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Pelton's focuses on national visibility

By DAN RIVAS
Staff Writer

There is a sense that a new era has begun at Willamette and that era begins with President M. Lee Pelton.

Though the demographics of the University have changed little as of yet, Pelton, along with faculty and staff, are striving for a diverse community of students and faculty that exchange ideas and experiences from all over the world, not just the Northwest. In essence, Pelton wants to "take the veil off of Willamette".

Pelton brings ambition and excitement to Willamette, but at the same time he wants to maintain the core of what Willamette has always been. "One of my goals is to sustain and enhance [Willamette's] excellence."

Pelton wants to "continue to present a student body that is characterized by quality and by diversity."

Finances, and the continuing need for financial aid is another high priority for Pelton. "I want to make sure that the University has the financial resources so that we can continue to provide sufficient financial aid for students."

In addition, President Pelton is concerned about the social aspect of student life. He said, "...students need to have social space that they ...have control over." Pelton has in mind a 'hang out' where students go for events, parties, or just to kill time.

Another idea to enhance campus life is to have a program that stipends seniors writing an honors thesis. In exchange, the senior would have to present his/her information to students.

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> *-President M. Lee Pelton*

It is this kind of social/educational experience that Pelton hopes to see more of on campus.

Pelton sees his investment here at Willamette to be in people and programs. He is concerned about faculty salaries and the quality of faculty the school is able to recruit and maintain.

"Our faculty salaries, especially for a college of liberal arts, lag behind the salaries of their peers."

Yet, Pelton's over arching goal is "to increase the university's national visibility."

This year, 85% of the incoming class was from 13 Western states and overall, only 25 states were represented. Pelton wants to see students learning from people from all kinds of backgrounds.

"Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to have a student who grew up in Grants Pass to have in a roommate a student who grew up in Park Avenue, Manhattan, New York. There is a tremendous amount of learning that can take place in that kind of environment."

Through his leadership and commitment to this university Pelton hopes to make Willamette a name known around the country both for its academics and its environment for students and response has been favorable.

He is pleased with the warm and enthusiastic reception the University has had toward him and his ideas.

The feedback he has gotten has been positive and he feels that is his greatest achievement thus far.

"The feedback that I have gotten is that I am perceived by students as being open and accessible and I am perceived by faculty as someone who cares about academic life."

If you would like to get to know more about President Pelton and his plans for Willamette he has office hours from 2-4 on October 29th, November 5th, and December 3rd.

Students promote pluralism

By ANNA BIERMAN
Staff Writer

Pluralism is defined as a condition in which minority groups participate fully in the dominant society, yet maintain their cultural differences. To freshmen Amy Curkendall and Russel Bither-Terry this idea combined with positive spirituality is something they hope to promote throughout the Willamette campus.

After spending time at a conference entitled, "Education Transformation: Pluralism, Spirituality and Higher Education" at Wellesley College, the two returned enthusiastic, wanting to encourage a more spiritual mind set among students succumbing to a secular environment. They sought their calling at a Wednesday Interdenominational Service, and after conferring with Chaplain Charles Wallace, they underwent an extensive application process to ultimately achieve delegate standing at the symposium.

The conference focused on strategies and innovative methods to able secular institutions to meet the spiritual needs of all students. Both Curkendall and Bither-Terry agreed that pluralism is no longer visible in many ways of life and has gradually dissipated especially in the college atmosphere. Ideally, they are looking to reinstate the acknowledgment of varying religions, and not settle for achieving solely tolerance.

They hope to reintroduce pluralism on campus by initiating a gathering of people who hold unlike convictions. They feel that the people involved would be able to better appreciate and celebrate each other's individual beliefs, being comfortable with realizing and sharing their own form of religion or spirituality.

Curkendall and Bither-Terry want to instill an awareness of more than one basic principal, as this is an important aspect of making pluralism work. Bither-Terry ponders thoughtfully before responding with his simplistic and point blank definition of pluralism, "it's when religions get along" Curkendall further prods, "it's being OK with each other's differences and being confident in encountering those differences."

Essentially, they want to help others formulate individual and personal perspectives of religion; they would hope to see students growing in their own spirituality. Their goal is to organize multi-faith events, perhaps even a council or club that would further cultivate and expand the idea of pluralism.

Sizemore, Kitzhaber vie for gubernatorial position

By TRAVIS BROUWER
Contributor

Oregonians who vote on the state's gubernatorial race this November will face a marked contrast between the two candidates. While incumbent Democratic Governor John Kitzhaber has campaigned on rebuilding Oregon's tradition of moderate progressive politics by protecting the environment and increasing funding for schools and public transportation, Republican Bill Sizemore has preached a philosophy of free enterprise, limited government, and individual responsibility and pledged to make state government more accountable and efficient.

Bill Sizemore (R)

Gov. John Kitzhaber (D)

According to Cathy Epley, Sizemore's press secretary, the differences in philosophy "couldn't be clearer. Governor Kitzhaber believes in huge bureaucracies and government answers to everything, and Bill believes in allowing people to keep more of their money."

Curtis Robinhold, Kitzhaber's campaign manager, disputes Epley's assertions. "Governor Kitzhaber and Bill Sizemore have different philosophies, but Kitzhaber doesn't believe that government is the solution to everything, though he does believe it can play a positive and proactive role in society," Robinhold said.

Most observers predict a relatively easy win by Kitzhaber. A poll released by the Oregonian last week showed Kitzhaber leading Sizemore 70% to 17%. Robinhold believes that this is a natural consequence of voters getting to know more about Sizemore. "More people are getting to know Sizemore and liking him less," he said. Robinhold said that he assumes that this gap will narrow by the election but that Kitzhaber will still pull off a sizable margin of victory.

Sizemore's campaign acknowledges that Kitzhaber is ahead but believe their candidate still has a shot. "I think if people hear Bill Sizemore's message, he will win," said Epley. "The media is unwilling to print what Bill says," she claims, partly because of a liberal bias.

The two candidates differ a great deal on the issues. Sizemore gained his stature as an anti-tax activist, and he has pledged not to raise taxes if he is elected. In a recent debate, Kitzhaber refused to make a similar pledge, noting that although he did

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Last weekend students welcomed their parents onto campus. Parents and families were treated to a concert and mini-university classes.

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Forensics Team continues its success

For the second weekend in a row, Willamette's Forensics Team traveled to a far off place for a tournament The team returned from Lewis & Clark College Sunday, October 11 tired but triumphant.

The all squad tournament was the first oppurunity for members of the team to compete in individual speech events and only the second debate competition of the year.

Schools from across the West Coast, and especially, the Northwest, were present for a total of about 30. They included Univerity of Utah, Santa Clara University, Pacific Lutheran University and Carroll College.

The team had a majority of its members break to finals in several different events. In the end, seven students competed in finals.

Freshman BJ Southard was a finalist in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking, an event that gives competetitors thirty minutes to prepare a speech on a given topic.

Willamette had two members break to finals in Senior Drama, an interpretation of a cutting from a play. Senior Kristina Bujak placed 3rd and Junior Charity Conger was a finalist.

Freshman Johnny Vong was a finalist in Senior Programmed, an interpretation of material centered on a common theme.

Junior Meagan Vidal placed 3rd in Senior Poetry.

Junior Dustin Buehler was a finalist and Freshman Jeff Golimowski placed 2nd in Senior Impromptu.

The team also performed well in debate. Four debate teams advanced to Octafinals.

They were Sophomore Danielle Mathey and Senior Monique Allen, Conger and Sophomore Jamie Moshin, Golimowski and Junior Erica Eichers, as well as Junior Kara Minkoff and Buehler.

Sophomore Dillon Shea and Vong also advanced to Quarterfinals and then Semifinals in the Junior Division. Eichers and Golimowski advanced into the Quarterfinals.

The first two tournaments have been successful for the squad. Eichers stated "I'm excited about the success our squad is having this early in the season.

We have a young team this year, and Lewis and Clark shows just a hint of the talent we have. I think we'll be seeing Willamette making even more of a presence at tournaments, not only this season but also in the next couple of years."

Assistant Debate and Speech Coach Jennifer Miller agreed saying, "I was very impressed by how our team did this weekend. An impressiveshowing of force, breaking four of the total 16 teams in parliamentary debate, speaks to the strength of our program.

We also had a strong showing in individual events, which excites me to see how we will fare this year in the district,"

Freshman Vincent Pontier, at his second tournament, is enthusiastic about the coming year, "Lewis & Clark gave us a taste of who might possibly become our major competition for this year."

After two weekends of competition, the team will have several weeks to recuperate.

Then several debate teams will head to St. Louis to face teams from another part of the ocuntry.

The weekend of November 6-8 will see the squad headed to Lower Columbia college.

However next weekend, while most students are enjoying a three day weekend next week, the forensics team will be busy helping run and judge at Willamette's annual High School Speech and Debate Tournament.

Chinese political prisoner to speak

Harry Wu, a political prisoner in China for 19 years and now a tireless human rights campaigner, will speak Tuesday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in Melrose Auditorium at Linfield College. This lecture if free and open to the public.

Wu is the founder and executive director of the Laogai Research Foundation.

He established the foundation to gather and disseminate information on the Chinese gulag, known as the Laogai, the most extensive forced labor camp system in the world today.

Wu has repeatedly risked his life returning to China to document slavery and human rights abuses. Since 1991, Wu has returne d to China three times in order to secretly visit prison camps and film the human rights atrocities occurring there.

For more information, call 434-2574 or 434-2498.

President Pelton's office hours

Willamette University students are encouraged to bring issues and concerns to President Pelton during his office hours.

Students should also come in even if they just want to chat with the new President.

No appointments are necessary because this is a walk-in basis.

Call ext. 6209 if you have any question.

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State Legislature races will rely on turnout

By TRAVIS BROUWER
Contributor

Willamette students will face important decisions when they go to the ballot box on November 3rd to select next year's state legislature.

The Republicans currently have a majority in both the state House and Senate, but Democrats hope that having popular incumbents like Governor John Kitzhaber and Senator Ron Wyden at the top of the ticket will help them take back the House and pick up seats in the Senate.

The Democrats' hopes- and the Republicans' fears- rest in part on a Salem House seat that will help determine which party controls the House for the next two years.

In the 31st House District, which includes Willamette University and most of west and south Salem, Republican Jackie Winters and Democrat Loren Collins are engaged in a close and important race for the seat vacated by Bryan Johnston when he became Dean of the Atkinson School here at Willamette.

A lawyer and former city councilor, Collins helped put more police offers on Salem's streets and fought the Kinross Copper Mine to protect Salem's water supply.

He has pledged to get tough on juvenile crime by imposing definite penalties for teen offenders and implement prevention programs.

Winters, an African-American, has worked in both business and government.

In the early 1980s she served as state ombudsman, an office charged with handling citizens' problems with government, and in 1985, she founded a restaurant, Jackie's Ribs.

Winters stresses that these two different types of experience will serve her well if elected.

Winters also believes that twenty-seven years of living and working in the Salem community give her the experience necessary to perform the job.

If elected, Winters has vowed to work to lower class sizes in schools, deter juvenile crime by imposing stiffer penalties, and adequately fund public education, including Head Start.

She also seeks a tuition freeze at Oregon's institutions of higher education and has proposed providing child care for secondary and post-secondary students with children.

Republicans have an advantage among registered voters in the district, and Winters will also enjoy an advantage in fundraising.

Between June 9 and September 24, Winters took in more than $70,000, mostly from business groups, while Collins raised just over $40,000.

This fundraising differential leaves Winters with nearly seven times as much cash on hand, which will allow her to launch advertising campaigns.

Despite these obstacles, Collins' campaign manager, Willamette senior Jesse Gnehm, believes that Collins can win because of the hard work he has put into the campaign.

"I think he's got an outstanding chance [of winning]. I think the extra effort by himself, his staff, and his volunteers will put him over the top," he said. "Hard work and grassroots effort will be what win this election, not money."

As in most races this fall, turnout will be an important factor. According to Gnehm, "I think turnout will be the number one factor in determining who wins in this race and in the other Salem races.

If Democrats and Independents don't turn out to vote, Democrats in Salem will have a hard time winning." Gnehm adds that getting students out to vote will be critical for his candidate's chances because they could easily supply the winning votes.

Students registered to vote at Willamette will also vote on a state senate race.

In the 16th Senate District, which includes most of south and west Salem, Democrat Lloyd Kumley, a Salem attorney, is taking on powerful incumbent Republican Senator Gene Derfler, the Senate Majority Leader.

Kumley, who has served as Vice-President and chair of the Local School Advisory Committee and has been involved in his neighborhood association, believes that Oregon should make quality education its top priority.

He favors a "balanced approach" to protecting the environment and accuses Derfler of voting against the environment 90% of the time.

A self-proclaimed fiscal conservative, Kumley wants to increase the government's efficiency and effectiveness.

Because Willamette lies at the corner of three House district and two Senate districts, students who live off-campus may vote on other races.

Students who are registered to vote at residences east of campus will vote in the 32nd House District, a race that both parties are watching closely.

This contest pits former Democratic state Representative Kevin Mannix, now running for his old seat as a Republican, against Democrat George Bell.

Bell, a former Assistant Secretary of State and Assistant Secretary of the Oregon Department of Transportation, was recruited by the Democrats shortly before the filing deadline when a challenger to Mannix failed to appear.

Bell has pledged to give public schools adequate resources, expand Head Start so young children are prepared to learn, and stop juvenile crime with early intervention and immediate consequences.

He has also indicated support for protecting the environment by cleaning up the Willamette River and maintaining Oregon's land-use laws.

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Campus Safety Report for October 3-10, 1998

Criminal Trespass Warning

October 4, 11:20 a.m. (University Center) - An intoxicated male, who was looking for cans, was observed by officers. He was contacted, issued a written trespass warning and escorted off campus.

October 10, 1147 p.m. (Doney Hall) - A student reported that some males were continually knocking on her door. Officers contacted four Western State University students who were identified as the ones disturbing the students. The four were given Trespass Warnings and departed campus.

Criminal Mischief

October 4, 6:43 p.m. (Lee House) - Four students were contacted while drawing on the walkway with chalk. They were instructed to stop and clean the walkway. They failed to comply and the matter was referred to the Campus Judicial System.

Possession of a Controlled Substance

October 5, 12:25 a.m. (Matthews Hall) - While conducting a fire drill, officers smelled marijuana as students left their room. After the fire drill, a student was contacted and questioned. He admitted that two friends had smoked marijuana in his room. During a consensual search of the student a small vial with a clear crystal substance was found. A Drug Recognition Expert from the Salem Police Department was contacted and tested the crystal, with negative results. The vial and crystal was taken by the police for testing by the State Crime Lab.

October 6, 3:30 p.m. (Kaneko Hall) - Students and staff reported the smell of marijuana coming from a room. Officers investigated and determined that marijuana had been used in the room. The matter was referred to the Campus Judicial System.

Theft

October 5, 9:40 a.m. (Kaneko Hall) - Officers received a report that someone had stolen candy from a machine. It appeared that the service person had not locked the door after servicing the machine.

Emergency Medical Aid

October 6, 2:39 p.m. (Walton Hall) - Officers and WEMS responded to a report of a student with a continuous nosebleed. WEMS members treated the student and officers transported him to the emergency room.

October 6, 6:42 p.m. (Eaton Hall) - A student complained of a head injury she had received earlier in the day. WEMS responded evaluated her and officers transported her to the Emergency Room.

Failure to Evacuate During a Fire Alarm

October 8 1215 a.m. (Baxter Hall) - Four students were referred to the Campus Judicial System for failure to evacuate the building during a fire drill.

October 9, 12:40 a.m. (Lausanne Hall) - Seven students were referred to the Campus Judicial System for failure to evacuate the building during a fire drill.

Assist Outside Agency

October 9, 7:24 p.m. (800 State Street) - Officers contacted and detained a female subject who was out of control and called for the Salem Police Department. When Salem Police arrived the subject ran towards Trade Street. The Campus Safety Officers assisted Salem Police in the foot pursuit until the subject was in custody.

Movie Reviews: *ANTZ* and *Buffalo '66*

Film: *ANTZ*

Starring: Voices of Wood Allen, Sharon Stone, Gene Hackman

Computer Animated

Playing at Lancaster Mall

Verdict: ☆☆☆☆

Don't listen to film critics. They either praise a film so highly that we go in with expectations that can never be met, or they pan it so completely that we don't gamble our hard-earned $6.50 and give it a chance. The latter was true of *Antz*. Advance word on the first non-Disney computer animated feature was not good. But I decided to gamble.

What do you know? Those critics were wrong. *Antz* is a hilarious blend of romantic comedy, action adventure, and sociopolitical cautionary tale. It sounds improbable that such a bizarre combination could work, but it does. Antz balances all three with brilliant results.

Woody Allen voices our hero, a neurotic, wimpy worker ant named Z who falls in love with the feisty but stuck up Princess Bala (*Basic Instinct*'s **Sharon Stone**). The problem? Princess Bala is engaged to the power-hungry General Mandible (**Gene Hackman** of *The Birdcage*) who has hatched a plan to eliminate the worker ants and start a new colony with his soldiers. Wackiness ensues as Z fights for Bala's affections, inadvertently kidnaps her, thwarts the General's plans, sets off to find the mythical "Insectopia", and changes the course of (ant) history forever.

The action sequences are riveting, especially when Z and Bala find themselves outside the ant hill. Although not a musical, under the supervision of *The Lion King*'s Hans Zimmer, the fantastic score jumps from big band classics, through orchestral pieces, to Latin rhythms. Allen's trademark stuttering wit will have you in pieces. The rest of the cast is extraordinary as well. Joining Allen, Stone, and Hackman are **Christopher Walken** (*Pulp Fiction*), **Anne Bancroft** (*The Graduate*), **Jennifer Lopez** (*Selena*), **Danny Glover** (*Lethal Weapon*), and *Coneheads* **Dan Aykroyd** and **Jane Curtain** as a pair of elitist bees. This spectacular mass of talent combined with stunning animation and a wit- and action-driven script make for some incredible entertainment.

It's hard to miss the social and political overtones of *Antz*. The film opens with a monologue by Z to his psychiatrist in which he expresses his displeasure with colony life and his desire to be a meaningful individual. General Mandible's plan to create a super-ant colony is carried under the banner of the 'greater good'. The workers work without questioning, and the soldiers face slaughter blindly. Individual expression is not an option, until Z (accidentally) leads a social revolution. And the kicker is, it's all roll-on-the-ground funny.

This film is a witty, side-splitting, unusual little comedy/adventure. I guarantee laughs, an exciting story, and enchanting characters. It is a cartoon, but not a kid's cartoon. Live action film makers should take lessons from this charming movie. Don't listen to critics (except me)--go see Antz!

–Tobin Addington

Film: *Buffalo '66*

Starring: Vincent Gallo, Christina Ricci, Anjelica Houston, Ben Gazzara

Director: Vincent Gallo

Playing at Salem Cinema

Verdict: ☆☆☆☆☆

Do your parents love you? What if they didn't? What if they resented your existence because your birth caused them to miss the Buffalo Bills AFL championship victory in 1966? You'd feel angry and dejected. You'd do anything for some affection from them. And after you went to prison (that's where people go when their parents don't love them) you'd try and convince them that you are worthy of their love. You'd lie about your successes. You'd come up with an imaginary husband/wife so you could convince them that someone loves you. Yet every ploy that you come up with to fool them into loving you fails.

Billy's story, created and performed by **Vincent Gallo**, is a comedy and a tragedy and a meaningful love story. It follows the life of Billy Brown who's parents (**Anjelica Houston** and **Ben Gazzara**) are fanatical Buffalo Bills fans who have only missed one game in their lifetimes. Billy's birth was the cause of this and his parents, mother in particular, hate him for it. Billy grows up without any attention from his parents minus the time when his father gets mad at Billy's puppy for pissing on the rug and kills the dog in front of him.

After Billy gets out of jail he desperately wants to communicate with his parents to inform them of his success. He kidnaps a tap dancer (**Christina Ricci**) and convinces her to play the role of his wife, "Wendy" (Wendy is actually the name of a girl Billy was infatuated with throughout his schooling years but they never spoke). They go to the parent's house where Wendy is showered with attention while Billy is ignored. This only increases Billy's alienation and leads him to cook up a crazy vendetta involving the man he thinks landed him in the slammer. After going to a bowling alley (where he is king) Billy rents a room next to the strip club that is owned by the man he wants to kill.

The intensity of this film is amplified by the use of grainy film (it gives a dark tinge to everything), the soundtrack, and the costumes of which Ricci's baby-doll dress fits her attention starved character perfectly. The range of emotions this film has are extensive. The audience goes from being disgusted with Gallo's character to wanting him to finally find love in Ricci.

I strongly recommend this movie to anyone who wants to see a love story with dynamic character who may resemble the people you never got to know in High School. I personally think this is the best movie this year.

~Justin Beem

Album Review: In The Aeroplane Over the Sea

Album: In the Aeroplane Over the Sea

Group: Neutral Milk Hotel

Company: Merge Records

Verdict: ☆☆☆☆☆

The minute you pick up **Neutral Milk Hotel**'s In the Aeroplane Over the Sea, you know there is something different about this band and this album. With no label announcing the band or the title on the front, and no listing of songs on the back, the CD carries an anonymous quality. This is carried further by the cover artwork that features an odd woman with what looks like a drumhead for a face (see below right) But don't worry - with the band's name on the side of the CD you can be assured that the wonderful sounds of Neutral Milk Hotel do reside within.

Neutral Milk Hotel is from Athens, GA (home of **R.E.M.** and the **B-52s**), and is just one band that is part of the Elephant 6 collective. Basically, with this group of musicians, everyone plays in everyone else's band. But here, **Jeff Mangum** is the ringleader, writing all but two of the songs on Aeroplane and doing the lead vocals. Behind him, no less than eight friends help out, playing many exotic "instruments," such as a saw, zanzithophone, shortwave radio, and "one-note piano." These instruments (and many more) combine into a very unique sound with an old-fashioned flavor.

While the music itself is incredible (as evidenced by the two awesome instrumentals), what really drives the songs are Mangum's surreal, vivid lyrics. And there are a lot of them. They're not even printed into standard lines and verses (which wouldn't work for them anyway), or even separated by song, and they still take up nearly half of the sheet they are printed on.

One theme in the album is the story of Anne Frank; though never referred to by name, she is definitely present in the songs. "Holland, 1945" is about her life in general, from her family having to move into hiding, to her death ("but then they buried her alive one evening 1945 with just her sister at her side").

Amazingly, these words are set to an up-tempo, fuzzed out song complete with some horns, making it the most cheerful song about Anne Frank I've ever heard. That may seem morbid or disrespectful, but I think Mangum is using the song to celebrate her life, and is in no way demeaning her story.

The lyrics also have many body references, making it seem like a cruder, more blunt In Utero. Kissing and sex are far from romantic with mentions of teeth and muscles and semen and ovaries. This isn't too surprising from a guy who on his last album wrote a "Song Against Sex."

However, Magnum redeems himself on beautiful songs like "King of Carrot Flowers Pt. 1" and the title track, where refuge from a scary outside world is found by being in love with another person.

I cannot thank enough the friend who gave me two NMH songs on a mix tape, so now I pass this discovery onto anyone who is looking for diverse, creative music. If you've ever wanted to know what other people's dreams are like, then seek out In the Aeroplane Over the Sea and hold on for an emotional ride.

– Marie Diamond

The Collegian Music Guide

This Week
October 16-22

Fri, Oct 16
-**Misty River** (folk) @ Boon's Treasury, 399-9062
-**Knuckleheads, Shorthanded & As You Wish** @ Keizer American Legion
-**See Jane Run w/guest** @ TommyJohn's, 540-4069
-**The Dandy Warhols** @ LaLuna, PDX, (503)241-Luna
-**Jr. High, Darth Vader's Daughter, Hub** @ 17 Nautical Miles, PDX, (503)771-2411
-**Liquid Soul, Q Burns Abstract Message, Pimp Daddy Nash, Mer-Ka-Bah Mothership** @ Crystal Ballroom, PDX, (503)225-0047
-**Sevendust, Clutch, Stuck Mojo, Ultra Spank** @ Roseland, PDX, (503)224-2038

Sat, Oct 17
-**Sixteen Strings** @ Boon's Treasury
-**Soulfori** @ TommyJohn's,
-**Suzanne Westenhoefer** @ Alladin, PDX, (503)233-1994
-**Box Set w/ Hummingfish** @ Crystal Ballroom
-**Sunny Day Real Estate, MK Ultra, Magstatic** @ LaLuna

Sun, Oct 18
-**Swing Tips** @ Crystal Ballroom

Mon, Oct 19
-**Modest Mouse, Blonde Redhead** @Crystal Ballroom
-**Ani DiFranco** @ Silva Concert Hall, Eugene

Tue, Oct 20
-**J.T. Meier** (open mic) @ Boon's Treasury

Wed, Oct 21
-**Loren Franklin** (folk) @ Boon's Treasury

Thu, Oct 22
-**Wright-Way** (guitar duo) @ Boon's Treasury
-**Choosey Beggars** (pop) @ TommyJohn's

This Month
October 16- November 16

-**17 Reasons Why, Jesus Presley, Hummingfish, Blue Honey** @ LaLuna, Oct. 23
-**Southern Culture on the Skids** @ LaLuna, Oct. 25
-**Money Mark, Buffalo Daughter** @ Roseland Theatre, Oct. 25
-**Jon Spencer Blues Explosion** @ LaLuna, Oct. 26
-**Skatalites** @ Roseland Theatre, Oct. 26
-**Barenaked Ladies** @ Civic Auditorium, Oct. 28
-**Gravity Kills** @ Crystal Ballroom, Oct. 31
-**Dave Matthews Band** @ Rose Garden, Nov. 3
-**The American Girls** @ HERE!!!, Nov. 6
-**Mudhoney** @ LaLuna, Nov 13
-**Super Diamond** @ LaLuna, Nov. 14

HOT TIPS
for the week of October 16-22

Who:
The Dandy Warhols

When:
Fri., Oct. 16, 9:30pm

Where:
LaLuna (Portland) (503)241-LUNA

Why:
The Warhols are fresh off an Australian/New Zealand tour, and are here to entertain their home town. Don't miss the chance to see this top-ten (UK) band in a sure-to-be-great performance!

Coming Soon...
Better Than Ezra @ LaLuna, Nov. 27 ....**Brian Setzer Orchestra** @ Memorial Coliseum, Dec. 4....**Depeche Mode** w/ **Stabbing Westward** @ Rose Garden, Dec 6

Call the venue for more details...

East meets West:THE DRAMA CONTINUES

Like the battle of the sexes, the battle between East and West has raged on for years. This column, EAST meets WEST is dedicated to examining all those quirky differences foun ' between Midwest and West coast cultures.

By Eric Larson and Scotty Iseri
Staff Writers

Once again, and again and again, we meet our heroes in the dramatic drama we all have come to know and downright loathe.... That's right folks, and doggies and kittens, and the occasional goldfish, we bring you, not for the last time, the magical world of East Meets West.

Scotty: Aren't we going to get sued? I thought Disney had a copyright on that magical world thing?

Eric: The hard fact of it is Scotty, fair feathered fiend, Disney has copyrights on that little freckle behind your left ear.

S: I knew about that one. They're making an animated musical about it next year. It's called "Frecklehontas."

E: How original.

S: Yeah, they're going to try extra hard not to offend any minorities in this one.

E: Is Michael Bolton doing the hit song?

S: One better. They found the one person with even less soul than Michael Bolton. It's that hottie from the Thomason Auto Group commercials. He sings a mean tenor.

E: As per usual, we have strayed from the topic that we haven't even touched on yet. Good Work, compatriot. I don't really know about your Thomason Auto fella'. What I can offer you is the beautiful work of a man who does these hardware commercials back home. "The Menards guy" as he is affectionately referred to. This is a man it has taken years and years of psychotherapy for Minnesota children to get out of their collective conscience.

S: What does he do?

E: That's just it! Nothing! [And again, Eric assumes his tangential tone] Some people speculate that he has actually been dead for a number of years and they have stuffed him and turned him into a puppet.

He's this man with a huge head of white hair, glasses, and the kind of enthusiasm you only get from those musclemen who bend bars in the name of God, on TV....

S: [To Audience] In case you couldn't tell, our topic this week is obscure cultural icons of the midwest and our happy little land of trees, tillamook, and rain rain rain.

While Eric dances around the question of who this Menards guy is, I would like to point out that I, although a native Oregonian, only received television from Idaho as a child. The nearest TV station was in Boise, and so, just to please any Idahoans out there....Anybody remember the Latham car guy? And now back to our story.

E: ... so there you have it. And he didn't even ask my name.

S: That's absolutely fascinating. SO what does this Menards guy sell?

E: That's a topic of debate in itself, I think. My young conspiratorial ridden mind tends to think he is involved in gun running for Lucky, the Lucky Charms cereal spokesleprechaun.

That's a General Mills food you know? Another Minnesota conglomerate. Menards is suspiciously close to the GM campus. Coincidence? I think not.

S: You wacky son of a lion's mother.

E: I'll tell you one thing though. There sure are a heck of a lot of "god" signs out here.

S: Well, Oregon may be seen as a 'promised land' but I sure haven't seen any signs from God around here.

E: No, slappy, signs that say things like, "Jesus loves you," or quote bible passages and stuff.

S: And what's wrong with that?

E: Nothing. More power to 'em. It's just that all our political message billboards in Minnesota have to deal with anti-abortion.

S: Weird.

E: Yeah.

S: Are we going to get in trouble for this?

E: We're bound to offend somebody. Well, let's move on.

S: One thing about Oregon that I really like is fact that ....

E: You know what? Since a lot of people here are from Oregon, and not Minnesota, let's talk about Minnesota quirkisms.

S: Because it's such a quirky little place to live. Quirky meaning frightening and dirty.

E: Yeah, have you looked up "Scotty" in the name books lately? Yikes!

S: Oh yeah, what do you call a Minnesotan with the same I.Q. as Forrest Gump?

E: (Rolling his eyes) Above average?

S: A virgin! No, wait I messed that up. I was supposed to say....

E: STOP!

S: [Sheepishly] Yessir.

E: It is unfortunate that people get their idea of Minnesota from "Fargo." With a few exceptions, of course, it's just not like that.

S: Speaking of Fargo, along the lines of cultural icons, how many times have I heard your little tirade about the fact that you know "THE ROAD" where it was filmed?

E: Where are you going with this?

S: Shut yo' clappity trappity, boy, I'm-a getting' to my point. Movie locations are sort of another kind of cultural icon.

Like here, in Oregon, we have the beach where the last scene of "The Goonies" was filmed.

E: Well, my friend Suzanne (another Minnesotan) was in the Arnold Schwarzenegger classic, "Jingle all the way."

S: And then she came to Oregon. Point for me.

E: Ummm. MallRats was filmed in Eden Prairie Center ... NOT the "mega-mall" like many think.

S: Somebody always gotta evoke the holy trilogy [For those of you who do not know, the Holy Trilogy is no longer Star Wars, Empire and Jedi, but is now Chasing Amy, Mallrats, and Clerks, by wonderboy Kevin Smith]

Bust this, those movies, no matter how ingenious they are, are all about how the Midwest keeps the Oregon man down!

E: I don't even believe this. Again, I shall fight. First of all, those are all supposedly set in New Jersey, which makes this extra-futile ... but, a man, hip to the pop culture pulse, like Kevin Smith, knows where to go to get that teenage-angst and bored feeling.

Ha-Hah! Whoops, that's one for you, huh?

S: Dang straight, you brain dead hick. That's what I've been saying all along! Minnesota is boring.

E: Oh, you are so ducking dead!

S: Bring it on farmboy.

E: (Eric brings it on.)

The two fight like a pair of sissy girl scouts. Mucho violence and badness ensues. If you are sensitive to this kind of cruelty, please refrain from imagining the scenario.

E: Give up?

S: Eric, what are you talking about? Look at you, you're tied to the refrigerator, dressed like little Bo Peep, with Q-tips coming out of your nostrils.

E: Touche.

S: And you can stop singing "I feel pretty." I told you, you only had to sing it once.

E: But it's such a good song. Sing it with me Scotty.

E & S: (singing) I feel pretty! Oh so pretty! I feel pretty and witty and gay! And I pity any girl that isn't me today. I feel charming! Oh so charming.

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Inside Pelton's mind

By DAN RIVAS

Staff Writers

You may know about President Pelton's career, his plans and goals for Willamette, you may even know that he always wears bow ties, but do you know his favorite books, movies, foods, what sports he played, or his favorite TV show as a kid? You will.

Dan: What's your favorite movie?

Pelton: I don't have a favorite movie. I have lots of movies that I like. . .Here's what I would say: since I've had kids, I don't go to movies.

I watch videos at home. I can not tell you the last time I went to a movie theater. It's usually videos. I have favorite directors I like.

I love Quentin Tarentino. I love "Pulp Fiction". . .so I wouldn't say, I like all kinds of movies. I like romances, and I like movies that have a sense of humor. I like movies that are literate.

Dan: What is your favorite food or type of food?

Pelton: Well, I like hot and spicy. I like Thai food. I like Korean food. I eat fish and I eat chicken, I don't eat meat.

Dan: I'm sure this is an impossible question, but what is your favorite book?

Pelton: I don't have one.

Dan: Are there any books that are meaningful to you?

Pelton: I've tried to suggest what books were meaningful to me. One would be "The Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison, "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald was really meaningful book for me, the Bible.

Anything written by James Joyce and James Baldwin. Virginia Woolf. I read just about everything. I wouldn't say that I have a favorite.

If you were to say the book I probably read the most would be "The Great Gatsby". I probably read it more than two dozen times.

Dan: Did you play any high school or college sports?

Pelton: I played in high school, I played basketball, football and I was a high hurdler. I did not play intercollegiate sports, though I was recruited to play football.

Dan: I hear you work out in Sparks a lot. How much can you bench press?

Pelton: I used to be able to do a lot. I suppose now I could do 250 to 260. I run now so I don't want to put on the muscle mass.

Dan: In a final showdown who would win, the incredible hulk or Superman?

Pelton: Superman. That's how I met my wife. I met my wife at a dinner table at Harvard. We were having an argument about the movie.

Dan: What was your favorite TV show as a kid?

Pelton: I liked *The Fugitive*.

Dan: Who will win the World Series?

Pelton: Probably the Yankees. I don't see how they couldn't.

Dan: What are some of your favorite places in the world?

Pelton: I would have to say Conway Lake in Conway, New Hampshire.

Dan: What is your favorite piece or aspect of the new museum?

Pelton: I don't know the name of the piece but there is this wooden sculpture as you come into the museum. (Venus, by Jan Zach)

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Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19) This is a great time to finish a project you have been procrastinating with. If you ever wanted to go sky diving, this is your chance. You will need extra energy for all the work coming your way in the upcoming weeks.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Slow down and take a deep breath. Life has a lot to offer so don't rush through everything. Sometimes, the best relief for a stressful day is to just kick back and do something you enjoy for a little while. Afterward, you will be more at peace and better capable of dealing with life's tribulations.

Aries (Mar. 21- April 20) Sometimes are problems are overwhelming. Don't be afraid to ask for help. However, sometimes you need to take a vacation from your troubles. Practice putting your problems away before you go to bed. In the morning, maybe they won't seem so bad.

Taurus (April 21- May 21) Failure is only a stepping stone to success. Keep focused and don't let distractions and failures hold you back. Your ambition will propel you forward . A balance between work and play is necessary for keeping sane.

Gemini (May 22- June 21) Watch what you say. Someone could be listening. Be careful not to expose other people's secrets. Be on your best behavior, your friendliness will bring you great rewards. Be thankful for the subtle gifts that you receive this week. You will have to look for them.

Cancer (June 22- July 22) Follow your heart. You are the only one who really knows what you want, so stop asking others. If something doesn't feel right, then it isn't. Walk away before someone gets hurt. If it does feel right, proceed with abandon. A free heart is a happy heart.

Leo (July 23- Aug. 22) Good things are coming to you this week. An invitation for something fun gives you something to look forward to. Keep in mind that it isn't money or free time that will bring you the greatest happiness. Rather, it is an inner sense of peace, well-being and independence that will make you happy.

Virgo (Aug. 23- Sept. 23) Don't lie to yourself. Stop pretending that things are peachy. Try and be more truthful with yourself about your feelings. If you don't, they will expose themselves and bite you in the butt. Reaching out to friends and family will make it easier for you.

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How the editorial process at the Collegian works. The new staff at the Collegian thought we might attempt to give some insight into the actual working processes. It may be important to point out that some of the editorial staff are completely new. So, while the desire of the staff is to create a newspaper that our fellow students can be proud of, we may not always have the information, or time, to do this. In this light, here are some of the things we did to get this paper to you.

In opinions, some of our writers needed time to catch up on their school work, so there was only two articles to work with. It takes an enormous amount of energy to write an opinion piece. Once you submit an opinion for publication your peers have a chance to read, and criticize your idea. You don't, however, get a chance to respond or defend yourself.

Unfortunately, because of this we lose people that could contribute important ideas. One of the biggest problems is the writing process itself. Not being professional writers, nor having time to really develope a writing style, it is difficult to know exactly what you have said. For instance, humor is one of the most difficult emotions to express in writing. Thus, as has been the case already, we often find ourselves retracting things we never really meant to say at all.

The actual length of the articles we receive may also present a problem. The desire of lay out (or the placement of text, pictures, and graphics) is to create an aesthetically pleasing effect. Yet, as is the case this week in opinions, the articles came out long, but not long enough to fill the whole page. So, the empty space on the bottom of the page most be filled with writing that the editors must create.

We also must include comics, pictures, and advertising to both fill space, and meet the requirements of a newspaper. Specifically, advertising is an important aspect that must always be included in the lay out of the paper. Advertising is an important source of income for the paper. It allows us to continue to fund the work we do. Unfortunately, none of our writers, photographers, or editors want to work for free.

Also, we currently lack the equipment we need to do our work effectively. As it turns out, our printer has a virus, so we can't print out copies of what we do to edit them. Many of the computers we use are also outmoded. It is often difficult to open articles from the disks that we receive, because some of the computers are unable to open them.

Currently, we are facing a problem with too much material in some sections (sports), and not enough in others (opinions and news). We have about a page and a half of ads that need to go into the paper to meet our responsibility to our advertisers. We decided to place a single page in the middle of the paper with just ads. To do this we had to call our printers, and find out if it was OK. Since they did agree to do it, someone on staff now has to create the two page insert.

The largest problem we face in news is the time frame between receiving an article and placing it. Fortunately, a number of exciting things happen on campus on Wednesday, the last day we have to lay out the paper. So, to keep the paper even somewhat current we have to wait until our writers go to the event, and then write the article. As many students must know, pressure on a writer is almost never helpful to the process. Many of the articles we receive come in with grammatical errors that need to be corrected before we finish. This is not the fault of the writers though. It is understandably difficult to write a piece that is perfect, brief, and clear in a few hours. It is not uncommon to receive an article at ten or eleven Wednesday night.

Copy editors, like everyone else, need to sleep. No one here expects anyone to stay up until four in the morning to copy edit pages were just finished. Our copy editors often come in early the next morning to look over the pages, yet they are still very pressed for time. In short, we are students, humans, imperfect, and often tired. We do take pride in our work though, and we hope that as we learn more we will produce a paper you all can be proud of.

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A Condemnation in Solidarity

LYSHA WASSER
Writer

I am writing this piece not only for myself, but with the wishes of the Willamette Socialist Union, and six other Willamette students who this past Wednesday viewed the film " The Salt of the Earth" in celebration of Socialism Week.

After the film we all concluded that it was a wonderful piece, worthy of much praise, and a great way to get away from the studies on a Wednesday evening.

Aspects of the film we enjoyed particularly were the facts that Mexican and Mexican-American miners were presented with dignity in their struggle for equal treatment as Anglo miners. They were given lead roles, and spoke articulately of justice, solidarity, and ethics.

Women also played a vital role in the film. They took on "traditionally" male roles by taking over the picket line, and consequently saved the strike. In this process, the men in the movie were also forced to be critical of their own hypocrisy, and recognize women as equals.

Indeed, this movie is progressive by modern day standards. Yet, there is something else special about this movie produced in 1953, it is the only film ever blacklisted in America.

After the film ended, I asked everyone in the room if they could find one legitimate reason why this movie ought be banned. The answer was a resounding no, we were all in agreement it is a beautiful movie. Therefore, the Willamette Socialist Union, along with other Willamette students condemn our government for allowing this fine film to be blacklisted.

Undoubtedly this movie was blacklisted because it showed unions in a positive light, and therefore was nothing more than "Communist" propaganda according to our McCarthyist leaders. We say in solidarity, "Pathetic!"

There should be no reason that a film be banned whose central theme is that Mexicans and Mexican-Americans are people with dignity, and have every right to strike for livable working conditions. It would be comforting to say that these antics are activities of the past for our government, but they are not.

The law is ludicrous, because it is inhumane

This issue of giving dignity to workers, and workers of a different skin color especially, is alive and well. Both of our Oregon senators, Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith, and our congresswoman Darlene Hooley are all supporting a bill that undermines the rights that Mexican-American laborers are fighting hard for. They attempt to sneak this dehumanizing bill past us by calling it the "Guest Labor Law."

Under this new bill, Mexicans would be "invited" to work in Oregon, and growers would be able to pay them wages significantly below minimum wage.

If this were to succeed, all union power that PCUN (Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste) and the UFW (United Farm Workers) had accrued would be obliterated. Wyden, Smith, and Hooley, could tap into an endless supply of "scab labor" for growers, which would make all union power impotent.

Therefore the United farm workers would find themselves having to work for lower wages without any sort of protection from inhumane conditions or demands growers might impose on them.

It is almost a facsimile of the incredible dilemma the Mexican and Mexican-American miners found themselves in New Mexico in 1953 (the historical event the movie was based on). The law is ludicrous, because it is inhumane.

Just because a person is different skin color is no justification for treating them less than human, and when it comes down to it, that is what is happening. Reflecting upon the movie, I see how important it is. It depicts the tragedy and horror of the racism that the workers must face; it shows the inhuman effects of "good business."

This problem is not far away, it is right in our backyard in Woodburn. In solidarity as human beings we must all say this treatment is unfair, because no one deserves a life where they have no chance at succeeding. We must say no to the Guest Labor Law, and call it for what it really is: state sponsored racism and economic degradation.

In solidarity: Willamette Socialist Union, Josh L. Bode, Susi Koestner, Darren Stone, Brandon Criss, Alan Fish, Katie Jones.

Some Reflections about the Economy

MICHAEL MANGAN
Editor

Not having studied economy in an academic setting, perhaps I don't have room to discuss my opinion about the recent developments in our economy. Somehow though, I have come to the conclusion that I have something useful to say about it anyway. So, here it is.

The value of the dollar is no longer based on the gold standard. In fact, the dollar has no material equivalent. Thus, if everyone wanted to turn in their dollars tomorrow, not everyone would get something for them. The dollar is really based on the same thing this country was founded on, faith.

This may be reassuring for some, but it is frightening to me. As Karl Marx foresaw in Capital capitalism has trapped us into an economy based on belief in abstruse economic policy.

So what's really bothering me about all this is our prophets reaction to the recent drop in the NASDAQ. Since our economy is one based on belief, when an economist says we are going into a recession we do. Thus, an economist can only be right for as long as the public believes that what they say is going to happen.

It seems that instead of prophesying another economic recession they should be building up our faith in the economy.

Perhaps more than this, we should all look for a way to reestablish the economy on actual commodities, rather than abstruse policies.

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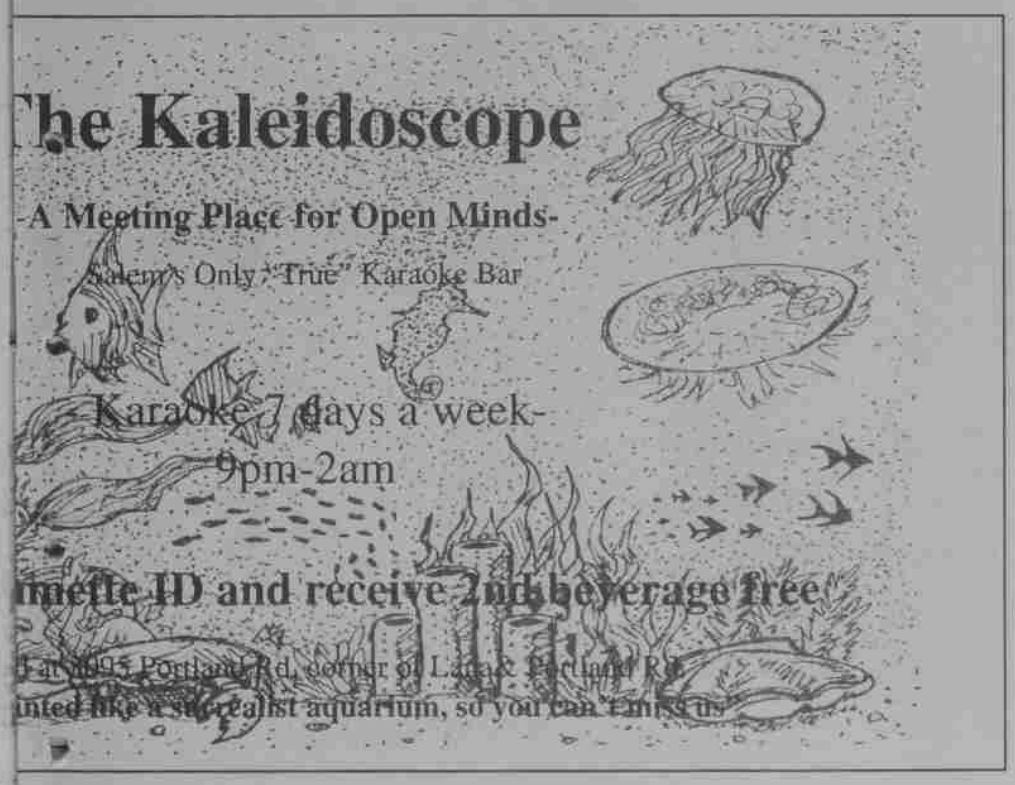

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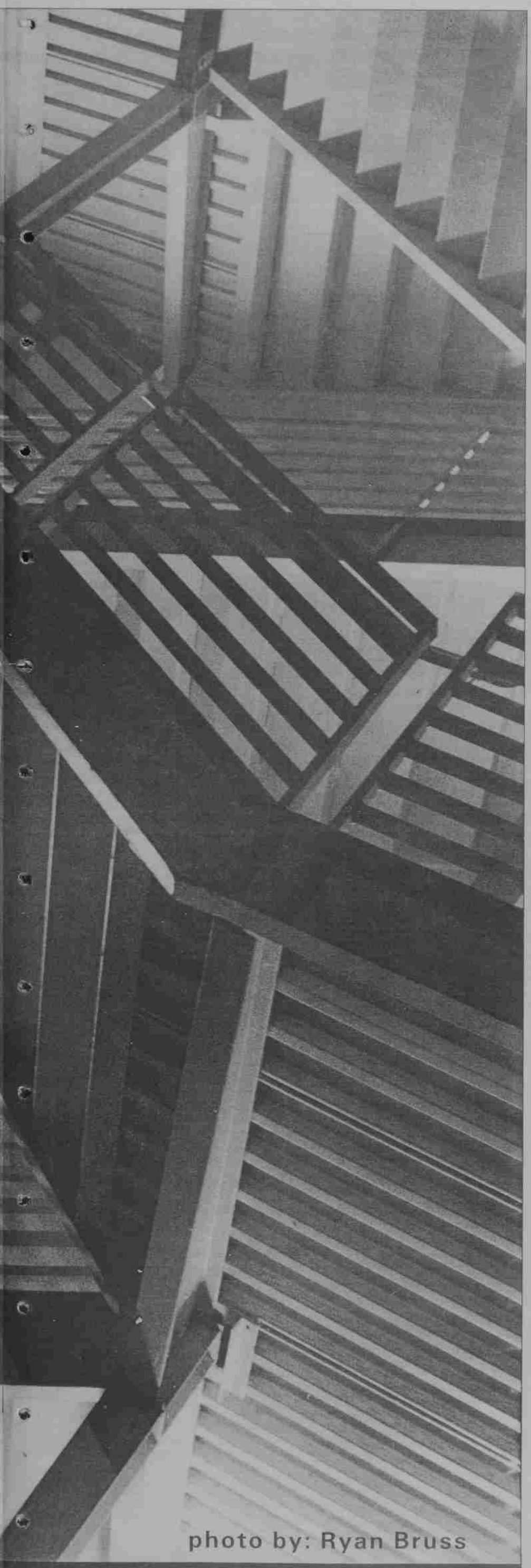

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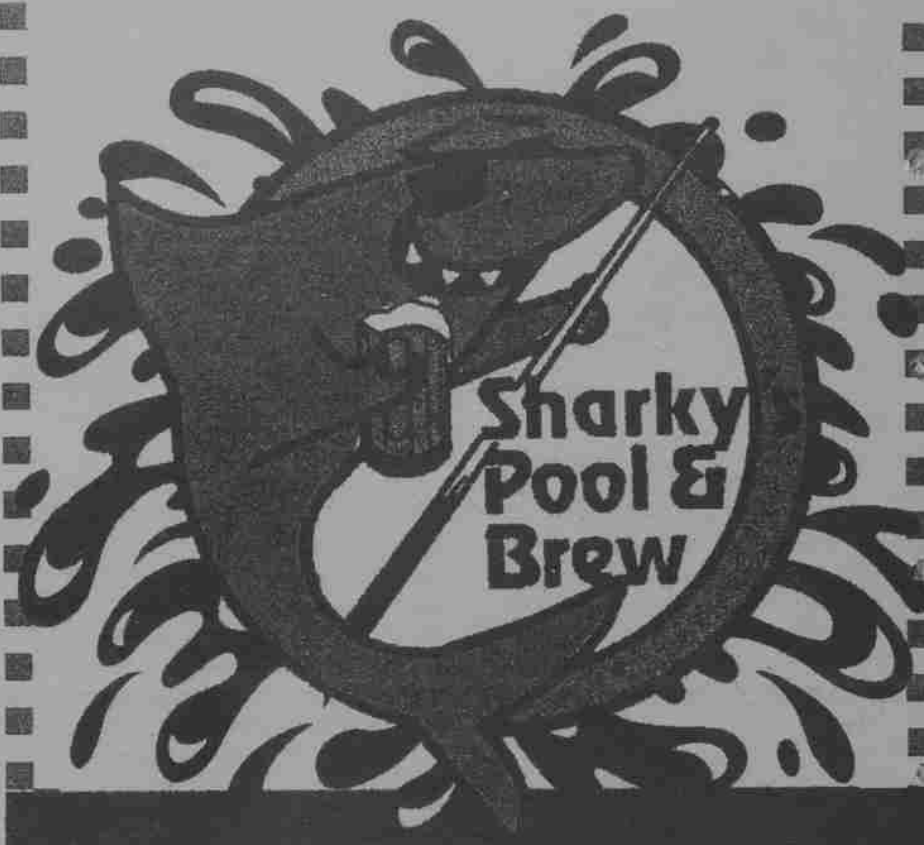

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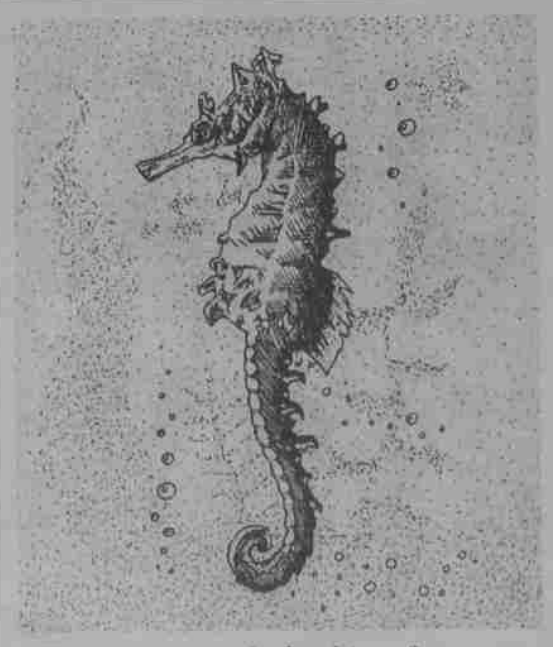

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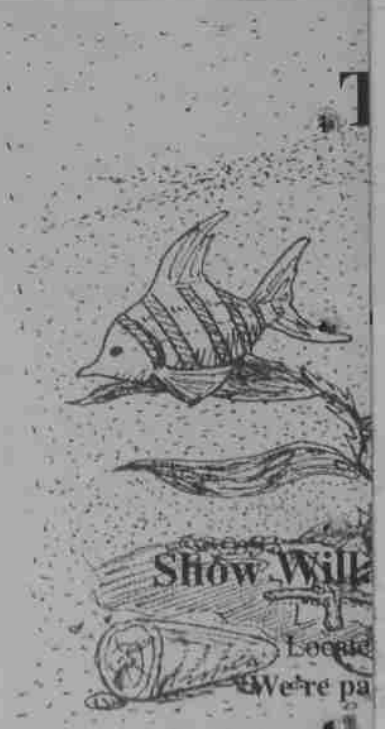


Is the Fed Brewing a Recession?

By PAUL ROBERTS
Contributor

Only of few short years ago Russia was a military superpower that rivaled the United States, and Japan was an economic superpower that experts said was poised to surpass the United States. Today both are in pathetic economic and political condition. With most of the world's economic life in a downward spiral, only the U.S. economy shows vibrant signs of economic life, which mistaken Federal Reserve policy could be bringing to an end.

Concerned with inflation, the Fed had kept real interest rates high during a period when the only rising price anywhere in the world is the exchange value of the dollar. A valuable dollar is not itself a cause for concern. The U.S. is being rewarded for running a free enterprise economy as foreigners sell their currencies for dollars in search of economic a political stability, while countries whose policies have failed are being punished by the depreciation of their currencies.

This is as it should be. Sooner or later the dollar price of foreign assets will be so low that the currency flows will reserve as dollars are used to acquire low priced assets abroad.

A cause for concern is the seeming helplessness of Japan, Russia, and the former "Asian tigers" to improve their situations. This inability has shaken investor confidence around the world. As weakness feeds upon weakness, more and more foreigners seek the security of the U.S. dollar. The Fed's refusal to accommodate the rising worldwide demand for dollars has forced the dollar higher, further cutting the ability of foreigners to buy our goods and services and to service their dollar debts.

The soaring dollar is eroding U.S. profits, and rattling the U.S. stock market. There is a two-pronged effect on profits. As the dollar rises, foreigners in recessional economies with depreciating currencies cannot afford out products, thereby cutting sales and revenues by U.S. multinational corporations is lost to the "translation effect" as earnings in depreciating currencies are converted into dollars.

The U.S. stock market has now noticed the profit implications for U.S. corporations of turmoil abroad, and share prices have fallen to reflect the worsened outlook.

All of this can be viewed as the normal workings of markets.

The soaring dollar is eroding U.S. profits, and rattling the U.S. stock market.

Nevertheless, there is a dangerous element of complacency in the Fed's preoccupation with income inequality at its annual retreat in a remote mountain resort while a soaring dollar contributes to economic and political turmoil.

Bad government policy decisions are as much to blame for the turmoil as mistaken business decisions. Japan's government-run economy, for example is paying the price for misguided efforts to insulate economic decisions from market accountability. In the end, Japan could not be insulated from the market's judgment, and recovery is unlikely until necessary reforms are made.

Russia is suffering primarily from a lack of a real financial system and a rule of law. Latin Americans yet to overcome investor's distrust of decades of corrupt government. And the Chinese economy might soon become a participant in the Asian contagion.

In view of the economic outlook, is the Federal reserve following a correct policy of maintaining an anti-inflationary stance when financial markets have forced long-term U.S. interest rates below the Fed's overnight lending rate? No doubt the U.S. dollar should be rising to reflect the relative success of our economy, but is the Fed contributing to a worldwide economic meltdown by refusing to accommodate an enormous increase in demand for dollars?

An institution aware of its responsibilities would have been debating this topic at its annual thinking session instead of wasting valuable time - and taxpayer's money - on left-wing fantasies like income equality. Has even the Federal Reserve become infected with President Clinton's irresponsible approach to government?

The Federal Reserve has been living off a stolen reputation for the past 15 years. It has appropriated the credit that properly belongs to supply-side economics for the long dis-inflation of the U.S. economy. Prior to 1981 U.S. policy-makers sought to achieve full employment by raising demand. This required the Fed to pump out money to fuel demand, and the money growth was inflationary.

President Reagan brought in a new policy that relied on supply incentives instead of money creation. The result has been two back-to-back record economic expansions characterized by the disappearance of inflation. Historically, the Federal Reserve has been a disastrous policy-maker. Mistaken policies produced the Great Depression and the New Deal and then the long inflation of the 1960's and 1970's. Error is the Fed's proven record, and it may once again inflict economic devastation.

A Community of Education for All

MICHAEL MANGAN
Editor

It seems curious that Willamette University is not more involved in the Salem area community. As a student population, we have a minimal presence in the minds of the local community members.

Other colleges and universities are often more heavily influential in, and influenced by, their city. Many college students end up living in the town they went to college in after they graduate, at least for a little while. It seems odd that we do not choose to involve ourselves in a more direct way.

Willamette University has been affectionately nicknamed "the bubble" by some students, and there is a good reason for this. Student's rarely leave the campus, which the campus an ephemeral quality.

It is as if all the world is manicured landscapes and healthy youth. Many of the students don't even have enough knowledge of the area to get around town. It is probable that most don't have any knowledge about the kind of people living in Salem. There are certainly a number of reasons for this; and, this is not to say we have no involvement in the community.

In praise of Willamette, and its efforts to create a relationship with Salem, the new art museum is a fantastic idea. And I know there are a number of students who volunteer their time for community projects. Further, we obviously came here to learn in a university setting, and this may preclude us from reaching out. We are busy people.

Still, we seem to have a difficult time getting the town's people to come to our plays, recitals, concerts, and lectures. It may seem irrelevant to many of the students whether community members are involved in school activities, but other schools have benefitted from this involvement.

One aspect of sharing that is always beneficial is pooled resources. For instance, it seems the parking problem on campus could be easily remedied if the Salem community had a vested interest in us being here. But they just don't. We give very little to them, and likewise they return very little.

Also, community members may be more inclined to continue their own education. Further, non-academics have very interesting and complicated lives that we are not fully a part of here. They give us a different perspective to contrast our own. This should be a welcomed learning opportunity.

It is also beneficial to the community members to be involved in the college atmosphere. First, it would help them feel less alienated from Academia, which is beneficial for both. A friendly Academia can have an influential effect on the decision making processes in the community.

At some schools community members attend the games, concerts, and forums. They participate in the universities activities, and often support them monetarily. In some towns they even broadcast major events over the main radio station as a feature.

This is not to say that no one on campus interacts with the Salem community. We make an effort, and that should in no way be overlooked. It's just that on the whole we do not live in what could be called somewhere else a college town

There is a certain beauty and health in a strong relationship between a university and its hometown. It can both define and give new meaning to the lives of everyone involved. In fact, the original purpose of the university was to enrich the community in which it was established. We should not be so unaware of our city that we lose sight of the daily struggles all humans face. Perhaps, as a close to this discussion, we could all reflect on a few sayings that we may have seen around this campus: dogma threatens liberty, knowledge is the preface of peace, and education finds fulfillment in compassion.

LETTERS

Music Therapy Stays

During the Academic Council meeting on October 8, it was decided that a recommendation would be made to discontinue the Music Therapy program.

The music department released a response to all of the College of Liberal Arts Faculty members passionately arguing for them to vote against the action. On Tuesday, October 13, the majority of the Faculty voted against removing the Music Therapy program.

For those that are unaware of what music therapy is, it is defined by the American Music Therapy Association, Inc. as "an established health profession in which music is used within a therapeutic relationship to address physical, emotional, cognitive, and social needs of individuals."

Creating, singing, moving to, and listening to music are forms of treatment to help people communicate, become self motivated, and rehabilitate from physical, emotional, psychiatric, and mental disabilities.

If the recommendation had been accepted, the Class of 2002 would have been the last one with a Music Therapy program. The program would have been phased out over a three-year period to accommodate those participating in it.

"It's a shame that they don't realize what a valuable asset [the Music Therapy program] is to this university," said Nicole Kent, music therapy major, one of the many that have shown concern over the program's possible removal during the week prior to the last faculty meeting.

However, this recommendation was not made because there were people that opposed the program, as some students believe, but because of a certain process.

One position or duty of the Academic Council is to review requests from departments needing new faculty and make a priority list of those requests and then making recommendations from that list.

In 1996, Music Therapy students expressed dissatisfaction with their classes and the requirements. No Music Therapy majors had graduated within the two previous years.

An extensive review of the program took place that documented many problems with the texts being used, materials, and some faculty.

By the end of the 1997 school year, every recommendation made by the report had been implemented, and the entire program was revamped. The number of music therapy majors increased almost immediately, and the program was active again.

Last year, the two permanent Music Therapy faculty members resigned. The Music Department made a request for new faculty to the council.

Music Therapy was not at the top of the priority list, so the department did not receive replacements. In fact, only two of the eleven requests made that year received funding.

So there was a Music Therapy program with no Music Therapy instructors for it. The first thing that is done in this situation is that a question is asked: Does the university need this program, or can the funding be used in other areas that may need it?

It was after extensive deliberation that the council decided to make the recommendation. "It's a very serious and thoughtful process," explained Professor Sharon Rose, Chairperson of the Academic Council.

The Music Department spoke in favor of the Music Therapy program with support from Music Therapy majors, instructors, and the Music Department Faculty chair and members. In the end, the recommendation was turned down by a majority of 53 to 39.

Many other programs have been through this process. The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Theatre, the degree in Business/Economy, and the entire Bachelor of Science degree program have been eliminated based on the Academic Council's recommendations.

Prior to the October 13 faculty meeting, music therapy instructor Patty Pickett-Cooper said, "At this point, what we need is a decision, so that the department can deal with that decision." The decision has been made. Music Therapy stays.

-KI SUN RUIZ

ASWU Proposing Fee Increase

I attended ASWU's campaign kickoff last week for increasing student body fees, and I would like to ask my fellow students to support this measure.

ASWU funds all of the clubs and organizations on this campus. Over the years, the requests from those organizations has risen, while the funding available has remained the same.

This year, club requests were $100,000 more than ASWU had available. As a result, every club and organization is under funded and unable to provide services and events that enrich student life. The only way to remedy this is to raise student body fees.

ASWU is only seeking to raise the fees by $15 per semester. This is a small price to pay for the opportunities this provides to students. If you have any questions or concerns, you should contact your ASWU senator, or the ASWU office.

-MONIQUE ALLEN
ASWU SENATOR (off-campus)

Sloppy start ends with Pioneer pounding

By MIKE BENKOSKI AND CHRISTINA HARPER-BAREK

Editor, Staff Writer

With the beating drums of the Taku club and the cheers from the fans, the Bearcats charged onto the field ready for the battle that lay ahead of them.

The Willamette Bearcats were ready to attack the Lewis and Clark Pioneers. Although there were a few mistakes, in the end the Bearcats trounced the Pioneers for an amazing 58-14 win.

The Bearcats had a shaky start in the first quarter. With two false starts in the first minute of the game things did not look good for Willamette, but after that it was regular Bearcat football.

The Pioneers on the other hand looked strong from the start, but the Bearcats' defense held strong and kept the Pioneers off the scoreboard.

After the opening jitters began to wear off, the Bearcat offense started click. In two plays the Bearcat offense gained enough yards to put them in good scoring position. With 7:34 left in the game #42 Kevin Scharer carried the ball four yards for the touch down.

With the help of #90 Duncan Libby, who kicked the extra point the Bearcats jumped to an early lead, 7-0 with 7:30 left in the first quarter.

Lewis and Clark hung tough with the Bearcats and answered with a score of their own. The Pioneers went to the air, like they would do all game, and quarterback Drew Jordan connected with Aaron Schmidt for a 33-yard touchdown.

Jordan went 19 - 45 and was intercepted twice on the afternoon.

The touchdown pass tied the game and sent a message to the Bearcats.

Willamette looked to answer, but a costly turnover deep in their own territory looked like it might give the Pioneers a chance to take the lead.

But when Jordan and Schmidt tried to hook up again in the endzone, the Bearcat defense was there.

After the ball was tipped up in the air, Willamette's Reagan West picked it away from Schmidt and came down with it in the back of the Bearcats' endzone.

The interception gave the Bearcat offense another chance, and kept the score tied. It also swung momentum back to the Bearcats' side.

In the second quarter the Bearcats started strong. Libby started a scoring run with a field goal, and when #40 Brandon Folkert recovered a fumble deep in Pioneer territory, Willamette looked to score again.

In the first two minutes of the second quarter, junior #1 Tim Blair carried the ball for a touchdown and with the extra point putting the Bearcats at 17-7.

The Pioneers tried to match the Bearcat offense as QB Jordan ran in from 2-yards out and cut the Bearcat lead to 17-14.

But the Bearcat offense went right back to work and Atwood connected with Scharer for a 15-yard touchdown and a lead of 24 - 14.

Willamette went to the air again for its next score, this time Atwood connected with Ardell Bailey from 12-yards out. The score put the Bearcats up 31 - 14 going into halftime.

In the second half Willamette looked to add to its already healthy lead.

And that's exactly what they did as Nate Bell ran it in from 3-yards out to extend the Bearcat landslide to 38 - 14.

Lewis and Clark had no idea what hit them when #19 West and #40 Brandon Folkert hammered the Lewis and clerk quarterback and giving control of the ball back to the Bearcats.

The Pioneers were caught sleeping and watched Bell scored easily. The touchdown extended the Bearcats' lead, and with the extra point the score was 45-14. The third quarter ended with the Bearcats in full control.

Lewis and Clark tried all that they could to put some points on the board, but there was nothing they could do to break the Bearcat defense.

The Pioneers also could not break the Willamette offense. With another touchdown by #35 Nick Shein with 12:35 left in the game the Pioneers where left lifeless.

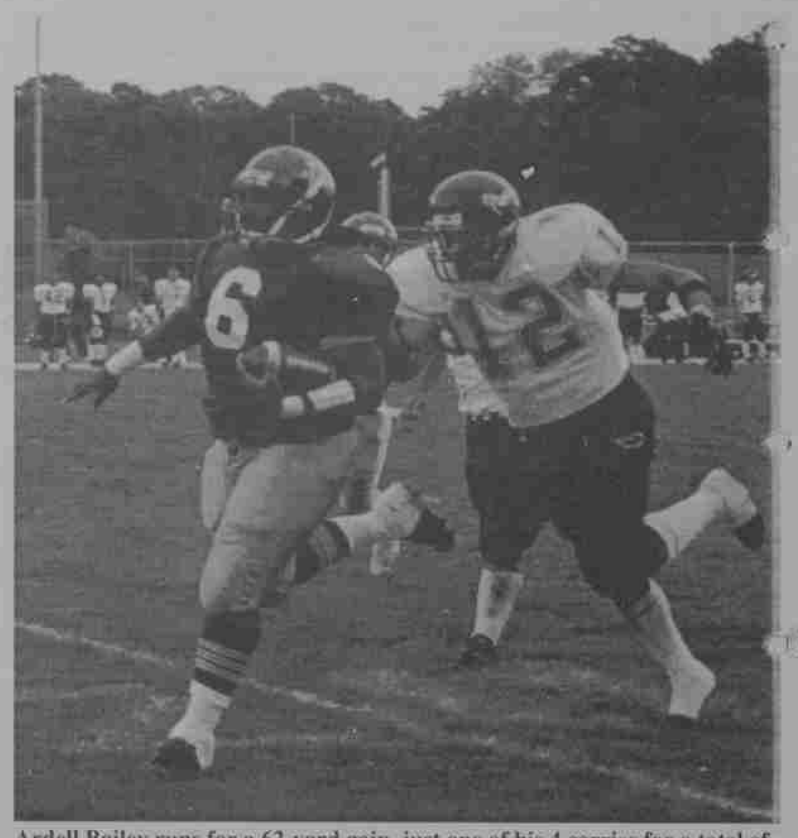
Matt Wilmont put the finishing touches on the Bearcat blowout with a 3-yard run. The Bearcats had left the Pioneers speechless and scoreless the whole second half.

The game ended with a final score of 58-14, which pushes the Bearcats record to 4-1.

Saturday the Bearcats travel to Linfield to battle the undefeated Wildcats. Linfield is ranked in the top four in the West Region for NCAA play-offs and a win for the 4-1 Bearcats may move them into the Wildcats spot.

Scoreboard

Quarter	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Bearcats	7	31	45	58
Pioneers	7	14	14	14



Ardell Bailey runs for a 62-yard gain, just one of his 4 carries for a total of 84 yards.

Go Cats Go!!

Bearcat John motivates the crowd to cheer during last Saturdays' home football game against Lewis and Clark.

Inside the lines:

Lisa Starkey, women's cross-country runner

~By BETH KOWAL

Hearing spectators cheer her on, taking one breath at a time, pacing each stride, she feels the adrenaline rush along the racecourse. She knows her teammates strive for the same goal to stay close together, motivating each other every step of the way.

Lisa Starkey runs for fun. She has run cross-country and track for Willamette since her freshman year.

She runs to balance out her academic load, and relieve every day stress. For her, running is mentally, and physically rewarding, giving her time to unwind and let go. As she races, she has an in-depth view of the race. She feels the tension, and emotional battle for the entire 5,000 meters.

A spectator sees one glimpse of the race, but she deals with the ongoing strategies of other runners throughout the whole course.

Even though running depends on the individual, team support wins or loses the meet. Cross country thrives on team unity. Support on the cross country team is incredible.

They take care of each other during practice, while racing, and throughout daily activities. Togetherness brings the women to the finish line, each person performing her best.

The women strive to finish within 30 seconds of each other. The closer they are together, the better the score. The sooner the women finish, the greater the chance they have to win. In most sports, teams with the most points win. In cross country, the team with the least points wins.

The first person across the line is 1, the second is 2, the third is 3, and so on. The first five runners that come in from the team get their places added up. Finishing closer to the front gives them a smaller number for a team score.

The women have done superior this year, keeping their scores low, so they can win the meet. This week, the women are ranked second in the Region (most of the Western U.S, excluding California). Their ultimate goal is to go to Nationals, by winning the Regional Conference.

For Lisa, every race is a climax of the previous weeks training, and the whole season built up to it. She focuses on her job to race well, and puts herself into the positive mindset. She starts quick, to go hard, then picks one person off at a time. Her goal is giving all she's got, doing what she needs to do to help the team. She takes care of herself by eating healthily, getting the right amount of sleep (at least eight hours), staying injury free, and encouraging her teammates.

She works out several times a week in the mornings with weights, has a few intense practices like hills, or intervals, or mile repeats two times a week, runs 40minutes to an hour the other days, all building up to her race on Saturday.

All Lisa's hard work paid off last year, when she went to Nationals for track. She knows her hard work, determination and support will take the team to new horizons.

Lisa Starkey, seen here to the left of coach Kelly Sullivan with her cross- country teammates

Women top Linfield in five game thriller

By MICHAEL BENKOSKI
Editor

The Willamette Bearcats won a wild 5 game thriller against conference rival Linfield.

Willamette, ranked 5th in the West, slugged it out with Linfield, ranked 6th in the West, on Wednesday and came out on top, 15-2, 13-15, 8-15, 15-7, 15-13.

The thrilling match had the two teams battling back and forth all night and was televised by CCTV Channel 25 (Capital Community Television).

The Bearcats jumped on the Wildcats early, beating them 15-2 in the first game.

"We came out on fire in the first game," said senior Kathy Fisher, who dished out 32 assists, and had a big block at the end of the match.

Linfield seemed to shake off the early jitters, and came out in games 2 and 3 playing much better ball. "They stepped up their play," said freshman Blair Hanson who had 8 kills, 5 solo blocks, and 4 blocking assists, "it took us a little time to bounce back." The Bearcats dropped games 2 and 3, 13-15, 8-15.

The Bearcats did not get back in the swing of things until game 4. In game 4, the Bearcats were back to their ways of game 1, beating the Wildcats 15-7. The Bearcats jumped out early, but the scrappy play of Linfield brought them back to a tie at 5-5. But that was the last time the Wildcats would be close as the Bearcats pulled away with some tough serving and scrappy play of their own. The game 4 win set up the exciting game 5. New to the Bearcats was the new rally scoring effective in game 5s.

Game 5 was a battle indeed. The game was tight from the get go, with the score being tied a total of nine times. Neither team could manage to pull ahead and the biggest lead by either team was 3 points.

With the game knotted at 13, the exhausted crowd showed some life and the Bearcats got a key sideout to pull ahead 14-13. The crowd showed even more life as the Bearcats closed out the Wildcats 15-13.

It was an exhausting performance for the Bearcats, "We played our hearts out." Fisher said.

The big win for the Bearcats was also a team effort, something they have been doing the whole year. "It was a total team effort," said Coach Marlene Piper, "excellent digs, good blocking, it doesn't matter whose name I call, somebody did something."

Sophomore Emily Rusch was excited about her playing time, "I'm glad I got a chance to contribute."

Last weekend, Parents' Weekend, was also kind to the Bearcats, but perhaps not as kind as they would have liked.

The Bearcats beat the UC Santa Cruz Banana Slugs in a 3 game sweep, but lost to the University of Puget Sound Loggers.

In front of a healthy size crowd last Friday night, the Bearcats made quick work of the Slugs, beating them 3 straight games, 15 - 8, 15 - 11, 15 - 4.

The Bearcats avenged an early season loss to the Slugs in Santa Cruz. The Bearcats had lost in 3 straight games to the Slugs when the traveled south to play the Slugs and Bethany Bible College.

Willamette came out pumped up, and seemed to be clicking from the get go. The Bearcat offense was once again led by the big three of Renee Purdy, Rosie Allen, and Devon Bakken. Purdy led in kills, stacking up 15 in the short 3 game match. Bakken followed with 9 kills, but also led the defense with 18 digs. Kathy Fisher quarterbacked

Lynne Saito

Devon Bakken serves against the University Puget Sound

the offense again, dishing out 26 assists and chipped in defensively with 8 digs.

The Bearcats quick win came from some tough serving, good offense, and some scrappy defense. As a team the Bearcats dug 55 balls in the match, averaging about 18 digs per game. This scrappy defense helped roll momentum on to their side and helped to extinguish the Slugs early.

Scrappy defense was also the story in the Bearcats match against Puget Sound, but this time it was the Loggers who came up with more digs.

Puget Sound came into the match in second place and ahead of the Bearcats in the standings. The Loggers had made quick work of Willamette earlier in the season, sweeping them in three straight games in Tacoma.

This time the teams hooked up in Salem on Saturday night in front of the largest crowd of the season.

The Bearcats took on the task of shutting down a powerful outside hitting team, in particular, outside hitter Anna Dudek of Puget Sound.

It was an intense atmosphere as the Bearcats looked for revenge and to move up in the conference standings.

Both teams came out firing, and digging.

The teams battled back and forth and in a tight match, but the Bearcats couldn't get an edge and lost to Puget Sound for the second time this season, 15 - 10, 15 - 6, 15 - 13.

But the match was actually much closer than the scores may indicate. Both teams played very scrappy ball and each team held momentum at points during the match.

The first game featured a close battle, with the Bearcats trying to hang tight with the Loggers. The game featured back and forth play with sideouts coming often. But the Loggers ended up pulling away and came out with a 5-point win.

Game 2 was a bit of a let down for the Bearcats, as they couldn't get things going. UPS made no mistake and jumped all over the Bearcat let down, polishing off Willamette quickly.

Game 3 was a different story, as the Bearcats seem to have it together. They were serving tough and started to pull away. But at 10 - 6, the Loggers started to come back. With a few quick points, momentum went back to UPS and soon they had the game tied, and eventually pulled out a squeaker 15 - 13. The close game gave the Loggers another victory over the Bearcats and almost assured them of second place in the conference.

The match was not all-bad for the Bearcats. Their scrappy defense proved it could hang tough with the top offenses in the conferences. The defense dug up 69 balls, led by Bakken with 17 and followed by Purdy and Kelly Sorenson each with 11. Bakken also topped the team in kills piling up 13 to add to her season total of 141.

But Bakken is modest when it comes to her totals. "The team is having a great year" said Bakken, "stats are nice, but they are not the whole story."

Bakken and Purdy lead the Bearcat offense through 13 games, each with 141 kills. Fisher has been their main setter and leads in the dishing department with 318 assists.

The defense is lead again by Bakken with 207 digs, followed by Purdy (125), Fisher (123), and Kelly Middal (98).

The Bearcats travel to Spokane Washington tonight to take on Whitworth, and head to Walla Walla on Saturday to battle Whitman.

Boys beginning to crumble

Bearcats look to end losing skid against Puget Sound

By JENNY FRANKEL-REED
Staff Writer

The Willamette men's soccer team had a long week of practice and just one game. The only game of the week for the men was against Linfield on Wednesday when the Bearcats went to McMinnville to play the Wildcats.

The last few games on the road for the men have resulted in one win and three losses in close matches (for the most part).

The game at Linfield started off a bit sloppy on both sides with back and forth play and lots of action for our defensive line.

Neither team had claimed the game by the end of the first half but the Bearcats were down by a goal with a 1-0 score. In the second half, Willamette scored first to even the score at a goal a piece.

Junior Mike Nelson took a shot on the Wildcat keeper that senior Jeb Haber finished nicely for the Bearcats' only goal of the game. But before the game was over, the Linfield Wildcats came up with another goal to seal their victory.

The game ended in another close loss for Willamette with a final score of 2-1. Senior, captain Mark Flanders had this to say about the recent games, "We got an initial high.

Maybe we got a little overconfident and felt like we could just show up and win games." The Bearcats are now 8-5 overall and have a conference record of 6-4.

Chase Jordan looks to flick the ball to teammate Mark Flanders.

Next up for the Bearcats is a very important weekend of games against two of the top teams in the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges.

The Bearcats will play the University of Puget Sound on Saturday and Seattle University on Sunday during their weekend in Western Washington. Flanders also remarked on the rest of the season, "Now we know what we have to do to get the job done, and with a good weekend this weekend we're still in the driver's seat." The men seem ready to return to their dominating, winning ways for the next games of the season.

With a perfect end to the season, the men may be able to reclaim first place in the Northwest Conference.

Scoring this year from the Bearcats has come from eight different players and nine players have assisted on the guys' twenty-seven goals. Scoring and assist leaders are junior Trevor Frank with eight goals and five assists, junior Chase Jordan with six goals and one assist, Haber with five goals and three assists, sophomore Scott Tomlins with four goals and two assists, and Flanders with one goal and seven assists.

Junior Rob Laizure has a goal and an assist, and sophomore Kenji Wright, and freshman Darren Stone each have a goal. Nelson has two assists, and senior Corey Boudreau and sophomore Patrick Moss have an assist each as defenders.

In goal for the Bearcats this season have been junior Doug Pham, sophomore Andy Glassman, and senior returner John Goldwater.

Flirting with perfection

By DILLON SHEA
Staff Writer

The women's soccer team ran it's unblemished conference record to 9-0, 11-0-2, overall with a win last Saturday on the road against Linfield. The Bearcats were down 1-0 at the half, but Willamette battled back in the second half for a 3-2 victory.

Linfield struck for the first goal of the game early in the first half off of a corner kick. The Bearcat defense recovered and kept the Linfield scoreless for the rest of the half. Head coach Jim Tursi said, "I was only worried because we had a lot of good opportunities. When that happens, you tend to push things and you are more susceptible to mistakes."

The second half, however, featured few Willamette mistakes. Sophomore, Katie Privette got Willamette's first goal of the game in the sixty-ninth minute on a free kick. Just seven minutes later, junior, Natalie Flindt scored on an assist from Amy Morris to put the Bearcats ahead for the first time in the game 2-1. Flindt wasn't done though, in the eighty-second minute, she scored her second goal of the game, unassisted.

Linfield managed one more goal, however, only six minutes remained in the game, and the Bearcats walked off the field with a 3-2 win. The win was Willamette's second of the season against Linfield. Although Linfield did score two goals, Willamette's defense allowed only eleven shots on goal. Willamette, meanwhile, was giving Linfield's goalie a workout. Linfield's goal keeper came up with thirteen saves, facing eighteen shots on goal by Willamette.

One factor missing from this year's Bearcats is the high octane offense, which is not to take anything away from this year's team who has managed to go thirteen games without a loss. The Bearcats, however, have not been blowing teams out of the water as they have in years past. "I wouldn't mind knowing a game is over by the end of the first half, but I guess it is a matter of whether or not we have more than the other team," said Tursi. Although the Bearcats might not score as many goals as they have in years past the Bearcats are scoring, "more than the other team," as evidenced by the fact that Willamette has outscored their opponents this year 26-7.

Willamette fell three spots to thirteenth in the nation, but the Bearcats remained second in the West rankings. This weekend the Bearcats will face University of Puget Sound and Seattle University on the road, the teams have been trading second and third place in the NCIC for most of the season. Tursi thinks this weekend will prove to be the toughest of the year for Willamette. "Two wins against U.P.S. and Seattle would make us conference champs."

Don't be fat get phat!

By JOHN ALDERSON
Contributor

Does the idea of going to the gym make your nervous? Does the thought of exercise bring up bad memories of your high school gym teacher? In a society that judges people's identity, one's ability and their character on what they look like and how much they weigh, it can be difficult to feel comfortable in your own body. Many people avoid the gym and exercise all together because they believe they "can't" or that "it is no use trying because I will never loose weight anyway." But think those thoughts no more! Because today is the day you will start becoming the person you have always wanted to be. Confident, strong and most important healthy.

"Ryan" a 21-year-old senior here at Willamette majoring in English, who asked not to be identified to protect his privacy, was heavy as a child and young adult. Two years ago he decided that he wanted to change the way he looked and how he felt about himself. "I got tired of being embarrassed of what I looked liked, it made me depressed and I did not want to be known as the "fat kid" anymore." Ryan started running about a half a mile a day. "Believe me, I could hardly run a block, much less a mile when I first started, but each day got easier." He also started eating healthier. Instead of eating a diet predominantly comprised of fried foods and sweets, he began eating vegetables and low calorie food such as fish and chicken. "It was really hard at first to change my diet, but I knew I wanted to have a better body, and I had to change for my health." Today Ryan has shed the weight he says "prevented me from feeling good about myself." He further added, "I did not know how easy it was to loose the weight I wanted to loose." With that, where do you begin? Do you feel as though it is an impossible dream to loose the weight you feel is keeping you from being confident? Keep in mind loosing the weight won't make you happy or bring instant success, but it will contribute to the overall picture of "re-making" yourself. The first step is to throw away all the diet books you have read, trash the bags of cookies and chips you have hidden under your bed. Further set a day to which you will begin your weight reduction program. If Monday's work for you, then that is the day you start. Keep the promise to yourself. Start walking briskly everyday. This you can do on your own time, without the pressure you may feel going into a regular gym. Weigh yourself before you start your reduction program. This way you can keep track of the weight you loose, and it will only encourage you by showing how far you have come.

After starting your walking program on a daily basis, gradually start running the distance of your walk. If it is a half-mile, then start off running a half-mile, and each week there after, add another half-mile portion. It is that easy! No special membership is required, and you can do this on your own time, at your own pace.

Second, start eating healthy foods. That includes fresh vegetables, fish and chicken, and make sure you drink plenty of water. Remove soda and caffeine from your diet. But don't be afraid to reward yourself with a treat every once and a while. Also, make sure you eat at set times everyday. This will help your body adjust to your new eating schedule, and it will allow you to eat when you are actually hungry. In addition, the most important step to take is to start thinking positive about yourself, regardless of how much you weigh. Don't compare yourself to the girl you saw in the size 2 skirt eating a carrot stick for lunch in the Goudy or the guy you observed in a tank top with muscles bulging. That will only make you depressed. Instead, set goals for yourself by keeping a journal listed with the exercises you will do on a certain day. That will help you complete them, because you in turn will hold yourself accountable.

Most important, don't get disappointed if you don't loose the entire amount of weight you wish to shed in two weeks. Look at it this way, it took time to put the weight on, and it will take time to take it off, just not as long! In time you will start noticing the results. Gradually, you will start noticing the difference in your overall health.

So there is no excuse for you not to start on that diet you have always said you were going to begin. All it takes is a little effort and a great deal of determination. Eventually you will realize that loosing weight is simple, eating healthy doesn't mean you are deprived of good food, and most important, you have the confidence and strength you have always wanted. Remember that once you have accomplished your initial goals, it is easier to stay in shape than to get in shape. So get ready, get started, GO shed those pounds!

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Spotlight: ASWU VP of AdministrationErik Fast

Erik Fast

Title: VP of Administration

Hometown: Dallas, OR

Willamette standing: Sophomore

Major: Politics

Willamette activities:

Senator for Lausanne (Spring Freshman), Campus Ambassadors (Freshman), Programming Board (Freshman), Opening Days Leader (Sophomore), Sigma Chi Fraternity member.

By CARRIE CARLSON

Editor

ASWU VP of Administration is a vital component in the behind the scenes organization of ASWU that keeps our student government running.

Having worked with Senate last year, Erik Fast has a firm grasp of the responsibilities involved in student government.

He is excited and prepared to serve as VP of Administration this year and he is committed to serving Willamette's student body.

As VP of Administration, Erik serves as a type of office director. He is in charge of keeping the ASWU office orderly and running smoothly.

He hires staff to work in the ASWU office and works to plan and maintain the ASWU webpage.

He distributes information inside of the office to all those who need it and want it. Erik is also available in the office to answer student's questions and concerns.

Erik's most important responsibility is to chair the Elections Board. The Elections Board consists of 2 Senators and 3 students at-large. The purpose of the Elections Board is to appoint students to committees on campus.

A few committees included are Standards of Conduct, Student Affairs, Academic Council, and Educational Programming Committee.

"Our job is to make sure students are having a pleasurable experience at Willamette."

Erik also runs all elections on campus (ASWU officer elections and ballot measures) and he sets the agenda for Senate.

Throughout his high school years, Erik was constantly involved in leadership and student government. Erik said, "it is a great experience to serve students and to get to know the campus."

His main goal this year is to listen to student concerns and affect change for the better.

It is very important to Erik to see student concerns answered. His position is loose enough that he can devote his time to the issues that he believes are most important to students.

Erik is flexible in his position to work with most issues and to work with Senate to address student concerns. In Erik's mind, the students are his boss and it is his job to advocate on their behalf.

Erik's goals this year include increasing student involvement on campus and improving ASWU's image. His first priority is to increase student's input on what happens on campus.

Erik believes that student's voices need to be stronger on campus so that students will be heard. On the other hand, Erik believes that a lot of student opinion is already well known.

It is his job, along with ASWU, to advocate on behalf of student opinion to make accomplishments regarding student issues.

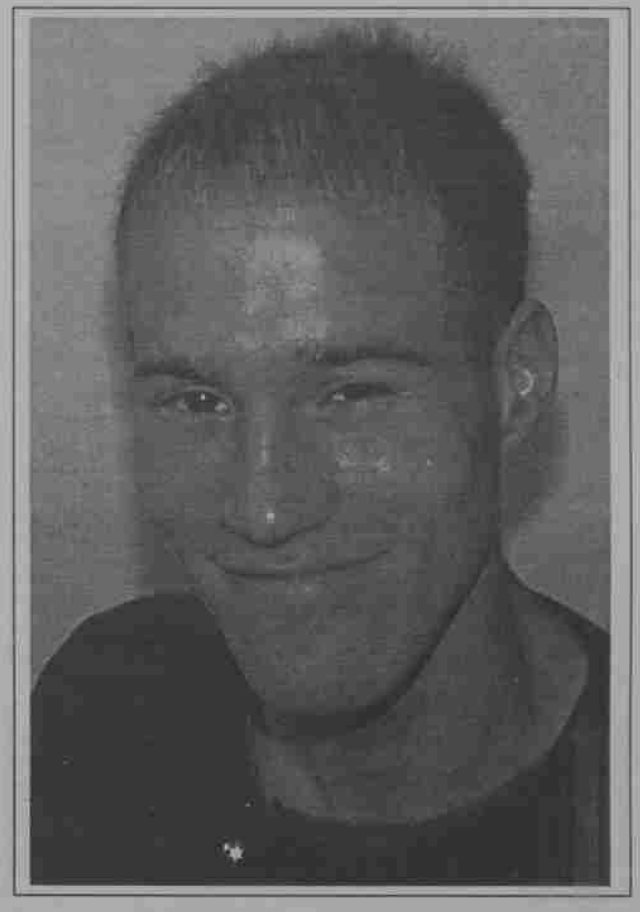
Erik feels very strongly that Willamette's faculty and administration need to recognize students as the reason that Willamette exists. For this reason, students concerns should be taken seriously.

Erik's other goal is to improve ASWU's image. He would like to see ASWU taken more seriously by administration and seen as a more legitimate organization.

Erik would like students to recognize ASWU as a resource and outlet for students.

More so, Erik would like students to be more aware of what ASWU does on campus. According to Erik, "It is important to create an image of ASWU so that students know which activities and programs are programmed by ASWU.

It is important that students see that these activities come from the work that ASWU does on behalf of the students."



Erik believes that his position with ASWU is very important, as are all of the ASWU executive positions, because it is his job to "make sure that all students have a pleasurable experience at Willamette."

Erik continued, "I enjoy advocating on their behalf to make this possible for everyone." As a team, ASWU works to accomplish goals that Erik hopes will help students for years to come.

The only drawback for Erik is that there isn't enough time to do all that he would like to do. Erik spends as much time as he can in the ASWU office, but it never feels like enough. At times, ASWU feels like a full-time job.

Juggling ASWU and school, Erik is often overwhelmed by all of the things he would like to do. However, Erik wouldn't trade this experience to work with students and to improve ASWU and student life at Willamette.

Erik is always available to answer your questions or concerns. If you would like to speak with Erik, or any of the other ASWU officers, please call 6058 or email aswu@willamette.edu.

Soon to come:

-Director, Student Activities
Lisa Jones.

-Coordinator, Intermural and Recreational Activites
Bruce Mace

-Director, Multicultural Affairs
Richard Shintaku

Senate Watch

VICE PRESIDENT HAWKINSON SPEAKS TO SENATE

As the Senate begins the process of articulating student views and concerns, Vice President of Student Affairs Bob Hawkinson was invited to talk with Senators about ASWU's role in the structure of the university.

After gaveling the meeting to order, Speaker BJ Southard yielded the floor to ASWU President Erik Van Hagen, who introduced Vice President Hawkinson to the Senate body.

Vice President Hawkinson's comments focused largely on the power structure at Willamette. As he handed out organizational charts to Senators, Hawkinson gave an informational talk on how students can mobilize their power at Willamette.

Noting the importance of student body unity, Hawkinson encouraged Senators to work within the power structure of the university to tackle issues of student concern.

Following Hawkinson's comments, Senators engaged in a spirited dialogue focusing on the relationship between Student Affairs and ASWU.

At one point, Senator Tommy Ziemer asked Hawkinson if there was any money in Student Affairs that could alleviate the current ASWU funding crisis.

"Contrary to the belief of some, I don't have a file drawer of money in my office," noted Hawkinson, bringing laughter from the Senate body.

After Hawkinson finished answering questions, Speaker Southard thanked him for his time, and proceeded to move down the agenda.

The ASWU officers gave their reports, and then Senator Southard proceeded down the agenda to new business.

Under announcements and concerns, Senator Adam Brown encouraged his colleagues to begin writing legislation. "Passing legislation to benefit the student body should be the first priority of this body," Brown noted.

Following announcements and concerns, Speaker Southard adjourned the meeting.

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not anticipate any proposals for new taxes, he could not rule out a gas tax increase.

In the same debate, Kitzhaber proposer' offering low-interest college loans to high school students who meet the state's educational standards by earning a Certificate of Initial Mastery (CIM), noting that the fact that Oregon's college students graduate with an average debt of $20,000 is unacceptable. For his part, Sizemore focused more on fixing K-12 education so students are actually qualified for college. He proposed offering tax credits for private school tuition, more charter schools, and tougher discipline in public schools.

The two candidates also have markedly different approaches to environmental issues. Kitzhaber believes that Oregon must reduce auto travel by developing public transportation systems and tighten land-use controls to preserve the environment, while Sizemore believes that most land-use laws should be scrapped and would allow development on all lands except prime farmland.

He believes that a commitment to protecting the environment should not come at the expense of property rights, and criticized Kitzhaber for vetoing a law to compensate property owners if the value of their land is reduced by environmental regulations.

A Republican-controlled state legislature, with which the Governor has had a strained relationship, made Kitzhaber's first term difficult. In the last legislative session Kitzhaber vetoed a record number of bills, and the Senate responded in kind by torpedoing a substantial number of the Governor's appointments.

During last year's legislative session Kitzhaber proposed diverting the "kicker" surplus (which normally returns to Oregon taxpayers) into education funding, and he also wanted to raise transportation taxes and implement a new bottle tax. Altogether, the Governor proposed about $1 billion in new taxes, and Republicans in the state legislature took great pleasure in defeating this proposal. Kitzhaber has attempted to be a consensus-builder between environmentalists and industry, and although the timber industry has been impressed with his performance, some environmentalists feel betrayed.

A state legislator for 16 years, Kitzhaber served as the President of the Oregon Senate from 1985-1993. As Senate President, Kitzhaber was the chief architect of the Oregon Health Plan, the state's pioneering health care system which has increased coverage of previously uninsured Oregonians. Kitzhaber challenged incumbent Democratic Governor Barbara Roberts in 1994 and won his party's nomination when Roberts dropped out of the race. In the general election he faced former Congressman Denny Smith and won 51%-42%.

Sizemore is the executive director of Oregon Taxpayers United (OTU), an organization that has successfully lobbied for tax reductions. OTU sponsored Ballot Measure 47, the successful 1996 initiative that cut property taxes by 10% and capped future increases at no more than 3% per year. This year, OTU is pushing Measure 59, an initiative that would prohibit public employees unions from using public resources to collect political contributions from members. As the head of OTU, Sizemore has been the driving force behind both initiatives.

Sizemore's campaign has been under a cloud since April, when the Oregonian published a lengthy investigative article that dug into Sizemore's business failings. According to the article, two of Sizemore's businesses went bankrupt, and one of them, a toy company, left behind debts of $795,000 that have still not been paid. Moreover, the article alleged that Sizemore did not tell investors that he was in personal bankruptcy when he asked for money to start his toy company and engaged in ethically questionable business practices in avoiding repayment of loans.

Because this election is not likely to be close, the campaign has been relatively low intensity, and neither candidate had raised a tremendous amount of money. As of September 24, Kitzhaber had raised about $900,000, while Sizemore had raised $386,000, and the Governor had substantially more cash on hand than his opponent.

However, Sizemore recently received a $100,000 contribution from a Eugene timber company, which will be used to launch a radio advertising campaign. Robinhold acknowledged that the contribution will affect the race somewhat, but didn't think it would change the Governor's campaign strategy.

Kitzhaber has remained highly popular with Oregonians throughout his four years as governor. In March, a poll by the Oregonian found that 66% of voters ranked Kitzhaber favorably, an approval rating so high that it may have caused prominent Republicans to decline to challenge the governor.

Voters can also choose from five candidates from minor parties: Richard Burke of the Libertarian Party, Blair Bobier of the left-leaning Pacific Party, Roger Weidner of Ross Perot's Reform Party, and Trey Smith of the Socialist Party.

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Mannix served in the House for eight years, and if elected, he would have the most experience of any House member because term limits have pushed experienced lawmakers out of office. Mannix advocates full funding for Head Start and Healthy Start and supports increasing funds for K-12 education to reduce class sizes. He is a sponsor of Measure 61, which would impose lengthy sentences on repeat property criminals.

In the 33rd House District, which lies across State Street from campus and includes most of north Salem and Keizer, two newcomers to politics, Republican Vic Backlund and Democrat Rick Stucky, seek to fill the seat being vacated by Peter Courtney, who is running for the Senate.

Backlund, a recently retired history teacher and baseball coach at McNary High School, puts education at the top of his priorities and would target more money to the classroom. He would also impose stricter sentences on property criminals. Stucky, a teacher of students with vision impairments and community activist who serves as the Executive Director of the Salem Community Development Corporation, a non-profit group that restores housing for low-income families, has emphasized juvenile crime prevention. He would increase counseling services to violent students and work on intervention programs, as well as make it easier for neighborhoods to get rid of gang members and drug dealers.

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