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We say
goodbye.

'Think noisy and colorful': Words from faculty, staff, admin

The Collegian asked Willamette's faculty and staff to contribute their advice and thoughts to the Class of 2008. Responses were received from a wide range of Willamette community members:

"Wear good shoes.

Treat others as if they are you.

Everyday, in your own way, dance."

-Neil J. Liss, Education

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends." -Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

-Gordy Toyama, Multicultural Affairs

Remember "The Eighth Wonder of the World".....compounded interest. And time is on your side :-)

-Judy Mahr, Travel Center

As Molly Ivins always said, "Go forth unafraid and raise hell." Best wishes to all of you!

-Nadene Steinhoff, Communications

In college you are taught the benefits of being open-minded. My advice is don't be so open-minded that your brains fall out. Don't

believe everything you read/hear. As Ronald Reagan used to say, "trust but verify."

-Jim Bathgate, Economics

Congratulations, seniors!

Pursue your passion and everything else usually falls into place.

-Prof. Heidi Grew, Art

To the graduating class of 2008, I would first say: congratulations! You are well equipped to take on the world, and I can only offer one of my favorite quotes:

"Look, I don't want to wax philosophic, but I will say that if you're alive you've got to flap your arms and legs, you've got to jump around a lot, for life is the very opposite of death, and therefore you must at very least think noisy and colorful, or you're not alive."

-Mel Brooks

Best wishes to all.

-Jeff Eisenbarth, "Stand-Up CFO"

Hey seniors,

Be true to yourself, enjoy life and have fun.

Set goals have dreams and be sure to keep them separate.

Remember your friends and all the good time here at Willamette.

Thank those who made this experience possible.

Always, do what you have to do, so you can do what you want to do!!!

Aloha,

-Bruce Henderson,

Women's Basketball Coach

We learn simply by the exposure of living. Much that passes for education is not education at all but ritual.

-The fact is that we are being educated when we know it least.

David P. Gardner

-Nobody can be exactly like me.

Sometimes even I have trouble doing it.

Tallulah-Bankhead

-Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure.

William Saroyan

-Success has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others

Danny Thomas, founder of St. Jude Children's Hospital

-In this age, which believes that there is a shortcut to everything, the greatest lesson to be learned is that the most difficult way is in the long run, the easiest.

Henry Miller, author

Believe in yourself and there will come a day when others will have no choice but to believe with you.

Cynthia Kersey, Author

-All of our dreams can come true-if we have the courage to pursue them.

Walt Disney 1901-1966, Cartoon Artist and Producer

Thank you for asking us as staff members to contribute to this project. We know so many students during their time here that sometimes they become part of our greater family.

-Reyna Myers, College of Law

-compiled by Noah Zaves

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Collegian wins Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association General Excellence award



COURTESY OF FRANK MILLER

Dear Willamette community,
On behalf of the Collegian staff, I would like to congratulate all of my fellow students on successfully completing another year of college. This year has been one of success and excitement: the administration approved gender-neutral housing, Senator Barack Obama and author Salman Rushdie came to Salem and students promoted multiculturalism and social awareness with sit-ins, colloquia and rallies.

This year, we at the Collegian strove to represent the many voices of the Willamette campus and to print relevant, engaging news and opinions articles. We explored issues and happenings on campus in depth through the features section. We also hope that we entertained you with art columns, music, movie and restaurant

reviews and sports highlights.

This week, the Collegian staff was awarded the Collegiate Newspaper Contest's General Excellence award by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association. This achievement is a direct result of the creativity, intellect and diligence of this year's staff of editors, designers, photographers, writers and managers.

I would like to sincerely thank all of the faculty, staff, administrators, students, alumni, advertisers and community members who have directly or indirectly supported the Collegian this year. We depend on a cooperative, interactive campus for interviews, information and advice. Thank you for your continued readership.

Emily Standen, Editor in Chief

► awards

The Collegian won the Oregon Newspaper Publishing Association's award for **General Excellence** in the Collegiate Newspaper Contest. The Collegian competed against all of the college newspapers in the state and received what is considered to be ONPA's most prestigious collegiate award.

Members of the Collegian staff also won awards in the following categories:

Best Writing: Tatiana Mac; "NY Times' assoc. editor reveals secrets, protects civil liberties," "Explore the unexpected" and "Blind grading ensures objectivity"
Best News Story: Lauren Gold; "Students mourn sudden death of Kaneko cook"
Best Editorial: Editorial board; "The cost of education"
Best Columnist: Tom Ackerman, Opinions section
Best Sports Photo: Stephen Scott, photo of Rugby Club
Best Cartooning: Patrick Willgohs

Advice from graduates: Insight into Willamette

"I would really encourage undergrads to make use of their professor's office hours. It's a great way to show the extra effort that you are putting in and to get one-on-one help. It is also a time to interact with your professors on a personal level. Remember, eventually you are going to have to ask someone for a letter of recommendation and it is hard for a professor to get to know you only in the classroom."

-Gigi Satris

"Have lunch with at least one professor each semester. The school gives them money to take students to Cat or Goudy, so you get a free meal and the chance to make a worthwhile contact.

Attend every class without exception: there's no easier way to improve your grade.

Get involved with a club early. Not for your resume, for you. It's a great way to meet people with similar interests and ambition."

-Colin Dalley

1. Say 'eh, okay' more often. You will remember the time you spend with your friends staying up until 4 a.m. or whatever, not studying for the test you have next week.

2. Get Involved. Find an activity that interests you and run with it. The skills you learn working with a group or being in a leadership position will be just as valuable as academic prowess when you are looking for a job.

3. Find an internship in a field you think you are interested in, even if you end up hating the field, at least you know what you don't like. On the flip side you might just find something you are passionate about.

4. Try to get the most out of your Willamette experience, try new things and challenge yourself."

-Sean Gilleran

"The Mill Stream has some pretty jagged rocks ... watch out."

-Eric MacMillan

Reflection: "As a Willamette student, I feel that I have gotten everything I wanted out of my college experience. Being a part of a small, friendly community was the best way for me to get involved and challenge myself academically and extracurricularly. What I have enjoyed most is getting to know people who have different interests than my close friends and me, and even though WU is so small, I continued to meet new people throughout my experience."

-Alaine Anderson

"Here's to those who wish us well. And those who don't can go to ... Linfield."

-Daniel Moak

"I have never been thrown into the Mill Stream. I feel like that's something I can graduate with and say 'yeah!'"

-Whitney Lynch

"I remember coming into college and playing soccer. I learned how much fun sports in college can be."

-Reed Renfrow

"I'm going to miss Bistro cookies."

-Ellie Holt

"There are so many opportunities at Willamette; there is always something to take advantage of."

-Shain Corey

"I am an only child and was home-schooled, so Willamette has been a good fit for me. I really appreciate the small atmosphere and friendly nature of everyone."

-Tami Lane

"I really like the Mill Stream."

-Jamal Raad

"I always enjoyed the days parents and prospective students came to campus. Suddenly there were little colored flags hanging all around campus. It looked nice."

-Joey Elcano

-compiled by Emily Standen

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Digging for truth after four years of growing

TATIANA MAC
PRODUCTION MANAGER

With theses turned in and last finals out of the way, it's gotten me thinking about how this summer is going to be a lot different from the rest. The summer before my senior year, I went to journalism camp (yes, it's hard to admit) and the summer before college, I landscaped. Those summers were much different, but the most valuable skill that I learned from each was the same: how to dig. In ditch digging, you learn that the type of shovel you have matters, and pick axes can sometimes dig a better ditch than a shovel. In journalism, you learn that you have to dig until you find something. Just because you've been digging forever doesn't mean that there's nothing there. There's always something - a history, opinion, idea. The longer you dig, the more intriguing that story becomes.

We each have a story. We each have a story of how we were before we young women and men decided to go West, and since Opening Days, how we have become who we are today. I'd bet that each of our stories wouldn't have the same voice or tell the same tale.

The Class of 2008 is a full lineup, and our profile shows in the expanse to which our interests range. In the past four years, we have started successful groups like Harry Potter Club, initiated a holiday shuttle program, revisited Glee, created Sharecat, addressed issues of sustainability and social change, set multiple athletic records, won scholarships, and ultimately contributed to the Willamette and Salem communities. We have trouble saying 'no' to just one more academic or extracurricular endeavor. We have conquered, but not without compromise and change; high school valedictorians have worked hard for their first B, mathematicians have learned to identify sound waves in beautifully constructed prose, Americans

have learned the importance of booking hostels ahead when sleeping outside on a bench in Liechtenstein, environmental scientists have found the rhetorical irony in destroying Himalayan blackberries, politicians have seen the audacious messages created by expressionistic paint strokes and musicians have found the musicality behind the march for social change.

Each one of us has found appreciation for something that we never expected, and perhaps, found greater appreciation for the things we already loved. We are all unique, but as Vladimir Nabokov says in *Pale Fire*, "resemblances are the shadows of differences." You are not so unlike the guy in front of you, who isn't all that different from the girl down the row. We are dynamic atoms subject to the same energy laws and six degrees of separation. Statistically, we have pulled an all-nighter writing a paper - by all night, I mean the romantic act of watching the sun set, then rise, and going to class in your lovely stench. We've all slept through a test, just to wake up and yell a series of expletives. We've all been new students who made as many friends as we could during Opening Days who we never saw again. We've all dug ourselves a hole with our naiveté in a class discussion, and then fell in. We've all had school spirits and scoffed at the fluorescent lights the next morning. We've all found love, in friends, family or a significant other, lost it and rediscovered it, just to declare it complicated on Facebook. We've all resented how small Willamette really is. We've all felt awkward. We've all gained and lost something or someone. We've all felt alone. We've all found a niche. We've all dug deeper than the surface and learned; a little bit about academics, some more about each other, and a lot about ourselves. We've all made it here.

Today marks different points in each of

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It is time for us to summarize, put reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic on a hiatus in order to reminisce, reiterate and rejoice.”

our stories. After today, some of our sentences will end with a question mark of uncertainty, others, an exclamation point for the next years of your lives, new jobs, graduate schools or settling down. No matter what punctuation mark best defines you, today, we all have ellipses that linger before this next sentence. It is a feeling that leaves us wanting, each time we are asked where we will be, and what we will do, and how we will get there and who we will become, just to tell the person to get the hell off our backs, because you know what, we're tired, and we simply don't know.

When today sublimates from the present to past, we might not remember Salem in all its eccentricity and quaintness, but we will remember this place, cornered between 12th, Winter, State and Bellevue Streets and a little bit beyond. We'll remember the things that happened in our oxymoron of a square bubble. And, it will remember us; our accomplishments are captured literally, but are also resonated metaphysically in the hundreds of cardinal bricks amongst golden friends that surround us today.

There are large problems plaguing the world; a rampant AIDS epidemic, an inalienable dependence on nonrenewable resources like oil. Glaciers are retreating, the population is increasing and climate change has become synonymous with Al Gore and hockey. The Middle East is as conflicted as the national identity crises in Eastern Europe, just to name a few. This time, "my computer crashed" just won't be enough of an excuse.

We might not feel prepared to confront

such daunting issues and take the burden of the world on our shoulders, but we must have faith. We must have faith that this nearly-\$160,000 education has given us more than a polyester gown, cardboard hat and piece of watermarked paper.

Compasses don't always point to true north, but this is a compass that can guide us through our first jobs, through turgid relationships, through financial struggles. It is the compass that will guide you to those problems of the world. It is a compass that will be there in our pocket when nothing else is.

When today's celebration has settled, I hope that you will search under that robe, dust off your compass (or GPS for you sophisticates), and begin looking. It doesn't matter much for what, so long as you keep digging. You may not find the what is lost in translation between Hebrew and Arabic, find a vaccine for HIV, or stop the pavement from spreading. But you've unearthed something new. And if you haven't struck gold, well, then all I can tell you is to keep digging. And when that doesn't work, start again and repeat until you have found something, made something or done SOMETHING, especially of yourself. Don't stop digging until your story is rich with adventure and filled with character. Be the iconoclast with not enough time to recount the last ten years of your life at Reunion Weekend when we see each other again, as old friends. Until that day, class of 2008, thank you and congratulations.

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Seniors begin legacy of gift-giving 2008 senior gift is an 'intangible gesture'

NICK MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

The graduation of the class of 2008 marks a unique change in a 100-year-old Willamette tradition: the senior gift. The gift is purchased with money raised by seniors and presented to the university by the graduating class. This year, the Office of Annual Giving is replacing the senior gift with the senior fund drive, giving seniors the opportunity to support the areas of campus that they feel the strongest connection with.

According to staff at the Office of Annual Giving, notable past gifts include the sundial in the sesquicentennial rose garden, the wind sculpture in front of the university center and the star trees. In 2005, along the same vein as the senior fund drive, the senior class took a different approach to the senior gift and created a scholarship that would benefit future Willamette students.

Co-chair for the senior fund drive Sean Gilleran said that the new fund keeps the spirit of traditional gift-giving alive. "The goal of the gift in the past was an effort by the Office of Annual Giving to [facilitate] student education about the importance of contributing to the university after graduation. We felt this [new] model would help facilitate the educational process," Gilleran said.

Co-chair Liz Cooney said that the senior fund drive has allowed seniors to become more active by providing the opportunity to join one of five committees: the Academic Life Committee, the Diversity Committee, the Greek Life Committee, the Campus Life Committee and the

Athletics Committee. Each of these committees is composed of students who are connected to programs or projects in that specific area. The committees' task is to encourage seniors in each field to donate to the fund.

As of Friday, the senior fund drive had reached the amount of \$3,400, more than was collected in the past three years. However, Gilleran said the dollar amount is not as important as how many people donate. "Our real goal is to get participation," Gilleran said. "If we can get the message out, then hopefully [students] will feel compelled to contribute to the university. We're asking for a gift of at least \$20.08 in honor of the class of 2008."

Seniors that donate at least \$20.08 to Willamette become members of the Graduates Of the Last Decade (G.O.L.D.) Circle Gift Society. This allows them to attend special events such as parties and wine tastings. According to the society's website, about 50 current seniors have already become G.O.L.D.

Though the final day to donate for seniors is Thursday, Cooney and Gilleran would like to see contributions continue after graduation. "We are hoping that students will be more likely to contribute because they will be able to contribute to the area they feel most passionate about," Gilleran said. "If someone can give a dollar and that's all they can give, that's fine. It's all about participation."

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Final thoughts from senior art and art history majors

ALISA ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

It's no doubt a unique endeavor to major in any one of Willamette's 30 departments. Studio art and art history majors, I think, experience an especially distinctive way of approaching the academia in the liberal arts setting. As a studio art major, one learns the skills necessary to communicate his or her particular artistic view of the world. Art history majors look at art that others have made and placing it in a historical world context. With graduation approaching, I asked the seniors in these majors to share their final thoughts on their experience at Willamette.

Each studio art major has the opportunity to create a piece(s) of art that is displayed in the Hallie Ford Museum of Art toward the end of the year. His or her thesis is on public display, out in a setting to be viewed and judged by others. It's an academic and personal project. Each thesis is completely different from the next, which allows for varied experiences.

Studio art major Max Antinone created a surreal interactive digital piece, and shared his thoughts on the process:

"Overall I had a pretty good experience as a senior art major, though it was a ton of work. The hardest part for me was simply deciding what I wanted to do. I had a very vague idea for an interactive digital piece

involving dream worlds... to anyone who's thinking of doing a project like this, something on this scale is a TON of work. I'm pretty sure I spent over 100 hours working on it, and this was after I had a clear plan for what I was doing.

"The critiques were very hard for some because, for many people, art is very personal, so it's kind of hard to take criticism about it, and some comments may seem pretty harsh. There's a sort of overbearing pressure about being judged on something you've poured so much energy into. ... For future art majors, one major piece of advice I have for you is, think about the presentation. Your senior project isn't just about making the art, it's also about learning the processes of displaying it in a gallery."

Some people may have the misconception that being an art major is somehow easier than majoring in other fields. As Max said, it is a ton of work. Timothy Kohlstedt, an art major who did a series of paintings, provided his view on studying art in a college setting: "There seems to be a general idea that people major in art because they want an easy way out. I think that I can understand this perspective from the knowledge that art classes are an 'easy A' in high school.

"However, I would warn those people that studying art in college is an entirely different beast. It is true that we don't have to spend a lot of time memorizing facts that we must

then attempt to regurgitate accurately during quizzes.... Instead, we have a different pain, the requirement of original creative thought. In each project, we are asked to do something that has never been done before."

Art major Margaret Pinafore James provided her parting words for future studio art majors: "Creation and destruction are inescapably intermingled, always vital and ever the anxiety—ever shaking the world around us. Whatever you decide to do—be it creative expression or demolition—make sure you research the local law concerning open containers. It will save you a lot of unnecessary trouble and potentially an unwanted prison tattoo."

Though studio art and art history are related fields of study, they offer different challenges. Art history is the study of the world around us, in visual terms. This field is inherently interdisciplinary—it touches on world history, foreign languages, religion, politics, philosophy and, of course, art.

Art history major Faith Kreskey shared her reasoning behind choosing this particular area to study: "Art is something I've always loved studying, so I decided quite a while ago that art history is what I wanted to pursue. The department here is pretty conservative, but in general the field is pretty much wide open, so you can pull in methodology and theory from just about any other field. Also, there aren't too many

other fields that involve looking at stuff in a professional capacity."

Indeed, I agree that looking at stuff is a large part of the appeal of art history. It's also wise to be well versed in this subject if one enjoys attending cocktail parties/sounding pretentious. But I will end this article with more serious viewpoint. One of the department's most promising and insightful students, Raino Isto, who also majored in politics, provided his closing thoughts: "Art history's question is a matter of coming to terms with our own essential question mark, of acknowledging the constraints put upon us by our historicity and deciding how we comport ourselves towards the perpetual re-affirmation of the aesthetic meaning of our lives.

"As a discipline, it is the paradox: the assertion that art unites postmodern multiplicity and teleological history, that art—as the first and most fundamental becoming—must be understood. Studying art history is a matter of constantly returning to the fundamental existential, phenomenological questions and confirming their continued relevance to our knowledge of the world."

Good luck to everyone as we head into finals week.

Yours, in Art—Alisa Alexander

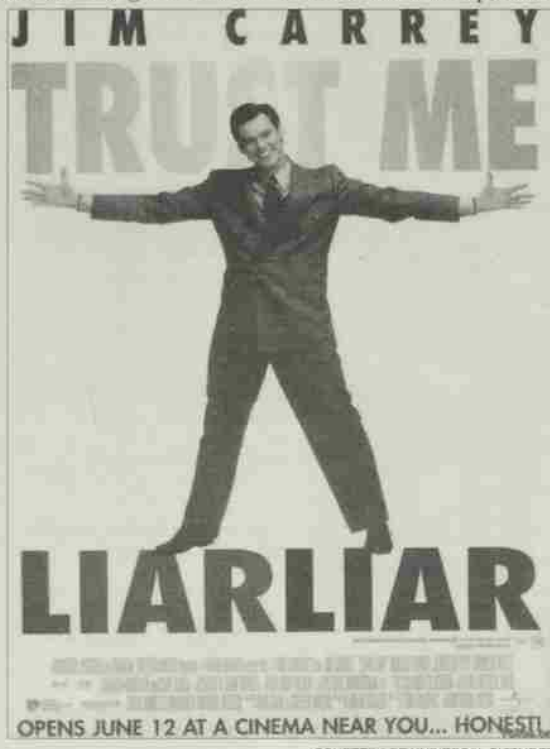
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MOVIE REVIEW: Inspirational movies

Let Hollywood pave your road to post-graduate glory

MICHAEL CAULEY
ARTS EDITOR

Ah, Class of 2008. I don't know most of you, but I know the predicament you guys are in. You've sketched out your journey into the real world, but you remain lost, languishing without an inspirational movie to help support you; the "wind beneath your wings," if you will. Well, worry not. You want guidance? I've got 428 minutes of celluloid self-help, kids.



For law students and future lawyers: "Liar Liar" (1997)

Before Jim Carrey made us question his sanity with such works as "The Majestic" and "The Number 23," he specialized, nay excelled, in goofy comedies in which he acted like a spastic lunatic. "Liar Liar" is one of the more restrained examples (Carrey's hysterics are only the result of a curse that prevents his lawyer character from telling a lie), and doesn't do a bad job showing how one can be an ace attorney without turning into a heartless prick. It's harder than it looks, apparently.

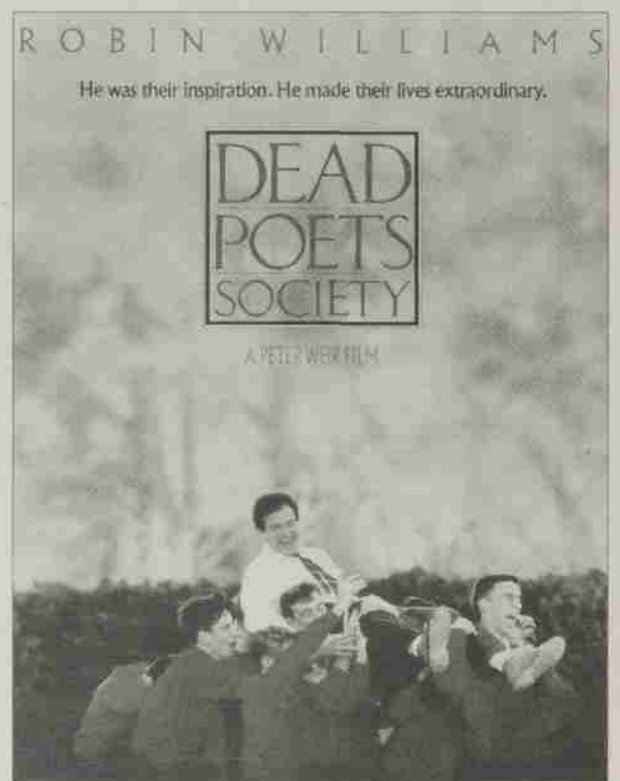
Lesson: Don't let work stop you from spending time with your annoying kid. Also, don't lie, or otherwise you're just going to beat yourself up in the bathroom about it later. Literally. There'll be, like, blood and everything.



For business students and future CEOs: "Citizen Kane" (1941)

It's the best movie that I guarantee most of you haven't seen more than a minute of in your lives (I guess it doesn't compete well with Ashton Kutcher in today's marketplace). More than that, it's a cautionary tale on how not to succeed in business while really trying. As Orson Welles shows us, all you have to show for pursuing a business career is a crappy newspaper, no love life and old campaign posters with you sporting a rather unsightly moustache.

Lesson: It's all about the people, baby, so don't treat people like dirt just because your parents didn't love you. Also, write down the name of your sleigh in an easy-to-find notebook, or it's just going to drive journalists uncovering your life story absolutely crazy.



For teaching students and future teachers: "Dead Poets Society" (1989)

Yeah, I know. The ending is cloying as hell, and is probably one of the most pretentious drama-fests that Robin Williams ever attached himself to (and that's saying something). Still, when the film gets going, it really paints a great picture of a school where kids actually want to learn instead of merely marking time (not that I'm much better). Williams, in particular, does a great job of playing an intelligent guy who, instead of locking himself in an office to write a book no one will read, tries to impart his smarts onto his students with all his Walt Whitman-esque might. It's all very inspiring.

Lesson: Don't let your students call you "O Captain! My Captain!" as it's just plain weird. Something for the kids: If your dad tells you he doesn't want you to be in the Shakespeare play, just WAIT UNTIL NEXT YEAR. Also, standing on desks with the rest of the class is a good way to show you're an individual. Or something. Anyway, read books. Can't argue with that one!

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Engagement announcements



Megan R. Vaught '08 and Jarrod M. Judge from Salem, Ore.

Jarrold and Megan met at First Presbyterian Church where they were both members of the Chancel Choir. Singing was one of their first shared interests. As their relationship grew, they found that they shared further interests in cooking, travel, foreign cultures, literature and the outdoors. A year and a half into their relationship, Jarrod proposed to Megan during a hike on the Volcanic Ridge Trail above Little Three Creeks. They will be married in Chico, Calif. at Bidwell Presbyterian Church on Sept. 13, 2008.

Amy Jo Hixson '08 and Joshua Green

Josh, a graduate of Western Culinary Institute, and Amy met last summer while working on campus during summer conferences. They became good friends and eventually started dating. The couple knew immediately that this was "it." Josh proposed in February, after a nerve-racking call to Amy's dad, and they set the date for a summer wedding. Josh and Amy had a traditional "candle passing" at Pi Beta Phi and surprised the entire house with the announcement of their engagement. The couple will be getting married this August.



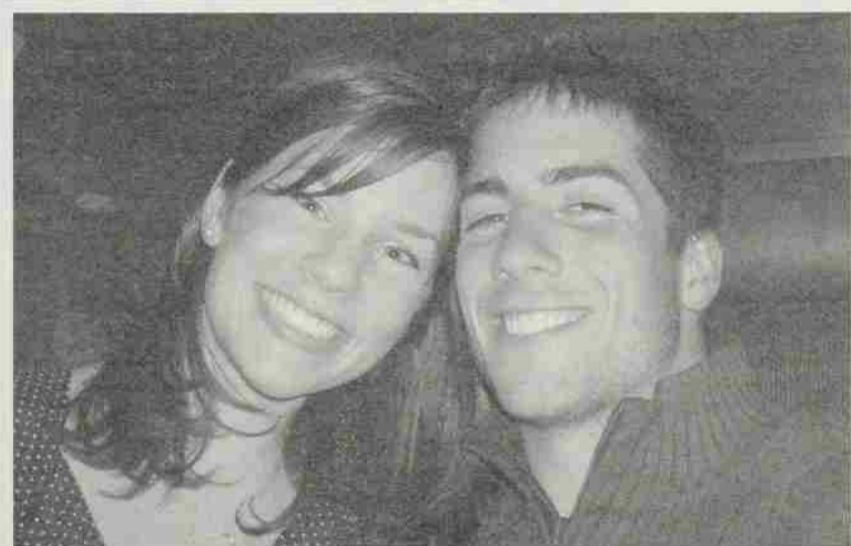
Natalie Miller, '08 and Rodney Nawn

Natalie and Rodney met at a friend's house in 2002 and were drawn to each other right away. They became a couple within a week and spent the next five years having fun getting to know each other as well as one another's friends and family. Last December, after a wonderful day, a nice dinner and an evening watching the lighting of the Star Trees for the first time, Rodney proposed. The couple will be married Aug. 7, 2009. The wedding will take place at Roche Harbor on San Juan Island where Natalie has lived, worked and dreamed of her future. She has planned on getting married in Roche Harbor since she was a child. Natalie will be beginning her masters in teaching at Washington State University in May. Rodney is training to become a police officer in order to fulfill his dream of being a wildlife officer for Washington State's Fish and Wildlife Division.



Kendra Breanne Bates '08 and Matthew James Schaefer

Matthew and Kendra met in September 2005 through a mutual friend. They exchanged phone numbers and hung out a few times, but the relationship did not initially progress much beyond that. Upon Matthew's graduation from Oregon State University in June 2006 and his commission into the Navy, he moved to Pensacola, Fla. By Dec. 2006 the couple was talking every day. In April 2007, Matthew visited and took Kendra out on the couple's first official date. Matthew was then transferred to Athens, Ga. where Kendra visited him in July 2007. Matthew visited Kendra again in October and Dec. of 2007. On Dec. 18, 2007, Matthew proposed by saying, "I had this big, elaborate plan, but I don't want to wait." Kendra's and Matthew's story goes to show that long-distance relationships can work. Matthew and Kendra will be married on Sept. 6, 2008 at Northwood Christian Church in Springfield, Ore. The couple will reside in Ingleside, Tex. until they move to San Diego, Calif. in March 2009.



Allison Dellwo '08 and Kevin Dean '06

Senior Allison Dellwo and Kevin Dean, '06 met at Willamette and started dating over two and a half years ago. The pair is the quintessential couple; Allison has been Willamette's cheerleading captain for four years and Kevin was a star football player. Kevin proposed last October in a restaurant overlooking the city of Boulder, Colo., where he is currently attending graduate school. At this point there is no date, or time or even place planned for the wedding, but it will likely be a fabulous fiesta sometime in the summer of 2009 with many Willamette, Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon friends present. Stay tuned for the details, or maybe just meet up with them in Las Vegas. Who knows... the plans are still in the works.

Misty Sunken '08 and Kevin Breach

Misty Sunken was engaged to Kevin Breach on July 11, 2007 at Riverfront Park after a nice dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse. Misty and Kevin went to McKay High School in Salem, where they first met their freshman year. After Misty wished Kevin happy birthday in Sept. 2006, the two began talking and catching up. Shortly afterwards they started dating and have been together since. Kevin will be graduating as an officer from the United States Naval Academy and will be stationed at Little Creek Naval Base. Misty is hoping to have a preschool teaching position at a nearby school. Kevin and



Misty will be living in Virginia Beach, Va. for a couple of years, before they plan to move wherever Kevin's military career takes them. On June 7, 2008, the pair will be joined by friends and family and will be married at Salem First Baptist Church.

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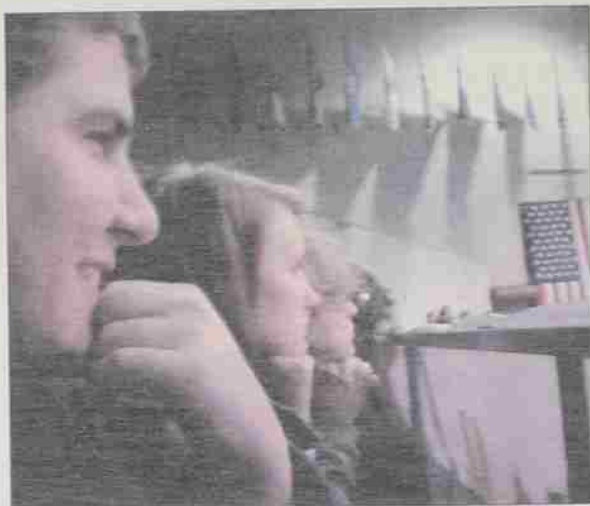
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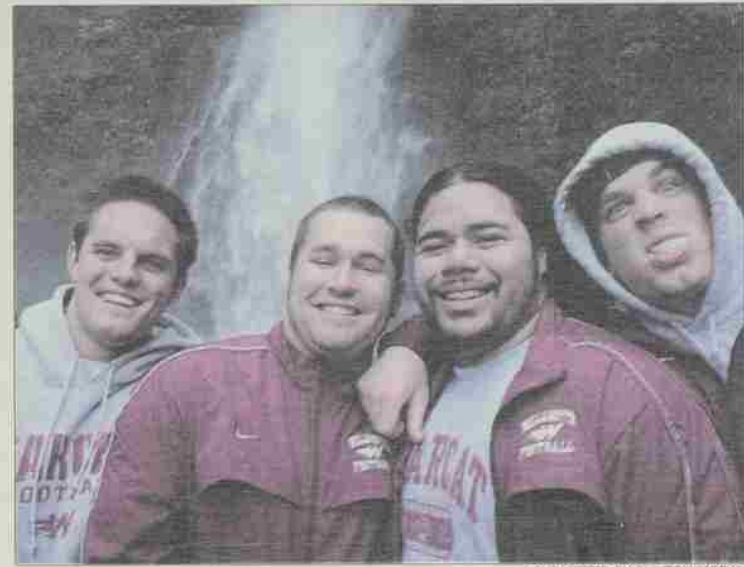
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HEADLINES OF THE YEAR

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Students mourn sudden death of Kaneko cook

LAUREN GOLD
STAFF WRITER

Family, friends and loved ones filled Saint Joseph's Church last Thursday to say goodbye to 34-year-old Cesar Eusebio Roldan, a Kaneko chef who was shot and killed over Thanksgiving break. Those close to him say students and faculty will sorely miss the kind and compassionate Roldan, who brightened everyone's lives with his friendly and helpful attitude.

Students returning from Thanksgiving break last weekend were shocked by the news that Roldan had been killed. Many had developed relationships with him, and thought of him as much more than merely a cook at the Kaneko Café.

"Cesar worked as a cook in Kaneko Café but he was a little bit more to the students," freshman Erica Soma said. "He was the person who greeted us with a smile regardless of what was going on in his life, and was always willing to talk."

Roldan was born on March 31, 1973 in Mexico City, Mexico but lived most of his life in Salem. According to co-worker Todd Large, Roldan enjoyed boxing and swimming and doing karate with his 11-year-old

son Hiloy. He had worked in Goudy Commons for at least a year and most recently worked as a cook in the Kaneko Café.

Many describe Roldan as a cheerful and kind individual who always went out of his way to make others happy. "Even if he was stressed or having a hard time, he would always be happy and make conversation," freshman Christina Thorburn said. "He was just really friendly."

According to those who knew him, he was always there to lend a helping hand when it was needed. "I remember one time when my bike was stolen and Cesar let me borrow his bike," Large said. "He was always willing to help people out. He would give them the shirt off his back."

Roldan was also a loving father. Students and staff say that Roldan often brought his son Hiloy to work with him. "Whenever I talked to him about his son he was always really excited," freshman Mika Lim said. "He just seemed really proud to be a father. It seemed like his son really looked up to him."

Many described Roldan as a compassionate and selfless individual. "Cesar didn't share much about his life because he

was always asking about what I was doing," Soma said.

Roldan was often willing to go the extra mile to improve the lives of the students he served. "I remember on the day I was leaving for Thanksgiving I didn't know what to get for breakfast so I asked him about it and he said he would surprise me," Soma said. "A few minutes later he put a plate in front of me with a chocolate chip waffle and said that it was the first one he had ever made. He was always willing to be creative in order to make your day a little bit better."

Roldan also provided support and comfort for the TIUA students. "During summer vacation, especially, there were so few English-speakers around with whom students could chat, but Cesar was always happy to spend time talking with them," Farrin said.

Many TIUA students showed their support by attending Roldan's funeral last Thursday. "The TIUA community is based in Kaneko, so they were close to him as well," Soma said. "The TIUA students took up at least two rows of seats at the funeral on Thursday and almost all of them left the church in tears."

Students, faculty and family alike are confused and upset by the tragic circumstances of Roldan's death. "I only interacted with Cesar in little ways, but those little ways added up," Farrin said. "When you see someone every morning and afternoon, they become a part of your life. It was clear to me that he was a wonderful person who did not deserve to die at such a young age and in such a terrible way."

Roldan's friendly nature and thoughtfulness made him a favorite of many who dined in Kaneko. "He provided the kind of small talk that just makes your day better," Thorburn said. "He was the kind of influence you don't really realize or fully appreciate until it's gone."

Kaneko Council and TIUA have organized their own memorial service to pay respects to Roldan. The service will be held today at 5:15 p.m. in the Kaneko Atrium. "We had no idea that students were so close with him," Chaplain Charlie Wallace said. "Once we found out, we decided to do something more to honor him."

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Sen. Obama speaks to crowd at Salem Armory

GREG THOMAS
DICK HUGES INTERN, GUEST WRITER

Presidential candidate Senator Barack Obama made a brief appearance at the Armory Auditorium in Salem last Friday, March 21, as part of an effort to sway Oregon voters in the coming primary. His tour through the state lasted only one day, hitting the largest concentrations of voters in Medford, Eugene, Salem and Portland, where Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico revealed his endorsement of Obama in the coming election.

Upon entering the forum, Senator Obama proceeded to run down the list of monumental alterations he plans to make as part of his mission to change the face of democracy in America. "The fierce urgency of now," Obama said, quoting Martin Luther King, Jr., is what is compelling him to run for president in the 2008 election.

"We are at a defining moment in our history," Obama said, citing the war in Iraq, the teetering economy, increasing cost of healthcare as well as education issues as reasons for immediate action. "In such circumstances, we can't afford to wait."

Covering the landscape of current political topics, Obama denounced America's involvement in the Iraq war along with corporate greed and special interest groups while promising affordable healthcare and equal-opportunity education benefits for every American.

"I want to make sure we are investing in our children," Obama said. "I think we ought to make college affordable for every young person in America... But young people, you're going to have to give something back in return. You're going to have to spend some time doing community service. We'll invest in you if you invest in America."

Many Willamette students sup-

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"Obama is relatively progressive and I get behind that... He's definitely the candidate [who] I most strongly support out of the three big ones."

ALEX FORD
SENIOR

ported this message. "The grass-root involvement that he's pushing for—I like that a lot," Willamette senior and attendee Alex Ford said. "Obama is relatively progressive and I get behind that... He's definitely the candidate [who] I most strongly support out of the three big ones."

However, other students have mixed feelings about Obama. "Obama's definitely the best of the three candidates available, but I think because of his charisma and the way he's presented in the media people tend to believe his politics are much more progressive than they really are," senior Dave Lindenschach said.

Oregon is currently experiencing a division of voter support between Democratic candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton. One audience member at the Armory asked Senator Obama to clarify the differences between his candidacy and Senator Clinton's candidacy for the undecided voters.

"The differences on [domestic] issues are not immense," Obama admitted. "She doesn't believe, I think, in bottom-up democracy. And if you don't believe in that then you're not going to change Washington. You'll tinker around the edges but you're not going to bring about the kinds of changes that American people are desperate for. That's why you should vote for Barack Obama."

Oregon voters will head to the polls for the primary on May 20.

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Gender-neutral housing comes to Willamette

Fall 2008 pilot programs geared towards LGBT community

NICK MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Starting in fall 2008, Willamette University will implement measures to create more diverse roommate policies. Dubbed "gender-neutral housing," this program will allow students of different genders to room together. The program is specifically designed to meet the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) students.

The idea for gender-neutral housing was brought up two years ago by Noah Zaves, who founded the Coalition for a Better Tomorrow, which has the support of campus organizations like ANGLES, Strength Health Equality (SHE), Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU), Concerned Students for Social Justice (CSSJ) and CBSJ.

"[The Coalition] feels that students are mature enough to room with whoever they want," Zaves said. "If they have a lot of friends of [the opposite sex] then they can choose to room with one of them."

Freshman senator Geneva Hooten said that while she supports the program, she also wants to make sure that residents are not confined. "I think it's great. I just want to discourage [Willamette] from making [it] a specific floor or residence hall, because it's more important to have [students who use gender-neutral housing] included throughout campus," Hooten said.

Proponents of gender-neutral housing say that it offers a vital opportunity to the LGBT community. "Students bothered by the gender binary, many of whom are in this community, have an option through gender neutral housing to get the best roommates for them, which is the ultimate goal of roommate matching," senior Jade Olson said. "It is a necessary option for many individuals whose genders do not match their physical sexes."

The decision to implement gender-neutral housing was based on thorough research. "We

made official inquiries into the experiences and opinions of a number of peer institutions here in the Northwest and several other liberal arts colleges across the United States," Hawkinson said. "We spoke with people both at colleges that had very liberal reputations and colleges that had quite conservative reputations in terms of the views of their administrations."

Some dormitories around campus already contain some degree of gender-neutral housing. "The gender-neutral housing we've had for the past two years has been restricted to multi-bedroom apartments in Kaneko and Haseldorf," Hawkinson said. "We have experienced no negative consequences with these residential procedures. In fact, it is the case that we have more apartments available for gender-neutral housing than have been used."

Hawkinson wants to stress that students in relationships should not treat the new program as a means to live together. "Willamette does not support and will not provide accommodations for couples, whether gay or straight, who are romantically involved," Hawkinson said. "We take this position because we know such housing arrangements are subject to the great instability and uncertainty of romantic relationships of people of college age."

Hooten is confident that the changes will go over well. "From what I've heard, people are supportive. People see it as a way for the campus to be more inclusive and accepting of people who are different. I think at first it will be a little rocky, but I do think that there are more people for it than those who are against it and that pretty soon everyone will support it."

"I've met the girl whose father, back in the '70s, pushed a plan that allowed men and women to live on the same floor," Zaves said. "It was a radical idea then, but now it's generally accepted as Willamette's housing standard."

The same will be true for this current plan. It seems a little crazy right now, and of vital importance to the queer community, but over time we'll accept it as normal, and we'll say how silly it ever was to force men and women into separate rooms."

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

TOM BROWNSTEIN & ELISE YOUNG
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It's been a long, eventful year here at Willamette. As News Editor and Assistant News Editor, we've been in a unique position to see it all unfold. On one hand, many of the stories this year affected us personally, while at the same time we had to take a holistic and unbiased view of what was occurring.

What is most interesting about this year is that there was no central theme, no main narrative. Unlike last year, which in some ways was the story of the rise of the Concerned Students for Social Justice, this year could not be summarized so easily. It is a year of many themes and stories, as each person at Willamette changed the world around them. This was a year without a plot, but not without its stories.

We have included some of the articles that we thought were most interesting and well written: the gender-neutral housing piece was used by the Associated Press, and



It has been a year of hellos and good-byes. Faculties are expanding, creating an influx of new professors, with students having a larger say than ever about who should be hired.

Lauren Gold's article on Cesar Roldan won the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association award for Best News Story. However, there were more stories than space, and some articles could not be included. The only way to understand this year, however, is to look at all of the stories, not just a few.

The year began when Salman Rushdie delivered the convocation to the entering class of 2011. He was the first of many high profile speakers to come to Willamette this year. Several politicians running for positions in Oregon's government came to campus, but most importantly Barack Obama came to Salem in April and many students and faculty attended the event.

The campus has been getting ready for a major change in landscape this year as Kresge Theater begins renovations and construction of the new Ford Building is planned to begin this summer. However, to make space for it, the Beta Theta Pi house is being removed. At the same time, Delta Tau Delta is reestablishing itself as a fraternity on campus.

New policies were debated and implemented this year. Gender-neutral housing was accepted as an option by the Board of Trustees, while a vote to dissolve the House of Hall Representative failed. An amendment to the WEB Constitution about the election of its Executive Council was also rejected. Sharecat, Willamette's version of Craigslist, officially went online in October.

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influx of new professors, with students having a larger say than ever about who should be hired.

Meanwhile, some beloved staff members like Nancy Norton and Terri Tran are leaving. The death of Kaneko cook Cesar Roldan shocked many students. Compared to these events, the sudden closure of Lefty's no longer seems so important.

There was a myriad of other stories and topics that we have not even begun to address. Flexcar, now called Zipcar, was introduced to reduce driving, and students fought for sustainability and global warming awareness.

Students were active in the community,

organizing peace rallies or volunteering for those less fortunate. Black Tie was reduced in scope and brought to Salem, causing unforeseen problems. A new grant was created for freshmen to continue the learning from their colloquiums over the summer. Students as a whole began to look at the world around them in new and unique ways.

We think we were wrong earlier when we said this year did not have a central theme. It does. It is a simple theme, but an important one: change.

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month by month

September

- ▶ Campaign for Willamette hits \$100 million mark
- ▶ Fan starts fire in Univ. Apartments boiler room
- ▶ Sustainability Fair showcases Flexcar

October

- ▶ Sharecat brings Craigslist-style forum to Willamette
- ▶ WEB shares more funds with student clubs
- ▶ Lefty's Pizzeria closes
- ▶ Jeff Merkley speaks in Jackson Plaza

November

- ▶ Ford Hall academic building to open fall 2009
- ▶ Symposium encourages environmental action, education
- ▶ ASWU provides cheaper HUT service for students for Thanksgiving break
- ▶ Students support HIV-prevention strategy
- ▶ Student-planned rally promotes peace

December

- ▶ TIUA students say goodbye
- ▶ WU democrats and republicans organize series of student debates
- ▶ Kaneko cook Cesar Roldan shot and killed

January

- ▶ Choir tours Oregon, California over winter break
- ▶ English Dept. looks for two new faculty members

February

- ▶ Largest TIUA class in 15 years arrives
- ▶ Beta Theta Pi house demolition announced
- ▶ Music instructor Molly Barth wins grammy
- ▶ Black Tie moves from Portland to Salem
- ▶ CLA dialogues determine future plans
- ▶ Delta Tau Delta seeks re-establishment

March

- ▶ Gender-neutral housing comes to campus
- ▶ Hall councils vote against dissolution of HHR
- ▶ Five freshman awarded new colloquium grants
- ▶ Nancy Norton retires this spring

April

- ▶ ASWU rejects WEB reform amendment
 - ▶ Obama speaks in Salem
 - ▶ Student discussion addresses campus inclusivity
 - ▶ Pornography and feminism: Expanding social perspectives
 - ▶ Bill Bradbury speaks on global warming
 - ▶ CSSJ sit-in protest on the quad
 - ▶ Wulapaioza celebrates 10 years
- compiled by Elise Young

Willamette '08 scholars Seniors receive Fulbright, Watson grants

LAUREN GOLD
STAFF WRITER

According to its website, the Fulbright Grant allows its recipients to travel to one of more than 150 countries for nine months or more. During that time abroad, students may "pursue a one-year degree, simply take classes, teach, pursue independent research, or carry out a creative project." Both graduating seniors and alumni are eligible for the grant.

Senior Lucas Nebert, a biology major and chemistry minor, will use the money he received from the Fulbright Grant to travel to the Netherlands next year to research microbial ecology.

The Netherlands is considered one of the world's leaders in the areas of microbial ecology and environmental science. "I plan to study microbial ecology as it pertains to sustainable agricultural methods," Nebert said.

The Watson Fellowship is given to graduating seniors from 50 specific small liberal arts institutions to fund a year abroad after graduation.

Although its requirements are strict, the Fellowship allows for a wide range of projects. "The Watson Fellowship is essentially the world's most wide open scholarship," Director of Student Academic Grants and Awards Monique Bourque said.

Senior Jennifer McKenzie, an anthropology major and Spanish minor, will conduct research in Mexico, India, Spain and South Africa next year surrounding the Vagina Monologues and gender equality. McKenzie has been involved in producing and acting in the Vagina Monologues since her freshman year at Willamette, and found that the play was a great way to become active in the community. "The Vagina Monologues was a good experience," McKenzie said. "I wanted to see what it was like internationally."

The Kemper Scholarship is awarded to freshmen who are interested in business and management. This year two students received the award, both of whom will have

an opportunity to attend a conference this coming September as well as two paid internships during the summer before their junior and senior years. "The Kemper is probably less well-known than the others, but it's a really special and unusual scholarship," Bourque said. "Only 15 schools nationwide can nominate students. Both our scholars this year are fascinating people and good representatives of the diversity this university includes."

Freshmen Marco Fiallo and Mika Lim received the scholarship this year. Fiallo has a passion for finance and business, founding and serving as the president of the newly formed Willamette University Financial Group.

The club is a space where its members can learn about finances and the stock market. Fiallo, who is 27 years old, spent five years in the marine core and one year abroad in Ecuador, where his parents are from, before coming to Willamette. "Sometimes my age is hard," Fiallo said. "It was nice to see that even though I am older I can still have this great opportunity." Fiallo plans to work at an investment banking somewhere in Latin America.

Lim wants to use her internship opportunity to work with a non-profit organization centering around women's or LGBTQ rights. She says that the Kemper scholarship was helpful in focusing on her specific interests and career plans. Lim thinks that this scholarship will make it easier for her to realize her future goals. "I think it will provide me with a good opportunity to have experiential knowledge in tandem with my liberal arts education," Lim said. Lim, who has lived in 4 different countries, says that living in so many different places has helped her gain a global perspective.

Other students that have received scholarships are Collin Siu '08, Bill Emerson Hunger Fellowship and Sarah Zerzan '08, NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

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QUOTES

Sports writers share favorite game moments from the year

Sports writers on the *Collegian* staff have an inside perspective on Bearcat athletics from observing events that occur on and off the field. Their favorite memories of the 2007-2008 year represent all aspects of Willamette sports: the big wins, the dedication and the opportunity to be a part of something greater than yourself.

“Being a part of the squad that beat Linfield on the buzzer beater was the highlight of my year.”

Cameron Mitchell, track and field writer

“I enjoyed watching football and basketball beat Linfield on a last-second kick and a buzzer beater in the same year. Those are the moments you hope for as a sports writer, not just for the article's sake, but to see your friends and fellow athletes succeed.”

Jimmy Meuel, football, men's basketball and softball writer

“A little girl came to our soccer game to celebrate her birthday with some of her friends. The team signed a soccer ball and gave it to her as a present after the game. It's nice to encourage the next generation of players and give them role models to look up to.”

Samantha Post, nutrition writer

“I enjoyed interviewing senior tight end Josh Lee at the beginning of the year. He was very interesting and fun to interview. I remember he asked me why interview him in particular, and I responded that it was because he was an interesting person. My other favorite part was when I was covering cross country. It was fun for me to go to the meet and watch the Willamette runners compete.”

Charlotte Boddy, cross country, swimming and golf writer

“Without a doubt, my favorite sports moment was the football team's 33-32 victory over Linfield. The team started the game down 19 points and rallied with a late surge in the second half to bring it within 2, 32-30. With less than 10 seconds on the clock, senior Matt Bicocca made the most important kick of his life to put the Bearcats in the lead. Willamette was able to stuff any Linfield chances of a miracle, thus preserving the victory. It was awesome to see all of the fans and players rush the field and take part in the victory.”

Andrew Ross, women's basketball and tennis writer

-compiled by Annette Hulbert

RECORDS

Bearcats shatter season records

Is there something in the Willamette water? A high number of Bearcat athletes made headlines this past year:

Senior Sarah Zerzan wins second national cross country championship



COLBY TAKEDA

With matching Northwest Conference and West Regional titles under their belts, the men's and women's cross country teams went to the NCAA National Championships in Northfield, Minn.

There, senior Sarah Zerzan defended her title of Division III Women's Cross Country National Champion with a time of 20:54. “I think the race went pretty well. It was a good effort, and the competition was tough,” Zerzan said.

The Bearcat women placed ninth overall in the team titles, while the Bearcat men placed 18th overall.

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Senior Melinda Fahey breaks own hammer throw record, 164-2



COLBY TAKEDA

APRIL 16, 2008

The highlight was senior Melinda Fahey's toss of 164-2 in the hammer throw, which added more than eight feet to her own school record. Fahey set the school record on March 1 with a throw of 153-7 during the Willamette Opener. Fahey continued to take third place in discus, earning the best mark in the Northwest Conference with a throw of 136-1.

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Kyle Stalker shatters single season, career home run records

MARCH 7, 2008

The star of the weekend for the Bearcats was junior first baseman Kyle Stalker, who hit six homeruns and extended his career home-run total to 24, beating Willamette's previous school record of 21, which was set by Grant Trenbeath from 1990 to 1993. Stalker has 10 home runs on the season and is facing the single season record of 13 that has stood since 1987. “I am excited about setting the record,



COLBY TAKEDA

but I'm more excited that I was able to help the team get off to a good start to conference play.” Stalker said. (Since publication, Stalker has broken the single season record with 22 home runs in a season.)

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Franchi, Gilgan share record-breaking weekend

MARCH 13, 2008

During Saturday's sweep of Lewis & Clark, junior pitcher Nikki Franchi threw a one-hit shut out and hit two home runs. Over the weekend, Franchi was named the Willamette University career strike-outs leader, with 239 strikeouts. Another highlight was Gilgan, who broke the Willamette University record for stolen bases in a career with 69 total.

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Additional standout athletes:



COLBY TAKEDA

Senior Laura Payne reached the 1,000-point milestone in her final game as a Bearcat.

Senior Matt Bicocca kicked for 11 extra points in 11 opportunities, setting the record for most attempts in a game.

Senior Clint Moran kicked a punt 67 yards, breaking the previous record by three yards.

Junior basketball player Molly Fillion set a single-game rebounding record with 20 rebounds.



COLBY TAKEDA

Senior Ian Batch won the men's 1,500-meter run in the Charles Bowles Classic with a time of 3:56.97.

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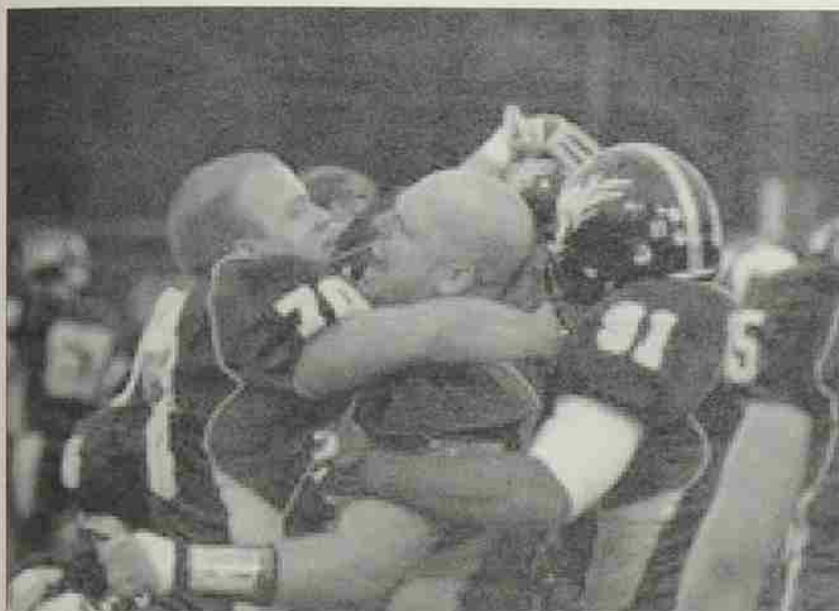
HIGHLIGHTS

WU upsets Linfield in football, basketball

ANNETTE HULBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

The key word of the year in the multi-sport battle between Willamette and powerhouse Linfield College was "upset." Linfield has long been the team to beat in the Northwest Conference, which made for some of the most memorable games in the 2007-2008 school year.

Willamette downs 12th-ranked Linfield, 33-32



COLBY TAKEDA

Seniors Justin Cole and Brandon Bennett celebrate after the 33-32 win over Linfield in October.

It was arguably the biggest Bearcat football win of the last decade and possibly the biggest upset in school history, as the Willamette University football team upended 12th-ranked Linfield, 33-32, in a dramatic fashion that Hollywood could not have scripted better.

Linfield clung to a 22-20 lead going into the half, a development that left the Bearcats and the Wildcats stunned as they headed for their respective locker rooms. Willamette had not beaten Linfield since 1999, when some of the current Bearcats were in elementary school.

"Going into the locker room close was huge," head coach Mark Speckman said. "It erased all doubt. It was tangible."

Willamette came out strong in the second half, forcing a Willamette fumble and preventing an imminent score. But the Wildcats would not go away.

After two lead changes, Linfield drove down 83 yards on 13 plays, setting up a 31-yard field goal.

On their final drive, the Bearcats found themselves on a critical fourth and five, before sophomore quarterback Ryan Whitcomb connected with junior receiver Drew Shepard to give the Bearcats reason to hope. Whitcomb rushed three more times, running the clock down to eight seconds and getting into range for senior kicker Matt Bicocca.

As Bicocca's kick sailed through the goal posts and Linfield failed in their Cal-Stanford play attempt, the Bearcats rushed the field with jubilation that www.d3football.com called one of the best upsets of the season.

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Bearcat fans had a second chance to storm from the stands following the men's home basketball game against Linfield in February 2008. Again, the Bearcats earned their victory in the final moments of the game.

Kunke scores on buzzer beater to beat Linfield

As time wound down in the men's basketball game against archrival Linfield College on Feb. 12, 2008, the game looked like it would come down to the free-throw ability of Linfield's Erin Olson. Trailing by one with six seconds left, Olson sank both free throws amidst an onslaught of heckling from the Bearcat Keggle Club.

Yet six seconds proved to be all that was needed as junior wing Cory Constantino took the ball down across mid-court and passed it to freshman point guard Robbie Kunke, whose lay-up under pressure sank just as the buzzer sounded, solidifying the 82-81 victory.

As the players rejoiced and the students rushed the court, one was reminded of the Bearcats' victory over

Linfield in football, in which senior kicker Matt Bicocca's last second field goal downed the Wildcats.

Junior post Kyler McClary led the Bearcats with 22 points, while Constantino had 18. Kunke scored 15 points and sophomore post Cameron Mitchell contributed 13.

"We did a great job containing their shooters and taking care of the ball," Kunke said. "It was a great win, in what is always a heated rivalry. I haven't been at the school very long, but you can always tell there is something different about Linfield."

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