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CLA to hire 25 new professors

Willamette University is now hir-
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ing. The College of Liberal Arts has begun implementing a plan to hire 25 new CLA faculty members over the next five years as part of a change in professor course loads.

Under the direction of Dean Carol Long, the first five new professors will begin teaching this fall in fields ranging from anthropology to French.

"Over the past two years, faculty in CLA have been discussing the possible ways of reallocating workload so that they can advance the goals of increased academic excellence in the College," Long said. "On Tuesday, Feb. 8, the faculty passed a resolution which plans a move to a five course teaching load in the year 2010. The faculty will be expanded in order to meet this goal."

Currently, faculty teach three courses per semester with professors in the sciences teaching two courses and supervising two laboratory classes. Under this new plan, faculty will teach three courses one semester and two courses the other, with the appropriate adjustment made to professors in the sciences.

The increase in the number of tenure-track professor will allow Willamette to offer the same number of courses to students in the

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future as they do now.

"The three-two model has been successful as several of our peer institutions, and has allowed professors greater time to pursue research and scholarly opportunities," Dean of Campus Life Robert Hawkinson said.

"With the increase in faculty we will still be able to offer the same number of courses in each department to our students."

Though employment practices vary from institution to institution, tenure-track positions typically only open when a full professor retires, leaves an institution, or a department has the budgetary means to hire a tenure-track posi-

tion.

The majority of faculty hiring is done to replace professors who are on sabbatical. As a result, tenure-track positions in liberal arts colleges are extremely competitive.

"The goal of the (faculty hiring) plan is to increase academic excellence, including excellence in pedagogy and in scholarship," Long said. "An expanded faculty will offer more breadth and variety to students and will strengthen the academic climate. I think these changes will greatly enhance student and faculty life at Willamette."

According to Hawkinson, the hiring of 25 new faculty members will necessitate the construction of additional faculty offices. Plans for such a facility are still in preliminary stages.

While Willamette plans to employ new professors there is no planned increase in the number of admitted students resulting in a decrease in the current student to faculty ratio. As is Willamette's policy, hiring for these new professors includes student input on faculty committees and the evaluation of the new professors work aided by students on a review committee.

"In evaluating a member of the faculty, I typically look at six qualities including what is the professors attitude towards students, and how well does a professor articulate their subject matter," senior Derek Case said.

Programming Betterment Resolution revived, funds to attract speakers

By JEFF CARLSON

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Last year, Willamette students voted to reject the Programming Betterment Resolution, which would have increased student fees to provide money to entice well-known speakers and music groups to come to the University.

Now ASWU is evaluating information gathered from the State of the Student Survey and is in the process of drafting another proposal for students that focuses solely on bringing speakers to campus.

The ASWU Senate recently approved a task force to begin drafting new legislation on the issue. The task force is led by junior Mandy Guile, who was unavailable for comment this weekend due to a debate tournament.

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STUDENT SURVEY RESULTS

85% of Willamette students would like to see a student selected speaker series (similar to the Atkinson Lecture Series).

63% would be willing to pay a higher student activity fee for such a program.

68% of Willamette students believe our student activity fee is lower than other comparable national liberal arts colleges.

Anthropology professor conducts research on gay, lesbian choruses

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Willamette anthropology professor Pamela Moro has broken new ground in the fledgling study of gay and lesbian musical expression.

In 2004 Moro combed primary sources, conducted a case study on a mixed gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender chorus in Salem and attended a gay and lesbian choir festival in Montreal. From these experiences she compiled the material for her research, "Our Voices Win Freedom: Protest and Community in Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Choruses." She will present her research to the Willamette community this Sunday in the Hatfield Library.

Moro said that one of the primary reasons she decided to research gay/lesbian choruses was because of the dearth of appreciable volume of study on the subject. "There was nothing very complete," she said. "To me, the phenomenon of gay and lesbian/feminist choruses in America is one of the most important things going on in American musical life. This is not some quiet little closeted phenomenon."

Another priority for Moro was to be able to keep her research local, and she found that opportunity with the Confluence Chorus of Salem.

"I'd heard about these kinds of choruses for a long time," Moro said. She specifically referred to the San Francisco Gay Men's Choir, one of the most well-known examples of artistry in the gay and lesbian community in the United States, as background in her research. "I knew we had a grassroots version of that chorus. When I ran the idea by (Confluence), they were very enthusiastic."

Moro's case study of Confluence Chorus revealed that groups like it form a very important part of a larger civil rights movement. In addition to the gay/lesbian activists, African American and women's rights groups also use music as a form of expression. "Gay and lesbian people and their straight allies are not the only activists that sing,"



COURTESY OF CONFLUENCE CHORUS

Anthropology professor Pamela Moro studied Gay and Lesbian/Feminist choruses such as the Confluence Chorus of Salem.

she said. "Right now singing in choruses is probably the most common and important form of activism for people concerned with issues in the gay and lesbian community."

"There's a reason to believe that more people who are lesbian and gay take part in choruses, hour for hour, than in any other kind of activism," she said.

In order to experience that collective activism firsthand, Moro traveled to Montreal in the summer of 2004 for the Gay and Lesbian Association of Choruses, Inc. (GALA) international music festival. In order to afford the cost of the journey, Moro applied for and won a Lily Faculty Research Grant.

Lily Project director Karen Wood said Moro's research impressed the advisory board which administers Lily Grants because of "how well it integrated the goals of the Lily Project, how well it continued and deepened her own research interests, and the fact that it's groundbreaking research," she said. "No one else has written about these choral ensembles."

MORO PRESENTS RESEARCH:

"Our Voices Win Freedom: Protest and Community in Gay and Lesbian/Feminist Choruses" lecture

Feb. 27

7:00 p.m.

Hatfield Room

Hatfield Library

Wanted: Editor-in-Chief for the Collegian, 2005-2006

All applicants welcome. Interested parties should contact Kevin Boots <kboots> or Gretchen Moon <gmoon> for an application.

Public Eye

PELTON NAMED AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

University President M. Lee Pelton was recently appointed as the chairman of the Board of Directors for the American Council on Education. Pelton assumed his duties at the 87th Annual Meeting of the American Council on Education held last week. He is replacing previous chairman, William E. Kirwan, chancellor of the University System of Maryland. The American Council on Education is a major national organization for higher learning, which includes more than 1,800 member institutions. Their purpose is to provide leadership and influence public policy on issues regarding higher education. Pelton has served as the 22nd president of Willamette University since July of 1999.

TaB HOLDS SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER

The Willamette Take a Break (TaB) program will be hosting a silent auction in conjunction with the spring choir concert on Saturday, Feb. 26. The auction is intended to raise money for the 70 members of TaB who will be spending spring break engaged in various service ventures across the country. The community service group must raise \$40,000 to fund trips to Jonestown, Miss., Fort McDermitt, Nev., New York and Washington D.C. The auction is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., one hour prior to the concert, and will continue until intermission.

STUDENTS PROTEST PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET CUTS

A number of Willamette community members were among the more than 2000 people to protest the State Capitol on Monday. The group rallied to protest the budget cuts currently facing the Oregon Public School systems. The grass-roots school-funding organization, Stand for Children, organized the protest. Numerous additional organizations co-sponsored the event.

Talk of the Millstream



AMY RATHKE AND ISALY JUDD
news editors

The month of February has come and almost gone, and with it, the celebrations of African American History Month, Valentine's Day (otherwise known as Vagina Month-and-a-half, around these parts), Founder's Day (otherwise known as Eat Cake 'Til You Explode Day) and most recently, Presidents' Day.

As this abbreviated yet celebratory month quickly slips into the rearview mirror, we here at the TOMS desk would like to take a moment to ruminate on the meaning of this last holiday.

Yes, we apathetically signed the pledge to uphold civil rights when the folks in the UC accosted us during our weeklong celebration of MLK Day. We attended the Vagina Monologues for the fourth time, because new friends still seem to find a way to be in it. (And, of course, because we want to stop violence against women.) We ate cake on Founder's Day, but only because we couldn't escape it.

At least with Presidents' Day we didn't get the day off, so we could truly embrace the numbness with which we've come to view every holiday.

We feel guilty over all this apathy. We think there must be a problem when we couldn't care less about celebrating not only the founding fathers of our university but also those of our country.

In an effort to combat this apathy, and shed a little light on Presidents' Day, we decided to talk to politics professor Richard Ellis. Ellis has written extensively on the American Presidency and currently teaches a class by the same name.

TOMS: Has there been any president who really revolutionized the role of the executive branch in a significant way?

Ellis: The president that changed the office the most I think would be Andrew Jackson because

he changed the footing of the presidency so that the president was now the popular leader and his election empowered him in a way that others hadn't. Franklin Roosevelt created the modern presidency, the hallmarks of the office, like the creation of the executive office.

TOMS: So, the cabinet?

Ellis: No.

TOMS: Or all the people you see on West Wing?

Ellis: Exactly. The cabinet was part of the office before Roosevelt, but prior to his time in office the president only had a few secretaries. After Roosevelt, you have the West Wing.

TOMS: Does history overlook certain presidents who deserve more acclaim?

Ellis: William McKinley...McKinley is responsible for modern press relations with the president. He was also a better politician than most people remember him.

TOMS: If you had the opportunity to change the faces that grace Mt. Rushmore, who would you pick?

Ellis: Well, the three greats are Washington, Lincoln, and Franklin Roosevelt. Jefferson's an odd choice. On his tombstone there's no mention of his presidency. He wasn't proud of it, it ends in almost total failure. Though his first term is quite successful in a lot of ways—everyone remembers him for the Louisiana Purchase—the last two years of his second term, he comes completely unglued. He pretty much hands over the reigns before he leaves the office. Andrew Jackson was a more consequential president.

PBR works to attract speakers for improved lecture series

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The tentative plan, according to ASWU President senior Bracken Killpack and WEB Co-President senior Kate Harrie, scraps using the money to attract big-name bands but will still attract speakers for a program similar to the Atkinson Lecture Series.

"We're pursuing this because students favored a student-led Atkinson-type series," Harrie said, citing the survey. "But there wasn't a student interest in bands."

Killpack said that last year students seemed to support the general goal of the proposal, but were put-off by some of its provisions.

"Lots of people I talked to were generally supportive of the measure, but nuances made students uneasy," he said.

He also said that there were doubts within the administration and the student body that Willamette would be able to draw big-name speakers or bands. But after bringing Michael Moore to Salem, that has changed.

"We have credibility now," Harrie said.

With the new goal in mind, Killpack said that, because of general support from the senate already, he believes a student-body vote on the new proposal could happen before Spring Break.

But he wanted to note that they were not rushing this legislation through just to get it passed. "There's no secret agenda," he said. "If people want to help shape policy, we welcome their input."

Killpack said that plans are underway for an open discussion before the senate votes on the legislation and for a town-hall forum before the student-body referendum.

The probable content of the legislation will include establishing a new committee to head the speaker selection process.

This committee, according to Killpack, would propose eight to ten candidates for the student body to select one or two speakers from via balloting.

"Everyone's in agreement that a new committee, not WEB, should be in charge of the process of balloting for the selection of speakers," he said. "Depending on the criteria, the student body would select one of the speakers this way and the committee itself could select the other speaker for the series."

In addition to possibly raising student fees to pay for the new series, Killpack said that other options include charging non-students ticket fees to the lectures and reorganizing ASWU budget spending.

According to the State of the Student Survey, 63 percent of respondents said they would be willing to pay a higher student activity fee for a new lecture series.

Sophomore Steven Malick responded similarly to the proposal. "If they raise student fees a reasonable amount and bring in quality speakers, it would be a great idea."

the wednesday profile

Traveling the Pacific Coast Trail

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Some seniors spend the five months after graduation scrambling to find a job or sitting on the couch at their parent's house eating cereal. Instead of going with one of these options, Ben Zeiger, Zac Harmon, Peter Lucas-Roberts and his twin brother Conor will be among the estimated 300 hikers who attempt to complete the Pacific Crest Trail.

The day after they receive their diplomas, the four will drive to Campo, a small town on the California/Mexico border. And then they will walk back.

Or hike, rather. The 2,650 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail run through three states (California, Oregon, and Washington) and six out of the seven ecozones that exist in North America. Hikers who complete the length of the trail pass through drastically varied terrain, from desert to forest

to mountains, while carrying 40 to 50 pound backpacks.

Different factors compelled each to take on such a feat. "It was just sort of an off the wall idea posed by Peter," Zeiger said. "I said, why not?"

Harmon, on the other hand, has been thinking about hiking the Trail for a while. "It started with an inkling my junior year, but when are you going to find four to five months to do that?"

The ambitious trip has taken a great deal of planning and preparation. Besides thoroughly studying the trails, the four seniors have been running and backpacking to physically ready themselves for their five-month journey.

To prime his feet, "I'm even throwing around the idea of walking around barefoot for a while," Lucas-Roberts said. This may be wise considering that fact that the Pacific Crest Trail

Association describes some blisters as "potentially trip-ending, painful, pus-filled disasters."

The issue of food has forced the four to get creative. While hikers have to opportunity to go into towns along the trail and buy food or mail it to ranger stations along the way, the desire to keep costs down makes these options unappealing.

Zeiger has been experimenting with various protein bar recipes he's found on the internet. "We're going to run some tests," he said. To date they've tried several versions, from simple "Apricot Bars" to the more exotic "Rancid Yak Butter Bars."

Food is not the only concern. The varied landscape of the trail exposes participants to a combination of diverse elements. Time in Southern California deserts is marked by 90 to 100 degree temperatures, where it becomes necessary to



COURTESY OF PETER LUCAS-ROBERTS

The Lucas-Roberts brothers have backpacked together before.

carry an extra gallon of water. The mountains bring on wet, cold conditions requiring both physical and mental endurance. "Starting as late as we are, it's a race to beat the snow in Washington," Harmon said. "I've known some people who've quit after a couple of weeks."

It is estimated by the Pacific Crest Trail Association that of the 300 people per year who attempt to conquer the trail, only about 60 percent make it.

To meet their goal of finishing the trail by mid-October, the men must travel about 20 miles per day. They realize the strain this may put on their interactions with each other. "It's more than a physical challenge, it's also emotional and relational," Lucas-Roberts said.

They have a motto for dealing with such circumstances, however. If someone causes problems, they plan to "tie them to a tree and leave them for the next group."

"We're serious about that," asserted Zeiger.

"Relational dynamics is a big thing," Lucas-Roberts said. Although this foursome has been a fairly solid group, several others who planned on going have backed out. "It's a big commitment," explained Lucas-Roberts. "I could never do it on my own. Sharing five months with the three guys I'm going with is

one of my main reasons for doing it."

To break up the stress of the trail, Zeiger, Harmon, and Lucas-Roberts plan to take side trips every one to two weeks. "You can't just hike five months straight without taking a break," Lucas-Roberts said.

They hope to stop in Ashland, Ore. to catch a few Shakespeare plays, and also tackle the "Pancake Challenge" at the Seiad Valley Café in California. There they will attempt to eat five one-pound pancakes, although according to Lucas-Roberts, "no hiker has ever finished it in 18 years."

But the trip's unquestionable highlight will be the trail itself. "It's a chance to get away from the world for five months," Zeiger said. Passing through, among other places, the Mojave Desert, the Sierra Nevadas, Yosemite National Park, the Columbia Gorge and Mount Rainier, they will be exposed to all of the elements that make up the West. "The whole Trail is beautiful. It's the best scenery in the West Coast."

"Waking up to the beauty of nature, to the sunrise, just clearing my mind," is reason enough to make the journey for Lucas-Roberts. "I want to live my life to the fullest. Right now this is the best way that I know how."

For more information of the Pacific Crest Trail, visit <http://www.pcta.org>



COURTESY OF PETER LUCAS-ROBERTS

Pacific Coast Trail hikers travel the 2,650 mile distance carrying 40-50 pound packs.



MEGAN MEIDINGER

The non-traditional student lounge is located in the UC behind the information desk.

UC lounge convenient for non-traditional students, could still use improvement

By KEENA PRESNELL

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Necessity begets invention, as non-traditional students at Willamette have proven. Lacking the convenience of dorm rooms on campus, non-traditional students have been carving out a social niche for themselves in an area of the UC that many undergrads never visit.

"It is not an ideal location, high traffic due to the mail boxes and the ATM machine, but it is close to the lockers, thus eliminating the need to carry all our books to the library or other study areas," said President of the Non-Traditional Student Association Apryl Ferris.

"It is not like we can go anywhere else really. This is a good place to meet up," junior Sheelah Hyslop added.

"This is one of the biggest things right here," Hyslop said, as she lifted her palm from the study table, revealing the tips of her fingers to be covered in blue. "I mean you sit down, and lay down your books and they are covered." Hyslop is talking about the long table which she and other non-traditional students use as desk. This is also the area where Texas markers are used for the posters that hang in the UC.

This makeshift desk is the center of the home-base and study area used by the entire group. The room is a small source of convenience for their otherwise inconvenient student lives of families, commuting, and heavy workloads.

Studying isn't the only thing that happens in the de facto Non-Trad Lounge, Kelly admits. With many wheely-chair races, it is also socializing, gossiping, and goofing off that these students use the area for.

"This year we got some comfortable chairs, they are so nice, and we are really thankful for them, however, we frequently still have to search for them," Ferris said.

Hyslop and fellow non-traditional student senior Shannon Kelly agree that there is a sort of protectiveness felt by Ferris and Vice-President Scott Randall over the chairs, which are the most recent addition to the environment shared by so many students. Ferris and others often come to their space to unwind, but find that through the night the chairs are often misplaced or left throughout the building by other students.

The students like their proximity to the center of campus, but they point out that there are not enough lockers for students who need them and the lockers are not big enough. There is only one internet port located on the wall, though many students use their wireless cards. "It would be nice if we could have a printer," Hyslop said.

Ferris and Randall have been working to improve the lives of the non-traditional students. Hyslop mused over the idea of getting a couch for the space as well as different tables. Future plans include working with the University to make a separate and more convenient study space available to them, in the form of a room to themselves.

Conventional wisdom

The week in review

HEADS *The Weather* – It's finally good; the sun is out, skies are blue and people can wear clothing other than hooded sweat-shirts. And people say that global warming is a bad thing.

HEADS *President Pelton* – President M. Lee Pelton is named chairman of American Council on Education board of directors. That's a really big deal, be sure to give him a slap on the back or applause next time you see him.

HEADS *Residential Commons* – The Residential Commons program is progressing along at a rapid clip. It might be ready for the class of 2009. The class of 2005 hopes they really enjoy it. Really.

TOSSUP *25 new faculty* – Willamette is radically transforming its academics with the addition of 25 new faculty. That's great, as long as you don't mind big tuition hikes.

TOSSUP *Conference Center* – Downtown Salem finally has a place to hold large exciting events. Hopefully more of these large exciting events will come to Salem.

TOSSUP *No NHL* – Without a collective bargaining agreement, the entire hockey season is cancelled. Most Americans won't notice until Canada gets antsy and starts writing nasty letters to the editor.

TAILS *Hunter S. Thompson* – The tragic apparent suicide of journalist Hunter S. Thompson deprives the world of its king gonzo journalist. R.I.P.

TAILS *Syria-Lebanon* – Reformer Rafik Hariri's assassination in Beirut allegedly at the hands of the occupying Syrian political force was a blow against change in a place that could sorely use it.

Coup d'Coop

It's nice to see that future students will not have to deal with World Views. As an outgoing senior, my heart jumps for joy at the prospect of these students' good fortune.

And then it lands, and my brain backhands it, still bitter about all that crazy Greek stuff I had to learn that they won't.

They won't have to read the "Parthenon for KIDS!" illustrated classic, where we whizzed around columns laden with the golden ratio, with a big yellow, black and turquoise cat flowing in the eaves narrating the voyage, and occasionally chiming in, "Don't chew on the columns. They taste like 1.618."

They won't have to peruse "The Oresteia," watching Orestes kill his mom, Clytemnestra, and get chased around by weird black witch things with sharp teeth called the Furies.

Which would have actually sounded more like a bad Indie band name, but at the time, they would have been busy trying to move the wastebasket and their two liter of Safeway Select cream soda out of the way of Clytemnestra's blood oozing all over their room to think about that.

And, thank goodness, they won't have to float precariously along with Socrates in Aristophanes' clouds while he keeps asking incessant questions, when they'd really want to do is frolic with their new found giant dog made of cumulo nimbus.

Perhaps the most important part of the exit of World Views is that the students won't have to turn to drugs to get through it. Narf.



EVAN COOPER

World Views, freshman seminar, bane of faculty, is dead at 18

On Willamette's World Views program passed away due to complications caused by faculty dysfunction. World Views had been in poor health since 1996 due to professorial tension about its purpose and academic viability.

Although World Views had been with Willamette for nearly 20 years, its passing was not unexpected, nor does the Willamette family consider it to be entirely undesirable.

World Views has been the ugly stepchild of Willamette academics for some time now, thanks to dissatisfaction among both the faculty and the student body. In last week's Collegian, Pamela Moro, Academic Council Chair, confirmed World View's ill

health. "Over the years, it has become obvious that the common nature of the experience has become increasingly confining for both the faculty and the students, and it's become a thing to be resisted."

It's always hard to see a family member go, but in the case of the World Views program, it was time. A comprehensive freshman seminar is an admirable program for a liberal arts institution to have. World Views served as a unifier, in a way, for faculty and students alike. Indeed, that was its main selling point.

Unfortunately, a program like World Views will always be inherently flawed. This is a logical consequence of the academic diversity which is

intrinsic to a liberal arts institution. The strength of a liberal arts education lies in its academic diversity, which World Views, as it was conceived, was tragically antithetical to.

World Views was meant to unify Willamette by creating a common experience. Unfortunately this did not happen for a number of reasons.

Different faculty taught the class in completely different ways, so students generally had completely different pedagogical experiences. Even worse, the subject matter was often completely beyond some faculty members' fields and so those faculty members spent as much time as students attempting to learn the material.

Both these factors

served to create an experience that was far from unifying in reality. This is not to say that World Views was ill-conceived. Far from it.

It would be fantastic to have a common experience at Willamette. However, the fact of the matter is that its practical results have been less than desirable for everybody involved in it.

The Faculty Council was correct in its decision to pull the plug on World Views. Although it had good intentions, the program clearly was less than helpful for everyone involved.

World Views is survived by the First Year Seminar which will begin its life in 2006. We wish the First Year Seminar more luck than World Views itself had.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to commend Joe Pallet for writing an excellent article addressing the need for affirmative action. Unfortunately, John Wickre's response was not quite up to par. What people like John Wickre fail to understand is that we all benefit and learn from different people, cultures and experiences. The need for affirmative action is illustrated every week in the Collegian. For instance, there seems to be an abundance of over-privileged, white conservatives who write terrible, poorly written opinions pieces every week for the Collegian. We have fulfilled that quota. Now it is time for some diversity. The same holds true for the rest of campus.

Ryan Olds
CLA Junior

We invite your letters to the editor. Letters can be received by postal mail, email, campus mail or fax (see contact info on page 2).

Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and phone number and must be submitted by noon Monday, the week of intended publication. The Collegian may edit letters for length and clarity.

WU community support needed

Willamette's motto "not unto ourselves are we born" applies to more than just community service. As a university community, we frequently ask each other to support the endeavors of peers. In everything from Student Scholarship Recognition Day to convocations, Willamette genuinely tries to recognize and support the activities and projects that the people who make up the university engage in.

Student athletics should be no different.

When Willamette recruits athletes, it promises them an outstanding academic as well as athletic experience. What happens when the two conflict? Students sometimes miss class due to scheduled athletic contests, a fact that faculty must (even if grudgingly) accept, according to university regulations.

They are required to make up work summarily. Student athletics

should be more than tolerated. The university acknowledges they play an important role in the student life of the university by continuing to fund teams and recruit new players.

Some athletes say that they feel the academic faculty is less than supportive when it comes to the demands of being both a student and athlete. While professors are justified in demanding the best of their students, it is important to fully acknowledge the unique demands of student athlete lifestyles. A positive way to acknowledge the contribution that athletics play to the university is for community members- faculty, administration and student alike- to support students in extra-cur-

ricular, including athletics. Professor Grey has been cited as a professor who goes out of his way to attend sporting events, to the delight of his students.

The close kind community we have here is unique. An abundance of support, in all arenas of university life, is essential to nourishing the kind of holistic student health that the university strives for.

As we approach the residential commons and a complete redefinition of our sense of community, Willamette can take a simple and meaningful first step by attending the baseball games, piano concerts and debate tournaments of our peers. The student life initiative program is a positive step towards integration of academic and extracurricular.

"Some athletes say that they feel the academic faculty is less than supportive when it comes to the demands of being both a student and athlete."

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Sexy date wanted, but I'll take anyone with wheels



DAN HUMPHREY

At 12:40 p.m. on Friday afternoon, I sauntered up to the ticket table in the UC, thinking about what stylish clothes I would wear to Willamette's annual Black Tie dance in Portland only to find that one of my best friends had purchased the last remaining bus pass a mere 10 minutes earlier.

Being a senior without a car, I reacted with a simple gulp of air to calm my flustered heart and I reassured myself that I could easily find someone to hitch a ride with to the dance.

Many of my friends had been just as indolent as myself and failed to secure a spot on one of the six buses, so I spent the remainder of the day searching for as many rides as I could find by chatting with every single person that I have ever had a connection with at Willamette.

"Ahhh...remember me from freshman year at the gym," I would say to the girl who used to jog in the black Lycra sports bra, before either igniting bizarre conversation or being shunned away like a banana-split.

When conversation did commence, minutes would wile way before the conclusion was reached that no, he or she did not have a ride to the dance, was taking the elementary drunk bus, or did not care to go to black tie because Ronald the star football player had decided to instead devote Friday evening to pumping iron and staring at his formidable biceps.

My attempts at finding a ride were dismissed eight times. After my eighth heart-wrenching rejection, I began to feel like the obese seventh-grade mathematics

nerd who has just come to the realization that his odds at kissing a pretty girl (or any girl at all) are quite low.

At 5:30 p.m. I became so desperate that I attempted to bribe girls in my apartment by telling them that my friends and I would be their dates, pay for gas and take them out to dinner if we could have a ride. I also tried to lay down the charm, hugging many of them, and saying that they were the most prodigiously fine woman at Willamette.

Luckily my face remained fist free during these exploits, and I eventually did make it to Black Tie. My friends and I decided to take the Greyhound bus to Portland, but later cancelled our reservations when I randomly stumbled across a long forgotten friend who happened to have a few extra seats in her car.

Taking swigs of rum mixed with Coke, my friends and I crammed into the back-seat of my friends decrepit Honda civic, acting somewhat boisterous while she tried to drive and hold hands with her date, who looked a little perturbed at us, but who I graciously thanked for putting up with us.

I was fortunate enough to make it to Black Tie, and besides the tiny dance floor in the Doubletree Hotel, I had a debaucherously delightful time.

In the future though, I recommend that ASWU hires more buses. For the love of god, hire more buses. Black Tie should be a dance that everyone has the opportunity to experience, not just the privileged few who sign up for a ride or happened to own a car.

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GRAPHIC BY JAY OOST

PC on DC

The third rail:

It's not too hot to touch



PAUL CRISALLI

For the last several weeks, I have been contemplating on how to best discuss social security. Given the content of President

Bush's State of the Union, it seems obvious that, for the next couple months, the political fight in the D.C. Beltway is going to be reforming social security. Writing about social security, however, has been more difficult that I initially imagined, particularly given that this paper is primarily aimed towards the student population.

This topic is also difficult to discuss given its complexity. An entire column could be devoted towards the reasoning why social security is called the "Third Rail" (if you have ever been on a metro system, the third rail powers the train, so if you touch it, you die). Given that there are so many different avenues to discuss, I will be devoting my next two columns to examine the politics behind social security. This week, I will try to provide reasoning for why our generation, in particular, should care about what happens to social security and why we, of all people, should make our views public. Next column, I will examine the actual policies of social security.

Why Should We Care?

With regards to our generation, however, I must first state that discussing social security is, in of itself, quite boring. I have been racking my brain for the last several weeks to make this article interesting, but alas, it is impossible. The issue nonetheless remains quite important. First and foremost, any social security reform will directly impact our generation. We are the ones that will be retiring when social security is supposed to go bankrupt in

about 40-50 years. So, when looking at social security, we, as a generation, need to do a little bit of forecasting. We must ask ourselves what we envision our lives to be like in 40-50 years? In all truth, it is probably an easier question to answer than the ones that we currently have to answer: "So, what are you doing when you graduate?" Also, instead of answering the previous question to numerous relatives and vagrants on the street, the only person to answer this question is you.

Pricing Parents

Second, social security reforms are aimed at our parents. If the reforms happen to speed up the bankruptcy of the system, then, because our generation will be the working class, we will likely have to cover the costs. Now, I love my parents, and I would have no problem taking care of them if they could not pay for their retirement, but there are families where the relationship might not be as positive. In addition, there will also be many families where the working members will simply not be able to handle the addition burden of covering for their parents.

They're your Tax Dollars

Finally, and it should be noted, that social security is a pay-as-you-go system, and it will be our taxpayer dollars that pay for any of the new reforms. Many of us are about to enter the job market will soon learn about taxes, for good or for bad. Any decision that is going to be made now will affect our taxes and the spending of those taxes. We must educate ourselves and be aware of what the implications of the Beltway decisions are on our lives and the lives of our families. We as a generation must participate in the debate on social security.

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But Do They Have Oil?

weekly random foreign affairs column

The United States does not negotiate with bank robbers, okay?



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The American policy of refusing to negotiate with terrorists is well considered, but what are the possible alternatives? Surely it makes sense to refuse dialogue with a group holding hostages, but what if we at least attempted to address the concerns driving these groups to violence

before it resulted in carnage?

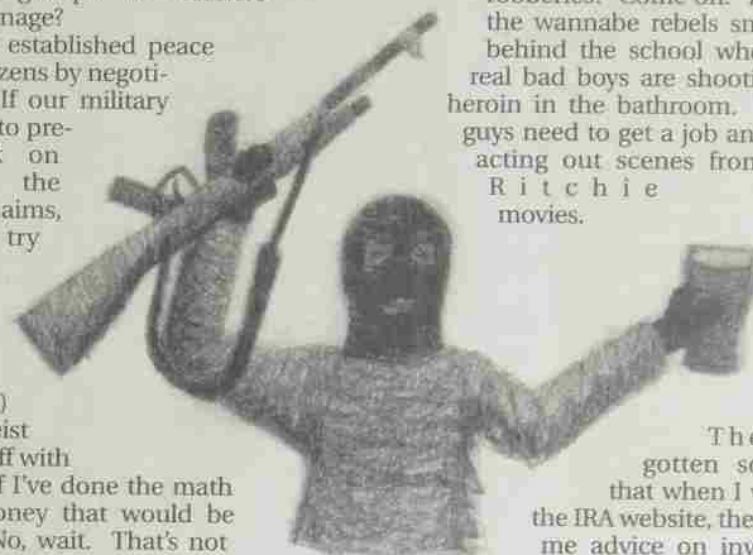
Other nations have established peace and protected their citizens by negotiating with terrorists. If our military power is not sufficient to prevent another attack on American soil, as the Director of the CIA claims, perhaps we should try diplomatic methods.

The Prime Ministers of Ireland and Great Britain have blamed the Irish Republican Army (IRA) for an armed bank heist on Dec. 20 that made off with 26.5 million pounds. If I've done the math right, in American money that would be about... 13,000 tons. No, wait. That's not right. Anyway, it was a lot of money.

In response, the IRA (not to be confused with the Roth IRA, a militant retirement savings

plan) has completely withdrawn from their pledge to disarm under the Northern Ireland peace process. I guess they're upset that Great Britain called them on it, and now they're crying and throwing a temper tantrum like a little kid, if little kids wore black ski masks and drank a lot of Guinness.

As far as terrorist organizations go, the IRA is slightly pathetic. I mean, bank robberies? Come on. They're the wannabe rebels smoking behind the school when the real bad boys are shooting up heroin in the bathroom. These guys need to get a job and stop acting out scenes from Guy Ritchie movies.



GRAPHIC BY
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They've gotten so soft that when I visited the IRA website, they gave me advice on investing for retirement. Then again, with so much money, I guess they need to know

about these sorts of things now.

Still, all things considered, it's amazing that the IRA has gone from terrorist bombings and assassinations to bank robberies.

What's even more amazing is that the British government has achieved peace through talks with Sinn Fein, the political party of which the IRA is a military wing (or is it the other way round?). Regardless of the legitimacy (or illegitimacy) of the IRA's goals, their use of deliberate violence against civilians is reprehensible.

And yet the British government, their enemy, was willing to take the IRA's extremist views into consideration as part of peace talks, an action which probably enabled a deal to be brokered. Yes, the deal looks in jeopardy, but it may yet survive, and it has afforded Northern Ireland several years of peace.

Not all groups can be dealt with in this way. Some, no matter how earnestly we may attempt to engage with them, almost certainly would prefer a violent exchange instead of dialogue. Zarqawi has stated his approval of our policy of separation and alienation from the concerns of common people that lend support to terrorist groups in their nations.

We owe it to the troops that protect our country, and the inhabitants to pursue any tactic that might end the war on terror, even if it requires listening to the voices of the enemy.

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It's okay if you don't go to graduate school

It turns out that a person with only a Bachelor's degree is a person after all.



BRIANNE
KENNEDY

"SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING AFTER GRADUATION?"

"This question seems innocent enough, doesn't it? And since most of us have been asking and answering it practically since the

day we arrived at Willamette, it's only normal that we barely bat an eye as we do. The problem is how few appropriate answers we've seemed to decide that there are.

Let's consider for a moment the three responses Willamette students generally give to this question. There is the "I'm going straight to graduate/law/business school"

response, the "I'm going to work for a year or two and then go to graduate/law/business school" response, and the "I don't have a clue, but I'm sure I'll eventually end up at graduate/law/business school" response, which is still acceptable considering it's only February.

Don't plan on pursuing an advanced degree? The few among us who fit into this category better prepare for some awkward silences.

"The problem is how few appropriate answers we've seemed to decide that there are."

As Nancy Norton told me in her office last week, however, statistics show that only about 50 percent of us will actually go on to earn these much talked about graduate or professional degrees. Yes, that's right, 50 percent.

I'm not pointing this out to

be a downer or to suggest that any of us are being disingenuous as we make and share these lofty goals, but because I think we can learn from it.

Somewhat ironically, I suppose, the fact that so few Willamette graduates end up in the graduate programs those of us who are current student seem to hold in such high esteem speaks to how valuable an undergraduate degree from Willamette really is.

In other words, more than 50 percent of those Willamette alumnae and alumni who have come before us have been able to create fulfilling lives for themselves with (gasp!) a Willamette BA alone. And so can we if we choose to.

Also, and perhaps most impor-

tantly, it shows that much (if not all) of the pressure we feel to formulate an impressive response to the unavoidable question of what we're doing "next" is unnecessary.

It's bound to take a little practice, but maybe one day we'll even be able to answer this question of what we're planning to do after graduation with a simple "Be happy." For now, though, I guess I'll just have to stick with my

plan to immediately enter a dual Ph.D. program in seismology and geriatric psychology. How about you?

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Skeletons in the closet

In death, cadavers bring new life to anatomy studies.

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"Cadavers occasionally effect a sort of accidental humanness that catches the medical professional off guard. I once spoke to an anatomy student who described a moment in the lab when she realized the cadaver's arm was around her waist. It becomes difficult, under circumstances such as these, to retain one's clinical remove."

Quote from *Stiff, the Curious Lives of Human Cadavers* (by Mary Roach) p. 25, 2003, W.W. Norton & Company Ltd., London:

There is an odd stench emanating from Collins 104. Most people, had they any idea what inhabited this basement room, would have thought it to be much more potent than it actually is. Instead of the overpowering fumes that one might associate with a county morgue, the fragrance of the dead that lingers in Willamette's anatomy lab is almost distant (thanks in part to conscious efforts to keep the room well-ventilated), much like the lives of the sheet-draped donors that lie quietly in large stainless-steel tanks.

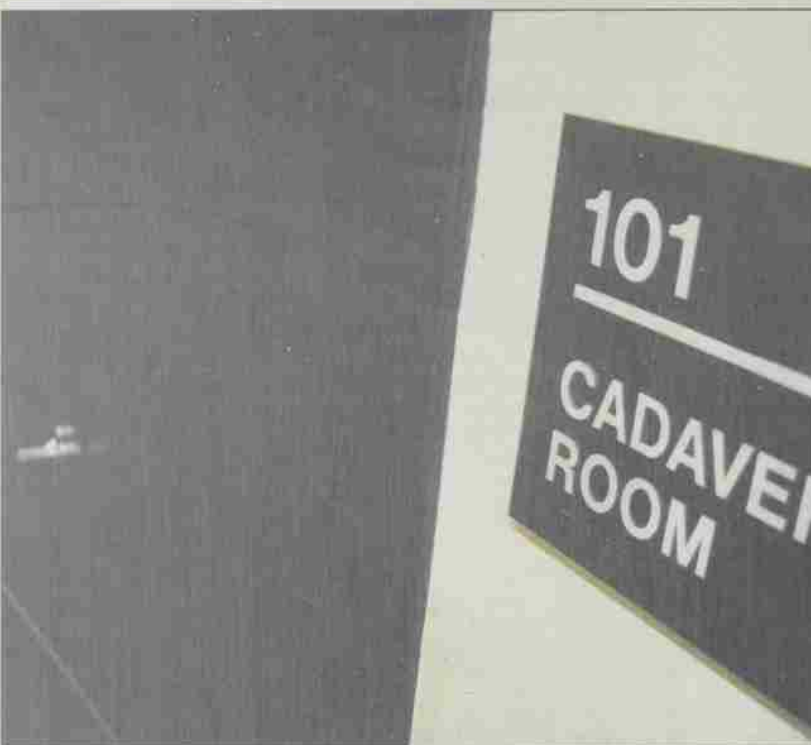
"They kind of look fake," said senior anatomy TA Emily Conway. "Instinctively you know they were alive, but for the most part they don't seem real." The identities of those who sign a form donating their earthly remains to educational facilities like Oregon Health Science University remain strictly confidential.

"We might know the age of the person and occasionally the cause of death, but that is all the personal information we get," said exercise science Professor Russ Cagle. "OHSU is very careful, however, not to give us a cadaver that came from this region."

For \$1,300, Willamette is loaned a body (the cost is apparently less than purchasing a cat cadaver for the same purpose, incidentally) that enables anatomy students the chance to experience first hand how the human body looks and feels.

"Most schools don't offer this chance. We're lucky to have such a better way to learn so available to students. Since each body is unique, it is really difficult to look at a picture and recognize what you are seeing," Conway said.

Cagle too appreciates the individuality that each cadaver possesses. "I've seen probably 40 different ones and the interesting



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Collins 101: Willamette's cadaver storage facility.

thing is that every body is different. You will see the weirdest things, complete anomalies. But I just shrug because obviously it worked for the guy," he said.

Over the years, he has seen everything from tubes with unknown origins and purposes to extra vertebrae to pacemakers that resemble, in Cagle's words, an I-POD with an antenna.

Each fall the new body is brought down from OHSU in a university van and dissected. The skin is removed, adipose fat tissue placed in a bucket, muscles separated and ligaments exposed. A bucket of kitty litter is placed under the metal tanks that the cadavers call home during their stint on campus to collect liquefying fat.

"We have some interesting tools for the dissection," Conway said. "Buzz-saws for opening up the

thoracic (chest) cavity and pliers that help remove the back of the cranium." The next step is to remove the brain and place it, oddly, but perhaps a bit poetically, in a Tupperware container. Each part removed during the dissection is kept, however, to be reunited when the cadaver is returned to OHSU and the donor's wished for burial or cremation carried out.

Finally, the body is wet with an anti-fungal solution that keeps the bodies relatively clean and prevents them from drying out.

"I'm not scared or creeped out by them. But every once in a while, I'll see something that I wasn't expecting. Like pink sparkly nail polish on the fingernails of the female. That makes them more real, less distant," said Conway.

The faces remain intact and covered during their tenure on campus, a practice that both

Anatomy students study up for a day with the d

maintains the privacy of the cadaver's identity and helps students cope with handling a human body.

There is an odd jumble of remove and respect, fascination, apprehension, and aversion mingled in the faces of those who gently probe the sometimes startlingly stiff bodies for the Obturator externus or open the doors on their metallic, temporary coffins, waking them before a Monday night anatomy lab.

According to Conway, the value inherent in an opportunity to learn first-hand the human body is appreciated by virtually everyone who has had the cadaver experience. "We really stress respect. This was somebody's

Odd facts of Cadavers & Creatures:

According to *Stiff*, anatomists were forced to steal bodies from graves in order practice dissection on them, and it was not a rare occurrence that the bodies were those of their own family members. (aka the origin of the term "body snatcher.")

Seventeenth-century surgeon and discoverer of the circulatory system, William Harvey, admittedly dissected his father and sister.



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ead.

grandma, their brother. At the same time, there has to be a certain amount of humor present because it really is an odd thing to go through." Keeping things light is a way to deal with having to lift the heap that is the small intestine to find an artery underneath or peering unnervingly close to an opened skull to identify the shriveled strings that are the cranial nerves.

While the pair that call the Collins basement home may be the highest profile of Willamette's specimens, they are certainly not the only ones who, refused to lie down in the face of death and are instead doing something useful.

According to biology professor Dave Craig, "The university has

amassed over 5,000 specimens over the years. Historically, they were the best and most convenient way to describe diversity and the process of how species evolved."

Until the 1940s, Willamette was engaged in a sort of specimen swap with other universities. Through this process, Willamette has accrued everything from Mexican scorpions to a hippo skull two and a half meter-long tape worm. More recently, however, this practice had fallen by the wayside.

"Before I got here, I think the specimens were really under-used," Craig said as he pointed out a frog suspended in alcohol that had been beached after the

formaldehyde was drawn into its cells.

The ranks of catalogued specimens also present a sometimes difficult sight. In one particular cabinet sit a row on about half a dozen jars containing fetuses of varying stages of development. They were donated in the 1940s by Salem Hospital and are used in developmental biology classes. The fetal tiger specimen and a puppy also generate a different response than the arthropods, for example.

"Virtually all of these specimens were gathered opportunistically. For example, animals that die on the side of the road are picked up and if they are pregnant, sometimes the animal fetuses will be donated," Craig said. Most were gathered many years ago — some dating back as far as 1834, before modern techniques for comparing DNA among organisms. Willamette's collection does not need to be replenished and requires fairly low maintenance: a simple changing of the alcohol that fills the jars once a year is the only upkeep.

Craig's own fascination with preservation started young with his first "stuffing" of a road-kill squirrel. His boyish handwriting still clearly documents his find. And here at Willamette, he is among friends. Along with several taxidermy-enthusiastic students, Craig started the Dead Verts Society, a club who's name is a play off the cult classic and lives by a motto equally as tongue-in-cheek: Carcass Diem.

According to junior Caitlin Letts, an avid bird-stuffer and one of the 14 Vert Society members, after weighing dead mice and chicks being fed to birds of prey at the zoo, taxidermy was easy.

"I got started in Dead Verts when Prof. Craig announced it to my class sometime last year. I showed up for one meeting and someone asked me to help them finish up a bird by sewing it shut. During my second meeting I stuffed my first bird on my own," Letts said.

For most, however, it's probably still an odd experience walking amongst the various mounted wing tufts, floating tentacles and



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A dog fetus, suspended in formaldehyde.

preserved scaly hides. These creatures, for better or for worse, in the name of science and education, have managed to defy time. It is impossible to deny the strangeness of their limboed existence, but perhaps failing to utilize their power to educate, to amaze and even to disgust is failing to give them their due credit.

"Before I got here, I think the specimens were really underused."

— Dave Craig,
biology professor



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Renting a cadaver costs \$1300. Cats cost more.

In Rochester, NY in 1831, a father sold his son's amputated leg for the small fortune of 37 cents.

The University of Tennessee Anthropological Research Facility is an institution devoted to studying the process of human decomposition in various states.

The harmful effects of DDT were first discovered due to evidence in the sheik collections of bird eggs that were displayed as a show of social status in the early twentieth century.

Flicks & Quips

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WINE & MOVIE REVIEWS:

FREE ALCOHOL BY REQUEST

Hey, do you like wine? Ever thought about going wine tasting? 'Cause if you are 21 you should. It's a good excuse to get out of Salem, head north, check out the countryside, swing by Portland, and drink before dinner. I checked out the Oak Knoll winery about 20 minutes west of Portland. The kind people there gave us a tour upon request, gave us wine-tasting tips without being condescending and had us try all of the available wines. They even let us hug the barrels when we asked! You are never under an obligation to buy the wine you taste, but I dare you not to walk away with at least one bottle. Oregon does a damn good job with Pinot Noir (one more way that Oregon is as cool as California) so why not go out there and see what's to offer. If you want more information check out www.gatewaytooregonwines.com.

WEED, BREASTS, RACISM

"Harold and Kumar go to Whitecastle" is out on DVD. It's also available in the Montag C-store, just past the multi-colored candy and munchie displays. Harold and Kumar is a stoner flick that chronicles one epic night of two best friends. In the course of their journey, they ride a cheetah, break out of jail, defeat racists, meet Doogie Houser MD, see lots of skin and fly off a mountain (probably not in that order). All in all, it is an accurate description of what it's like to get stoned, get lost and get hungry. My suggestion is to pick up some food before you watch it, so that satisfaction can be gratified immediately.

Royal India: straight out of the tandoor

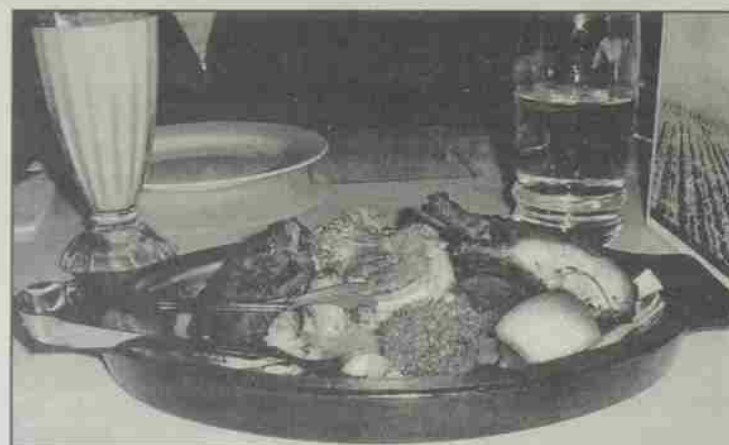
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Most people would probably be inclined to disagree with me if I were to suggest that Salem's very own South Commercial Street is a veritable sparkling beacon of multiculturalism. In all honesty, a week ago I probably would have laughed at anyone who made such an assertion as well. But before you have a lovely good guffaw at my obvious naiveté, go take a look for yourself. Scattered up and down the deceptively strip-mall-esque row are a bounty of Mexican, Japanese, Chinese and perhaps most surprisingly Indian restaurants. Last Monday night, some friends and I decided it was time to sample a new one of these many gastronomic offerings, and we choose the family-owned "Royal India".

Stepping through the door, we were greeted by the bright openness of the space and genuine warmth of the staff. We were seated almost immediately, and crispy light sheets of something bread-like was placed in the middle of the table for us to crunch on as we sifted through the menu. I ordered a Mango Lassi right away, and I sipped blissfully on its creamy sweetness as I poured over food options.

I was very tempted by the Vegetable Korma—fresh vegetables cooked in a thick curry sauce garnished with nuts and raisins—but I decided to go with the



MIRANDA RAKE

Royal India Special: feast of tandoor chicken and shrimp.

Royal India Special, described as a 'feast of tandoor chicken and shrimp with curry and naan'. Naan is easily my favorite part of eating Indian food. If you've never tried it, naan is Indian flat bread that comes along with most curries and dal (stewed lentils) to lap up all the lovely sauces. With my Royal India Special, I got to choose from the 9 different versions of naan, including cheese-filled, lamb-filled and even a sweet naan prepared with nuts and raisins.

After way too much deliberation, I settled on plain naan, which you really can't beat. It came to the table warm and soft, fresh from the oven, along with a little boat of spicy, aromatic curry and steaming plate of tandoor shrimp and chicken. 'Tandoor' is a specific way of

cooking meats, using a clay oven and baking the meats in sealed containers to seal in and intensify all the flavors. All of our dishes were enjoyable, but everyone's over-whelming favorite was Chicken Kashmiri, which is a deliciously bright and almost citrus-y curry. Our many plates of various curries, rice and naan that we had ordered were scattered around the table, and the atmosphere was a convivial one of sharing, reaching, tasting and savoring.

Whether you're an Indian food pro complete with regular cravings, or someone for whom take-out chow mein is as exotic as you've gotten, grab some friends and go give Royal India a try. Let a little piece of Salem surprise you.

WHERE TO FIND IT:

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Cheap, close, and satisfying: screen gems in the rough

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February is the time of year that film geeks like me do one of two things, we either scramble to see all the nominated films before the Oscars, or we lambaste the Oscars as a debacle of little importance. Neither approach seems sane to me. The Oscars have their merits, but at this time of year, the choices are limited. At the local cinemas, its either an Oscar nominated film or some trite flick. We forget the massive cache of films hoarded close to home. So this week, I visited the Montag. Here's some movies to check out if you as well are tired of the eight dollars for nothing night.

The Montag Center has all of the DVDs I thought it

would. The plethora includes new releases, big-name-notalent flicks like Gigli, and college must have like Ferris Bueeler's Day Off and Animal House. That's to be expected. Within the neatly arranged shelves, I found a few gems worth noting. Here's some films sure not to disappoint:

"Run, Ronnie, Run," starring David Cross (of "Arrested Development" and "Mr. Show") is awesomely hilarious. It follows a southern gentleman of lewd distinction and a talent for running from the authorities on COPS, as he rises to fame using said talent. Ronnie is a man with a good heart, six kids, a thrice married, thrice divorced wife, a pension for beer, three friends and one fucked up dog. He rises to fame on red-neck wings and then must

deal with his celebrity.

"Death to Smoochy," Robin Williams and Edward Norton, also a comedy, can seem strange at times, but makes up for it by being ridiculous. Norton plays a pink suited, squeaky-clean rhinoceros, Smoochy, that takes the time slot of a fallen children's programming star, Rainbow Randolph (Robin Williams). The rest of the movie is Randolph's attempts at defaming beloved Smoochy. The premise is intelligent, though the world it takes place in is sometimes too bizarre. Norton is exemplary.

"Heat" by Michael Mann, starring Al Pacino, Robert DeNiro and Val Kilmer is a crime thriller that confirmed Mann was a valuable asset to Hollywood. Similar in style to

"Collateral," Heat is more plural and engaging than the more recent film. The lives of the men involved are all thoroughly examined, coming to a head when DeNiro and Pacino face off over coffee. As always, Mann makes awesome use of LA with strong panoramas and pans. Somehow he manages to make LA beautiful.

"The Triplets of Belleville" is a French movie without subtitles, but don't worry 'cause you won't need them. There is almost no dialogue in the film. How does a film have no dialogue? Well, you'll just have to watch it. It's kooky, funny, cartoon about a kidnapped bicyclist and his mom's journey to free him using three old French singers. I know it sounds weird, just take my word for it

Some old-fashioned romance in the UC



KRYSTA DRECHSLER

Willamette Singers work hard to prepare for Puttin' on the Ritz.

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Guys, are you still in the dog house over your failed Valentine's Day gift? Ladies, are you still bitter from the social stigma of singlehood from Black Tie? Once again the Music Department is coming to your rescue. On March 11 and 12 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. the boring old Cat Cavern will be magically transformed into a swingin' jazz club. Yes, it's the tenth annual Puttin' on the Ritz.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar with Puttin' on the Ritz, this annual event features vocal and instrumental jazz, big band dancing and fine catered dining. Puttin' on the Ritz is a two evening black-tie event in March that is attended by over 500 members of the local community. All of the music provided will be live and performed by

Willamette's very own student jazz groups: Willamette Singers and Jazz Ensemble. So guys, give your girl a night of dining and dancing she'll never forget. And all you single ladies, this is the perfect opportunity to dress up and to flirt with all the jazz hotties.

Ticket prices are \$34.50 for one ticket, \$138 for a table for four or \$260 for a table for eight. Although at first glance these prices may be a bit high for a college student, take into consideration all that is being offered. There is incredible music and atmosphere; dinner will be provided and think of all the gas you will save by with the convenient location of the Cat Cavern! So pull out that little black dress and get your ticket before they sell out.

**You can purchase tickets at the
Music Department at 503-370-6214.**

WU to open an annual film festival

Organized by Professor Andres Wallace, the Stir-Fry film festival will be a venue for students from the United States and Canada.

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Are any of you out there aspiring film actors, directors or producers? If so, there is a fantastic opportunity coming up just for you: The First Annual Stir-Fry Student Film Festival, which will take place on April 13, here at Willamette University. This event is open to undergraduate filmmakers from all over the U.S. and Canada; it will showcase films of all styles and subjects. Stir-Fry is also a fun opportunity for film enthusiasts. This is a chance to check out what promises to be a great student film festival right here on campus.

This student film festival project is being organized by Professor Andrea Wallace and senior Art Major Sean Fennell. The submission deadline for the festival is March 1, 2005, and videos in DVD, VHS, SVHS or Mini DV format should be submitted to Professor Wallace in the Art and Art History Department. Students will be notified by March 30 as to whether their film will be shown at this year's festival. Students should note that

films should be 30 minutes or less and any film created before January 1, 2003, is ineligible for screening.

Regardless of whether or not you are involved in film, the Stir-Fry Student Film Festival will be an amazing on-campus event. Show up, support fellow Willamette students and you'll be sure to enjoy a plethora of short films from undergraduate students all over North America.

Stir-Fry Film Festival

April 13, 2005

Submission Deadline:

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**Students will be notified if
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accepted by March 30.**



SEAN GYSHEN

Sit back and bask in the glow of the new Media Art and Stir Fry Film Festival.

The magic of the south

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It is summertime in Chile and the beaches are full of tourists from various parts of the world who are ready to relax and enjoy the sunshine. I have finished my first semester in Chile and enjoying long days at the beach for yet another semester does not sound like a bad idea.

However, I decide instead to flee from the beach of Viña del Mar and embark on a much more fruitful experience for my next semester abroad. I want to explore the magical south of Chile.

The south of Chile is very unique and diverse and there is certainly a magic in the land, as in the popular Patagonia region. I have never traveled there, but am instead enjoying the farm and region where I am currently living and volunteering. Being here has been a challenging experience that has given me a new perspective on life and has brought many moments of frustration and happiness.

I am living with a wonderful family in their grand farmhouse. The house includes a beautiful garden filled with flowers, fruits and vegetables, home-

made raspberry jelly and three nanas who cook, clean, and make great conversation. Sometimes I think that this really is too good to be true!

Ready to leave for the day, I walk down the gravel road and wait for the bus that will take me to a tiny town called Los Muermos, which is 10 minutes away and located about 50 kilometers from Puerto Mont.

In this town, I am in a completely different world from the beautiful farmhouse. I signal the chauffeur to drop me off at the orphanage, where there are between 20 and 40 niños, ranging in age from four to 16. María Paz, who is eight years old, waves to me through the window and shouts, "Tía Torey is here!" She opens the door and the kids start running towards me, ready to play.

I try to be a positive influence and role model for orphans and I enjoy playing and sharing my time with them. I always want to do more activities with them, but their resources are extremely limited, which I find frustrating. I also find it difficult to think about the fact that I am in their lives right now, but in a month I will be headed back north to Viña del Mar for the remainder of my semester abroad.



COURTESY OF TOREY JOVICK

Jovick spends her days playing and spending time with local orphans in Los Muermos, Chile.

However, I share amazing moments with them for now and do what I can. I laugh when I remember a time when fifteen of the little girls were running behind me around the cement court outside, copying my actions and shouts of "Girls are the best!" in Spanish.

I am also volunteering for the Municipalidad de Los Muermos in the social services department. On any given day, I jump in the little red truck that belongs to the department and is driven by a chauffeur nicknamed Zapatos with the other social workers. We head out into the countryside, avoiding cows and admiring the beautiful views en route to the families we will visit.

Zapatos stops the truck and we determine the best path to walk to the house for which we are looking. The people in this region live completely spread out and in locations that are hard to find amidst terrain that is difficult to navigate. After a bit of a hike we arrive at the house and I observe the interview which determines if the family is following obligations set by the program. These expectations are basic and may include a provision that every person in the family must have their own bed.

It is incredible to see how the people live, with hardly any possessions. It is sad to observe children who do not have a bed or a roof over their heads, yet have a television and a radio in their homes. Furthermore, the majority of the people that I have met do not know how to read or write and see no reason why they should learn.

It is a different perspective and,

coming from my educational background, I want to convince them that it really is important to be literate. But they are living a different lifestyle where the cycle of poor education continues. They stay in the camp for generations and it is their own world.

After a long day, I jump on the bus and head back to the magical farmhouse and converse with the nanas and the family about my day. I always feel very fortunate to be there. I have endured a lot of cultural adjustments, learning, and changes since I arrived in Chile in July and the experience of volunteering is proving to be yet another.



COURTESY OF TOREY JOVICK

María Paz calls Jovick "Tía Torey," meaning "Aunt Torey."



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Jovick and several children pose in front of a mural at the Municipalidad de Los Muermos.



“One day our descendants will think it incredible that we paid so much attention to things like the amount of melanin in our skin or the shape of our eyes or our gender instead of the unique identities of each of us as complex human beings.”

— Franklin Thomas

from "Outrageous
Acts and Everyday
Rebellions"
by Gloria Steinem,
1983

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Wildcats overtake Willamette in last home game

By CHRISTY NEWELL

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Last Tuesday night the women's basketball team had their final home game against Linfield ending in a loss of 67-77. The Bearcats now sit at 7-15 overall and 4-9 in the Northwest Conference.

The Bearcat's junior center Vanessa Wyffels scored a total of 24 points and made four rebounds while junior guard Jennifer Bell made 13 points. Freshman guard Julia Short stole nine points, six assists and six rebounds. Sophomore guard Ashley Mollet took seven points while freshman point guard Laura Payne made six points.

Leading the Wildcats was Bayley Coblenz who made a total of 20 points. Linfield's Lindsay Sticka went three-for-three from the field making a total of 10 points while teammate Casey Stepan sunk three of four shots, scoring a total of eight points.

The Bearcats were neck and neck with Linfield for the first 10 minutes with a tie of 17-17 until Coblenz's jumper put the Wildcats up by two. With seven minutes remaining in the first half the Bearcats had a chance to tighten the gap, but came short on missed three pointer attempts. The first half ended in a score of 26-44.

The second half started out strong for the Bearcats scoring 10 points to Linfield's six in the first five minutes. Wyffels took control in the second half making eight points in the first three minutes. However Linfield soon went on another scoring run making five straight points to secure the game.

With five minutes remaining in the game the Bearcats again had a chance to close the gap. Sophomore guard Kari Woody made a shot bringing the score to 59-66; however missed free throw shots didn't allow the Bearcats to take the game. Overall Willamette shot 43 percent to Linfield's 57 percent.

"We didn't play as consistently as we would



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Freshman post Tracie Nygaard had four points and two rebounds in the women's last home basketball game against Linfield. In 22 games the women have shot 39.2 percent from the floor.

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have liked to against Linfield. Our first half was not our best half of basketball. If we had played the first half as we had played the second half, the outcome of the game may have been different," Payne said.

Payne stated on the season, "This was a strong building year for our team. We only had three returning players, and everyone else was new to the program. We had to learn each player's ten-

dencies and work together to find a good team dynamic."

The Bearcat's game against Pacific Lutheran University last Feb. 4 was suspended due to power outage, so the Bearcats traveled back to Tacoma last night to finish the final four minutes. Payne said, "We were up by five when the power went out, so it is worth the drive to try and get the win."

The Bearcats will go on the road to finish their final two games against Whitman and Whitworth Feb. 25 and 26.



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Injured freshman wing Melissa Kuhn picks herself up from the floor.



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Sophomore wing Ashley Mollet had seven points and one rebound.

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Bearcats hope to 'rebound' in season's final games

By BRIAN BEST
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In their final home game of the season, the Willamette University Bearcats squared up against the Linfield Wildcats at Cone field house last Tuesday night.

With a three-win streak in their favor, the Bearcats were looking to come out victorious in their last home game of the season. After a remarkable victory over the previously number one ranked George Fox, Willamette was gunning to topple their rival Wildcats.

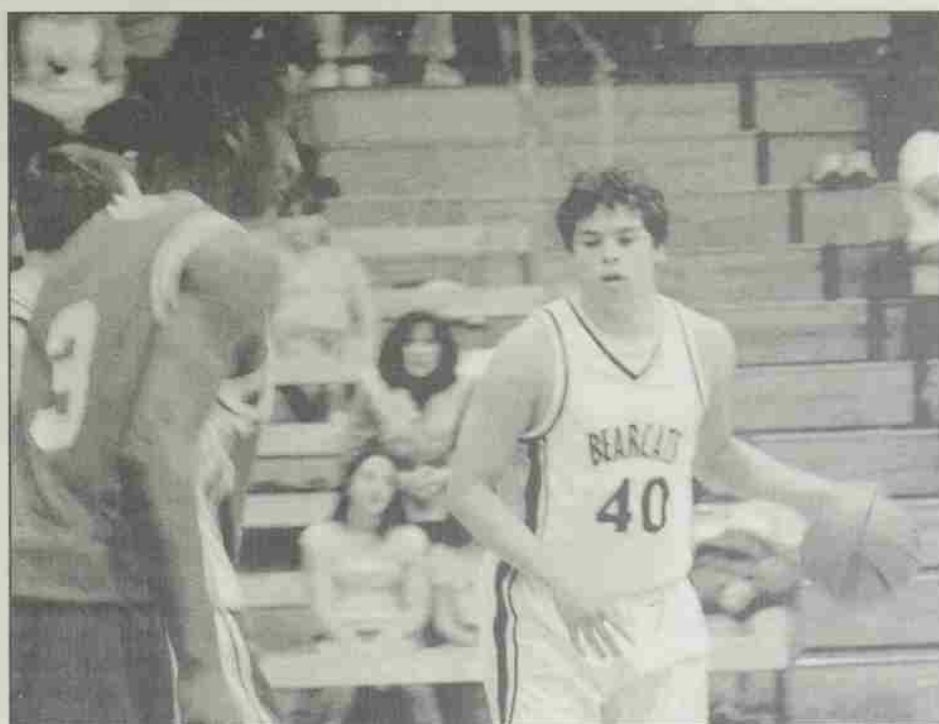
With an early lead, Willamette and Linfield exchanged baskets back and forth and pulled ahead for nearly the entire first half until a quick six points by Linfield at the end of the half gave them the lead 34-32 over Willamette.

The Wildcats came out strong in the second half, starting with an 11-3 run against the Bearcats taking the score to 45-34.

Willamette trailed Linfield by 10 for most of the second half, although dominating the boards Willamette struggled from the field, shooting only 35 percent compared to Linfield's 50 percent.

Unlike against George Fox, the Bearcats were unable to convert their three-point shots, making only two of 10 attempted in comparison with Linfield's five for 15.

With time running out, Willamette was able to make a run against the Wildcats thanks to senior Todd Lewis and Junior Mike Plank who both



ELIZABETH CAULEY

Senior post Todd Lewis brings up the ball in Willamette's final home game of the season against Linfield last Tuesday night.

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nailed back to back jumpers and with Plank's foul shot cut the Wildcat lead to 6. Linfield managed to pull ahead even after the Bearcat run and after four free throw shots made by Wildcat Senior Blake Shelton who had 29 points for the night, secured the victory 76-70 over Willamette.

For the Bearcats, wing John Olinger dropped 25 points and senior Todd Lewis put up 10 points with 16 rebounds during the game.

The loss drops Willamette to 6-7 in the NWC and raises Linfield to 7-5. Willamette heads to Pacific Lutheran on Tuesday for a make up game and will then finish the season on the road at Whitworth and Whitman the following weekend.

Eating disorders: a serious risk for all athletes

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Today, athletes are more at risk for eating disorders than other individuals.

While a strong mentality is important, athletics are based on quality

Eating disorders have a high risk incidence in many competitive sports, six of which are offered at Willamette including cross country, crew, volleyball, and cheerleading.

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performances and physical appearance. This entails pressure from many different influences in an athlete's life, from coaches and scouts to family, friends, and spectators. Athletes feel the pressure not to disappoint people or more importantly they do not want to fail.

In order to achieve this top performance many athletes, especially in college, will sacrifice many aspects of their lives, including social time, food, and school to exercise, working harder to become better at their chosen sport.

Societal beliefs such as the

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Typically, athletes try to improve their bodies by severely limiting their food intake. They also may purge by vomiting, by using diuretics, and/or by using laxatives. Diuretics are a type of medication which increase urine output.

Often these choices result in abusive behavior so that athletes fall victim to the habitual actions and mental stimulation from the action, which the athlete thinks is helping his/her body.

For example, an athlete may fall into a cycle of using laxatives because it makes him/her feel lighter and is getting rid of extra, unwanted calories. This assumption, however, is completely false.

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ChalkTalk

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS VICTORIOUS IN WEEKEND PLAY

The Willamette University women's tennis team won two Northwest Conference matches last weekend defeating both Lewis & Clark in Portland and George Fox University here at home 8-1.

The women swept all three doubles matches against Lewis & Clark.

The Bearcats won two of three doubles matches against George Fox.

This weekend the women travel to Ashland and then to Eugene to play Southern Oregon University and a University of Oregon club tennis team.

The Willamette University men's tennis team beat Lewis & Clark last weekend for a 5-4 Northwest Conference win.

SOFTBALL OFF TO ROCKY START

The softball team lost two games this past weekend to the University of Washington. The number 11 ranked NCAA Division I team beat held the Bearcats scoreless in both games winning 0-8 and 0-18 according to the athletics website. Freshman pitcher Brittany Tachara struck out seven and allowed only eight hits.

This weekend is the Capital Cup. The women play Saturday at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and then again on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. here at home.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TEAMS TRAVELED TO TACOMA LAST NIGHT

Both the men's and women's basketball teams traveled to Tacoma last night to play against Pacific Lutheran University in makeup games from Feb. 4. Due to a power outage on the PLU campus the women's game was cancelled with only 4:32 left in the fourth quarter and the women ahead by five against the then second place NWC team. The women played the remainder of the game last night.

The men's entire game was rescheduled due to the lack of electricity and they played immediately after the women's 6:30 p.m. game at 7 p.m. last night.

Results from the game can be seen at www.nwcsports.com.

Standings

MEN'S SWIMMING

Whitworth	(6-0)	(6-4)
Linfield	(5-1)	(5-1)
Puget Sound	(5-2)	(5-4)
PLU	(4-3)	(4-3)
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Lewis & Clark	(2-4)	(3-4)
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Pacific	(0-6)	(0-6)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Linfield	(8-6)	(12-11)
Lewis & Clark	(7-6)	(11-10)
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Willamette	(6-7)	(9-13)
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Pacific	(3-10)	(4-18)
Whitman	(3-11)	(5-18)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Whitworth	(11-3)	(20-3)
PLU	(9-4)	(13-9)
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Willamette	(4-9)	(7-15)
Pacific	(3-10)	(8-14)
Lewis & Clark	(1-12)	(5-17)

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According to Radar Programs, a source for eating disorder

HOW TO GET HELP:

Contact the Bishop Wellness Center at x6062

Urgent Care Hours for Bishop: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.; Wednesday: 1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. For an appointment please call.

After Hours Care: Salem Hospital Urgent Care, Open Daily 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Call (503) 561-5554. This center is located at the corner of 12th and Leslie.

Contact Counseling Services at x6471

To make an appointment go to the office located in Baxter Hall, between 8:00am and 5:00pm or call. If you need an appointment urgently, please let the secretary know.

In case of crisis after hours, call x6911 and ask for the Area Coordinator. He/she will call back to assist you. There is no charge for this service.

"Eating disorders, whether it is anorexia or bulimia, show how individuals can turn the nourishment of the body into a painful attack on themselves and they have at the core a far deeper problem than mere vanity."
—Diana, Princess of Wales

Free Stanley: the hockey staple is put on ice for now



LINDA AHMED

Right now Stanley is being undemocratically held in the hands of two men at their evil compound located in a decidedly frightening place to Americans, Toronto.

The goal of some is to put Stanley into the hands of two other men, one who wears garishly bedazzled patriotic headwear and the other who refuses to talk to the press.

Don't let this happen! Vote, right now at www.freestanley.com, and give Stanley the

democratically elected home he deserves.

FYI, if you haven't heard the NHL season was officially cancelled and not being satisfied after bickering over decidedly very little money they're now arguing over where the Stanley Cup should go.

Apparently now that the season is officially off the League has too much extra time on its hands.

Whenever a tragedy occurs (at this point some of you are still thinking to yourselves, "The hockey season got canceled?") it's easy to lash out. At first I blamed the owners. Those nameless, faceless corporate whores (except for Mario Lemieux and Wayne Gretzky who aren't nameless or faceless considering that Lemieux also plays for the team he owns). Then, I looked a little deeper and saw that the argument over the salary cap was a discrepancy over a little more than \$6.5 million (after contract clauses and addendums it ended up being a little more). I then looked even further and found out, not surprisingly, that the League has been losing money at the same time player's salaries have been going up. Not only that, but there are plenty of pissed off fans who feel like

they're not getting their money's worth when it comes to NHL games.

So, at this point we've got people who are up in arms because the Stanley Cup isn't going anywhere this year, pissed over less than \$7 million and depressed because this could possibly be the last year of play for several hockey greats in and near their 40s like Lemieux, Mark Messier, and Steve Yzerman amongst others.

Will somebody think of the children?!

In all of this bitching hardly anyone has even thought of the people who make a hell of a lot less than \$1 million a year even \$30,000 a year. The people that are really hurt by the NHL season cancellation are the concession stands workers, janitors, valets, small business owners and Zamboni drivers who are either losing revenue or are out of work completely.

After dealing with one lockout in the 1994-1995 season and the rumor of another in 1998 my hockey sympathies have been stretched to the limit. My cancellation solution is this, give some of the \$300 million in funds collected from the teams in the last 10 years to "expand" to all of the people are now watching daytime TV instead of working, let the Stanley Cup be awarded to the Canadian armature's Allen Cup where it was originally intended to be, stop opening expansion teams with money you don't have and stop bitching.

The next time the NHL gets its panties in a twist and thinks about canceling a season the League should have to sit down with all of those minimum wage workers and explain to them why it is more important that they make an extra \$7 million than allowing the Zamboni driver to earn \$7 an hour.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

February 13 – 20, 2005

Campus Safety responded to over 138 calls for service this week.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

February 17, 9:39 a.m. (Belknap Hall): An employee was transported to Urgent Care after falling.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

February 18, 9:44 p.m. (State Street): A student carrying beer was stopped by the police and charged with Minor in Possession of Alcohol.

February 18, 11:00 p.m. (Doney Hall): A student was charged with obstruction and several

with Minor in Possession of Alcohol after officers responded to a loud party.

February 19, 11:57 p.m. (17th Street): Officers assisted Salem Police with dispersing a large party after neighbors reported someone attempting to break into a garage.

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February 14, 1:52 p.m. (TIUA): A student reported his bicycle had been stolen after he left it locked to a bike rack.

February 14, 1:52 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): A stolen barricade was recovered after a student was seen carrying it across campus.

February 16, 11:30 a.m. (Beta Theta Pi): A stolen barricade post was recovered from the basement.

February 17, 10:22 a.m. (TIUA): Several stolen signs were located lying in the bushes.

TRESPASS

February 15, 5:13 p.m. (University Apartments): Juvenile skateboarders were trespassed from campus.

** If you have information about any of these incidents, please contact Campus Safety.*

The Fifth Annual Student Scholarship Day is looking for presenters!

On April 20th, presentations across campus take place on Student Scholarship Day.
Presentation applications are due 3:00 pm, March 16, 2005.

All students of the CLA are invited to present material of either
scholarly or performance nature. Research projects, class projects, senior papers, creative projects, creative performances-video film, drama, song, dance, literary readings, instrumental...anything that embodies the culmination of an experience here at Willamette.

Guidelines:

- Oral presentations will be given approximately 25 minutes and may include audio/visual aids. This allotment includes time for presentation, questions, and any discussion.
- Performance style presentations may be 35-50 minutes in length.

Oral presentations will be grouped topically (not by discipline) and performance presentations will be grouped by type of performance (video, state, etc.).

All applications must be supported (with signature) by a faculty member.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit the SSRD website at www.willamette.edu/cla/ssrd

APPLICATIONS are available online and at the W.U. Information Desk in the UC.

Deadline: 3:00 pm March 16, 2005

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If you received the Campus Health Action on Tobacco (CHAT) survey and have not responded, please take the time to complete it. Even if you do not use tobacco, your input is important to us! Your opinions will contribute to cancer prevention research efforts at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

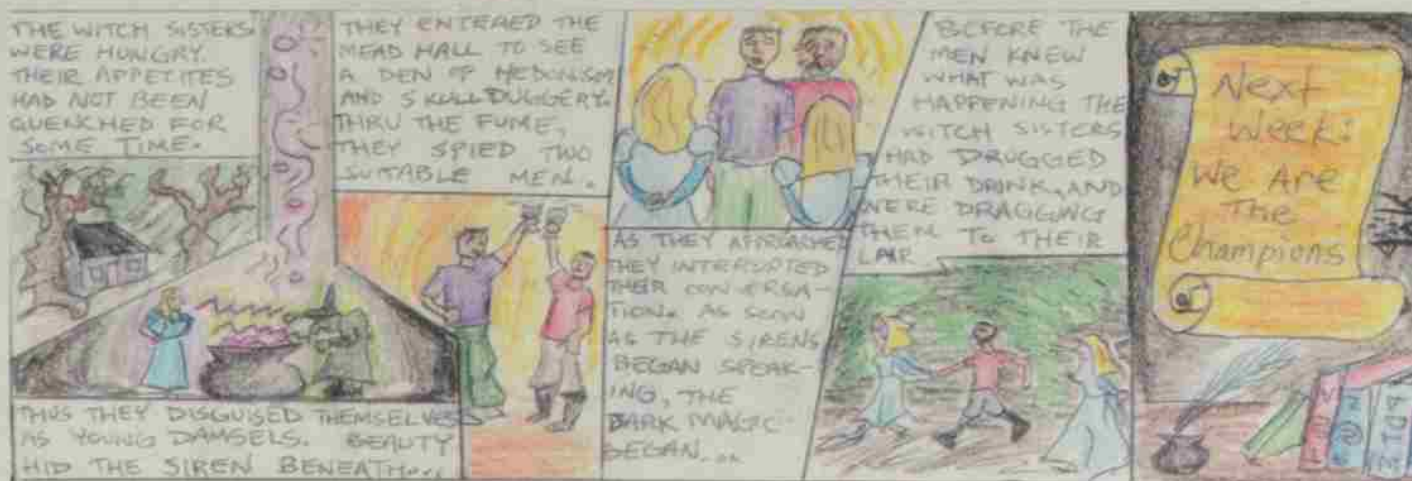
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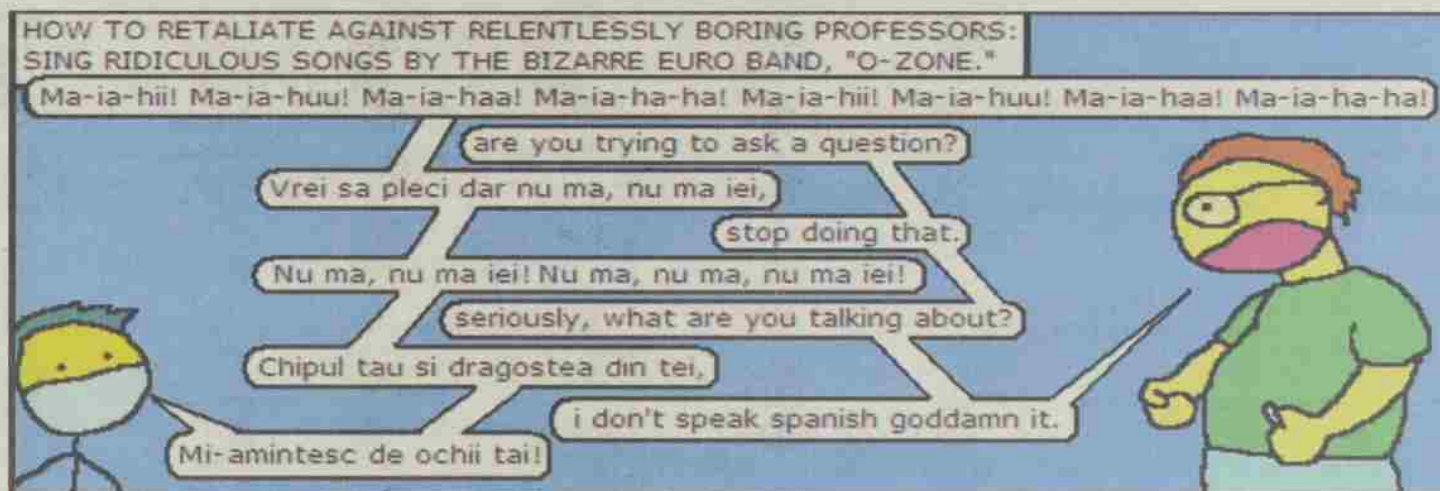
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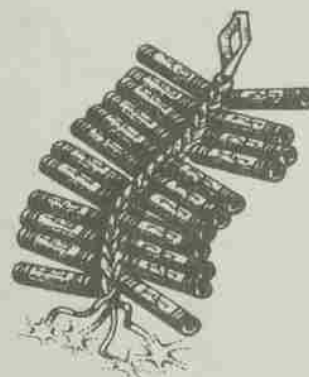
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