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Alpha Chi's theft woes continue

By JENNY ANDREWS
COPY EDITOR

A mysterious alarm shook up the empty Alpha Chi Omega sorority Wednesday, leaving members apprehensive about the security of the house. Nearly \$1000 in property is missing in their second reported theft this month.

Campus Safety officers responded to the alarm on Nov. 26, but there were no signs of forced entry.

"We searched the house and found nothing," officer Ross Stout said.

A theft was reported the following Saturday by a student living in the house, who found over \$300 in jewelry missing from her unlocked room upon returning from Thanksgiving break.

In addition to an empty jewelry box on her desk, junior Laurel Lower also had a \$600 camera missing from her closet.

Lower was unsure if the alarm and the theft are connected, because the alarm wasn't on for the entirety of the break.

"It could have happened any time," Lower said.

Campus safety believes the alarm was activated by helium balloons that passed in front of one of the house's several interior alarm detectors.

Each detector covers a particular zone in the house. Moving from zone to zone, an intruder would potentially set off more than one of these detectors, and consequently, multiple alarms would sound.

"There was just one single activation," officer Stout said.

The alleged theft occurred just two weeks after the early-morning robbery of Alpha Chi on Nov. 12.

Salem Police have yet to apprehend the perpetrator, who made off with over \$3000 in stolen goods from the sorority, including a laptop and a VCR.

Campus Safety officers are urging students in Greek houses and dorms to lock doors and promptly report any unfamiliar characters in campus residences.

"We really want to call on everyone in the community to watch for suspicious types of

things happening," Stout said.

He added that "people still aren't locking their doors," and this simple act can go a long way toward crime prevention on campus.

"The locks and alarms are tools that we use to increase the amount of security, but it really takes people making sure the alarms are set, making sure they lock their doors," Stout said.

According to Lower, sometimes the front door of the sorority will stay ajar after students enter and exit, making the card-lock virtually useless.

"There is a real unsafe feeling here lately," she said.

Sorority members are currently working with ASWU and administration to improve the security of campus residences.

An ASWU-conducted survey at the UC information desk asks for student response to this question: "Would you support security cameras placed at the entrances of residence halls, fraternities, sororities and other university residences?"

A similar petition is located in the entryway of the Alpha Chi Omega house.

Need a playhouse?



BEN KRUPICKA

The playhouse waits to be moved to The Hoop.

Workers at Willamette's Physical Plant have put more than 300 hours into building and painting this children's playhouse.

This weekend, the playhouse and other items will be auctioned off at Salem's The Hoop (361-7706).

Community members will gather and hold a benefit auction for the Boys and Girls Aid Society.

Bush's Florida win certified; Gore takes case to court

By ROBERT VENEMAN-
HUGHES
STAFF WRITER

Sunday night was supposed to bring closure to this year's long and drawn-out election, and in one sense, it did, when Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris signed the final certification that declared Governor Bush won the state by only 537 votes.

But no concession appears to be forthcoming from Vice President Al Gore. Instead, Gore will contest the election in both state and federal courts.

According to the Gore camp, it was not Bush but Gore who should have been the winner in Florida. Their math, which includes counts that were not completed by the Sunday deadline, con-

cludes that Gore was victorious by nine votes. Experts believe that Gore will have a hard time convincing the court that he should have won on this recount, but may be able to force yet another recount of the Florida vote.

Senior philosophy major Stephen Gingell thinks the entire situation is ludicrous.

"In an interview with the designer of the machines used to count the ballots, he said they had a standard of error of about 1%; with a little over six million votes counted, that means they had a margin of error of 60,000 votes. What that means is that Bush is currently ahead by 500 votes, give or take 60,000. That is not a lead. That is a tie," he said.

While some other students expressed strong opinions about the outcome of the

election—in one politics class Monday, a student spent nearly five minutes praising the Bush victory—most of the Willamette community seems to just want an end to the whole election process. "I'm not happy with the outcome," said freshman Allie Falleur, "but I'm glad this nation has a leader... I just want it to be definitively declared."

President Clinton announced Tuesday that he would begin meeting with members of the Bush transition team to brief them on state secrets and other high-level business.

Also Tuesday, lawyers for Gore and Bush met in Leon County, Florida, for a hearing on another emergency recount. The United States Supreme Court is scheduled to meet Friday about the Florida election.

Sleigh Bell Ball rings in the holiday season

By ELLIE BAYRD
MANAGING EDITOR

The weather gets colder, we take those pesky finals, we go home for break, but first we head out to the Reed Opera House for dancing at the annual Sleigh Bell Ball.

This Friday, due in large part to a thousand-dollar gift from Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer, the Reed Opera House will open its doors from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. so Willamette students can celebrate the holidays.

Willamette's House of Representatives has reserved the third floor of the Opera House where there will be food, dancing, and pictures with Santa Claus.

This year, the event,

sponsored by HHR, will include a live DJ and provide punch, hot cider and snacks to attendees.

Sophomore Richard Schmidt, President of HHR, said they expect about 300 to 400 students to attend.

Senior Jenna Miller says that the event hasn't been too heavily publicized.

"I didn't know about it until yesterday," Miller said, "It seems geared towards underclassmen."

"My whole floor is going," sophomore Amy Wong said.

"I've always had fun at it," said senior Nicole Bankhead. "I'm planning on being there Friday night."

For directions to the Reed Opera House, email <clchester>.

The event is free.

I N S I D E

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Australia has its share of beauty, fun and turmoil

Liesl Close tells us about her adventures in Australia, where she is studying abroad.

By LIESL CLOSE
CONTRIBUTOR

With classes over and exams completed, the exciting part of my Australian experience can begin.

Now, that is not to say that the past four months have not been exciting, for they have been full of far more adventure than I can imagine.

Melbourne is a beautiful city, full of parks and gardens. Many of the streets are lined with fancy restaurants, funky cafes, and every type of shop you can imagine.

The city itself is always bustling with activity, amid the sky scrapers that give Melbourne its characteristic skyline.

Rated one of the most livable cities in the world, it does not take long to see what makes Melbourne so appealing to its more than three million inhabitants.

I've had many adventures both within Melbourne and throughout Australia.

Catching a case of Olympic fever, I spent part of my spring holiday in Sydney.

But not before getting decked out

in the ol' red, white and blue and heading off to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (or MCG as it is better known) to watch the US women's soccer team take on China in a 1-1 tie.

Sydney was alive 24 hours a day with the mass influx of visitors from all over the globe.

Watching the actual sporting events was nothing compared to being at Olympic Park and seeing the flame, and just experiencing Sydney during the Olympics.

Traveling next to tropical north Queensland, I saw both rain-forest and reef.

On a boat trip down the Daintree River, Saltwater crocodiles, or "sal-

ties", sunned themselves on the river banks and peeked their heads above water to say hello.

Snakes and birds hung out in the trees overhanging the river.

Snorkelling off the Great Barrier Reef, I saw octopi, giant clams that were big enough to swallow me whole, and a harmless black tipped reef shark.

As I write, I am in Tasmania. While here in Tassie, I hope to visit the Cadbury Chocolate Factory.

I also would like to do some bushwalking in the mountains, ashalf of the state is mountainous national parks.

After returning to Melbourne, it's off to the Red

Center to see Uluru (Ayer's Rock), then out west to enjoy the beaches around Perth.

Although my time here has been incredible and tearing me away will be difficult, Australia is far from being the Land of Milk and Honey.

I have, along with my share of homesickness, realized that Australia itself is struggling with many issues.

Aboriginal people are still treated as second class citizens in many parts of the country, despite their presence on the continent for more than 40,000 years.

The protests against the World Economic Forum (WEF) turned ugly when police attacked peaceful protestors blockading Crown Casino.

The Australian environment, which is so unique, is also in jeopardy.

Uranium mining is still occurring in Kakadu National Park, and the rain-forests are disappearing at an alarming rate.

But spending time here in Australia has opened my eyes to new possibilities, and all the potential that life holds.

I have learned so much about myself, grown as a person, and all the rest of that good stuff that happens when one ventures out alone in to the great wide world.

The summer is fast approaching, and with Uni through with, I have nothing to do other than live my life, and enjoy being alive.



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Melbourne's Royal Botanical Gardens.

Terrorism and holidays in Germany

David McAdams finds violence, kissing, and wine during his study abroad experience in Berlin.

By DAVID McADAMS
CONTRIBUTOR

Just over two and a half months into my studies at the Humboldt University in Berlin, I've come to my mid-semester break where some fellow American students and I will attempt four Eastern European capitols in ten days: Budapest, Zagreb, Bratislava, and Prague.

Besides the usual train delays that left us racing from one platform to another, the trip has been exciting so far.

I put my passport away after having five different border guards from two different countries verify that the face in the four-year-old passport was that of the stubbly-faced college student passing from Hungary into Slovakia, and not that of a terrorist.

The heightened activity of terrorism from the Palestinians in the Middle East, the Basque Separatists in Spain, and the recent riots in Prague from the WTO protests has left passing through borders an interesting event.

I enjoyed the added stamp on my passport, but the real purpose of the border check was merely to see that I had not just come from some hostile area.

Had I been deemed hostile, the stamp would have been the least of my concerns as I would have been dragged off to some small room for a search and questioning as many other travelers I met were subjected to.

This is not a surprise, as a few weeks before, I returned from a day in Poland to find a tank and eight full-time heavily-armed police officers

stationed next to my school. This was after the fighting in Israel broke out.

That's not to say I'm not having fun.

For Halloween my companions and I had dinner in a nice Hungarian restaurant.

Little did we know what we were in for. Greeted at the door with a shot of brandy schnapps, we proceeded inside where we were seated at a long table with pitchers of white wine.

Before we knew what hit us, we were in the middle of what I nearly mistook for a themed frat party or that of Munich's Oktoberfest, which I also had the pleasure of visiting.

There was good food every where and gypsy dancing.

This began to personally involve my companions and me with random kissing.

In the middle of this came a man with a shoulder flask and beaker. With skill, he refilled the wine glasses, this time with a red wine.

But before long, he returned again with a white wine. To our amazement, though, he wasn't aiming for our glasses, but us.

Napkins were placed on shoulders and wine was shot across the tables into the mouths of students who had no idea what to expect next.

We still think their goal was to try to get us wasted, and they succeeded with some of us.

Leaving the restaurant, we decided to opt for sitting on the banks of the Danube sipping on Togar beer as the moon rose over the banks of Buda and Pest.

Palaces and churches on both sides of the river lit with artificial light and the light of the moon, reflecting off the water.

If you would like to share your study abroad experience, please contact Julie Stefan at <jstefan>.

Students encourage coming out

Students give their opinion on what it's like to be gay at Willamette and also address some of the stereotypes.

By EMILY METROCK
STAFF WRITER

Welcome to college. Away from home, away from parents, away from friends you've had since you were tots, away from high school.

Time to open up, and accept the person you really are.

Time to admit that you're gay. And here, at a liberal arts college, is the safest place to do that.

Willamette University is a safe environment for gays and lesbians, Kelly Arthur, member of Angles, the queer-straight alliance on campus, says.

She has not heard of any cases in which a gay person has been physically harmed in response to their sexual preferences.

The Willamette University community is open to changes, and Arthur finds that here homosexuality is, in a way, celebrated.

Lorenzo, another member of Angles, agrees, and says that in contrast to his home in southern Mexico, he views the openness of Willamette as "heaven."

But be aware: though tamer than the stereotypical violence associated with gay discrimination, there does appear to be an underlying current of prejudice at Willamette, which some people tend to keep to themselves.

This prejudice occasionally surfaces in the forms of snickering,

"looks," and cutting remarks.

"It's like everyone wants to believe that they're okay with it, but deep down most of them really aren't," says Kelly Mulligan.

This discrimination is typically a result of ignorance, but through simple understanding, a common ground can be reached.

Angles members say some of the common misconceptions about homosexuals include:

- ◆ all gay people "bond" with each other.
- ◆ all gay people sleep with each other.
- ◆ all gay men want to dress like women, and vice versa.

◆ in every relationship, there's a "male" and a "female."

Few people at Willamette are openly gay. Even now, the straight members of Angles outnumber the homosexuals by about 20 - 25 percent.

With so few students serving as "role models" for those who have yet to come to the realization that they are gay, coming out is so much harder to do.

Many people don't realize how many homosexuals are on campus, especially in the faculty.

Arthur speculates that this could be the reason many stay hidden, this and the fear of being alone or cast aside.

If you're gay, come out, Arthur, Mulligan, and Lorenzo say. Angles won't disclose any information regarding the sexuality of its members; it's completely confidential.

For more information about Angles, contact Arthur at karthur@willamette.edu.

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KELLY MULLIGAN
FRESHMAN

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What issues on campus would you like to see more attention brought to?

Compiled by ALI McCART
STAFF WRITER

"Maybe more attention to the different speakers that come to campus - same thing with convocations. I think that's an important part of education because the speakers who come bring in new perspectives that we normally wouldn't be exposed to."

Hannah Bingham, junior

"More attention should be brought to our resources on campus. There are a lot of opportunities available on campus that we don't even know about, such as opportunities to volunteer in the community."

Katie Thompson, sophomore

"I say security because there were all the burglaries, and there are no cameras. Other schools have cameras and maybe we should think about putting cameras where they're needed."

Keith Bondawg Jr., freshman

"We need a faster internet connection. It's difficult when you're looking up a page and it takes a long time to load, especially in the library."

Chanel Watanabe, sophomore

"Theft- possession without permission. Also, Willamette is taking an unrealistic approach to the drinking problem."

Katy King, senior

"Drugs and alcohol issues. When it gets to the point that other people in the dorms are affected, it's out of hand. Some of the RAs kind of overlook it."

Kim Sasaki, freshman

"Possibilities and opportunities for graduating seniors, as well as summer opportunities, internships, and study abroad programs. They need to be brought to campus or publicized more. It should also be a goal for Willamette for 95% of grads to be in jobs or grad schools."

Lindsey Katz, senior

"The Greek system. We need information and interviews from people on both sides of the issue so freshmen can be prepared and informed. Another issue is leadership and how to get involved on campus."

Kelly Arthur, senior

"If they could make the internet faster, that'd be really nice."

Nattalie Wright, junior

"Security cameras - senators should be handing out a questionnaire about them because of the break-ins. Also, we have a lot of leadership organizations. We need a separation of powers, such as HHR and ASWU, but they still need to work together and cooperate."

Travis Turel, sophomore

Week in Preview

Compiled by JULIE STEEFAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Thursday, Nov. 30

Resumes for Internships, a informational meeting to help students with resumes, will take place in the Parents' Conference in the University Center from 4-5 p.m. Sponsored by Career Services.

ASWU Movie Night: Coyote Ugly will play in Smith Auditorium at 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Office Hours with President Pelton from will be available in the president's office, Waller Hall, from 2-4 p.m. First come first serve.

Friday, Dec. 1

The Sleigh Bell Ball, Willamette's annual winter semi-formal, will be at the Reed Opera House, from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. Sponsored by House of Hall Representatives.

Saturday, Dec. 2

Spring 2001 Registration begins at 9a.m. in the Cat Cavern

Information about the club Best Buddies will be available on the first floor of the UC from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sponsored by Community Outreach.

The Willamette Star Tree Lighting and Holiday Concert begins at 5:30 p.m. by the Star Trees for caroling. The trees will be lit at 6:30, and the concert begins at 7 p.m. in Smith Auditorium. Admission is free. For more information contact the music office at x6255.

Sunday, Dec. 3

The Master Chorus' Messiah Sing Together begins at 7 p.m. in Hudson Hall.

There is an open dress rehearsal at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Admission is free. For more information contact the music office at x6255.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

A forum for December graduates called Next Steps will take place in the Parents' Conference Room in the University Center from 6-7 p.m. Sponsored by Career Services.

The Bistro presents Dave Nachmanoff at 9p.m. Admission is free.

The Oregon Symphony plays in Smith Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased from the Mid-Valley Arts Council at 503-370-7469, at any Fastixx outlet, or from Fastixx at 1-800-992-8499. Prices range from \$12-30 plus handling charges.

There is a special rate of \$3 for students, which can be only be purchased at the Smith Box Office the night of the concert starting at 7 p.m. For more information contact the music office at x6255.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

Off the Block will take 18 students to the Blazers vs. Toronto game in Portland. Tickets are \$15, and transportation leaves from the Chicken Fountain at 5 p.m. For more information contact Elizabeth Miller at <elmiller>.

Email Julie Stefan <jstefan> to submit events for the Week in Preview. Information courtesy Master Calendar: www.willamette.edu/cal

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"Have you done something good lately?"

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity presents 10th anniversary Mark Bellemore

Memorial Food Drive in honor of Mark's commitment to the community before his tragic death in 1990.

"10,000 Cans"

This year's goal is for the Willamette Community to donate 10,000 cans of food between November 15 and December 4. There are drop-off bins in every residence hall lobby as well as the UC. There will be prizes for the winning hall and campus organizations.

Thank you for helping feed Salem's hungry during the holiday season!

Questions- Call Greg Jones @ X2696

Event Listings

Concerts:

- **Wu-Tang Clan**, Roseland Theater
December 1, Fastixx
- **Boyz II Men, Mya, Pink, Shaggy**,
Rose Garden, December 1, Ticketmaster
- **Fastball**, Berbat's Pan
December 3, TBA
- **Corrosion of Conformity**, Roseland
December 4, Fastixx
- **Spearhead**, Pine Street Theater,
December 4, Fastixx
- **Common**, Roseland Theater
December 5, Fastixx
- **Dandy Warhols**, Pine Street Theater
December 6, Ticketmaster
- **Blonde Redhead**, Aladdin Theater
December 7, Ticketmaster
- **KNRK's 6th Annual Snowball**,
Roseland Theater,
December 8, Fastixx
- **Bloodhound Gang**, Roseland Theater
December 12, TBA
- **Deftones**, Roseland Theater,
December 14, Fastixx
- **John Lee Hooker**, Roseland Theater,
December 16, Ticketmaster
- **Digital Underground**,
Pine Street Theater,
December 17, Fastixx
- **Elliott Smith**, Crystal Ballroom
December 18, McMennamin's
- **Papa Roach**, Roseland Theater,
December 19, Fastixx

The Arts:

- **The Imaginary Invalid**,
Imago Theater, November 30 - December 16
Imago Theater Box Office
- **A Christmas Carol**, Newmark Theater
December 3-24, Ticketmaster
- **The Nutcracker**, Keller Auditorium
December 7-24, 2-Ballet
- **David Copperfield**, Spokane Opera House
December 18, Fastixx
- **Rent**, Keller Auditorium
January 2-7, Ticketmaster

Sports:

- **University of Portland vs. Duke**,
Rose Garden Arena,
December 19, Ticketmaster
- **Monster Truck Races**, Rose Garden
February 9-11, Ticketmaster

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Tobin's Take: Too beautiful



TOBIN ADDINGTON
COLUMNIST

There is a common misconception that romantic dramas have to be some combination of dumb and cheesy.

That said, we still line up and plunk down our eight bucks to watch beautiful people with perfect teeth, wardrobes by Armani, and wonderfully successful businesses. They have insightful and funny best friends who are always right and make fumble-free love to other beautiful people over the soaring strains of a string orchestra. Just like real life, right?

We pay to live vicariously through the lives of these people. We root for their "perfect union," but ultimately measure ourselves against it and invariably get depressed.

Bounce opened to sold-out screenings its first weekend.

Ben Affleck (*Good Will Hunting*, *Armageddon*) plays

Buddy Amaral, a slick advertising executive who gives his plane ticket to a man trying to get home to his wife and two kids. The plane crashes, Buddy is wracked with guilt, and a year later drops in on the family man's widow, Abby (Gwyneth Paltrow, *Shakespeare in Love*), to do one any-

emotional and dramatic tale. He utilizes the strengths of his stars -- Affleck's good-natured smirk and Paltrow's naivete -- and puts their characters in serious moral dilemmas.

Roos also takes advantage of the palpable chemistry between the two leads and tells the story briskly, lingering only when necessary. The script does a fine job getting us to sympathize with the main characters, even when they're both wrong.

Bounce is not a masterpiece. It wraps up too neatly in that old Hollywood tradition of walking off into the sunset.

There's also that nagging suspicion that the whole thing is quite simply beyond belief.

For a romantic drama, though, it's not that dumb and only occasionally cheesy. The two characters are morally complex, complementary individuals whose union is undeniably good for both. Director Roos may not have reinvented the genre, but I doubt that was his intention.

If you have to give in to a movie about gorgeous people suffering through their love lives, *Bounce* is certainly above average.

Movie:
Bounce

Starring:
**Gwyneth Paltrow
Ben Affleck**

Director:
Don Roos

Playing at:
Santiam 11

mous good deed. Things take a morally complicated turn when they fall in love before Buddy tells her his secret.

What I said before is true. In some ways this movie is about watching gorgeous people lead lives of which we can only dream.

However, writer-director **Don Roos** (*The Opposite of Sex*) has crafted a surprisingly

This week's new-to-video pick: *Rules of Engagement*

Any time **Tommy Lee Jones** and **Samuel L. Jackson** get together for a movie, the movie has to be good. *Rules of Engagement* is no exception. Jackson is caught in a firestorm of controversy after he orders his Marines to fire on a crowd of civilians in Yemen. Jones plays an over-worked military lawyer who takes the case as a favor to Jackson, with whom he served in Vietnam. Together, the two take on the combined powers of the military and their brightest lawyers in an attempt to prove Jackson innocent. With plenty of violence interspersed with *A Few Good Men*-esque courtroom scenes, *Rules* is a great Friday night pick.

Jeff Golimowski, Entertainment Editor

A Novel Idea: It's Tiki time!



LINDSAY WOLFE
COLUMNIST

The effects of too much football and turkey kept my reading scope limited this past break. I wanted something to take my mind off the weather, and off the millions of relatives constantly asking me how my studies were going. I needed something to help me get away from it all, and settled for something a little out of the ordinary.

The book was *Kon-Tiki*, an adventure novel that came out before the adventure novel was cool. The whole idea behind the book is liberating.

After WWII, Heyerdahl, who was a Norwegian soldier, sets off in pursuit of his passion for anthropology in the Polynesian islands. Upon hearing several tales from the natives, he creates a thesis that the original peoples of

these islands must have come from South America, as opposed to the common theory that they descended from Asia.

It filled me with ideas on coming back to school and re-energizing my studies, but then again, that didn't really take hold.

While that thesis is interesting enough, upon its rejection

with plenty of metaphors and symbolism, but not a lot of detail. Instead, Heyerdahl tries to capture the "adventurer spirit," and describes everything as a beautiful or quirky step in their rise to glory. They maneuver through wild seas, outwit primitive natives, and struggle to take in the scope of it all.

In the end, it's hokey, but in the same way *The English Patient* is hokey. At the same time, when paralleled against modern adventure novels, maybe they're all a little hokey. The author is, for all his metaphors, well spoken, and the book proves easy to read. The reader does feel a certain tug to take off and explore the desolate regions of the earth. The book also proves to be decent read if you keep in mind that this was before anthropology was politically correct, and men still had to prove that they were men.

Maybe that's why I decided to read *Kon-Tiki*, while the rest of my family huddled around the football game. There is some sort of strange connection there...

Title:
Kon-Tiki

Author:
Thor Heyerdahl

Publisher:
Rand McNally

tion by several prominent scholars of the day, Heyerdahl takes a different approach to his studies. Instead of just hypothesizing, he decides to attempt a trip on a balsa wood raft from Peru to the Polynesian islands. And so the adventure begins. The book reads more like a personal memoir,

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By JAMES BANKS
STAFF WRITER

Some restaurants are not defined by their exterior decor. *The Old Europe Inn* is a prime example of an exciting surprise upon entering the doors. While the exterior portrays a simple place to eat, the interior is an exquisite, cozy, and luxurious place to dine for that special occasion.

My special occasion was making it through one more day of work, so I journeyed with two of my friends to see what Mother Europe has to offer my appetite.

First, I must warn you that this place is not exactly cheap. This is not the place you want to attend just because you didn't go to

Goudy on a Friday night.

Also, make sure you have people who can carry a conversation along for the meal. There will be more than plenty of time to discuss anything you like as you wait between servings.

The restaurant is very small, with approximately 15 tables placed throughout a dimly lit room.

The chef's cooking area is directly in the rear center of the room, so you can see him cook your food. He also likes to talk on the phone a lot, which helps speed up the process of getting your food cooked.

Old Europe Inn offers a fine selection of wines. Nineteen different wines are available by the glass, and over a hundred are available by the bottle. One corner of the room is devoted entirely to a wide selection of fine wines.

The appetizers and main courses are both diverse and exotic. For the appetizer, our group sampled a blended dungeones crab dip, placed in a hollowed out bread cup.

All of the food at *Old Europe Inn* has incredible presentation and flair. Even our appetizer had the appeal and artistry of a Cezanne painting.

Oversized blue plates with

little trails of oil and sauce surround the appetizer-turned-centerpiece.

While waiting for appetizers, we went through the obligatory three or four baskets of bread. I don't think they are used to starving college students eating there.

But if it takes 30 minutes to get the appetizers, shouldn't you have something to eat?

For our main course, I selected one of the featured items, a rack of lamb with whipped potatoes and carrots. My fellow eaters at large tried the Mahi fish and the scallops and rice.

I didn't see anything incredibly ethnically European that you wouldn't find in any other high-class restaurant. The menu primarily consisted of seafood, pasta, and beef products.

My rack of lamb was a little frightening when it was brought to me after an hour of waiting. They weren't kidding about it being a rack. Seven large rib bones were connected through a row of meat, protruding upward in the air. "You got a dinosaur!" exclaimed my friend Kyle.

Dinosaur or lamb, the meat was excellent. Around the base of the lamb was a dark sauce that almost had the taste of barbecue sauce,



JAMES BANKS

Come Inn for good food and wine, but bring your wallet.

but with a nice onion flavoring. A side of lightly whipped potatoes with small, decorative, fried potatoes as a garnish on top, was fluffy and filling.

For dessert, we trekked over to the case to examine the 14 different options. A window full of tarts, chocolate truffles, and cheesecakes greeted us with a sugar-toothed grin.

Playing it safe, I tried the Chocolate Decadence, a very heavy brownie-like slice of cake with lots of chocolate on it.

The Old Europe Inn offers a fine menu for an elegant night out on the town. The food is impressive not only by the visual presentation, but also by the richness of the food and drink. However, the service can be a little slow at times.

Two-and-a-half-hours is a really long time to go to dinner, even for a luxurious restaurant.

If you have deep pockets for that special occasion, stop by for the evening at *Old Europe Inn* and experience fine European cuisine.

Big changes for WU's *Lessons and Carols*

By EMILY METROCK
STAFF WRITER

This year, the choral program will be branching off from the traditional "Lessons and Carols" service, and is

offering "Christmas in Hudson Hall," which will take Dec. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.

The decision to introduce this new program was made by Dr. Wallace Long, Jr. over the summer.

In recent years, the choirs and the attendance at the event have grown dramatically, and so as a result, it became impossible to use Cone Chapel and still abide by the fire marshal's orders.

There simply isn't room for both the audience and the choirs in the chapel at the same time.

"Christmas in Hudson Hall" will feature the three Willamette choirs: the Chamber Choir, the Male Ensemble Willamette, and the University Women's Choir.

Several differences separate "Lessons and Carols" and "Christmas in Hudson Hall."

The program is less of a church service than "Lessons and Carols," but there are definite religious overtones.

It is expected to provide a spiritual experience for both

the audience and the choirs.

The richness of the service is reflected in the decorations in Hudson Hall, courtesy of Jennifer Hedgcock and her mom, Joline.

Other changes include a wider variety of the readings which will be offered, ranging from seasonal poetry to scripture.

The audience will also be invited to participate in the singing of carols.

The program will be extended to an hour-and-a-half, as opposed to the traditional hour of "Lessons and Carols."

The "Lessons and Carols" service will continue, however.

During the Convocation hour on December 6, 11:30-12:30 pm, in Cone Chapel, the Office of the Chaplain will conduct the traditional serv-

ice. A community choir, known as the Festival Carolers, will be singing, and representatives from the community and campus will participate in the reading of the nine traditional scriptures.

Tickets for "Christmas in Hudson Hall" are on sale in the ticket office of the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center.

As of Tuesday, there are about 40 tickets left for the December 7 concert.

The December 8 production is sold out.

For more information, contact the music office at 370-6255.

Tickets are not required to attend "Lessons and Carols."

Admission is on a first-come first-serve basis.

For more information, contact the Office of the Chaplain at 370-6213.



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The Survey

In the Spring of 2000, the Campus Life Task Force, under the direction of Dean of Campus Life Bob Hawkinson, commissioned Maguire Associates to research student satisfaction at the university.

Students were notified by email and by letter and directed to contribute to the online survey between April 10 and May 5, 2000. Each student could only

participate once. To ensure this, each participant was given a password.

To encourage participation, Willamette offered incentives, like Bistro gift certificates and a reward to the residence hall with the most participants.

The data that Maguire has now provided the university is based on the responses of the 906 students who participated.

In the survey, students rated their overall satisfaction, likelihood to graduate and answered various questions about programs on campus.

Students also got to share feeling about the Willamette community, its diversity and life in Salem.

Each statement was rated on a scale from 1-10; 1= strongly disagree, 10= strongly agree.

Students rate WU

A large section of the survey asked students questions about how satisfied they were with their current situation at Willamette. Issues like academics, school spirit, the Greek system, faculty-student relations, and diversity were all addressed. In compiling the results of the survey, Maguire Associates said they paid careful attention to three main themes: pride ("I am proud to be at Willamette"), value ("My college education has been worth the money"), and academic growth ("This institution is helping me reach my academic potential").

I'm OK, you're OK

Overall students surveyed were satisfied with Willamette, giving it a rating of 7 out of 10. There were, however, differences between classes and gender. This year's junior class, on average, was far less satisfied with Willamette last spring than other classes. Also, female students were generally more satisfied than their male counterparts (7.25 to 6.88).

The survey did find, however, that if students were given the opportunity to choose Willamette again or go to a different institution, one-third of students would choose to go to a different school. But as Maguire Associates pointed out, this does not differ substantially from surveys they have done at other universities.

The survey found that students were very satisfied with the campus buildings and grounds as well very confident in their professors' abilities. Willamette's faculty were found to be "approachable and available" and students responded favorably to the statement, "I think my professors have a good command of what they teach."

"I was pleased that students were satisfied academically," said Dean of Campus Life Robert Hawkinson. "That's what school is all about."

Students also commended Willamette's intramural athletics program and the library.

Can't get no satisfaction
Receiving the most criti-

cism were Salem's off-campus activities, the value of the meal plan, Willamette's climate for diversity, and Willamette's low level of school spirit.

Student's also felt that "the quality of student life at Willamette would be significantly enhanced by the addition of a student center." Students seemed particularly bothered by Willamette's lack of places to relax and socialize with their peers. As the study found, students point to an increased "frustration that grows from freshman to senior year with the lack of places to 'hang out' on campus." The Montag Recreation Center might alleviate some of this frustration.

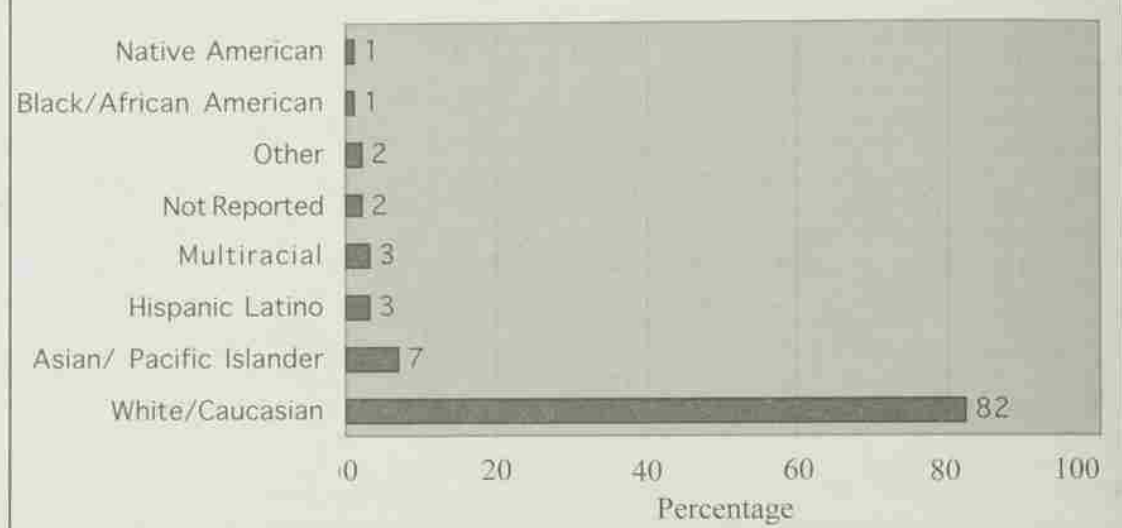
It's all Greek to me

The Greek system seemed to be one issue where the student body was divided. For example, the statement "The fraternity/sorority system conveys a positive image of Willamette" was agreed to far more emphatically by Greeks than non-Greeks, who said agreed that they would be happy if the Greek system had a diminished role. The study states that Greeks are generally more satisfied with their social life at Willamette. "The University is currently developing plans to change, yet maintain, the Greek system on campus," said Maguire Associates. "This compromise solution, rather than a more radical change, regarding Greek life seems appropriate."

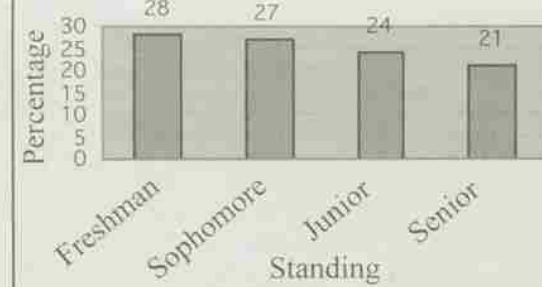
While there were differences of opinion between Greeks and non-Greeks on the role of the fraternity/sorority system, both groups agreed that one of Willamette's problems is a low level of school spirit.

Although Willamette's "climate of diversity" was viewed as unsatisfactory by upperclassmen it still was a lesser contested issue. However, in the section concerning educational goals, student gave high marks to "developing an understanding of and appreciation for other cultures" and "making contact with individuals of different backgrounds."

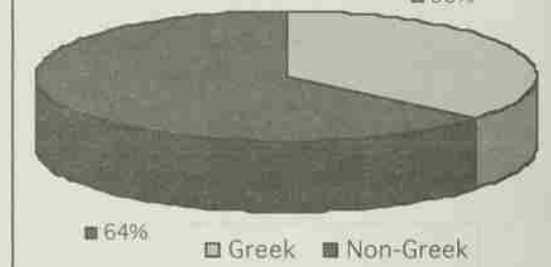
Ethnicity Profile of Participants



Grade Standing Profile



Greek vs. Non-Greek



Are you satisfied?

"1" strongly disagree to "10" strongly agree

Strengths

- ◆ Campus buildings and grounds are well-kept (9.15)
- ◆ Faculty members have been approachable and available when I've need them for academic reasons (8.58)
- ◆ I think my professors have a good command of what they teach (8.44)
- ◆ Computer labs and information stations are sufficiently up-to-date, accessible to students, and well-maintained (7.99)

Weaknesses

- ◆ My writing portfolio and the compilation process have been valuable (2.8)
- ◆ I like going to school in Salem (4.2)
- ◆ I think the meal plan gives good value for the cost (4.39)
- ◆ I am satisfied with the climate for diversity here at Willamette (4.47)
- ◆ The quality of student life at Willamette would be significantly enhanced by the addition of a student center (7.82)

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What do you have to say? Let us know!

The *Collegian* is looking for student, faculty, and administrative reactions to the Maguire Report or any other important issue on campus.

If you have an issue that you think needs to be further discussed or you feel that there is an important issue that has not been covered then please email any and all comments or feedback to collegian@willamette.edu

Report

Organizations examined

Students praise The Bistro, Office of Multicultural Affairs while they see a need for improvement in ASWU, Campus Safety.

When students were given the opportunity to rate different campus organizations many issues were raised.

"This study sheds light of many areas of campus life that need improvement," said Robert Hawkinson, dean of Campus Life.

Students surveyed were asked to agree or disagree to statements commenting on the effectiveness of university services. The Bistro received the highest rating of any Willamette service scoring an 8.47. "The Bistro seems a little more integrated, accessible, and practical than other organizations," said senior Garrett Brennan. "You can get more involved and really feel a part of it. During Open Mic you really feel like you're a part of the energy."

Also receiving high marks were Sparks Center, the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of Off-Campus Study.

Campus Safety, Residence Life, and Goudy Commons received the lowest satisfaction ratings. Maguire Associates reported that the

same dissatisfaction with Campus Safety was an issue raised by students who took part in their Image Study.

"Clearly, the students have little faith in this operation. We do not typically see this as the case in general on other college campuses," said the study.

Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout said that he was not surprised at the ratings because of the enforcement role of Campus Safety, but

"Students should certainly be challenged to create solutions to their concerns, and not expect that the administration holds all the answers."

MAGUIRE ASSOCIATES INC.
SURVEY ADMINISTRATOR

emphasized that Campus Safety is taking steps to build a more positive relationship with students

Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer agrees that the study has helped identify the needs of students, and hopes to see programs put on by Residence Life construct a more student friendly image of the organization.

"We will continue to build programs and services that push the image and interpretation of Residence Life to be positive," he said. "We look forward to empowering

responsible and thoughtful individuals to have more autonomy and control of their surroundings."

Students were also dissatisfied with the quality and value of the food provided by Goudy Commons and the Bon Appetit Food Service.

"While students agree that Goudy Commons is well run and maintained, they are neutral on the quality of food there, and disagree that the meal plan gives good value for the cost," said the study.

The Associated Students of Willamette University also scored low on the satisfaction scale.

The statement, "ASWU is a reasonably strong advocate of Willamette students' interests" only managed a 4.73 mean agreement rating, and was most strongly criticized by men and by those now in their senior year.

The study points toward a general feeling by the student body that they have "no voice" and that the University is not "responsive to the needs of students," yet, as the study states, students felt that there were a variety of leadership opportunities on campus.

The study suggests that, "students should certainly be challenged to create solutions to their concerns, and not expect that the administration holds all the answers."



Assessment of services

"1" strongly disagree to "10" strongly agree

Services with the highest satisfaction ratings

- ◆ The Bistro (8.47)
- ◆ Sparks Center (7.66)
- ◆ Multicultural Affairs (7.46)
- ◆ Off-Campus Studies (7.44)
- ◆ Intramurals/ Recreational Activities (7.43)
- ◆ Chaplain's office (7.29)
- ◆ International student and faculty offices (7.21)

Services with the lowest satisfaction ratings

- ◆ Campus Safety (4.43)
- ◆ Residence Life (5.19)
- ◆ Goudy Commons (5.88)
- ◆ Writing Center (5.97)
- ◆ Counseling Services (6.06)

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Conclusion

Maguire Associates identifies key issues that need to be addressed.

By analyzing the responses of Willamette students to their survey and comparing them with other institutions that have taken similar surveys, Maguire Associates was able to compile a short list of issues that "should be given immediate and considerable attention."

First, the study points out that students who are now juniors are less satisfied with Willamette than other students and may warrant

action, perhaps to prevent against a flight of students, like the one seen by this year's sophomore class.

Second, the study also suggests that those student's who did not pick Willamette as their first-choice might benefit from being identified for special attention.

Third, "Willamette should seriously consider building a student center." Here we see that construction is already underway for the Montag Recreation Center.

Fourth, rituals and traditions can be used to promote a greater sense of community and belonging.

Fifth, the "value for cost" of food from Goudy Commons and the Bon Appetit Food Service needs to be examined.

Sixth, student concerns about the role and the effectiveness of Campus Safety needs to be reviewed.

In the coming weeks the *Collegian* will be continuing our coverage of the Maguire Report findings and will be searching for student and administrative reactions. The link to an online copy of the Maguire Report can be found on the Campus Life homepage, www.willamette.edu/dept/campuslife.

6 points of action

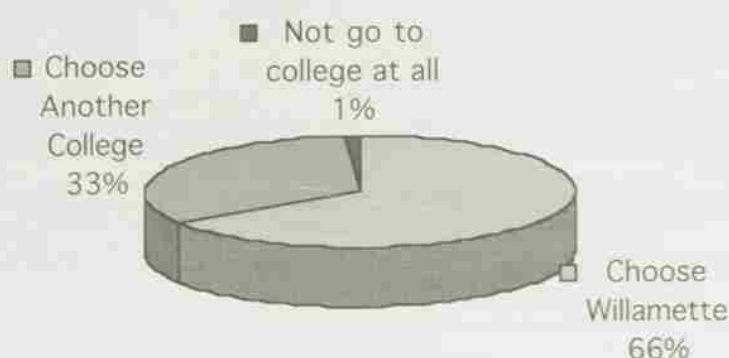
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The Maguire report indicates six findings should be given immediate and considerable action.

1. **Sophomores:** Study indicates they are less content than others and may need special attention.
2. **At-Risk Students:** Those students who did not pick Willamette as their first choice school should be identified as possibly needing special attention
3. **Student Center:** Study indicates a large desire from the student body for a student center.
4. **Traditions:** Work needs to be done to develop rituals and traditions to create a sense of community and belonging.
5. **Food value:** The value for cost of food at Willamette needs to be examined.
6. **Campus Safety:** Student concerns involving Campus Safety need to be addressed.

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Choose Willamette Again?



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Editorial

Use the pepper-spray

Campus Safety showed dedication to preserving a safe environment for study by forcibly removing a VISA solicitor last week. Let's hope other advertisements are banned.

Last Monday, Nov. 20, saw an impressive show of force from Campus Safety. Senior Jamie Moshin, who happened upon the scene of the altercation, explained that a solicitor nearly got maced for posing as a student outside of the Smullin computer lab.

The students inside were typing like demonic little monkeys to keep their professors' writing requirements satiated.

This woman declared in a loud voice that she was a student with a psychology survey that she needed to have filled out.

The harried students, always ready to help one another in a type of need, quickly saw through the ruse.

The survey this woman was handing out was, in reality, a VISA application aimed at college students.

Campus Safety was called and officer Melanie McCall responded. The poser resisted upon being asked to leave campus and this caused McCall to physically detain the suspect until back up arrived.

She held the suspect on the ground and handcuffed the struggling woman to the banister out in front of the main doors to Smullin.

Backup arrived, the woman was escorted away from campus. "This is what happens when you try and run from us," was the message as the recalcitrant VISA lady was led away.

This is an excellent example of where Campus Safety is doing their job.

Perhaps they were not able to prevent the burglary last week at Alpha Chi, but here is an example where they responded and solved a potentially problematic situation. The students did not want that woman there.

University policy bans solicitors from bothering students on campus.

We are here to study and here to learn. Second only to Jostens, credit card advertising is the most annoying commercial attempt to leech off of supposedly wealthy college students.

The stereotype that large corporations have about Willamette University must not be very flattering if they think they can send in their goons and their mass mailings and walk off with a truckload of foolish young kids' money.

The media often represents

students in higher education with an image of rich parents who begrudgingly are willing to write off whatever expense that student may accrue.

But, honestly, most students do not need credit.

Credit cards are simply a useless luxury and a dangerous debt trap for young people who have not had credit cards before in their lives.

The Collegian applauds Campus Safety in their use of force in preventing advertisers from interrupting students from their work.

Their dedication to policy in preventing such activity truly shows respect to the purposes of this university.

We are not here to learn how to become consumers. We are here to learn how to become good and intelligent people.

Perhaps the policy which prevents the capitalistic abuse of students should be expanded into other areas.

For example, all residents of university-owned housing receive a box of ads named either "Good Stuff for Him" or "Good Stuff for Her."

These boxes do have some free samples of products. But the ads, by themselves, do not even have a weak excuse for being there.

The advertisements should be prohibited from being dispersed to students. There simply is no justification for using undergraduate and graduate students as easy marks for advertisers, no matter if they pay for the opportunity or not.

Furthermore, University Mail Services should prevent widespread mailings of advertisements or so called "credit opportunities" should the letter be addressed to "Resident."

Organizations with opportunities for students should be allowed to inform students of their programs, but businesses with marketing schemes are not looking at students' best interests. They are looking to improve their profit margin at our expense.

So far, the campus safety officers in charge of keeping order at the university have done a good job of shoeing away solicitors.

More can be done in the future, but for now we can feel fairly safe.

But let's hope they take out Jostens next, and use the pepper-spray.

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Ryan Bruss

Column

Concede now Al, you can win big later

Four years of Bush's mishandling would prepare the country for another democrat in the office, any democrat. It is time to get this election over with.



By JEFF BENSON
COLUMNIST

I supported Gore.
I voted for Gore.
I believe he won the election in Florida and the nation.

That having been said, I think it is time for Gore to officially concede the election to George W. Bush, but not for any reasons that others have given.

A lot of folks will tell you that not knowing the outcome is bad for the nation, as if we have the patience of a gerbil on crack.

Others might proclaim that the rest of the world is laughing at us. So what?!

Since when has the United States cared what the rest of the world thought of its policies?

Half of the world hates us. American embassies in Africa are being bombed, President Clinton is wanted for murder by the Yugoslavian government, and the French give us bad service when we go to their restaurants.

We cannot suddenly draw the line at an election for president. The rest of the world can wait with us.

No, the reason that Gore should concede the election to Bush is because it will guarantee a Democratic president for a full century following Bush's short-lived four years in office (like father, like son).

The nation will decline into such ruin and decay that the people will have no choice but put a Democrat—any Democrat (I hear Michael Dukakis is

available) into office to resolve the mess created by Bush's failed "Less Vocabulary, More Recess" education plan and his popular, yet belligerent "Damn the Dams" environment plan.

Twenty years from now when a decent Republican runs for president, voters will be reminded of the last time a Republican was president.

What a slogan for Democrats of the future: "Remember Bush? Vote Democrat."

I'm serious about this; incompetence can only get you so far. People confuse it with charm.

That doesn't fly in the Oval Office. I can imagine a key Presidential advisor telling Bush, "Sir, didn't you mean to bomb Albania? Yes? Well you just bombed Alabama, sir. Yes, sir, you say potato, and I say potato. Sorry, sir."

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Featured Column



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Do you deserve an opinion?

People often speak upon subjects of which they are ignorant.



By STEPHEN GINGELL
COLUMNIST

Are you entitled to an opinion? It seems everywhere you go people have their own opinions.

This is all well and good in the abstract, after all, democracy thrives on passionate citizens and all that POLI 210 goodness.

In practice this means that everyone believes they're entitled to their opinion about everything, meaning we all have to wade through the dross of each others' sloppy thinking. Disagree? How about an example then?

Do you have opinions about US-Iraqi relations?

Maybe you're a hawk who thinks we should bomb Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein.

Maybe you're a lefty who wants sanctions removed so Iraqis can get some food to eat. I'll grant that you may be wise and learned.

However, before anyone takes your opinion seriously, a few questions (no cheating with reference texts now, just what you know from memory).

How many nations border Iraq and what are their names? Can you name three cities in Iraq (no, Baghdad isn't enough)?

What is the name of the ruling political party in Iraq? These are not tough questions for anyone who knows the slightest thing about Iraq.

Just think how you would respond to someone expounding their theories on the world role of the United States who couldn't name a city other than New York, didn't know what the Democratic party was, and couldn't situate the US between Mexico and Canada.

If you can't answer these simple questions about Iraq, you aren't entitled to an opinion about it. This sort of simple self test and it can be applied to foreign policy pretty easily.

Got an opinion about trade with China and most favored

The point here isn't that people are ignorant, rather it's that we've been raised not to think we're ignorant.

What is meant to liberate our minds from slavish adherence to whatever we're told gets twisted into a perverse desire to share our malformed biases with the world at large.

nation status? What are China's three largest exports and imports in order?

Got an opinion about Korea's nuclear program and the "rogue states" of presidential debate? How do you spell the name of North Korea's capital? You get the idea.

I'm not saying I'm any better. I had to look up how to spell 'Hussein' for God's sake. The point is I'm not going to wax eloquent about starving sanction babies or unchecked Iraqi aggression because I don't know enough about it. The point here isn't that people are ignorant, rather it's that we've been raised not to ever think we're ignorant.

Our teachers, parents, mentors, whoever (with the best will in the world) have taught us that what we think matters.

We've been taught to "question authority," "assert our individualism," and "make our voices heard."

These noble sentiments are easily taken too far. What is meant to liberate our minds from slavish adherence to whatever we're told gets twisted into a perverse desire to share our malformed biases with the world at large.

Whether we're talking about how lowering taxes will revitalize the economy or how a Bush presidency would make abortion illegal, everyday we make claims we couldn't possibly back up.

I'm a left wing socialist, I think raising taxes and using the money to help the poor would be a just and sensible thing for this country.

However, I do myself and anyone I address it to a disservice. To say anything of real value about the taxation and welfare system could be a life's work.

One could get a PhD in that alone and still not be able to make a genuinely applicable suggestion. For me to talk about welfare reform as if I know something is for me to lie to myself and others.

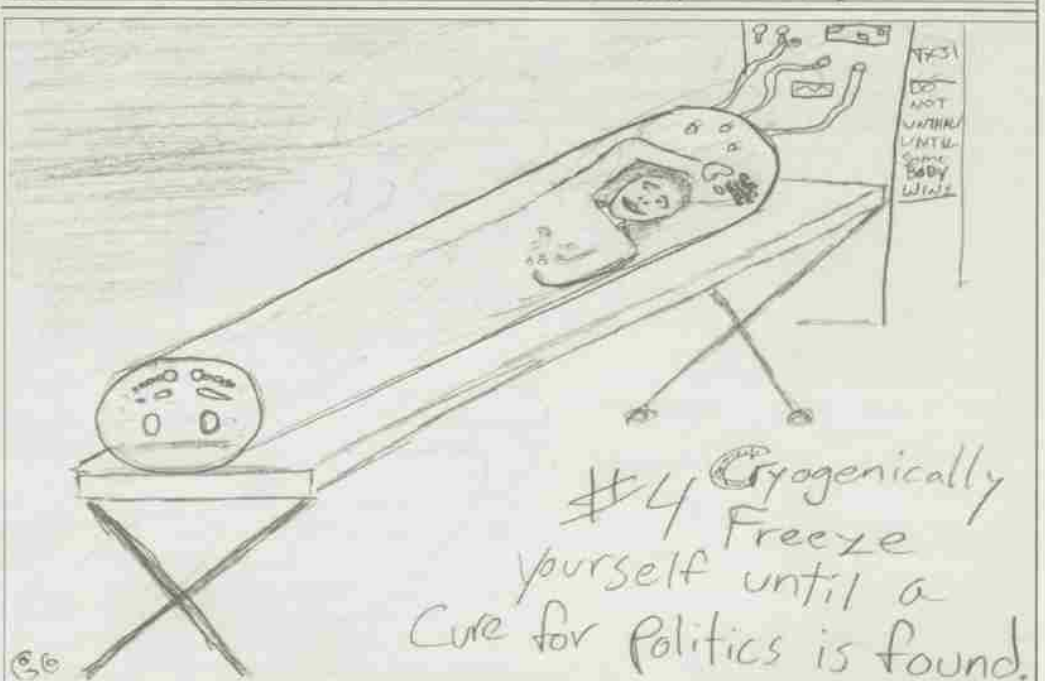
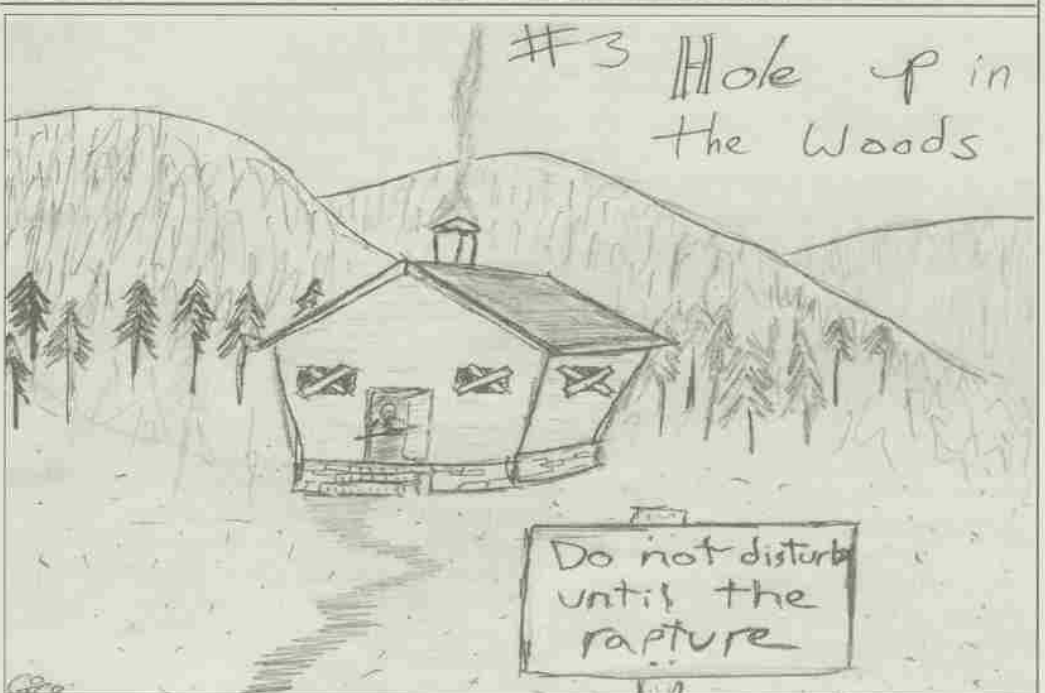
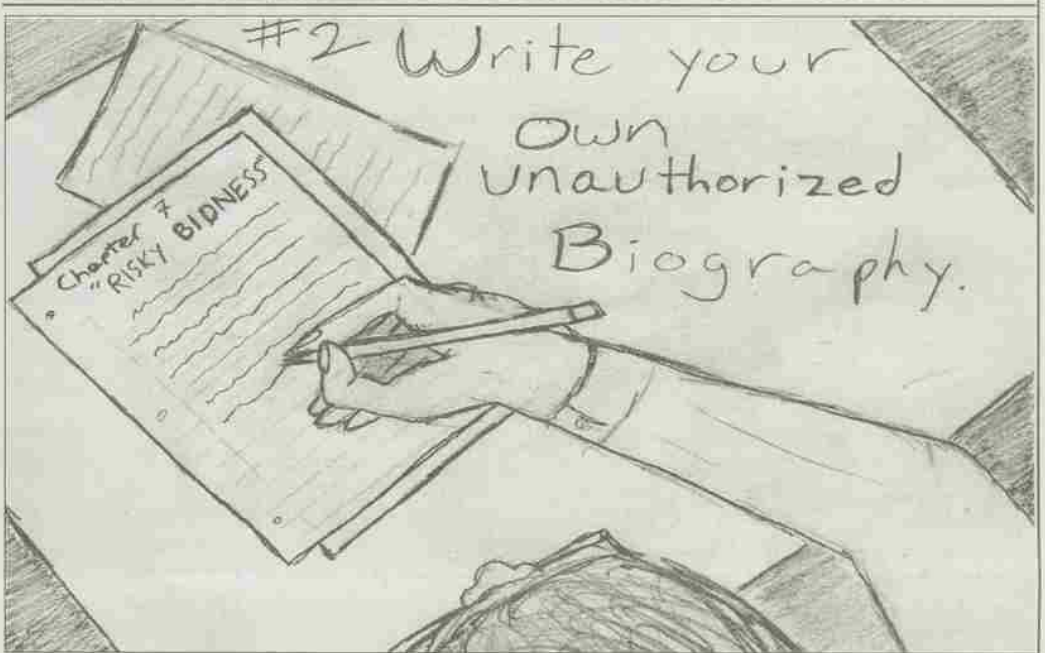
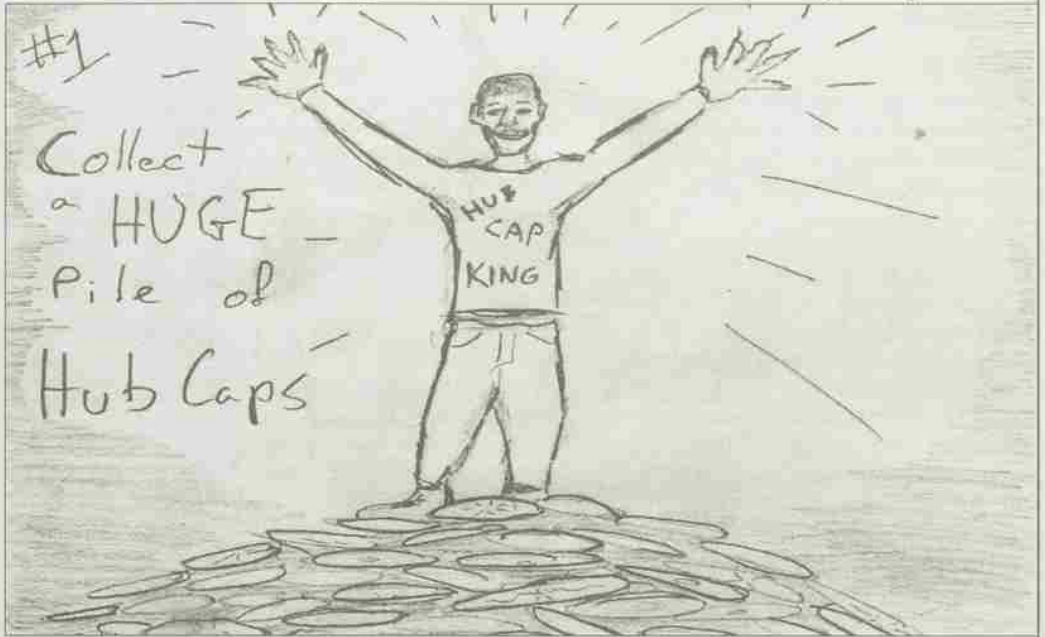
No good will ever come of it. Maybe I'm wrong, maybe all the political junkies I run into could point out Hafar al Batin on a map if only I asked them.

I don't think so, but hey, this is just my opinion, what do I know?

Cartoon Essay

Things you can do while waiting for the election controversy to come to an end:

All cartoons by George Carlsen



Women's basketball on a roll

By MONICA SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

Willamette women's basketball continues to dominate in pre-season play as the team prepares for a successful year.

Despite starting off their season with a loss to California Lutheran 72-75, the Bearcats, ranked fifth in the Northwest Conference, can't do anything but look forward to the season ahead of them.

Since that loss, the Bearcats have been on a 3-game winning streak, beating Macalester 73-50 and dominating in the Colorado College Thanksgiving Tournament, pounding Howard-Payne University 92-72, and host Colorado College, 83-61. The Bearcats not only won the tournament in Colorado Springs, but senior Kelly Sorenson earned MVP of that event, hitting seven out of ten three-pointers against Howard-Payne on her way to scoring 31 points.

"[Sorenson] is an integral part of the success of the Bearcats. Her ability to score inside and outside opens up our offense. Kelly's offense creates a lot of opportunities for her teammates," head coach Paula Petrie commented. Petrie (95-59) is in her seventh year at Willamette.

Along with Sorenson lies a strong group of core returners for the Bearcats. One of those is graduate student Katie Edmonds, who returns to the team as she finishes up her schooling with Willamette's MAT program. Unlike last year, Edmonds will have a healthy knee to accentuate her leadership ability and tenacity on

defense.

"[Edmonds] provides the intensity and competitive spirit that is a key ingredient to a team's success. She is one of the best defenders in the conference and a consummate team player at the offensive end," Petrie said of her returning "star."

Seniors Tyan Sanderson, Stevie Spaulding, Gina Pieretti, and Heather Ludwig also return to the squad with plenty of experience and a desire to win the conference. "Our team goal is to win the conference. Nothing less than first place will do this year. We have way too much talent," Ludwig said.

Sanderson felt that it is also "important to take it one practice at a time and really focus attention on improving that day. I think that if we continue

to improve each day that our goals for the end of the season will come easily."

As for the younger teammates, there is quite a spread between the upper and lower classmen. With no juniors, the Bearcats must look to the younger players to fill a large role.

Kasey Sorenson and Rosie Contri will be vital to that function, as the only other non-freshmen on the team besides the seniors. Kasey Sorenson will relieve Ludwig and Sanderson off the bench, and Contri starts at a wing and/or point guard spot for the



MONICA SCOTT

Senior starter Tyan Sanderson looks to find an open teammate in a match against Macalester. The Bearcat women won 73-50.

Bearcats. Contri averaged 3.2 points per game and 2.7 assists last season, and has "done a very good job of stepping up her leadership this year," according to Petrie.

As for the seven freshmen, they "will make an impact because they add so much depth to our team. This will be a tremendous asset when we get into conference play and the Friday-Saturday weekends," commented Petrie. These seven freshmen include Abbie Unick, Simmie and

teaching them the offense, but now they have it down just as well as the returners," Ludwig said

Next up:

The women open up conference play hosting the University of Puget Sound this Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

Come show your support as the Bearcats begin their quest for the league championship!

Swimming season underway

By JAMES GRANT
AD-MANAGER

The Willamette swim squads add youth to the seasoned talent of returning members to make for promising seasons.

Not too many sports require their athletes to train for four hours a day, but swimming does. And that's if you're a slacker. Though often regarded as a "wussy" sport, swimming boasts the longest season of any sport at Willamette, beginning in October and not ending until mid-February.

The Willamette Men's and Women's swim teams kicked off their season on Nov. 4 with a trip to Tacoma to take on the Puget Sound Loggers.

Though neither team won, they stayed close to the defending conference champs, as the men lost by a mere 14 points, 129-115 (14 points is VERY close for a swim meet).

The women, not entirely accustomed to swimming the longer meter course, fell 105-50.

The following week the teams went up against the Evergreen College from Olympia, WA, who has such a small team that keeping score would only be an insult.

With the season freshly underway, it's the perfect time to take a look at the men's and women's teams, who

both have high aspirations for the season.

MEN

The men may have lost their five core seniors last year, and have no seniors this year, but they somehow managed to add to their numbers, bringing the total to 10 swimmers. This is due largely to a fine recruitment effort by coaches Al Stephenson and Skip Kenitzer, who brought in freshman Michael Henwood, Toby Jewett, Andy Susich and Tyler Warren.

Henwood and Jewett pulled in first place finishes in the meet against UPS.

Highlighting this group of newcomers is Nadia Markovichick. She opened up the season in an impressive annihilation of the competition in the 400 free winning by 25 seconds.

The sophomore class stands out as well on the team, with captains Brady Childs and BJ Wright. Last year Childs finished first in the conference in the 400 Individual Medley and Wright finished second in the 50 free.

Rounding out the sophomores are Bryan Ruttkay, who had an eighth and two ninth place finishes in conferences last year, and Alex Fiksdahl.

The junior class representatives are Jake Scott and Kyle Philips, who are making waves after taking a year off

last year. Scott had two first place finishes at UPS, with Philips finishing only one tenth of a second behind him in the 100 free.

WOMEN

The women's team looks promising this year as well, holding a seven-swimmer advantage over the men.

Highlighting the women's team are seniors Heidi Hoang, Keri Hoffmeister and Kari Petterson, who all return for their fourth year swimming at Willamette.

Hoang and Petterson have received the honor of team co-captains. Coaches Kenitzer and Stephenson did a fine job recruiting for the women as well, as they lured in seven freshmen.

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Megan Jamieson is another freshman who impresses the coaches, as she came in and became the number one breaststroker.

Next up:

Willamette heads to Federal Way, Wash. this weekend to swim in the Husky Invitational. They return to welcome Linfield in their first home meet on Jan. 13 at 1:00 p.m.

College football bowl predictions

A look into the more enticing of the possible college bowl matchups:

The Aloha Bowl

As it stands now, it looks like U of O, still sore from their recent spanking by OSU and the accompanying loss of a Rose Bowl bid, will be on ABC battling Boston College.

The Orange Bowl

I'm betting that Miami will lose this weekend, setting up an Oklahoma versus Florida State bowl game.

The Rose Bowl

It's not the matchup that most Oregonians, myself included, were hoping for, but it looks as though it'll be Washington versus Purdue. Support them if you want, but we all know who should be there...but instead that team looks to be headed to San Diego.

The Holiday Bowl

OSU versus Texas on ESPN in San Diego.

-Marion Hunt, Sports Editor

Men's basketball is young, ready to play

By CANNON-MARIE GREEN
STAFF WRITER

Despite being a young team, the Bearcat men's basketball squad have high hopes for a successful season.

Memories of the disappointing end to last year's men's basketball season still linger. "Those experiences make you hungrier, and it doesn't do any good to look back," head coach Gordie James says.

Despite small numbers, new faces, and youthfulness, senior and team captain Kip Ioane, who remembers how it felt to be "left out of the big dance," intends to lead his team to conference victory, and onto the national championships.

This year's team is comprised of three seniors: Nik Lubisich, Jeff Pearson and Ioane; two juniors: Brian Newton and Dru Dillard; four sophomores: Ryan Hepp, B.J. Dobrovosky, Marques

Johnson and Tom Watson; and four freshman: Harold Sublett, Kalen Canaday, Miles Sandgathe and Matt Ericson.

While the team has been busy with pre-season competition, they are a week away from their first home game against Linfield.

"We have a lot of kids playing some good minutes and we have to get them ready in a hurry," says Ioane.

Thus far, the team is 1-1, having beat Cal State Monterey and losing to Holy Names. "We played poorly and won, and that's not okay," says James. "And we played well and lost, and that's not okay. Now we're looking to play well and win."

According to James, the learning curve of the group is very steep. "We are improving both as individuals and as a team daily."

Strengths of the team are depth, athletic ability, and quickness. Ioane describes this season's athletic ability as the best in years. Admittedly, the team will have to work hard on rebounding, as the team is smaller than most.

"Our defense is ahead of our offense right now," states James. "Defensively we are versatile, we can get out in passing lanes, we can pressure the basketball. Offensively, a key to us is trying to get into open court, get some easy baskets, and certainly get in our motion game, and set some good streams and move the way we can."

Despite not having as much size as in the past, James thinks the group is a very good defensive rebounding team.

After finals, the team will face Seattle Pacific, a team James predicts will be one of the better NCAA Division II schools in the country. Later, WU will take on Portland State, a Division I school. Both games offer big challenges to the Bearcats.

Currently, Ryan Hepp starts at Point Guard. Nik Lubisich and Kip Ioane open

at the wings, and Marques Johnson and Bryan Newton at the posts. B.J. Dobrovosky is the sixth man. In the first games, ten players have averaged double digit numbers.

"Certainly, our depth is a strength of ours," says James.

"Our athleticism and determination will be key factors in our success. Even though we lack size in the post position, we'll have the ability to out-play and out-run our opponents," Hepp says. "The team has unlimited potential this season."

A definite factor is the youth of the team. There are nine returning players from last season. Four are sophomores. The remaining four members of this season's team are freshmen. "We have some young guys," says James. "As they adjust to the system, and while we learn to read each other, it's going to take not only the team some

patience but also patience with themselves because it's going to take some time for us to get our timing."

"The team this year is very young," admits Hepp. "Fortunately, the freshmen have stepped up, quickly learning the offense and style of play."

Overall, the team is excited for the season to begin. According to Ioane, the season "should be a lot more exciting for fans."

"It'll be a great season," adds Hepp.

"As a coaching staff," says James, "we are excited to work with the team because they are exceptionally coachable. Their work ethic is extraordinary. It's really been fun."

Next up:

The men to Redlands, Calif. to partake in the Lee Fulmer Tourney this weekend. They'll return to host the John Lewis Holiday Classic Tournament on Dec. 8 and 9.

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GORDIE JAMES
HEAD COACH

Athlete of the Week



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Judge Charles Burton, Palm Beach County's Canvassing Board Chair, is the athlete of the week. He is one of the fine Americans undertaking the daunting task of counting those bloody votes down in Florida.

Here he is, hard at work, determining the dimplicity of a chad. Note the near perfect grip on the ballot, and the steady gaze directly below the card. A fine example in style he is, that Charles Burton.

Cross Country ends season at the "big kahuna" of meets

By MARION HUNT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Willamette athletes meet up with the country's top Division III runners in Spokane, Wash. in a battle for the title of being the best of the best.

It was a cold day. The ground was frozen and the air temperature peaked at 25 degrees. College students ran across the snow-scattered hills of Spokane Wash. wearing shorts and tennis shoes, their breath shooting out like clouds of smoke.

Among the crowd was the Willamette women's cross country team and two Willamette members of the men's team. They were there to run in the largest and most important meet of the year, the Division III National Cross Country Championship Meet.

Fans and members of the team who made the trek from Salem lined the course along with Bearcat alumni to show their support for the runners. Despite the temperature, some of the more avid fans threw aside the comfort of clothing and painted "Bearcats" across their bare chests to show their support for the Willamette runners who had worked so hard to earn the privilege to run that day.

On the men's side, two freshmen had qualified individually to run in Spokane. Aaron Young placed 81 overall and Jake Stout followed in at 144 out of the 215 finishers.

The women, who claimed both the Conference title and the Regional title earlier in the season, qualified for the tournament as a team. Despite hoping to place higher, the Bearcats placed 22 out of the 24 teams competing.

Senior Lisa Starkey finished first

for Willamette at 106 out of the field of 211 runners. Freshman Liz Rodda followed at 129 and senior Amber Strickler rounded out the top three at 142.

With the cold day in Spokane behind them, the Bearcat runners look back at the season and are proud. Beyond claiming titles and sending so many participants to Nationals, head coach Kelly Sullivan was honored with both Coach of the year for the Northwest Conference and for the Western Region.

Both teams will have athletes competing on the Willamette Track and Field team.

Look for them, among the estimated 100 freshmen and transfers expected to come out for the 2001 track season, to dominate the newly renovated Charles Bowles track come Spring.

This piece was written with the input of Lisa Starkey, a senior member of the women's cross country team and a Collegian staff member.

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Campus Safety

Criminal Mischief

November 12, 5:39 p.m. (Smullin Hall) - Campus Safety took a report of damage to the grass on the north side from a vehicle.

November 19, 12:40 p.m. (12th and State Streets) - Campus Safety responded to a report of an unidentified individual breaking the glass

at the bus stop.

Emergency Medical Aid

November 18, 2:50 a.m. (Beta Theta Pi) - Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a report of a student who had hit his head on a door. The student was well enough to stay on campus.

Policy Violation

November 13, 4:00 p.m. (Campus Safety Office) -

Campus Safety received a check in the mail which contained an obscene comment.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

November 18, 12:17 a.m. (Matthews Hall) - Campus Safety responded to report of stolen pizzas and found evidence that marijuana was being smoked in a student room.

Sexual Assault

November 17, 4:25 p.m. (Off Campus) - Campus Safety took a report from a student stating that she had been sexually assaulted by a non-student in an off campus location.

Theft

November 13, 7:50 p.m. (Matthews/Belknap Halls) - Campus Safety recovered a city street sign outside the

halls.

November 13, 1:30 p.m. (Beta Theta Pi) - Campus Safety recovered two overhead projectors belong to WITS.

Trespass Warning

November 15, 3:57 p.m. (Smullin Hall) - Campus Safety trespassed a solicitor who refused to leave when asked or produce identification.

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