets harder and harder to pay the bills when you have to give away half of your tuition," Eisenbarth said. "I'd like to see the discount rate come down. What is an appropriate discount rate for Willamette? I'd say between forty and forty-five percent."

Incoming students should also expect to see the Financial Aid Office scrutinize their financial resources more critically. Like ASWU, Financial Aid is constantly challenged to decide who needs its support most.

"I think we need to be more careful with our need-based dollars, that they're going to the truly neediest students," Hoban said.

DID FINANCIAL AID AFFECT YOUR DECISION TO COME HERE?

"No, because the financial aid I received and outside scholarships made it manageable" **REBECCA RYAN**
JUNIOR



"Yeah, it was cheaper to go here than public school with the amount of financial aid." **SEAN DUYCK**
SENIOR



"Yes, it did affect my decision. If I didn't have adequate assistance I wouldn't have come" **CHRISLEDA GONZALEZ**
JUNIOR

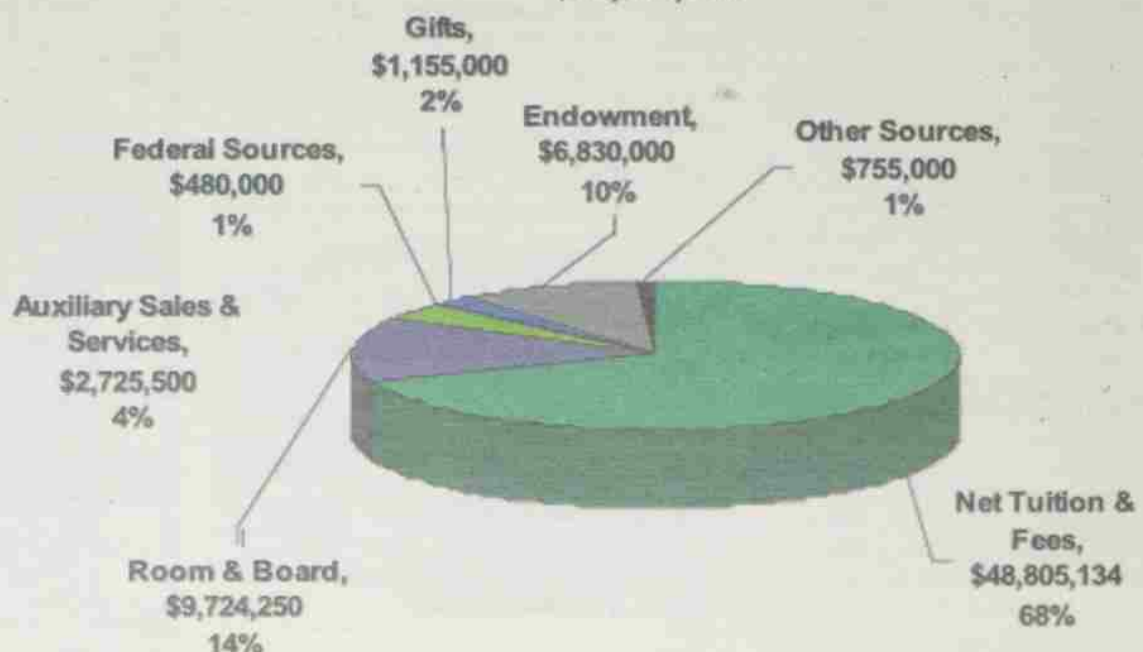


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Each student's tuition insures the university's smooth functioning by allowing faculty to be paid and by supporting the Willamette community. Future classes may pay more, but a reduction in financial aid may result in more money going to programs and departments where it is needed and where, we may hope, it will be put to good use.

2006-07 Budgeted Revenue by Source

\$70,474,884



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STUDY ABROAD: RE-ENTRY PROCESS

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Welcome Home

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"Wow, those cars are huge," I thought as I was flying over Houston, after spending a year abroad. Less than three months after I graduated from high school, I departed for Germany to spend the next year living with a host family and going to high school with the Congress-Bundestag Exchange Program. I also studied a semester in Ukraine and a semester in Germany as a Willamette junior.

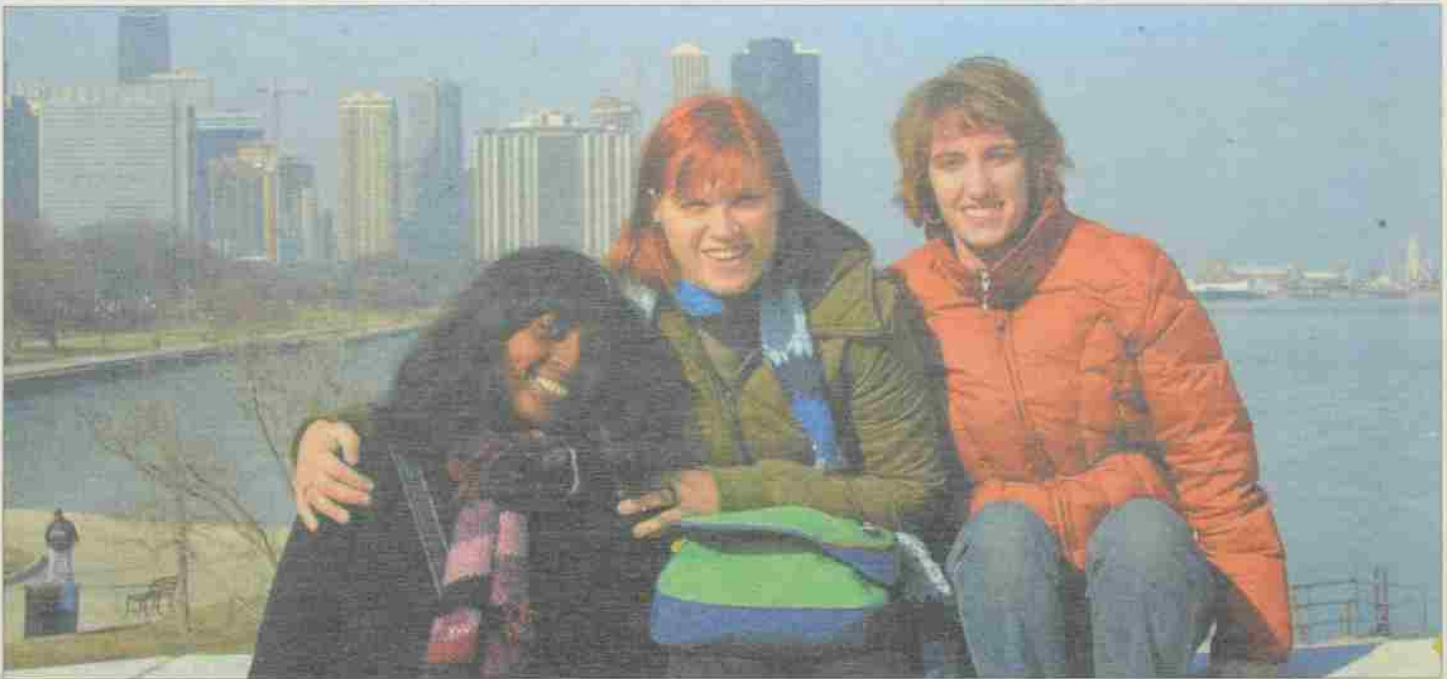
Enormous American cars were the first thing I noticed after my year in Europe, but it's not the only thing. Simple differences such as drinking laws, mannerisms and cuisine also caught my attention. My cultural sensitivity was heightened, and I constantly compared life in America to life in Germany, much like I did when I first went abroad. Realizing that not everybody wanted to hear my hours of European adventure stories and look at my 800 pictures was slightly frustrating. Returning from Germany, however, was not terribly difficult because Western Europe is so similar to the U.S.

Although I've never experienced full-fledged reverse culture shock (just culture shock), my return from Ukraine was more surreal. Living with an older, lower-class retired couple in a developing country was a much different experience than living with a young neurosurgeon and his family in Germany. I came home from Ukraine with a different worldview, and I struggled with the knowledge that my life here is extremely comfortable, while my host parents in Ukraine could barely afford to repair a damaged window.

The re-entry process is unique for each individual. Sometimes there is no process at all, and sometimes it takes people weeks to re-adjust to life back home. Ukraine opened my eyes and almost made me want to quit school so I could immediately get on the task of helping those in need, but I keep reminding myself that I can always attempt to save the world after earning my degree.

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Re-entry poses challenges of its own



SARA TAYLOR

Senior Rajani Gudlavalleti is pictured here in front of the Field Museum in Chicago with fellow program participants. Gudlavalleti spent the Spring of 2006 studying and interning in Chicago, as opposed to the more traditional study abroad experiences.

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"Reentry into your own culture can sometimes be more challenging than the culture shock of going abroad," Study Abroad Advisor Stacy West said. Studying abroad is a new and exciting experience and it is sometimes difficult to return to a life at home.

Students returning from abroad can expect to feel a sense of disillusionment when they discover the way they were living. There is also a challenge in returning to an American pace of life, especially for students who lived in cultures where the people have a different relationship with time.

According to Dr. Bruce La Brack, from the School of International Studies at the University of the Pacific, some of the most challenging reentry problems are boredom, changed relationships and lack of interest by friends. Boredom and changed relationships are self-explanatory, but a lack of interest by friends is more complicated. La Brack wrote that, "no one will be as interested in hearing about your adventures and triumphs as you

will be in sharing those experiences." One way to keep this from being a problem is to be brief: a day to day accounting of the experience is too much information. Highlights and specific anecdotes will hold the attention of friends.

The Office of International Education has always had a program to help students ease the transition. In the past it has been a simple reentry meeting, where pamphlets and other information were handed out, but the attendance was low.

This year, West implemented Same WU, New You in an attempt to make it more exciting. Instead of just passing out information, this event included opportunities to share stories and photos with other students. It also hosted representatives from various clubs on campus to help students get reinvolved. The attendance was still low. "For a lot of people, the challenges of re-entry isn't that obvious," West said. "It takes time for students to think about their experiences."

Senior Rajani Gudlavalleti went to Chicago, Illinois in spring of '06. "It was an extremely positive experience; I wish I could

go back to Chicago this minute," Gudlavalleti said. "I don't necessarily believe that it changed me as a person, but it definitely broadened my outlook on my position in society and the work I want to do in life." According to West, many students have similar experiences. Given the opportunity to view life from a different perspective, there is a tendency to tackle issues that the student had never previously considered.

Gudlavalleti had mixed emotions about her return to Willamette. Though she found it difficult, it has opened her perspective on the Willamette community. "After living in such a liberal and diverse environment," Gudlavalleti said, "I see how very homogenous this school is."

Her experience was unique from many others' for two reasons. First, she did not leave the country, which some do not understand. "Mainly, it has been difficult returning when people treat the fact that I didn't leave the country as 'lame,'" Gudlavalleti said. "My experiences are dismissed because they're not 'exotic.' That's hard to deal with." Second, her program included an internship in which she worked directly with homeless women and prostitutes.

Not all Willamette students that study abroad do so through a Willamette program. Senior Brian Fiore-Silvfast went to Copenhagen in the fall of '05 through Denmark International Studies. He met an amazing group of friends while there. "It was so liberating to be abroad," Fiore-Silvfast said.

He was extremely excited to return to Willamette, though he was aware that everyone grows in their own way. "I had a completely different experience than those [who] didn't go," Fiore-Silvfast said. "You have all these new ideas, new things you want to do."

According to Fiore-Silvfast, friends have certain expectations of your behavior, even if you have changed. "The great thing about the abroad experience is it's a time to explore yourself and to go experience everything you want to experience," Fiore-Silvfast said. "There is an initial awkward moment when [friends] realize how you've changed."

There is a wealth of information available at the Office of International Education. Above all, students are encouraged to share their experiences. One way to do this is through *TellUS*, an annually published collection of photos and essays. Another is to keep in contact with friends from abroad, as well as continue practicing learned languages and cultural skills. West said, "If nothing else, I would be happy if students just continued to think about their experience abroad and apply what they learned in their daily life."

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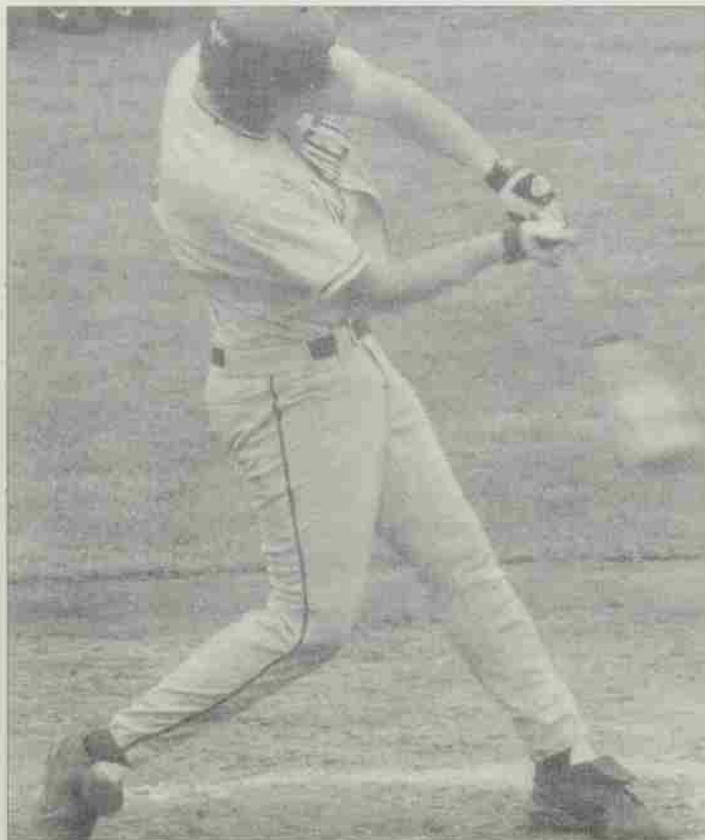
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BASEBALL

Baseball wins first game of season over Corban



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Willamette baseball has high hopes for the season, starting this Saturday against Lewis & Clark.

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Willamette baseball got the season started a week earlier than scheduled last Saturday. Perhaps it was a week too soon for the opposing Warriors of Corban College. Sophomore first baseman Kyle Stalker hit two home runs as the Bearcats beat the Warriors 9-7.

Stalker hit his first homer, a three-run shot, in the fourth inning to put Willamette up 7-0. His second blast could be aptly described as staggering. It flirted with 500 feet and should give the Northwest Conference a reason to think about drug testing. "It was just one of those days where my swing was feeling good," Stalker said. "I'm at my best when I don't have to do any thinking up there. I can just stick my bat out and let it happen."

But Stalker wasn't the only contributor to the victory. The whole team was hot at the plate, piling up an impressive 14 hits. Multiple-hit games were put together by Stalker, third baseman David Tufo, center fielder Sean Anderson, designated hitter Grant Yamaguchi and sec-



We can't take anything for granted and we have to continue to work hard each and every day to get better.

JARRID SUMMERS
PITCHER

ond baseman Ellis Webster.

Willamette put together some impressive pitching performances as well. The Bearcats divided up the innings; Tye Sundlee got the victory after starting the game with 3 innings of scoreless ball, and sophomore Kelsey Nakata came in and got the save after things got rocky for junior Clint Moran late in the game. Willamette led 9-1 going into the ninth inning before Corban put up a quick six runs to make the final score respectable.

With a good core of talent both hitting and pitching, things look promising for the Bearcats' 2007 campaign. Pitcher Jarrid Summers seemed to agree. "I feel that we have the most talented infield in the league all the way around," Summers said. "We will also cause quite a bit of match-up problems with five left-handed hitters in the starting lineup."

"But we can always improve," Summers said. "We can't take anything for granted and we have to continue to work hard each and every day to get better."

With such a young team, Willamette baseball should still have room to grow. Of the 34 players in the program, only five are seniors. Hopefully this means good things to come for Willamette baseball. Stalker perhaps put it best: "This team will compete with everyone this year. We will be a tough team in this league for a while."

▶ coming up

- The Bearcats will play Lewis and Clark this Saturday, Feb 10th at noon in Tigard

Keeping healthy during flu season

SAMANTHA POST
COLUMNIST



Now that the cold winter months are fully upon us, so is everyone's favorite time of year: cold and flu season! For some of us, this is the first time getting sick without someone to take care of us, while for others it is an annual experience. I myself am currently nursing the end of my first cold of the year. This made me think: what are the most important nutritional aspects for reducing the likelihood of getting a cold this year?

Wash your hands every chance you get. The things that you have touched during the day like doorknobs, classroom desks, and the keyboards in the computer lab could be home to the bacteria which could lead to the common cold. Carrying hand sanitizer and washing hands frequently can reduce your exposure.

Get some sleep. Getting at least 7-9 hours of sleep will help allow your body to re-energize and rejuvenate itself, thereby helping your body to fight against the cold.

Eat healthy. Providing the body with beta-carotene, Vitamin C and zinc, which can all be found in many common foods like fruits and vegetables, can boost the immune system. Foods such as yogurt include a good type of bacteria, probiotics, which can aid in the digestion process.

Work it out. Exercising provides a way for the immune system to help in protecting the body from infection. It also provides the benefit of reducing stress, which has some correlation with making the body more susceptible to getting sick.

Taking these things into consideration may help to reduce your chances of getting sick during this year's cold and flu season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Basketball drops two at Pacific and Lewis & Clark

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Two weeks ago, the Willamette University basketball team looked like they just might have a chance to sneak into the postseason with clutch wins at home against the University of Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran University. But last weekend any chance they had of finishing in the top three in the conference all but vanished as the Bearcats dropped road games at the hands of Pacific University and Lewis and Clark. Although there is still a possible playoff scenario in which Willamette could force a tie with third place Puget Sound, it is highly unlikely.

"It's always rough when you go into a weekend optimistic and come out disappointed," junior post Ian Mansfield said. "We played hard and hung in there but it did not work out in the end."

The Bearcat offense couldn't quite settle into a rhythm while playing the Pacific Boxers, trailing by as many as 18 points during the first half. In the second half, however, the Bearcats climbed back into the contest and made the Boxers sweat as they saw their lead shrink to four points on a lay up by freshman wing Dan Nugent with 6:21 remaining on the clock. As the Boxers began to pull away once again, Mansfield hit a three to cut the deficit back within six. Although the Bearcats had been flirting with a comeback all night and all season, their hopes were dashed as the Boxers walked away with a nine-point victory, 69-60.

The Bearcats traveled to Lewis and Clark the next night, in the hopes of avenging their earlier loss to the Pioneers and keeping their postseason chances alive. Willamette hung with Lewis and Clark throughout the first half, trailing by just three points at halftime. Late in the game, just as it looked like the



RACHEL MITCHELL

Freshman wing Dan Nugent shoots for the basket as teammates look on.

Pioneers were about to pull out of reach, clutch baskets by senior wing Rob Andrus, senior point guard C.J. Stuvland and sophomore post Tyler McClary cut Lewis and Clark's lead to four with under two minutes to go. Willamette trailed by three with twelve seconds remaining and was forced to foul. Lewis and Clark was successful on both free throws and outlasted the Bearcats for a 60-55 win.

The Bearcats currently sit at 5-7 and sixth place in the conference standings. From there it is unlikely they will be able to qualify for the postseason tournament or have a shot

at the national tournament. "Our attitude and demeanor won't change from now on," Mansfield said. "We want to win for pride and respect and send our seniors (Stuvland and Andrus) out on a winning note."

▶ coming up

- The Bearcats will play George Fox this Friday, Feb. 9 at 8:00 p.m. at Cone Fieldhouse

COLUMN:

New format for college sports

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Over the history of college athletics, no sport has attracted as much attention as college football. And yet while many complain about the costly nature of the sport, it is often-times the first to be cut when the athletic budget shrinks. And why wouldn't it? To hand out 85 scholarships in Division I football could cost as much as \$3.5 million - and that's just to field a team. That is why 27 schools on the West Coast have cut their football programs during the last 50-60 years. Blame excessive spending, blame Title IX, blame Communism for all I care, but the bottom line is that for a lot of schools, it is just too expensive to play scholarship football.

The solution, then, is to allow schools in Division I and II to move their football programs to Division III. Under that solution, schools would be able to play college football without having to spend money they don't have against schools they have no chance to beat. Many of these programs were originally cancelled because the school could not afford to spend \$5-10 million each year to finish with a 2-9 win-loss record. But if schools could play in DIII, the cost would be a fraction of what it used to be. Willamette's athletic budget is \$1.69 million. Even if the football budget consists of half the overall budget, it is still about an eighth of what California State Long Beach spent on football before cutting the program in 1992.

This new system would be beneficial to the overall athletic department at Willamette. One of the challenges of the football program for Willamette is to find enough teams to play. There are simply not very many DIII football teams on the West Coast and especially in the Northwest. Therefore, the football team cannot always play a full schedule. Willamette has only scheduled nine games each of the past two years while most college teams play ten. And even with a short schedule, they still have to play schools from outside the division and the NCAA, or schools from other parts of the country. In recent years they have played the likes of Division II Western Oregon, Humboldt State, and NAIA Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon. They have also traveled to Minnesota to play Gustavus Adolphus and

Texas to play Mary Hardin Baylor. These long road trips are often costly and can take away from other sports or necessities in the school's athletic budget. Similarly, playing schools outside their division or outside the NCAA detracts from a team's RPI and can hurt their chances of making the post-season.

If schools like the University of Portland, Saint Martin's or Gonzaga had football programs that played in Division III, it would be much easier for Willamette and other Northwest Conference schools to play a full schedule against other schools with the same rules and in the same part of the country.

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West Coast Schools that have dropped football

Division I

- Gonzaga (1941)
- Portland (1950)
- Loyola Marymount (CA) (1952)
- Pepperdine (CA) (1961)
- San Francisco (1972)
- University of California at Riverside (1976)
- Long Beach State (CA) (1992)
- University of California at Santa Barbara (1992)

- Cal State-Fullerton (1993)
- Santa Clara (CA) (1993)
- Pacific (CA) (1996)

- Cal State Northridge (2001)
- Saint Mary's (CA) (2004)

Division II

- St. Martin's (1952)
- University of California at San Diego (1969)
- Cal State-Los Angeles (1978)
- Cal Poly-Pomona (1983)

- San Francisco State (1995)
- Cal State-Chico (1997)
- Sonoma State (CA) (1997)

Division III

- (schools already played without scholarships but still dropped their teams)
- George Fox (OR) (1969)
- Cal Tech (1977)
- Whitman (WA) (1977)
- Pacific (OR) (1992)
- Cal State-Hayward (1994)

- NAIA
- Oregon Tech (1994)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Bearcats battle Lewis & Clark, Pacific, fall to both

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The Willamette women's basketball team endured tough losses to Pacific University and Lewis & Clark College last weekend. Although the Bearcats had high hopes for the games, they couldn't quite pull out a win, dropping their record to 2-10 in the Northwest Conference and 4-17 overall.

The loss to Pacific was especially difficult for Willamette, considering that the Bearcats defeated the Boxers 71-66 in overtime the last time these two teams met. "The game against Pacific was disappointing because we all knew it was a game we should have won. We have many girls battling injuries, but as a whole we didn't play together on Friday night," junior forward Tracie Nygaard said.

The Bearcats were in the game throughout the first 20 minutes and ended the half down 31-28. The game remained close with both teams going on hot streaks until Pacific went on a 10-0 run with five minutes left in the game. This seemed to be the difference as Willamette ultimately lost 65-48.

"In the first half, we played really well together. We were moving the ball on offense and taking good shots; all we needed to do was talk more on the defensive end," said freshman forward Keilyn Fujioka. "But in the second half it was a whole different game. We were trying to do too much as individuals and not as a team. We were not making the smartest decisions and we couldn't finish a lot of our shots," she said.

While the Bearcats had some trouble getting their shots to fall, the Boxers didn't have a problem finding the bottom of the bucket. Pacific ended the game shooting 42.9% from 3-point range and made 19 of their 25 free throws. In contrast, Willamette hit 1 of 9 from behind the arc and went 3 for 8 from the free throw line.

Bearcat scoring was led by junior guard Laura Payne with 11 points. Fujioka and senior forward Kari Woody each contributed 8 points and Fujioka also pulled down a game-

coming up

The Bearcats will play George Fox this Friday, Feb. 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Cone Fieldhouse.

high 11 rebounds.

The game against Lewis & Clark was a similar story as Willamette kept the game close until the Pioneers went on a 17-8 run in the last few minutes of the first half. There also seemed to be a lid over the Bearcat basket as they were only able to sink 17 out of 61 field goals and went 4 for 17 from 3-point range. Although the Bearcats fought hard until the end of the game, the Pioneers were able to come away with a 60-46 victory.

Unfortunately for Willamette, Fujioka, who contributed 8 points and 8 rebounds, appeared to have injured her knee in the final seconds of the game. There is no word yet about whether or not she will be able to suit up for this weekend's games.

The Bearcats will play their last home game of the season this Friday at 6 p.m. against George Fox University, and then will travel to McMinnville to take on Linfield College on Saturday.

NWC STANDINGS

Standings as of Feb. 7, 2007

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	W	L
Whitworth	10	2
Puget Sound	9	3
Lewis & Clark	9	3
George Fox	6	6
Pacific	6	6
Willamette	5	7
Pacific Lutheran	4	8
Whitman	3	9
Linfield	2	10

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Puget Sound	10	2
George Fox	9	3
Lewis & Clark	7	5
Whitworth	7	4
Linfield	6	6
Pacific Lutheran	6	6
Whitman	5	7
Pacific	2	10
Willamette	2	10

MEN'S SWIMMING

Whitworth	7	0
Linfield	6	1
Pacific Lutheran	5	2
Puget Sound	4	3
Whitman	3	4
Lewis & Clark	2	5
Willamette	1	6
Pacific	0	7

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Whitworth	7	0
Puget Sound	6	1
Lewis & Clark	5	2
Whitman	3	4
Pacific Lutheran	3	4
Linfield	3	4
Willamette	1	6
Pacific	0	7

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There comes a time in every columnist's life when she must embark upon a quest: the quest for the perfect topic. Actually, this quest occurs weekly (except on weeks when her section is full and she's left with time to experience life instead of write about it). So, after careful consideration and for your reading pleasure, I've completed this week's quest by taking a shortcut. Oh yes, I've chosen the most clichéd and yet most popular topic one could possibly write about: love/relationships/sex (take your pick). You guessed it. It's time for the Willamette version of that oh-so-popular show and column, "Sex in the City."

Whether it's a sock tied on a doorknob or the smell of lovin' in Smullin B-17, at any given time either you or someone you know is probably getting busy on campus. Despite complaints about the lack of opportunities to date at Willamette (see last week's issue), there are still plenty of established couples in addition to people who have managed to find someone to go out with a couple of nights every week.

Perhaps this miracle occurs because not everyone has been confined to the Willamette bubble. It should be noted that in addition to long-distance relationships, some of your fellow WU students might go so far as to "gasp" date a townie. "Townies" are perfectly decent individuals, despite negative stereotyping that suggests otherwise (again, see last week's issue). They can, in fact, make great significant others in addition to being all-around good people. I should know; I'm dating one. But, since I'm lacking the big-city anonymity of Carrie on "Sex in the City" and do not wish to be the Collegian's resident exhibitionist, that is the end of my personal story.

Instead it's time for mass generalizations about getting into relationships.

Generalization #1: Being single is underrated. Usually it's great prep time for future relationships because it helps you figure out who you are and what you're doing, both useful things to know before getting into a relationship where things can get muddled.

Generalization #2: Pining away and planning on how you're going to meet your next significant other is usually unsuccessful. Random encounters usually turn out much better because they're unexpected, which means less stress and a more natural environment in which get to know someone.

Generalization #3: Willamette is not the be-all end-all of love/relationships/sex, so don't sweat it. I would venture to say that the following is true for most of us: we're young; we have much to do and much to see; and we probably still have more people to lust after, fall hard for and love in our lifetimes. So rather than planning for our future doorknob socks, loves, or column fodder, we should enjoy whatever life has given us, whether that's a relationship or just being single. And who knows, your very own townie might be waiting just around the corner.

EDITORIAL

Mixed-gender housing is the right way forward

There has been plenty of controversy at Willamette this school year, and the new mixed-gender housing proposal just might be the next big issue. However, we on the Editorial Board feel that the proposal ultimately deserves the support of the Willamette community, especially after its latest reviews and revisions.

The latest draft of the C.A.P.I.T.A.L. plan was revised to incorporate the critiques and suggestions of President Pelton, Bob Hawkinson, Jim Bauer, Marilyn Derby, Cheryl Todd, Dave Rigsby, and the ANGLES and ASWU leadership. We would urge anyone still opposed to the proposal to consider this in addition to closely examining all of the issues at hand.

First of all, mixed-gender living gives students more choices with housing. It is important to note that mixed-gender housing would by no means be required. Those who wish to participate in this new housing option would have to mutually request their roommate, which eliminates concern about issues arising from random male-female roommate pairings. In this manner, students could decide who they would best be fit to live with regardless of gender, and wouldn't be limited to only half of the on-campus population when making that choice.

Mixed-gender living is gaining popularity at other colleges. Lewis and Clark College has a campus-wide mixed-gender policy. Whitman College operates a limited mixed-gender program similar to that detailed in the C.A.P.I.T.A.L. proposal.

In the end, mixed-gender living may not cause any more difficulties than same-gender living. Roommates of all kinds (e.g. different races, ages, backgrounds) get into arguments and have roommate issues. While the issues may be different with male-female roommates vs. male-male or female-female, it all comes down to the same thing. Those who would not be willing to deal with potential problems arising from rooming with the opposite gender would simply choose not to live in a mixed-gender environment.

Mixed-gender living is also a sexual identity issue. Many students who identify themselves as other than straight are forced into uncomfortable living situations. Mixed-gender living options may allow them to feel safer and more comfortable where they live, whether that's a triple in Doney or a two-bedroom apartment in Haseldorf.

Some discussion has occurred concerning couples living together. We have to remember that this is the choice of the couples, many of whom may choose to live together off-campus. The C.A.P.I.T.A.L. proposal just allows them the freedom to do the same thing on-campus. Yes, if the couple breaks up there could be rooming problems. However, the couple needs to recognize this fact from the offset.

The C.A.P.I.T.A.L. proposal requires an educational process before two mixed-gender students are allowed to live together. Applicants must attend a presentation and are encouraged to talk with their parents about the prob-



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lems that may arise. Again, same-sex roommates have conflicts that can potentially be just as difficult and may result in someone moving out. Roommates are roommates. Of course, the C.A.P.I.T.A.L. plan recognizes that sexual assault is a special circumstance and will be dealt with as such.

Mixed-gender living most likely will not bring forth a stampede of students wanting to sign up. The majority of people will probably prefer to continue living with their own gender. But for those who do prefer mixed-gender living, it is important that the choice and supporting infrastructure be available. Willamette is a progressive campus, and we should strive to uphold the needs of all of our students by providing more opportunities and fewer restrictions.

Needs More Cowbell



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We are pissed off. And it is not because of global warming—we prefer it a little warmer, actually. We are pissed off because we were almost late for class.

It is February, meaning that we still kind of care about our classes. Not as much as we did that first week way back in January, but still enough to want to get to class on time and get some knowledge.

Sometimes getting to class seems like running the gauntlet. We are talking about the

endless amount of obstacles that can keep a person from getting their full amount of quality class time.

One of the biggest class disruptors is everyone's favorite friend and foe: facebook. Scenario: It is 9 a.m. and you are in the library, waiting for a computer so you can print out a paper, when you turn to see some little buggers taking up a computer so they can check their profiles. Facebooking, in the library? "Go surf your party pics elsewhere!" Jamal Raad

said, an enthusiastic Facebooker. But if you are going to do it in the library, find a computer in the back and do not do it right before people are heading to class.

Now you are walking to class. Unfortunately, there are golf carts, groups of students, ducks and Campus Safety cars to block your path. One of the most annoying things to us is slow walkers. If you are a slow walker, stay to the right of the path, or move if we are walking towards you. We will run you over and not apologize. You deserve it for your leisurely walking and "stopping to smell the roses."

Now you are in class. Let's talk about class etiquette. It is

the fourth week of class now, so you are stuck with the seat you picked that first week. It is your own fault you did not show up 30 minutes early the first week of class to claim your spot. It is your chair—do not steal anyone else's, unless it is a fair trade.

And now our biggest class "no-no." Do not let your cell phone ring in class. Everyone is allowed one "Oops! I left my cell phone on!" moment in their life, but when it happens repeatedly, it is a problem. And if it does happen to go off, do not answer your phone. Ever. 'Nuff said.

Good luck getting to class this week, and to quote Billy Shakes: "Parting is such sweet sorrow."

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STUDENT OPINIONS

Oh, be nice

RICHARD CURRY
GUEST COLUMNIST



As a science major I am rarely prompted to answer philosophical questions such as, "who are we?" And "what is the purpose of life?" However, if any of you readers know me, you will undoubtedly know that I often ponder such things on my own accord. Over the last month, I have gone into what I call pondering overdrive. Let me explain.

My friends, the human body is composed of trillions of cells, millions of which are replaced everyday, and all of which are replaced in about seven years. We are a vibrant, living organism. The same atomic particles that are found in this work of art, called the body, are the same that can be found everywhere in the universe. In fact, if you break us down to the most basic level, we are simply energy.

Energy cannot be destroyed; it always will be, it always has been and it is in every known element on the periodic table.

Why do we care? Well, if the universe around us and our bodies are just energy, it means that we are all connected. We are a matrix of flowing energy. They say (to use the usual nebulous others who seem to know everything) that seeing is believing, but really when I see a rubber ducky, I'm not actually seeing a rubber ducky! I am seeing the product of an interaction of particles.

We are a product of interaction. We see the effect of things relating to one another, and they relate in an incredibly harmonious



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way. My friends, can you imagine if the movement of subatomic particles was off by even one trillionth? The universe is an intricate balance of give and take.

Let us examine ourselves in this manner. Imagine this situation. My OD group seems to be relating really well, but this one student is being continuously negative. He does not enjoy a single part of the program. His negativity soon spreads, and everything we do feels like a chore. This crude example is a product of mis-interaction. The reason this student's energy affects the rest of the group is because we are structured in the same way that the universe is: in a delicate balance.

These types of negative people really can bring down the energy of the group. Do you know what I'm talking about? In a similar

manner, has someone's smile ever brightened your day? Think about it.

Are we living and interacting in a way that is bringing harmony to our relationships, to Willamette and ultimately to this world?

Or are we destroying ourselves with our negativity? I often catch myself complaining about how much work I have to do. I have realized that by complaining, I am simply telling everyone around me about my work, not getting it done and furthering the negativity surrounding something that should be so positive! Education is such a blessing.

So please, be nice to one another, open your mind and try to understand how your actions influence those around you.

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POLITICS

Star Wars hijacked Medicare

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COLUMNIST



President Bush submitted his \$2.9 trillion budget to Congress this week, and the part of me that loves James Bond and Star Wars is thrilled. The part of me loves asthma medication and keeping warm in winter, however, is not.

President Bush has asked for nearly half a trillion dollars for the Defense Department this year, about as much money as the military spending of the rest of the world combined. The figure also represents a 62 percent increase from President Bush's first year in office, and that doesn't even count the extra \$145 billion the Pentagon will spend in Iraq and Afghanistan this year.

If all that seems excessive, you need to watch more "Future Weapons" on the Discovery channel. B-2 Stealth Bombers—with a price tag of \$2.2 billion, the most expensive airplanes ever built—are penny candy compared the Pentagon's latest pet project. Pretty soon, we'll shoot nuclear missiles out of the sky with space-based laser beams. Never mind that. According to Scientific American, the missile shield is more full of holes than Scooter Libby's story. And please don't mention that no one with nuclear missiles actually wants to use them on us. Come on, people, we're talking about laser beams.

Unfortunately, the coolest toys are always the most expensive, and lately the Pentagon has been blowing through its allowance like a 6-year-old in a candy store. All that extra money has to come from somewhere, and with increasing taxes totally out of the question for most lawmakers, that means cuts to social programs.

This year Medicare and Medicaid are first on the chopping block. If the President gets his way, the elderly and the poor will lose about \$78 billion worth of health care next year. He also wants an 18 percent cut in a program that subsidizes heating fuel to poor people in cold climates. Those of you with poor, sick grandparents in Alaska might want to start saving up.

But if Granny is a real American, she won't complain about her expensive surgery or heating oil. That's the price we pay for freedom (and \$2 billion stealth airplanes). Besides, maybe if there are no nuclear missiles to shoot down we can use the lasers to warm houses.

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Push the twin beds together, embrace gender blind housing

FRED ENGELL
GUEST COLUMNIST



I know you've been sitting there at 2 a.m. on a Friday night, drunk, seeing how many stars you can get in Grand Theft Auto, when your roommate comes back, and lo and behold he/she has brought a friend.

You look at them. They look at you. You say "hi." Your roommate says "hi" back (his/her friend manages a half nod). They sit on the couch and you get up and leave. Then, after watching infomercials in the Lausanne Lounge for half an hour you come back and you seem to have inherited a third roommate. This person will soon become a fixture in your room, coming in without knocking, barely acknowledging your presence, sleeping over and generally annoying the hell out of you. Lucky for you, the solution to this problem is here.

"Gender-blind" (Note to those visually impaired: Please excuse this offensive title) housing is coming to Willamette, and not a moment too soon. All I can say is thank God: Let's push the twins together and finally have guilt-free sex with our roommates. And to be honest, aren't we all tired of being the third wheel, forced to deal with some obnoxious sleepover

boyfriend/girlfriend and the raunchy smells and stains they leave behind? If they want to sleep together all the time, let them. Give them their own rooms.

Of course I'm forgetting the entire gay-lesbian-bisexual-transgender-transsexual agenda (thanks CSJCSDS or whatever). This commonality has solely one agenda and this is its most important facet. Too long have lesbians been forced to live with women and gays with other men, and too long has Willamette turned a blind eye to the needs of the massive transgender and transsexual community that resides herein.

• Yes, gender-blind housing is a step forward in the fight against sexism as well as an opportunity to get jiggy without interruption 24/7. It's a win-win situation. As for those dissenters, who believe that it might create some serious alum and parentalienating problems, there's going to be meetings for those interested, MEETINGS. Remember Straight Talk? (CSJIDS, take note of that offensive title.) No! Well, it is the truly useful and excellent Opening Days program, which has single-handedly ended underage drinking, drug use, sexual assault and homesickness. These "gender-blind" meetings would deal with issues like couples who room together breaking up, changing clothes in front of each other etc. and would totally solve all the problems.

All and all, it sounds like a great plan, but here's some other things that I think the administration should consider enacting to enhance the current agenda: eliminating urinals and sin-

gle sex bathrooms, because nothing is more sexually discriminating than a urinal, and nothing is more equalizing than hearing and smelling each other making a dookie. Plus, while we're at it let's make the locker rooms gender-blind, because I can't wait to see everybody naked ... I mean, it'll totally solve gender discrimination.

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GOT OPINIONS?

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS Jan. 26 - Feb. 1 2007

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

▶ Jan. 26, 8:44 P.M., (Matthews Hall): Campus Safety transported a student to the emergency room who was suffering from flu-like symptoms.

▶ Jan. 27, 2:18 a.m., (Kaneko Hall): A student, under the age of 21, sustained injury to his upper lip, as well chipping two front teeth after a fall to the pavement. It was determined that the student was under the influence of an alcoholic beverage at the time of his trip and fall.

▶ Jan. 29, 6:40 p.m., (Sparks Center): Campus Safety transported a student to Salem Hospital who was suffering from a severe shoulder injury.

▶ February 1, 11:55 p.m., (Doney Hall): A student was transported to Salem Hospital, by Campus Safety, after she complained of a severe migraine.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

▶ Jan. 26, 11:44 p.m., (Terra House): A student under the age of 21 was observed by Campus Safety attempting to hide a bottle of beer in his pocket. The student was cooperative and discarded the beverage upon request.

▶ Jan. 26, 11:47 p.m., (Terra House): A student, under the age of 21 was observed to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage. The student, who was cooperative, discarded the beverage upon request.

▶ Jan. 27, 2:44 a.m., (Kaneko Hall): A student became intoxicated and subsequently ill after ingesting several "shots" of an alcoholic beverage. Salem Fire Department responded and treated the student.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

▶ Jan. 29, 8:40 a.m., (Sigma Alpha Epsilon): An employee reported that a wall on the first floor (lobby) of SAE had sustained damage during the weekend.

▶ Jan. 30, 9:25 a.m., (Executive Building): Housekeeping reported that seven windows on the west side of the building had sustained new scratches. It was also noted that two other windows had etchings indicative of "satanic" symbols on them.

THEFT

▶ Jan. 26, 3:24 p.m., (Bishop Wellness): A student reported that a

borrowed skateboard was taken from the hallway of Bishop after he left it outside of an office for 30 minutes.

▶ Jan. 28, 6:24 p.m., (Off Campus): A University van was broken into as it was parked in the City of Forest Grove. The personal property of two students was taken from the van. The stolen property included books and a laptop.

▶ Jan. 29, 11:52 a.m., (Phi Delta Theta): An employee discovered, that a Pepsi machine had been vandalized or left open. A subsequent check of the machine revealed that all monies had been stolen from the machine.

POLICY VIOLATION

▶ Jan. 27, 10:09 p.m., (Kaneko Hall): Two students were observed in the closed-off construction area. Their purpose for being in that area is unknown and they were cooperative with the Campus Safety Officers who were investigating.

▶ Jan. 27, 10:45 p.m., (Sigma Chi): Campus Safety observed approximately 100 individuals involved in behavior and activities that were potentially dangerous. This activity included the beating on glass doors and windows,

wrestling and the throwing of garbage cans against the floor, walls, and each other.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

▶ Jan. 26, 9:00 p.m., (Matthews Parking Lot): Campus Safety Officers came into contact with a visibly intoxicated individual who was carrying a cup and empty beer container. The Officers approached the individual to ascertain if he was a student. The individual, in response, took off running. The Officers lost sight of the individual near the Montag Center.

▶ Jan. 29, 2:18 p.m., (Hatfield Library): An individual was observed to be loitering in the Hatfield Library. A student observed the individual paying close attention to the computers on the second floor. Campus Safety responded and the individual chose to leave the Library without incident.

*If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety at 503.370.6911.

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SUDOKU by PAUL FRIEDMAN

Sudoku rules are easy: Fill all empty squares so that the numbers 1 to 9 appear once and only once in each row, column and 3x3 box. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. Solve the puzzle with reasoning.



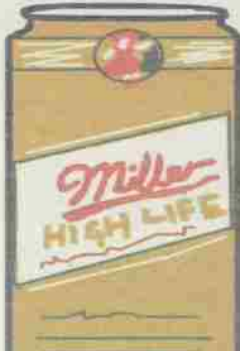
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