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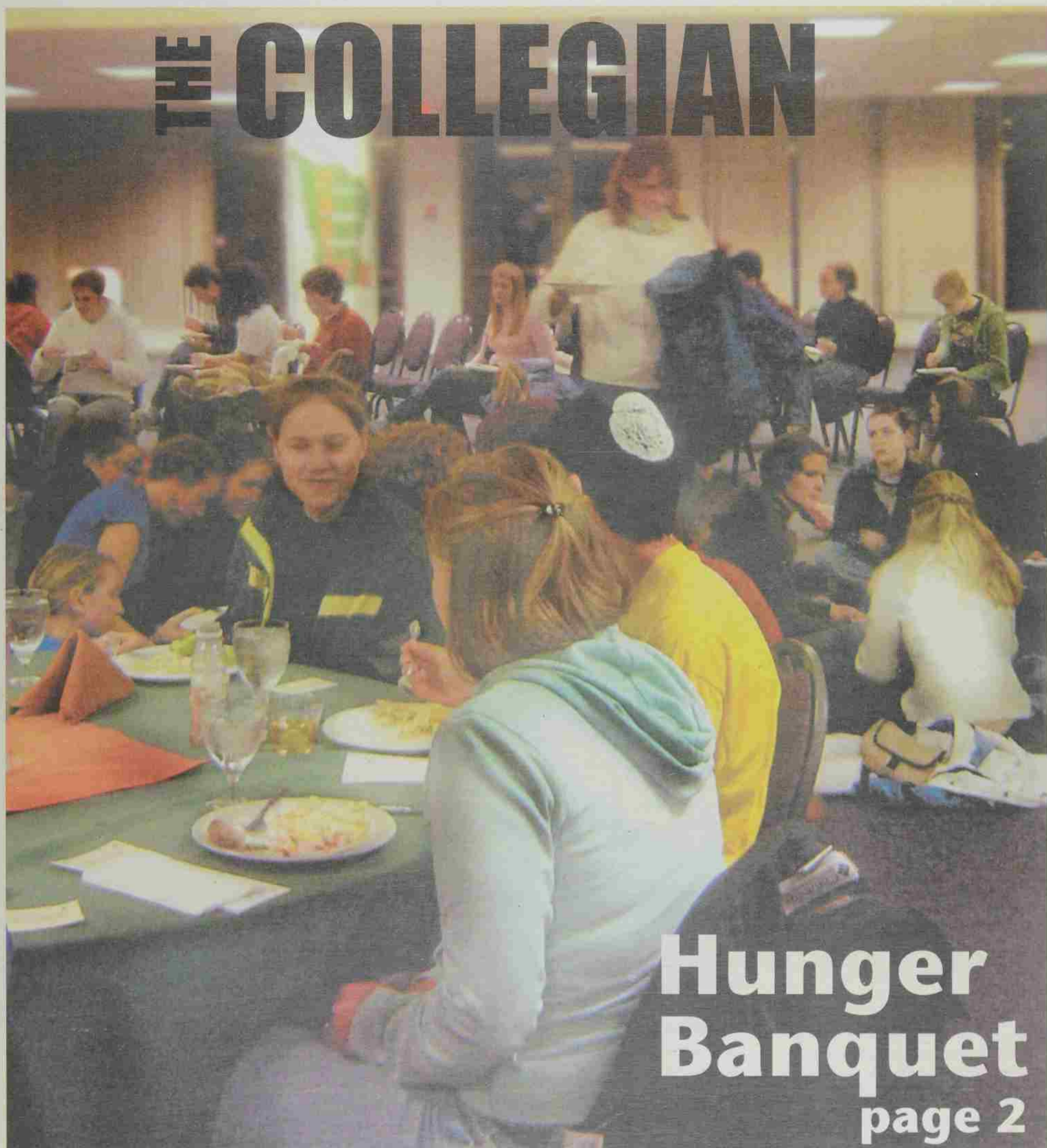
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## Hunger banquet serves food for thought

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Living within the safety of the Willamette University campus, the world's problems may seem extremely distant, unreachable and unimaginable to the average student. However, despite the overwhelming portions served to everyone at Goudy, 850 billion other people around the world are suffering daily from hunger. The annual hunger banquet, which took place last Friday, acted as a reminder to many students of how fortunate they really are.

The event, held by the Community Service Learning office and the Community Action and Awareness team, featured a speech from anthropology professor Joyce Millen and dinner, which was followed by a discussion among the students to demonstrate the discrepancy of world hunger. With an estimated attendance of 50 people, the event aimed to address and inform the Willamette community about the unanswered problem of world hunger.

"We hoped that the event would be one where the students and staff who attended would feel compassion for those who go without food in our society," sophomore Amy Johnson said. "Even if we were only able to reach one individual in this way, it is one person who can make all the difference."

As people arrived to the banquet, they were handed cards that designated their simulated income group. Those receiving high-income cards, twenty percent of the group, sat at tables and enjoyed full meals. The middle-income group, which made up thirty percent of the attendance, sat at chairs and were served beans and rice, while the remaining fifty percent of the group represented the low-income people of the world by sitting on the ground and eating a single serving of rice.

"The dinner had very interesting dynamics, as those in the high-income groups broke down the barriers set at the beginning of the evening to share



Students and staff experience extreme ends of worldly dining: dinners typical of high and low income families.

photo by LIZ CAULEY

their full banquet meal with the middle- and low-income individuals sitting in chairs and on the floor," Johnson said. "The reaction that people had was that they realized the barriers we perceive in our modern society that keep high-income individuals, such as ourselves, from actively working to end hunger are truly ones which we can break down in the real world."

Joyce Millen, who spoke to the group about the problem of world hunger, helped students understand how fortunate and privileged they are.

"We live in a time of unprecedented global wealth and technological advancement. Yet more than two million people, approximately one third the world's population, remain chronically malnourished," Millen said. "This to me is a vivid illustration of the vast inequalities and injustices in our world today."

After discussing possible solutions to solving the world hunger problem, students were encouraged to volunteer in all work aiming to reduce hunger and poverty, along with participating in fair-

trade organizations, including many local resources such as the Marion-Polk Food Share, the Salem Outreach Shelter and Ten Thousand Villages.

"The fight against world hunger will only be won when global resources are redistributed through legitimate and fair means, such as trade and aid, more equitably," Millen said.

Brandon Adams, a sophomore who attended the event, was one of the many representing the low-income group, the people who make up sixty percent of the world, bringing in less than \$9,000 a year, or less than \$2.50 a day.

"I think it carried a lot of impact, mostly just seeing the proportions, just the huge mass on the floor and the very small table of people who had wealth, and then a fairly small middle class," Adams said. "That just carried a huge impact from the beginning. Going through the information and the facts are always hard to comprehend, and putting it into real terms like two billion people because I've never seen two billion people."



LAUREL GRISANTI AND JAIME GREEN

Being less fortunate than many of our fellow Willametonians, we are not lucky enough to own a car. This forces us to rely on the generosity of others or the mercy of Salem transportation. We have had many interesting experiences while using Salem's many forms of transportation.

As young sophomores we first encountered the wonderful Cherriot bus system. We had not yet developed the skills of using the bus schedule. We found ourselves waiting at a bus stop in the drizzling rain as townies yelled, "You've missed the bus," as they drove

by. This trip ended with us walking back from Lancaster because we did not realize that buses did not run at 10 o'clock at night.

On our next trip, we actually made the bus back after missing the three buses before it because we were distracted by the puppies at the pet store. Unfortunately for us, we did not know proper bus etiquette. Since it was after 5 p.m. on a weekday, people were coming home from work and the bus was packed. There were no seats to sit on, so we calmly stood clutching a bar. The next stop people started yelling at us to get to the back of the bus. Indignant at the injustice of it all we slowly moved to the back of the bus, while questioning, "What would Rosa Parks do?" As we left the bus, someone shouted out at us, "What, did you buy water purifiers for your dogs?" Laurel turned around with a questioning brow and asked, "Why would I get a water purifier for my dog? I don't even have a dog. I don't drink purified water myself." Jamie added, "It's a fishbowl for my new beta fish."

We have also had interesting experiences with taxis. Aside from the taxi that we waited four hours for, but

never came, the relationships we have formed with the taxi drivers will last us a lifetime. They share their lives with us and keep us updated on current events. It was most informative to learn that it is good to have many trees because they help rid the air of carbon monoxide. In spite of their sometimes inaccurate and overly gossipy conversation, we are thankful for them as they provide us with protection, quick transportation and awkward silences.

There's always the alternative of walking. We have traveled many miles and seen many an interesting person. Sometimes we feel lucky to get home alive. Every time somebody honks or stares we can't help but make a confused face and try to figure out if we know them.

In spite of our awkward experiences we use and appreciate Salem's transportation. It's really saved us from the rainy weather and now we have things to tell our grandchildren. One day they will hear about our fight to free our people from years of oppression, just like our friend Rosa did over 40 years ago. We have also learned to use and appreciate our friends with cars.

NEWS  
MAKERSFORMER SIERRA CLUB DIRECTOR  
TO SPEAK ON NEW BOOK

Come see "An evening with Mike McCloskey—Reflections on the Environmental Movement" for free on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Hatfield Room on the second floor of the library. The former Executive Director and Chairman of the Sierra Club, Mike McCloskey will be speaking about environmental movements; conservation campaigns; Oregon wilderness areas; and his new book "In the Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club."

NEW YORK TIMES REPORTER TO  
DISCUSS TAX STRUCTURE

David Cay Johnston, business reporter for the New York Times and author of the best-seller, "Perfectly Legal" will be on campus, on February 7th, to discuss the American Tax Structure. Johnston won the Pulitzer Prize in 2001 for his investigative reporting and recently the Book of the Year medal from the journalism organization, Investigative Reporters and Editors. Mr. Johnston is equally critical of the Democratic and Republican administrations on tax policies that, in his judgment, favor the "super rich." See him speak Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cone Chapel for free!

OREGONIANS FOR HEALTH  
SECURITY TO SPEAK AT CONE  
CHAPEL

On Thursday, Feb. 2, from 12:45-1:35 pm in the Cone Chapel, come see Matt Webber, community organizer for Oregonians for Health Security for free during the University Convocation. Oregon is in the midst of a health care crisis. Currently, more than 600,000 Oregonians are without health care coverage—115,000 of them children—and 780,000 Oregonians are without prescription drug coverage. Each year the cost of health care skyrockets to new levels, eating up our state budget and the pocketbooks of employers and working families across the state. Matt Webber is a community organizer for Oregonians for Health Security, a non-profit/non-partisan educational group working to improve access to quality, affordable and secure health care.

Sigma Chi flood  
incurs \$6,000  
in damages

*Now that the building has dried, questions emerge: who is responsible and how much will they pay?*

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At about 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, overcome with enthusiasm for the signing process, a member of Sigma Chi jumped for a sprinkler pipe, snapping the pipe and flooding the house. The member, whose identity is being protected by the fraternity, is now being held financially responsible by the university, but plans to challenge the charges.

"The pipe that broke was hanging precariously from the ceiling," said Sigma Chi President Eli Snider, a junior, because it was installed during the construction of Montag Center. Though the pipe and its fittings were in good repair and in compliance with the building code, they were too thin to hold much weight. Snider said the incident was "entirely an accident."

"Just as a matter of everyday judgment," said Dean of Student Life Bob Hawkinson, "I would consider it common sense [not to swing on a pipe]. On the other hand, such pipes are inviting to people, so there is really an invitation to go against common sense."

Snider said that no alcohol was involved in the incident.

The fire department responded quickly to the call, according to Ross Stout, Director of Campus Safety. However, the water was not turned off for nearly an hour since the everyday pipe system is kept separate from the emergency sprinkler system. "Because they're not dealt with very often, and don't have to be turned off for routine maintenance issues, no one seemed to know where the shutoff valve was," Stout said.

Despite the apparent lack of destructive intent, the university is calling the incident vandalism, according to Snider, "because it is in their best financial interest to hold the residents of the chapter house as fully financially responsible as possible. The breaking of the pipe was neither mali-

cious nor intentional, so any claim that it's vandalism would be ungrounded, and it's irresponsible since there's so much money on the line. This was entirely an accident," Snider said.

However, Area Coordinator Dave Wallace said that the university does not distinguish between vandalism and accident when determining financial liability. "It's clearly stated in students' contracts that any damage that has occurred to a building, whether it's vandalism or accident, is the responsibility of that student," Wallace says the student will merely have to reimburse the university for the cost of repairing the damage.

"If someone were to wreck a car," Wallace said, "there would still be a fiscal responsibility from that person, who didn't necessarily wake up that morning and decide to slam their car into someone else's car. But they are still responsible financially for the damage they caused." Wallace said that based on the student's past offenses, the Judicial Board may choose to assign a fine.

The university is also holding the house accountable for the replacement value of items which had been stored in the basement, including several mattresses, according to Snider. "Those mattresses were so crappy from years of normal wear and tear that no one wanted to sleep on them," he said. "Residents would furnish their own mattresses and store the old ones in the basement." Snider thinks it is unfair that the University would charge for the full value of the mattresses, instead of the depreciated value.

According to Wallace, the residents are liable for the damage to the mattresses because their housing contracts dictate that University furniture should not be removed from rooms.

According to Marilyn Derby, Director



Sigma Chi posted a sign atop sandbags outside their dampened fraternity heeding warning to protect their belongings as they dried.

photo by NOAH ZAVES

of Residence Life, "We do have a report with the student's name on it, but I haven't had confirmation from that student that he acknowledges that he's responsible for it." Derby said that the insurance process might take a while. "Insurance companies can sometimes take months. They'll want to investigate all the details, but we've been quite thorough," Derby said.

Linda Lombard, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Finance, said Area Coordinator Dave Wallace is collecting the reports of Campus Safety, the Fire Department, and the Maintenance Department, in an attempt to expedite the process.

The water also damaged the Beta Theta Pi house, as well as the first-floor and basement lounges in Baxter Hall, according to second floor Resident Assistant Kelly Poe. "They had all the doors open to ventilate the smell," Poe said. "To my knowledge, a lot less damage [was sustained] than they originally thought." But the floor was definitely damaged, Poe said, and will be costly to replace.

The Sigma Chi damage has been estimated at \$6,000, according to Snider. However, where the responsibility lies will likely not be determined for some time. "As to how much of this sum will be covered by the university and the chapter respectively," Snider said, "time will tell."

## DAMAGES TO HOUSE

- Sprinkler pipe
- Flooring in entryway
- 24 Ceiling tiles
- Carpet in storeroom
- Exit light and fluorescent bulbs
- Walls and finishing of entryway

Source: Jim Jewell, Manager of Building Maintenance

## Willamette introduces first Chicano history class

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Francisco Barbosa came to Willamette in 2003 as a Lausanne Fellow, and an instructor of history. This semester he is offering the first Chicano/a history course on campus, but because of his contract, it could also be the last.

"What's great about this course is that it is history, not just Latino politics, and that's why I wanted to offer it," Barbosa said. "Especially since I'm leaving, I figured it would be a good opportunity."

Freshman Carlos Hernandez-Diaz also agrees that this is a good opportunity. "I have been interested in learning about the Hispanic movement in the United States because it is interesting how this social uprising has developed," Hernandez-Diaz said.

Junior Lupe Ceja, who has taken several classes from Barbosa, agrees, "It will help with the racist issues here on campus because people are ignorant."

Barbosa's Chicano/a history course is full, with about 20 students. It was originally closed to freshmen, but Barbosa decided to open it to them after many approached him asking to be enrolled.

"It is the only time it will be offered, and regardless of the work load I still want to take this opportunity to learn about the subject at hand," Hernandez-Diaz said.

Willamette is able to offer Chicano courses such as Chicano politics with politics professor Bob Dash and Chicano literature by Spanish/Latin American studies professor and chair Patricia Varas.

When referring to an actual Chicano

studies program, Varas said, "Usually, Chicano studies is an independent program like American Ethnic studies."

"It also doesn't have a clear home, not one program or department has taken charge of creating the [Chicano History] position." She continued by saying that we need to hire someone, and that person has not been hired.

During his time here, Barbosa has offered many first-time only courses, such as "Race/Gender/Social Change in Latin America," "Gender and Revolution in Cuba and Central America," "History of the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: Border Cultures and Transnational Latino/a Communities" and "Reading Resistance: Understanding Rebellion in East Asia and Latin America" (co-taught with Cecily McCaffrey from the history department).

"Barbosa has created courses that have stirred students, faculty and have been accepted with wide interest," Varas said.

"I hope this class continues and if not this class than one like it," Ceja said. "I just appreciate the fact that we can have classes like this," she said. "Even if Barbosa isn't here, I hope there are professors that can teach it as effectively."

History instructor Francisco Barbosa's final courses will be Colonial Latin America, Latin American Cultures and Chicana/Chicano History. He is currently on the job market applying for close to 30 teaching positions. But when asked about staying here at Willamette he said, "I would jump at the chance to work here permanently. My experience here has been very rewarding with the students."

# PROFILE

## BOOTCAMP BREAKOUT

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**W**hen I fill out the FAFSA, I have to put down that I'm a veteran...which is kind of weird for me," said Willamette freshman Jeremiah Adler. In 2004, when most high school seniors had few things on their minds other than college, graduation and prom, Adler was preoccupied with something else: whether or not he should join the military.

Although he attended a "liberal" school in Portland from kindergarten through twelfth grade and was encouraged to go on to college, he decided that after high school, he would enlist. "Most people thought I was crazy," Adler said. "Everyone tried to talk me out of it...but I wanted to actually do something to fix the problems in the world instead of just sitting around talking about it." Despite the warnings, Adler enlisted in the U.S. Army. He shortly discovered, however, that it was not what he had anticipated it would be.

He arrived for training on Sept. 16, 2004 at Fort Benning, Georgia, one of the Army's training sites. For the next nine days, Adler went through what he calls "the worst experience of my life." All the soldiers-in-training were constantly being yelled at and insulted by commanders. There was constant talk of killing, and how most of the men could not wait to be able to kill people.

"One day, a sergeant addressed the recruits," Adler remembered, "and I'll never forget what he said. He said, 'You know, when I joined the Army nine years ago people would always ask me why I joined. Did I do it for college money? Did I do it for women? People never understood. I wanted to join the Army because I wanted to go shoot mother f\*\*ers.'"

Having realized that this setting was not what he anticipated and not a place he would be able to make positive changes, Adler went and talked to his sergeant about leaving. He was immediately shot down. He then went to his next-in-command and was shot down there, too. After going to multiple people, he tried his own ways of getting out, including pretending to be a homosexual man with another recruit there who

also wanted to leave.

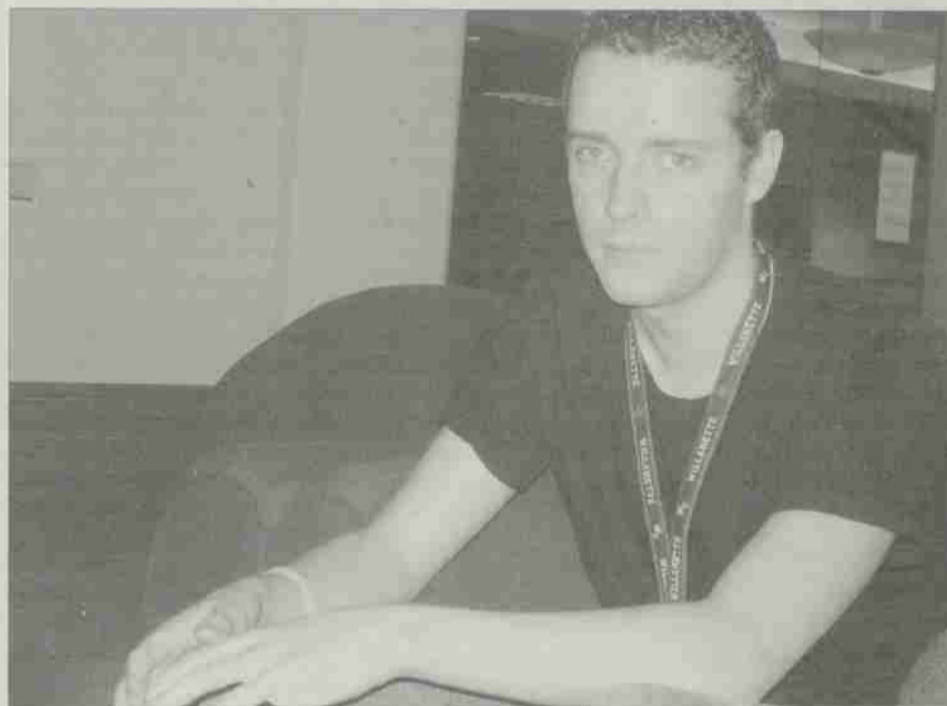
When nothing worked, he decided he would just leave. After enlisting another fellow recruit to come with him, he made his escape on his ninth night at Fort Benning. "It's kind of ironic...the most exciting thing I did at boot camp was escaping from it," Adler said.

After traveling through the woods for hours, Adler and his friend made it back to civilization. There, they changed into civilian clothes, hitchhiked downtown, bought bus tickets and left. His escape got a lot of press coverage; he was interviewed by *Harper's Magazine*, was featured on the front page of the *Oregonian* and was invited to be on the radio, including the Majority Report on NPR. He was also featured as *Willamette Week's* 'Loser of the Week.' "If you Google Jeremiah Adler, there's some pretty mean stuff," Adler said.

After 45 days, he turned himself in. "It was luck of the draw who got court-martialed and who didn't...I met guys there who had been AWOL for over 20 years and got caught when they got a speeding ticket," he said. Eventually, Jeremiah was released with an other-than-honorable discharge and did not have to serve jail time.

Eventually, he returned to Fort Benning in order to protest the School of Americas, a school that brings Latin-American troops in to train soldiers in guerilla warfare. "It was for closure, I guess," Adler said. Many graduates from the School go on to commit crimes against humanity, such as rape, torture and murder. "They teach torture, execution, false imprisonment, electroshock, and how to keep victims alive as long as possible while doing all this," he said.

The protest met with much antagonism, though he escaped much of the hostility



telling people he was there to report for the Collegian on the protest. One of the worst parts of the protest for Adler, though, was when a woman was telling the story of how her family was kidnapped and killed by some of the School's graduates; loudspeakers inside Fort Benning drowned her voice out by playing 'A Soldier Never Dies'.

On Thursday, Jan. 26, Adler talked as part of the University Convocation series about his experiences in the military. He also addressed the dangers of the School of Americas and how it felt to return to Fort Benning to protest. "Charlie [Wallace] asked me to do the convo...I didn't mind. I'm glad I had the experience. If I hadn't, I would always wonder 'what if'...I'm just glad I didn't have to go to jail.

But, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger."

After everything he has been through, Jeremiah wants to be part of normal college life. He plans on going to law school to become either a criminal defender or civil rights attorney. He is also involved in politics, on both sides of the spectrum: "Technically, I'm in College Dems and College Republicans; I'm signed up for both listservs. I hate labels and associations with parties, because I think calling yourself one or the other contributes to complacency." Above all, Jeremiah wants Willamette students to remember to follow their consciences. "I did something that was not popular. I didn't have contact with the outside world [to help me]. You can win that battle, though - I did."

## ARTS

## The Cat's Pajamas

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## RAIN:

*For all our defiant flip-flop wearing, the winter is still very much upon us here in Oregon, as evidenced by the incessant downpour. I don't remember a morning lately when I haven't woken up tempted to reach for the phone to call various loved ones to announce that the sky is falling and that it is made of water! I was born and raised in Portland, and though I'm used to the rain, I'm frankly totally sick of it. And I doubt I'm alone. In the interest of surviving the next few weeks of rain, perhaps we should all learn a little more about rain, our constant companion. Maybe through a better understanding, we can even grow to accept it or, dare I say, love it...*

## A few quick facts on this wet pest:

1. A typical raindrop has a volume that is more than a million times that of a cloud drop.
2. When an inch of rain falls over one mile of land, 17.38 million gallons of water have fallen.
3. The common raindrop is actually shaped more like a hamburger bun than a drip from a faucet.
4. Mt. Waialeale in Kauai, Hawaii, has up to 350 rainy days every year, so at least we don't live there.
5. The wettest place on earth is Mawsynram, in Meghalaya State, India. It gets 467.5 inches a year. And we don't live there either.
6. Wettest state in the United States: Louisiana, with an annual rainfall of 56 inches. Oregon is sounding better and better...
7. Most rain in a day: 73.62 inches in Cilaos, Réunion, an Indian Ocean island, on March 15-16, 1952. Well, sometimes it feels like 73 inches...
8. Most rain in a day (in the United States): 43 inches in Alvin, Texas on July 25-26, 1979.
9. Most rain in a month: 366 inches in Cherrapunji, India, in July, 1961.

I can't say I feel a whole lot about rain, but I do feel better about where we live. Apparently it could be a lot worse.

Source: [ga.water.usgs.gov/edu](http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu)

MOVIE REVIEW: "The New World"

## When poetic license falls short...

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While this might be a story about the love affair between John Smith and Pocahontas, it's definitely not the Disney version. However, it does seem that director Terrence Malick has taken the "Colors of the Wind" montage idea and run with it. The stunning nature visuals are one of the most captivating aspects of "The New World," but they'll only hold your interest for so long.

There are also strong performances by Colin Farrell, Christian Bale and newcomer Q'orianka Kilcher that are worth watching, but with very little dialogue they might not hold your interest for very long either.

The three main characters mostly communicate through poetic, rambling voice-overs that may or may not make sense at any given moment. There is also a lot of hanging out among the tall grasses, which seems to be

Pocahontas' main method of flirtation as well as a perfect vehicle for Malick's signature wandering long takes.

There are moments of greatness in this film to be sure. Besides the visuals, there are a few moments of genuine emotional connection. Although too few and far between to sustain any kind of lasting emotion regarding the film, these moments redeem some of Malick's more disconnected tangents.

The challenges of having a 14-year-old leading lady are evident in the love stories, which rely on meaningful looks and hand-holding over steamy sex scenes. However, it is a testament to Farrell and Kilcher that the connection between Smith and Pocahontas comes across as genuine and powerful.

With a filmmaker like Malick, whose career spans 32 years and only four films, there are certain expectations with each film. While this might not be his strongest effort,

if you were a fan of any of the others (most recently "The Thin Red Line"), then it's probably a safe bet you'll enjoy "The New World." However, if you like your movies amped like an MTV music video ("The Transporter" or "Underworld: Evolution"), then this is not the movie for you. If you're somewhere in between, consider the two and a half hour running time and be prepared for more of a sprawling filmic poem than a focused historical narrative. "The New World" has its merits, but it's not for everyone, and it's definitely not Disney. Take it or leave it, depending on your tastes.

**"The New World"**  
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## The little UK-based band that could

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There are, in my opinion, four common ways to respond to the current tumultuous state of our world: protest, apathy, communalism or regression. The will to regress is tough to portray with artistic maturity, for reasons almost too self-explanatory to go into. Picasso describes, in one of his many splashes of wisdom, how it took him only "four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child."

Artists often find little success in presenting things through a childlike perspective because they have for so long been conditioned to view children with disdain, envy, pity or parental protectiveness. The Boy Least Likely To, an itty-bitty indie-pop band from the UK, displays its kid-empathy with a sense of nostalgia that is strangely free of sentiment, and yet full of passion, poetry, lucidity and earnestness.

Oh, and they're funny, too. The name of their debut album is "The Best Party Ever," which is enough to make an idiot like me laugh just by reading it. The dust jacket is a brilliant sunflower yellow with adorable, poorly drawn animals standing side by side, wearing party hats, holding balloons, playing instruments and obviously having a great party. The best party, in fact. Ever.

The mood of the music is deceptively light, created through a playful use of synthesizers, chimes, fiddles and yes, recorders. The lyrics, however, exhibit a poignant sense of longing, loss and a yearning for the unconditionally reciprocal bonds formed in childhood unions. In the opening track, the chorus begs, "So just be gentle

with me (I'm not as young as I was)/ And I'll be gentle with you (I'm not as brave as I fought)/ Cuz my heart gets broken so easily/ So just be gentle, be gentle with me." This song is about people who have been hurt so badly in the past that they probably couldn't withstand another rough relationship, requiring the tenderness and caution of affection one would bestow upon a troubled child.

The Boy Least Likely To manages time and again to deal with adult issues of career disappointment, existential insignificance and the fear of "settling down," all with the vocabulary complexity of a fifth grader—but not at the expense of literary profundity. In "Hugging My Grudge," The Boy Least Likely To finds that despite having "followed [his] heart everywhere" he always ends up "right back where [he] started from." In "I'm Glad I Hitched My Apple Wagon to Your Star," he declares that he would never have achieved his current state of happiness if he "had followed [his] heart."

These declarations lead one to suppose that this is no ordinary case of regression into a childlike state—that this is in fact a person so damaged by disappointment and crushed expectations that even the notion of following hopes and dreams is absurd.

This is not by any means a doom and gloom album—it is the occasional depressing realism that keeps this air balloon of a project grounded. "The Best Party Ever" always manages to escape the realm of twee by revealing the cause for its cuteness—the motive behind moving the mind back to kindergarten standards of contentment.

## Unique exhibit of Asian bronzes and ancient grasslands

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I am about to divulge a startling piece of information to the student body. It is the location of a place so unknown, so rarely frequented by the students at large as to virtually not exist. What is this astounding place, you ask? It is Willamette University's own Hallie Ford Museum of Art.

There is no better time than the present, and the latest exhibition arrived only two weeks ago. Asian Bronzes of the Ancient Grasslands, which runs Jan. 21-April 1, features more than 80 works comprising over 1,000 years of art from Nomadic tribes in the Steppes region of Asia. This isn't the type of art that requires one to stare at a wall for 10 minutes trying to figure out who would pay \$100,000 for an all white painting. This art reflects the nomadic lifestyles of the Steppes people, and virtually everything is functional and portable. The majority of the collection consists of jewelry, buckles, plaques and weapons, all made of carefully molded and decorated bronze. The pieces feature geometrical shapes, repetition and symmetry, and most of the ornamentation depicts the animals the Steppes people counted on for their survival, such as horses and camels.

The exhibit also features the methods for casting the bronze and information about the culture of the Steppes People. Though most of the art is practical, the decorations usually have spiritual connotations, as well. The Steppes cultures practiced Shamanism, the belief that things in nature have individual spirits, and they reflected this in their art. The collection feels more like a tour of an anthropological museum than a gallery show, but that isn't a bad thing. I thought the elegantly crafted bronze castings and information on an unknown culture were really interesting.

In addition to Asian Bronzes of the Ancient Steppes, the Hallie Ford also has other exhibitions. Right now it features Tom Foolery: Miniature Environments, a series of tiny dioramas. The museum also has an impressive permanent collection that includes local artists, indigenous art and art from around the world. So take the chance to explore the nooks of Willamette. Something interesting could be just a block away.



The Hallie Ford Museum of Art is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors, and it is free every Tuesday. The Hallie Ford is also free for all Willamette students, staff and faculty.

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## FEATURE



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## WHAT'S ONE MORE ACTIVITY? STUDENTS JUGGLE SCHOOL AND EXTRACURRICULARS

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Students are constantly getting more involved in extracurricular and volunteer activities, and with new student organizations starting up every year, we're constantly offered new opportunities. When we start filling our planners with meetings for 10 different clubs, however, there's a real danger that we'll upset that delicate balance between school, extracurriculars and a social life. How are all these involved individuals handling their stress and their hectic schedules? How many commitments can we have before we just burn out? And what about those people who limit their club involvement – is the Willamette experience still fulfilling for them? Several CLA students shared their experiences with extracurricular life at Willamette and how they found their niche.

### GETTING SUCKED IN

Many of us entered Willamette with a reputation for being over-involved that we earned in high school, and a number of students, including CLA sophomore Matt Alex, have found that their busy high school schedules transferred to college.

"I was very involved in high school and I've always liked taking ownership of my community. Participating in student activities helps me leave my mark at Willamette," Alex said. Alex is involved in a dizzying array of co-curricular activities, including ASWU Senate and committee chair; WEB Films chair; Beta Theta Pi fraternity; Angles; Sophomore Class Council; ASWU Elections Board; Willamette Alumni Board; Opening Days leader; Kresge Theater box office manager and Crew. However, Alex didn't plan on getting so involved so quickly.

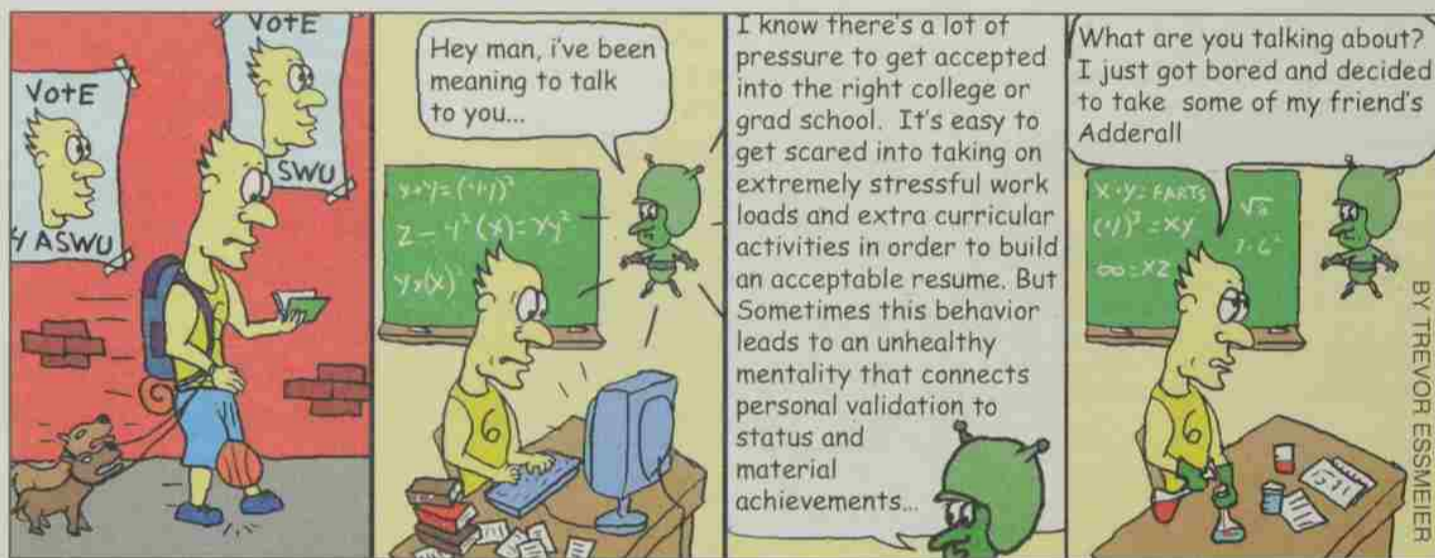
"I originally said I wouldn't be involved in anything my first year," he said. "But when I got to school, I found myself immediately running for leadership positions."

Office of Student Activities Director Lisa Holliday said that most incoming Willamette students share a common history of leadership and extracurricular involvement.

"All the students here seem to have a passion about something, whether it's a social issue, an academic subject or community service," she said.

CLA senior Mike Le Chevallier said that he became involved at Willamette when he saw needs open up in various leadership opportunities. Le Chevallier is currently the community service chair of Phi Delta Theta fraternity; a campus tour guide; the Connoisseur Club president; the WEB liaison; a member of Male Ensemble Willamette; the Lilly Outreach Grant service coordinator; a member of the Collegian Editorial Board; a volunteer cantor at the local prison and a Watson Grant nominee.

"When I came to Willamette, there was a need for a Newman Club president, so I



got involved immediately," Le Chevallier said. "I feel that if I'm given an opportunity, I need to jump on it. There are a lot of great activities out there, and involvement in one group oftentimes leads to another."

CLA sophomore Tatiana Mac got involved at Willamette because of her passion for leadership and making changes happen. Mac is president of Lausanne Hall Council; a member of the Kaneko Judicial Board; an Opening Days leader; a Collegian staff member and a member of Parents and Family Weekend staff.

"It's in my personality to want to do something, to be involved, to come up with ideas, to lead," Mac said. "I feel like our culture is surrounded by a lot of apathy, and complaining won't change that, but doing something, being involved in a club or activity, will."

### TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

Being involved at Willamette has a number of benefits. Extracurricular activities can enhance the college experience, but they also provide participants with valuable life experiences.

"When they are involved in leadership, students learn skills that they can draw upon in the future, whether that means grad school or the workplace," Holliday said. "Any time students come together as a group, they develop a valuable ability to work with all types of people."

Mac agreed that extracurricular involvement is a great way to learn about working in groups.

"Being involved really has taught me a lot about group dynamics and finding common ground," she said. "You realize that even though you may be different, working toward common goals is not impossible."

As a student leader, Le Chevallier enjoys being able to help others find their place at Willamette.

"The best part about my involvement on campus is that I get to share all the opportunities we have at Willamette and encourage others to take part," he said. "When you're in leadership, you're in the know about the resources available to students

and how to make things happen."

### EXTRACURRICULAR OVERLOAD

While it might be temporarily enjoyable to juggle as many commitments as humanly possible, active students sometimes find themselves crossing the line from "busy" to "heavily over-involved," Le Chevallier said that such stress is definitely a possibility for students who take prominent roles on campus.

"There have been times when I came close to burning out," he said. "There comes a point when involvement becomes obligatory instead of voluntary."

Alex said that the hardest part of being so involved is having a hard time saying no to new projects and missing other fun opportunities.

"I had to miss the opening ceremonies when the Maori tribes came to Willamette because I was setting up for the WEB drive-in movie," he said. "When you're trying to balance your life, it's important to pace yourself in your activities and know your limits."

When students get too overloaded with extracurriculars, scholastic obligations can suffer. Holliday said that she has seen talented student leaders gradually become busier and busier during their freshman year; as a result, their grades drop during their sophomore year.

"There should be a leadership ladder that results in students occupying club presidencies during their junior or senior years," she said. "It's difficult to manage so many responsibilities during your first year at college."

Le Chevallier said that the balance between schoolwork and co-curricular commitments can be difficult to find, but academics have to remain the priority.

"There were a few times when I had to step back from some commitments, but academics always came first – that's the reason why I'm here at Willamette," he said.

Mac agreed, "I understand that extracurriculars have the word 'extra' in them, which implies that they are just that," she said. "I'm not here to be a perpetual

club leader; I'm here to get my degrees."

However, CLA senior and ASWU Vice President of Administration Sonja Kanick pointed out that, although extracurricular activities sometimes affect student study time, the skills learned in leadership roles can prove to be just as valuable as what students learn inside the classroom.

"They say that B's and C's run the world," Kanick said. "People who get straight A's and focus entirely on academics don't generally have time for large leadership positions. However, students who earn slightly lower grades and who are highly involved in leadership gain a lot more real-life experience."

### FOCUSED INVOLVEMENT

CLA senior Michelle Levin has found a way to experience the benefits of extracurricular activities without being pulled in too many different directions. She focuses on a couple of core activities: she plays the cello in a number of music ensembles, is a member of Delta Gamma sorority and spends some time tutoring at TIUA. She said that focusing her energy on a smaller number of activities helps her to get more deeply involved in what she truly enjoys.

"My freshman and sophomore years, I tried to be involved in as many different things as possible, but I was never able to give a significant commitment to a single organization," she said. "At this point in my college career, it's nice to be able to really work hard at a few activities that I enjoy and get to know the other people involved."

### WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

Want to try something new? Willamette hosts over 115 official student organizations, each with some potential for leadership positions. Talk to your Resident Assistant about how to get involved or stop by the Office of Student Activities on the second floor of the UC to find out more about campus activities. If you've got a great new idea, don't be afraid to approach OSA about starting a new club!

## ABROAD

## Irish culture in motion, but still alive

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To be humbly honest, on a subconscious level I expected Ireland to be something like *The Shire*. I was expecting it to be rural, communal and filled with friendly traditional pubs. Instead, I have found myself with hallmarks of American pop culture: Britney in the pubs, Judge Judy on the TV and voyeuristic celebrity gossip from my flatmates.

There's a reason that I had this in the back of my mind, and it dates back to 1893. At the birth of Irish cultural nationalism, Ireland sought to emphasize the things that made their culture uniquely Irish (and therefore separate from Britain). It boils down to four basic characteristics: the culture is inherently Catholic, they speak Irish Gaelic, they are traditional and rural. All things considered, what the Nationalists did was quite brilliant: they turned things that the English saw as negatives into inspiring positives and by 1922 most of the island seceded from Britain. These qualifiers of Irishness did go on to become quite problematic and by the late 1950's, the economy and culture were so stagnant that the country underwent formal modernization in 1959.

Today the effects of defined Irishness and the late coming modernization are somewhat at odds with each other; there is a very noticeable split between the more traditional and the modern. Here in Galway, the second largest city in Ireland, the students may have a reputation for hating Americans, but they sure do love their

iPods and MTV. Then there's rural Connemara, an official Gaeltacht - a place where Gaelic is the first language and traditional Irish culture finds sanctity. Here people are unreal in their friendliness and their determination to speak to you in Gaelic. It's almost like there are two different Irelands with two different narratives and two different ideas of success. Both tell

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the story of incredible hardship resulting either in economic prosperity and material satisfaction, or in cultural survival and a continued struggle to keep the native language anchored in everyday life.

As a foreigner here, it's hard to find the real Ireland through this dichotomy. I didn't come here to experience the result of American pop influence, but to not accept this aspect of Irish culture would be somewhat condescending. No one should have to wear fisherman sweaters and burn peat in their fireplaces just for my benefit, especially when there are places like the Aran Islands where I can go to see traditional Irish life. But even these experiences become problematic when tourism becomes a major factor in the Gaeltacht economy.

The narrative I experienced on the Aran Island of Inis Mór was definitely centered around the ancientness and the sacredness of the island. I managed to avoid an eight mile bike ride across the island in favor of taking a bus, whose driver was nice and willing to take time to show us things. He learned that our purpose on the island was to see Dun Aongus, which dates to around 6,000 BCE. As we drove he took to show-



Above: 8th century church at seven churches - Inis Mór, Ireland. Below: Taste of Aran Islands.

photos by ALETA BURCHYSKI

ing us the older things on the island such as the two oldest cottages, about 300 years old. In retrospect, I didn't help things when I asked how old a cemetery next to the road was (not old at all, only 250 years), but it did get us taken to the oldest cemetery on the island with graves dating to 500 BCE in an area known as The Seven Churches because so many saints and holy people took up residence there.

Although my experience was quite beautiful, I left that island without any knowledge of the people who live there now. I feel a little duped. I allowed the bus driver to show me what he thought I wanted to see without getting to know him or his culture at all. Great literary achievements have emerged from the islands in the last century, but all we really learned about was how old some stuff made out of rocks is. Yet by being a tourist, the money the school paid to send us there provided income for the island, which is completely dependent on tourism for its economy. Tourism has

created an opportunity for a level of cultural preservation. It allows for the continued production of Aran Island sweaters, for example, whereas this practice might be lost if the people were forced to industrialize. But at the same time, the sweaters have lost the familial significance that they had when each family had their own design, to identify drowned fishermen that washed up on the beach.

It's important to remember that culture is always in motion and always changing. Sweaters did not always have significance and it's okay if that significance fades away now that we have dental records. But when living in another country, one has the duty to do the people and that culture justice by getting to know it. If I have learned one thing so far, it is to critique the narratives presented to me as an American visiting Ireland and to always try to look for the Ireland that is meaningful to the people that live here.



## GLOBAL PULSE

## RELIGION AND POLITICS MINGLE WITH HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRELAND

Ireland is a country that has a history of ongoing conflict as a result of the polarization within religion. Today, the relationship between the government and the church is still so close that the polarization has seeped into the political scene as well. The people of Ireland have continually struggled to find the balance between the north, predominantly Protestant and considered part of the United Kingdom, and the south, predominantly Catholic and officially known as the Republic of Ireland. One controversial issue that has occupied the time of many activists, politicians and mothers is the issue of abortion.



HEATHER HUDSON

As of now in the Republic of Ireland, abortion is deemed officially illegal by the government. There are, however, counseling services provided for women and, although abortion is illegal within the country, it is legal to leave the country in order to have it performed somewhere else.

In Northern Ireland, the law on abortion is very ambiguous and has seen a great deal of controversy within the past few years. The history behind abortion in Ireland is quite confusing and mostly begins back in 1967. The Abortion Act was a law created for all of the UK, but excluded Northern Ireland and since then there have really only been "legal or official guidelines" concerning the issue. A woman is generally given an abortion if she has a serious medical or psychological problem that will endanger her life if she

continues her pregnancy; she has severe learning difficulties; doctors detect abnormalities in the fetus or if it can be proven she is pregnant as a result of rape.

The lack of clarity in the law essentially leaves the question, "Is abortion legal?" without an answer. It more or less claims that a woman can have the operation done only if certain risks are made clear and relevant. The biggest complaint by women is that there are so many hoops that one must deal with simply in order to obtain permission, that in the end, it is often too late (past the 24 week limit). Another complaint is that because abortion is not officially legal, the process is not nearly as safe as it should be.

As a result of the ambiguities in the law in Northern Ireland and the very conservative law prohibiting abortion in the Republic, it has been estimated that

6,000 Irish women travel to the UK each year to have abortions. Including Northern Ireland, roughly 80 women a week will travel to England in order to have the procedure carried out. In all other countries in the UK, abortion is not only clearly legal, but it is less expensive and considered to be safer.

An article printed by the BBC in Aug. 2005 highlighted three women in Northern Ireland fighting for abortion to be made legal and safe. They claimed that the law in Ireland violates articles within the European Convention on human rights and that the Irish law jeopardizes their health and well being. Meanwhile, there are still many groups, predominately Catholic, which oppose any sort of argument based off of the belief that human rights extend to the fetus. Source: [bbc.com](http://bbc.com)

# OPINIONS

## POLL: Are you too busy?



"Yes, I work 20 hours a week at TIUA. I'm taking two 400 level classes, two 300 levels, I'm in a sorority and I'm Hawaii Club treasurer."

Junior KRYSTLE HARA



"Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday I'm always busy. Thursday and Friday I'm basically free."

Junior TIM O'DONNELL



"Busy, yes, I could be busier. It would suck but I could do it."

Freshman HILLARY MCADAM



"You ask me this while I'm cleaning a pile of dishes in Delta Gamma."

Sophomore DANIEL GOSSARD

### EDITORIAL:

## Parties at K-Sig: Wrong place at the wrong time

The men of Kappa Sigma, who recently lost their charter due largely to alcohol infractions, weren't doing anything that many other Willamette students don't do on a weekly basis. They were just plain unlucky in terms of the consequences. Let's face it: as much as the signs around campus try to tell us that only X or Y tiny percent of Willamette students drink, it sure does seem hard to believe when one ventures out on a weekend night, whether it be to a fraternity, a dorm or off-campus.

While Willamette definitely isn't a "party school" (and, in fact, students sometimes complain about the lack of excitement here on weekends), it certainly isn't a place of pure innocence, either. It is not uncommon to hear about people drinking in excess or even, once in a while, being transported to the hospital after reaching dangerously high blood-alcohol levels.

Nearly every university struggles with the same alcohol-related issues that Willamette has: how much good does it do to try to regulate alcohol use? How much emphasis should be placed on punishment, and how much on knowledge of safety while drinking? It is always tough for those in authority to decide how much to subscribe to the "look the other way" philosophy and how much to crack down on partying.

Though the line may never be drawn clearly, one thing is for sure: the university cannot ignore alcohol

violations that stare them in the face, such as a student vomiting in the room of an R.A. after having spent time at a frat, an official school organization. If nothing else, the university has to think about protecting its rear, especially considering the recent increase in drinking-related deaths at colleges across the country. It is unfortunate that Kappa Sigma was the one to get in trouble (when Willamette alerted its national headquarters of its drinking issues) when similar incidents were no doubt taking place in numerous, more discreet locations on and off campus. But, it seems that the K Sigs, or more specifically their party-goers, were in the wrong place at the wrong time. That, and their nationals appear to be significantly more no-nonsense than those of other fraternities.

The loss of Kappa Sigma as a student organization is sad and will no doubt continue to be appropriately mourned at parties in the coming weeks. Like the students in most other Greek chapters, they did much more than drink. They are known, for instance, for their annual 5K Tracy Hoffman Memorial Run, which benefits the American Cancer Society. With a little more luck than they've had thus far, the K Sigs will re-colonize at Willamette in two years and rejoin the thriving Greek community that will hopefully remain a strong presence on campus.

## Collegian violates club privacy

Last week's article, "Vagina Monologues: Going too far on Valentine's Day?" demonstrated a lack of journalistic integrity on the part of author Casey Sparks and Collegian news staff. The article (prominently displayed on page 2) covered a very informal discussion that occurred during a Willamette College Republicans private chapter meeting in December, 2005. In the article, Sparks describes College Republicans as planning an "organized, group protest" against "The Vagina Monologues" including a possible "direct demonstration" or other "method of expressing public disapproval."

Undeniably, there are members of College Republicans that don't like some content of "The Vagina Monologues," most notably the "Little Coochie Snorcher" scene that presents a statutory rape as a "sexual awakening," yet the article made no attempt to illustrate that a minority of club members hold strong views against the play. And, certainly, we all support "The Monologues" broad and important message that "Rape, incest, battery, genital mutilation and sexual slavery must end now."

My main beef with the article is that Sparks took a private brainstorming session with a vague outcome - and treated it as concrete fact. No campus political club should feel threatened that their candid, internal and private conversations will be trumpeted throughout campus.

Regardless of ideology, student political clubs provide a supportive atmosphere where friends can discuss their common beliefs and values without fearing that they will be ridiculed or embarrassed. Group privacy is essential to a healthy and free



MATT BUELLER

campus political atmosphere, and Sparks and the Collegian News staff violated that tenet. Moreover, it seems odd that the Collegian news staff would suddenly consider private discussions in club meetings as newsworthy.

Of secondary importance, Sparks' inclusion of John Swanson's quotes in the article were misleading. While Swanson holds a state-level leadership position in the Oregon Federation of College Republicans, he rarely attends Willamette Chapter meetings and is not club Treasurer. While interviewing, Swanson informed Mr. Sparks that he "wasn't sure what the club was up to," and asserted several times that he "knew nothing" about club activities. Despite this knowledge, Sparks quoted Swanson four times in the article, and emphasized these quotes over two quotes provided by active club president John Wickre and club secretary Justin Weaver. Mr. Sparks was inappropriate in interviewing Swanson, and his only purpose in seeking conflicting quotes was meant to pointedly embarrass College Republicans.

Mr. Sparks' investigative skills should have been preserved for a more important news story, rather than chasing rumors and belittling the values of some students. In truth, College Republicans never proposed a picket campaign or public protest against "The Vagina Monologues." While never finalized, our club's dissatisfaction would have at most been expressed through simple posters, bathroom flyers or T-shirts. It is a sad day when campus news is so dry that reporters must pry into the private conversations of students to drum up a story.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reading John Wickre's article "The basic rights of mankind" made my stomach turn. I am seriously fed up with hearing what men have to say about abortion. Considering that men cannot become pregnant, and can often avoid the complications of an unwanted pregnancy (it's called child support.) I am tired of listening to their moral thoughts on what I consider to be a woman's issue. The only way I can formulate an opinion on abortion is to think about how I would feel if I woke up tomorrow and discovered I was pregnant. Would I terminate the life of my innocent child, or would I decide to have the baby and let all of my goals and dreams fall by the wayside? The situation is extremely tragic, and I can honestly say that I have no idea what I would do. John Wickre can not produce a human life in his womb, nor would he have to give up all of his future goals if his partner became pregnant. The way I see it, unwanted pregnancy is tragic for both mother and baby. The only people who can offer true insight on this issue are women who have faced this painful decision head on. John's article was aptly titled "The basic rights of mankind." Unfortunately for Wickre, "man" has very little to do with this important issue.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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.

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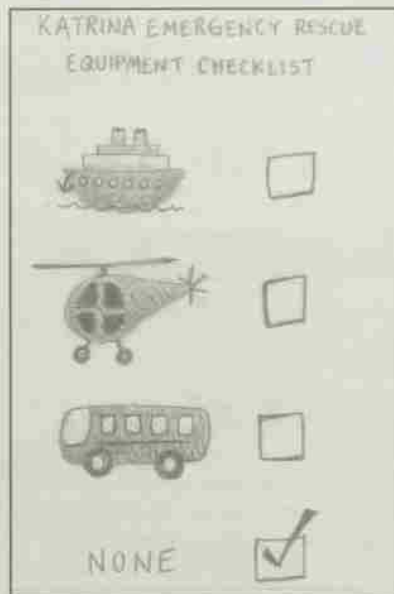
## More lives could have been saved during Katrina disaster

As Hurricane Katrina falls further into the back of our minds and becomes more of a memory than a current event, the city of New Orleans is just now starting to put itself back together. Schools are now beginning to be filled with teachers and students, cars are returning to the streets, shoppers are returning to Algiers and the Latin Quarter and life is making an attempt to make a reappearance in the city. And investigations into how the federal and state governments let the citizens of New Orleans down so badly are just now starting to provide some answers. Or are they? See, this is why I am not going to be that involved with politics.

Recently it was discovered that FEMA choose not to use emergency rescue equipment offered up by the Department of the Interior. Included in the inventory of things offered were rescue boats, helicopters and buses. All of this equipment also came along with experienced personnel capable of operating it, so FEMA wouldn't have to sacrifice any of its own people to do so. Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine, who is investigating this, has stated that this offering of help, if used, could have saved lives.



FRANK MILES



Instead it wasn't used and the total dead from Katrina stands at 1,322. Remember all of those people stuck in the Superdome? I wonder how much more quickly they could have gotten out of there with some extra help. The excuse coming from FEMA about all this is that they couldn't properly coordinate with the other Federal Agency well enough to utilize the help. What, you guys don't have phones? Isn't this the same excuse the F.B.I and C.I.A used after 9/11? I thought the Bush administration was working on all this inter-agency cooperation stuff during a catastrophe. How's that going?

Speaking of the Bush Administration, it recently invoked their executive privilege to a Congressional Panel's request for Presidential communications about the response to Katrina and are refusing to hand them over. Say what? Why? What could be in these communications that would be that embarrassing? I understand there are certain things that need to be kept secret, like war plans, but communications about a response to a natural disaster? What harm could possibly come from that?

It could harm the White House, I suppose. Not that that would be anything original these days. Incompetence seems to be just about the only appropriate word left for this guy these days. Stalling on an investigation concerning the response to the worst natural disaster this country has ever seen could be viewed as a near criminal act. In all this talk of getting agencies to communicate and work along with each other, I do think it is important that it be known what the guy in charge of all these agencies is saying. Or why he isn't telling FEMA to use the Department of Interior's people and equipment. But, hey, this is why I hate politics and don't want anything to do with them.

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## Broke, Broke-Broke, Phi-Broke?

We ain't got it—our charter, that is. It started with a memorable party, followed by some kid who in mid-barf told his R.A. that he had been supplied with copious amounts of alcohol courtesy of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. News of this got to the higher-ups and Marilyn Derby, for who knows what reason, thought it would be a super idea to forward the report to our national headquarters, who then slapped on a \$10,000 fine (which we paid in full), and then proceeded to revoke our charter. After receiving the news, I told a friend from USC about the whole ordeal, to which he replied, laughing hysterically, "So they shut your fraternity down...because you were being a fraternity?"

Pretty much.

As mentioned in one of last week's opinions pieces on this particular subject, it's become quite apparent by recent rush numbers that the fraternity is indeed an endangered animal on this campus. The explanation is quite simple: dryness. Willamette has been going prohibition-era on our asses these past couple years. Underage drinking, a longstanding tradition of fraternities, is witnessing a gradual end. In fact, I would not be surprised if all fraternities were dry on a national level in the next fifty years. So what is a turtle without its shell? What is a tree without its roots? What is a fraternity without its unmitigated access to hard alcohol as a rush tool? I'll tell you: it's Key Club + Secrets - Awesome.

But I digress.

What I am really wondering is what Willamette is trying to accomplish by cracking down on alcohol the way they are, as if their post-party investigations will spur anything other than righteous indignation. If they think that preventing fraternities from dispensing alcohol to minors will impede the consumption of alcohol by minors, they need to think again. After all, you don't stop prostitution by arresting the prostitutes; you don't stop drug usage by targeting the users; you don't stop terrorism by retaliating against specific terrorist organizations; and you don't stop underage drinking by holding judicial board hearings, performing campus-safety sting operations on off-campus housing, and enforcing dryness policies on "delinquent" fraternities as a punitive attempt to reform the error of their ways.

If it's anything that needs reforming, it's the Willamette officials' general view of underage drinkers. According to a ridiculous table tent I read during a hangover breakfast at Goudy, Willamette thinks that you should not drink to get drunk. What's the basis behind that? That's like telling someone not to eat to get full, or not to have sex to achieve orgasm. If Willamette continues to view alcohol as nothing more than a "social lubricant," in which one should not consume more than one beverage every forty-five minutes as a matter of personal safety, then they'll never be able to empathize with the average undergraduate drinker.

The administration has also attempted to argue that it is the fraternity's problem if they are incapable of finding fun alternatives to drinking. But I would argue back that it is not the fraternity's fault that they cannot find fun sober activities for us to participate in on campus for the same reason that it is not Willamette University's fault that they cannot find fun sober activities for us to participate in on campus. But fraternity or no-fraternity, there is obviously no simple solution to the issue of underage drinking, however apparent the absurdities may be...this coming from the guy who in one week will have to plead guilty to a Minor In Possession charge nearly a month after he turned 21.

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MIKEY INOUE

## Salvation of the Greek system



GARRETT STEPHENSON

Not long ago, I was having a conversation with a friend regarding the worth of Willamette's Greek system. It is a tough question for Independents and Greek members alike. Trying the contrived apologist tactic, I tried to explain that Greek houses contribute to the entire campus with things like philanthropy projects, registered parties, and various other social events. Not surprisingly, I wasn't very convincing. Unfortunately, this conversation has been the official dialogue between Greek members and non-Greek students for as long as I can remember. The question that should be asked isn't whether or not Willamette as a whole is benefiting from our Greek system, but how the members of Greek houses are individually and communally benefiting from their membership. Greek societies were founded in order to cultivate the

intellectual, spiritual, social, and ethical growth of their members. Whether they do this or not depends generally on whom you ask, but if this is truly their goal, it is certainly in line with the educational ideals that Willamette tries to attain, and is therefore perfectly salient to a modern educational experience. What happens when chapters lose this focus? Look at the four former Greek houses. What happens when chapters respect their founding principles? Look at the seven that are still around. These are groups that not only fulfill the needs of their members, but also perform a wide array of functions: chapters must raise money, coordinate with two huge bureaucracies (those being national headquarters and W.U.), organize philanthropy events, conduct service projects, host social events, keep up relations with alumni, and somehow convince others that doing all of this is really a great experience. If a Greek organization fails in any one of these areas, it will cease to exist.

At the same time, student culture is very sensitive to the histories and fallacies of the Greek system and is less tolerant of groups that are seen as ineffective. This is no longer

the case at Willamette, where being involved means being Greek. By and large, the freshmen that rush today are looking for something that will improve them as people, not give them yet another group of people they can get drunk with. Each house must come to grips with these cultural changes in order to survive, and many of them have done so quite successfully. Greek houses are doing more philanthropy, more community service and are becoming alcohol-free. This is a process that must continue, and if it does, I feel that fraternities and sororities will have much to offer in the foreseeable future.

In the long run, it comes down to this: Willamette's Greek system must be appealing to its members and potential members, not trying to justify its existence in terms of the community at large, even though it usually has a positive impact. The loss of K Sig does not show the impotence of the Greek system in general. It simply highlights the importance of the basic purposes of these groups and what can happen when they are ignored.

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## SPORTS

NWC  
STANDINGS

## Men's Basketball

Willamette Bearcats	9-1
Puget Sound Loggers	9-1
Whitworth Pirates	7-3
George Fox Bruins	5-5
Whitman Missionaries	5-5
Lewis and Clark Pioneers	4-6
Pacific Lutheran Lutes	3-7
Linfield Wildcats	2-8
Pacific Boxers	1-9

## Women's Basketball

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Puget Sound Loggers	8-2
George Fox Bruins	6-4
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Standings as of 1/21.

## Sports Profile: ROSEANN KASSEBAUM

## Two-time finalist trains for last NCAA

By ALEX COMPTON

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Senior track marvel Roseann Kassebaum is ready for her fourth and final season here at Willamette. This being her last chance at an NCAA Championship in the 400-meter hurdles, her priorities have shifted slightly to accommodate a more intense training regimen. Moreover, she is wrapping up her final credits for her degree in International Studies as she plans to graduate this May, but studying as a part-time student allows for plenty of preparation time.

With the first meet just over a month away, Rose trains in the mornings for a half hour, attends class, and then resumes her training with her mid-distance teammates for another two to 2 1/2 hour workout. "Pre-season training consists of getting a great fitness base, including cardio runs and pace

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work on the track, as well as weight circuits that keep the heart rate up," she explained. This year she will continue to stand out in the 400-meter hurdles, 100-meter hurdles and, hopefully, the long relay. The long relay, Kassebaum explained, is probably the most competitive race in track. WU hopefuls will have to show their skills in "a battle for the fastest time" in order to be considered for the part, and Kassebaum is confident that she will be one of the relay's lead women. Kassebaum also participates in the heptathlon, a two-day, seven-event incorporation of running, jumping and hurdling.

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The relentless pressure and high expectations don't make her lose focus, though. "Since this is my last [season], I'm making it the priority of my life. I am constantly thinking about how my lifestyle will affect my running. I feel like I'm in the best shape of my life."

The past two seasons saw her qualify for Nationals in the 400-meter hurdles, and sophomore year she was extended the bid for the long relay, as well. She owes a lot to head coach Matt McGuirk and company. "He is one in a series of Willamette coaches I admire including recently passed-away head Coach Charles Bowles, head Coach Kelly Sullivan, and of course volunteer hurdles/sprint/jump coach Sam Lapray (personally my closest coach)."

To pay the bills for her classy Haseldorf apartment, she works as a waitress and bartender at Johnathon's Oyster Bar downtown. In fact, she plans to continue working after graduation to save up and pay off her student loans. After that, Kassebaum hopes to travel to Central or South America with the sole intention of becoming fluent in Spanish. "The plan is to immerse myself with the people and the culture," she said.

She is no newcomer to world travel, however. She decided to take a year off after high school and study abroad in Austria. She explained: "Taking that year off so significantly affected my outlook on the importance of intercommunication and the impact of religious differences," she said. "That's pretty much what is fueling my drive to help bridge the gap between different groups of people." The more you know about other people you are dealing with, she believes, the more rewarding the relationship can be.

As a philosophy minor, Kassebaum enjoys helping others think about things in a new way, especially when it comes to conflict resolution. "I like to

think there's a way to have discussion and interaction that leads to greater understanding of a group that's different from yourself."

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Kassebaum envisions a career that involves diplomatic relations between conflicting religious denominations through mediation and interpretation. She imagines herself working for an NGO, mixing the pleasures of travel and cultural assimilation.

While the senior from Oregon City eventually plans to settle down in the Northwest, the specifics aren't important as long as her overall vision is satisfied. "I just care about who I get to work with and where," she said. Kassebaum's focus is on relationships between people, particularly those under religious tension. Her emphasis for her degree is "Religion, Culture and Globalization in Europe" with a focus on Spain. She wrote her thesis last semester on Franco's dictatorship in Spain and how it affected Catholicism in the country.

As far as Kassebaum's prospects for the upcoming season are concerned, she is thinking positively: "I feel that I personally, as well as my team, will achieve All-American goals at the national meet in Illinois this year. Both the men and the women have goals of bringing home the hardware this season (top 4 teams receive trophies)." It's clear that Kassebaum has big plans for herself. "But first comes first. I'm going to get a national championship in the 400-meter hurdles."

## Bearcat men knock back double victory: L&amp;C, Pacific

By BRIAN BEST

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The Willamette University men's basketball team continued its streak of tremendous play last week with victories over Lewis and Clark and Pacific Lutheran. Both wins secured the Bearcats' place at No. 1 in the NWC and provided valuable experience for many of the players.

In the game against the Lewis and Clark Pioneers, CJ Stuvland and Brennan Garrelts chalked up the first 18 points for Willamette and brought the Bearcats to an early 18-5 lead. However, the Pioneers fought throughout the first half and by half time were down by only 10 with a score of 43-33.

Both Stuvland and Garrelts scored the first eight points in the second half, although Lewis and Clark quickly pulled to within four with only 15 minutes left in

the game. Clutch points from Stuvland, Jason Luchterhand and Drew Miller brought the lead quickly to 55-47, and Stuvland hit another three-pointer immediately afterward. With 10 minutes to play, the Bearcats were up by 11 and kept the Pioneers down by double digits for the remainder of the game.

For the game, Stuvland had 36 points, shooting 13-20, including seven three-pointers; Garrelts was 5-9, scoring 10 points; Miller finished with 16 points; and Luchterhand chalked up 11, shooting 5-5 on top of eight rebounds. David Fife, in his first start of the season, came up with five points, five boards and five assists, while Jacob Baran led Willamette in rebounds with 10. For the game, Willamette shot 55 percent, including 10-21 behind the arc, while the Pioneers shot 48 percent.

Stuvland was thrilled with the team's performance. "We played some incredible

basketball against Lewis and Clark. It was great having Jason back in the game, and Fife proved himself as a key young player on the team."

After their victory over Lewis and Clark, the Bearcats traveled to Tacoma, Wash. to take on the Pacific Lutheran Lutes last Saturday night. Starting slowly, Willamette was down 5-10 at the start of the game. By half time, though, the men had cut the Lutes' lead down to only one point, with a score of 33-34. However, in the second half, the Bearcats came out big with a 15-2 run that put them up 47-36 with 15 minutes remaining in the game.

A series of three-pointers in the second half by Stuvland, Miller, Josh Erickson and John Olinger put the Bearcats in a commanding lead. With 10 minutes remaining, the Lutes threw Willamette's lead down to seven points, but four three-pointers by Olinger started another Bearcat run of 16-4, and a lead of

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71-52 with 5 1/2 minutes left to play. Willamette won the game 80-65 and upped its conference record to 9-1, along with its first place rank.

Olinger led the team with 20 points, a team high seven assists and three boards. Stuvland boasted with 16 points and five rebounds. Senior Jason Luchterhand had another tremendous shooting day, draining 6-7 shots and chalking up five boards.

Willamette shot 64 percent in the second half and 54 percent for the game as a whole, hitting 12-28 three-pointers, 8-15 in the second half alone.

Next weekend, Willamette has crucial games against Whitworth and Whitman, Whitworth handing the Bearcats its only loss of the season and currently sitting second in the NWC behind UPS and Willamette - currently tied for first.

# March Madness

Who will be the Final Four?

This weekend ESPN.com took the liberty of simulating the NCAA Final Four for 2006. For the semifinals they gave us a Texas versus Connecticut battle and Duke facing off against Michigan State. Currently these teams are ranked as follows: UConn No. 1, Duke No. 2, Texas No. 5 and Michigan State No. 12.

According to ESPN's simulation, Duke, with the help of JJ. Redick and Shelden Williams, will beat Michigan State 83-73. And in the other Final Four match-up, the underdog Texas is predicted to defeat UConn 85-72. ESPN.com hands out credit for Texas' win to several key players with Daniel Gibson, P.J. Tucker and LaMarcus Aldridge all lending a hand.

In ESPN.com's simulated championship game, Duke and Texas are back and forth much as we all had hoped to see back when the two faced off in the regular season in December. (At the time, Duke was No. 1 and Texas No. 2, but Duke easily handled the Longhorns, beating Texas 97-66.) If ESPN is right, we can expect to see a Blue Devil victory, 75-73, for the national title.

Now here is my simulation of the NCAA Final Four for 2006! I do not believe we will see Texas or UConn. Instead, I give you Michigan State taking on Gonzaga. Why the Spartans and the Zags, you may ask? The answer is simple: Tom Izzo. Izzo may well be one of the most overlooked coaches in the history of college basketball, but he seems content letting his team's previous tournament successes do all the talking. Izzo is notorious for preparing for his team one of the most difficult schedules in the nation, and this year is no different.

Also, let's not forget how tough the Big-10 is this year. Michigan State will be ready come tournament time. But that won't be enough to defeat the Zags. Michigan State will fall to the Zags 89-77 because of the outstanding play of its two seniors: Adam Morrison (with his dirty mustache) and J.P. Batista.

In the other semifinal, Duke will play West Virginia. W. Virginia is facing a tough schedule for the end of regular season, and this is going to do one of two things: 1) they're going to learn to play back-to-back tough games, which preps them for tournament play or 2) at the end of the regular season, they will have faced some high scoring teams and have toughened up their defense because of it. With all that in play, it is still not enough to defeat JJ. Redick and his Blue Devils. Duke wins 88-80.

In my championship game, all eyes are on Morrison versus Redick. However, Gonzaga's junior guard Derek Ravio is overlooked and is on a roll. The game goes into overtime, but Ravio gets fouled and re-injures his back. He's out for OT, and Duke takes the game 79-76.0



APRIL KYRKOS

## Put a little yoga in your life

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Yoga is an ancient and powerful practice for the body, mind and soul. Traditionally, people practice yoga for spiritual enlightenment, but today many popular forms are geared toward anyone who wants a total body workout! Yoga, meaning "yoke" or "union" in Sanskrit, encompasses eight branches within the practice to observe: the yamas (restraints), niyamas (observances), asana (postures), pranayama (breathing), pratyahara (withdrawal of senses), dharana (concentration), dhyani (meditation) and samadhi (absorption). Despite preconceived notions that yoga is only for hippies or extremely flexible people, anyone can do it and receive the incredible health benefits of the practice. While everyone will begin at a different ability level, it is important to remember that yoga is meant to be uncompetitive and personal. Taking things slowly and never pushing to the point of pain will help prevent injury and allow for progress step by step. Try this pose to overall strengthen and tone the body while stimulating the diaphragm and heart.

### Utkatasana (OOT-kah-TAHS-anna)

or Awkward Chair Pose:

- Improves overall body strength, specifically ankles, calves, thighs and spine
- Tones buttocks
- Aligns skeletal system
- Good for digestion and arthritis
- Relieves joint pain
- Stretches shoulders and chest
- Stimulates liver, intestines and pancreas
- Works the diaphragm and heart
- Reduces flat feet

## Men victorious over Pioneers



A bearcat swimmer powers towards the finish line.

photo by SAGE NUSBAUM

By STEVE FIALA  
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Junior Kei Otawa continues to make a splash with three first place finishes, contributing to the Bearcat men's win against the Lewis and Clark Pioneers last Sat, 96-91.

"Somewhat reluctantly, Kei has stepped forward as the team leader, and I think he's swimming at or near his best right now as a result," head swimming coach Al Stephenson said.

Otawa garnered wins in the 50-freestyle, the 100-free and the 100 breaststroke. Sophomores Greg Henselman and Pete Kahn also took first place in the 1000-freestyle and 100-backstroke respectively. Despite wins from sophomore Shannon Gima and senior Jessica Lee, the Bearcat women succumbed to the superior swimming of the Pioneers with a final score of 61-143. Gima won the 100-backstroke, while Lee took first in the 100-breaststroke.

"I knew our women would have a tough year, as the top five swimmers are abroad, transferred or slightly injured," said Stephenson. "It is refreshing to see a couple of underclassmen step up. The women are getting better and stronger with each competition."

With the regular season at an end after last weekend's meet against Lewis and Clark, the Bearcats prepare for the Northwest Conference Championships. According to Kahn, the team's next two weeks will be

## Chalk Talk

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### BEARCAT WOMEN PUT UP A TOUGH BATTLE AGAINST THE PIONEERS.

The Bearcat women's basketball team played a close game against Lewis and Clark last week in Cone Field House. Willamette was only behind by two points at halftime and then tied the game 29-29 after a shot by freshman Brittany Farrer at the beginning of the second half. The Bearcats and the Pioneers were neck and neck for the rest of the half, tying the score once again at 37-37

after a basket by junior Kari Woody. For the remainder of the game, the Bearcats stayed within a few points of the Pioneers. Lewis and Clark managed to get in a few more shots, however, putting them ahead with a score of 53-65 at the buzzer.

Junior Sara Brooks and sophomore Tracie Nygaard led the Bearcats, both adding nine points to the board. Scoring eight points each were senior Jennifer Bell and Farrer.

Last weekend, the Bearcats traveled up to Tacoma, Wash. to play the PLU Lutes. The Lutes started out strong, making the first eight points of the game. At halftime the score was 11-35, but the Bearcats came back after the halftime break with greatly improved shooting. This improvement was not enough to catch up to the 32 point lead that the Lutes had gained by the end of the game. The final score of the game was 35-67.

## THE BASICS

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Stand tall with feet together, big toes touching and heels slightly apart.  
*Breathe.*

As you exhale, bend the knees to a 45-60 degree angle, placing most of the weight in your heels. You should be able to freely lift up and wiggle your toes.

Raise arms above head, holding them straight and slightly turning in the pinky fingers to engage the triceps.

Roll your shoulders away from your neck and down your back, engaging the shoulder blades.

Take tailbone down towards the floor by engaging the core muscles and shifting them back and down. Your back should be long and straight, not curved.

Hold the position for 30 seconds to a minute and remember to breathe! Come out of the position by straightening the legs on a big inhale.

To make the pose more challenging, try taking your gaze upwards. You can also come onto the balls of the feet, lifting the heels high to engage the calf muscles. Bring the arms out straight in front for balance.

[www.bikram-yoga-nouasa-australia.com](http://www.bikram-yoga-nouasa-australia.com)

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spent trying to work out all of the sore muscles and to become as healthy as possible before Conference. The team will focus more on individual race strategies and ensuring that the swimmers head up to Federal Way, Wash. with a clear plan of what they wish to accomplish.

"My main thought to the team this year will remain the same," said Stephenson. "I want to continue improving in our practices and training, and to concentrate on the smaller things so we can continue our improvement towards attaining our individual goals."

Although Kahn admits that the team has a lack of depth, which makes it much more difficult to be competitive with the top teams in the conference, the team is strong in its team unity.

The strength of Willamette swimming has, as long as I've been here, been its team relationships," said Henselman. "We've got a camaraderie that is pretty unique. We aren't so cultish that we don't have other friends, but when you're with swimmers, you're with family."

According to Stephenson, the competition for the Conference crown will come down to the University of Puget Sound women and either Whitworth or UPS for the men. The Bearcat swimmers will travel to Federal Way, Wash., Feb. 10-12 for the Northwest Conference Championships.

The next games for the women's basketball team will be held at Cone Field House on Friday, Feb. 3 against Whitworth and Saturday, Feb. 4 against Whitman.

### WU RUNNER NICK SYMMONDS RECEIVES MEN'S AD RUTSCHMAN AWARD

WU cross-country and track and field athlete Nick Symmonds was the co-winner of the prestigious men's Ad Rutschman small college athlete of the year award at the Oregon Sports Awards last night. The co-winner of the award was Linfield's quarter-back Brett Elliot. The show was broadcast on KATU channel 2 and on 1080 AM. It was held at the Tiger Woods Center at Nike Headquarters in Beaverton, Ore. Symmonds holds national titles in both the 800 and 1500 meters and was named the NCAA Div III men's athlete of the year.

# EXTRAS

## Campus Safety Report

Jan. 21-28, 2006

by Director of Campus Safety  
Ross Stout

### CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

**January 26, 2:07 a.m. (Sigma Chi):** An officer investigating the sound of breaking glass discovered a broken window on the second floor. An occupant of the room admitted to breaking the glass with a golf club and being a minor under the influence of alcohol.

**January 26, 4:15 p.m. (Carnegie Building):** An employee reported finding a broken window. It was determined that no one had entered the building.

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

**January 22, 10:13 p.m. (Baxter Hall):** A student who was feeling very ill was escorted to the Salem Hospital.

**January 26, 9:54 p.m. (Sparks Center):** A student was escorted to the Salem Hospital after injuring his ankle playing basketball.

**January 27, 8:22 p.m. (Baxter Hall):** A student slipped and fell down several stairs. She was escorted to the Salem Hospital for evaluation.

### POLICY VIOLATIONS

**January 28, 11:05 p.m. (Kaneko Hall):** Students were seen climbing from one balcony to another. They had fled their room upon arrival.

### THEFT

**January 25, 3:00 p.m. (Delta Gamma):** The maintenance department reported the theft of a sump pump from the west side of the building. The pump had been used in the exterior stairwell during heavy rains.

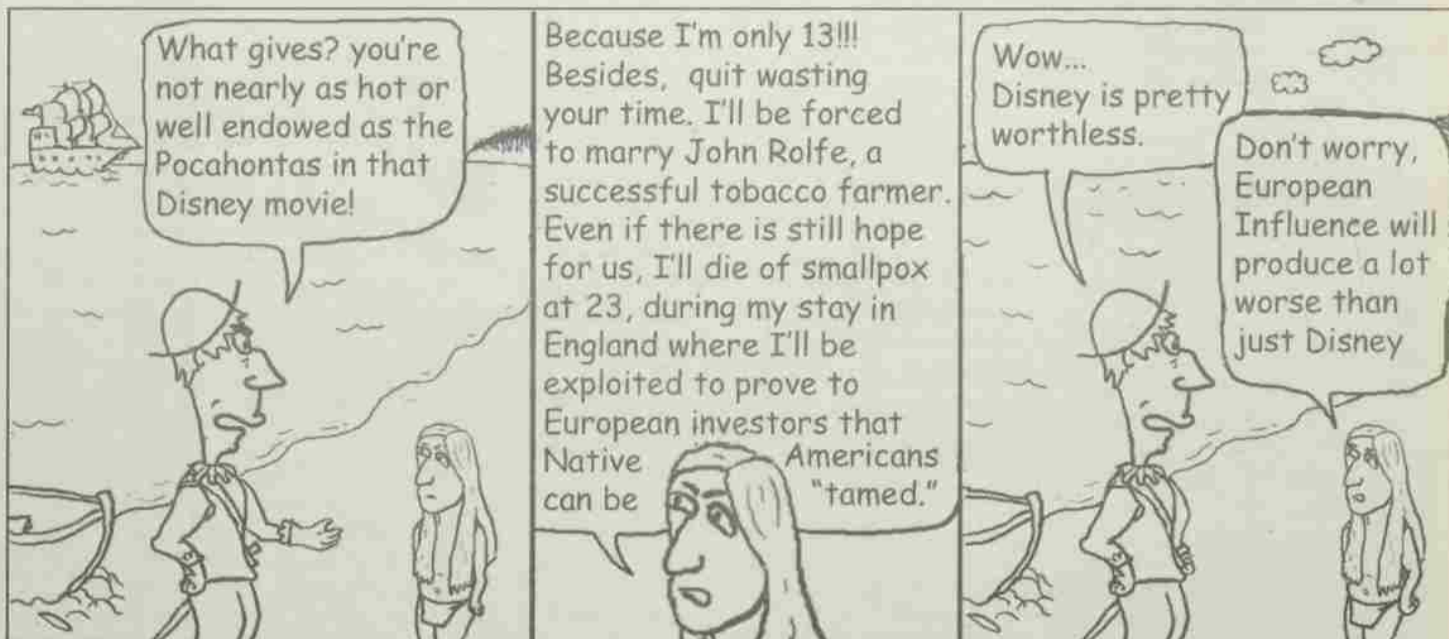
**January 27, 11:00 a.m. (Physical Plant):** Maintenance reported a large roll of cable had been stolen on or before Dec. 30. Salem Police were notified.

**January 27, 11:00 a.m. (Carnegie Building):** Maintenance reported two reels of cable had been stolen from the basement between Jan. 20-24. Salem Police Department was contacted and a report filed.

### VEHICLE ACCIDENT

**January 23, 7:13 a.m. (Smith Fine Arts):** Campus Safety received a report that an employee had damaged a rental vehicle. The driver had backed into a large rock near the loading dock.

*\* If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety.*

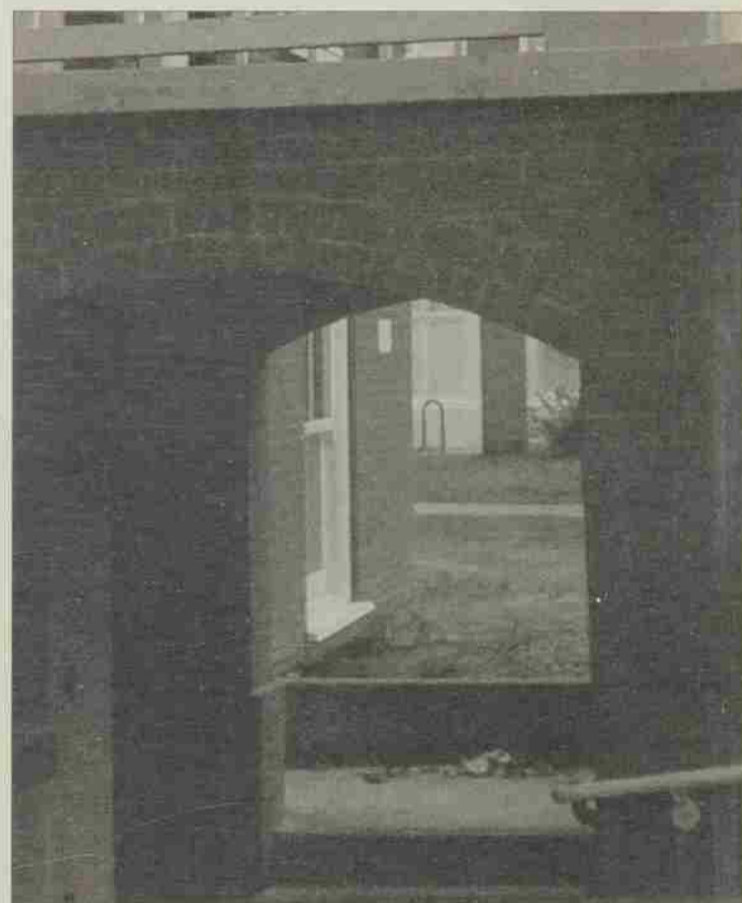


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