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• Suresht Bald named Oregon professor of the year



SAGE NASBAUM

Bald will retire this spring after 21 years at Willamette. The University has had more statewide winners of the CLA Professor of the Year Award than any other school in Oregon. The first winner was selected only a year after Willamette first entered the competition.

PAST WINNERS

- ✓ Frances Chappe (1990)
- ✓ Mary Ann Youngren (1991)
- ✓ Roger Hull (1993)
- ✓ Arthur Payton (1994)
- ✓ Daniel G. Montague (1995)
- ✓ William Duvall (1998)

By KEENA PRESNELL

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Politics professor Suresht Bald was recently named the 2003 Oregon Professor of the Year. Bald is the seventh Willamette professor to win the statewide competition, after a process that included selection by the Faculty Council, formal nomination by the Dean's Office and submission of letters of recommendation from students and colleagues.

Bald is a professor of politics and women's studies, though she graduated from Delhi University with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in history. She then received her Ph.D. from Harvard University. Bald taught at University of California at Riverside and University of California at Santa Cruz before coming to Willamette in 1982.

Throughout her years as a professor, Bald has been the recipient of many other awards. She received the Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award in 1985 and the Pew Fellowship in International Affairs in 1990.

The Professor of the Year award, presented by the

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• Willamette student's top books vary from MLA

Informal survey shows the discrepancies between the MLA's top choices and the University's

By MARY ANN ALBRIGHT

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When it comes to their book preferences, how consistent are college students with the greater American public? Not very, according to the Collegian's recent survey of Willamette students.

In 1998, the Modern Library, a publishing house affiliated with Random House, released a list of the 100 best novels of the twentieth century. Readers, including students at colleges such as Radcliffe, responded aggressively. Some approved of the Modern Library's selections, while others offered alternative lists.

Whether their selections are reaffirmed or challenged, this dialogue about the great treasures of literature is exactly what the publishers hoped for when creating the list. "The

goal of the '100 Best' project was to get people talking about great books," according to the Modern Library Web site. And talk people did.

As their tongues wagged, their pencils hit the ballots. According to the Modern Library Web site, 217,520 voters responded to the reader's poll, thus creating their own list of 100 best novels.

Which of these lists reflects Willamette students' tastes? The Collegian's poll suggests none. Students were asked to name their ten favorites books. Over 300 different titles were nominated. The top choices were by far the "Harry Potter" series and the "Lord of the Rings." While "Lord of the Rings" does come in number four on the Modern Library's Reader's Choice list, the first "Harry Potter" book was not yet published at the time of this

poll.

No Willamette student voted for "Ulysses," which earned the number one spot on the Modern Library's list. Atlas Shrugged, the top novel on the Modern Library's Reader's Choice list, fared little better, receiving only three Willamette votes.

Why the discrepancy? "This doesn't have any really contemporary books. It seems like books you'd read in class, not for enjoyment," junior Kim Mahi said of the Modern Library's list.

Junior Nick Winn agreed. "I think these are more for older people," he said. Winn was disappointed not to see Catch-22 on the Modern Library's list.

The Reader's Choice list faced similar contention from Willamette students.

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WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY'S TOP TEN LIST:

- The Harry Potter series by J. K. Rowling
- The Lord of the Rings by J. R. R. Tolkien
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger
- The Lord of the Flies by William Golding
- 1984 by George Orwell
- The Hobbit by J. R. R. Tolkien
- The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C. S. Lewis
- Animal Farm by George Orwell
- The Lovely Bones by Alice Seabold

• Grad school looms ahead

By CHRIS FOSS

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Students seeking to enter post-graduate programs often face tremendous stress at this time of year as they prepare for the tests necessary to enter those programs.

There is plenty to do and remember throughout the process, but Willamette students are by no means lacking in helpful resources on campus. "We will do about anything the student needs," Director of Career Services Nancy Norton said. "If you come and ask about something, I will direct you to people and resources."

Norton puts together workshops every fall on how to apply for graduate schools and write the graduate school personal ...

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: NOV. 8-15, 2003

This week Campus Safety responded to 170 calls for service.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Nov. 11, 9:50 a.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): An employee reported damage to a laundry room wall. It appeared that someone attempted to push the wall in.

Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported finding a window broken on their vehicle. The vehicle had an alarm and nothing was stolen.

Nov. 12, 1:30 p.m. (TIUA): A student reported their car had been broken into. The rear seat lock and dash were damaged but nothing stolen.

Nov. 12, 6:43 p.m. (TIUA): A student reported a vehicle with a broken window. Officers located two other vehicles also damaged. One owner reported a stereo had been stolen.

Nov. 12, 8:13 p.m. (Softball Lot): An officer discovered a vehicle with a broken window and left a message for the owner. The owner later reported that nothing had been stolen.

November 13, 3:56 pm (Softball Lot): A student reported that a few days prior, he discovered his vehicle trunk lock damaged. Nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Nov. 14, 8:08 a.m. (York House): An employee discovered the glass front of the vending machine shattered. A student reported that it was already broken at 6:35 a.m.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Nov. 13, 4:04 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student suffering from nausea and stomach cramps was evaluated by WEMS. He chose to return to his room and sleep.

Nov. 14, 12:30 a.m. (Hatfield Library): A student was evaluated by WEMS for a dislocated shoulder. He was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

Nov. 12, 8:35 a.m. (Campus): Students violated University policy when an upperclassman gave or sold a blue parking permit to an underclassman.

Nov. 14, 2:15 a.m. (TIUA): Three students were located on the roof. One of the students possessed a BB rifle. The rifle was confiscated, and they were charged with multiple policy violations.

Nov. 15, 7:48 a.m. (TIUA): An officer discovered a pile of garbage in the parking lot. Several items listed the owner's name. An attempt was made to contact the student to clean up the litter.

THEFT

Nov. 10, 7:33 a.m. (Montag Center): An employee reported that a red colored rug had been stolen.

Nov. 11, 8:36 a.m. (Off Campus): A student reported his vehicle was broken into and stereo equipment stolen.

Nov. 11, 6:50 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student reported his wallet stolen after leaving it in his backpack and placing it in a cubby.

Nov. 11, 9:20 p.m. (Softball Lot): Four vehicles were located

with broken windows. Two owners reported stereo equipment stolen. Officers were unable to make contact with the owners of the other two vehicles.

Nov. 13, 11:45 a.m. (Sparks Center): A student reported his wallet stolen after leaving it with his clothes in a cubby.

Nov. 14, 11:45 a.m. (Matthews Lot): A student reported finding one of his car windows partially removed. He believes a case of compact discs was stolen.

Nov. 15, 2:00 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student reported her wallet stolen after leaving it unattended in the lobby area.

TRESPASS

Nov. 11, 3:20 a.m. (Collins Science): Officers contacted an intoxicated man who had made a bed between Collins and Olin. The man was extremely uncooperative so Salem Police were contacted. After police identified him, he was issued a written trespass warning and escorted off campus.

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WEDNESDAY'S PROFILE

48 hours under the clocktower

By KATE d'AMBROSIO

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Amidst a heap of tangled sleeping bags and backpacks, junior Craig Webster and sophomore Will Cannon lounge beneath the shadow of the Willamette clock tower. Their makeshift camp is supplemented by a radio and, of course, the video camera.

Webster and Cannon parked under the tower for 48 hours to film what will ultimately amount to 30 seconds of their documentary "Willameqqatsi."

Webster and Cannon parked under the tower for 48 hours to film what will ultimately amount to 30 seconds of their documentary "Willameqqatsi." Curious onlookers stare and question the students relentlessly, waking them up at all hours of the night to ask them what they're doing.

"People think it's their right to know what's going on," Webster said. "It doesn't bug me, but we've been asked about 100 times."

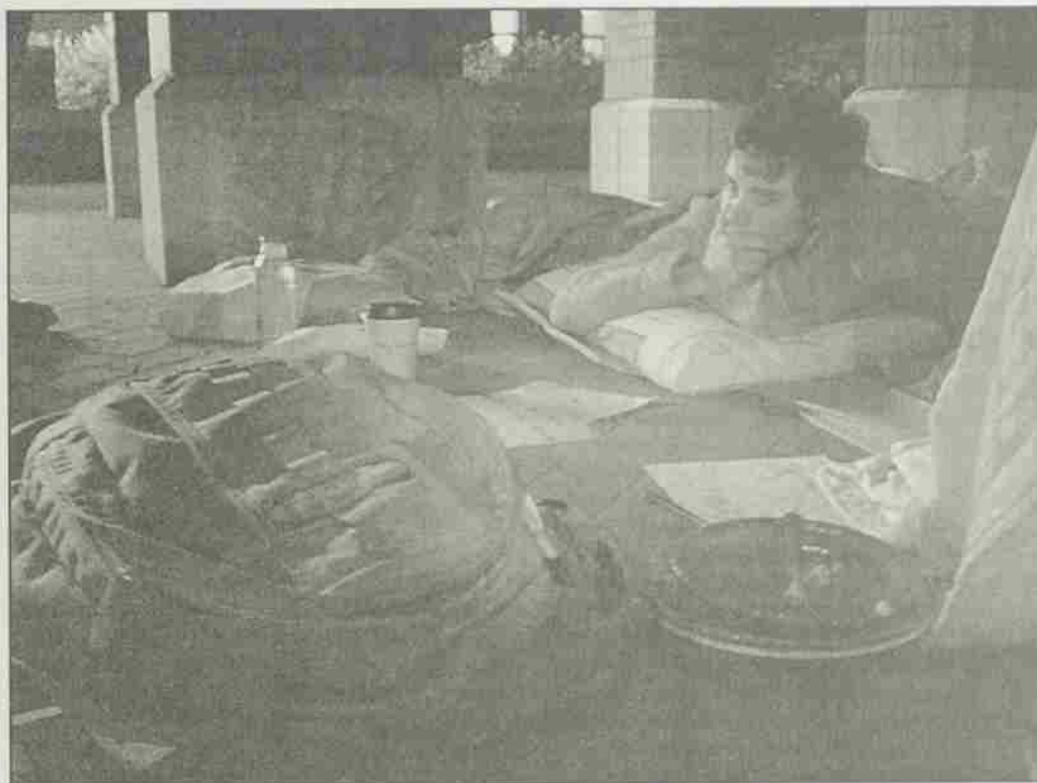
The objective behind Webster's "Willameqqatsi" is to explore what it means to go to Willamette, and "show what is often thought about Willamette and then show the opposite," according to Webster. The title of the project is a spoof off of Francis Ford Coppola's "Koyaanasqatsi," which is a film about the imbalance between urban lifestyles and environmental concerns. Webster got the idea for his documentary after looking through the admissions catalogues and remembered his expectations for Willamette as a freshman.

"This has been just like camping," Cannon said, "and it's been fun, so I don't feel like I've been going out of my way."

"My view of Willamette has changed," Webster said. "It's gone from a kind of idealistic perspective. There are a lot of more real-world things that happen, but it's very sheltered at the same time."

To relay the realities of campus life from a student's perspective, Webster is compiling a series of images and sounds not found in admissions catalogues, such as rain, noise pollution, the amounts of waste students produce and the fast-paced and stressful lives that Willamette students lead. And because Webster's documentary does not involve dialogue, he uses other techniques such as time lapses to convey his ideas.

Despite his less-than-idealistic view of Willamette, Webster emphasizes that his message is



STACY WEST
RIGHT: Camping out under the clocktower (pictured below) junior Craig Webster thinks about what he is going to do the rest of the night. Craig spent 48 hours next to his camera to capture a time lapse shot that will produce an end result of 30 seconds of film.

not intended to be disappointing or negative, but simply more realistic. "The admissions catalogues all look the same, and if you look at the catalogue five years from now it will look pretty much the same," Webster said.

Cannon described his role in the production of "Willameqqatsi" as, simply, "friend." "I'll talk to him (Webster) about ideas sometimes, but that doesn't happen very much," Cannon said.

Filmmaking is not a hobby that Cannon is driven toward individually, but he said that it is something that he can "definitely get into" when working with others. Cannon has worked closely with Webster in the production of "Willameqqatsi" and his previous films, and commented that he did not mind camping out in the middle of Jackson Plaza for a two-day shot of the clock tower. "This has been just like camping," Cannon said, "and it's been fun, so I don't feel like I've been going out of my way."

"Willameqqatsi" is Webster's second film. Last year, he produced a 20-minute narrative called "Life Is." Much of his inspiration for his current project came from analyzing his last film and seeing what worked and what did not.

"I tried to shoot it, write it and edit it in the same semester, which was a ridiculous undertaking," Webster said. All said and done, "Life Is" took about 200 hours of filming and editing to produce the final product.

In the production of both of his films, Webster has worked closely with Professor Ken Nolley, who has advised him in the filming and editing process. Also, CCTV has helped Webster with many of the technical aspects of filmmaking.

Aside from these sources of support, Webster has taught himself much of what he knows about making movies. His interest in film has been present since a young age, and he has consistently experimented with making videos. "I made some weird films for my friends as birthday presents," Webster said, "but they were really bad."

Although Webster has committed a substantial amount of time to filmmaking, the physics major does not see himself pursuing film as a career. "I don't think I have the stamina with film, and I don't know if I could develop that," he said. After graduating from Willamette, Webster intends to attend graduate school and earn a doctorate degree in either math or physics.



As of now, "Willameqqatsi" is about 13 minutes long, but will ultimately be a 30-minute film. Webster hopes that the Willamette Events Board will sponsor the documentary, and would also like to show it at a convocation.

Over all, he has enjoyed making the documentary, despite the enormous amount of time it has required. "I think one of the great things about this film is that over time things that I don't see now will be really obvious in the film, and I'm really into that as an artist."

PublicEye

BUS DISPLAY PROMOTES ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

A new environmentally friendly Cherrix city bus was displayed next to Goudy from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday. The Salem Department of Transportation is promoting its new green buses as an alternative method of transportation. The buses are environmentally friendly and are intended to be aide with parking problems.



PHOTOS BY STACY WEST

NATIVE AMERICAN EVENTS PLANNED FOR CAMPUS

A series of events and lectures focusing on Native American and Native Alaskan issues and culture begins today with a lecture by Professor Stephen Dow Beckham, of Lewis & Clark College. He will speak on "The Strange Course of Federal Indian Policy in Oregon" from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Hatfield Room. Tonight, Dr. Dennis Griffin will lecture on the cultural contact and change among Nuniwarmuit Eskimos from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Collins Legal Center. A Native American craft night is also planned for Friday, Nov. 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. in WISH. The series will culminate with the Native Youth Olympic Games on Monday, Nov. 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. in WISH.



Rock for Choice Products
FEMINIST ONLINE STORE

SFC rocks for choice

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Supporting a tradition begun in 1991 by the Feminist Majority, Students for Choice will be hosting Rock for Choice Friday, from 8:00-11:00 p.m. in the Bistro. Nationally, Rock for Choice "mobilizes the music community in support of abortion rights and women's health clinics."

Willamette's version will follow suit, showcasing the talents of an up and coming Eugene band, "Alter Ego," and Willamette's own "American Barricade" and "end." Junior Amelia Cruver, Students for Choice member, and planner of the event feels that this event will draw attention to global family planning and the power that students have to voice their opinions.

"On our campus, students who are pro-choice tend to be the silent majority," she said.

"I think this will get the word out and get people motivated and informed."

Students for Choice President, Jen Heidt feels that Rock for Choice will provide Willamette students with an opportunity to see the larger picture.

"This is in conjunction with Global Planning Week. It is a good opportunity for every person in the Willamette community to see the influence of family planning globally. That's contraceptive services, prenatal and post natal care and in some cases, abortion."

Heidt also feels that Rock for Choice will draw attention to the global gag rule, which she feels, "is influencing the ability of women to access the care they need."

"Family Planning isn't just about abortion," she said. "Women who are pregnant aren't getting the services they need, too."

Senior Diana Leong, who is a member of Students for Choice, expressed her frustration at Bush's politics as well.

"The gag rule means that the Bush Administration has said that no federal money can go to international organizations that perform or talk about abortions. This is terrible because a lot of times these are clinics that solo in rural and AIDS-ridden countries. If they even speak about abortion, then they can't give out condoms and other forms of birth control because they don't have the funding."

Many of the students who are a part of Students for Choice have also campaigned for choice outside the campus as well. Junior Kara Forsyth is one such member. As the campus NARAL coordinator, she loves to see such campaigning as Rock for Choice.

"This issue brings my passions," she said. "Politics, policy and women's rights issues are all involved."

Like Forsyth, Cruver said she "had always been passionate about the pro-choice issue." Because of this, she wanted to create a "fun" way for people to see how damaging she feels Bush's international politics are, and a way in which students can help. Donations will be collected at the event and given to the International Planned Parenthood Federation, which is making up for the deficit caused by the gag rule.

"We need to realize our power in helping others," Cruver said.

New pre-law club established

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The foundations of a new club law club are being laid this semester.

Attempts have been made in the past to create law clubs, but none of them has persisted. The idea of starting a new law club was pursued "primarily because there is no real pre-law program, although Willamette has a renowned law school," said freshman member John Swanson. Steps have been taken to secure the new law club, so that it will not fade away like previous campus law clubs. The

club would also to make an impression and impact on campus.

The club has already been registered and has the full support of the law school and its advisor, politics professor Joe Bowersox. The club formed a constitution using a skeleton, from a previous law club in order to attain club-status. Leadership was established in the first meeting. The elections resulted in the appointment of junior Jason Richie as president, senior Lauren Jenkins as vice president, and junior Lesley Meyer as treasurer.

Along with electing executive

"I want the journal to become engrained into the Willamette community and serve as a dialogue on unrepresented legal issues," Richie said.

Stress, test, grad school

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... statement. However, Norton advises students that the personal statement must be taken far more seriously than the average college essay. "You have to write a personal statement which is much more direct and mature than the one you wrote when you were 17."

Her office also provides access to practice materials for tests such as the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

There is no substitute for advanced preparation, according to some Willamette students that took tests over the summer.

"I took a Kaplan test-prep class up in Portland last summer," senior Ian Lindsay said. Lindsay went on to take the MCAT last August, and said the process was not very stressful for him as a result of the classes.

Senior Leah Rinfret also took a Kaplan test-prep course before she took the LSAT. "I found the course helpful but I think it was my commitment to taking at least three 3-hour practice tests a week that gave me the endurance needed to avoid brain-pain early in the test," Rinfret said. "My recommendation to future test takers is that there is no such thing as over-preparation."

Norton also has several suggestions for students seeking to lower their stress levels. Although her workshops are specifically targeted at juniors and seniors considering graduate school, "It's never too early to start exploring post-grad options," she said. Norton also said that it is crucial for students to complete testing while they are undergraduates.

"The challenge is to coordinate that process at the same time as taking care of the demands of your current classes," Norton said.

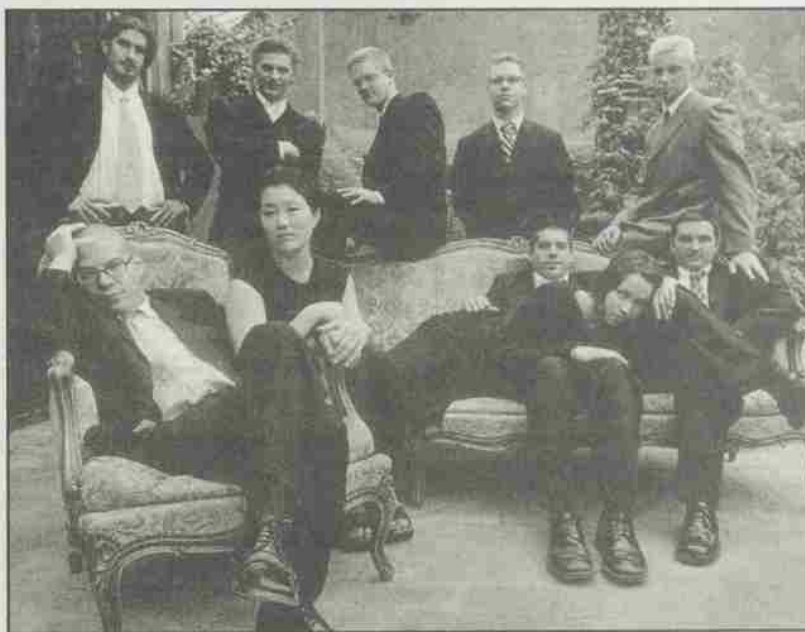
She believes it is far more difficult for students to take tests after a year off from college, as they inevitably lose some of the skills they need for successful test completion.

The stress associated with preparation for graduate school is not without reason. Students seeking entry into the 201 law schools governed by the Law School Admission Council are required to take the LSAT.

Medical school applicants must take the MCAT, which is required by nearly all U.S. medical schools.

ARTS

Pink Martini shakes it up



COURTESY OF CA GRAPHICS

The world-renowned group from Portland will play a benefit concert for the Salem Chamber Orchestra. The 10-piece ensemble will perform their classy and energetic sound on Nov. 22.

By KELI'I SANDOBAL

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If you haven't heard of Pink Martini, you will.

The Portland, Ore. based group will perform in Smith Auditorium Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Pink Martini is nationally and internationally renowned. The New Yorker describes the music of Pink Martini as "breathtaking."

According to the ensemble's website, the group "represents what is refreshing and new in pop music, respecting the traditions of classical, jazz, and Latin and inspiring a new amalgamation that is hypnotic, cinematic and above all else-beautiful."

The 10-piece ensemble started as an opener for Del Rubio Triplets in the fall of 1994. Since then, Pink Martini has performed in Greece, Turkey and Taiwan, as well as performing with U.S. symphony orchestras like The Oregon Symphony.

After the release of the group's debut album, "Sympathique", in 1998, Pink Martini has drawn a larger, more diverse crowd nationwide.

Their music has been used for numerous films and television shows including "The West Wing," "Felicity," and "Josie and The Pussycats."

Executive director of the Salem Chamber Orchestra, Carole Orloff, is responsible for inviting the group to the Willamette campus. Orloff said that the Chamber

Orchestra regularly holds benefit concerts. The money received from ticket sales will benefit the Salem Chamber Orchestra.

This year, Orloff thought that Pink Martini would be an entertaining group to invite. Orloff, who believes that the group's music is very sophisticated, said the concert is, "just going to be fun."

Sophomore Anton Chiono, who will be attending the concert, said he heard of the group through his girlfriend. "When I saw that they would be appearing at Willamette, I thought I should take advantage of the opportunity," Chiono said.

Senior Robert Sumner, who also plans to attend, saw the group perform last year with the Oregon Symphony. "They are awesome in concert," Sumner said. "I think that students attending this show will enjoy it. Their piano player and vocalist are incredible."

Pink Martini tickets are in high demand, but Orloff said that it's not too late to purchase your tickets for the Nov. 22 concert in Smith Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 and available through the Salem Chamber Orchestra.

Chiono said that the ticket price might seem expensive to some; however he encourages others to take the opportunity to expand their horizons by exposing themselves to something new. "And until I see them in concert, I won't know whether a \$20 ticket price is reasonable or not," Chiono said.

Pink Martini timeline

Fall 1994: PM performs together for the first time, by accident, as the opener for the 3-gal, 3-guitar ensemble "The Del Rubio Triplets."

November 1997: PM releases *Sympathique in the Pacific NW*

April 1998: *Sympathique* is released nationwide

2004: tentative release date for second album

*information gathered from www.pinkmartini.com

CREATIVE CORNER

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The Fart That is Me

My mother farted on November second and I came out.

It was not such a grotesque occurrence because no placental muck clung to my purple self, no blood spotted my eyelids or thighs, no umbilical cord wriggled or wreathed itself about my neck.

It was just startling and a bit disconcerting, as my father invariably recalls at family gatherings,

his eyes squinted at my mother whose brow is unerringly knit, the fingers of her right hand plucking at the stray hairs of her eyebrows.

They often tell me that they weren't, "Quite ready for a child at that time," to which I often reply,

"Then Mom shouldn't have farted!" They say I didn't cry, but that I arrived hell-bent on biting the sole of my left foot, a goal whose incompleteness perhaps connects to my current frustrations with yoga.

This gnawing fascination with my left foot has always bothered my grandparents, but their perpetual ineptitude at Scrabble allows me to easily write them off as senile fogies.

The subtle ostracism my family always emanates in my general direction has led me to think about potential plans of subtle self-vengeance.

Tomorrow I am going to the SSSO (Salem Social Security Office).

I have decided that a name change to "Fecal Matter" would best suit my history and personality.

But dear friends and readers, send your pity elsewhere!

The Christmas season is just around the bend and I will attend not one, but two immense family gatherings (Christmas and Chanukah).

I have a freshly loaded Polaroid camera to catch my parents' disgusted expressions, a fiancée soon to be dubbed Mrs. Matter, and I'm bringing my shoeless, sockless left foot with me, teeth-marks* and all.

*teeth-marks courtesy of Fanny Schmit, wife-to-be

"I think that students attending this show will enjoy it. Their piano player and vocalist are incredible."

—senior Robert Sumner

Talk of the Millstream



CLAIRE PICHETTE
guest columnist

This inaugural naturalist article is born from my selfish love of birds. While walking to class in a paper-thin raincoat the other day, I thought, "Hey - it's starting to get real cold around here." In the midst of this exodus, I momentarily panicked: What drug will fuel my winter bird-watching needs?

Fortunately, we have the honor of sharing our campus with a non-migratory species of hummingbird found almost exclusively along the Pacific Coast, the Anna's Hummingbird (*calypte anna*). Unlike their local relative the Rufous Hummingbird, Anna's do not make the trek to Central America every winter. Instead they move from high hills in the summer down to warmer valleys in the fall. The Martha Springer Botanical Garden is the place to catch the Anna's on campus.

Dean Wentworth, caretaker for the Botanical Garden, sets out feeders to help them through the cold winter months. All hummingbirds need nectar to provide energy for their real work—catching protein in insect form. Hummingbirds have the fastest metabolism of any animal; they must eat 1.5 to 3 times their body weight daily to survive the winter.

"They are always around the feeders first thing in the morning, fueling up after the cold night," Dean explained. "I come out here in the dark and make sure the feeders have fresh nectar, because without it they will die." Feeders like Dean's have helped the Anna's expand its California-based range as far north as British Columbia.

Although he claims the males are difficult to tell apart, Dean knows each female by the distinctive red freckle pattern on their throats, in shadow, the feathers look black. Males have a bright red patch on their throats, or gorgets, which they selectively display to attract females in the spring. If you're lucky, you'll get a show too. (Note: Guys, don't get any bright ideas about displaying your gorgets indiscriminately.)

The best times to see the Anna's in the garden are at sunrise and just before sunset when they swarm the feeders. If you want to set up a feeder outside your dorm or front porch—DO IT! The nectar will help an Anna's immensely and you will get to enjoy their graceful presence.

Claire Pichette is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts. Email *The Naturalist* for a nectar recipe at <cpichett>.

Politics professor leaves legacy

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Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, emphasizes the multiple ways teachers are effective in the classroom. "This recognition by the Carnegie Foundation confirms what Suresht's colleagues and students have known all along - she is simply a gem," politics professor Joe Bowersox said.

"She doesn't teach her class as though she is the last authority, instead she makes students feel like their points are as valid and worthy as her own," junior Leslie Meyer said. "I am a women's studies minor as well as a politics major and Professor Bald is one of the few professors at Willamette who really cares about the women's studies department at Willamette."

Bald was honored at a luncheon held at the National Press Club, on Nov. 13, and at a reception on Capitol Hill that evening. She was one of 43 hon-

orees.

The winners receive a certificate from CASE / Carnegie. In some states, the winner receives a cash prize, but the state of Oregon does not provide monetary reinforcement to its winners. Willamette presents the framed award during a faculty meeting. Bald also attended a luncheon in her honor at hosted by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

"I think that was a very nice thing to do; a happy event for Professor Bald and a warm reunion for the alumni who were able to visit with her," Patricia Alley, Director of Foundation Relations and Government Grants, said. Alaskan Senator and Willamette alum, Lisa Murkowski, presided over the reception held at the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

"Above all, Professor Bald has an abiding interest in educating Willamette students and upholding the standards of excellence for which Willamette is known," politics professor Michael Marks said.

Pre-law club back, ready to make impact at CLA

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members, the club has adopted their constitution and discussed and planned out a forum for a law journal they hope to start.

According to Lauren Jenkins, the Willamette law journal is their primary tool to help the club stick. The club intends to publish a law journal, with hard copy subscriptions to Willamette alumni as a means of future funding and expansion. At this time, work is being done to set the journal into motion.

Next semester the club plans to co-sponsor, with Nancy Norton, a journal-writing workshop. Students who attend the workshop will be taught how to write in journalistic form, specifically for a law journal. Initially, the journal will be posted online. However, the club plans to eventually print hard copies for subscribers. "I want the journal to become engrained into the Willamette

community and serve as a dialogue on unrepresented legal issues," Richie said.

The focus of the law club will be on preparation for the LSAT, applying for law school and advising potential law students on which classes to take. The journal will cover basic political and law issues. Each journal will touch on various aspects of a chosen topic.

The Willamette law club is receiving funds from the Political Science Department, which had set aside funds for pre-law programs. The law club also plans to apply for recycled funds from ASWU.

According to Richie, the Willamette Law Club is rapidly taking root. "Students who get involved now will have a future promising future in the club, and opportunities for leadership positions."

"The more people that get involved the stronger the club and journal will be," Jenkins said.

Best books chosen by students

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"Ayn Rand is in there four times? I don't agree. She can't possibly be four of the top ten," senior Matt Robbins said.

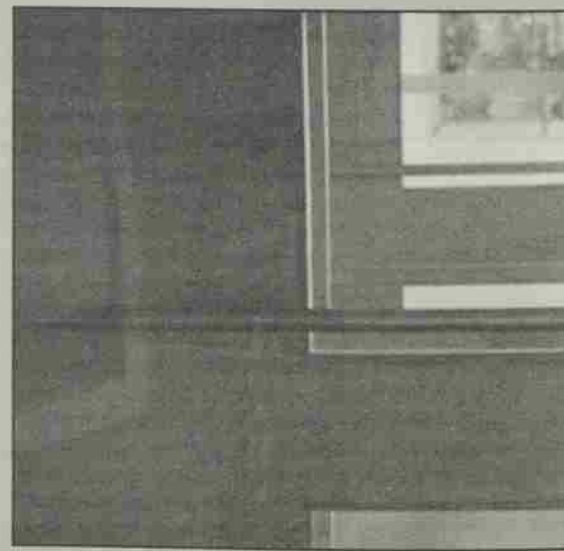
Jane Curlin, Director of Grants and Awards, disagreed with the entire premise of a list excluding the nineteenth century. "I'm a Victorianist. 'Jane Eyre', 'Middlemarch', 'Pride and Prejudice.' Those are the classics," she said.

When selecting a book for the flight for Thanksgiving break, consider whose advice to take—the Modern Library, its Reader's Choice list, Radcliffe's picks, or the recommendations of fellow Bearcats.

"She doesn't teach her class as though she's the last authority instead she makes students feel like their points are as valid and worthy as her own," Leslie Meyer said.

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Last week's winner of five Bistro Bucks was John England correctly guessed the Rose Garden as West's location.



Montag metamorphosis

The Montag C-Store has gone from fiscal failure to success after two years under Bon Appétit management, but is it enough to make the Montag Center part of student life?

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FEATURES

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When the Montag center opened nearly two and a half years ago the sound of silence dominated the 2.2 million dollar complex. With only 30 customers in the Convenience Store a day, \$100 dollars in daily revenues and little student use, the Center was widely panned by students. The Collegian even considered running an editorial titled "Montag is Monstrous."

Two and a half years later, the center that got off to a rocky start now emanates a new sound: cash registers. Monstrous no more, the Montag Center is now solidly profitable to Bon Appétit, with revenues of up to \$1,100 per day.

Still, the Montag Center itself, which gathers all its budget capital from rentals and sales of DVDs and video games, is still not in the clear. The center is current in debt \$684 on the DVDs they have purchased and licensed, and is hoping to break even this year.

Finally being used, at least for food and laundry, the question of how to increase student use and ownership of the center remains. Student managers of the Montag Center realize that atmosphere remains a drawback, and ASWU

and the Montag Advisory board have both expressed interest in finding ways to give the center more student ownership.

"Our goal for the year is improving atmosphere. We want to make it more fun and student friendly," said senior Travis Stiles, Student Manager of the Montag Center and co-chair of the Montag Advisory Board.

Profits and Debt

In its first year of operation the convenience store within the center saw only 30 customers a day, according to Louie Bones, Bon Appétit Operations Manager.

The Montag began accepting board plan points as payment for convenience store items when the technology became available.

They now see 85 percent of their sales in board plan points, which means that many students are burning up their meal plan points ahead of schedule.

"I'm in the hole \$20-30 because I use my board plan points at the Convenience Store," senior Andrew Cockrell said.

Bon Appétit absorbs all revenues of sales in the convenience

store except DVDs and video games. The sale and rental of DVDs and video games provides the only source of the operating budget for the Montag Center itself. The center owns over 300 DVDs, which cost \$20-35 with licensing.

"Currently, the center is operating in the negative. We are still trying to get out of debt. We owe \$684 on DVDs ... hopefully, this year we'll break even," said Tricia Durgin, Director of Auxillary Support Services. ASWU is interested in changing the convenience store, the fiscal and social heart of the Montag, to a student-run business like the Bistro.

Cockrell, an ASWU Senator, said that employing students would provide new jobs for students and would improve the atmosphere of the center. A takeover would, however, "depend entirely on Bon Appétit's willingness to give (the Montag Center) up," he said.

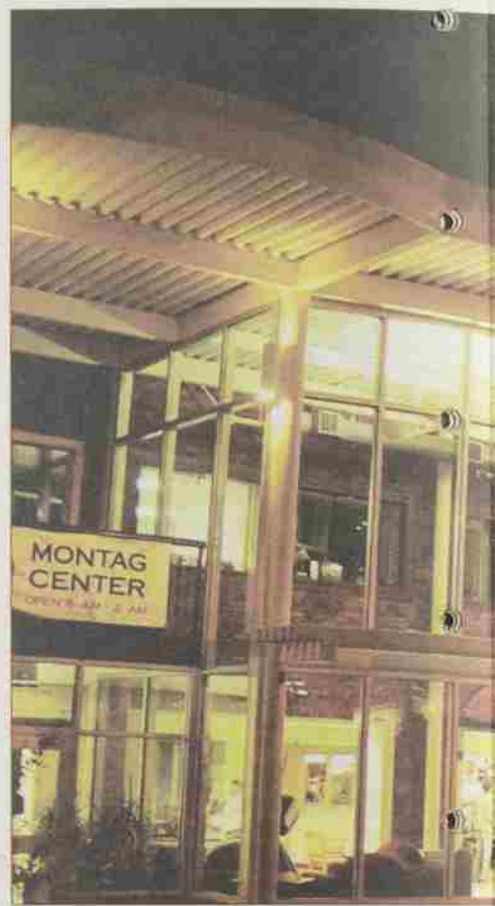
Bones said that a student-run center would lose the ability to charge students meal plans, losing valuable revenue. "If you don't have Board Plan option, you'll do about \$200 a day in cash. I don't know how anyone could make that profitable," he said.

In addition to its financial troubles, theft has become a major problem as foot traffic increased in the Montag Center. "Our biggest cost right now is replacing stolen items," Stiles said. He estimates theft has gotten five times worse this fall than last spring. "People don't understand that we aren't University funded. The only money we make is from DVD and video games sales and rentals, and it goes right back into improvements for the center."

This year, a \$150 rug, several movie posters, an irreplaceable framed Wulapalooza poster, as well as pool table equipment have been taken. "We go through eight balls like nothing else," Stiles said.

The problem has gotten so bad that there is now a card access system in use between the hours of 1 and 2 a.m. when the center is least staffed and most vulnerable to theft.

The convenience store is also considering additional security precautions. "We are looking into installing a mirror in the convenience store to make it easier for



ABOVE: The Montag Center caters to students. BELOW: Sketch of the Montag Center, complete with a student union.

cashiers to see what is going on," Bones said.

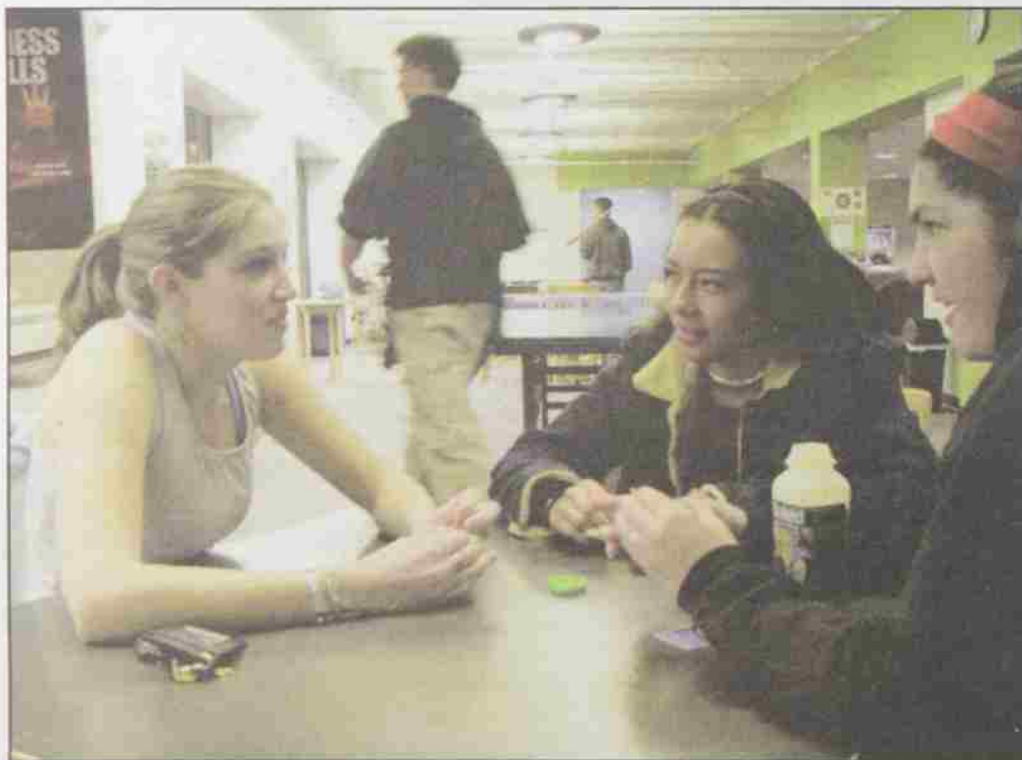
The Future

Whitman College built a new student union building in 2001, the same year as the Montag, with some notable differences.

Whitman's Reid Campus Center houses student publication offices, the bookstore, administrative offices, an art gallery, a coffee shop, and an outdoor program office. The Montag Center is not meant to be a student union, said Tricia Durgin, but a temporary student center.

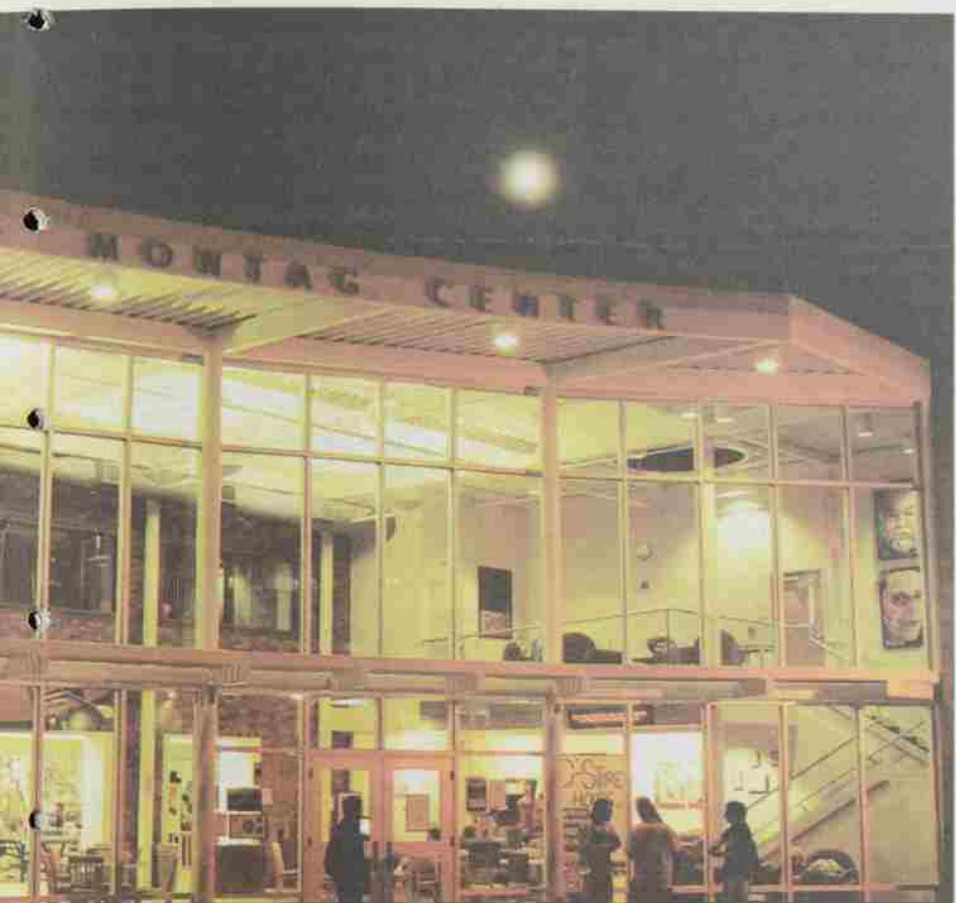
"The Montag was built as a student center that will someday be replaced by a true student union," Durgin said.

The University Residential Commons plan, slated to begin its first phase next summer, would include the Montag as a common space for the Baxter/Belknap



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

Freshmen Krysti Hilton, Alison Clements and Savanna Cheer lounge in the Montag Center and talk over items bought from the C-store.



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

ents until 2 a.m. weeknights, midnight on the weekends. Courtesy of the Montag Advisory Board.

complex, which some charge it already is.

The top priority of the Montag Advisory Board this year is improving center atmosphere, which many regard as "sterile", according to Stiles.

The Montag Advisory Board is working with student organization Freaks N' Geeks on décor changes.

Possibilities include a "movie corner" filled with vintage movie posters, and a Rock and Roll theme utilizing vinyl record covers.

Stiles would also like to bring in more "old, comfortable" furniture to make the center student friendly.

The Montag is the meeting place of dozens of clubs, but its core users are still eastside residents. "The biggest customers at the C-Store are the fraternities. But it's the dorms who come here and hang out because they don't have a common area."

"The main thing the Montag is

missing is atmosphere," Stiles said. "We're not trying to intrude on what the Bistro does (with atmosphere) but we want to make it different than anywhere else on campus."

Freshmen Jared Reiger and Andrew Tyler aren't impressed with the atmosphere of the Montag Center. "It's too quiet. It's a lot of people doing homework instead of having fun," Tyler said.

If anything were possible, Tyler says "a bowling alley" would improve the center.

The two say they do use the center for laundry and studying but that most of the social life of freshmen happens elsewhere. "I think there's a lot more hanging out in the dorms than other places," Reiger said.

The convenience store within the Montag Center may be profitable, but it is largely due to its best customers, freshmen and fraternity members who "buy things and leave," according to Stiles.

The intangible element of atmosphere and culture is the next step, and with possible ASWU backed changes, it may not be far off.

Stiles said, "If I could do one thing, it would be to make the perception of the Montag be a cool place to hang out and study."

The Montag diaries

Thursday, Nov. 13, 9 p.m. to 11 p.m.

9:02 p.m. Here I am in the Montag. For two hours. What kind of wholesome pool playing, laundry doing, root beer buying Montagian hijinks will ensue? Will I make friends?

9:04 I realize that a giant portrait of art professor Robert Hess is staring down at me from the loft, which is highly disconcerting as I skipped his class today. I try to avert the stare but he looks on like a balding Viking.

9:20 Four TIUA students eating noodles and a guy reading an Anime magazine are watching CSL. The guy reading the Anime magazine keeps laughing to himself.

9:35 I decide to check out the couch room. It is a beautiful space, filled with a huge student art mural and enough sable-colored leather couches to make a PETA member cry. I just can't shake the stories I've heard about it being the new "hip" place for adventurous couples to fornicate at odd hours of the morning. Which, come to think of it, is actually kind of a cool idea, minus the communal aspect. I mentally spray down the couches with disinfectant and leave.

9:43 The center is now empty except for me, and the guy reading the Anime magazine, which I now have come to realize, may actually be a nudie Anime magazine.

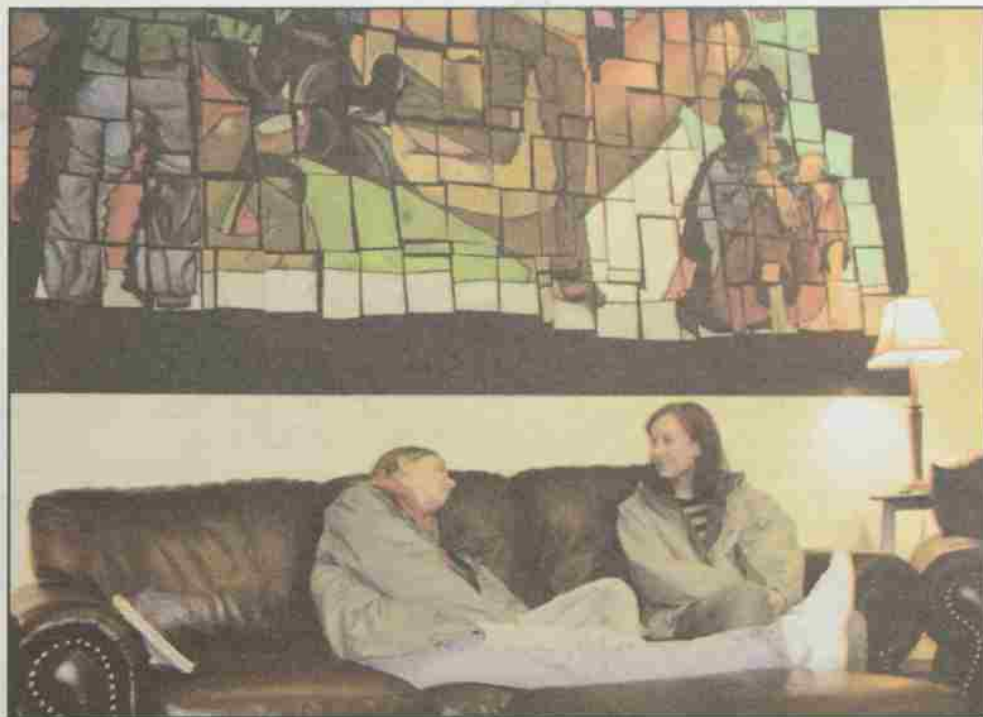
10:10 I have seen at least two people who I know to be seniors who live off-campus come into the center. Oddly

enough, they have both bought half gallons of milk at the C-Store, which makes me wonder if they have actually driven from their homes off campus back to campus for the purpose of buying milk. I suppose that might be a more attractive option than the pageant of the bizarre that is the Center Street Safeway after 8 p.m.

10:25 I wonder if anyone gets suspicious when people walk in and buy four huge containers of orange juice from the c-store at 10:20 p.m. Either they have a horrible disorder that causes an insatiable desire for Vitamin C or they are planning on mixing it with vodka. I wonder if Residence Life gets a laugh out of the fact that their own student center is supplying the Willamette drinking population with a convenient source of low priced alcohol dilutor, because I sure do.

10:45 The center is pretty dead except for me, my Anime friend and a struggling study group trying to beat German grammar into submission. I've seen lots of people here tonight, but they have all almost always beaten a quick path from the door to the convenience store and back out. As I wander out into the night, I hear the rollicking sounds of open mic night at the Bistro, which is undoubtedly filled with much older, more worn furniture, but more people and more fun. What the Montag center needs is time to develop a little lore, and a little soul.

-Michell Theriault



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

Senior Bethanee Gibson and freshman Kaitlin Kirk chat in the couch room of the loft area in Montag.

OPINION

Iraq: We're in for the long haul

In last week's column "Hey, hey, ho, ho why the hell did we go?" Mr. Extine described the current status of liberated Iraq well.



MATT BUEHLER

"Iraq may not be a democracy yet, but the United States is facilitating progress in that direction by providing a forum for these leaders to have constructive dialogue."

Yes, Jeff, our reasoning for going to war now seems less clear—and less just. Yet, the likely repercussions of failure in Iraq remain crystal clear. A hasty American pull-out will result in regional destabilization, internal strife and possibly another Stalin-admiring megalomaniac (as Saddam was).

Everything is riding on a successful reconstruction: either America will build a bridge of friendship to the Arab world or we will permanently burn it.

All eyes are on us: will we foster economic prosperity and true democracy while recogniz-

ing Iraq's rich Islamic heritage? Or, will the American public's stinginess and lack-of-patience overwhelm us? The United States needs to recast its image abroad and leaving a positive legacy in Iraq is the first step.

Let us remember, democracy was not built in a day. The governing council may be appointed, but it is much more pluralistic and representative than the Arab tyrannies, monarchies and theocracies that neighbor it.

The leader of the Iraqi governing council, Ahmed Chalabi, leads a diverse crew: Islamic clerics, western expatriates, Sunnis and Shiites, Kurds and even an Iraqi Communist. Can you imagine, a communist?

Senator McCarthy is rolling over in his grave right now. Iraq may not be a democracy yet, but the United States is facilitating progress in that direction by providing a forum for these

leaders to have constructive dialogue.

Beyond Baghdad, USAID programs have jump-started community, tribal and civic groups. Local government is the incubator for future leaders, and the Bush administration was integral in its revitalization. Americans should be proud.

Of course, this is ignored by the media who is fixated on 90 percent of the violence that occurs in only 5 percent of the country (according to a recent New York Times figure).

Movement toward full self-rule is happening, and will continue as national elections are held and the Iraqi government is given more power.

My fear (and I'm not alone) is that Iraqi self-governance will become an excuse for the U.S. to "claim victory" and renege on its fiscal responsibilities. We liberated them, now let's make a

lasting investment in their social, political and economic capital.

Finally, in regards to the enemy, President Bush definitely has an absolutist opinion of "good" and "evil," but how else would you describe a group that bombs the UN and the Red Cross?

Maybe, in hindsight, "evil" is an accurate descriptor. Even desperation doesn't justify attacks on peace-loving institutions.

We now have the obligation, whether you call it political or moral, to ensure that the United States leaves Iraq better than we found it. Our imperfect history has too many broken promises, let's prevent another one.

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Ideology too important in nominations



PAUL CRISALLI

Four of nine Supreme Court justices are over 70 years old.

I had the opportunity to attend several hours of the "filibuster" debate in the United States Senate regarding the confirmation of President Bush's judicial nominees. Amidst the hours of admittedly pointless discussion and repetitive debates, a great fear arose within me regarding the next Supreme Court.

This battle was just one indication of the many fights that are bound to happen when the next opening on the bench will occur. We do have quite a few octogenarians on the bench, many of whom have been predicted by legal scholars to have retired years ago. This fear has been festering within me these last several months in D.C., and continues to do so.

Between watching the debates on the Senate and attending several collegial, academic arguments at the Court, we must be

careful this next time around. The Court has become increasingly important, or rather, the public is finally realizing the true importance of the judiciary. By the same token, a tyrannical public must not control the old process. New television issue advertisements portray a hypothetical abysmal world solely because a newly appointed Justice voted on one issue.

Issues are important, but we must evaluate these issues in the whole context of the judiciary. The goal of the President and responsibility of the President are to appoint somebody that will uphold the rule of law. If one issue decides that person's capabilities to do such, than the responsibilities of that Justice's poor decisions falls solely on our hands. Above all and before all, the judiciary must remain independent.

I must emphasize that I am not arguing that ideology should

not be considered in deciding who sits on the bench. In today's current political climate, particularly in the judiciary, it is impossible to ignore the candidate's ideology as a factor.

But it must,



should always be, just a factor. If that candidate's ideology will blind him or her to make objective, independent, intellectual decisions, then that candidate is not worthy of the position.

Rather, if that candidate will avoid using that ideology to create a judicial agenda, will consciously and objectively evaluate the facts and law, and make decisions that uphold the rule of law principles established by both common law as well as modern constitutional law, then that person deserves the job. We must forever keep in mind, that the Court does not determine the results of one sole issue. The Court, instead, decides many issues under our rule of law.

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EDITORIAL

Women's soccer snubbed

At times, the phrase, "Willamette would be the perfect school, if it were moved somewhere else," holds special relevance to us, here at Willamette.

The women's soccer team certainly knows the depth of meaning behind that sentiment, for the second year in a row. So do students with their Ivy-league blinders, who fail to see the "Ivy-league of the Northwest" (with architecture reflecting the style of Cambridge), nestled here in our precious little Salem. Sometimes, when it's rainy and dreary outside, like it is every day, it seems people would be much happier at Willamette if it were on the east coast.

The decision by the NCAA to reject the women's soccer team was, in part, a location-based one. Travel expenses go into consideration as to whether a team will be invited. According to Coach Jim Tursi, experience and location play as the major determining factors in deciding who goes to the championships. Willamette has an extraordinary experience record, and enthusiasm for the tournament, but the team also has a Northwest climate. It's simply a location issue, nothing more.

It's bad enough that NCAA has done this to Willamette two years in a row – snubbed them at the last minute – but the excuse they give is that it will cost too much. Players on the team, especially the seniors who have earned an at-large bid to the National tournament, would be will-

ing to pay for the opportunity to show America what they've got. But no, NCAA doesn't allow them that choice, because we're a west coast school no one's heard of, not like Cornell, Johns Hopkins or New York University.

True, they let another Northwest school – University of Puget Sound – in on the Nationals action, but that was because they walked away with the NWC title. Their record was, of course, the same as ours, except for one additional tie that we gained when we played Whitman.

Our only loss was to Whitworth, the twenty-first ranked team in the nation. UPS' only loss was to us, ironically enough. Winning the title may have been our only chance for an at-large bid. After all, only one northwest school can go, no matter how stellar the other schools' players are.

This decision is not a judgment of our team's playing ability – indeed, quite the opposite. This decision is based on a frustrating trend to favor east coast schools over west coast schools. It's as if they have decided that since we have Hollywood and Silicon Valley, that's enough, and we don't deserve any respect. This attitude is patently wrong, but it is unlikely that the east coast will see it our way.

One can only hope that as Willamette continues to grow and change, with the residential commons system (a fad on the east coast), we will attract notice, prestige, and, in time, respect.

Only 20 out of 320 Division III schools are located west of the Mississippi.

The NCAA has only 3 at-large bids to give out.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Discrimination misrepresented

I was surprised to read an article in last week's Collegian that I was interviewed for ("Students observe month of Fasting"). While the reporter questioned me about my experiences as a Pakistani-Muslim, she chose to focus on the negative experiences of others. While I am happy to explain my religion, I regret that I was even quoted as not sharing the opinions expressed.

For seven years, I have walked around this campus wearing a burqa according to my religious beliefs without

any instance of discrimination because of my race or religion. Instead, the Willamette community entrusted me with various leadership positions, including Collegian Editor-in-Chief and ASWU VP of Administration.

Willamette has a ways to go before minorities are more than just a statistic. Regardless, minorities are thriving. While incidences of discrimination are unacceptable and should be addressed at a campus-wide level, it is unfair of the Collegian to paint a one-sided,

sensationalist picture of the campus's response to Muslim students, especially considering that I articulated my experiences and views to the reporter. This unbalanced approach does an injustice to the students and staff who contribute to the success of Willamette's minority students.

Sincerely,
Tehmeena Luqman
Assistant Director of
Forensics
WU Class of 2001

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I'm writing in reference to John Wickre's op-ed piece ("Documents create a beacon of freedom," Nov. 12). Documents such as the American Constitution exist to serve us as citizens, not vice versa. When a document fails to perform its function, it becomes worthless. A patriot is not someone who believes that his country and its systems are the "noblest" in history. The Oxford English Dictionary defines a patriot as someone who "promotes the well being of his country." I don't believe this includes anything less than advocating that which incites

growth in freedom and justice.

America is not infallible.

Remember the Articles of Confederation? It was patriots who recognized and fixed this dysfunctional document. Our government has been carefully cultivated, and yet there's always room for change.

The necessity for Dr. Kings "I have a Dream" speech points to this. Our priority should always be to perfect our government because it is an eternal work in progress.

Ben Wilson
junior

When I first read Jeff Extine's recent Op-Ed, I was mildly irritated. When I read it the second time, I laughed. He absentmindedly contradicted his statement that the media do not focus on wounded soldiers with his first paragraph. Though he did not state the source of the magazine article, it was the Nov. 10 Time magazine. It should be noted that Time has had a three or four-page article on Iraq in its issues since March.

I have heard that the existence of an objective journalist is like the myth

of the phoenix. Translation: both aren't real. Mr. Extine should read a wider variety of newspapers and magazines. Reading differing opinion-journals and other media will help one find the 'truth' out of biases. It sounds like he should read The Weekly Standard and The American Spectator.

And to answer his question, we went because we woke up. Remember 9/11?

Jeffrey Carlson
freshman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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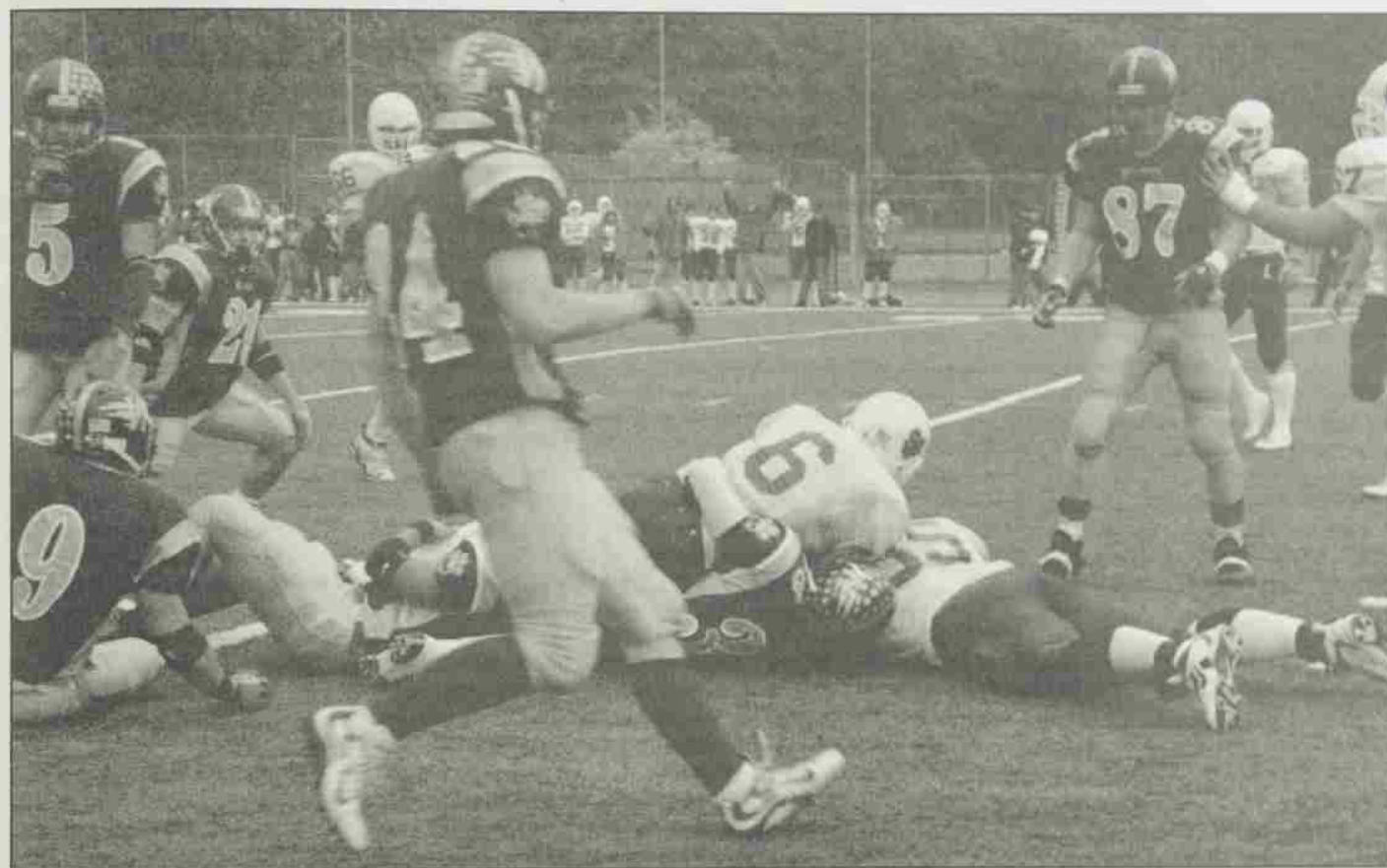
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SPORTS

Linfield crushes records, spirits



JULIE TOMMELEIN

Senior defensive back Trebor Struble (38) gets in the mix to stop a Linfield player.

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By **BEN RAINVILLE**
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Despite a courageous effort from the Bearcats, the undefeated, third-ranked Linfield Wildcats handed the Willamette football team a 34-21 defeat Saturday at McCulloch Stadium to end the Bearcats' season.

"They made the big plays, and we didn't," Bearcat junior defensive end and 2003 Northwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year Nate Matlock said of the Wildcats. "They're a really good team."

"They really know how to win," senior quarterback Tyler Gaspard added. "They're a darn good team, and I wish them the best of luck in the playoffs."

After a Linfield field goal to open the game, Bearcat senior flanker Greg Reed, the 2003 Northwest

Conference Offensive Player of the Year, scored on a 14-yard rush to give the Bearcats a 7-3 lead. Reed's touchdown was set up by two long runs by senior running back T.K. Matthews.

"That drive was good, Willamette-style football," Gaspard said. "We were getting good sweeps and inside runs."

After Reed's touchdown, however, the Linfield offense kicked into gear. Linfield quarterback Tyler Matthews threw his first touchdown of the afternoon just three minutes after Reed's score to give the Wildcats a 10-7 edge.

The Wildcats held Willamette scoreless for the second and third quarters and scored 17 points of their own, making the score 27-7 before the Bearcats scored again.

"They don't run a normal offense," Matlock noted.

"We stopped their run pretty well, but they kept beating us on screens and draws."

Just when the game was beginning to look like a Wildcat rout, however, Bearcat coach Mark Speckman inserted sophomore quarterback Cameron Walton into the game. On his first play, Walton scrambled 29 yards, Willamette's longest offensive play since the first quarter. Reed rushed for 40 more yards on the next play, and a few plays later Walton scored on a six-yard scramble to make the score 27-14.

"Cameron provided a great spark off the bench," Gaspard said. "He really helped make the game close again."

On the Wildcats' next drive, the Bearcats forced an incomplete pass...

"Playing Linfield is always intense. It's the most fun game we play all year and that was the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of." -senior Nate Matlock

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ChalkTalk

BEARCAT SUCCESS HOPEFUL FOR 2003 TROPHY

The success of the fall Bearcat sports teams has given Willamette an early lead in the McIlroy-Lewis Northwest Conference All-Sports Trophy. The award recognizes athletic achievement by each individual school in the NWC for the academic year. With two NWC titles in cross-country and runner up finishes for women's soccer and football, Willamette has received 91 points, nine points ahead of Linfield. Linfield won the McIlroy-Lewis Trophy last year. The performances of winter and spring sports will complete the scoring and a winner will be announced at the end of the 2003-2004 academic year.

WOMEN PLACE ON NWC TEAM

Four women's soccer stand-outs were recognized for their efforts and named to the All-Northwest Conference team. Senior Anne Merten and freshman Susan Butler were both named to the All-NWC first team and seniors Stacy Clarke and Joey Muchlinski had their defensive efforts recognized with a nod to the second team. Freshman Laura Uhlmansiek earned honorable mention honors. Merten was named to the All-NWC first team for all her four years at Willamette and led the NWC in total points this season with 23.

MEN START SEASON AT WESTERN BAPTIST

The men's basketball team will kick off early season play this Friday when they take part in the Western Baptist Tournament. On Friday, the Bearcats will take on Warner Pacific at 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday will face Western Baptist at 7:30 p.m. The games will be in Salem, but at Western Baptist.

WOMEN TAKE THEIR FIRST SHOT

The women's basketball team will get started this weekend as well. The Bearcats will travel to Portland for the Bon Appetite Tournament at Lewis and Clark. The team will then take on Western Baptist at home on Tuesday, November 25. The game will start at 7:00 p.m. in Cone Field House.

REVIEWS

Open mic creates community

Music and laughter permeated the Bistro for nearly four hours at Open Mic last Thursday, starting the string of more consistent opportunities for students to take the spotlight.

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TIUA student Yoichi Yaguchi prepares to sing in front of a bustling crowd. He takes a couple deep breaths, smudges the white paint on his face, and swipes the long, black wig out of his eyes.

"I imitate Aerosmith," he said into the microphone and immediately launched into a comically horrendous rendition of "Don't Want to Miss a Thing." He stops himself, even though the crowd filling the Bistro is laughing and cheering. "I'm sorry," he says, "I hit my head as a child."

It's a Thursday night at the Bistro, and it is the second Open Mic of the year. The crowd meanders in and out of the doors, talking and cheering for their peers on stage.

Sometimes the crowd is louder than the performers. Sometimes the performers could care less. Sometimes the stage has everyone's attention.

Occasionally you get a gem of irony like "Country Roads," by John Denver, performed by a Japanese punk band.

Of course, Open Mic is not for music alone. Nor is it for the unpracticed musician to go up there and goof off. At least, not all the time.

It is a venue for those among us who are so inclined to bring out the performer inside, and test those stage fright guts. The small venue morphs with the performers.

We turn into a group of supporters when the two kids playing the national anthem on harmonica and violin keep stopping for nervous laughter.

When "the rockets red glare" twangs out in a slight discord and abruptly stops, some onlookers pipe up with "You're almost there! Keep going!"

When freshman Sam Brown signed up, he wasn't sure if he wanted the whole twenty-minute slot. He asked around. Soon enough he had a whole line-up he dubbed "The Sam Brown Variety Show."

A friend of Brown's, sopho-



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ABOVE: Junior Dan Humphrey and senior Michael Fleming of Stoic Thumbprints improvise at the Open Mic with their saxes.

BELOW: Singer Yoichi Yamaguchi, a TIUA student, covers songs by the cover band "Me First and the Gimme Gimmes."



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more Michelle Levin, chose to go up and show her stuff on her erhu, a Chinese string instrument.

Novelties like this consis-

tently bring students back to Open Mic because it's not totally about music, it's about being a part of a supportive community.

Ferrell gets laughs as lost elf in yellow spandex

By **STEVE DUMAN**

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Will Ferrell is funny.

It's a fact of life. Of course, his newest movie "Elf" depends a lot on his funniness for its success. And, as a result, it's a success. Hey, it worked for "Saturday Night Live" for 20 some-odd years.

"Elf" follows Buddy the Elf (Ferrell), a human who has been raised in the North Pole believing he's an elf.

However, Buddy's inability to produce toys on par with the other elves forces Papa Elf (Bob Newhart) to tell him his true identity and send him on an exodus to find his real dad (James Caan) in New York City.

Any movie about a man dressed up like an elf meandering the streets of New York—scratch that—any movie with Will Ferrell dressed like an elf meandering the streets of New York is bound to be funny. And yes, this one is.

The plot of Christmas estrangement might sound familiar, but no, Ernest does not make an appearance.

However, the fate of Christmas does end up in Buddy's hands and his nose does glow bright enough that he can guide Santa's sleigh through fog.

Though clearly directed at a younger audience (18-20 roughly), "Elf" still has a lot to offer. Between the Rudolph-style stop-motion characters and the ancient yet tiny Newhart, everyone should come away from this one with at least a little holiday cheer.

That reminds me: Isn't it November? Though walking out of "Elf" does leave one a little bit merrier, it also strikes one with the distinct disappointment that Thanksgiving hasn't even come around yet.

I feel like singing "Yankee Doodle" as much as "Jingle Bells" these days, but I always like singing "Yankee Doodle," so maybe that's just me.

Despite the seasonal dilemma, "Elf" is still worth a watch. In fact, it's directed by John Favreau—the dude in "Swingers."

It also features an Andy Richter cameo, and even though he's not very funny in said cameo, still, it's Andy Richter.

In the end, "Elf" is fun inasmuch as watching Will Ferrell screw around on camera is fun. He has his hits and misses, but ultimately, you have to love him.

Certainly there are those who might feel they are too "big" or "mature" to watch a grown man in tights, but that's pretty much all Ferrell does these days, so you're just going to have to suck it up.



Netters: third in NWC

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The Willamette women's volleyball team saw their season come to a close Saturday November 8, as they faced the George Fox University Bruins in Newberg. The Bearcats reciprocated an early season loss at the hands of the Bruins, winning the match three games to one.

Willamette opened with a series of consecutive attacks that ended in a 30-13 win over the Bruins. Junior outside hitter Kristin Halleck served eight winning points in a row to give her team an unchallengeable lead. Game two was much closer, resulting in a 30-28 win for the Bearcats.

Much of George Fox's inability to surpass Willamette was due to simple, unforced attack errors on behalf of the Bruins. The tables quickly turned, as George Fox was able to keep up with Willamette's scoring and cruise to capture game three after six unanswered points. After an 8-8 tie in the early serves of the fourth game, the

Bearcats kept one step ahead of the Bruins and succeeded in breaking two more ties at the 20 and 22 point marks.

Sophomore outside hitter Angie Sammons put the game away as she powered down a spike into the opposing side of the court.

Sammons led all attackers from both teams with 19 kills on the day with Halleck scoring an additional 16. Senior middle hitter Jenni Linden was credited with 10 of her own in the finale of her career at Willamette. Junior setter Jodi Zaffino was strong with a total of 52 assists in the match.

Junior defensive specialist Celia Batlan added 23 kills from the defensive, while Sammons was close behind with 20, and Zaffino 14. The Bearcats hit .203 for the match, with 62 kills and 98 digs.

On November 10, Linden and Halleck were named to the first team All-Northwest Conference volleyball team. The two exhibited astounding stats this season. Halleck led the team in kills with 328 and Linden placed second with 301 kills of

her own.

Finishing with a NWC record of 10-6 (18-8 overall), the Bearcats were able to pull off a third place finish in the Northwest Conference.

Halleck reflected, "The final game of the season was very exciting because we beat a team that we lost to earlier in the season and secured third place. We had trouble in the first half of the season winning the close matches and so we improved our game and finished better in the second half," she said.

With two seniors leaving, Linden and middle hitter Kristin Kirschner, the team will be returning many key players next fall. However, the loss of the two will be felt greatly by the remaining underclassmen.

"Jenni Linden and Kristin Kirschner are going to be severely missed. They were incredible, outgoing and fun people, not to mention huge additions to our team. Hopefully we'll have people stepping up to fill the spots at middle, or recruits coming in, but it will be an incredibly tough position to fill," Sammons said.

Upsetting end to football season

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on third down and 11 yards to go, but a penalty for roughing the quarterback gave the Wildcats a first down. A Linfield penalty again put Linfield in a deep hole, but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on the Bearcats helped dig the Wildcats out.

"We really shot ourselves in the foot with penalties," Gaspard noted. After Linfield marched the rest of the field to score, the outcome of the game was all but decided. Walton ran 50 yards for a score on a quarterback draw in the fourth quarter to make the score 34-21, but the Bearcats would get no closer.

"It was a good game," Matlock said. "Playing Linfield is always intense. It's the most fun game we play all year, and that was the biggest crowd I've ever played in front of." Some estimated that over 3,000 fans attended the game.

Despite Saturday's disappointing loss, Willamette still enjoyed a solid season. The Bearcats' 7-3 record marked the best since 1999. Reed and Matlock were both named to the NWC All-Conference First Team, along with senior offensive linemen Nate Oltmans, Billy Joe Murray, and Morgan Smith, junior linebacker Logan Lord, senior linebacker Ken Halpin, and senior defensive back Marcus Boards. T.K. Matthews, senior offensive lineman Jason Hardin, junior wide receiver Brett Meyer, junior defensive lineman Blake Cam and senior free safety Trebor Struble were named to the Second Team; junior fullback Calvin Keyser-Allen, junior tight end Byron Holloway, offensive linemen junior Chad Dybdahl and senior Chuck Evans-Clausen, senior defensive lineman Josh Vierra and senior defensive backs Kevin Emerson and Roderick Edwards were named Honorable Mention.

"My freshman year, we had a 3-7 record," Gaspard noted. "This year, we turned it around to 7-3. There will be a lot of shoes to fill for next year, but we have a good group of guys to fill them."

Final Standings

VOLLEYBALL

Linfield	(14-2)	(23-3)
PLU	(13-3)	(21-5)
Willamette	(10-6)	(18-8)
Whitman	(10-6)	(15-10)
Puget Sound	(7-9)	(16-12)
George Fox	(7-9)	(12-14)
Pacific	(5-11)	(10-12)
Whitworth	(4-12)	(10-18)
Lewis & Clark	(2-14)	(2-18)

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Puget Sound	(12-1-1)	(16-1-1)
Willamette	(11-1-2)	(16-1-2)
Whitworth	(9-5)	(14-5)
Pacific	(6-7-1)	(11-8-1)
Whitman	(6-8)	(10-9)
PLU	(5-9)	(9-11)
Linfield	(4-10)	(9-10)
George Fox	(1-13)	(3-15-1)

MEN'S SOCCER

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

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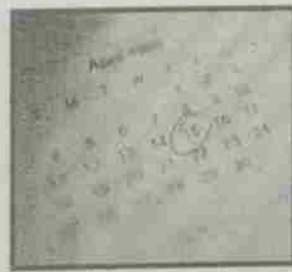
	NWC	ALL
Linfield	(5-0)	(9-0)
Willamette	(4-1)	(7-3)
PLU	(3-2)	(6-3)
Whitworth	(2-3)	(4-6)
Lewis & Clark	(1-4)	(3-6)
Puget Sound	(0-5)	(0-9)

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'Cats dominate regionals, 14 to Nationals

By DAN HUMPHREY
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Seven women and seven men will compete this weekend the Division III National Championships at Hanover College in Indiana.

The men's and women's cross-country teams swept the regional conference meet this past Saturday, securing a slot at the national meet as well as a place in the Willamette record books.

This is the first year in the history of Willamette cross-country that both teams have qualified for the NCAA Finals in the same year.

Last year the Willamette women lost a heart-wrenching race to Whitworth, a team they had previously defeated at the conference meet. This year, the tides turned and the Willamette woman did not ebb: They ran a prodigious race, packing together for a total 45 point team score to beat Clairmont-Mudds-Scripps (79), and Whitworth (90).

Willamette freshman Danya Rumore finished first for the Bearcats and third overall covering the 6000-meter course in 22:01, while senior Kari Holbert and sophomore Natalie Muren finished fifth (22:14) and sixth (22:29) respectively.

"Danya and I were way in front of CMS until the mile mark. We used a pack strategy to stay with each other and beat them," said Holbert. "I knew Danya, Natalie and I would be in the same area, but Molly really surprised us. She ran an exceptional race, and Katie fought hard, passing many people at the end."

In cross-country, the first five of the seven team-members finishing places are totaled for the final score, while the other two members may finish in front of other teams top five and reduce



STACY WEST

Seniors Jake Stout and Aaron Young make their way through the pack at last weekend's Division III Regional tournament in Estacada. Flag waver junior Bobbi Wright cheers them on.

their score. Freshman Molly Phimster and Junior Katie Pierce finished 10th (22:56), and 23rd (23:21) respectively to round out the top five, helping the Bearcats secure the win.

"One of our goals at nationals is to represent our region well so that more teams may qualify in the future," said Phimster.

In the Western region, only one woman's team qualifies for nationals so it was a must-win for the Willamette women.

In the men's division, three

teams qualify for the NCAA final meet, so there was far less pressure on the fifth ranked Willamette men's team. They won in a relaxed fashion, finishing with 41 points, over Puget Sound (56), and Colorado College (72).

"Overall, we ran a solid race. We just sort of took care of business," said senior Aaron Young, who led the Bearcats last year in their fifth place finish at the national meet.

He finished third for Willamette,

and tenth overall (25:52), behind junior Aaron Hollingshead (25:42), and senior Jake Stout (25:23).

Stout has won almost every race he's entered this season and hopes to lead the Bearcats to their first ever NCAA division-three trophy this coming weekend in Indiana. Last year's winner, Wisconsin-Oshkosh, returns an exceptional team, and they are heavily favored to win the national title, but both the Willamette men and women look to surprise them.

"We used a pack strategy to stay with each other and beat them," senior Kari Holbert



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