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Clubs plan together to fight apathy

By AVI KATZ
STAFF WRITER

From human rights to swing dancing, the heads of over 40 various Willamette clubs and organization gathered together in the Alumni Lounge to discuss the collective interests of the Willamette community were represented this past Sunday evening.

The informal event organized by senior Freaks N' Geeks; WU Alternatives President Ryan Rogers, sought to address issues of attendance, communication, and the overall purpose of clubs in the University setting.

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Alive and free



RAUL MORENO

Sophomore Brittany Burch, junior Alyssa Bradac, and senior Micael Bogar are three brides celebrating after they escape their weddings in "Big Love," which opens this weekend in the Kresge Theatre. For more coverage, see Entertainment, page 3.

Students journey to Georgia for protest

By SARAH KASSEL
STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow, Nov. 15, six Willamette students will fly to Georgia to participate in an annual vigil protesting the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the School of the Americas.

Juniors Javin Martin, Claire Pichette, Emily Puterbaugh, and sophomores

Lopaka Purdy, Amy Rathke and Annie Bither-Terry will join a projected 12,000 to 15,000 protesters Saturday through Sunday. At the vigil, the protesters will attend caucuses and workshops as well as concerts performed by such artists as the Indigo Girls.

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, claims to be dedicated to the promotion of democracy in Central and South America. However,

according to the School of the Americas Watch website, the sponsor of the vigil, "the School of the Americas is a military training school for Latin American soldiers that has pumped out death squad leaders and military dictators while undermining democracy throughout the Western Hemisphere."

The goal of the students is to obtain information at the vigil and create a documentary. The documentary and experiences will be shared at First Monday and a convocation.

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Martin

"Being an affinity group means we make decisions together and watch each other's backs," Puterbaugh said. "We're a diverse group and we didn't know each other very well, but we're becoming solid."

This past week has been spent fundraising and training. "We're pumped," Puterbaugh said, "but there is so much to get done."

Math Professor R. Sam Hall donated four hours of non-violent protest training to the group.

Purdy said, "He trained us in everything we need to know; how to work together, what nonviolence is, and compromise."

The students also learned the difference between nonviolence and civil disobedience. By entering the base to protest, the students would be breaking the law and could face a year in prison. The students have not come to a consensus on whether or not to take this step, but Purdy admitted to thinking about it.

Still soliciting donations, the group hopes to raise more than the \$850 they've covered so far. It is costing \$2,500 for the six students to travel and be lodged in Georgia.

They have received contributions from the Convocation fund and Oregon Peace Works. There will be a donation jar in the Bistro for a few months after the vigil.



Rathke

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BEHIND THE SCENES

a special series covering service workers on campus

PART II ♦ HOUSEKEEPING

Some of the most visible classified workers on campus are the housekeeping and custodial staff.

By HANNAH
MEISEN-VEHRS
STAFF WRITER

When 8 a.m. rolls around, Willamette awakens with students and faculty rushing about campus, but for some the day is just ending.

Willamette's housekeeping and custodial staff work 24 hours a day, five days a week. Almost two-thirds of Willamette's custodians work at night, cleaning and preparing the academic buildings for use in the morning. At 7:30 a.m. the housekeeping staff arrives at each residence hall.

Weekends workers, events staff, and recycling workers complete the staff at the Facilities Services, totaling 63 full-time employees.

For many employees, working for Willamette has been a lifetime commitment. Maria Lewis, the night library custodian, has seen some students' graduations and one former Belnap resident said that "she is like a sister to me." After 25 years at Willamette, Lewis says, "I could write a book about Willamette."

Chuck David, the Sparks Center custodian, has

worked here for 28 years and has never once missed a day of work.

James Berndt, the supervisor of Facilities Services, said, "I have been in the field for almost 20 years and I have never seen that before."

Berndt, feels that long-term employees stay at

Willamette because of the benefits and also, "because it really is a wonderful place to work."

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"Behind the Scenes" examines the working environment of Willamette's service employees, the men and women who serve food, clean the halls, and keep the facilities maintained. Next week: Maintenance

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After loss, Johnston looks to the future

By DIOR PARKE
STAFF WRITER

Bryan Johnston is a name familiar to Willamette University, particularly at the College of Law and Atkinson Graduate School of Management.

He is also a familiar name to those in District 10 as their former State Senator. He recently ran for his third term in the House, but lost to Republican Jackie Winters.

Reflecting for a few moments on the election, Johnston spoke of the Republican edge and the changes the district had gone through.

"The best parts of the old district aren't in the new one," Johnston said. There was indeed a 7.5 percent edge for Republican Jackie Winters in District 10.

"There are two sectors in my life: public and private," Johnston said.

"Being part of a higher education institution is part of the private sector. I've tried the public sector, but the people have told me that I'm done with that."

Johnston believes that the 2003 House session "will be really important for Oregon." He also added that he doesn't

have too much hope for it, "and I wouldn't say something different if I had won either."

On the topic of one of the most debated topics by Oregon legislators, public education, Johnston commented that many lawmakers are not aware "of the mutual benefits. We're all in this together."

"Going to this school, you pay thousands to an institution that is committed to your learning, and you're at an advantage. But you want a student at a school like OSU to get a good education too, especially when you're hiring employees for your company."

Johnston went on to add that it is not that many legislators don't care about public education, they're just "unwilling to finance it. You need public sentiment for this kind of issue, and you need public leadership in order to get that."

Johnston said that he will now likely go back to being a consultant in negotiating and conflict management.

"That's my short-term plan. In the long term, I'm going to continue to look at higher education opportunities," said Johnston. He is currently interested in the presidential position at Southern Oregon University.

Registration nears

By JOJO ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

Like a plague of locusts, class registration will descend on the Willamette community on Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. From Nov. 25 to Dec. 5, Willamette students will be registering for spring semester courses.

Registration festivities began Nov. 8 with the availability of course schedules, registration instructions, and appointment times online. Student advising appointments, run from Nov. 11 to Nov. 22. Advising appointments are mandatory in order for students to be permitted to register.

Once students are permitted to register, they will do so during their assigned times. Seniors always go first in registration, then each class follows in descending order.

There are five or six subgroups within each class, depending on the class' size. Each subgroup is assigned a time block where they all register, moving up one time block every registration, until a subgroup is first in which case that subgroup moves to last.

Students within subgroups have their names drawn from a hat to determine their registration

times.

One of the two changes in the registration system this year is the availability of the time conflict consent forms online.

Time conflict consent forms are forms used by students needing to register for classes at have a time overlap. Students have this form signed by professors of the classes they have a conflict with.

Previously time conflict forms were only available in paper at the registrar's office.

The second change in registration is the move to online — given instructor consent for classes requiring it.

Previously, student's presented actual forms to instructors and got their signatures in order to have consent.

Instructors now give consent online if they agree to the request for consent from the student.

The move towards an exclusively Web-based registration process is viewed to be the most desirable mode among students according to Diane Crabtree, associate registrar at Willamette.

Crabtree also feels is mode of registration "gives students more control, it is more fair."

Presidents talk clubs

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Speaking to the group on some of the problems that organizations have experienced, Rogers stated the importance of clubs to the Willamette scene.

"This (club participation) is a campus-wide problem and it requires the time, effort and commitment of everyone in this room," Rogers said. "I wanted this to be an open forum where we could begin to solve these issues."

Club presidents first discussed the difficulty of getting people to come to events and meetings. The overlap of events presented a major concern as those in the room pointed out the fact that last Wednesday more than four events were occurring simultaneously at various locations throughout campus.

The issue of advertising and communication followed the discussion on attendance as it was pointed out that the Master Calendar was an underutilized resource by the Willamette community.

"You can make posters, table tents, mail box stuffers, and it still might not be enough," Students For Choice Co-President sophomore Lesley Meyer said. "It becomes an issue of finding the right way to reach people so that they'll attend your events."

The concept of a reward for event attendance was brought to the attention of club presidents by Black Student Organization member and Assistant Area Coordinator Senior Andrea Hill.

The program would give certain points to Willamette students who participated in events and those points could be applied to a higher number in the housing lottery or gift certificates at the Willamette Store and other venues.

Similar programs in other colleges such as the Claremont-McKenna schools have received widespread support.

"It's an issue of finding original ways of program," freshPRODUCE publisher sophomore Jacen Greene-Powell said.

"If you have an interesting event, then people will attend sometimes just through word of mouth alone."

"I think that clubs and organizations are seen here as filling in the gaps left by our liberal arts education," Rogers said.

"We're more than just that; we're the exceptional part of Willamette that is going to be the difference in taking us from number 50 (In the US News and World Report Rankings) to number 30."

BEHIND THE SCENES

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He said, "A lot of people say that the pay isn't quite as good (as other cleaning jobs), but the benefits are wonderful."

These benefits include medical, dental, and vision care as well as "generous vacation and sick leave," according to Director of Human Services Carol Black.

Furthermore, all workers who have worked more than five years at Willamette receive the waived tuition benefit if their children decide to attend Willamette.

There is not very much upward mobility, according to Tom Neal, Director of Facilities.

Two foremen and two leads make up the managerial staff and Neal says, "all four of those positions have been there a really long time." Therefore, "there isn't a lot of positions higher to move into."

Currently, the Facilities Services employees' wages range from \$8.75 to \$12.25.

Willamette University also provides "professional development opportunities," according to Human Resources.

These consist of work-related classes and training. Training is especially useful in the area of chemicals, as some can be dangerous to

the workers' skin and eyes.

The work of the housekeeping and custodial staff can prove to be quite demanding. Summertime is a tough time for some employees. Berndt says that occasionally, as a result of tight work schedules and the heat, "tempers will rise."

To compensate for the changes in the summer, the supervisors will temporarily shift some custodians over to housekeeping rather than seek to hire extra employees.

Berndt said, "If you try to train someone while the problem is going on, it would defeat your purpose."

Mary Pierce, who has moved from housekeeping in Kaneko to the swing shift at the UC, says she "likes the independence" of her position. However, student contact is important to her. "When you (students) take time to acknowledge us we really like that," she said. "We like building these friendships."

Berndt also believes in the importance of the friendships between residents and staff. "We are all for that," he said.

"The one thing that we do try to ask is when you have 100 students and you talk to 10 of them for 10 minutes it takes away from what we are



ERIC LAM

William Whipple is a member of the custodial staff.

trying to take care of for the students. So we ask that you be polite and be nice and build those relationships, but they also have a job to do for those students. So there is always a happy medium there."

Time-management, as Pierce says, is an important aspect of the job. "You have to be able to work on a time schedule." Residence hall housekeepers, for example must clean the hall bathrooms in 45 minutes, which can be challenging periodically when larger messes happen.

Berndt estimates that about 15 to 20 percent of his employees are of ethnic minorities. Harboe, for example, is a native of Brazil and speaks three languages.

In the six years he has been at Willamette, Berndt has seen a gender shift between the custodial and housekeeping jobs.

When he arrived, he says, there was only one woman in custodial and only one or two men in housekeeping. Now, he says, "it has been evening out quite a bit more."

Facilities supervisor Berndt believes that Willamette has a great deal of respect for the employees. "With just cleaning all day, it's pretty monotonous, but we try to break up some of that," he said.

Every month the staff can get together for a potluck and there are occasionally barbecues with Bon Appetit. Berndt also started having Christmas parties every year.

Calling all you Big Lovers

"Big Love," the second theater production of the season, challenges, entertains and just might scare you.

By CHELSEA WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Beware: This play is not for the weak of heart.

The Willamette Theater Department's production of Charles M. Lee's "Big Love" is a veritable roller-coaster of emotions.

It's very disturbing, to the point that one particularly intense scene left me shaking.

The play follows fifty Greek sisters as they flee their homeland for Italy in an effort to escape arranged marriages to their fifty cousins.

They seek asylum with a rich Italian man, Piero, played by senior John B. Hall, who is eventually persuaded by the three main sisters: pragmatic, bitter Thyona, played by junior

Play Preview

Alyssa Bradac, ditzy but sweet Olympia, played by sophomore Brittany Burch, and wise, romantic Lydia, played by senior Micael Bogar.

The girls' suitors follow them to Italy and try to force the girls to honor their contracted engagements. The girls realize the futility of their struggle, and at the last second are convinced by Thyona to go along with her escape plan.

Of course, what fun is a play in which everything works out the way it's supposed to?

"Big Love" is a comedy, but it also contains a great deal of passion and anger.

Comic relief is provided by the extremely effeminate and outgoing Guiliano, played by junior Jesse Young, and the adorable, bumbling Nikos, played by senior Michael Lowry.

There is a lot to consider in

pulling off this show.

"There were so many things to figure out. Besides the acting and what's going on physically, we had to consider what the audience is going to take out of it," Assistant Director junior Rebecca Steinfeld said.

To add to the effect for the audience, the seating will be split by gender.

The play is wild and random, but this did not seem to have a huge effect on the cast.

"We were too worried about it being realistic to be disturbed by it," Bogar said.

However in the end, it was evidently worth it.

"It was painful, but I've learned a lot," Burch said.

"Big Love" premieres tonight at 8 p.m. in the Kresge Theater. Evening shows run on Nov. 15, 16, 21, 22, and 23, at 8 p.m. Matinees run on Nov. 17 and 24 at 2 p.m.

This show should most definitely be a priority on people's calendars.

It will send you flying



RAUL MORENO

Senior Michael Lowry, who plays Nikos, rappels from the top of the theater in a scene from "Big Love," opening this weekend.

through a whirlwind of feelings, pulled off by exceptional acting, and may very well leave you speechless.

It did me.

Chelsea Wright is a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts.

Movie series sets out to raise controversy

The Willamette Events Board is trying to stir up a little brouhaha on campus with Controversial Movie Month.

By AUDRA PETRIE
STAFF WRITER

This month, the Willamette Events Board's (WEB) Issues and Controversies Committee is making November Controversial Movies Month.

WEB showed "Truth and Lies About 9/11" last Wednesday to a crowd of about 35 people. "Natural Born Killers" showed last night, "Roger and Me" will show Nov. 20, and "A Clockwork Orange" will show Nov. 26. All of the movies begin at 8 p.m. in the Autzen Conference Room on the third floor of the Putnam University Center.

After each movie, students

are welcome to discuss the movie and their thoughts on the controversial issue at hand.

In the film "Truth and Lies About 9/11," the controversial issue centers around the United States government's possible foreknowledge of the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, and the United States' possible ulterior motives to attack Afghanistan. Michael Ruppert, a former Los Angeles Police Department officer, discusses the role of oil and drugs in the United States' action against Afghanistan in the film.

Senior Ben Krupicka, the chair for WEB's Issues and Controversies Committee, thought that "Truth and Lies About 9/11" gave a developed case and well-presented argument.

"It definitely opened my eyes to things that I wasn't aware of," Krupicka said.

Beyond the issues surrounding 9/11, Krupicka also thought that the movie had a valid message of thinking critically about situations and events that the media presents.

Krupicka was glad to see that the discussion following the movie went beyond the issues of Sep. 11.

Senior Melissa Smith also attended WEB's presentation of "Truth and Lies About 9/11."

"I wanted to see a different perspective of the feelings toward September 11," Smith said.

Although "Truth and Lies About 9/11" did not really change her opinion, Smith said that it urges you to think and research your own opinion on the issue. She said she felt that the movie gave valuable information to help her hold on to opinions that she was already formulating.

Smith is also glad that WEB is hosting Controversial

Issues Month.

"It's good to have controversial movies shown and it's good that Willamette is supporting it," Smith said.

Krupicka also sees the importance in raising controversial issues among Willamette students.

"This is a perfect time in people's lives to raise awareness of issues," he said.

Krupicka also said that as a college student, it is easy to get lost in one's life and believe one's traditional sources of information without doubt. He hopes that the movies will allow students to see other perspectives on issues of controversy.

Krupicka, along with the other members of WEB's Issues and Controversy Committee, decided on the movies that make up Controversial Movies Month.

"Natural Born Killers," shown last night, is an Oliver Stone film that documents and exploits two mass mur-

derers. The controversial issue lies in the movie's discussion of the role of the media when covering sensitive and violent events.

"Roger and Me," a Michael Moore documentary, records the closing of a General Motors factory in Flint, Mich. The movie discusses the role and obligation of corporations. Krupicka expects about 35 people to attend "Roger and Me."

"A Clockwork Orange," a Stanley Kubrick film, raises several issues including juvenile delinquency, violence, pornography, and the role of police. The main controversy centers on punishment versus rehabilitation of criminals in regard to criminal justice.

Krupicka expects that each movie has the potential to draw a different crowd of students.

He especially expects a diverse and large group for the showing of "A Clockwork Orange" on Nov. 26.



by luke dehnke

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Style

File

Ready-to-Wear Student Profile

Name: Yusuke Henmi
Year: Junior
Major: Business & Commerce
Hometown: Saitama, Japan

Personal style: hip-hop grunge

Where do you shop?

In the United States I shop at Value Village and at the Salem Center. In Japan I shop in large clothing stores, but they do not have names like here.

What do you wear the most?

I like to wear clothes that are old and inexpensive. One of my favorite pieces of clothing is these overalls, which I got used in Japan. My favorite color is green, so I wear that a lot. I like to wear layers, but I don't like jeans. Do you think people dress differently here than in Japan?

Yes, I think that Americans dress more casually. In Japan there are a lot more colorful clothes and have more personality.

Also, men wear clothes more fitted and people do not wear jeans as much. There are not as many clothes here as in Japan. I prefer Japanese clothes.

Who are your fashion idols?

In Japan, there are no famous people in fashion magazines, like in the U.S. Magazines have pictures of people on the street, because most people dress well there.

How do you come up with your style?

Fashion is my hobby. Here, I



Outfit:

White hat (Lancaster Mall, \$7), green T-shirt (Shepard Hall, \$12), customized hoodie (American Eagle, \$25) overalls (Japan, \$80), belt (American Eagle Outfitters, \$12), Nike running shoes (Seattle, \$45).
Photo by Julie Williams

usually go shopping about two times per week, but I don't always buy things. When I do get new clothes I wear them the next day.

I think it's fun to wear different kinds of clothes. I wear my clothes, so that I stand out.

What is your fashion philosophy?

I think fashion is important because when I wear my favorite clothes I feel happy. People's attitudes are changed by what they are wearing.

By Julie Williams. Reply stylishly to jmwillia@willamette.edu

"Femme" fatally flawed



By JON McNEILL
and STEVE DUMAN
COLUMNISTS

Dear Jon,

If Kevin likes to show his Bacon, I think it can safely be said that Rebecca likes to show both Romajjn and Stamos.

The comfort in that is, of course, that Director Brian De Palma knew they were his only way to carry anyone through this miserably disappointing flick. "Femme Fatale" is the story of a bad girl. Real bad. Her badness gets her into some trouble with some people whom she appropriately calls "bad guys" after a diamond heist at the Cannes Film Festival.

Eventually Antonio Banderas is dragged into the story, as he is an ex-photographer just trying to make a living in this crazy, crazy world. He takes a picture of La Femme de Stamos and gets into trouble with her and her peeps.

My trouble is this: Why does Rebecca Romajjn-Stamos have to be so hot? Subquestion: Why did De Palma, a man who created Mission: Impossible, agree to this pile of nakedness?

It's true. The use of feminine wiles kept every person in that theatre. Suppose Roseanne Barr was playing "Femme Fatale;" not only would that truly live up to the title, but also I would have been much less inclined to continue watching. Damn them for using Rebecca against me! And yet, don't damn them much....

In everything from its cop-out of a twist ending to Romajjn-Stamos' tour-across-the-world-attempt at a French accent, this movie is lame. Yet like a lab rat given pictures of half-naked mice for cheese, I keep coming back for more.

What the filmmakers did acknowledge was that Banderas is one of the few men alive able to compete in sexiness with Romajjn-Stamos. Rather than sparks between the two, I only saw them vie for camera attention while leaping over the gaping holes of the plot.

This movie does nothing but attempt

Dear Jon: Movie Review

to aesthetically please the viewer. And honestly, who can condemn it for this? Freedom of speech and all that. As long as Romajjn and Stamos keep the tickets selling.

Dear Steve,

I understand your consternation. You feel manipulated. You were promised an intriguing sexy thriller... and you got the "sexy." One out of three is only good in baseball. And I don't even think Rebecca Romajjn-Stamos plays baseball (John Stamos might, though).

I can't recall the last time I've winced as often as I did while I watched "Femme Fatale." I could come up with many ways in which this movie could have been redeemed—even right up until its end—but the course that it takes is less than spectacular. The last scene, in particular, pains me to even think about.

The fact is, you and I both liked "The Tuxedo" better than this movie. Something's not right here. I can only assume that you and I feel incredibly let down. "Femme Fatale" could have been so great. Brian De Palma always has interesting visual things in his movies, and he's experienced with eliciting strong performances out of his actresses (think "Carrie").

But, as so often happens, potential was the film's downfall. Well, potential and the really lame plot. And Rebecca Romajjn-Stamos' stillborn attempt at acting. And...

Yes, "Femme Fatale" had T&A. But take out the "T" and "A" from "Fatale," and what are you left with? "Fale." Well, it's spelled wrong, but you get the point. The movie failed.

I can only hope that DePalma pulls out of his slump (his last movie before this was "Snake Eyes") and finds the substance to go along with his visual panache.

There are parts of "Femme Fatale" that are masterful: camera pans that reveal plot points, the shots of Romajjn-Stamos underwater, but they come too few and too far between to be anything but oases in a desert of disappointment.

Jon McNeill is a senior and Steve Duman is a junior in the College of Liberal Arts.

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Rated: R

Showing: Santiam 11

Genre: Suspense



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Sterner to speak out against alcoholism

By DEREK LINDBLOOM
STAFF WRITER

Willamette University, like the majority of college campuses, has students who drink alcoholic beverages periodically. Some students will place themselves and others at risk as a result of their drinking habits.

Tonight at 7 p.m., Willamette University organizations will make an effort to reduce the dangers presented by educating Willamette students about the risks of driving under the influence.

Mark Sterner was a college student vacationing over spring break with four of his fraternity brothers. During their vacation the five drank repeatedly but always used a designated driver.

However, on the last night they made the decision that the person who was the most sober would drive. The five got into a car accident while on their way from one bar to another, and three of them died. Sterner was the driver.

After serving time in a maximum security prison in Florida, Sterner has traveled the country speaking about the dangers of driving under the influence.

Invited to Willamette by

the Panhellenic Council, Office of Residence Life, the InterFraternity Council, WEB, and the Educational Programs Committee, Sterner hopes that his presentation will have the effect of convincing students to exercise caution when drinking.

Sterner was invited largely due to the efforts of three Willamette students who saw him speak in Seattle. Senior Emily Bonifaci, President of the Panhellenic Council, and Senior Sukhee So, the Vice president of the Panhellenic

Council were among the students who saw Sterner's presentation.

"We're trying to make people think about their actions, think about what you are doing when you get in a car after you've been drinking or when you get in a car with someone who has been drinking," So said.

"Even though the off-campus party may not be that far away and the drive not that long, there is still the potential for an accident to occur."

One aspect which encouraged Bonifaci to bring Sterner to Willamette was how his presentation made the issues of drinking and driving seem closer to home.

What:
DUI: A Powerful Lesson
When:
Thurs. Nov. 14, 7 p.m.
Where:
Hudson Hall



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Sophomore Lindsay Hook observes the visual display discouraging DUIs.

"These are stories that you see in the news but you don't imagine it affecting people like yourself or people you know," Bonifaci said.

"It's shocking to see someone face to face who ended up killing three of his best friends. He looks just like a normal guy, like any Willamette student."

A key aspect of Sterner's presentation will be the showing of a video that he and his friends shot the night the accident occurred.

"They took a home movie of them taking shots at their hotel room," Bonifaci said.

"It shows them going down these curvy, dark roads, trying to hit 100 mph. It shows them at the first bar and it is

between that one and the next one that they get in the car accident."

The presentation is the central piece of a larger program attempting to increase awareness of the dangers of driving under the influence. During this presentation, the video footage will be shown, followed by Sterner's speech.

Afterwards, Skip Bollum from the Bishop Wellness Center will hold a "debriefing" session in the Fine Arts building where students can talk about experiences, questions, and issues they might have.

On campus, several additional components of the program are on display. A sign saying "Yourself" is placed in the center of the

Mill stream lawn with other attached signs listing more than two hundred people who can be affected by tragedies resulting from high-risk behaviors. Signs providing information about drinking in America are posted around campus. Many of them target college students.

The Safe Rides program was reintroduced this year as another direct effort to reduce the number of students driving under the influence.

Safe Rides is meant to give students who find themselves in dangerous situations "safe rides" back to their residences via a local Taxi Cab service. The student will be billed on his or her account for the ride home.

Get on the bus

By AVI KATZ
STAFF WRITER

Approximately five years ago, Willamette University entered into a continuing contract with the Salem Area Mass Transit District (SAMTD) to provide free public transportation for all students, faculty and staff. Along with several other Salem area businesses, the University entered into this program by paying a flat fee per student per semester that enables Willamette community members to

ride the Cherriot bus system free of charge with an ID card. The normal cost of a one-way ride on the bus system would be 75 cents per ride.

"We were contacted by the University because they were concerned about parking and providing alternatives means of transportation for their students," SAMTD spokesperson John Whittington said.

"We thought that this would be an excellent ...

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BRANDON BENNIGHT

A student waits at the bus stop on Winter Street.

Arbor stays connected

By AMANDA CONRADT
STAFF WRITER

A small folder with a bright red cover reads "Recipes from the Midnight Kitchen." It holds poetry, each piece created by someone who works at the Arbor Café.

An employee at the café organized the internal poetry contest, did the judging and created this manuscript. This small book is just one piece of the lush history of the Arbor Café.

The first manager of the Arbor, in 1991, was a recent Willamette grad in search of something interesting to do after graduation. He met his future wife there, a pastry chef.

Owners Bonnie Hull and Lynne Strelow recall their first staff, made up of many Willamette students. They say they learned a valuable lesson that year when the students left Salem for the winter break.

The Arbor was left without a dishwasher and only half of the wait staff. Since then Hull and Strelow have developed a system of hiring students from Willamette and from Salem in order to cycle employees during

vacations.

Hull and Strelow feel that there is a special relationship between Willamette University and the Arbor Café.

"Willamette and the Arbor are bound together—a fact that is probably true for many local businesses," Hull said. Both owners are married to professors at Willamette University and both share the same affection for former employees. They enjoy recalling stories about these Willamette students.

They remember unique qualities and can recall funny and interesting stories about students who at one time worked for them. They are still in touch with many of these former employees.

These women have witnessed romances and friendships blossom in their kitchen. Two Willamette students who did not know each other when they started working for Hull and Strelow have since married and begun graduate school after meeting at the Arbor.

"Many of these students have brought art, poetry, jokes, theater and singing into our kitchen," Hull said.

Hull and Strelow like having Willamette students as employees because, in their experience, although students are sometimes inexperienced, they are smart and trainable and have good work ethics.

They believe that the Willamette students they have hired are diverse and unique due to their other pursuits. "They usually know how to talk to our customers in an interesting way," Hull said.

Senior Sun Yu, a rhetoric and media studies and art studio double major, worked a shift during the day serving lunch at the Arbor.

"Willamette students bring a lot of spunk and energy to the Arbor — it's contagious!"

She also remembers a somber time last year when a Willamette student initiated a moment of silence to honor victims, survivors and people affected by the events of Sept. 11.

While Yu recognizes that Willamette students bring much to the Arbor Café, the business also supports the university and the students.

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Off-campus programs assigned

By COURTNEY THORNE
STAFF WRITER

On Saturday, Nov. 2, the Office of Off Campus Studies announced who would be going abroad this spring and who wouldn't. For some, this news came as a disappointment.

Junior Jake Spiering said that he was given the impression that the criteria for acceptance included being a well-rounded student, involved in many campus activities and having the ability to adapt well in different social atmospheres. After being turned away from a London program, he said that he realized the criteria "is limited to what they see in a grade report."

"A lot of people come to Willamette because they think it's a high probability of going abroad," Spiering said. The office's Web site states, "Willamette University considers study abroad to be a privilege and opportunities to participate may be limited."

Acceptance into a program is dependant on academic achievement at Willamette, an essay describing how the program would be beneficial to the applicant's college experience, and qualities of character and social skills as defined in two letters of recommendation: one from a professor or administrator and the second from an R.A. or someone who could accurately describe the applicant

in social situations.

"I'm concerned that I may not be accepted and I may have to go through a non-Willamette program and I may not be able to utilize my scholarships," sophomore Lauren Hicks said. She is plans to apply to a Europe program next fall.

Senior Amy Nanney went to Ecuador and, in speaking with students for many other students, recommends studying abroad and felt that Willamette has a great program. "In talking with them, I felt that Willamette had the best program there," Nanney said.

According to Zach Brittsan, Study Abroad Advisor, the programs have grown exponentially starting seven years ago and is now leveling off. Out of 81 applicants, 52 were placed into international and domestic programs for the spring, a percentage that Brittsan said has remained consistent over the previous years.

"We want to provide opportunities for students to study abroad and favor that," said Tom Hibbard, Interim Director of International Education and Off Campus Studies, "We're trying to make it work better for everyone."

One change will be the addition of a new director, Kris Lou from Aquinas College in Michigan. Brittsan expressed hope to continue to expand the abroad programs through the development of poten-



ERIC LAM

Kamilla Karassa, an intern from Denmark, works with sophomore Lindsay Schoenecke in the Office of Off-Campus Studies.

tial Willamette programs, two of which include Oaxaca, Mexico and Beijing, China. Considering programs established at other schools, "We compare favorably to other liberal arts programs," Brittsan said.

Other changes that are currently in the process of implementation include the shift from two separate applications for different semesters, one for Fall programs, one for Spring, to one application for all programs in the coming year. This means the application for the Spring of 2004 is due at the same time as Fall 2003,

on Feb. 13. In the past, many students have had the ability to apply for a Fall semester program with programs in the Spring to fall back on. Brittsan and Hibbard recognize the change may be viewed negatively by students.

Still, they believe the transition to one application will be a more efficient process and will be easier for students. "I'm encouraging people to apply for the two separate programs with two separate applications," Brittsan said.

The other option mentioned was having one

application through which a student could apply for both semesters and indicate a preference. Then during selection if they did not get into the program for the desired semester they could be reentered into the pool for the other semester.

"We're still working out the details," Tibbard said.

For any students planning on applying to an abroad program for future semesters, Brittsan advises: "Set up an appointment. Come see us. Use the web site."

From the perspective of a student, Spiering advises: "Make sure your GPA's high."

Downtown eatery maintains WU ties, employing students

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Yu said that Hull and Strelow contributed to a philanthropy for which she was raising funds.

Hull and Strelow feel that the Willamette students that have worked for them got things moving because they were self-starting. They think that the camaraderie that is built within the

café comes from the core of Willamette students that has been employed there.

Senior Jesse Goldberg says she applied for the job because the owners have ties to Willamette, although what she enjoyed most was meeting people that were not affiliated directly with Willamette.

Goldberg has enjoyed the experience of working with non-Willamette students at the Arbor Café. "It is a very eclectic bunch, but somehow for the most part we all get along," Goldberg said.

She explained that she has met students who have recently graduated from colleges on the east coast, as

well as Chemeketa students and young people not in college while working at the Arbor. "My favorite thing about the Arbor Café was meeting people from all different walks of

"We wouldn't want an Arbor Café without Willamette students."

BONNIE HULL
CO-OWNER,
THE ARBOR CAFÉ

life and making friends with people regardless of their educational history," Goldberg said.

She explained that all of the students work hard and that it is not just

Willamette students who bring diversity to the Arbor.

Hull and Strelow know that Willamette and non-Willamette students socialize together and that all of them work very hard, but they also have fun. They have witnessed friendships between those attending Willamette and those who do not.

Hull and Strelow feel that much of what they experienced and the relationships they have formed with students have come as a surprise. "On the whole they have enriched our lives and our business," said Hull. "We wouldn't want an Arbor Café without Willamette students."

Campus abuzz on cells

By YEN TRAN
STAFF WRITER

In a matter of 50 years, it has become known as the quintessential accessory. From power stock-brokers to pajama-wearing college students, cell phones have become a phenomenon.

Today, there are more than 60 million wireless users, according to the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. Wireless phones were conceptualized in 1947 from cellular technology and became more common in the last 25 years.

It is known as "cellular" because the system it uses is based on stations that divide service areas into multiple "cells" in which calls are transferred from base station to base station, as a user travels from cell to cell.

Students have differing opinions as to the impact of cellular phones on the Willamette community.

According to sophomore Pat O'Connell, 95 percent of Willamette students have cell phones. He recently received a cell phone two years ago from his parents when he began at WU for the purpose of long distance calls. But

that wasn't his only reasoning. O'Connell said jokingly, "I was looking for a fashion statement. I didn't want something too big, and of course, I had to get a cool ring."

Unlike O'Connell, some WU students think the percentage is more like 50 percent. Sophomore Becky Stott agreed, "I think at least 50 percent, but probably more."

Senior Katie Green recently got a phone and says that the reason why she bought one was because she commuted back and forth from school. Because she was at school for such a long time everyday, it was her only way to get in touch with everyone. "Before, I thought it was excessive and swore that I would never get one, but now I'm dependent on it," she said.

But why are cell phones such a big deal? The general consent is that they are useful. Freshman Jessica John agreed, saying, "They're great for staying in touch with people, especially when you're at college and you get free long-distance." Others have a different reason.

Although sophomore Cosmas Nwerem, doesn't have a cell phone, he has rea-

sons why people would.

"It's a useful thing because whenever you get lonely, you can just grab your phone and make a call to someone, and you won't be lonely anymore," he said.

However, there still are a percentage of WU students who don't have cell phones, and they're fine with it. "They're more money than I want to pay," junior Mandy Alexander said.

"They're also annoying when people drive and talk on the phone. I wouldn't want to be one of those people."

There are also students who think that not a lot of WU students have phones. Junior Akiko Iino, a TIUA student, is used to seeing 90-95 percent of Japanese students with cell phone. In Japan, she herself had one and used it everyday.

Wireless phones have come a long way in 50 years. Not everyone at WU thinks that cell phones are the best things.

Senior Rich Schmidt said, "They're useful but not when they go off in class," he said.

"There is a certain cell phone etiquette that people should know, and need to follow."

Nutria: Our rodent neighbor

By **JESSE GOLDBERG**
STAFF WRITER

One autumn evening during my sophomore year at Willamette, I was walking to the Bistro, when I saw it: a little furry animal with a long hairless tail and buck teeth like a beaver.

It was frozen in the middle of the path and for some reason I was overcome with fear that someone might accidentally step on it.

My conservationist instincts got the best of me, and I decided to convince it, slowly and gently, of course, to return to the mill stream, out of harms way.

Feeling only slightly stupid, I stood there, in the middle of the bridge, trying to talk the baby rat-like creature into moving a few feet to the left. However, apparently my coaxing had crossed the little guy's comfort zone and he hissed and ran at me like an angry stampeding rhinoceros. Needless to say, I screamed like a little girl and ran away as quickly as possible. But since then, I have wondered, what is this strange creature? Where does it come from and what does it want from us?

Called a Nutria, Coypu or even Swamp Beaver, the animal has an interesting history and a troubled future. Originating from Chile and Argentina, the nutria first came to America in 1938 with a man named McIlhenny to be bred for their pelts.

With fur similar to a beaver, the nutria was thought to be the latest fashion, far cheaper than beaver fur and very easy to breed.

However, a hurricane in 1940 allowed the population to escape to the surrounding marsh and swamp areas.

In other areas of the country, nutria farmers soon realized that the demand for nutria pelts was less than they had hoped.

Many ranchers chose to free the population and let it try to survive on its own. However, no one counted on the amazing reproductive skills of the nutria.

One male usually lives with several females and can father two or three litters at a time. The mothers can breed within two days after giving birth to a litter, ranging in size from two to eight at a time.

The mothers also have their mammary glands on their sides so the babies can feed while swimming.

Although only 65 percent of nutria embryos survive to be born, baby nutria reach sexual maturity between four and six months and have no problems procreating with siblings or even their parents.

Mostly aquatic, the nutria can stay submerged for up to 10 minutes. Awkward and vulnerable out of the water, the nutria usually stay close to small streams and swamps, only leaving to search for food. With poor sight and sense of smell, they rely on their advanced hearing to warn them of predators.

The thing that amazed me the most in my investigation was how hated these little animals have become. Virtually overrunning the marshes of Texas and Louisiana, the nutria are strictly herbivores. With enormous appetites, the nutria often over harvest foods, leaving them constantly searching for more.

Crops such as sugar and rice are among the most affected by nutria. For this reason, many people are trying to find ways to control the every growing population.

While several farmers use poison-soaked carrots, others have found a variety of uses beyond pelting for the nutria.

Used largely as mink food, nutria have also been utilized by the USDA for growing screwworms for laboratory experiments involving farm animals and the effect of the parasite!

The teeth are also used in jewelry, called the "white ivory" of Louisiana.

Increasingly, however, the main market for the nutria has been in cuisine.

Found on menus in New Orleans, Europe, Asia and South America, the nutria, said to taste like rabbit, is the main feature of dishes such as cubed and deep-fried nutria, apple smoke nutria, nutria fricassee and, yes, even nutria tacos.

Although fairly uncommon on the West coast, these little creatures are far from going extinct. Yet relatively few people know the real story of the nutria.

From its inconspicuous beginnings to its wild breeding, the nutria, distant cousin of a porcupine, has survived for decades on its own instincts.

It doesn't ask much of us: just respect and a constant supply of food.

I raise my glass to the nutria: a resourceful and adaptable, not to mention, great-tasting species. Perhaps the next time I run across a nutria, instead of being afraid or offended, I should toss my conservationist feelings to the wind and prepare a culinary sensation of unknown proportions.

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Sustainability on campus

By **SARAH KASSEL**
STAFF WRITER

This year, the ECOS club is attempting to create a sustainability committee. The student-initiated committee would be composed of students and faculty members from different departments who are dedicated to looking at the university's entire environmental impact.

"Sustainability is about being conscious of your (environmental) actions today, and making sure that generations after you have the same or better welfare," senior co-president Aaron Lien said.

"It's about conservation of resources and equal rights. You don't want to use resources that compromise other's welfare," he said.

The committee hopes to convince the university to sign a pact, the Talloires dec-

laration. This declaration, according to Lien, serves as an "ideological framework for inspiration." The pact is a 10-point plan created and signed by universities all over the world.

According to the declaration, institutions that sign the declaration agree to "Increase awareness of environmentally sustainable development, create an institutional culture of sustainability, educate for environmentally responsible citizenship, foster environmental literacy for all, practice institutional ecology, involve all stakeholders, collaborate for interdisciplinary approaches, enhance the capacity of primary and secondary schools, broaden service and outreach nationally and internationally and main-

tain the movement."

"We're not as much concerned with the document as the fact that we start thinking about it. We want it to have an effect in the

"It's about conservation of resources and equal rights"

AARON LIEN
SENIOR, CO-PRESIDENT OF ECOS

Commons decisions," senior Christine Hoekenga, co-president of ECOS.

Lien concurred, "We want to make the committee an institutionalized and workable part of campus. Hopefully it will happen by the end of the year. We need an ecologically sound committee," he said.

For those who are interested in joining the committee, applications will be available at the UC front desk soon. Those who would like to know more about sustainability can visit the ECOS club that meets every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Terra House lounge.

Buses free for students

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... opportunity to gain ridership and to provide better service for all of our Salem residents."

According to the Office of Financial Affairs, Willamette pays SAMTD at a rate of two dollars per student each semester including the summer for TIJA students.

These funds, along with fees paid by several downtown businesses in similar programs, have allowed Cherriots to expand its service past 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Cherriot buses operate Monday through Saturday.

"It gives the opportunity for people not to have a car which reduces congestion, parking issues, and is better for the environment," Campus Safety Director Ross Stout said.

All of the Cherriot buses are equipped with bike racks and are handicapped accessible. They run every half an hour beginning at 6:15 a.m. from the Downtown Transit Mall located at the corner of High Street and Chemeketa.

The more popular routes, including the 5A bus that departs for the Lancaster Mall, have stops located on or near the campus.

Ridership of Cherriot has dramatically risen from 2.3 million trips in 1990 to 4.6 million trips in 2001.

"Each of us were taught how to use the bus system when we arrived," TIJA student Emi Komazaki said. "It's nice to be able to go out without having a car."

Traffic and parking problems were a major concern when the program was instituted. With the cost of maintaining parking spots increasing each year along with parking fees, Willamette had been looking into various solutions to limited space for personal vehicles.

"We didn't become involved in this program simply out of the goodness of our hearts," Stout said. "We did this because we wanted to lessen the demand on parking and ensure that students have a free access to transportation."


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Fighting for a living wage

We could not exist for one day without the tremendous backbone of support provided by Willamette's classified workers.

The question must be asked: Is Willamette paying its employees a fair living wage, as well as treating them with the professional dignity they deserve?

Many of the people who support the university work at low wage jobs. Generally, a living wage in America is around \$10 to \$11 per hour.

In one documented case, a Willamette custodial staff employee worked four-part time jobs along with a Willamette custodial job to maintain an apartment. Can this be considered a "living wage"?

Still, Willamette's low-wage employees enjoy benefits that would be rare elsewhere, including medical and dental coverage.

Willamette goes above and beyond other institutions in its benefits for employees, but its not enough.

The series, "Behind the Scenes" looks carefully at the people that we as a community so often overlook in our daily lives.

Yes, a person can survive on \$15,000 dollars a year, but do we as a community want to stand idly by while employees of Willamette live under the poverty line?

Is \$12.50 an hour after 28 years of service a living wage? Paying employees enough to barely skirt the federal poverty guideline is no more of a living wage than welfare is a solution to poverty.

It all comes down to priorities. Speak to a classified employee for yourself about his or her experience working for Willamette and decide if that worker deserves more.

Study abroad should be for everyone

Some students are still feeling the sting of being rejected from Willamette off-campus studies programs.

Last week, 52 students learned that they made it into programs in Chile, London, Sweden or among 12 other destinations. Twenty-nine others learned that they will be at Willamette this spring.

Some feel like the programs are more selective than in past years.

In reality, the Office of Off-Campus Studies allowed about the same percentage of students into programs as in past years. But the demand is growing to go abroad — nationally and at Willamette. Even as more Willamette students are heading overseas and to domestic programs, more are being told "Sorry, no."

The Office of Off-Campus studies, which saw exponential growth in the early part of its seven-year existence, has leveled off a bit, says Zach Brittsan, an advisor in the office.

With more student demand, it's time for

this office to enter another period of expansion — adding more programs and recruiting more students for this vital component of our liberal arts education. Capable, bright students are being rejected from programs, and though the office's hands are tied with a limited budget and limited programs, it's time to make this privilege available for those ambitious students.

The program is taking some steps toward this, which is exciting.

There are great prospects for a program in Cuba, which is in the works, as well as one to Oaxaca, Mexico and Beijing University in China.

Additionally, a new director, Kris Lou, will be taking the helm of the office, to permanently place Kelly Ainsworth, who passed away earlier this year. Lou has a great opportunity to expand this facet of Willamette education.

With this change of the post, Willamette should look toward increasing the current percentage of Willamette students — about 30 percent — that go abroad.

A unified government, a compromised system

The unified U.S. government waiting to be initiated this coming January is unusual in recent political history. The American public habitually distrusts its government and favors it divided against itself.

In addition to the standard checks and balances envisioned by the Constitution's framers, the American voter is more comfortable with potentially ineffectual division than the one-sided efficacy of a purely partisan agenda.

The 2000 elections inaugurated one of the more unilateral administrations of recent memory, despite ending in a statistical tie. The habits of this administration have demonstrated a disdainful contempt for any kind of consensus building. Yet it would be a serious misjudgment to assume the results of Election Day constitute an endorsement of this behavior from the American public.

This negligent disdain for compromise leaves the minority adrift — and what a sizable minority it is. Despite the solidified control Republicans now enjoy in federal government, most of the ground won last Tuesday was of such a slim margin that claiming rights to a popular mandate is at

best a dubious proposition. Such an assumption is by no means cut and dry in terms of political currency.

What remains clear since the aftermath of the 2000 election is that America has become a body of people culturally divided into two nations: one affluent, ethnically homogeneous, rural, and religious and the other lower class, ethnically diverse, urban, and secular.

In this environment, it is the duty of this incoming government not to forget the tenuous claim it has to legitimate representation. The shrill condemnation of all criticism as unpatriotic must cease. Even in this time of war, such attitudes are antithetical to democracy. The majority must temper their mandate for action with a constant willingness to listen to the voices of opposition — nagging as their tones may be.

President Bush's Doctrine of Unilateralism, dangerous as it is in foreign policy, must not be extended to domestic battlefields. The danger is the further alienation of the minority from their government, a government whose most important role it is to protect them from the tyranny of the majority.

Theriaux Talk

You and me, baby, you *know* we ain't nothing but mammals.

So, let's do like they do on the Discovery Channel and talk dating at Willamette.

A field guide to some of the most common species of couple:

The impending marriage couple: *Inseperablus loveoramus*

Characterized by: Inability to operate independently of partner. Slowly begin to look alike. No one remembers their individual names, because they've been referred to as a meld of the two (like "Jeffany") for so long.

Annoying habits: Getting weird things like cottage cheese with tomatoes in Goudy because it's "their" food, writing "Jeffany loves Jeffany" all over notebook.

Tend to: make others bitter.

Will get married in: Cone Chapel.

In thirty years: Will be wearing matching Willamette Mom and Willamette Dad sweatshirts.

The booty call couple: *Bootcallous sketchymus*

Characterized by: Delusion that no one else knows what's going on with them.

Met: In line for the keg.

Relationship sustained by: Alcohol, Instant Messenger.

First date: Pimps n' Hos party, last year.

Last date: Pimps n' Hos party, last year.

Will probably never: Acknowledge other person's existence during daylight hours.

Not sure of: Other's last name.

The "You're cute, I'm cute, lets date" couple: *Attractivous superficialis*

Characterized by: Awkward silences, matching highlighted hair.



By MICHELLE THERIAULT
OPINIONS EDITOR

Dating because they are: Both good looking, functionally illiterate.

Met: At the tanning salon, conversation sparked over use of glittery vs. tingly tanning lotion.

Natural habitat: Anywhere pictur-

esque. Often seem to be waiting for a surprise visit from a camera crew. Always holding hands yet never seem to be talking.

First date: Standing in front of a mirror together admiring themselves.

The soap opera couple: *Massivous dramaticous*

Hobbies: Yelling at each other, crying, making up, yelling at each other, crying, making up, yelling at each other, crying, making up.

Why they own so many electronic communication tools: New technology = cutting-edge ways to yell at each other.

Best fight ever: On top of U.C., with megaphone and props.

Would break up, but: Then would have to yell at strangers, passing cars.

The sweet hippie couple: *Bistrous frisbeeous*

Characterized by: Lots of socially deviant hair. On legs for women, face for men.

Accessories: Frisbee, anti-war propaganda, dog named Marley on leash made of hemp.

Met: On the dark side of the moon, man.

Relationship sustained by: Marijuana, mutual hatred of World Bank.

(Any Jeff and Tiffany or Bethany or Stephanie couples, this article is in no way based on you two lovebirds, even if you do happen to enjoy cottage cheese and tomatoes together).

Letter to the editor

In last week's *Collegian*, the featured columnist Jeff Extine wrote an opinion piece blasting the Boy Scouts Of America for their exclusion of homosexuals and atheists.

While I agree with Extine that all should be included, he must be rebuked for his comparisons of the BSA. Comparing BSA to the Hitler Youth (a government run program which prized blond-haired and blue-eyed boys, indoctrinating them to become fascist soldiers), or the Ku Klux Klan and the Aryan Nations (groups which sponsor, support, and create domestic terrorism targeted against minorities) is both unfair and insulting.

BSA has been a model of integration for years. The composition of my old scout troop was approximately 60 percent white (in a 90 percent white neighborhood), containing Catholics, Protestants, and Jews. On top of this cultural and ethnic diversity, our troop was also diverse in its economic and occupational composition.

Boy Scouts brings together not only the kids involved but their parents. My scout troop was not unique in this aspect.

Even though the BSA can improve on inclusion within its membership, comparing them to hate-professing organizations is neither productive nor fair.

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RHETORIC NOTES

with Raul Moreno

Last Saturday American Most Wanted's John Walsh, sporting a ridiculous Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms jumpsuit, introduced America to Prescott Sigmund, a fugitive wanted for a car bombing in Washington, D.C. last July. The apparent target: his father Donald Sigmund, a wealthy insurance executive and parent to Wright Sigmund, Prescott's half brother.



versations crudely expose Prescott as nervous and culpable, when in fact family members had little idea the man was involved. And the show's preposterously staged bombing of the SUV literally makes a mockery of the suffering Wright continues to endure.

On Monday of this week, after watching his profile on AMW, Prescott turned himself over to authorities in Missoula, Montana. Already AMW's web site brags of the production's 728th "capture" as a "direct result" of last Saturday's program.

While I'm sure Prescott's apprehension has brought some measure of relief to the Sigmund family, I find the pervasiveness of cheap dramatization disturbing. Rather than attempting a more journalistic portrait of the tragedy, AMW and shows like it deliver quick and dirty narratives, shoddy thrill rides which are sure to rake in advertising revenue.

But one cannot blame the producers entirely. Through ratings, the viewing public demands quick access to current events repackaged as drama. ABC, for example, is already previewing a TV movie due out this month based on the nine coal miners rescued from a shaft in Pennsylvania last summer.

Television's tendency to dramatize history has become a push to similarly narrate current events. Unfortunately, as the temporal gap between reality and reenactment diminishes, so will accuracy.

Raul Moreno is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

For reasons unknown, the actors portraying the Sigmunds are all conspicuously obese. Their stilted con-

versations crudely expose Prescott as nervous and culpable, when in fact family members had little idea the man was involved. And the show's preposterously staged bombing of the SUV literally makes a mockery of the suffering Wright continues to endure.

On Monday of this week, after watching his profile on AMW, Prescott turned himself over to authorities in Missoula, Montana. Already AMW's web site brags of the production's 728th "capture" as a "direct result" of last Saturday's program.

While I'm sure Prescott's apprehension has brought some measure of relief to the Sigmund family, I find the pervasiveness of cheap dramatization disturbing. Rather than attempting a more journalistic portrait of the tragedy, AMW and shows like it deliver quick and dirty narratives, shoddy thrill rides which are sure to rake in advertising revenue.

The truth about 0-4 drinks

I'm sure that many readers of this column have wondered after seeing the plethora of advertisements (including mouse pads at the Smullin computer lab), do most Willamette students REALLY drink once a month or not at all?



comes from combining the first two categories (drank zero days, and one-two days), which gives the percentage of 58.4% Willamette students. However, it is important to note that the second possible answer, which was used to form the majority, is one to two days in the last 30 days.

I've talked to Deborah Loers, Dean of Student Development and Counselor at Bishop Wellness Center, who I thank for her help even though she might not like the outcome of this piece. From this discussion, I've obtained the data that was the basis for the statement in question.

By JEFF EXTINE
CONTRIBUTOR

College students often have problems dealing with alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol can be very dangerous if misused. I hope everyone on this campus is educated about the dangers of alcohol and don't really need these items to be stressed.

So, Mr. John Doe that drinks every other week (twice a month) would answer the second category, yet the poster would account Mr. John Doe as only "drinking once a month or not at all."

However, alcohol issues are something that should be discussed. Don't ever drive while intoxicated. That's just stupid and you put others at risk. One other item that should be discussed is the psychological idea of perceived social norms. This is the idea that if one engages in a certain behavior (for example, drinking alcohol) then they will believe that it is more common than it actually is.

Well, there was one other statistic that was very intriguing and makes one think about things a little differently.

The statistics from the Willamette core survey and national surveys backs this up. That poses the question, does the disbelief in the current advertising scheme come about from perceived norms, or is there actually more drinking on the Willamette campus than the survey suggests? Lets dig at this question by examining some statistics.

Now, if the survey had an answer two days in the last 30 days and more than 78 Willamette students filled in that bubble instead of the overlapping one to two days in the last 30 days, then the MINORITY of Willamette students would drink once a month or not at all. Casts some doubt into the survey, eh?

There was one other statistic that was very intriguing and makes one think about things a little differently. The question for this one is: "Average number of drinks you consume a week".

Now, again using the core survey results lets examine the statistics. 430 people (or 45.7 percent) said it was zero drinks on average. This leaves us with 510 people (54.3 percent) who answered that they drink at least once a week. 132 of those surveyed (14.0 percent) answered that they drink once a week. Herm... these statistics seem to clash a little bit don't they? So according to these results, most Willamette students drink once a week or more.

The poster in question essentially says that most Willamette students drink less than or equal to one time a month (to switch things into mathematical terms). Now, the exact question that these statistics are drawn from is the following: "During the past 30 days on how many days did you have alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)?"

As a disclaimer however, I must mention this, my roommate Damon Terzhagi pointed out that there may be some people who on average might not drink once a week, but do drink occasionally.

Now, there were several categories that one could answer but I will just combine the answers greater than one to two days into just one category. That said, in the core survey 305 people said they drank zero days (33.0%), 235 people said they drank one to two days (25.4%) and 384 people drank more than two days a month (41.6%). The statement "most Willamette students"

These people don't fall into any category, and to try and determine their effects on the results is quite difficult. While this may skew the results a little bit, I still stand that my interpretation disproves the claims made by Bishop Wellness Center's poster.

For my last word, I'd just like to say, that I truly appreciate everything the Bishop Wellness Center does for the students on this campus. I've been in there plenty myself, and they are always helpful and friendly. Now remember, alcohol is bad.

Jeff Extine is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

Confessions of a passionate moderate

It's hard to be an independent moderate in today's day and age.



By ERIK deBIE
COPY EDITOR

Everyone expects you to commit to something, and calls you the enemy if you don't want to. Well, I'll take my stand if you really desire it, and I'll try to please both sides of each issue.

that stupid idea? It makes no biological sense, and we aren't going to reproduce anyway (see above). Reproduction is just bad. Free the love!

Let's settle the partisan debate once and for all! I'm not pro-life or pro-choice, I'm anti-reproduction. No one should ever get pregnant or have a baby. It raises too many questions. We should just go with test-tube babies. They're simply better - stronger, faster, and smarter. Petrie dishes all the way!

While we're at it, ixnay on ethics and morality - it's not like we'll need that stuff in a fully liberated society.

I'm not for or against gun control. I'm anti-criminals and stupid people. Kill 'em now. Everyone who's going to kill someone, purposefully or accidentally, should be sentenced to death. Just get it over with now.

I'm not for small or large government. There should be no government as we call it today, but rather a benevolent yet ruthless theocracy.

While we're at it, mandatory executions for jaywalkers, shoplifters, speed drivers, teeny-bopper pop stars and exceptionally messy people.

In this vein, I'm not for or against war. I'm anti-disagreement. Everyone should just turn to worshipping the Grand Padish God Emperor Leto Atrides II.

I'm not for or against same-sex marriages. I'm anti-marriage as an institution in general. Where did we ever get

I'm not pro or anti death with dignity. I'm anti-dignity. People say guys are pigs, well, I say all people are no better than animals. Don't even live with dignity. You want to wallow in your disgust-ingness, sloppiness, and sinfulness anyway. I know this just from living in a dorm. Why pretend to be decent?

I'm not for or against lowering taxes. I'm anti-money. It is, after all, the root of all evil. We can start with destroying the stock market and the economy (we're already well on the path to doing that -

we elected a Republican president), go back to the barter system, turn that into work under the threat of force, and eventually we have a society where people produce because of fear. Fear is so much less expensive than cash, and easier to carry around with you. Rule by fear, and by the sword!

I'm not for school vouchers or anti-vouchers. I'm anti-education. Who needs education? Just look at your president. It's not like education will ever overcome sheer stupidity, and why does it need to?

That's why we have test tube babies! And while we're at it, just kill off all the hopelessly stupid people in our society.

We should just get rid of public education period. (Oh, wait, it looks like I'm for school vouchers after all, then.)

Blast it all, looks like I failed to be really moderate and please everyone. Darn. This is what you all want, isn't it?

You're going to stop asking for my support now? Everyone knows where I'm forced to stand in this crazy society of ours? Good.

Throw out the two political parties - heck, we've got all we need right here!

Erik deBie is a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Well he's truckin' on down from Memphis

Cruisin' down to New Orleans

Tonight he sleeps alone with a Cajun queen

Well there's smoke from the stacks a-blowin'

And he don't care where he's goin'

The only time he feels right is when he's rollin'

Well I'm talkin' about Truck drivin' man

Yea he'll always give ya, the best that he can.

-Lynyrd Skynyrd

Women don't make playoffs

Even with an impressive record, the Bearcats were not named one of four West-Region final teams.

By KERRI LADISH
STAFF WRITER

The Willamette women's soccer team waited anxiously all Sunday evening to hear whether or not they would receive an invitation to the 2002 NCAA Division III tournament.

Ranked No. 10 in the nation, tying for Northwest Conference championship honors, and finishing the regular season 16-2-1, the prospects looked good, but despite their record and impressive team and personal statistics, the Bearcats were not among the 45 teams selected Sunday night for the NCAA Division III national tournament.

The four teams chosen for the West Region tournament held this weekend include NWC co-champion Puget Sound (15-2-1), UC-Santa Cruz (12-6-1), Chapman (11-4-4) and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps (9-8-2).

Puget Sound and Claremont won automatic berths as conference champions (UPS beat WU on a head-to-head tiebreaker). The other two schools qualified as "Independent" entries.

Senior defender Laura Kunnert commented on the disappointing news. "It was really hard to end the season on this note. Stepping off the field at Linfield on Saturday it did not even cross my mind

Women's soccer

that it could be over. I just hope that the other seniors and I did our job in showing the new girls on the team what Bearcat soccer is all about," she said.

Willamette had qualified for the NCAA tournament in each season since moving to NCAA in 1998. The Bearcats advanced to the Final Eight in 2000 and the Final Four in 1998 and 2001.

Before hearing the news Sunday, the Bearcats finished their successful season on another high note. In their final game of conference play, and ultimately the last game of the 2002 season for the Bearcats, Willamette defeated no. 19 Linfield 2-1 in McMinnville.

Sophomore forward Nicole Dahl scored both goals in the second half of the game, before the Wildcats scored in the 90th minute.

On Monday, five Willamette players were awarded spots on the NWC all-star teams. Junior forward Anne Merten, grad student midfielder Emily Kern, sophomore midfielder Naomi Baez, and Dahl made first team NWC honors. Junior defender Stacy Clarke made second team and Laura Kunnert received honorable mention.

Merten leads the NWC in

shots (105) and shots per game (5.53), and is first in game-winning goals with six.

Dahl is tied for third in goals with (12) and goals per game (0.63), and is tied for second in game-winning goals with five. Senior goalkeeper Shelby Springer is second in the NWC in shutouts (7) and shutouts per game (0.37). The Bearcats lead the NWC in shots and corner kicks, with 21.37 per game and 6.53 per game, respectively.

The Bearcats will take an impressive home field non-losing streak into the 2003 season. This team is 57-

0-5 at Sparks Field since losing to Pacific (2-1) on Sept. 24, 1997.

Junior Cayly Christensen remains confident that next year's team will carry on the competitive, yet fun-loving tradition that has become characteristic of the Bearcats over the past year.

"This year we all had so much fun playing with each other and for each other, because of the great atmosphere the seniors created for the team.

"It was clear to everyone from the beginning that we were going to get it done, but have a damn good time doing it, too. Stacy (Clarke), Anne (Merten) and I want to continue that unity and tradition next year as seniors."

"I just hope that the other seniors and I did our job in showing the new girls on the team what Bearcat soccer is all about."

LAURA KUNNERT
SENIOR DEFENDER

How do you spell fun?

The IM tournaments branched out with scrabble competitions in the Montag Center.

By DAVELEEN DeMARS
STAFF WRITER

Scrabble doesn't sound like an intramural event, you say? Well, it is now.

Twenty-two students participated in the first ever Willamette Intramural Scrabble Tournament in the Montag Center Nov. 7. In addition to actual participants, a number of bystanders and friends formed cheering sections for the players.

Senior Garrett Kuramoto was excited about the event.

"I've just recently become interested in competitive 'tournament-style' Scrabble, and I am a rabid IM participant. I attempt to play in most tournaments and leagues that aren't soccer and basketball," he said.

In an effort to host a tournament different than those previous this year, and to reach out to all kinds of student interests, the intramural office polled students who hadn't been involved in intramurals previously and one



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Sophomores Amber Martin (right) and Laura Schick (not shown) lay down their letters against Senior Garrett Kuramoto and Freshman Trevor Tamashiro.

IM Tournament

suggested Scrabble. Plans were then underway for the event.

"The intramural program is always trying to find ways to reach a wide variety of students by offering programs in a variety of venues," senior and event co-coordinator Carey McFaddin said.

Twenty students participated in the doubles tournament. The tournament was run in a round-robin style with two divisions, where the games were 25 minutes in length.

The top two teams of each division then advanced to the finals, where two games were played.

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Box Scores & Schedules

VOLLEYBALL

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	15	1	23	2
Puget Sound	12	4	21	7
George Fox	11	5	20	6
Pac. Lutheran	10	6	16	8
Linfield	8	8	14	8
Willamette	7	9	11	15
Whitman	6	10	11	13
Pacific U.	2	14	2	22
Lewis & Clark	1	15	4	22

Last Match
Puget Sound
d. WU
in 4

-The season
is officially
over for
Willamette

MEN'S SOCCER

	NWC		ALL	
	W-T	L	W-T	L
Puget Sound	13	1	16	3
Linfield	11-2	1	15-2	1
Whitworth	8-1	5	12-1	7
Willamette	5-2	7	6-2	11
Whitman	4-2	8	8-2	9
Pac. Lutheran	4-1	9	7-1	11
Pacific U.	3-1	10	8-1	11
George Fox	3-1	10	4-1	13

Last Game
Linfield d.
WU 4-3

-The season
is officially
over for
Willamette

WOMEN'S SOCCER

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W-T	L
Willamette	12-1	1	16-1	2
Puget Sound	12-1	1	15-1	2
Linfield	9-1	4	13-1	6
Whitworth	5-1	8	6-1	11
Pacific U.	5-1	8	6-3	11
Whitman	5	9	9	9
Pac. Lutheran	4-1	9	7-1	11
George Fox	1	13	1	15

Last Game
WU d.
Linfield
2-1

-The season
is officially
over for
Willamette

FOOTBALL

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Linfield	4	0	8	0
Willamette	3	1	6	3
Whitworth	2	2	6	3
Pac. Lutheran	0	1	3	3
Lewis & Clark	1	3	3	5
Puget Sound	0	4	1	7

Last Game
WU d. Lewis
& Clark
21-14

Next Week
Nov. 16
at Linfield

CROSS COUNTRY

Coaches Poll Ranking:
Women's team: 21
Men's team: 2

Next Meet
Nov. 16 NCAA West
Regional Chino, CA

All standings current as of November 9.

Twelve added to squad



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Senior Alex Fiksdal works on his backstroke during a Tuesday evening practice.

Swim team starts season with a team of 32, a seasoned coach and lots of potential.

By PATRICK KEYS
STAFF WRITER

A few proud and stalwart emerge, blinking in the half-light of an early Oregon morning. The Willamette swim team begins another day with a rigorous morning workout to further hone what appears to be a team full of ability, vigor and experience.

Senior captains Rochelle Kibby, Amy Hoang, Brian Rutkay and BJ Wright have been a part of the team for several years, and have watched it develop into a cohesive unit. These experienced leaders swim alongside 12 new freshmen.

"The freshman team has both ability and depth," freshman Elise Tuttle said. "There is experience in all the strokes, which allows for some swimmers to become more specialized."

"The team is stronger than it has been in a while," soph-

Swimming

omore Avery Robinson said.

The whole team returned, joined by six new men and six new women.

Coach Al Stephenson agrees. "Having 12 new freshmen is a great boost for team numbers... having 32 swimmers gives us a lot more flexibility and versatility, when it comes to making race line-ups."

The team started the season out at a conference relay/sprint meet. The men's team stormed the meet and took second overall.

Similarly, the women's team made great strides and came away from the meet with a third place finish.

"We will definitely be more competitive this year than we have been in the past," Stephenson said. "We gained some key freshmen this year. Jessica Lee, Elise Tuttle and Amanda Dickson all bring something different to the team."

Another strong aspect of the team is the experience brought by veteran coach

Stephenson. Having coached for more than five years here at Willamette, he has seen this program grow, and takes time for the swimmers.

"Al provides a lot of support. He understands that academics comes first, and that swimming comes second." Sophomore Brett McNeil said, "No matter how bad I may seem, he is always there to encourage me and help me improve."

The team works well both in and out of the pool. "Everyone is really accepting and has a lot of fun," Tuttle said. "The returning swimmers definitely are very accepting of the freshmen, which helps a lot to create a comfortable atmosphere."

Returning talent, a promising freshmen class and strong coaching gives Willamette's swim team the edge it needs to be competitive.

"I think we are going to surprise some schools out there," Stephenson said. The team will be swimming against Evergreen State at home on Saturday at 1 p.m. on Nov. 16.

Scrabble scramble

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IM tournaments. One game was played for the championship and the other for third place.

Only two students played in the singles tournament. They played one full game and the winner was declared the singles champion.

Matthew McManus, singles champion, has been playing the game since he was a child.

"It's my mom's favorite board game, so we would play as a family, or with my grandparents when they would visit."

This intramural tournament was no different than any other, with competition and adrenaline running high.

"Willamette Intramurals are competitive, and the Scrabble tournament was no different," McFaddin said. "Yes, people are out there to have fun and spend time with friends, but nonetheless...people want to win. The Scrabble tournament was intense—vocabulary and spelling quizzes and strategizing could be heard throughout the evening, before and after games."

Kuramoto said he would like to see more board game

IM tournaments. "Games like Scrabble, however, that require a mix of intellectual knowledge, strategy, and luck, would fit in really well with the mission of our school and the kind of students we have here, in my opinion."

McManus agreed but would like to see the event follow more traditional rules of the game. "I don't think doubles is an officially sanctioned Scrabble event, so I would recommend that the tournament followed the real Scrabble rules, like playing through the whole game, and only had the singles event, but perhaps with four players per board, which is official."

Contact the intramural office for upcoming events, such as the indoor soccer and a dodgeball/kickball tournaments. And plans are in the works for more Alternative tournaments.

"There will definitely be more events such as this one, we know there are a variety of talents out there in the student body, and we want to give students the opportunity to show their skills," McFaddin said. "Plans" are in the making for some off-the-wall, new tourney ideas that will knock people's socks off."

IM Tournament

Winners:

— Individual —
Sophomore Matthew McManus

— Team —
Juniors Dan Davy & Noah Hatz

Executive position open:

HHR Publicity Manager

Contact HHR President Nick Winn at <nwinn>

Bearcats weather the storm

By STEPHEN ALBAUGH
STAFF WRITER

Ted Ogdahl Field looked more like the Millstream on Saturday as the rain poured all day long, however, the Bearcat ground game was not phased, running over the Lewis and Clark Pioneers for 377 yards in a 21-14 victory.

Willamette looked to put the Pioneers away as early as sophomore receiver/sweeper Jeff Liepman tucked the ball on his hip en route to a 19-yard touchdown run that would put the 'Cats on top 7-0 late in the first half.

The offense continued to dominate throughout the first half as senior running back Drew Ecklund showcased his talent, rushing for 134 yards and reeling in two passes for 57 yards including a 57 yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback John Brannon.

Brannon also was able to get it done on the ground, keeping the ball eight times while rushing for 50 yards, while on the other side of the QB platoon system, junior quarterback Tyler Gaspard

Football

jumped over the pile for a one-yard touchdown score. Senior fullback Justin Peterson proved to be a load for the Pioneer defense, going over the century mark for 108 yards on 21 carries.

After their traditional "D-Mosh" warm up, the defense stagnated the Lewis and Clark offense, holding them to one touchdown in 59 minutes before giving up an 18-yard pass from the Pioneer quarterback. The secondary and linebacking corps had a busy schedule against the Pioneer singleback offense, making 15 pass deflections and grabbing seven interceptions, including two by both junior cornerback Marcus Boards and senior linebacker John McDowell. Sophomore defensive ends Jeff Na and Nate Madock were at it again, keeping the pressure on quarterback Trent Thompson as well as giving him a group hug for a tackle.

"We proved that a good team can win in any environment. We have competed well in Texas, California and

the muddy terrain of Ted Ogdahl Field," said Na when asked about the defense's response to the monsoon-like conditions on Saturday.

In the last 10 years the Bearcats have split the series with Linfield, and were narrowly defeated a year ago when the Wildcats forced a fumble in the redzone late in the game. The Bearcats will be looking to upset, forcing the opposition to deal with the number two rushing attack in the country and a defense that just played one of their best games.

"The defense has to play a great game, if we stop the run we can control the game," said sophomore defensive tackle Blake Cam when asked about the key to another victory and possible playoff berth.

Linfield's Maxwell field will not be a forgiving atmosphere for the Bearcats, as the Wildcat's purple haze of fans will sure to be on their feet.

This traditional rivalry should live up to the hype, luckily the 12th man does not have far to travel to catch a glimpse of a game that is sure to be gridiron magic.

Convocation

Thursday, November 14th
12:45-1:45 in Cone Chapel

Professors Profess: Why they teach what they teach

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Rebecca Dobkins, Associate Prof. of Anthropology
Gaetano DeLeonibus, Associate Prof. of French
Doug McGaughy, Prof. of Religious Studies
Michael Marks, Associate Prof. of Politics

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: NOVEMBER 3-9, 2002

Campus Safety responded to 149 requests for service.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

November 4, 8:55 p.m. (Sigma Chi): Students reported that someone had glued the locks to their rooms and they were unable to enter. Maintenance was called to repair the locks.

November 5, 3:44 p.m. (Sparks Lot): A student reported that her car window had been broken out. The thief was apparently scared off, as nothing was stolen from the car.

November 9, 10:28 p.m. (Terra House): A bottle was thrown through a student's window and a bathroom window was also damaged.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

November 4, 7:51 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student injured his finger playing basketball. WEMS evaluated the injury and Campus Safety transported him to the hospital.

November 8, 10:22 p.m. (Alpha Chi Omega): A stu-

dent suffered a head injury after running and colliding with another student.

She was treated by WEMS at the scene and after refusing transport to the hospital, was advised to watch for signs of a concussion.

Nov. 9, 1:22 a.m. (Matthews Hall): An intoxicated student was treated by WEMS after other students reported she was ill.

After treatment, she was left in the care of her roommate.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

Nov. 6, 9:10 a.m. (East Physical Plant): A student was cited and charged with several policy violations after witnesses saw him park his vehicle in a reserved space then place a previously issued parking citation on his window, in hopes of avoiding another citation.

Nov. 9, 1:10 a.m. (Doney Hall): An intoxicated student refused to identify himself and fled from officers.

After breaking a window and resisting arrest, he was taken into custody with the help of the Salem Police and transported to Marion County jail.

THEFT

Nov. 5, 10:39 p.m. (Mill Street): A student reported that his car window had been broken and his stereo faceplate and radar detector stolen.

Nov. 6, 11:10 p.m. (Sparks Lot): A student reported that his stereo was stolen from his car. His window was forced out of the track and his lock was damaged.

Nov. 7, 2:01 p.m. (WISH): An employee reported the theft of a bell that was attached to the outside of the building.

Nov. 8, 7:03 p.m. (University Center): A student reported finding the currency exchange machine damaged.

Someone pried the machine open and stole an undisclosed amount of money. The case was referred to the Salem Police Department.

Nov. 9, 4:40 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student reported that her wallet was stolen from her bag. She had left her bag in a study room while she left to use a computer.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: From officer to paper

Each week, Campus Safety provides a report of their doings; this week, they tell us how those reports are generated.

By AMY RATHKE
STAFF WRITER

Every incident that requires a Campus Safety officer to fill out a report gets into the weekly write-up in the paper.

Everything, that is, short of "incidents that are so incredibly boring that no one cares about them," according to Campus Safety Director Ross Stout.

These include "false fire alarms and other things that will have no kind of lasting consequences for any party involved."

Officers keep a log of their activities 24 hours a day, but many of their calls consist of room lockouts and minor problems of that nature.

Occurrences that do not require the contact of other offices, such as Residence Life or Maintenance, generally do not warrant reporting.

The primary purpose of

the Campus Safety Report is to educate the Willamette community, Stout said. If reading about a stolen backpack at the library makes a student more cautious with their belongings, then the Report has accomplished its goal.

Additionally, Stout says, "People enjoy reading it. The report provides a slice of real life in your immediate community."

The duty of adapting the officer reports for the Collegian write-up rotates among the Campus Safety officers.

Officers make sure names are not mentioned in the report, and that just the location is given.

No incidents are left out because they may cause embarrassment.

"If there is an incident that is particularly controversial, like a sexual assault, we'll change the location" so that it encompasses a broader area, "but we won't leave it out," Stout said.

For example, specific dorms will not be cited in the instance of sexual assault, but the words "residence hall" will appear in the report instead.

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