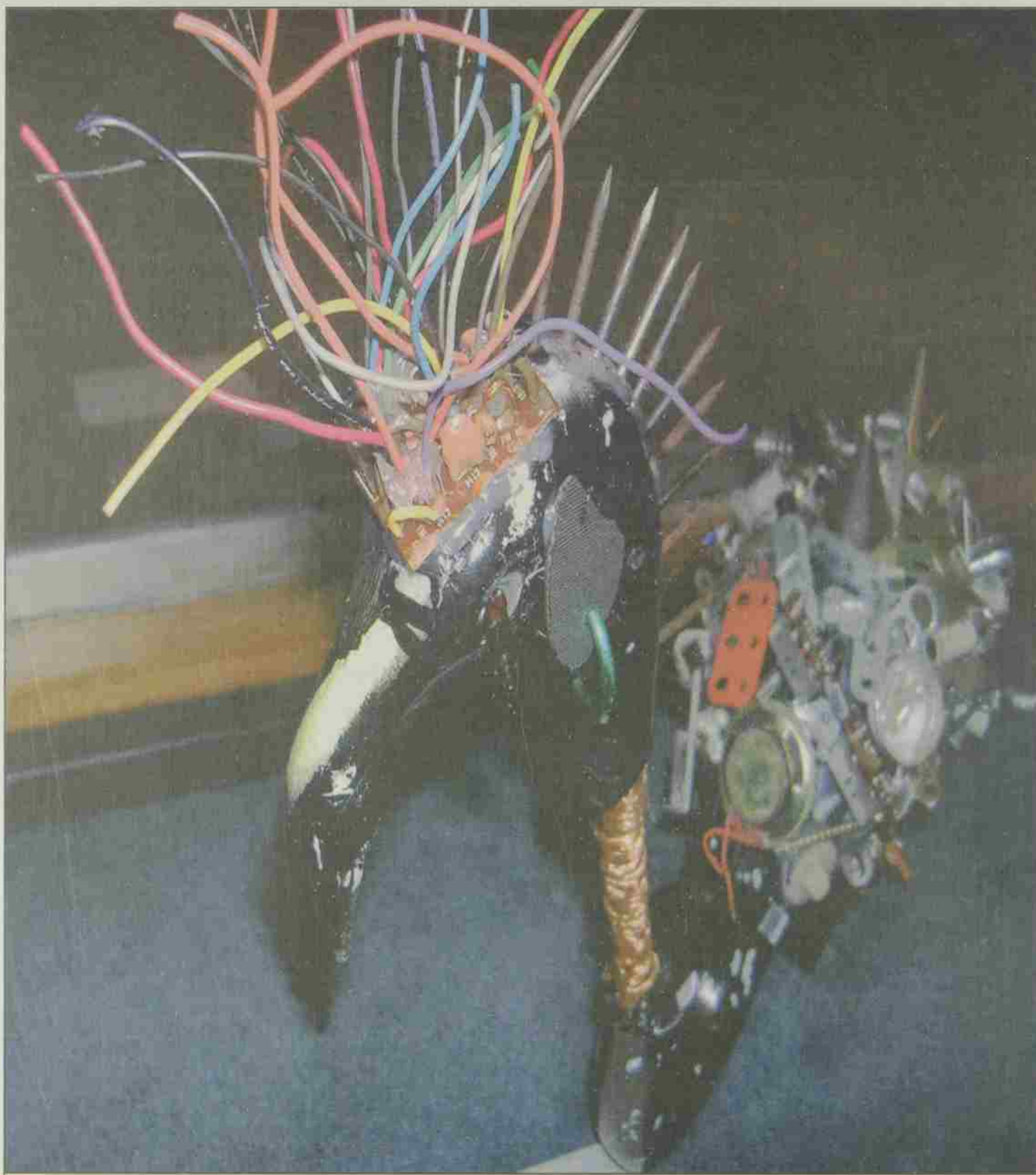


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Academy wins national grant

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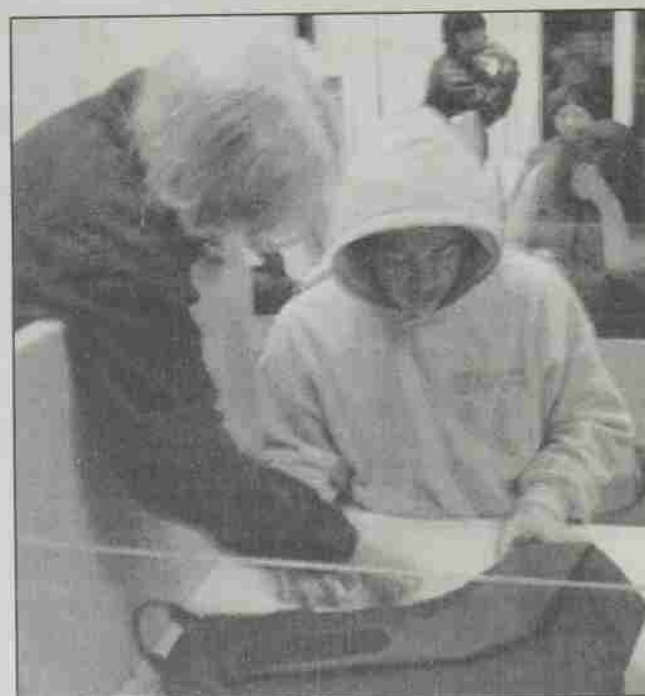
The Lumina Foundation for Education recently awarded a substantial grant to Willamette Academy, a program the University began in 2001 that supplements secondary education for students from low-income and minority families.

The grant, totaling \$75,000, is a substantial gain for the program's budget. "We are very pleased to receive this grant from a big national foundation," Director of Willamette Academy Elaine Green said.

Pat Alley, the university's director of Foundation Relations and Grants, said the award represented an important achievement for the academy. "It's terrific," she said. "This is

the first foundation grant received from outside Oregon, and it is wonderful to have that recognition." Alley also said the Lumina grant was among the highest monetary awards the organization provides for these purposes.

According to Green, the money will be earmarked for Academy programs that help high school students approaching college to begin the steps to enroll in post-secondary education. Specifically, the money will be used to help academy students take prospective visits to college campuses, prepare for SAT/ACT tests and provide workshops to help parents with financial aid, what Green collectively calls the "last couple of steps" toward college application.



ERIC LAM

A local high school student receives college preparatory assistance at the Willamette Academy.

Sophomore Joshua Bilbrew, Technology and Media Coordinator for the Academy, said he believes the grant will help continue the staffing of the academy. "This should help the whole program by providing some funding for tutors and meeting other expenses," he said. The \$75,000 grant boosts the Academy's budget about 36 percent, based on this year's budget of \$210,000. See LUMINA, page 3

Coupledness take multiple forms

By AVI KATZ

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The Willamette community is home to many couples and partners representing both traditional and unique marital statuses. Complicating the issue of marriage are the social, political and economic implications of the marital status.

"I met my significant other, Ed, 16 years ago, while working at Humboldt State and we have always thought about getting married. But as time went on, a ceremony seemed less and less important," Director of Residence Life Marilyn Derby said. "We don't feel a special need to publicly display our love and commitment, for it to be real."

The 2000 Census shows approximately 5.5 million partners in cohabitation with each other, a 72 percent jump from 1990. Two thirds of cohabitating households in the United States have children. Cohabitation is not unique to the Willamette community in the same way that married undergraduate students are nothing

new to campus.

"When you're married and attending college, it does feel as if you are in a different part of life than everyone else," junior Katie Tetu said. "But our family and friends have been supportive of our decisions and we know we are right for each other."

The average age for people to marry in the United States is 27 for males and 25 for females. Although, the trend in average age of married persons has risen in past decades, young couples, especially in institution of higher learning, are not new to academic scene. Several larger schools such as the University of Montana and UCLA have special housing for married couples or domestic partners.

"One of the best parts about being married is that you always have someone to come home," Tetu said. "I would say that one of the challenges with being married so young is that some people will not take you as seriously as an older couple."

With 11 states enacting laws and

initiatives restricting or prohibiting same-sex marriage or domestic partnerships, the financial aspects of marital status have become an important issue. Several companies and institutions, including Willamette, provide healthcare coverage and benefits to the same and opposite sex partners of unmarried faculty and staff members. Additionally, a same-sex wedding was held in Cone Chapel last spring when Multnomah County issued same-sex marriage licenses. University Chaplain Charlie Wallace presided over the ceremony. "We didn't think that in good conscious we could deny marriage to this couple," Wallace said.

Wallace spoke of the importance of equality as well as the importance of all couples in relationships to have pre-marital counseling in order to better understand each other. "From my point-of-view, the goal of pre-marital counseling is to remind people what are some of the key issues involved in a lifelong commitment," he said.

Club volunteers join security beat

By CHRIS FOSS
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Willamette Watch has gone a new direction in recent weeks. The student-coordinated program that supplements Campus Safety in patrolling Willamette's parking lots has a new coordinator and new volunteers to help make campus parking more secure.

In early November senior Curtis Bell took over as Willamette Watch coordinator. Bell worked with Campus Safety on changing shift schedules and adding a volunteer program to supplement the paid Willamette Watch employees. Bell's altered Willamette Watch started functioning Nov. 5. "Now we're good to go," Bell said.

Under the changes, paid student employees randomly patrol Willamette's parking lots from 6 a.m. to midnight every day. Bell said that at least one student is always on patrol during those hours, but that a second patroller also goes on duty for two hours.

For four hours each day, patrols are joined by the club volunteers. Bell said that student organizations have the opportunity to sign up for weeklong slots to send their members out on patrol. Each club that volunteers will receive \$200

from Campus Safety. "Any student organization with a university account has the opportunity to fundraise through Willamette Watch," Bell said.

Circle-K was the first club to take advantage of the new program. Club president junior Sonja Kanick said that the opportunity fits in well with Circle-K's philosophy. "It's a good way to do service to the Willamette community as well as get the money," Kanick said. "I think it's important for us to have that presence on campus."

The other organizations that have been or will be volunteering for the remainder of the semester are women's lacrosse, the Wulapalooza Committee and Phi Delta Theta.

Bell emphasized that the job of the students, paid or volunteer, is strictly to be an extra set of eyes for Campus Safety and not to intervene in any suspicious activity. All patrollers wear a Willamette Watch-embellished vest, and carry a radio with which they can call Campus Safety for assistance.

Willamette Watch employee sophomore Kaytlin Christ said that she joined the program because it sounded like it would be easy and would not tax her schedule. However, she did admit that some aspects of



ERIC LAM

Sophomores Rob Youngs and Aaron Floyd patrol a parking lot during their shift for Willamette Watch.

the program have surprised her. "It's easy in the sense that it doesn't require much strenuous mental activity, but it's kind of hard to walk around for two hours," she said.

Christ also said that the job has been monotonous at times, and that she has "not really encountered anything" during most of her shifts. "I'd be walking for 10 minutes, then look at my watch and say, 'Oh my God, it's only been 10 min-

utes,'" she said.

During one evening shift earlier this year, however, Christ said she did encounter a woman who was in trouble. "(She) was walking down the street, and said some guy tried to pick her up in a truck," Christ said. She said that the man tried to get the woman to take him to a McDonald's. "It's a pretty lame pick-up line," Christ said.

Lumina Foundation grants \$75,000 to Academy

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Alley said that \$50,000 to \$60,000 of the budget comes from interest earned from the endowment, and the rest comes from grants and donations.

"Endowed gifts equal money in the bank," she said. "What is hoped is that the endowment is big enough to support most of the program. Now we are trying to support the operating budget as well."

The university aims to receive a certain amount of grant money each year to support the academy. It currently has about 70 students, with a

goal of 100 to 150 students to be enrolled in the coming years, growing about 20 students per year. As the class size grows, the budget grows, Green said.

Alley did not want to "tip her hand" in naming what other grants the university was pursuing for the academy, but she did mention grants received in the past. These included the Oregon Community Grant (approximately \$50,000 for three years), the Maybelle Clark McDonald Grant (\$25,000) and a grant from Nike Corp.

Alley said that Marion County has provided monetary

support and individual gifts from around the state that have aided the academy. "We have been lucky to have had generous donors," she said.

Willamette Academy is primarily based in Kaneko, with assorted programs located on campus proper throughout the year. The academy holds study halls for its students every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The academy is also seeking new tutors for the spring term. Interested university students can see the academy's website or contact its office for more information.

Public Eye

STAND FOR CHILDREN HOLDS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Pro-children and pro-school elected officials will be speaking on the Willamette campus as part of the Stand for Children Membership Drive. The event will take place in the Cat Cavern on Monday, Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. County Commissioner Janet Carlson, State Senate President Peter Courtney, State Representative Betty Komp and Executive Director of Stand for Children Jonah Edelman are scheduled to speak at the event. Speakers will address the need for responsible school funding at state and local levels.

METHODIST CHURCH HOSTS ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

The 16th Annual Alternative Christmas Market will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. this Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Sunday. The event will be held at Salem's First United Methodist Church at 600 State St. The Alternative Christmas brings together a number of philanthropic agencies and encourages patrons to give a charitable gift in the name of a loved one in place of a traditional Christmas present. Gifts will include donations of tools, food, medication, education, livestock and shelter, both at home and abroad. Habitat for Humanity, HOME Youth and Resource Center, Salem Outreach Center, Heifer Project International and UNICEF are among the organizations that will benefit from the Alternative Christmas.

SCOTT SIERRA RAPE TRIAL PROGRESSES

Former Willamette sophomore Scott Sierra underwent a status hearing on Friday, Nov. 5 before Judge Thomas M. Hart of the Marion County Circuit Court. Sierra was charged on Oct. 1 with the first-degree rape and sodomy of a visiting Oregon State University student. He has since pled not guilty to the charges. A second status hearing is scheduled to take place in front of Judge Hart on Friday, Dec. 17.

Talk of the Millstream

We'll make this quick so that you can get back to surfing the web on the best site since the Fusser's guide went online.

For the uninitiated, thefacebook is another in the increasing number of sites out there like Friendster and MySpace where folks can post a photo and other personal information like favorite books, music, and other hobbies. The way thefacebook one-ups the other sites is that the user is connected to all their friends at their particular school, and those friends show up on their profile.

Basically, it's the elementary school lunchroom, glorified: the more friends you have, the cooler you are. And this time, if you have friends at Ivy League Schools, you're even cooler!

Users can also create groups within their school community. These range from the predictable sport and club affiliations to less conventional groups. Some of our favorites include "Pelton Is My Homie," "Drunken Muchas Walkers," and "Senior Scramble."

But getting on to the point. Those of you who have not used thefacebook may be wondering why we bothered to devote a whole column to it. Well, nearly 450 Willamette students aren't wondering why—that's how many students have posted profiles on thefacebook (mostly since Thanksgiving), and the number has been increasing steadily since classes began again on Monday.

Now, at this point, we here at the TOMS desk have to stop and ask ourselves a question.

Amy: "Isaly, do you think anyone read our last column?"

Isaly: "I don't really remember what it was about."

For those of you who weren't paying attention, we talked about the declining social capital of America in the last issue. We just learned all about the health and career risks of failing to spend quality face time with real human people, people! So why did Willamette spend Thanksgiving break glued to their computers, frantically trying to come up with the wittiest ways to describe themselves to people *they already know*???

We can't figure it out, either. It's not as though this sort of online medium hasn't already been explored to the point of redundancy.

We will say this, though: the pictures are way more fun to look at than the Fusser's Guide. And the Fusser's sure doesn't tell you the year, major, or political views of the student.

Heck, on thefacebook, you can even search for friends through the classes you're registered for. Perhaps best of all, you can look up folks from your high school—that's right, you can find out whether your high school buds are having as wild and crazy a time at college as *you* are!

Let's just hope that when we all get home for the holidays we take a little time away from the screen to actually hang out with them. Because thefacebook may be fun, but it's no substitute for real face time.



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GREEK PROFILE



COURTESY OF MARC THERRIEN

Welcome to Beta Theta Pi

By AMY RATHKE

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Seniors Marc Therrien and Nathan Kenyon and juniors Trevor Findley and Bob Heck sat down with the Collegian to discuss campus golf, children's cereal, and the finer aspects of life at Beta Theta Pi. This is the fourth in the Collegian's series of Greek profiles.

What's your typical Beta like?

Therrien: There's not a typical Beta.

Heck: Everyone's different and that's why I love the house. We definitely all play hard and work hard.

Kenyon: Get 'er done.

Who is the coolest member of Beta ever?

Findley: Mark Hatfield was the founder of our chapter.

Heck: I'd say you also have to give credit to G. Herbert Smith (namesake of Smith Auditorium and former president of the university) for really bringing Beta to Willamette.

Kenyon: But most importantly, Al Borland, from "Tool Time."

Findley: Bill Bowerman, co-founder of Nike, was also a Beta. He made shoe soles on a waffle iron.

What are Beta's philanthropy events?

Heck: My favorite is the Penny Coat Drive that we do with Union Gospel Mission. We pair up and go out into the community and ask for donations of coats and other items.

Findley: We donate our time too. We've adopted a street, we've done some work at the YMCA, and we help at the Star Trees lighting every year.

Kenyon: Most of our philanthropy work is done out in the community, away from Willamette, and I think that sets us apart from other Greek organizations.

Findley: Each member commits to 15 hours of community service, and we have several members who do way more, by being volunteer firefighters or EMTs.

What is campus golf (a popular Beta activity, involving hitting tennis balls into different "holes" around campus with golf clubs) all about?

Therrien: Campus golf's been around since the mid '80s. We've had a lot of alumni come back and tell us that they remember playing.

Kenyon: As far as we know, it's unique to Willamette. We have a house course.

Findley: There are a few people out there who try to imitate, but it's a Beta thing.

Will Beta be able to meet Residence Life's new in-house quotas?

Therrien: I have very little doubt that we'll fill the requirements. We have a long tradition of members continuing to live in the house once they're upperclassmen.

Heck: When I joined, I had an understanding that I was going to live here for the rest of my time at Willamette.

When you have non-members living in the house, does that affect your chapter's cohesiveness or create other problems?

Therrien: There is one guy in particular who nearly transferred when he heard that he was going to have to live in a fraternity. Now, he's one of our really good friends and he loves it.

Heck: Last year as a non-member living in the house, I felt welcomed from the very beginning. All the guys extended a hand of friendship to me.

If Beta was a popular children's cereal, what would it be and why?

Therrien: Kix. We're kid tested and mother approved.

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Rebecca Dobkins: Radical Sabbatical

By MOLLY BRADY
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Anthropology professor Rebecca Dobkins described her return to campus following a year-long sabbatical as though it was a fairy tale. "I felt a little like Rip Van Winkle after he slept for a hundred years. Being in the classroom again took some getting used to, especially because being here is so different from how I spent a great deal of my sabbatical year."

She laughed when asked what exactly that means, to go on sabbatical. "I know, it sounds like some mysterious vacation. You don't hear from a professor for a long time, they just disappear and claim to be on some university-sanctioned trip. But in actuality, the concept of a sabbatical is fundamental to professors being good teachers."

The origins of this term, one often confused and viewed with curiosity by students, stems from the word Sabbath. It is meant as a year of rest and renewal, according to Dobkins, one that affords professors a break from the daily rigors of grading, advising and lecturing so they can pursue academic areas affiliated with their teaching.

The theory is as follows: knowledge gained during a year away from campus will then trickle down to students in the form of updated, rethought and revamped curricula, improving the entire university's academic environment.

"Willamette's policy for having professors take time off to travel and pursue a project that will further their scholarly experience is fairly common. Faculty accrue a certain number of teaching semesters and then apply for a sabbatical. There are different formulas in terms of pay, the amount of time allotted for a sabbatical and what projects you plan for it," she said.

Dobkins' original plan for her scholarly project was a study of Native American tribal centers in the

Northwest. She traveled to various cultural institutions in Oregon, Washington, and even British Columbia, making connections on behalf of the university and the Hallie Ford Museum. Her interests in these centers ranged from the types of research they engaged in and how they deal with Native American stereotypes to the museums' roles in their respective communities.

Dobkins' endeavor was supported by funding she received from the Graves Award, a grant administered by Pamona College. This funding helped ensure that the anthropology professor could foster a relationship with the Crow's Shadow Institute, an arts center on the Umatilla Reservation in Pendleton, Ore. Thanks to her efforts, the Hallie Ford Museum will enjoy hosting the Institute's Arts Biennial while on its way to the Smithsonian beginning in the fall of next year.

However, in part due to the flexibility that a year free from the obligations of daily classroom appearances allows, Dobkins' plan changed drastically midstream. In late fall of last year, she was contacted by the director of the Pataka Museum near Wellington, New Zealand. The native people of that country, the Maori, were offering Dobkins and Willamette University the chance to host a unique exhibition of traditional and contemporary tribal weavings at the Hallie Ford Museum.

"We have been given the most extraordinary opportunity: to be one of only three venues on this continent to host this exchange of artistry," she said. "Not only that but contingent with this offer was that I go live in New Zealand in a traditional Maori ancestral setting for the opening of the exhibition in that country."

The exhibition, called Toi Maori: The Eternal Thread, is a collection of weavings that has been organized into an exhibition by a group bearing the same name, which, when translated, means "Maori artists." There are more than 40 different weavers involved in

this endeavor, brought together to showcase woven pieces they have created over the past 100 years.

After surviving the 15-hour plane trip, Dobkins and several traveling companions were welcomed to the Maori community with traditional singing and dancing. "The women are the leaders of the welcoming festivities. After you are welcomed, you are accepted as part of the community and, as such, take on certain responsibilities," Dobkins said. "The oration that I experienced as part of the initial contact with the Maori people continued throughout my stay there. They are a group that expresses their worthiness through speech. It is a royal culture that relies deeply on verbal communication."

Weaving is another aspect of Maori life that is a cornerstone to community, familial and personal identity. This exhibition marks the first time that the native people of New Zealand have allowed their rare and unique creations to be displayed internationally.

While weavings of many types are included in Toi Maori, the prized pieces of the show are the 20 feathered cloaks that represent the highest form of Maori weaving.

"These cloaks are extraordinary. They are woven for members of a family for a number of important community events, anything from graduations to funerals. This is an art form that is very unique, very beautiful and also very current," Dobkins said as she pointed to a vibrant teal cloak that is comprised, from top to bottom, of tiny feathers the color of the Northern Mediterranean and surrounded by a border of minutely detailed stitches. "This particular cloak is made of over 20,000 kiwi and albatross feathers, woven together with flax that is stripped to be no wider than the thread that this holding this button on my shirt. They are truly special pieces."

Dobkins was integrated into several other aspects of Maori community life during her stay with the people of New Zealand. She slept in the Marae, the traditional ancestral house that most Maori communities have. Dobkins describes it as one open room housing



ELIZABETH CAULEY

Professor Rebecca Dobkins spent her sabbatical studying Native American culture in the U.S. and Canada, and the weavings of Maori artists in New Zealand.

beds and artwork alike. It tells the stories of the community's history.

"There are very strict rules about what you do and don't do in the Marae. There is to be no body waste inside, not even fingernail clippings. There is a separate bathhouse and kitchen house nearby."

"My sabbatical was a bit on the unusual side but I was more than happy to put everything else on hold before going," she said. "It was such an experience, one that only furthered my appreciation for the pieces in the exhibition and the people behind the creations."

As Dobkins recounts her experiences, it is the people that she keeps coming back to, the individuals she met on her travels that seem to have created the deepest impression upon her.

"The Maori as a people have a degree of intactness that is difficult for Native Americans to relate to. Nonetheless, they feel a great kinship with the tribes of the Northwest and see all Pacific Rim people as one family," she said.

"They face all the problems that people here do: the issues of poverty and lack of education. But they have chosen to reach out, to share themselves. One of the most fundamental aspects of the Maori identity is that they see themselves as never having really been conquered. They are such a strong group of people."

In Dobkins' case, she has taken the very essence of the sabbatical experience and magnified its intended effect ten-fold.

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Mostly made-up news

because real news is pretty depressing these days



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MARXIST GUERRILLA GROUP WITH UNFORTUNATE ACRONYM PLANNED TO ASSASSINATE BUSH

Colombian insurgent group plotted to shoot the President

The FARC, a Colombian guerrilla group with a less than badass acronym, apparently planned to assassinate President Bush on a recent trip to Colombia.

The group is known for its kidnappings and jungle warfare, but admits to having an image problem stemming from its acronym, FARC.

"We would have liked something more intimidating, like BARK or MACHETE but it stands for Fuerzas Armadas de Colombia, and we speak Spanish, so we don't really give a shit what you think about it," said Javier Bernal, the group's spokesperson.

The guerrilla group abandoned its last name, Dia Otro Ultimo

Capitalismo Hombres Estar, or DOUCHE.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA GOES BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Ashcroft Warns Marijuana can be a Gateway Drug for Cancer Patients

Attorneys for a California brain cancer patient argued for legal use of medical marijuana before the Supreme Court this week, while the justice department warned of the dangers of Marijuana.

They said that most cancer patients who use it often end up "hooked" on harder pain relieving drugs like Morphine and Oxycontin.

"What we have here is a situation where kids will glamorize painful terminal diseases like cancer as a way to legally smoke drugs."

"Pretty soon you could have young people trying to give themselves cancer by doing things like smoking cigarettes- all to get to that marijuana," said soon-to-be unemployed Attorney General John Ashcroft.

ASWU watch:

how your student government served you the week of Nov. 17

WHAT HAPPENED?

ASWU Executives and class Senators met to discuss methods of streamlining legislation and increasing the amount of senator-driven initiatives and projects that are brought before the Senate for discussion and approval.

WHAT WENT ON DURING THE MEETING?

Guest Speaker

University Registrar Paul Olsen spoke to senators and executives about the various administrative and information management duties undertaken by the Office of the Registrar. The speaker described how the Registrar organizes class schedules and the online registration of classes for all students in the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Education. Olsen went on to describe how his Office also manages transcripts and degree audits for undergraduate students.

The speaker took questions from the senate including one from freshman senator Ivo Demitrov who questioned Willamette's practice limiting the amount of International Baccalaureate (IB) credit that a student receives during their high school career. Olsen responded by stating that Willamette's policy of accepting IB and AP credit is in line with most other liberal arts colleges.

Senators went on to ask how the Registrar determined credit for transfer students from colleges and universities that were on a quarter system as opposed to a semester system. Various senators raised questions regarding how students could receive credit in their major for study-abroad or off-campus programs that were either sponsored by Willamette or independent.

Olsen described the steps being taken by the Registrar's Office to improve online registration including an option for the

current semester that allowed students to pre-select their preferred courses and simply register for the pre-selected classes at the appropriate registration time.

Reviewing Legislation

A proposal by senior Senator Paul Crisalli to form a support committee that would assist senators in creating legislation was withdrawn. Crisalli withdrew after debate broke out over whether legislation would have to have the committee's approval before reaching the full Senate. Freshman Jamal Raad was concerned about the bureaucratic level that may have been created by the proposal and after debate regarding the pros and cons of the committee, a motion was made to withdraw the proposal.



"It was good to know that the senate is comfortable and experienced enough to take a piece of legislation, make sure it is best for the student body and change it to fit the students' needs."

MATT ALEX
freshman senator

WHY YOU SHOULD CARE AND REREAD THIS AGAIN AND AGAIN AS IF IT WERE A TREASURE MAP

When it comes to compensating students for academic credit, Willamette is very consistent with other liberal arts colleges in ensuring fair treatment. Students who took AP and IB courses do receive credit but up to a point.

A problem does occur with students who are transferring from colleges and universities on the quarter system in the middle of the year. As Willamette treats every semester course as four credit hours and quarter credit institutions treat each class as three there is some discrepancy and a student may find themselves having to take an extra half-credit to make up the difference.

If students are willing to work out these details with the Registrar's Office ahead of time, then there should be a smooth transition. Being pro-active and seeking help and assistance long before the last semester will keep everyone on track for a four year degree.

Professor studies Maori art on sabbatical

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Next September, a Procession of Nations led by government and tribal representatives alike will mark the opening of Toi Maori at the Hallie Ford Museum. With this colorful cultural march across the quad will come an opportunity for Willamette, Native Americans of the Northwest and the Salem community to experience their own pseudo-sabbatical

by furthering their worldly knowledge. Not only that, but we will be able to share with our visitors a piece of our own identity.

Dobkins states that the honor of having the Maori visit next fall will show in everyone involved. "This is such an exciting opportunity for Willamette students and faculty. They want us to dance for them, to sing for them. It's a time for us to really shine."



Alternative Christmas Market

Give The World a Gift

Saturday, December 4, 9 am - 3 pm

Sunday, December 5, 9 am - 2 pm

*Support agencies which provide tools, food, medication, education, livestock and shelter for people here and abroad.

*Crafts from around the world

*Poinsettias

*UNICEF cards and gift items

*Soup and Salad Lunch & Bake Sale

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Church & State Streets, Salem, OR

Coup d'Coop

The day after Thanksgiving, Christmas season officially begins in the United States. The department stores start playing Christmas music over the storewide speaker system, and red and green are everywhere, goading buyers as a red cape might excite a bull. Early-bird specials pop up everywhere, and everyone is itching to buy Christ some b-day presents early.



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COOPER

The scene at Wal-Mart was a strange one. People hustled about with their hands bracing teetering Everests of merchandise stuffed into their carts. Their final destination? Layaway, baby. It was reminiscent of the ideal department store moguls had in mind with that whole Y2K story a while back. (I tried to cajole my mom into buying guns and taking karate classes. We just got a wood stove instead).

Wally World, for all its Christ-loving fervor, seemed to be lacking any Christian decor, as it might upset civil Libertarians opposed to the unification of church and corporate hegemony. Thus, God is absent there. Some smart guy said we killed God, but I say it wasn't us. It was that damned Santa Claus and his unstoppable desire to be the guilt-distributing, supernatural sin monitor of the world.

And, unlike Jesus, he is friggin' everywhere in Wal-Mart.

He's making sure that God doesn't make a play for consumer recognition. He's "Sam's" Sheriff of Nottingham, doing the dirty work while Sam looks out over the store through his plethora of little black eyes attached to the ceiling.

You might be saying, "Wait, so Sam killed God?" And I am saying yes, yes he did. When I can't even celebrate the birthday of my favorite hippie guru, who told me to live simply and who busted up the offices of greedy moneylenders in the name of God and human compassion, without burying layaway employees in a mound of consumable goods with a quick spectacles, testicles, wallet and watch motion, I have to say that someone took the jam out of my holly jolly donut.

I'm not religious, but I have heroes, and Jesus is one of them. Like so few of the heroes I have had, though, he didn't consciously sell out. He kept it real 'til the end. So I say, next time you see a limited edition porcelain nativity scene for the low, low price of \$49.95, you huck it straight at one of Sam's beady black eyes in the sky. That's what Jesus would do.

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).

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Fighting fraud in Ukraine

This week in Ukraine, election results declaring the incumbent candidate, Viktor Yanukovich, the victor have been rejected by the parliament in light of protests by the supporters of the challenger, Viktor Yushchenko, as well as reports of voter fraud. The committee overseeing the election, the Central Election Commission, has been dissolved by the parliament as a result, and a new voting process seems to be inevitably on the horizon.

Yushchenko's supporters have been peacefully protesting in the capitol since before the election results were announced, and have continued to protest peacefully since. The government has only asked them not to block government installations.

This development has been touted by some as a victory for democracy over the encroaching threat of political corruption that has been plighting the validity of

elections in recent years.

The reaction of the Ukrainian parliament is refreshing in terms of its immediacy, efficacy, and its willingness to acknowledge the possibility of fraud, regardless of the potential consequences on national confidence.

There is a strong parallel to the 2000 United States elections in comparison to these recent events. The difference is, when the U.S. encountered the possibility of vote-counting chicanery in Florida, it saw fit to conduct a few recounts, and then to allow the Supreme Court to basically appoint the next president.

The difference between Al Gore and Viktor Yushchenko is that Yushchenko persisted, while Gore acquiesced to the verdict given. The difference between Gore's supporters and those of Yushchenko is that Yushchenko's supporters went out into the streets en masse to make sure that

their voice was heard. Their American counterparts, for the most part, simply reconciled themselves with watching the drama on the TV screen and grumbling to themselves discontentedly for the next four years.

The difference between the Ukraine of 2004 and the United States of 2000 is that Americans have become complacent about their right to democracy. The Ukrainians have not given up on their system, and the government reflects this determination inherent within the body of the people. It is too easy to forget that a government is not some foreign body, but rather an organism made up of the people.

Perhaps if Gore and his supporters had taken a more proactive approach, the elections of 2000 would not have gone down in history as a Supreme Court appointment, but as an honestly won contest of democracy.

Washington deserves another recount

Washington state finally has its Governor-elect.

In a case reminiscent of the quagmire that was the 2000 presidential election, the two candidates, Republican Dino Rossi and Democrat Christine Gregoire, are locked in an election whose results are so close that almost a month after the election, both candidates are still moving forward with their transition teams and planning to take office in Olympia this January.

After two recounts, Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed certified the election today, naming Dino Rossi the victor.

That doesn't mean the race is over.

Let's put it this way: the margin of victory is so thin that if it were a young attractive woman, it could get work in Hollywood. That's pretty damn thin.

The election still has not been called because the Governor-Elect, Rossi, leads by 42 votes.

42 votes. Out of 2.8 million votes cast, that adds up to less

than a thousandth of one percent between the winner and the loser.

One Willamette fraternity, or a smallish party, or a decently attended lecture, or even a large public school classroom of second graders - 42 votes is such a small number that it merits a recount - by hand.

Democratic candidate Christine Gregoire has a special connection to Willamette: her daughter, Michelle is a sophomore, and her older daughter Courtney graduated from Willamette in 2000.

Regardless of her ties to Willamette, Gregoire's camp deserves to get its Christmas wish: a hand recount of the votes.

But the Democrats should also play as fair as possible, because the entire point of a recount should be about accuracy in a race with a tortilla-thin margin.

Ensuring an absolutely accurate vote means recounting every county in the state, which will take both money and time.

Democracy is worth it.

Elections are the vital blood that ensures democracy's survival. In recent years, trust in elections has been challenged. If we can't take the time to ensure that the most vital mechanism of democracy runs flawlessly, what will we take the time to do?

Recounting the votes by hand will give finality, legitimacy and closure to this unusually close and bitter race. As Gregoire herself said, a cloud will hang over the governorship of Washington for four years unless the election can be accurately verified and conceded by the losing party.

If a hand recount happens, it should be in every county, not just the ones in which Gregoire suspects she may gain votes. The Democrats, just as the Republicans, should ensure the election is as fair as humanly possible. They should get their recount, it should be statewide, and they should pay for it.

Somewhere hidden in this stressful mess is the most vital lesson of all: every single vote counts. Including yours.

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PC on DC

My beloved branch



PAUL CRISALLI

With Congress now on recess until January and the president getting a bit of rest in South America, I figured that I would devote this article to my favorite

branch: the judiciary.

Right now, Chief Justice William Hobbes Rehnquist is recovering from thyroid cancer. Several predict that it is anaplastic thyroid cancer, one of the most aggressive forms of cancer. Apparently, he is working from his home and handling the cases from there.

In fact, he released an opinion that he wrote for a unanimous Court on the lack of mens rea in Florida's DUI statutes last week. The Court, meanwhile, is acting as if business were usual, and Justice John Paul Stevens is filling in as chief.

If Chief Justice Rehnquist is severely impaired to the point that his clerks have to do all of his writing, it would not be the first time that the sickness of a justice held up the work of the Court.

In 1974, Justice William O. Douglas had a stroke, causing him to suffer from pain and paralysis. There are accounts of him falling asleep at oral arguments and at conference (in which the justices get together, without the presence of any aide nor staffer, to discuss the cases and decisions).

It came to the point that the other justices secretly stopped counting Douglas' votes during conference. The threat of the 4-4 decisions arose, and the Court backlogged cases to ensure that an enabled justice would then be on the bench. As an aside, 4-4 decisions affirm the lower court's decision, but limit the prece-

dence only to the specific jurisdiction from the lower court where the case originated. Finally, members of the Court approached Justice Douglas and threatened him into retirement. He grudgingly relented.

I say all of this to highlight several things: the only ways for justices to get out of office are to die, to resign or to have Congress impeach them. However, there is no precedence for the impeachment of an ill justice. So, given the history with Douglas (and since several of the justices, including Rehnquist, were on the Court at the time), I believe that Rehnquist will resign when he is unable to complete his job.

That said, it becomes quite apparent that there will likely be an opening on the Court. The Senate, therefore, will have to confirm the appointment. Right now, when selecting the Judiciary Committee chairman is so derisive, one can tell that this confirmation process will be a blood-bath.

On one hand, who ever President Bush submits needs to be thoroughly tested to ensure that this person is smart, articulate and able to impartially interpret constitutional questions.

On the other hand, if the candidates must explain how they would rule on any future case, it will only harm their partiality and violate their ethical obligations. Very soon, we will likely see another test in American politics and jurisprudence. But, we must keep those two spheres reasonably separated, for the sake of our law, our Constitution and our country.

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Memo to George W. Bush: war is not foreign policy



BETH PHILLIPS

On my drive back to Salem on Sunday, I was listening to "Whadya Know?" on NPR, and the host, Michael Feldman, wondered if the Bush administration could "find a foreign policy other than war." I pose a challenge to all of us: to

critically unravel the claim that U.S. troops must stay in Iraq to achieve peace.

Cloaked underneath recent reports on the postponement of Iraqi elections and the increasing violence in Eastern Iraq lies an unquestioned belief that American troops must remain in Iraq "until stability is reached," as Defense Secretary Rumsfeld said last week.

The military is working hard and spending money to ensure that it can hold up its end of this "bargain."

The Marine Corps, for instance, is offering bonuses of as much as \$30,000 to persuade enlisted personnel with combat experience and training to re-enlist. And the plan appears to be working, as Marine reenlistment numbers have increased by 30 percent in Iraq.

President Bush explains that "our troops will remain [in Iraq] until we [the Bush administration?] have achieved a

safe, democratic Iraq." Has it ever occurred to the president and his advisors that perhaps U.S. troops - the "we" he speaks of - are the problem? Rather than focusing on all the bad that MIGHT happen if U.S. troops leave, "we" could examine all the bad that IS happening because we are there and that will continue to happen if we remain.

Just as current reality seems to elude

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the Bush administration, so too does America's past "involvement" in other wars in other countries. As the New York Times reported on Monday, America's military presence in Iraq is increasingly resembling the ambiguity, confusion and terror of the Vietnam War. What those in Southeast Asia call "the American War" also took place in a land where our troops did not speak the language and could not tell the difference between a friend and a foe.

So what will it be, President Bush? Mr. Cheney? Four more years of war? Or will peace make its way into your foreign policy? Perhaps even some humility, admission of mistakes? It's the right way. No, it's the only way.

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EVENTS IN HISTORY

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REPEAT

But Do They Have Oil?

weekly random foreign affairs column



JACEN
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POWELL

Democratic audience fails to foam at the mouth

This week I'm going to take a break from my normal self-righteous, liberal diatribes loosely linked to international events and talk objectively about... just kidding. No international politics this week, just diatribe. Next week's column will once again return to a pathetic attempt at comedy, I promise.

I wanted to talk about when I went to see George Will, the Conservative columnist, when he visited campus, even though I'm a foaming Democrat. I was hoping that he would challenge my views, but he only made me angry, in the way a Republican gets when you mention Hillary Clinton. I was shocked at his celebration of the hypocrisy of Republican politicians (sure, they say one thing and do another, but it's okay!), and I was genuinely horrified by his defense of bigotry.

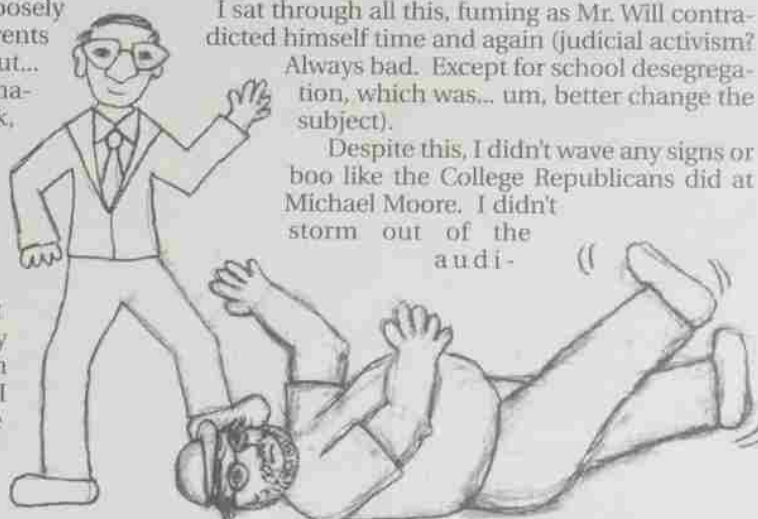
Americans may vote for bans on gay marriage, an indefensible act of hatred no matter the justification, but George Will believes that because we watch shows like "Will and Grace," we're not really bigots. I guess that means that if Americans opposed interracial marriage but watched minstrel shows, then they wouldn't really be racists.

The fact is that most of those I know who oppose gay marriage don't hate gay people; therefore, they assume that anything they do to harm the lives of homosexuals can't be hateful. Acts of hatred don't

always stem from hatred, however, as much as from ignorance and intolerance.

I sat through all this, fuming as Mr. Will contradicted himself time and again (judicial activism? Always bad. Except for school desegregation, which was... um, better change the subject).

Despite this, I didn't wave any signs or boo like the College Republicans did at Michael Moore. I didn't storm out of the audi-



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torium, and I didn't even put up signs bashing George Will before his speech. As a matter of fact, no one did, although I recognized at least two former presidents of College Democrats at the lecture. Why?

Conservatives might assume that we weren't organized enough for a display of intolerance and disrespect. I find it profoundly disturbing that some of the Conservatives at Willamette offer public criticisms of Liberal figures, including Kerry, while at the same time refusing to even consider listening to the

views of others.

Granted, the radical Liberals are no better, but it still brings me back to George Will. Why didn't we storm out? The truth of the matter was, I was genuinely interested in what he had to say, no matter what I thought of his views, whether or not I agreed with him. That, and I didn't know how conservative he was before the show.

Why is it that Conservatives can call criticisms of the president "anti-American," but they can attack Kerry and the Clintons with impunity? A nation at war isn't an excuse. I believe that to REFUSE to criticize the president, even at a time of war, if you disagree with his actions, is an act of cowardice and a lack of faith in the enduring strength of our nation.

Beyond that, why is it that the College Democrats listen earnestly to a prominent Conservative while the College Republicans make a juvenile scene at a similar event?

And so I issue this challenge: I applaud the College Republicans for their courage in standing up for what they believe, but I know from conversations with them that many refuse to publicly challenge the actions of Republican leaders even if they disagree with those actions.

The same goes for campus Liberals. Why not renounce fear, reject cowardice, and embrace patriotism by publicly challenging those who agree with you, especially your politicians, when you disagree with their actions? Just do it with the same respect, or lack thereof, that you afford your opponents.

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Liberals: redirect ideals toward more productive use



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I was recently checking my e-mail, as I often do, expecting to find the usual assortment of friendly greetings, assignments and internship announcements, when my eyes alighted on something that sparked my interest immediately: John Kerry's True Concession Speech. Having missed his real speech due to class, I

thought that this might fill me in about the event.

I was appalled by what I read there.

It is true that I am a Conservative, a member and former employee of the majority party. I have heard a wide variety of diatribes against the conservative worldview through my work and especially here on campus; I have learned to laugh off most of the slightly silly arguments, but this was by far the most offensive and narrow-minded piece of literature I had ever seen.

I sent a reply to the sender, who in turn sent a "warning label" for this person's previous e-mail urging those who read it to take it with a "grain of salt." But the accusations and insults found therein have been echoing around long enough, and to laugh at these direct attacks would be an inappropriate response.

First of all came the "The majority is soooooo

dumb" argument. According to CNN's nationwide exit poll, which, by the way, did turn out to be accurate, President Bush won a majority of voters who had graduated high school, had some college, or had graduated college. Senator Kerry, on the other hand, won only two education groups: those with postgraduate studies, and those with little/no high school. For a party that claims to be sensitive to those of all people groups, I can't understand why Democrats can so blatantly insult the largest group of people in America today.

Next came a comment about how hatred of homosexuals had motivated the turnout in the eleven states that had homosexual marriage referendums. To say that hate motivated conservative votes is rather a twist on reality.

Consider this: of those whose votes were votes against the opponent rather than in support of their candidate, 70 percent went to Senator Kerry. Not to mention that in our very own Oregon, the Johns won 51-48 while measure 36 passed 57-43... Some of those who voted for Kerry inevitably voted in favor of Measure 36. And of homosexuals, 23 percent voted for the president, who, by the way, has supported a federal constitutional amendment banning homosexual marriage.

And what would the "speech" have been without

the usual "only old people vote for Bush" spiel? In actuality, the only age group that Senator Kerry carried was that of 18- to 29-year-olds. Perhaps "old people" includes those 30 years of age.

Of course, there was the comment that those states that voted for Senator Kerry produce most of the country's wealth. That may be so, but individually, President Bush won every income bracket starting at \$50,000. Demographically, the president carried those who live in suburban and rural areas, while the senator from Massachusetts won only the urbanite vote.

By the way, did you know that Senator Kerry won three purple hearts?

My point: rather than picking apart the Conservative victory this November, find constructive things to do to support your ideals. The election only determines who will be in office; you can still influence how your local and national representatives vote, as well as which issues come up during our next sessions of Congress. The "Stay Active" rally was an excellent example of the way a minority can make its voice heard in America.

That is one thing for which I am able to respect Democrats.

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Tunnel of Oppression

looking from the inside out

BY THE NUMBERS

300 – people attended the Union Gospel Mission's Thanksgiving dinner in Salem

9 – nationally recognized tribes in Oregon

40,000 – reports of child abuse and neglect filed every year in Oregon

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The doors to the Tunnel of Oppression open today. However, the forms of persecution presentation have been occurring around Salem long before our feet stepped onto this campus. Thousands of students have passed through this educational system having not been presented with local forms of wrongful inequality. This year marks the second year of the Tunnel of Oppression.

Beginning Wednesday and ending Friday, the Montag Den will be transformed into five "rooms". In each room, a student volunteer will present a multimedia program highlighting a form of oppression that they feel strongly about. Students then walk through the tunnel, room by room. This year's rooms include Native American, Child Abuse, Homelessness, and the United States Prison System.

"We are trying to help Willamette recognize that outside our own world and our own life, we have some privileges that [others] do not," Liesik explained.

"These privileges are going to college, or having food to eat."

Origins of Oppression

The Tunnel of Oppression originated at the University of Nevada- Las Vegas. Its introduction last year to Willamette was met with positive reactions, according to exit polls. 360 toured the Tunnel. 305 were polled regarding their experience. Ninety-eight percent felt they had a valuable learning experience and ninety-six percent felt their awareness of the issues presented had increased.

More than awareness, the students involved wish for spectators to be impacted. "I don't want them to walk through and feel okay. They can feel like it is right, they can feel that its wrong, but I want them to leave the room asking questions," junior James Haines said. Haines is in charge of the room profiling the injustices occurring in the United States Prison System.

A fifth room, "The Reflection Room", will be set up for any par-

ticipants to ask questions, make comments, and receive further information. "Last year there wasn't enough information provided for how students could get involved in their community. Hopefully, this year we can give students better direction in terms of what they can do to help out," senior Randall Cass said. Cass is involved with the Homelessness room.

Both Cass and senior Ellie Holt agree that they desire more reaction from the Willamette Community. Holt, in charge of the Native America presentation, hopes to "energize people to action. I hope people join the clubs on campus, or just write a letter once a month to their local government about issues that interest them."

The Tunnel of Oppression is supervised by a Steering Committee, headed by Community Outreach Program Coordinator Jennifer Hoffman, and Associate Director of Residence Life, Staff and Programs Bernie Liang. Student input is key in finding topics to present each year. Starting in mid-September, the group looked at two different factors. First, they examined what the committee felt passionate about, therefore making it easier to present something impacting. Then they tried to find topics they felt would be most impactful to the Willamette Community.

The topics they selected are indeed impactful to Salem, if not the Willamette community. Not more than a few blocks away, the homeless seek shelter at The Union Gospel Mission. Across the street from the fairgrounds, where we herded in to watch Michael Moore, is the Department of Human Services, where abused children receive their first help. Following, you will find a preliminary overview of these four topics of oppression throughout Salem.

U.S. Prison System

"I have always been interested in the United States Prison



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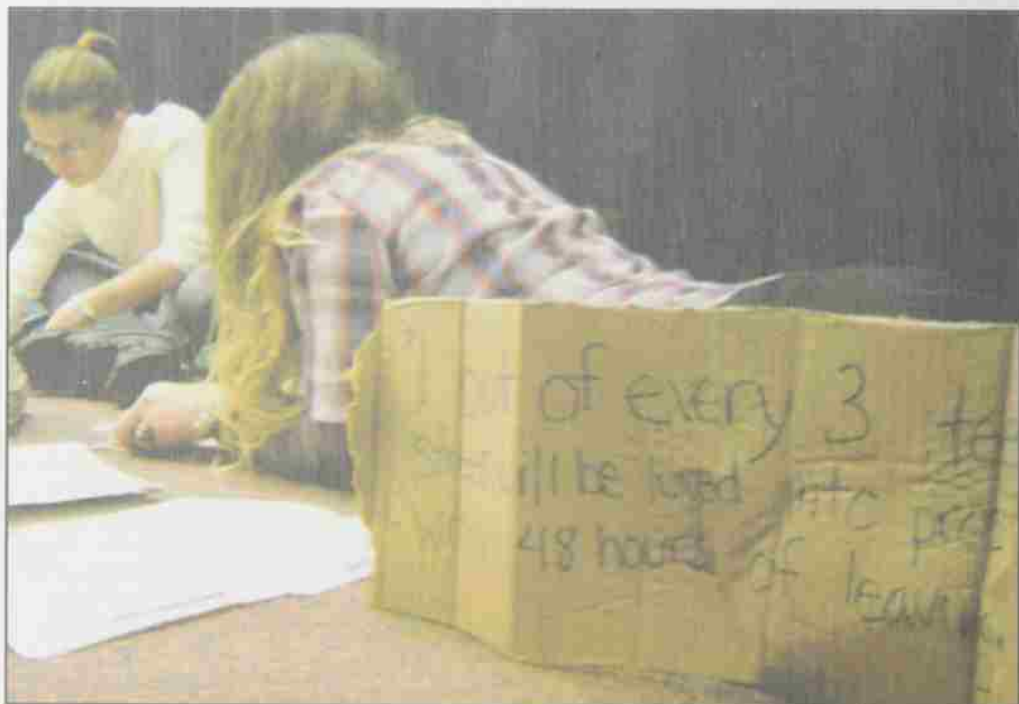
Freshman Nicole Bizzarri preps for the Tunnel of Oppression.

System in terms of the oppression that happens within the system, and what sorts of social inequalities are represented within the system. Also, what happens within the system that reflects on the society itself as far as the social injustices that cause incarcerations," junior James Haines said. During Haines's research, he discovered that incarceration doesn't just affect the prisoners.

"They didn't want us talking to the prisoners that much. But they did let us talk to the guards. The one thing I realized from him is that this system, the way it is not helping anyone, not the prisoners or the guards."

Haines's guard said that since working in that job, he has become less trustful of other people. "When you work with people that have committed violent offenses like that, you begin to feel as though everybody is a suspect."

One example the guard gave is that when he was little he used to ride his bike across town, now he doesn't let his kids do that. He doesn't let them go to the end of the block. "Right now it is like, the way that crime is portrayed in the media is that violence is all around us and he is one person who gets that message but then he also has to deal those persons who are actually committing that



ERIC LAM

Statistics dramatize the plight of oppressed groups.

violence," Haines said.

Homelessness

While many students were sitting closely to love ones, surrounded by a large amount of Thanksgiving foods, 300 homeless and needy people were assembled inside the Union Gospel Mission to share in the Thanksgiving meal provided there. "It was incredible... they are so grateful and so gracious," said Reverend Connie Crawford Lain of the UGM.

"When I was in high school I did a lot of volunteering at homeless shelters and soup kitchens and I realized how misunderstood the homeless community was. People assume things like that homeless people are stupid or lazy and that's just not true," senior Randall Cass said.

Lain agrees. "They look scary to people. Because they might not be dressed well, they might smell, they might be carrying all their belongings with them. They might be talking to themselves. And that always makes people uneasy," she said. "You know you will watch people cross the street so they don't have to walk in front of the mission."

The UGM provides on-site job training and educational support for clients who wish to obtain a GED. "The line of thought that they should be out and just get a job and they could make it all go away, not understanding that there is a lot of causes of homelessness and unemployment is just one piece of it," Lain said. "If they are out on the street, their whole focus is to find enough food of the day. Somehow, if food

is taken care of then they can worry about warmth, shelter, where they are going to sleep for the night. There is no time in their day for job searching".

The mission has enough beds for 188 men, but fill close to 200. There is enough room for 65 women and the shelter tends to fill to capacity. The shelter currently looking to expand sleeping space. Some clients on a long-term life-changing track may stay for up to a year.

There are many success stories from the Mission. When Lain met her husband, then a mission employee, she learned that he had once been a client of the long-term track. Once battling alcohol abuse, the homeless and needy shelter helped him turn his life around, discover religion, and then marry.

Native American

"I picked the Native American room because I am interested in their current affairs. I feel as though, because they do have reservations and a special legal standing, we are separated from them and are not well educated about their history and current conflicts. Especially here on Willamette campus, where they are literally our next door neighbors," senior Ellie Holt said.

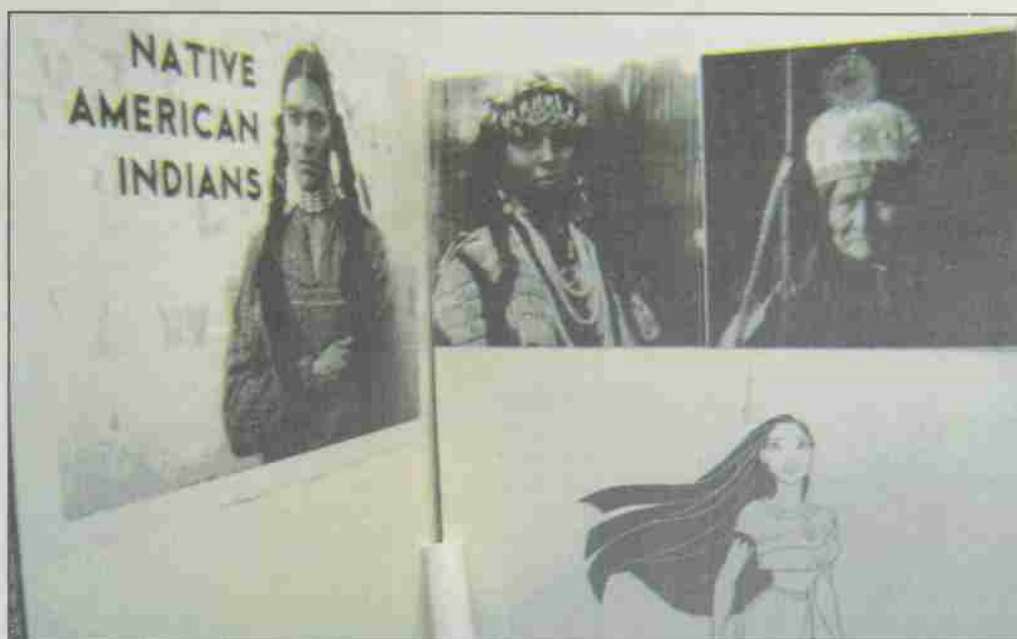
"My room is addressing the Native American stereotype, their misrepresentation in text books, land exploitation, religion misuse, current events, and highlighting the Grand Ronde Tribe and Chemawa boarding school. I hope that this makes viewers acquaint themselves with their own stereotypes and misgivings on the subjects covered."

Salem is home to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The Confederated Tribes of Siletz is a nationally recognized group made up of 27 bands of Indians. Although there used to be around 65 tribes of Indians in Oregon, they are now condensed to nine nationally recognized tribes.

Child Abuse

In Oregon, there are 40,000 reports of child abuse and neglect a year. Marion County accounts for a little over 10 percent of the entire state with 6,053 reported cases of child abuse.

When Patricia Feeny, Spokeswoman for Oregon



ERIC LAM

The Tunnel challenges popular conceptions of Native Americans.

Department of Human Services, heard the stories of Tesslyn O'Cull, she was not working in the media department. O'Cull's 1997 murder was considered the "worst murder/torture of a child" committed in Oregon. Feeny realized that "rather than just sit here, maybe there is something I can do." Feeny and others developed a poster with O'Cull's image on the front, and names of abused children on the back to inspire them to do more. Unlike Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis, "so many of these kids in our system will never make headlines, but their stories are just as tragic."

The Department of Child Services's main goal is to keep abused children safe and secure. This does not mean that they remove the child from the home at the first sign of abuse. Many times, they encourage the offender to remove him/herself from the scene so as not to disrupt the child's established life. When that does not work, they do remove children from abusive homes. However, there are many success stories. One Oregon student, Rand Johnson, went into foster care at 15. He was adopted at the age of 22. "There are some bad (stories) with families having bad motives, but then you've got amazing and incredible ones too. Especially when you think about what they (the family) sacrifices. "This is a full time job," Feeny said. One family has adopted seven children from the system, all children are considered mentally fragile but needed a good home and love. Many of the children suffer from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Links to community organizations

Family Building Blocks

(503) 566-2132
www.familybuildingblocks.com

A child-abuse prevention agency providing therapeutic classes, respite care, home visits, parent education and support services for families with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

Union Gospel Mission

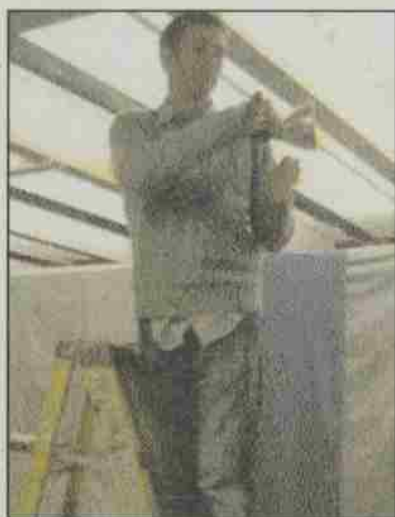
PO Box 461 | Salem, OR 97308
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Union Gospel Mission offers meals, showers, clothing and food boxes to needy and homeless Salem residents. It also offers rehabilitation programs and life skill training to adults.

Confederated Tribes of The Siletz

http://cts1.nsn.us/
(541) 444-2532

The Confederated Tribes of the Siletz is a group of 27 bands originally ranging from Northern California to Southern Washington. Their offices in Salem preside over their reservation, which lies on 3,666 acres in Lincoln County, Oregon, as well as cultural and health services available to tribal members.



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Kaneko Area Coordinator, Ryan Hamachek, sets up lights.

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DVD REVIEWS

THE OFFICE: SEASON ONE

This is a show on the BBC documenting the life trials of office employees. The cameras rarely leave the confines of the office, where the employees sell paper in bulk over the telephone. If this premise sounds uninteresting to you, it is a sign that you are human.

The creators of this mockumentary knew the inherent dullness of the office environment going into this; they exploit that dullness to their advantage. One of the main characters, for instance, attempts to explain his profession to the camera and stops midway because he is boring himself. It's difficult to explain exactly how it is that a show about a paper office can be so damn hilarious and endlessly intriguing in such a spectacularly peculiar way.

Rating: 8.0

THE OFFICE: SEASON TWO

The second seasons builds off of the weaknesses of the first and capitalizes off of its earlier strengths.

This season aims more toward instilling emotional investment into the Slough Branch's many comic dramas. Tim gets thrown into a tense and touching love triangle; the rest of the employees dodge the looming possibility of being made "redundant"; and David Brent, threatened by the new, unreceptive group from a now consolidated company branch and a strict, all-business boss, gradually discovers that he is actually required to "gasp" do his job.

Rating: 9.0

"Go Further" will "make you feel organic!"

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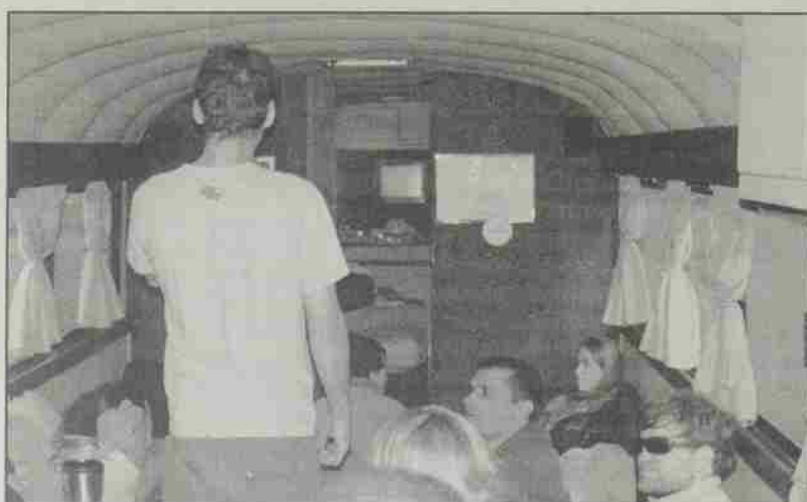
Woody Harrelson is a champion of the environment, and he's more than just talk. In his recent documentary "Go Further," Harrelson and his eco-friendly posse climb aboard a brightly colored bus fueled entirely by hemp-seed oil and take a road trip down the Pacific Highway. Traveling from northern Washington all the way to southern California, Harrelson and his friends ride bikes, practice yoga, eat raw organic food, lecture at universities and pick up random passengers who are interested in trying the natural lifestyle.

After an early screening of "Go Further" at Salem Cinema, Harrelson and his friends arrived in the hemp-fueled bus for a question-and-answer session regarding the film. He spoke briefly about why he decided to make the film and then took questions from the audience.

The first to speak was a man who simply said, "We have something in common; we're both from Texas!"

Woody replied, slightly confused, "Uhhh, yeah. You, me and George."

One woman asked how someone on a tight budget could live an organic lifestyle, to which



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

Being inside the Bio-Bus will make you "feel organic."

Harrelson responded, "Just do what you can. Not everything you buy has to be organic or vegan - start small. You can start by buying soy milk every once in a while."

One audience member who spoke with Woody mentioned that he manufactures bio-fuels (such as hemp-seed oil) locally. Harrelson stated that the hemp-seed oil he used on his road trip was expensive, but that it was used to prove a point: there is a viable way to reduce dependency on fossil fuels. Anyone interested in more information about

locally produced bio-fuels can visit www.cascadebiofuels.com.

The Pacific Coast tour is over, but Harrelson and his group maintain "VoiceYourself" (www.voiceyourself.com), a website that contains facts about the environment and ways that individuals can get involved in the fight to preserve nature, as well as regularly posted commentary from Harrelson and the others.

"Go Further" is no longer in theaters in Salem, but should be available for rent after the holidays.

WANT TO CONSERVE ENERGY?

For more information about locally produced bio-fuels, go to www.cascadebiofuels.com.

WANT TO GO ORGANIC?

Remember Harrelson's advice: "Just do what you can. Not everything you buy has to be organic or vegan - start small."

Pixar executes another masterstroke with "The Incredibles"

By MIKEY INOUE
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"Toy Story," "Toy Story 2," "A Bug's Life," "Monster's Inc." and "Finding Nemo" were all solid, moving, tremendously inventive and endlessly entertaining films—they all pushed the limits of animation technology and thankfully raised the bar for the quality of non-musical animated films to a whole new level. Many have been dreading Pixar's first cinematic misstep—it will likely happen with its next film, "Cars," but it most definitely did not happen with "The Incredibles," which is, in many ways, its most successful film to date.

The film's greatness can be attributed in large part to the genius of one man: Brad Bird. For those who have not had the privilege of seeing "The Iron Giant," I suggest you do so. It is one of the most inventive, cleverly written and touching animated movies you will ever see, and it was written and directed by Brad Bird, who had a very specific vision in mind and a very potent anti-violence agenda going into the project.

In "The Incredibles," the plea for pacifism is all but lost in the barrage of camera-shaking explosions and bone-crushing machinery, but Bird's narrative vision holds together beautifully throughout. After seeing Bird's first modestly budgeted animated feature, I wondered to myself, "wouldn't it be awesome if Brad Bird had the

means for a Pixar-quality production?" The Incredibles is the most ideal manifestation of that musing, and all the creative energy that Bird put into "The Iron Giant" is maximized in "The Incredibles."

Although "The Incredibles" is a bit skimpy on arching the characters' developments and fails in many ways to attend to the old-time family values of resolving disputes without killing people, the action scenes are some of the most solid that I've seen since the visually-dazzling acrobatics of "X2: X-Men United." The motions of Brad Bird's brainchildren—human and robotic alike—are graceful, lightning-fast and breathtaking. There's so much to chew on in the scenery and so much to admire in the work that went into each and every nerve-wracking fight scene.

The requisite comedic mood-lightening is thrown into the whole bit, but the punch lines here are often a lot more sinister, and the teeth on these gags are a lot sharper than those in all the other Pixar features. I wasn't surprised to find that "The Incredibles" is actually rated PG - and justly so - unlike all of the other past Pixar films, which received MPAA ratings. This is not your traditional family film. It is above all an action film—a tremendously riveting, awe-inspiring and applause-worthy action film at that. "The Incredibles" is an slam-bang Hollywood franchise treasure—a commodity in very short supply these days—and you may never hear me say this again, but here goes: I can't wait for the sequel.

Heinrich Schliemann's treasure and deceit

PROFESSOR PERSPECTIVE

By **ORTWIN KNORR**, Assistant Professor of Classics
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The weakest human passion is the passion for truth. When David Traill, a classics professor at the University of California in Davis, learned that Heinrich Schliemann (1822-1890), one of the fathers of modern archaeology, ran a bank in nearby Sacramento during the California gold rush, he read Schliemann's diary and discovered that Schliemann had given an eyewitness account of the great fire that destroyed most of San Francisco on May 3-4, 1850, except that he reports it under "3-4, 1850."

Autopsy of the handwritten diary revealed that the page in question had been glued in later, while the report was based on contemporary newspaper articles. This curious forgery started Professor Traill's fascination with Schliemann's life, a fascination which he shared at an Archaeological Institute of America (AIA) lecture last Thursday with a packed audience of 98 listeners.

Born in Germany in 1822, Schliemann worked his way up from grocer's apprentice to millionaire commodities trader in St. Petersburg, Russia. Retired at the age of 46, he started searching for the location of Troy, the site of the Trojan War in Homer's "Iliad."

At Hissarlik in Turkey, Schliemann found not only one, but nine cities, one on top of the other. He was convinced that the second city from the bottom, Troy II, was the Homeric Troy, even though a contemporary



COURTESY OF ORTWIN KNORR

Sophie Schliemann wearing the "Jewels of Helen" from "Priam's Treasure"

critic called the unimposing structure that Schliemann identified as king Priam's palace "Priam's pigsty".

Schliemann's most spectacular find came in 1873, when he discovered a large hoard of gold, silver and bronze objects close to the alleged palace that he called "Priam's Treasure." Scholars nowadays date the treasure to around 2400 BCE, about 1300 years before the Trojan War. Schliemann himself realized shortly before his death that Troy VI, not Troy II, was Homer's Troy.

There are, however, more problems. Schliemann decked out his wife, Sophie, in jewelry from the find, took a picture of her that went around the world, and wrote a romantic account in which he claimed that he had discovered the treasure together with his wife. In fact, only his Greek foreman, Nikolaos Yannakis, had been there, and he did not remember any gold.

More importantly, Traill's research revealed that many objects on Schliemann's famous photograph of the treasure were actually found on separate occasions one year before, as photographs dated "1872" prove. As a result, some conclusions archaeologists have made about Troy II need to be revised. For example, the huge accumulation of wealth in "Priam's Treasure" has been taken to indicate that Troy II was ruled by a powerful king. If many of the items, as seems likely, actually came from separate graves, not from a single hoard of treasure, there is no basis for this conclusion anymore.

COME TO THE NEXT AIA LECTURE:

WHEN: February 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center, room 201

WHO: Professors Tony Hermann (Willamette) & Anne Haeckl (Kalamazoo College)

WHAT: Social Psychology and Mummy Portraits from Ancient Egypt: An Exploratory Study on the Principles of Facial Attractiveness"

Flamingos lighten mood at Hatfield during finals crunch



SEAN GYSHEN

Accidental pornography flamingo



SEAN GYSHEN

"Electric Go" by Mari Sandness



SEAN GYSHEN

Secret agent mingo

By **TESS DAVIS**

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This year marks the third annual Pink Plastic Flamingo Project at Willamette University. These colorful birds have been decorated by various campus organizations as well as individual students, and are displayed on the second floor of the Mark O. Hatfield Library.

Lauren Skinner, one of this year's project chairs, said that she was very pleased with the huge involvement that clubs and students have had this year. "We have a flamingo from Accidental Pornography, one from the Jewish Student Union, and one from a group on non-traditional students, to name a few," Skinner said.

Katy Scowcroft, a sophomore studio art major, was in charge of designing and painting the Jewish Student Union's flamingo. "There's a white stripe down the middle of it, and both sides are painted blue with a white Star of David," Scowcroft said. She laughed and added, "And he's wearing a yarmulke and has

side curls!"

In years past, the flamingos have been placed around campus, but Skinner said that they chose to put them in the library this year because of problems with theft and vandalism. "It doesn't really matter that people take the flamingos - in fact, we kind of expect it - but the real problem was that people were taking them, vandalizing them, and putting them back out on campus."

Many students are happy to have the flamingos in the library. Senior Mary McCauley said she liked where the flamingos were put this year. "The flamingos are really bright and cheery, and everyone needs a little cheer if they have to be at the library," she said. "My favorite is the one that's made to look like a carousel horse."

If you haven't had the chance to take a look at the flamingo display, then definitely go to the library and see it. It's nearing finals week anyway, so go check out the Flamingo Project...and then maybe get some studying done.

How do you 'c'est la vie'?

By **DUNCAN ROBERTSON**

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Except for the occasional book-worm nun, the Catholic University of Paris feels like a better-dressed, urban, community college.

Students of all ages and nationalities attend their classes. The older students, the nuns and the priests-in-training are always the best students. Many of the people in my classes are married. They have moved here from abroad and are taking classes for the purpose of strengthening their French.

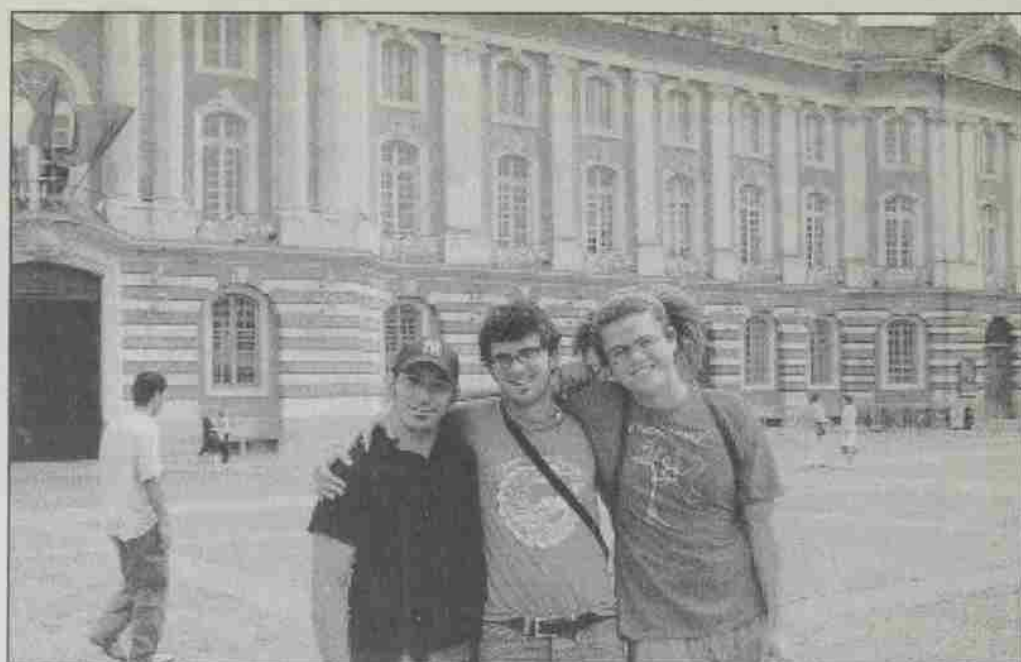
The classes in my level are mostly glorified vocabulary courses. Sure, we learn about film and art history, but we talk about it in French in class for the simple reason of using and becoming accustomed to new words.

I've been told that there are many American study abroad programs that send students to "Le Catho," but I have made the acquaintance of only four Americans outside my program.

Only one is a classmate. At my French level there are no French students, unfortunately. I have given up trying to meet French students by bumming cigarettes. It's a nasty habit anyway.

Everybody speaks French, but not always because they are French. Last Thursday I sat and joshed around with three guys from my class. We're the goofs in the language course. We are also the only men in class that aren't married (to God or otherwise). None of them speak English very well.

Thiago, a Brazilian, likes to talk to us about soccer. Bach, Vietnamese, gets it and argues with him about the league. Matthias, Polish, and I pretend to know what they are talking about. We put Vietnamese, Portuguese, English and Polish aside for a few moments and we all work together to figure out what's being said in French. There are a lot of exaggerated hand gestures.



COURTESY OF DUNCAN ROBERTSON

Duncan with friends Cedric and Mehdi in front of Toulouse's capitol in southern France.

Other language classes I have taken are flawed because there is always the possibility to slide a couple English words into the mix while attempting communication with your neighbor. It seems silly in retrospect. Here I am the only Anglophone in my class. There is no stopping mid sentence to say "what's the word for?" That would only more thoroughly confuse my classmate. I am learning to speak French in all kinds of accents and picking up all kinds of foreign cuss

words. They are what we say when we realize we have no idea how to even start saying our thoughts.

However, we are all getting better, and from that we can learn more about each other. I try to get better so that I can feel communicate better with my friends. That's motivation.

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A FEW FRENCH PHRASES:

◆ "You've put on weight"

~"Tu as grossi"
(tu ah gro - si)

◆ "Are you drunk?"

~"Est-ce que vous êtes ivre?"
(es - ke voo zet eevr)

◆ "Did these fish die of radiation sickness?"

~"Ces poissons, ils sont mort d'irradiation?"
(se pwu - son il sont mor di - ray - di - ay - shun)



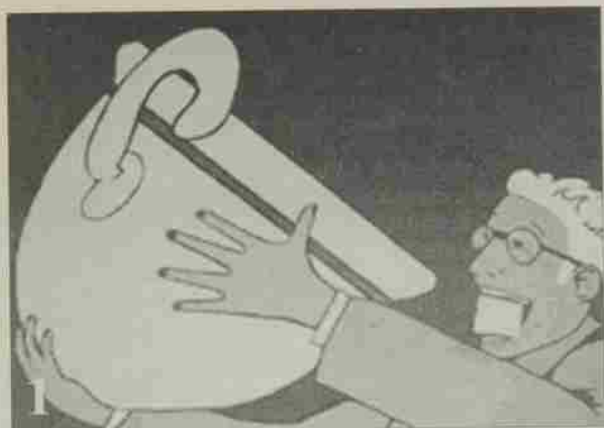
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Duncan belches after sampling snails.

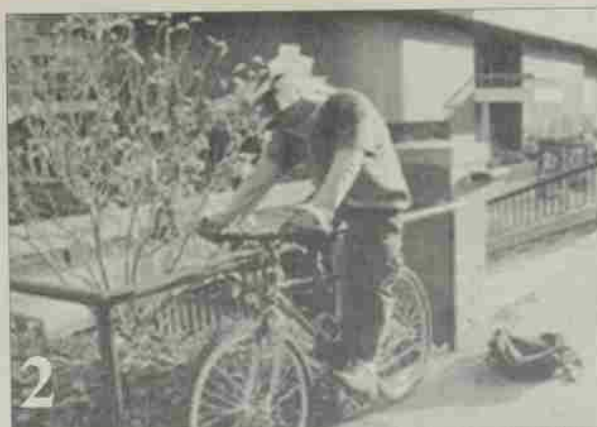


COURTESY OF DUNCAN ROBERTSON

Duncan and friends on the walls of the moat/river at Chenonceau.



1 Post-It reads: "Activism is what people often resort to when they discover, to their horror, that they have nothing remotely important to say about themselves."



2 Post-It reads: "You will never be featured in the Campus Safety Report if you keep chaining your goddamn bike to things."



3 Post-It on book reads: "I am so DEEP! Look at me, being so super intellectual!"

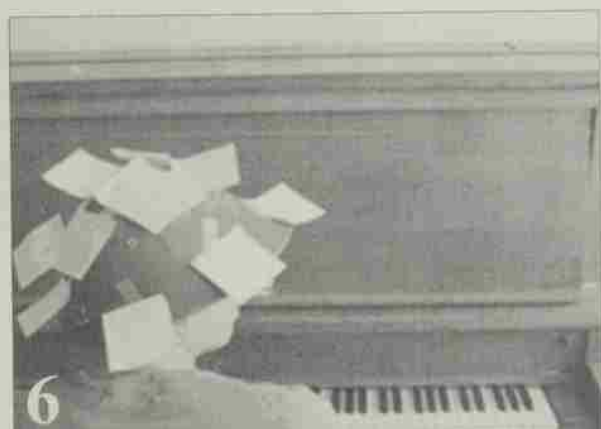


4 Post-It on left table tent reads: "It is unwise to complain about the state of the deteriorating rainforest on PAPER." Post-It on right table tent reads: "You should never worry about smoking, because in some form or another, cancer will get you anyway. In the wispy twilight of life, I would rather claim that I had forced cancer upon MYSELF—how bad-ass would THAT be?"

Pro-Apathy Art and Complaint Poetry



5 Post-It on backside of the SUV reads: "This car is too f***ing big."



6 Post-It on helmet reads: "I am making a really profound statement!"



7 Post-It on coffee cup reads: "Activism is what people often resort to when they discover, to their horror, that they have nothing remotely important or intelligent to say about themselves."



8 Post-It on helmet reads: "I am a starving, controversial ARTIST! Pay attention to me! Please!"

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I am an apathy advocate. I realize the irony of making apathy vocal, which is why I have safeguarded this hypocrisy with as much absurdity as possible – and here's where the complaint poetry comes in.

Complaint poetry is pretty much just a whole

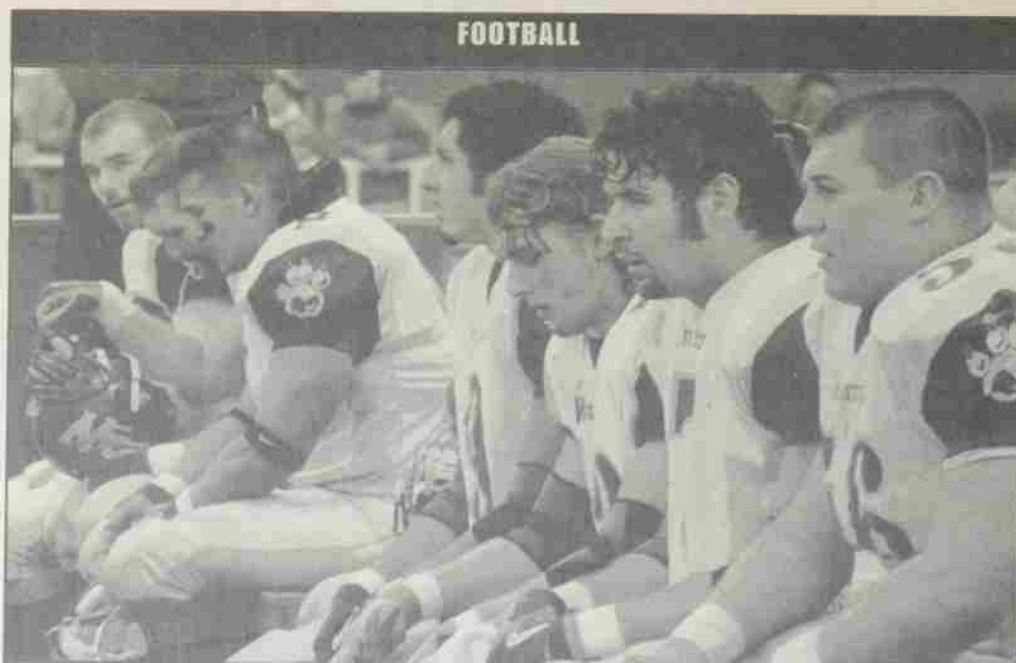
lot of whining and brain-farting all over a post-it, and sticking the message on the object of complaint.

The placing of the post-it poem often induces a warm-fuzzy and cathartic sensation.

Also, with the mere act of posting comes the powerful assurance that nothing will be done about yours or anyone else's grievances, and as you walk away from it you will know that if it is

not completely ignored, it will be angrily torn down by the offended party.

So there's your solution to all the nation's ills! Don't just sit at the altar of John Stewart and praise his witty witty wittiness, get out there and be a part of the problem! Spread your apathy like an STD! Share your discontent with glee—just know that nobody else gives a flying fire truck about it!



JULIE TOMMELEIN

The defensive line, pictured here at the Linfield game, were at the top of the NWC.

Bearcat football finishes season with trip to playoffs

FROM THE FIELD:

"Occidental had a good game plan. They stopped our offense when it counted, and they took advantage of defensive mistakes," said junior linebacker Megdy Khoury, "I think overall our team had a successful year. It was a good example for the younger guys on the team."

By JULIE TOMMELEIN
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The Bearcats faced their first opponents of the playoffs, Occidental College, on Saturday the 20th in Los Angeles. The game, sadly, would prove to be Willamette's only appearance in the playoffs ending in an Occidental win of 28-14.

The Bearcats, however, were not ones to travel at the speed of a regular commercial jet. Instead, the team chartered their own plane to take themselves, their coaches and their gear from Portland to L.A. for the big game.

During the first half of the game, both the Occidental Tigers and the Willamette Bearcats scored their first touchdowns after blocking a punt. The Bearcats managed to tie the game with just under five minutes left in the first quarter when junior cornerback, Wes Randell, blocked a punt recovered by junior fullback, Kevin Dean, in the end zone.

Occidental regained the lead halfway through the second quarter when two Willamette penalties gave way to an Occidental 38 yard TD run.

Bearcat senior fullback, Calvin Keyser-Allen, was able to help Willamette tie the game before the end of the half with assistance in

runs from junior tailback, Quentin Brock.

At the start of the second half, Occidental wide receiver, Zac Zakowski, ran 71 yards to score Occidental's third touchdown of the game resulting in a 21-14 lead for Occidental which Willamette never managed to overturn.

The Tigers scored their fourth and final touchdown of the game when they recovered a fumbled punt at the Bearcats five yard line. Zakowski took the ball in again to bring the Tigers to a 28-14 lead over the Bearcats with most of the fourth quarter still left to play.

The Willamette offense took a hard blow when starting quarterback, junior, Cameron Walton was taken out of the game due to injury during the third quarter. Junior linebacker, Megdy Khoury, attempted to set the Bearcats up for a possible third touchdown when he recovered an Occidental fumble at the eight yard line. However, that plan was halted when junior quarterback, Michael Plank, was sacked on a fourth down play.

Occidental took the win that day, 28-14, and moved on to the next round of playoffs. Willamette returned home to the end of their 2004-2005 season ranked second in the Northwest Conference.

Swimmers start season with one win, one loss

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SWIMMING

With last year's fifth and third place conference rankings for the men's and women's teams in mind, the Bearcat swimmers are currently on a constant search for improvement, but have broke even so far this season with one win and one loss.

This first loss of the season came from a meet against University of Puget Sound, whose women took the Conference Championship last year. Although both the men's and women's teams lost, according to women's junior co-captain Jessica Lee, sophomore Kate Miller had a great swim in the 400IM, as well as senior Owen Williams in the 200 freestyle.

The Bearcat swimmers proved victorious in their second meet against Pacific University. Wins came from junior Elise Tuttle in the 200 and 500 freestyles, sophomore Becca Fischer in the 100 backstroke and the 100 butterfly, sopho-

more Kei Otawa in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, senior Avery Robinson in the 100 butterfly and Miller in the breaststroke.

"We have a great team this year," said Lee. "With about 15 new faces on the team, it has really added depth to our team to make us even more competitive at Conference."

According to assistant coach Kate Phifer, the common strength of both the men's and women's swim teams is the bond between them. The swimmers are close-knit group and share a special team dynamic. Individual strengths in distance freestyle come from Tuttle, Lee and Geoff Kruse, sophomore Shanley Roxburgh and freshman Gretchen Arnason. Strong swimmers in the sprint freestyle include Williams, sophomore Cason Schmit and freshmen Brittany Thiemens and Chelsea Hollingsworth.

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CHRISTINE NGUYEN

The swim team works out daily in the Sparks pool.



CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Two home meets will take place over winter break.

Cross Country finishes strong at national meet

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On a cloudy, calm day on a golf course in Colfax, Wisconsin, the men and women's cross country teams continued their success from Regionals at the National Championships. The men's team led by senior Aaron Hollingshead finished in fifth place, while the women, led by senior Kari Holbert, finished in ninth.

Hollingshead, a recent winner of the Northwest Conference Championship, finished a team high thirteenth in a time of 25:12.3. "I ran well at Regionals, and I just carried that mentality with me into the race. Not to mention how much my team encouraged me to just do my best," Hollingshead said.

However, the team needed more than just Hollingshead to finish so highly, the Bearcats finished sophomore Travis Harris (25:39.0) 42nd, freshman Ian Batch (25:43.9) 48th, junior Carlos Ruiz (25:47.0) 52nd, sophomore Nick Symmonds (25:49.1) 54th, senior Nathan O'Brien (26:25.3) 92nd and senior Brendan Brown (26:38.9) 112th, who all added to the team score.

Both Bearcat teams were racing against 24 other Division III teams, and they faced more than 167 racers. Senior Kari Holbert again was the driving force behind the women's ninth place finish. She cruised across the line in a time of 22:23.5 which was good enough for fifteenth place. Holbert commented on the race, "I just raced like it was any other race; my team felt the same way. I just went out there and tried to get the best time I could."

Like Hollingshead, she also had a backing of teammates helping the team finish in the top ten. Coming in second for the Bearcat women was freshman Sarah Zerzan (22:52.7) 32nd, followed shortly by other teammates, junior Molly Phimister (22:59.6) 42nd, senior Katie Pierce

(23:39.6) 90th, sophomore Elizabeth Hart (23:56.4) 106th, junior Bobbi Wright (24:04.7) 115th and senior Carly Killam (24:38.2) 141st. "The girls should be really proud of themselves, we had a tough loss right before Regionals (runners Danya Runmore and Natalie Muren both suffered injuries), and this finish can only mean great things for such a young team," Holbert said.

The appearance at the tournament marked a second straight appearance for the women and a third straight for the men. With Phimister, Zerzan, Hart, Wright, and Runmore all returning next year, it will be tough for the team not to make it back a third straight year.

The men will also have a great chance of making it four because they will return Harris, Batch, Ruiz, and Symmonds. "I know the guys will do great next year, they have a great coach, and also the drive to succeed. They will definitely carry on the Bearcat Cross Country tradition of excellence," said Hollingshead.

Willamette has definitely put itself on the map as a Cross Country power house, and the prestige of the school along with the reputation of the team and coach will only bring itself more superior student athletes.

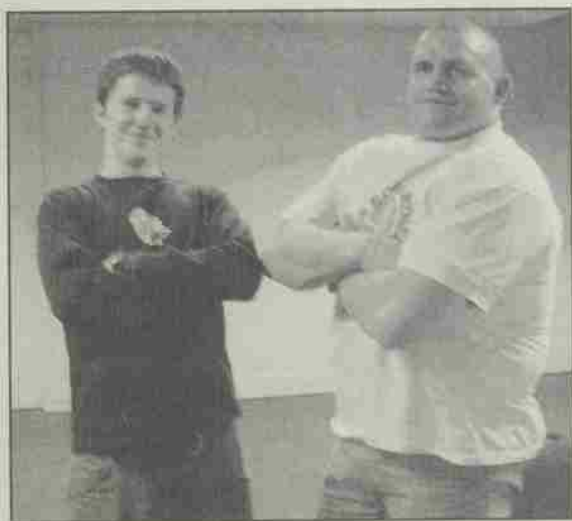
"I couldn't have asked for a better finish for me as a senior, and the team as a whole. We worked so hard to finish in the top ten, and we accomplished that. I know the women will train hard and top everyone next year," said Holbert.

As a final comment on the season, Hollingshead said, "I'm extremely proud of both the men and women's teams this year. On the men's side, the guys made this a very memorable season for me; I appreciate every one of them."

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AARON HOLLINGSHEAD
senior

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ERIC LAM

Peter Lucas-Roberts flexes with Olympic gold medalist wrestler, Rulon Gardner, who visited Willamette campus last night. Photographs and autographed posters were given out after fielding questions following his speech.

Willamette swim team sets big goals for the new year

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Key butterfly swimmers include Robinson, sophomores Dave Sluss and Emma Knox and freshman Bridget Sutherland. Individual strengths in the backstroke come from Lee, sophomore Graham Smith and freshmen Shannon Gima. Finally, key breaststroke swimmers include Robinson and Miller, Ottawa and Fischer.

According to Ottawa, weaknesses of the men's swim team include the lack of swimmers, but Ottawa ensures that although the team does not have as many guys compared to other teams, more concern is placed on quality over quantity.

"The men's goal this season is to win with what we've got," said Ottawa. "Just because we don't have the numbers, doesn't mean we lose. We won't give up."

The Bearcat swimmers will take the plunge again this upcoming weekend. Willamette will send four swimmers to the Husky Invite, a competitive meet hosted by University of Washington. The rest of the team will be swimming at the Northwest Invite at Pacific Lutheran University, where Willamette will face all of the teams in the PNW conference.

"Last year the women placed third and the men fifth, and our head coach Al Stephenson was voted Coach of the Year," said Lee. "I would like to see our team in the top three again at the Conference Championships, because I know our women's team is the strongest it's been since I have been at Willamette. I am excited to swim fast this year."

ChalkTalk

MEN'S BASKETBALL SPLITS SHOOT-OUT

Bearcat hoop took a split victory at the Memorial Golden Rule Shoot-Out, known to many as the "Premier Small-College Tournament in the West" on Nov. 19 and 20 in Caldwell, Idaho.

The Bearcats started out strong against the Division II Albertson Coyotes, but could not hold the lead. The Coyotes' Steve Humphrey was the leading scorer, dropping 22 points on the 'Cats.

On the Bearcats side, junior forward Brennan Garrelts launched two threes and ended with 10 points for the team. Junior forward Jason Luchterhand proved his skills under the hoop scoring nine points for the Bearcats.

The final score ended 61-78. However, The Bearcats came away with a victory on Saturday night against Concordia College winning by 28 points 83-55. In addition, junior small forward CJ Stuvland was named to the All-Tournament Team. He scored 25 points against Concordia and grabbed seven rebounds against Albertson.

Senior shooting guard John Olinger scored 13 points on Saturday for the Bearcats and said, "Despite the loss Friday night, we were able to learn from the game. We played well at points, but for the most part we struggled to be aggressive and assertive. That could be attributed to the fact that it was our first game as well. We responded well on Saturday night and played more to our potential."

According to the Willamette Athletic Website the men's team rallied back from a 10-point half-time deficit to beat Claremont Mudd Scripps College 57-56 at the David Wells Classic Nov. 26 night.

Willamette had 34 rebounds to Claremont's 27. Three bearcats were in double figures.

On Nov. 27 men lost to Pomona-Pitzer 72-77.

SOFTBALL TEAM HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

The Willamette University softball team is ranked eighth by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association in the NCAA DIII membership category, for their scholastic achievements in the 2003-2004 school year.

Standings

MEN'S SWIMMING

Whitworth	(3-0)	(3-1)
PLU	(2-1)	(2-1)
Linfield	(2-1)	(2-1)
Puget Sound	(2-1)	(2-2)
Willamette	(1-1)	(1-1)
Lewis & Clark	(1-2)	(1-2)
Pacific	(0-2)	(0-2)
Whitman	(0-3)	(0-3)

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Pacific	(0-2)	(0-2)
Linfield	(0-3)	(0-3)
Lewis & Clark	(0-3)	(0-3)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Puget Sound	(0-0)	(4-0)
Linfield	(0-0)	(2-1)
Willamette	(0-0)	(2-2)
Lewis & Clark	(0-0)	(1-1)
George Fox	(0-0)	(1-2)
PLU	(0-0)	(1-3)
Whitworth	(0-0)	(1-3)
Whitman	(0-0)	(0-2)
Pacific	(0-0)	(0-4)

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Rap career starts with a swing of a fist

LINDA
AHMED

I had to do it. Yes, it's a week old, and yes we've all seen it on TV hundreds of times, but think it's necessary.

I'm talking about the riot on Nov. 19 during the Indiana Pacers, Detroit Pistons game.

One columnist called it the 9/11 of sports. I don't know how much most people appreciate this parallel

being drawn and I don't know how much I necessarily appreciate this parallel being drawn, but there are some strange correlations.

Think about it. First, there's the security breach. Artest fouls Ben Wallace...hard. Wallace gets pissed (rightfully so) and shoves Artest into the scorer's table. Instead of fighting back Artest lays splayed across the table while others hold Wallace back. Suddenly it's on. A fan throws a drink then a chair. Soon fans are rushing the court and players are in the stands. Where's security?

Second, the constant replay on television and in the newspaper. It's almost impossible for me to count the number of times I saw segments from the fight or the fight in full on ESPN, CNN, local sports shows and even during regular news broadcasts.

Third, the person who instigated the violence (not saying it's his fault just saying that he got the crowd a little riled up) goes on TV and plugs his tape. Does this sound like anyone we know? How about I give you a hint. I'll call him O.B.L. The 6-foot-7 Artest went on TV the next day and plugged Allure's CD. Allure, formerly produced by Mariah Carey's label Crave Records, is now under Artest's label. Don't worry, though, Artest does make an appearance on final track, "I Feel So."

*You love it when I rub you
Love it when you rub mine's;
Spine twirls when you touch me
Like I'm chewin' on necks;
Trust me, girl, I'm the best*

On a side note Artest once made a singing apology to Paul Pierce on Fox's "Best Damn Sports Show Period" on Jan. 13 after pulling his shorts down during a game last season. What can I say? He's St. John's finest.

Finally, everyone is left asking two questions #1. Why? #2. How could this happen?

Unsure as to how it all got started, although I think that the drink being thrown by a belligerently drunk fan is a clue, the NBA is looking for answers. Whenever things get crazy we always look for someone to blame. In this case most people are blaming Ron Artest. He comes from an abusive home. He's been taking anger management classes since he was eight. In 2002-2003 season he spent most of his time on suspension Oh, and the day after the riot he went on TV plugging his CD. So now he's suspended for 73 games and loses almost \$5 million in pay.

This is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. It's not the players' job to control the fans. It's the NBA and Commissioner David Stern's responsibility to make sure that the players are able to focus on what they are there to do, play basketball.

Yes, it is up to the individual to control his or her actions, however, when someone is physically threatened then he or she has every right to defend him or herself.

As far as I'm concerned the fan that got clocked by Jermaine O'Neal deserved it for being an overweight, middle-aged drunk who thought he could challenge a guy who works out for a living. The fan that got pummeled by Artest in the stand after his "friend" threw a drink then backed off deserved it for exacerbating a situation that he was not involved in.

That being said, the players who went into the audience were wrong, the fans who invaded the court and assaulted players physically and with objects were wrong and most of all the NBA is wrong for not taking responsibility for what happened and defending it's athletes.

BASKETBALL
FACTOIDS:

♦ Stephen Jackson was suspended for 30 games
♦ Jermaine O'Neal for 25

♦ Auburn Hills police Lt. James Manning told the newspaper that he expects four members of the Pacers to face assault and battery charges.

♦ Joe Budden from the Def Jam appears on the record

♦ ESPN.com news editor David Cooper reviewed the CD on the website

Size Doesn't
Matter...

*The smallest
player in NBA
history is
Muggsy Bogues
standing at 5-
foot-3-inches tall.*

TIUA Auction & Flea Market

Sunday, December 5 2004
Cat Cavern

Flea Market from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Auction starts at 3:00 p.m.

The TIUA students are going to be returning home to Japan soon. This is a chance for them to sell some items before leaving. Large or expensive items such as televisions, bikes, and guitars will be sold in the auction.

Sorry, the Event is Cash or Check only.

For information contact Jeani Bragg <jbragg> or Heather Sly <hsly> or call TIUA at (503) 373-3300

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

November 14 – 28, 2004

These past two weeks, Campus Safety responded to over 233 calls for service.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

November 16, 9:00 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Employees reported finding food that had been thrown on the floors and walls. A newly refinished table had also been vandalized.

November 23, 9:39 p.m. (Olin Science): Someone turned on an eyewash station and fled, allowing it to flood the fourth floor. Ceiling tiles and computers on the third floor suffered water damage.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

November 14, 12:58 a.m. (Shepard Hall): A student was seen by WEMS for excessive alcohol consumption.

November 14, 7:20 p.m. (Shepard Hall): A student was transported to the hospital after injuring his leg while playing football.

November 16, 2:48 a.m. (Baxter Hall): A student requested transport to the hospital after reporting a headache and flu like symptoms.

November 17, 2:20 a.m. (Baxter Hall): Campus

Safety contacted an Area Coordinator to assist a student who was suffering from emotional stress.

November 18, 5:10 p.m. (Law School): A faculty member was transported to the emergency room after collapsing. Students called 911 and performed CPR until medics arrived.

November 21, 3:36 p.m. (Belknap Hall): A student was transported to the hospital after suffering an asthma attack.

November 21, 9:37 p.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student was transported to the hospital after having an allergic reaction to seafood.

November 22, 9:36 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student suffering from severe back pain was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

November 20, 12:33 a.m. (Lausanne Hall): Students reported someone rappelling down the building. Two students were contacted and warned.

November 20, 11:38 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Several males damaged property in the lounge then left after being confronted by staff members. Drugs and paraphernalia were found. One of the suspects was later contacted for a noise com-

plaint but refused to open their door. Campus Safety keyed in after getting no response. The resident was gone, but officers found several empty alcohol bottles.

THEFT

November 15, 1:30 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A student reported her mountain bike stolen. She had cable locked it to the outside rack.

November 15, 1:56 p.m. (Atkinson GSM): A professor reported his laptop computer stolen. He had left it in his unlocked office while at lunch. The computer was recovered two days later by the Portland Police.

November 19, 6:40 p.m. (Off Campus): A student reported that her wallet and keys were stolen while she was at The Ram.

November 22, 5:06 p.m. (Beta Theta Pi): A student reported his mountain bike stolen. It had been left unlocked in a study room.

TRESPASS

November 23, 9:15 a.m. (Law School): A man was trespassed from campus after employees reported him rummaging through the recycling containers.

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

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It's time for the annual Thank You Sale where everything in the store* is **15% off!**

* excludes computers, software, textbooks, and diploma frames.

Also drop by for book signings and music!

Oregon Hiking book author William Sullivan - 11:00am - 1:00pm
New York Times Bestselling Phillip Margolin 11:00am - 1:00pm
Oregon Book Award Winner Scott Nadelson, author of Saving Stanley 2-3
Jazz Guitar and Sax by Michael Nord and Randy Kem 11:00 - 11:30
Guitar harpist John Doan 12:00 - 1:00
Stan Bock and his Yuletide Tubas 1:30 - 2:00
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Qualifications: Strong interest in working with non-native speakers of English and a strong academic record; Experience in learning a foreign language, experience living or traveling overseas, and/or previous teaching or tutoring experience is preferred, but not required.

Pay: \$8.00 per hour.

Dates: TIUA Spring semester: February 14 - May 11, 2005; some mandatory training is also expected during the first four weeks of spring semester.

Applications will be received until December 10th. Academic credit (.5 or 1.0) is available for service as a tutor. Please inquire.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Wayne Gregory, Director of Academic Affairs, TIUA - x3306.

Applications are also available at the TIUA reception desk or online at: <http://www.tiua.edu/about/opportunities.shtml>