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Students participate in local, national campaigns

KAELEY PRUITT-HAMM
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Many students take advantage of the opportunities offered by Willamette's proximity to Oregon's capitol. From internships at the state legislature to leadership positions among the Salem canvassing community, politics majors and non-majors alike fill many roles in Oregon's political system. For some, the involvement does not stop with the end of the academic term.

Willamette College Democrats and the College Republicans have served as jumping boards behind many volunteer and job opportunities. According to senior politics major Bradley Dunn, getting volunteers and working with local politicians has been easy because "College Democrats has been built into a very credible organization."

College Democrats have collectively supported groups, campaigns and general political involvement through communal activities such as registering voters at Wulapalooza before the Tuesday deadline for voter registration to participate in the primaries. Some members of College Democrats also canvassed for Jeff Merkley. Other students have branched off from their student organizations to individually support candidates by volunteering or working during the campaign season.

Campus Organizer of College Democrats freshman Edward McGlone self-started his political career in Salem before starting at Willamette. McGlone moved from volunteer to legislative aide and intern for Democratic Representative Tobias Read in Beaverton since February of 2006. "Tobias knocked on my door [in Beaverton] campaigning and I volunteered from there ... which turned into a job during this 2007 legislative session," McGlone said.

President of College Democrats freshman Michaela Gore has been volunteering as an unofficial Salem area coordinator for Oregon State Attorney General Candidate John Kroger since January and will continue to work in Portland for Kroger after the spring semester.

"In high school, I didn't do as much in politics," Gore said. "I met John's campaign manager at an event, and he was looking for a Salem organizer ... I decided a local campaign would be best [to work for]. After I agreed to work for him, when he came to speak at Willamette I was very impressed." Working for campaigns seems to be a job that works for students especially. "A lot of it's kind of managing it around my schedule ... but after finals I'm going to be working intensive 40 hour weeks before the primaries."

Many students were drawn to Willamette because of the outlets it provides for people with an interest in politics. "The closeness of the capitol was a very big draw for Willamette," McGlone said. It makes getting jobs easier once students establish themselves in Salem as well. "The capitol being across the street really helped in getting internships," said Dunn, who has been a campaign manager and an intern for different State representatives, has interned at the legislature and has been a part of numerous political fellowships, including the Bus Project.

According to McGlone and Dunn, Willamette's location also provides unique types of opportunities in politics - students' ability to immerse themselves in local politics in a concentrated way. "I like local politics the best because you really get a hands-on experience," McGlone said. "For example, Tobias [Read] came to my high school graduation. ... You have a more direct effect and experience with the system. It definitely is exciting to get involved in federal elections, but right now my heart is with local politics."

It is also easy to volunteer for national political causes such as the presidential elections. Sophomore history major Emily Class is interning this summer for the Hillary Clinton campaign, Salem headquarters. "When I found out that a Hillary headquarters opened in Salem, I just went over [to the Reed Opera House] with a friend and signed up to help," Class said. "I have spent time calling voters in Oregon as well as Pennsylvania, [have] tabled ... (in Goudy) for volunteers to call Pennsylvania voters and held a phone bank from 3-6."



Freshman Michaela Gore campaigns for Oregon State Attorney General candidate John Kroger.

Aside from factors such as proximity to the capitol and motivation from student organizations, what moves students to get involved is a passion for the issues governed by politics. "On the campaign, John's two main priorities are fighting, preventing and treating meth and also making sure that polluters end up getting serious consequences...[which are] two issues that really need to be dealt with in Oregon," Gore said. "I've always wanted to make a difference in the world. Looking at the different ways I could make a difference with my leadership style, I decided politics would be the best way to make a change. It's what I want to do with my life, so I want to get a head start and make connections."

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Alumni event highlights unusual career paths

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GUEST WRITER

The Willamette University Alumni Association sponsored a career awards and networking event last Thursday at the Jupiter Hotel in Portland, Ore. The event, "You're Doing What With Your Degree?" was a way for alumni to meet one another and form connections with current students, as well as to recruit career advisors.

Associate Director of Alumni and Career Networking Stacey Lane directed the event. Along with opportunities for alumni and students to mingle, an award honoring each alumnus's chosen profession was given to those in attendance. "Our whole point was to make networking fun and lighthearted and to really celebrate all the unique and unusual career paths Willamette alumni have chosen," Lane said.

The Jupiter Hotel is owned by Willamette alum Kelsey Bunker who graduated in 1978 with a degree in biology and then went on to law school before becoming a real estate developer. Another alum in attendance was Rob Aragon who graduated in 1999 with an art degree and is now a retail buyer and manager for EXIT Real world, a chain of skateboarding and snowboarding stores. Lisa Tran graduated in 1995 with a degree in English and politics and went on to work for Homeland Security before becoming an optician. She also just appeared in her first television commercial on a Vietnamese cable station.

Lane said the whole purpose of the event was to inspire alumni and students alike. The Alumni Association was also hoping to recruit career advisors who are often the source of internships or first job opportunities for new graduates. Career advisors are responsible for mentoring students entering the workforce or

they can even offer jobs and internships to new graduates.

"We are always looking for more people, especially people that have these untraditional and unconventional career paths," Lane said. "Our alumni are so generous in sharing their time and career experiences so we are trying to find them and engage them to give back to the Willamette community."

On campus, professors and students use their degrees in a variety of ways. Assistant Professor of Earth and Environmental Science and Latin American Studies, Kimberlee Chambers received her undergraduate degree in cultural geography and her doctorate in geography. However, it was partly the advice of a professor that led her to pursue her passion of studying Latin America. "My advisor [George Lovell] said to go and take whatever opportunity comes to you and to leave all your options open," Chambers said. "Everything I've done, although it may seem disconnected, has been the foundation of what I do now." She also stressed the importance of internships in leading to job opportunities, which are sometimes provided by alumni.

Senior Rachael Green is majoring in English with a double minor in Spanish and American ethnic studies. She has applied to work after graduation with Servant Partners in Cairo, Egypt, a faith-based organization that works with the urban poor. She spent the last two summers volunteering in Kolkata, India, and Cairo with the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and said that her experiences compelled her to choose her current path. "I think people need to discover their mission in life and their passions, even if it is unusual or if society says they are not really using their degree," Green said.

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TIUA students explore summer in the states

JEFF KITTS
GUEST WRITER

When finals are over and the spring semester ends, TIUA students stay at Willamette to participate in an academic-summer program that runs from May 19 to June 27. There are various local activities happening during this time, and students also have opportunities for travel across the United States.

"During summer semester, the academic calendar is very intensive for the students," Associate Director of Co-Curricular and Intercultural Education Jeani Bragg said. TIUA students can take one or two elective courses, taught by Willamette professors, including American politics, international political economy, American history and English.

For each elective course taken, TIUA students will also take an applied English course. According to Executive Vice President of TIUA Gunnar Gundersen, this course focuses on language and academic skills. The professors teaching the electives work together with the applied English professors. "It's challenging for any student to study subjects like this in a second language," Gundersen said. These classes meet four days a week, aiming to prepare the TIUA students for the fall semester, where they may choose to take classes at Willamette, usually at the 100 or 200 level.

Since this schedule can be quite intensive, the TIUA staff likes to give breaks to the students. "We provide lots of ... stress-relieving and fun programs for the students," Bragg said. These activities include going to movies, karaoke and weekend trips to the Portland Saturday Market. Students also have access to Sparks Athletic Center and the Kaneko pool.

A few Willamette students will remain on campus over the summer to serve as tutors or summer Community Associates (CAs). "[The CAs] are kind of like a combination of an RA and an [International Peer

Coach]," IPC and future CA Sam Mix said. As a CA, Mix will plan activities for the students and help if students get locked out of their rooms. "[As an IPC], I really liked getting to know the students and showing them what I love about Willamette," Mix said.

According to Bragg, three local Take a Break (TAB) programs will be offered over the summer; one about sustainability, one about poverty and one about diversity. The TIUA Student Leadership Program (TSLP), which is lead by TIUA students, also plans activities for the summer. According to TSLP member Sachie Imai, TSLP may visit the capitol to learn about American government.

A week-long program in August will teach local children about the Japanese language. "We have a summer immersion Japanese language day camp for 80 local elementary and junior high school kids," Bragg said. Around 30 TIUA students will work as teachers and counselors for this day camp.

TIUA students have free time after the summer semester, and many use the time to travel. "I will go to Utah," Imai said. Imai will be attending a program in Utah founded by a former TIUA student. "A lot of students look for other learning or service opportunities," Director of Academic Affairs Wayne Gregory said. Some will just be traveling across the country and sight-seeing. "I will go on a trip to Seattle," TIUA student Kazuki Shimizu said. Others will be visiting Texas or Disneyland.

However, not all TIUA students will be traveling across the country. "I don't want to travel; it costs too much," TIUA student Gansukh Khurelbaatar said.

According to Gregory, at the end of the summer, the TIUA students have a different sense of self than they did when they arrived in the winter. "Students make real progress in language skills and gain a confidence that they didn't have before," Gregory said.

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New centers support on-campus research, sponsor speakers

“The faculty has always felt like there wasn't an institutional way for supporting faculty research.”

LANE MCGAUGHY
DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR ANCIENT STUDIES AND ARCHAEOLOGY

MICHELLE BELLUSCI
GUEST WRITER

About a year ago, five Centers for Academic Excellence were created with the goals of supporting student and faculty research and bringing more speakers to campus.

These five centers, all now fully functional, are the Centers for Ancient Studies and Archaeology, Asian Studies, Governance and Public Policy Research, Religion, Law and Democracy and Sustainable Communities.

“When President Pelton arrived, one of the things he proposed was establishing some centers for excellence,” Director of the Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology Lane McGaughy said. These five centers were chosen, according to McGaughy, because they “represent areas of research and collaboration that were already established on campus” and the idea was to “try to support and enhance those.”

These particular centers also represent “overlapping interests that the students may have,” Director of the Center for Religion, Law and Democracy Steve Green said.

According to McGaughy, one of the primary reasons that these centers were created is Willamette’s lack of MA or PhD programs. “The faculty has always felt like there wasn’t an institutional way for supporting faculty research,” McGaughy said.

Through the creation of these centers, the community now has “a venue for offering faculty fellowships to do research, to establish collaborative projects and work together with students on research projects,” McGaughy said.

“All of these centers share one common theme, and that is to enhance the visibility and quality of the research and scholarship done by the Willamette University community,” Director of the Center for Governance and Public Policy Research Fred Thompson said.

Each center offers fellowships and awards for faculty research. They also offer student research grants and awards and summer internships. The Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology, for instance, offers a student internship in museology at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, as well as grants for archaeological field work.

The Center for Religion, Law and Democracy also offers student summer internship grants to work in a religious organization or government agency that deals with issues relating to religion and public life.

These centers also support curriculum development. Several courses have recently been created under the centers, including ASIA 201: Asian Studies Colloquium, ASIA 258: Topics in Asian Studies, ASIA 358: Field Studies in Asian Studies and HIST 388: Church and State in American History.

Another role of the centers is to increase programming “focusing on particular themes that will support the intellectual life of the campus,” McGaughy said. The centers have recently sponsored and cosponsored many lectures, symposia and discussion panels, including a conference on faith and the environment entitled “Is God Green?” lectures in the Archaeological Institute of America series, the Dempsey Environmental Lecture and Conference Series and a lecture entitled “China and the U.S.: Current Situation and Problems in Economic Trade.”

According to McGaughy, it is important for students to realize that the centers, and all of the opportunities that they offer, are not limited to any particular departments. “The centers are open to anyone on campus,” McGaughy said.

These centers, according to Green, are also important in the sense that they will help to distinguish the university. “These will be flagship programs to kind of show off some things that the university has some strength in,” Green said.

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Steve Hey
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Faculty continue scholarship after retirement

LAUREN GOLD
STAFF WRITER

Six Willamette faculty members will retire at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Ranging in specialties, teaching styles and connections with student, each faculty member has contributed significantly to the Willamette community.

For biology professor Scott Hawke, who has taught at Willamette for 37 years, the rewards of teaching were primarily his relationships with students. “The joys of my experience as a faculty member at Willamette have centered on teaching students problem-solving skills and facilitating their communication skills,” Hawke said.

Both Hawke and Professor of Quantitative Methods and Public Management at the Atkinson School of Business Management Bruce Gates commented on the many changes Willamette has undergone during the time they have spent here, both technologically and intellectually. Gates has been at Willamette since 1974, the year the Atkinson school began.

“When I started [at Atkinson], I bought my first calculator and it cost \$400. I remember being excited because it had a square root sign,” Gates said. “In the space of 34 short years, what I do and how I teach has changed drastically. It has become much more fun because the drudgery is gone and now I can focus more on the concepts.”

Although Gates will be leaving Willamette, he does not intend to fully retire. His plans for future years include starting his own business, as well as continuing to teach and do consulting work.

Biology professor Grant Thorsett has been at Willamette for 41 years, bringing his unique skills in biology to the university as the school’s first molecular biologist. Thorsett said that his most memorable Willamette moments were those instances in which he was recognized by the students, such as when he received the award for Professor of the Year and recognition for service to the university. Thorsett believes that service to the university is one of the key components of being a professor.

Thorsett plans to stay involved with the university, working with the annual alumni newsletter for the biology department, helping the admissions office and registrar’s office and giving guest lectures when invited.

Exercise Science Professor and Department Chair Russ Cagle, who has been at Willamette for 23 years, said that Willamette has had a significant influence on his life.

“I will miss the students, my outstanding colleagues and several of the exceptional staff and administrators who make Willamette a special institution,” Cagle said. “Willamette will always be a special university, which allowed me to make a difference as an athletic trainer and as a professor.”

Sociology professor Carol Doolittle began her career at Willamette in 1977, and has been involved in programs such as women and gender studies, international studies, environmental studies and, most recently, Asian studies.

After retirement, Doolittle plans to continue work on her own research on Laos. Doolittle has already spent years researching the country and has written two books on the topic.

“I am not leaving research or applied sociology, and I am not really done with teaching. I have some opportunities in Laos to teach, but it will be more like short term, intensive workshops,” Doolittle said.

Professor of Sociology Steve Hey has been at Willamette for 26 years and has enjoyed the experiences that being a professor has given him. “Willamette has been a really good place to be,” Hey said. “It gave me a chance to teach and intellectually grow in many different ways.”

He has spent the past 12 summers in Chicago, both leading the Willamette summer program and conducting his own research. Hey plans to continue his research in Chicago after leaving Willamette.

While the retiring faculty will miss many aspects of Willamette, each will pursue a new path and will have a chance to seek and explore new opportunities.

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	3 SATURDAY Hiking Oregon's History 1 p.m. Mission Mill Museum Headband and Uptop in Smith 7:30 p.m. Smith Auditorium	4 SUNDAY Willamette Master Chorus 3 p.m. Mount Angel Abby 1 Abbey Dr.	5 MONDAY "Dorian–The Remarkable Mr. Gray" 7:30 p.m. Pentacle Theater 324 52nd Ave. NW "Moonlight and Magnolias" 7:30 p.m. Salem Repository Theater 3023 Gehlar Rd.

Athens Boys Choir | Challenging norms



COLBY TAKEDA

The Athens Boys Choir is a solo spoken-word performance by Harvey Katz on controversial issues from gender to politics to sex. About 40 people attended the event, and plans are already being made for Katz to speak at a transgender workshop on campus next fall. This is the second time this year that Katz has been invited by culture shock to speak on campus. In addition to his performance, Katz visited the Angles meeting and congratulated the students for helping to implement gender-neutral housing.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

APRIL 17-24, 2008

Information provided by Campus Safety

BURGLARY

► April 22, 1:42 a.m., (Law School): Salem Police is investigating the classroom break-in. Prints and other identifying evidence were recovered, and the investigation continues.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

► April 19, 9:44 p.m., (Lausanne Hall): An unknown individual(s) threw a snowball through the window of a residence room.

► April 22, 8:11 a.m., (Haseldorf Apartments): An unknown individual threw a rock through the window of an apartment in an apparent attempt to get the occupant's attention.

► April 23, 2:11 a.m., (Quad): An unknown individual drove a blue and white mid-sized SUV on the grass of the quad, causing \$600 in damage.

THEFT

► April 18, 3:22 p.m., (Off Campus): A faculty member, while on a field trip to the city of Eugene, had a Willamette laptop computer stolen from a rental car. Lane County is investigating the matter.

► April 21, 9:30 a.m., (Smullin Hall): An unknown individual stole a Willamette Integrated Technology Services (WITS) golf cart and drove it without permission.

► April 21, 11:54 p.m., (Executive Parking Lot): An employee discovered that an unknown individual broke into his vehicle and stole a pool cue.

► April 24, 2:54 p.m., (Baxter Hall): A student locked his bicycle at Baxter Hall and later discovered that it had been stolen.

MIP / POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

► April 19, 10:58 p.m., (Matthews Hall): Empty and full cans of alcoholic beverages were recovered from a student's room. The student, who is under 21 years old, gave false information to the officers conducting the investigation and also provided the beverages to other minors.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

► April 20, 1:11 a.m., (Doney Hall): A student, who is under 21 years old, was treated by WEMS for alcoholic poisoning.

► April 19, 11:03 p.m., (Doney Hall): WEMS responded to a request for service after a student became ill from poor ventilation while utilizing cosmetic products.

► April 20, 8:18 p.m., (Pi Beta Phi): Salem Fire Department transported a student to Salem Hospital for treatment, as she suffered with breathing difficulties.

POLICY VIOLATION

► April 19, 6:54 a.m., (Eaton Hall): Unknown individuals moved chairs and couches so that they blocked office doors and various access locations. The suspects also turned off several breakers, leaving the fourth floor lights inoperable.

► April 20, 11:45 a.m., (Kaneko Hall): Campus Safety, while responding to a fire alarm activation, found two students who chose to ignore the fire alarm and remain in the building.

► April 21, 11:00 a.m., (Sigma Chi): Burned candles were recovered from the house. A "candle usage registration form" had not been submitted, as required.

► April 23, 3:09 a.m., (Matthews Hall / Terra): An unknown individual maliciously activated a fire alarm pull station, causing the building to be evacuated.

► April 23, 1:38 p.m., (Mill and Winter streets): Beta Theta Pi fraternity members were involved in "kidnapping" a member in an apparent prank. The act generated numerous calls of concern.

► April 24, 9:30 a.m., (Sigma Alpha Epsilon): Burned candles were discovered in the basement of the house. It appears that the candles were utilized during initiation week without the proper submission of the required registration.

TRESPASS / SUSPICIOUS PERSON

► April 20, 4:51 p.m., (Law School): Campus Safety investigated a report that a transient was loitering in the law school. The suspect was gone upon the arrival of the officers but left his property behind. The property was taken into evidence for safekeeping and the Salem Police Department was notified.

► April 22, 10:10 a.m., (Hatfield Library Fishbowl): Campus Safety issued a written trespass warning to a transient who was sleeping in the Fishbowl.

► April 22, 8:20 p.m., (Kaneko Hall): A non-student was arrested by Campus Safety for trespassing after being verbally warned on a prior occasion.

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- Children's comic book artwork display from A.C. Gilbert's Museum classes
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- Costume contest
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MOVIE REVIEW: 'Baby Mama' | PG-13

Live from New York, it's Surrogacy Night Live

MICHAEL CAULEY
ARTS EDITOR

I've been a die-hard fan of "Saturday Night Live" for a little over eight years now, which is more than I can say for most people I know, who only watch the show on occasion (usually around election years so they can catch the political sketches, or when they like the host). Meanwhile, I've stuck with the show week after week, during both its high points and the "Saturday Night Dead" times, which seem to hit the show every couple years.

However, one point of agreement that allows our two contingents to bridge the "SNL" gap is that Tina Fey was awesome on "Weekend Update," the show's parody news segment. She had the most biting wit of anyone who had anchored the sketch in the previous 30 years, and she was at the top of her form when partnered in her last couple years with fellow cast member Amy Poehler, who brought her own goofy charm to the segment (and didn't flub lines nearly as much as Jimmy Fallon).

Fey moved on to her brilliant sitcom "30

Rock" while Poehler continued to make her mark at "SNL," but the two have reunited for the new comedy "Baby Mama." The plot doesn't take pages to explain: Tina Fey plays Katie Holbrook, a New York executive who put having a child on hold for years until she's told that she's in fact infertile.

Undeterred, Katie hires a surrogacy service in order to have a child in a more unconventional way, and the agency sends over Angie (Amy Poehler), a low-income working girl from Philly who is eager to make a few grand. Katie and Angie quickly butt heads, but after Angie's common-law husband Carl (Dax Shepard) dumps her, the two women begin to bond. However, once Katie meets a possible love interest (Greg Kinnear) and Carl re-enters the picture, things turn out to be more complicated than at first sight.

Having seen "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" just last week, it's easy to get the feeling that "Baby Mama" belongs to a different class of comedy filmmaking, a more character-driven and less chaotic nature that stands in contrast to even Fey's own "30 Rock," and to some the movie may not have the edginess of the Apatow oeuvre.

However, the more conventional trappings of the direction and script just serve to draw out the brilliant antics of Fey and Poehler, who bring a smart kind of zaniness to their roles that recall the best sketches from "SNL." Surprisingly, the two are also able to pair that comedic skill with genuine emotion that I hadn't seen



COURTESY OF UNIVERSAL PICTURES

TV comedy queens Tina Fey and Amy Poehler make the jump to the big screen in "Baby Mama."

from them before, and their well-rounded performances help sell much of the drama that would have caused the film to fall apart in less capable hands.

I read on IMDB that one reviewer thought "Baby Mama" had "plot holes you could drive a truck through," and that may

be true. However, it's a chance to see two great comic actresses do what they do best, and if that isn't worth your money, then I don't wanna hear it.

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"Baby Mama" (96 min.) is playing at:

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MUSIC REVIEW: Atmosphere | 'When Life Gives you Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold'

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When Life Gives You Lemons

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Rap legends unleash new album

TYLER THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

As far as indie hip-hop goes, Atmosphere simply can't be topped. The duo of rapper Slug and producer Ant proves its prominence once more with its April 22 release, "When Life Gives you Lemons, You Paint That Shit Gold." It's certainly a memorable title, and one that paves the way for a very impressive album filled with tight, energetic rhymes that build on one another like a book of short stories.

For the better half of the last decade, Atmosphere has been praised as one of the great up-and-coming acts in the underground hip-hop scene. Having released six studio albums and a number of other side projects, the duo has gathered an impressive throng of young fans, all clamoring to hear what Slug and Ant will release next.

Slug offers up an honest, observational style of rapping that breaks a lot of the rules of popular hip-hop. On the other side, Ant has put together an album with crescendos and breaks at every turn. Unlike much of the hip-hop landscape, Atmosphere has moved toward using live instrumentation to create a simple and elegant sound.

Put together, the duo's latest offering pops out of the speakers in a way that modern hip-hop often doesn't. Instead of relying on hooks and redone beats, Atmosphere presents an experience both

textured and earnest with lyrics that flow instead of pump. The rhymes hit hard, but only because they feel so genuine, not because they're made for dancing in the club or pounding the bass.

Thematically, "Lemons" is a ride through the dark alleyways of Slug's midwestern childhood. It's a dismal story at times, filled with drugs, violence and broken dreams. But Slug approaches the themes in such an introspective and intelligent way that it's hard to turn away. You can't help but listen for what dark anecdote might be waiting around the next corner.

The album's later songs seem to fit together a little bit more cohesively, as Slug explores topics both bleak and dangerous. "Guarantees," for instance, is one of the stronger hip-hop songs I've heard recently. "Me" and "Wild, Wild Horses" are both reflective and brooding, and "Puppets" uses a piano and crisp back-ups to create one of the more upbeat offerings on an album of downtrodden beats.

Taken together, Atmosphere continues to impress with its most recent release. There's no doubt that Slug and Ant will remain at the top of their game, building upon an already substantial fan-base. Whether you're a hip-hop fan or not, this is an accessible album that has a lot to offer even the casual fan.

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DVD REVIEW: Alvin and the Chipmunks | PG

'Alvin' guaranteed to brighten your day

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I'm sure you are aware of the time of year when relatively nothing interesting is in the movie theater. Typically one can find solace in the new release section of Blockbuster. However, every once in a while all we really want to watch is a film that is guaranteed to not provide any sort of thought-provoking material.

Sure enough, as I perused the local video rental store, there it was: "Alvin and the Chipmunks." Why would I choose to watch an obviously terrible movie? The answer is that I like chipmunks. And I really like singing chipmunks. Go ahead. Judge me.

Just as any movie about singing rodents should, the film begins in the wilderness. There, mischievous Alvin, brainy Simon and sensitive Theodore lament over how hard life is in the forest. But their prayers are answered as the tree they call home is chopped down and placed in a building in LA. However, the chipmunks decide to flee the new "forest" by secretly escaping with struggling songwriter, Dave Seville (Jason Lee).

After discovering the little singing rodents, Dave finds inspiration and writes his first smash hit single. Yet as Dave tries to teach the boys valuable life lessons, sleazy record executive, Ian Hawke (David Cross), swoops in and gives the chipmunks the rock star life they have been dreaming of.

Soon Alvin, Simon and Theodore are being pushed to their limit, but Ian won't let up, forcing them to continue on tour. Will Dave decide to get his boys back, save them from Ian and finally be a family again? Well, duh.

Considering "Alvin and the Chipmunks" debuted all the way back in 1958, updating this classic is an extraordinarily tough endeavor. Sure, there are the easy transitions, like making little, tiny chipmunk sweaters into little, tiny chipmunk hoodies. But how do you update the plot? Well, looks like they didn't figure that out either. Let's be honest,

the only real appeal of this movie is to watch CGI chipmunks sing, dance and be all around adorable. Who needs a substantial plot when you've got chipmunks? ...Right?

In any case, the plot hangs loosely together, mapping out obvious lessons like the importance of family and how you should not give chipmunks caffeine. Yet in the end it depends mostly on pop culture references and the actor's appeal. I should probably mention that Justin Long, Matthew Gray Gubler and Jessie McCartney provide the voices for the chipmunks.

Now if those high profile names don't make you want to see this movie, I don't know what will. But behind the substandard plotline lies a great deal of chipmunk appeal. Though the CGI graphics leave something to be desired the catchy songs and witty jokes are sure to captivate a younger audience. It may also interest you to know that "Alvin and the Chipmunks" won Best Movie at the 2008 Kid's Choice Awards. So, there you go. Kids love singing chipmunks and so do I. So, go rent "Alvin and the Chipmunks" and make your inner child proud.

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Ecuador

Lisa Mandel, junior

Last fall, juniors Lisa Mandel and Allison Gilman volunteered at a preschool, which was a wonderful opportunity to give back to Ecuador as well as to be immersed in the country's culture, according to Mandel.



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Oman

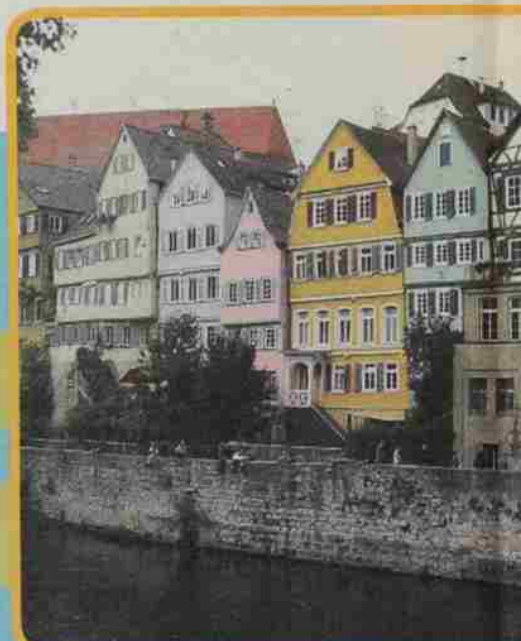
Jessica Tissell, junior

Jessica Tissell spent most of fall semester in the Sultanate of Oman. Oman is a very traditional yet tolerant Muslim country that borders Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. It is located across the Strait of Hormuz from Iran.

Living with a Muslim family that called her its "daughter," Tissell tried to dress and behave like her Omani sisters, attempting and often failing to blend in with social and cultural norms. For Tissell, each day in Oman was a lesson in humility.

Tissell studied Arabic, politics and culture. She also researched the Omani public opinion of the United States-Iran conflict regarding Iran's nuclear program.

"I cherished my time there, and continue to feel incredibly blessed by this opportunity to be immersed in a culture that is literally worlds apart from the one I grew up in," Tissell said.



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7 Germany

Lauren Attinasi, junior

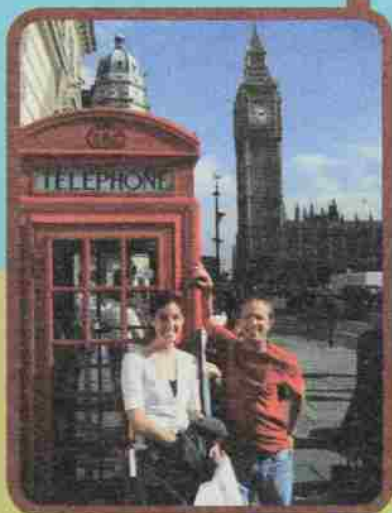
Junior Lauren Attinasi is currently studying in the town of Tübingen, located in southwest Germany. According to Attinasi, she has enjoyed all of her experiences thus far. She has met many other international students and made friends with people from all over the world. Since she is in a year-long abroad program, she has improved her language a lot and has been able to travel to many other European countries. She was even able to meet up with other WU students who are also abroad. Not to mention she has been able to try many tasty German beers! The picture at left is of the buildings along the Neckar River as seen from the main central bridge in Tübingen.



6 N. England

Ben Bryant, junior

Ben Bryant studied abroad in Northern England this fall. During a weekend trip he happened to run into fellow WU junior Shannon Murray, who was spending the semester in London.



5 England

Lauren Fogerty, junior

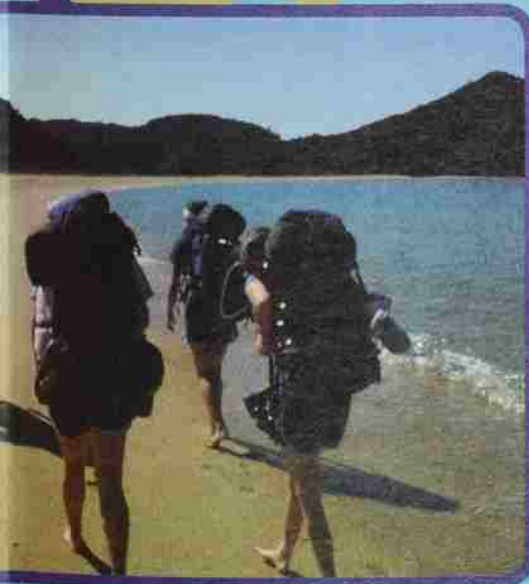
According to junior Lauren Fogerty, Stonehenge is not the only stone circle in England, but it is the only one with lintels. It was built around 3100 BCE using only deer antlers to dig holes for the stones' placement. In the second stage of the building, which started around 2150 BCE, 82 blue stones from the Preseli mountains in Southwest Wales were transported to the site. It is thought that these stones, weighing four tons each, were dragged on rollers and sledges to the headwaters on Milford Haven and then loaded onto rafts.



4 Australia

Kelley Lindstrom, junior

According to Kelley Lindstrom, her semester abroad in Australia has been "a life-changing experience, and it's only half way over! I recommend anyone who has given study abroad even the slightest thought to apply. Getting an outsider's perspective on the world, the United States specifically, is a huge eye-opener and has changed the way I view the world around me. People in Australia are so laid back and care-free; unlike the states where it often feels like people are on their own agendas. It's interesting because, for the most part, people from around the world have their own opinions about America (to put it nicely), but they all love Americans as individuals. It was a great feeling to be embraced and welcomed into a foreign country."



3 New Zealand

Arley Oddo, junior

While studying abroad in Dunedin, New Zealand, junior Arley Oddo backpacked along the Coastal Track in Abel Tasman National Park.

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AWARDS

Seniors honored at annual Athletic Banquet

Zerzan, Nebert win prestigious senior awards for athletic and academic contributions

ANNETTE HULBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

The annual tribute to senior athletes got an upgrade this year at the Athletic Banquet, held at the Mission Mill Museum. Individual athletes on the 20 intercollegiate teams received recognition for four years of commitment to Willamette athletics, while coaches were honored for outstanding careers.

Although the event has been held in the past, organizers were determined to put together a more formal affair. A capella group Headband provided background music for dining guests, and concluded their performance with a song dedicated to the parents and coaches who made Willamette athletics possible.

Keynote speaker and Head Football Coach at University of Colorado, Dan Hawkins, gave a moving speech on "The Will of a Champion." Hawkins coached the Willamette football team from 1993-1997, leading the Bearcats to two Conference titles, the NAIA quarter-finals in 1996 and the championship game in 1997.

Hawkins moved on to coach at Boise

State in 1997, taking over as head coach in 2001 and compiling a 53-11 record in five seasons. In his current tenure at the University of Colorado, Hawkins is entering his eighth season with a record of 61-28. He spoke of his arrival to Willamette in 1993, and his initial desire to win championships with a team that had a losing record.

As Hawkins charted the rise of Willamette football, he isolated the key qualities that separate winners from the rest. "At the heart of a champion, at the soul of a champion, is someone who has a vision of where they're going, what they're doing," Hawkins said.

Hawkins' speech was followed by the first portion of senior awards. A slide show highlighting each athlete's Willamette career drew cheers from the audience, as seniors walked across a stage to receive congratulations from coaches and the athletic administration. Students who completed all four years as a varsity letter-winning athlete received a Willamette Pendleton blanket, while those who competed as Bearcats for only part of their athletic career received an award certificate. Senior awards were interspersed throughout the evening around awards for various members of the athletic community.

The Charles Bowles Coach of the Year award went to Head Coach Matt McGuirk (cross country, track & field), who most recently coached women's track and field to a seventh consecutive NWC victory. Assistant Coach Wally Wing (men's basketball) was also chosen for the honor. Assistant professor of chemistry at Willamette, Sarah Kirk was awarded Professor of the Year, and executive director of Capital Community Television, Alan Bushong, was selected for the Community Service Award. Volunteer cross country coach Sam Lapray received the Meritorious Alum Award.

To further honor the graduating seniors, special awards were given to individual athletes. Senior cross country and track athlete Sarah Zerzan won the Jean Williams Award, which goes to a female who has shown exceptional leadership, scholarship and athletic success through her years at Willamette.

Zerzan's long list of accomplishments includes back-to-back NCAA Division III individual national titles in 2006 and 2007, and a second-place finish in the 5,000-meter run at the NCAA championships in 2007. She received the NCAA Top VII Award earlier this year, which is given to only eight student-athletes throughout the NCAA's three divisions.

Senior Lucas Nebert won the J.H. Booth Award, awarded to the outstanding scholar-athlete of each class. Nebert has earned All-Northwest Conference Honors three times in track and field, and achieved All-West Region status twice in cross country.

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TOP: Dean Bob Hawkins congratulates J.H. Booth Award winner, senior Lucas Nebert. ABOVE: Dan Hawkins, Head Football Coach of the University of Colorado, spoke about "The Will of a Champion." Hawkins coached at Willamette from 1993-1997.

“ At the heart of a champion, at the soul of a champion, is someone who has a vision of where they're going, what they're doing. **”**

DAN HAWKINS
HEAD FOOTBALL COACH
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

ROWING

Bearcats to race in WIRA Championships



COURTESY OF NAOMI STUKEY

The women's rowing team raced despite rough conditions at the Northwest Collegiate Rowing Conference Championships on Sat., April 19. Frozen rain and precipitation did not deter the Bearcats from three second-place finishes and two second-place finishes in the event. The women placed fourth overall in the event, while the men took fifth with 11.5 points.

Over the next week, the team will prepare for the WIRA Championships in Rancho Cordova, Calif.

The regatta will be held at Lake Natoma, a short distance away from Sacramento. "We have high hopes for the West Coast Championship event," Head Coach Susan Parkman said.

▼ next up

WIRA Championships @ Lake Natoma, Rancho Cordova, Calif.
Fri and Sat, May 2 and 3 at 8 a.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

4x400 relay team qualifies for NCAA Championships

CAMERON MITCHELL
GUEST WRITER

For most of the Willamette track and field squad, this past weekend was a weekend to rest up and prepare for later meets. The women's 4x400 relay team, however, had an important meet in Eugene at historic Hayward Field.

The Bearcats were the lone Division III team in the race. They faced Division I teams University of Oregon, Central Michigan, Wichita State, Eastern Washington and NAIA school Oregon Institute of Technology. The Bearcats' team, composed of sophomores Jennifer Luecht, Kaitlin St. John and Lydia Marsalli and senior Jordyn Smith, took fourth place at three minutes, 54.37 seconds.

More importantly for Willamette, the relay team provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships, coming a half second under the time necessary for the qualification. The

Bearcats took fourth behind University of Oregon, Central Michigan and Wichita State University. The runners from Oregon won the race with a time of three minutes, 48.19 seconds. "It was a really good experience for us and will help us greatly in the future," St. John said.

The relay team was able to participate in the meet because they met the qualifying time earlier in the season. As Eugene is the site of the 2008 Olympic trials, it was a very difficult meet to get into and many teams were unable to meet the time to qualify.

The team agreed that it was a very good weekend for the Bearcats. "I'm very proud of the team, we did really well," St. John said. "We're looking forward to cutting down our time by at least six seconds."

In national news, the Willamette women have been ranked fourth in the NCAA Division III Power Rankings. The men were ranked fifth in the poll, which awards points to each team based on its two top performances in every individual event during the season, with only one time counting for each relay.

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Pacific Twilight @ Forest Grove, Ore.
Fri, May 2 at 3:30 p.m.

“ It was a really good experience for us and will help us greatly in the future. **”**
KAITLIN ST. JOHN
SOPHOMORE

BASEBALL

WU takes two of three from Pacific

ANNETTE HULBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

The baseball team finished out its season this last weekend with a three-game series against Pacific College in Forest Grove, Ore. In a season marred by seven one run losses, the Bearcats looked to sweep Pacific in the hopes of finishing above .500 for the first time since 2005.

Senior pitcher Clint Moran took the mound for his final collegiate start. Moran was near perfect, as he scattered six hits and one earned run while throwing all nine innings in the Bearcats' 12-2 victory.

On the offensive side of the ball, freshman short stop Doug Bloom and junior first baseman Kyle Stalker each had three hits, while senior outfielders Sean Anderson and Colin Young each had two.

On Sunday, April 27, senior Tye Sundlee took the hill for his final collegiate start and threw a complete game, giving up one earned run and four hits. With the 5-2 win, the Bearcats reached the 20-win plateau for first time in four years and guaranteed themselves at least a .500 season.

The Bearcats' offense came through in the second inning when junior third baseman Jack McGee scored Anderson on an RBI single, followed by a homerun by freshman catcher Max Stepan.

Willamette got some insurance runs in the sixth off a two-run blast for Stalker. Stalker finished the season with a Willamette record 22 homeruns to break the previous record of 13. Stalker also holds the career record for homeruns with 36.

The Bearcats' quest for 21 wins was cut short with a 14-4 loss in the final game of the series.

The Bearcats will say goodbye to seniors Anderson, Young, Moran, Sundlee, in addition to senior outfielder Jordan Roberts



COURTESY OF ANNETTE HULBERT
Junior Jarrod Summers takes the mound for the Bearcats, who won two out of three games in the series.

and pitchers Jimmy Meuel, Ryan Smith and Jarrod Summers.

Willamette will look to improve on its 20-20 season next year returning the bulk of its offense, led by Stalker, Stepan and freshman outfielder TC Lee, who hit 10 homeruns, in addition to McGee, junior catcher Dan Maslanik and junior infielders David Tufo and Ellis Webster.

The Bearcats graduate a wealth of pitching, but look to rebuild with junior Kelsey Nakata, who started six games, sophomore Scott Martin, who relieved in 12 games and freshman Ryan Hood-Taylor, who emerged late in the season to take a significant role in the Bearcat pen.

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NUTRITION

The Goudy Diet: Low-carbon options to combat global warming

First national Low-Carbon diet program has environmentally physical benefits, promotes health



JORDYN SMITH

COLUMBIST

Greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs). Obesity. Global warming. Diet. Pollution. Health. Environment. These words seem to be thrown around more often than ever in the United States today, as global warming and obesity are two of the most pressing issues facing our generation and the world.

Estimates suggest that the world's fisheries and oil supply will run out by 2040. Further estimates suggest that by 2020, 77.6 percent of men and 71.1 percent of women in the U.S. will be overweight.

These are just two examples of the countless studies, statistics and warnings regarding both global warming and obesity and the fatal impacts that they will have on our world. Interestingly, these two issues are interrelated.

Taking action towards one may in fact benefit the other and vice versa. Luckily for us, our very own Bon Appétit, from the Bon Appétit Management Company Foundation has compiled available data and created the low-carbon diet program, the first national program to highlight the significant connections between food and climate change.

You may have passed the information bulletin on your way into Goudy assuming it's some other hokey diet, but this one may be grounds for taking notice not only for its environmental benefits, but for the benefits of your own physical well-being.

Before you assume that your diet and/or other lifestyle choices are not a threat to the environment, visit www.climatecrisis.net and calculate your carbon footprint, a measurement of how many pounds of global-warming-causing carbon dioxide you emit annually into the atmosphere as a result of daily lifestyle choices.

According to the United States Department of Energy, the average person emits 40,000 pounds of carbon dioxide a year, of which 24,000 pounds are from the food products we consume, placing the United States within the top-five carbon dioxide polluters on the planet.

The low-carbon diet aims to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions in our world by certain diet choices. A conservative estimate reports that the United States food system is responsible for at least 20 percent of total United States greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, and chlorofluorocarbons.

A low carbon diet is able to minimize emissions that result from production, packaging, processing, transporting,

preparation and waste of food.

Foods that need less fossil fuel subsequently emit less carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the environment.

The top 5 Low Carbon Diet tips, as recommended by the Bon Appétit Management Company Foundation are:

1 You bought it, you eat it: Don't waste food

When you waste food, you waste the energy used to grow, transport and cook it. In landfills, food waste releases methane gas, a highly potent GHG.

2 Make "seasonal and regional" your mantra

Foods that are in season in your region are generally lower in carbon. Be careful not to buy produce grown in greenhouse or hot-houses heated with non-renewable energy.

3 Mooove away from beef and cheese

This may be one of the more convenient measures to take. Livestock creates 18 percent of the world's total GHGs. Even small reductions, such as one meatless day per week, or passing on the double-double and going for a single can reduce US contributions to global warming and aid in a healthier diet.

4 Don't buy air-flown seafood, produce

For seafood and out of season produce, "fresh" often means "air-flown," which is 10 times more emission-intensive than transporting products by ship. The best quality seafood is usually processed and frozen at sea. Transportation and processing accounts for 80% of the energy required for many food products, which is four times more than the actual growing process.

5 If it's processed and packaged, skip it

The energy required to produce, process, package and transport sweets, snacks and highly processed foods is estimated to contribute to 1/3 of total energy inputs for food consumption. Further, countless studies show the direct link between sweets and processed foods with obesity.

Grab fresh local fruit or small quantities of nuts for an environmentally and healthfully sound snack. As mentioned in a previous column this year, bottled water is another great example of a highly-packaged, wasteful food product.

So, as busy college students, we may not necessarily have the time or control to join an environmental advocacy group, change our lightbulbs to energy efficient compact fluorescents or take some of the other measures towards saving our environment, we have no excuse, however, against making eating habit changes, even if just slightly. Take time to use the great information that Bon Appétit has provided regarding the low-carbon diet.

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SOFTBALL

24th-ranked Bearcats beat number three Linfield in third game, 6-5



The Bearcats prepare to take the field against 3rd-ranked rival, Linfield last weekend. Willamette won the third game in a close 6-5.

JIMMY MEUEL
STAFF WRITER

The Northwest Conference Championship came down to someone trying to upend top-ranked Linfield, who is currently third in the national rankings. Despite, 3-1 and 12-6 losses on Saturday, the Bearcats beat Linfield, 6-5, before falling in the final game, 7-1.

The Bearcats have had a dream season, sporting a 24-10 record and a number 24 rank in the national poll coming into the weekend.

The Bearcats have been led most of the season by junior pitcher Nikki Franchi, who has carried the Bearcats both at the plate and in the circle, with an 18-3 record in the circle and a 1.9 ERA, to go along with a .538 batting average.

The Bearcats came into Sunday's game hoping to salvage some of the weekend and keep their playoff hopes alive. Franchi and Linfield ace Brittany Miller dueled through three innings before the Bearcats unleashed their offense on Miller and the Wildcats in the fourth. Willamette scored four runs on a solo home run by Franchi and a two RBI double for sophomore outfielder Katie Peterson.

But the Wildcats would not go away, scoring in the fifth and seventh innings to tie the game at five a piece.

The Bearcats refused to quit as well, as senior short stop Liz Gilgan reached on a single in the bottom of the seventh. She was promptly bunted to second by junior first baseman Marissa Richards and later was driven in by junior outfielder LaShawna Holcomb for the walk off single.

The Saturday games were highlighted by homeruns for Peterson and sophomore catcher Nicole Wallace. The Bearcats face off with Pacific later this week, and Pacific and Linfield make up two more games that were rained out earlier this season. While Linfield has clinched the conference championship, the success of both Pacific and Willamette could lead to whoever finishes in second place receiving at large bid to the regional playoffs and a chance to go to the college world series in May. If Willamette can beat Pacific and if Linfield beats Pacific, the chance of the Bearcats reaching the postseason is not out of the question.

The Bearcats will say goodbye to their lone senior, short stop Liz Gilgan. Gilgan had been a mainstay for Willamette starting all four years. She has hit over .400 for nearly the entire season and holds the Willamette career record for stolen bases.

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WU SOCCER CLUB



The women's soccer club lost to the Oregon State University team, 2-0, in their first home game. Freshman Lindsay Meloy started the club this year, which will join the club league next fall. The team will be holding tryouts early next semester.

COLUMN

An athlete's exit: Reflecting on the game of musical chairs



JIMMY MEUEL

COLUMNIST

There were 10 teams in Little League. But some soon would be done. That number cut to five teams soon, by high school down to one. One or two who make that cut, might make a collegiate team. And one or two who make that cut, might one day live the dream.

With the amateur ranks in memory banks and the college level departed, that player looks ahead to the minor leagues, but finds he's only started.

During rookie year, his biggest fear, is the future that's at stake. He'll ride the pine, he'll warm the bench, the hazing he will take.

But once the rookie settles in, as a veteran in pro-ball, the next step in the all-star game, then on to fame's great hall. When walking through the hall of fame

A badge of pride he wears. For the honored pro can say he's won in baseball's musical chairs.

This poem is something that I wrote four years ago, when I did not know when my time would to end the great game of musical chairs would come. Now, having just finished my senior season as a Willamette University Bearcat, it is only natural to reflect on the past four years and on the college experience as a whole.

For most college students, this is the biggest transition we will be making, because it will be the first time since kindergarten that we are no longer going to school. But for many athletes, myself included, the bigger transition is giving up a sport that you may have been playing since before you were in school. Sure, there are adult recreation leagues, open races and pick-up games. And yes, it is true that there are a handful of Willamette graduates who will get a shot in the professional ranks. However, for the vast majority of us, this is it.

So as I come to the end of the sport that guided my college decision, that I have spend 30+ hours a week practicing and playing, one might ask whether the experience was worth the trouble. Surely, when I first started playing baseball at age four, the dream was not to be a relief pitcher in Division III.

But does that mean it was not worth it? Does that mean that I can't be happy with my experience as a college baseball player? I don't intend to write about the friendships I have fostered through sports, or talk about overly clichéd aspects of team sports like the value of worth ethic and teamwork. In the end, playing sports at Willamette is worth it. It is an elite level, and while it might not have been the original dream, it is certainly very close.

According to the NCAA, the average American boy who plays baseball is out of the game by age 13. Many of these still playing will never make a high school team. Of high school athletes, only five percent will play past high school. That puts all college baseball players in about the top two percent of everyone who has ever played the game.

It's easy in Division III to become cynical and feel as though the accomplishment of playing at the college level is not something to feel proud of. It's easy to look at the big time of Division I schools and feel as though our experience as small college athletes is somehow less significant. But in reality, we are not that much different.

I attended the senior awards banquet, where former Willamette Head Football Coach and current Colorado head coach Dan Hawkins commented on his time at Willamette, he said, when you are at a small school, you sometimes long for the spotlight of the bowl games, but when you get between the lines it is all the same. We are in the top two percent, and that is an accomplishment worth cherishing and worth feeling proud of.

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1,2,3,4: Tell the administration what you want

If you ask nicely, they'll give you anything



NOAH ZAVES

OPINIONS EDITOR

Recently on campus, several student groups have complained, and taken action by "demanding" certain things that they thought they deserved. The sad truth is that they would have gotten them had they asked politely.

My favorite thing about Willamette is the accessibility of the administration, and its willingness to work with students on all kinds of issues. Never have I ever seen a respectful, serious proposal turned down by any administrator, beyond a simple request for more information, or further development of an idea.

Such willingness leaves the students of Willamette with a unique responsibility: Rather than simply complain about Willamette's inadequacies, we must take it upon ourselves to fix them. There's a way to do that effectively, so beware.

Think of gender-neutral housing. Think of Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARA). Think of Kaneko Commons, Freshman Colloquium, Willamette Emergency Medical Service (WEMS) and the WU WIRE (Willamette's student-run radio) and every other program here that resulted from a respectful and constructive idea.

The administration responds professionally and positively to anyone with a serious proposal. In contrast, they laugh in the face of any student or group that violently demands change, no matter how necessary or appropriate the change.

In fact, I've seen the administration flat-out reject proposals in response to irrational methods and angry demands, even proposals which I'm pretty sure the administration agrees should be implemented.

We, as students, have the power to make these changes happen. I call on every student to fulfill your goals and realize your ideas by politely approaching our administration. I bet they'll listen to you, and I'll be the first to congratulate you when your change gets made.

No longer should we sit and complain about the things that we're empowered to change, but neither should we squander this opportunity, by angrily demanding what the administration is willing to give us civilly.

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EDITORIAL

Final thoughts: An expression of gratitude

As this school year comes to a close, we, the Editorial Board, realize that in publishing criticism, it often seems as though we have nothing positive to say. However, this is not the case.

This week, we would like to take the time to share our thoughts on some of the great things happening here at Willamette, as well as show our appreciation to those who have helped make the Collegian the best college newspaper in Oregon.

-An early editorial dealt with the issue of wireless internet and its unavailability at certain locations on campus. This problem has been partially rectified with wireless available in Hudson and Smith. Students, especially music majors, appreciate the responsiveness of Willamette Integrated Technology Services (WITS).

-We wrote several editorials about Goudy, specifically problems with policies and food. It is difficult to hear repeated criticism, but the Bon Appétit staff at Goudy has been graciously responsive to feedback, and have continually tried to collaborate with students in order to improve their services.

-Recently we published an editorial

about recycling and the need to improve resources to do so. The Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) Sustainability Committee rose to the challenge and hosted a fantastic recycling awareness week. Not only did this improved awareness, it boosted the effort to uphold and encourage sustainable practices. The Bike Shop deserves particular recognition for nurturing sustainable behavior, especially with their newly implemented bike rental program.

-The editorials written this year often sparked controversy. Often times, our inboxes were flooded with letters from students, faculty and staff. It is outstanding that these writers did not simply complain about the editorials, but instead, decided to continue the conversation by writing in and voicing another view. It is admirable and courageous to share an opinion that the whole campus will see.

-The journalism class critiqued the editorial every week; their feedback continues to improve not only our writing, but also our perspective, helping to make the Collegian a better paper.

-The Bistro met the Collegian staff's constant need for refreshments and re-

plenishments every Tuesday, when the Collegian is produced. Despite how busy the Bistro was, they always obliged with exemplary service and attitude. Our satisfied stomachs are eternally grateful.

-Western Oregon Web Press, Inc. has provided the Collegian every week with vibrant, fade-resistant colors, which are especially welcome on rainy, overcast days.

-Finally, though the criticism sometimes seems endless, we are grateful for our right to express it. Our concerns are voiced free of censorship; something that will never be taken for granted. It has been a wonderful year, and we hope you will continue to read our editorials next year.

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ASK ME ANYTHING:



JADE OLSON

COLUMNIST

Dear Jade,

I am a guy who has developed a crush on a friend of mine. It seems as though he's digging me back sometimes—we flirt a little when we hang out and such. I can't really tell, but the prospects look good. The thing is that, as far as I can tell, he's only into women. He's talked about having girlfriends and sometimes notes that he thinks so-and-so (a female) is hot. I want to lay the mack on thicker, but he can't like me if he doesn't like guys! How do I proceed without totally embarrassing one or both of us?

-Mad Crushin'

Dear Mad,

In a perfect world, we would all have to determine whether the objects of our affection were into our gender. However, we live in a totally heteronormative society in which all potential love interests must go on trial and are guaranteed by social law to be straight until proven queer. With this analogy in mind, let's take a look at the evidence.

The prosecution would like to present Exhibit A, arguably the most important piece of evidence: this guy is flirting with another guy! Granted, it's possible that you are misinterpreting his comments—not because you like him, but because it's Willamette. While we may not be able to compete with Linfield athletics, absolutely no school in the Northwest Conference is better at misconstruing comments and meanings to the point that all student relationships are merely a long string of hella-awkward moments.

Does my friend want me?

The defense will likely point out the fact that he has had girlfriends and is attracted to women. This can't be taken at face value as evidence that he's straight though—herein lies the glory of bisexuality. Oh man, I love how easy it is to confuse people! And hey, maybe he just found out himself, so he's not advertising the fact because he still doesn't know what to make of it.

And so it seems that the jury is still out. You're not going to get a definitive answer until he feels comfortable enough telling you if he is into guys, so you can either give up or wait it out. It sounds like you've already made your stance abundantly clear, so you just keep layin' on that mack until you can't do it anymore without creating so much awkward flying around in one place that you produce a micro black hole, Large Hadron Collider (LHC)-style.

Well, readers, we've made it through another year. I hope that most recent \$40,000 was worth it! Another two semesters of adventures in love, sex, friendship and education have passed us by while we were busy drunkenly staring at a nutria on the way back from Muchas.

A professor asked me the other day what I had learned in zer class and I panicked. I bet that question is going to be on the final! While I may draw a blank trying to encapsulate everything that I learned about outdated medical practices or the various military strategies of the ancient Greeks (can we talk about how much I love our class catalog?), I would like nothing more than to take a look back on junior year at Willamette and translate my sagely experiences into handy-dandy life lessons. It's like Aesop, but with fewer cute animals.

-If you go to Bishop for a sprained toe, be prepared to find out that you're pregnant and have chlamydia. Men, this includes you.

-Apparently it actually is some flavor of policy violation to sleep with your professor. Who knew?

-Don't play in the rain. It may look like lovely spring showers, but precipitation on campus is actually not made of water but of concentrated liberal guilt.

-Every remotely sunny day, you will feel the overwhelming urge to stick your feet in the Mill Stream. And every time, you will remember that the water is as cold as ice. Ice from Hell.

-Find the professors who can advise you on life in general (not just on classes and papers), then go running for help to Eaton fourth every time you have to make any kind of decision bigger than what to have for lunch today.

-To make anything better, just add nudity, (this includes parties, athletic events and the quad).

-Maximum capacity for weekly newsletters competing with the Collegian: 1

-Maximum capacity for weekly newsletters competing with the Collegian that are not the Mill Stream Report: 0

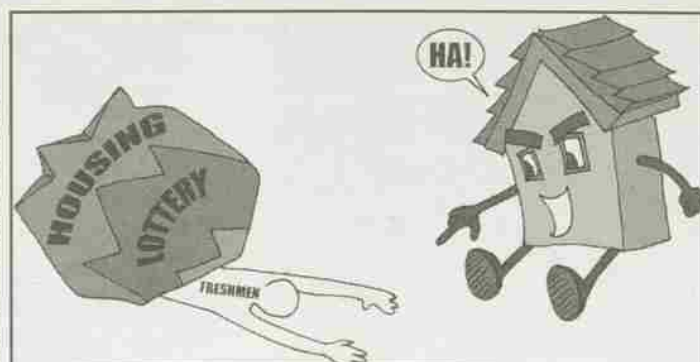
-And for the love of god, use a condom.

That's it, folks!

Thanks for reading and asking questions. I hope to see most of you next year. Go get into more questionable situations, so that I can attempt to publicly pass judgment on them next year.

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RESPONSE

Alternative solutions to bike rack scarcity

ANDY MYER
GUEST WRITER

While I applaud any conversation that includes facilitating additional bike use on campus, I feel that the last week's article "Not enough racks for the wheels" (April 23 edition of the Collegian) requires some additional input. As the article noted, the Bike Shop does indeed have a private rack that was constructed this spring to become the permanent home of the Bike Shop's bike rental program. This designated rack is necessary for the storage of the rental bikes while they are not in use, and does not take any rack space away from current bike users.

Indeed, the goal of the Bike Shop is to facilitate bicycle use, not inhibit it, which is why it obtained \$3,000 in largely external

funding to construct this storage rack. The Bike Shop does not "station" bikes on any other bike rack on campus, however those who rent bikes certainly park them wherever they choose, and have every right to park in the most convenient location. I certainly understand the frustration felt by other cyclists when they arrive at the university center and see rental bikes parked on public racks, especially when a rack designated for rental bike use only is located nearby (and I would strongly encourage rental bike users to park there when they are near the UC). However, I do not believe that the solution to the problem lies in telling rental bike users where they can and cannot park.

I'd be willing to bet that anyone trying to find a parking space for their car has a checklist of parking lots and streets they run through, but what about bikers?

Sure, the regular cyclists know their parking options, what about more casual, fair-weather cyclists?

-All the racks taken in front of Collins? Use the rack at the Art Building.

-Want a covered rack in the middle of the quad? Using the rack under the overhang of Smith.

-Racks full at the Bistro? Try the rack on the south side of the UC (across from the sororities).

The Bike Shop has a map detailing where every bike rack is on campus. It will be available at our website (www.willamette.edu/dept/bikeshop), and hard copies of these maps will be available next fall at the shop.

Building additional rack space on campus will be necessary to provide a long-term solution to the problem of bike park-

ing, but the construction of new bike racks is a slow and expensive process (although still cheaper and easier than building a parking lot).

The Bike Shop will continue to advocate for new racks, but in the meantime another short-term solution might be to relocate current bike racks in more convenient locations (do we really need that 26-space bike rack in front of Garke?). The administration at Willamette has been and continues to be very receptive to the idea of increasing bike use. The Bike Shop will continue to work with all parts of the community to find practical solutions to bike-related problems.

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TOM'S THOUGHTS:

A very special "Mad Libs" edition

T O M
ACKERMAN

COLUMNIST

Before summer break commences, I wanted to do something special for my readers—my friend Elise suggested that I should create a Mad Lib. I was struck by

the elegance of the idea, so I went for it.

If you don't know what a Mad Lib is, they're very simple. Grab a friend, ask them to fill in the blanks with the appropriate type of word without giving them any context. The finished Mad Lib is hilariously incoherent to all involved.

This Mad Lib is in the form of a letter to

President Pelton. Now, you too can make ludicrous demands to M. Lee Pelton, just like everyone's favorite student organization the Concerned Students for Scarlett Johansson (WARNING: Tom Ackerman is not responsible for repercussions that may occur if you choose to send this Mad Lib to the President).

Dear President Pelton,

Due to the continuing _____ occurring on the Willamette campus, we, the Concerned Students for _____ have several polite requests concerning our cause. First, we demand _____ for the creation of a _____ of _____, as well as a large _____ statue of _____, who is leading the way in the fight for _____.

Furthermore, we demand that we be allowed to post flags with our slogan: "A _____ for a _____ leaves the whole world _____" during campus events. This will show all students and visitors how we _____ this issue.

Speaking of campus events, the Concerned Students for _____ would like to declare Nov. 3 to now be Willamette _____ day. Celebrations will begin at sunrise with

a(n) _____ race. From there, students will participate in _____ building activities as well as _____ and crafts. The day will culminate with the _____ feast which will feature a bountiful harvest of _____, the traditional food of _____ revolutionaries. _____ day will be pivotal in maintaining _____ for our cause.

Finally, we demand that _____ be paid _____ dollars per column because of his/her undeniable talent and _____.

If our polite requests are not met, the Concerned Students for _____ resolve to _____ continually in front of _____ for _____ hours. Our _____ will not be _____ until we _____ and _____.

The Concerned Students for _____

There you have it folks; hope you have fun with this. If you think you have a really, really good one, you can send it to my campus mail box (A125) or email it to me. If it's funny enough, maybe I can get you a job at the Collegian ... or maybe I'll just give you a hearty handshake or something.

Either way, I've had a great year. I hope I've done my part to make your

life a little bit more humorous, and with any luck, I've imparted a bit of wisdom as well. I'd like to thank everyone who made this year great for me.

If you feel that I've changed your life, then you can share your gratitude monetarily (cash only, please), or if you're a slammin' girl, I have free nights and weekend minutes (actually, both my

phone and I do), so leave your phone number in my campus inbox. Have a great summer everybody! I'll be back before you know it.

Sincerely,

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OPINION

What are YOU doing this summer?

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GUEST WRITER

It is the question of the moment: What are your summer plans? As each year comes to an end, we ask that simple question of all and any who pass by.

I am guilty of this, and I will also admit that I am so excited about the upcoming summer that I find myself telling perfect strangers what I am doing, when really all they want is to know what time it is. It is getting rather ridiculous.

But enough is enough. I really have no desire to repeat my summer plans one more time, so I have decided to begin telling whoever asks that I am moving to the Arctic tundra in order to study what causes interruption in the migratory patterns of lemmings.

These repetitive conversations could use some spice. So in order to alleviate the pain of this repetitive end of the year talk, I recommend one of the two following suggestions:

1. **Lying** It has worked for me for many years. My personal goal is to tell every person something completely different, even if I'm talking to a group. That way, everyone is entertained, and I sound like the most exciting gal in town.

2. **Stop asking** People will be so surprised that they won't really know what to say. In fact, try asking them really fun trivia questions instead.

Picture this: You and Jimmy are talking, and Jimmy asks you what your summer plans are. You quickly outline them, and of course, Jimmy expects you to ask him the same question.

Instead, you ask him what the biggest egg is in proportion to the mother bird's size. (Answer: Kiwi bird). The look on his face will be priceless, since the only answer he's been able to come up with for the past two weeks is "I'm going to work at a vineyard in California."

If we all take the time to really work together, and put these suggestions to good use, everyone will have a much less repetitive, and much more creative, last week of school.

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