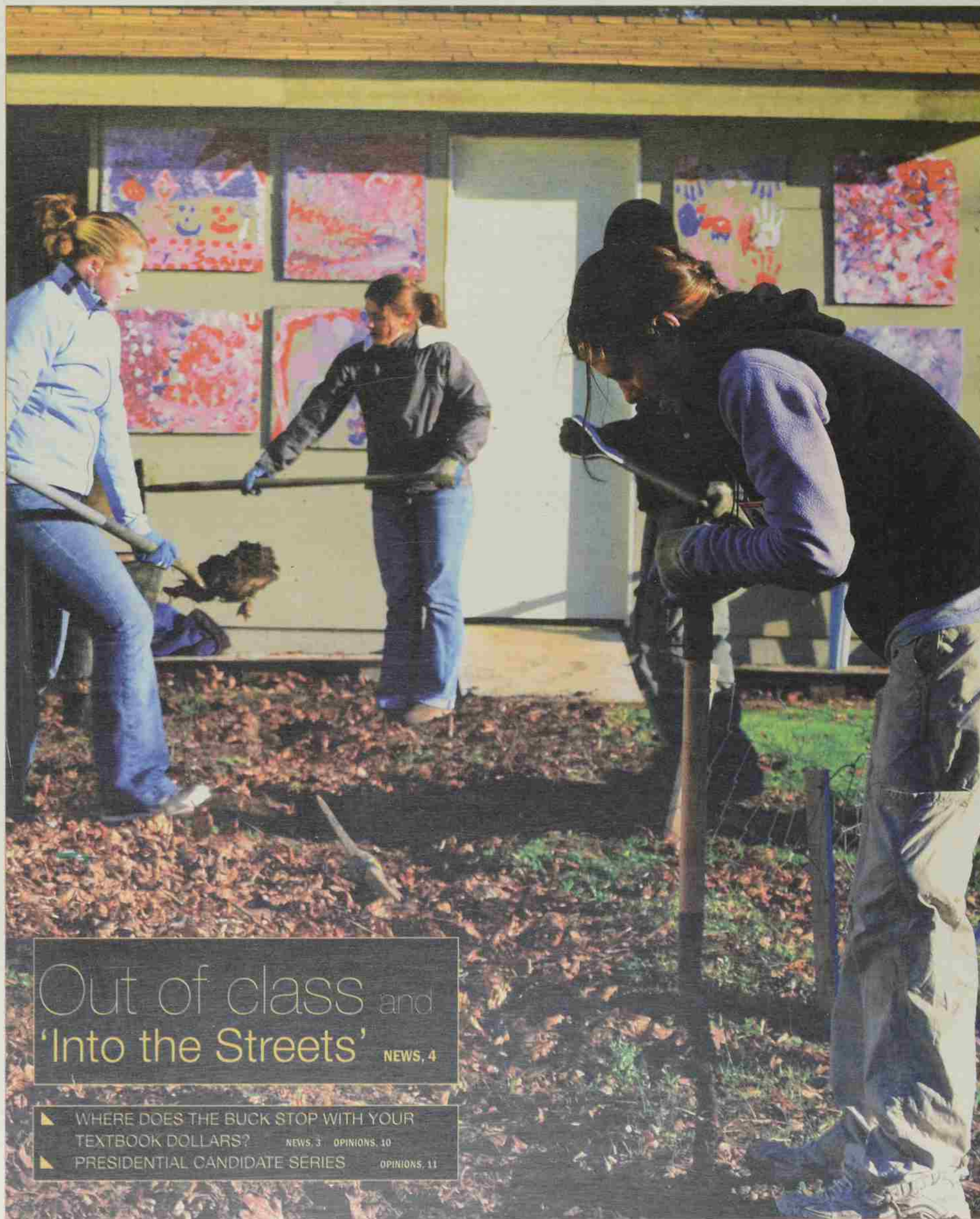


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The military and Willamette: An evolving relationship

KAELEY PRUITT-HAMM
STAFF WRITER

Outside institutions have a significant presence on campus. A stroll through the University Center may involve walking past two or three tables full of colorful brochures and smiling representatives offering adventures and opportunities for the next or current chapter of one's life. One of the choices presented to students is a career in the military. On Tuesday, Jan. 22, students may have encountered a recruiter from the Marine Corps on their way to the mailboxes.

Beyond the occasional recruitment officer, the military seems to play a fairly minor role within the Willamette community. Sixty years ago, however, tables and brochures were not Willamette's only connection to the military. In fact, Willamette's yearbooks (*The Wallulah*) from the 1940's are filled with evidence of student involvement and affiliation with war efforts and military programs.

In the 1945 *Wallulah*, a section of the yearbook is devoted to "Campus War Activities," which documents a "Bond Drive," which raised almost \$300,000 more than its goal and paid for a baby tank named Bearcat, a "Bond Queen" competition, and a Blood Drive that raised 64 gallons of blood are documented.

In 1941, Willamette's football team helped a ship full of wounded people from Pearl Harbor. From 1943 to 1945, Lausanne Hall was turned into "U.S.S. Lausanne," home of the College Navy Training Program (also known as the V-12 program).

Since then, Willamette's attitude and level of involvement with the military has changed. Many believe the decreased involvement and cultural acceptance of the military was due to a national trend shifting away from support of American foreign policy during the Vietnam War.

Other domestic policies seemed to sit wrong with the values of Willamette. Willamette College of Law protested the 1990's passing of the Solomon Amendment, which threatened withdrawal of federal financial support to institutions of higher education that deny military recruiters access to campus or to certain student information.

No other recruiting organization receives these extra rights, but through the Solomon Amendment, universities are pressured to

give those rights to the military.

"Willamette was one of a handful of universities, including Harvard Law, that mounted a legal challenge to this amendment," Dean of Campus Life Robert Hawkinson said.

The College of Law primarily led this objection to the amendment. Willamette College of Law was among the last institutions in the country to relinquish certain rights to the military due to threats of funding withdrawal.

In a 2003 campus-wide email to the students of the College of Law, President M. Lee Pelton wrote: "To our knowledge, the College of Law was only university-affiliated law school in the nation that had not yet amended its practices under the threat of forfeiture of federal funds."

Willamette's reluctance to give military recruiters access to student information and to arrange on-campus meetings between recruiters and students is not indicative of a university stance on the current war or war in general.

Technically, Willamette was committed to protesting the amendment because "university recruiting guidelines govern representatives of groups who discriminate against individuals because of their sexual orientation and who seek permission to come to campus to recruit law school students for employment and/or other purposes." The amendment interferes with Willamette's non-discrimination policy.

Many institutions, including Willamette, believe that the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy is discriminatory. The policy forbids anyone who "demonstrate(s) a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts" from serving in the armed forces.

"[The University's objection to the amendment] is not anti-war, or anti-troops," Vice President and Executive Assistant to the President Kristen Grainger said. "It's anti-discrimination."

"Historically, the United States Armed Forces have been permitted to discriminate on the basis of age, gender and sexual orientation and continue to discriminate in a manner inconsistent with Willamette University's non-discrimination policy," Pelton said in his 2003 email. "...the Department of the Army recently informed Willamette University that the College of Law's practice regarding military recruiters was not in compliance with federal law, and they threatened to take immediate action



Freshman Blaze Rogers examines information on the Marine programs available to students. The military presence on campus has diminished over the past 50 years due to protests against the Vietnam War, the Solomon Amendment and the current Iraq War.

to prohibit Willamette University from receiving federal funds.

The revised practice is to allow recruiters to meet on campus only with those students who have expressed interest in the military. This modification was reluctantly made only under the serious threat of losing federal funding.

Despite the controversy, the benefits of military programs are available to and utilized by students who wish to express the spirit of community through the military.

"On a day of tabling, anywhere from 15 to 20 interested students stop by my table

and talk," Sergeant Representative Michael Stout said while recruiting Tuesday. "There are a lot of different organizations and options [with the military] that not many people know about."

Sophomore Michael Farage and former President of the College Republicans said positive things about his experience with military programs like the Civil Air Patrol. "I see it as a great way to give back," Farage said.

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Willamette choirs take their vocals south on tour



Willamette Singers and Chamber Choir practice in the rotunda of the San Francisco City Hall. The group traveled over winter break to sing in various cities on the West Coast.

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GUEST WRITER

Willamette Singers and Chamber Choir sang their way through Oregon and California in early January, finishing their concert tour with a day of fun in San Francisco.

The Choir and Singers take an annual concert tour each year, either traveling north to Seattle, east to Boise or south to San Francisco. Willamette Singers arrived at Willamette Friday, Jan. 4 for a day of rehearsal, with the Chamber choir rehearsing on Saturday.

The two choirs started their concert tour in Salem at Hudson Hall, singing with McNary and North Salem high schools in a free and public performance.

They continued their tour southward, singing at a church service in Corvallis and holding a concert in Medford. Each evening they sang accompanied by one or two guest choirs.

Their first concert in California was held in El Dorado Hills, followed by a concert in Davis, accompanied by Davis Senior High School's jazz

band. They finished the tour with a day trip to San Francisco, where they relaxed their vocal cords and enjoyed the California weather.

"I think overall it was a good experience," said sophomore CJ Koll a member of WU Singers and Chamber Choir. "Of course it's taxing on your voice to sing day after day, [but] it was a great way to get to know the choir and improve."

Sophomore Debbie Southorn echoed Koll's sentiments. "The best part about tour is how we really grow together as a choir and the caliber of the performances increases towards the end."

"You definitely get to know people," said freshman Chamber choir member Ashley Ingersoll.

For a chance to see the singers in action, check out their upcoming concerts next month. Chamber Choir will be holding their next concert Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. followed by Willamette Singers annual "Putting on the Ritz" dance on Feb. 29 and March 1.

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COVER: Student volunteers participate in Willamette's Into the Streets service project on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. PHOTO BY COLBY TAKEDA

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Students say noise volume in halls is too much

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For finals week each semester, residence halls are required to institute 23-hour 'quiet time' policies with a one-hour free period. Even with this policy there is still an abundance of noise during a time when most students have to be studying for exams.

Westside Area Coordinator Kristen Crepezzi said that finals week is not exceptional in terms of noise, despite the quiet hours rule.

"The most common noise complaints we get really vary by floor and they are pretty much the same throughout the year," Crepezzi said.

She singled out excessive volume from video games, stereos, instruments and computers as the most common complaints from Westside residents.

In most cases, the quiet hours for each residence hall are selected by the hall's council.

"The most important part of any policy is enforcement and that can — and does — vary from floor to floor when residents have different concepts of what is courteous or too loud," Crepezzi said. "If [RAs] have a higher tolerance for noise and no one vocalizes a complaint or issue, it is up to the community on the floor to set its own standards for noise."

Even when finals are in effect, residence halls have a 24-hour courtesy policy in place. This allows for consistency across the campus and attempts to prevent excessive noise carrying from one community to the next.

Students are encouraged to negotiate with neighbors before involving a resident assistant (RA). "[My residents] take responsibility in addressing noise problems by confronting anyone who is bothering them," Westside RA Katy Giombolini said. "The people on the hall seem to respect each other enough to turn music down or quiet down."

A 'relief hour' is offered during finals week as an opportunity for students who have been studying all day to listen to music or converse with friends without fear of interrupting another student's studies.

Sophomore Samantha Mix said that her hall maintains a comfortable level of noise. In regards to finals week, she appreciates a break but thinks fellow students should exercise restraint. "Relief hour isn't a time to run screaming down the halls and 'quiet hours' don't mean silent hours," Mix said. "Generally, loud noise doesn't bother me. In the few instances when it has, the people making noise are usually willing to be quiet if asked politely."

In some cases this 'relief hour' is abused, even with 24-hour courtesy still in effect. Because sanctions for such abuse are minimal, students are not putting themselves at great risk by breaking the rules. Crepezzi says that noise complaints often do not go before the Judicial Board unless they are combined with alcohol abuse or non-compliance.

An example occurred in the week of winter finals in 2007. Students were reported for playing loud electric guitar during the free period. "They were abusing hall privileges, especially during quiet hours," junior Meagan Kowaleski said. "They were being obnoxious. Even when it was a quiet hour there were distractions and people would be up really early. We had people sitting outside our door talking at 7 a.m."

On the Eastside, Area Coordinator Terrie Tran says that the policy served its role during finals week. "There was a noticeable decrease in noise during finals week. All residents were informed that the 23 hours of quiet policy needed to be taken seriously and that [it was] in place for everyone's benefit," Tran said. "In general, people were very respectful."

The best way to ensure that noise remains at a respectable level in the residence halls is for students to vocalize their concerns to their RAs when they are bothered. "Conversations about individual needs and community expectations are important and do make a difference," Tran said.

Crepezzi encourages all students to be respectful of one another's space.

"As adults living in close spaces, it is important for people with noise complaints to let others know because noise is rarely malicious and can be adjusted rather quickly so everyone is comfortable in their living space," Crepezzi said.

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Willamette Store employees explain a different side to textbook 'rip-offs'



Juniors Brett Hatton and Ethan Bancroft browse for books at the Willamette Store. Bookstore representatives say that the cost of books is due in large part to publishers and numerous print runs.

LAUREN GOLD
STAFF WRITER

The ever-increasing cost of college textbooks is a financial burden and cause for complaint for many Willamette students. The Willamette Store is barraged with criticism on this issue, yet some believe that another group is more worthy of the blame.

Due to the high costs at the Willamette Store, many students choose to buy their books elsewhere.

"I bought four books at the Book Bin for \$14, I bought one book at the bookstore for \$14," freshman Katie Rigsby said. "Had I bought all the other books from the bookstore I would have spent like \$40 for those books from the Book Bin. I bought the rest of my books online and it turned out to be like \$20, and it would have been more expensive at the bookstore."

"I am in total agreement with the students that the cost of textbooks is ridiculously high," Assistant Director and Book Division Manager of the Willamette Store Melinda Hochendoner said.

Many students complain that the Willamette Store does not give students good deals on textbooks, yet there are other components that affect book prices.

"I am offended when I hear comments that the bookstore is 'trying to rip us off,'" Hochendoner said. "The people making these comments are simply misinformed. Prices that are being charged at the Willamette Store are determined by the publisher's price for the book. As a result, we have very little leeway in our pricing."

Hochendoner said that, while the Willamette Store would like to lower textbook prices, it cannot do so due to the rising costs set by publishers. "The publishers contend that they are simply keeping up with inflation and the costs of maintaining test banks and complimentary copies for professors," Hochendoner said.

Hochendoner feels, however, that discrepancies among publishers reveal

the true nature of the textbook business.

"I see that it's the major publishers that, without fail, raise their prices twice a year, whether or not the edition is new," Hochendoner said. "We have some books from smaller publishers that we have used for years, and the prices have either stayed the same or have increased by only a dollar or two. One has to ask if the small presses are able to do that, why can't the larger publishers try harder to hold the line on pricing?"

English Professor Ken Nolley sympathizes with the store's predicament when it comes to the struggle between the low prices students want and the high prices publishers charge. "In my experience, the bookstore does what it can to get deals for students, but their prices are largely driven by the prices that their suppliers charge," Nolley said.

According to Hochendoner, the Willamette Store has various practices that cater to students' needs.

"I consider students to be my primary customer, and as such I try to be their advocate as much as possible," Hochendoner said. "If a book order comes in and it seems that the book prices for the course are a bit too excessive, I will contact the professor. Often the professor is unaware of the cumulative price tag for their course and will adjust their book request accordingly."

Professors can also help students find good deals on books.

"One thing that professors can do is to resist the automatic tendency to use the newest edition," Nolley said. "Publishers continue to bring out updated editions specifically to keep their profits up, and used copies of older editions are often much cheaper. Of course, the newest edition sometimes is important, and when that occurs, students end up having to pay what the industry is asking."

The Willamette Store also buys used books in order to cut student textbook fees. "I try very hard to purchase as many used books as possible through my

used book wholesalers," Hochendoner said. "My used books wholesalers have a workable return policy and are a reliable and traceable source of books." Hochendoner would prefer to sell only used books, however late book orders from professors, new editions of textbooks and orders for books in bundles prevent her from doing so.

In order to help students, the Willamette Store also offers such services as special orders, return policies and book buyback. "The buyback price is based on the new book price," Hochendoner said. "So if you are selling a textbook you purchased new, you are receiving back 67 percent of your purchasing price."

Although book prices may set students back financially, they may not know where that money is actually going. "All profits from sales at the Willamette Store are given directly to the university for use in various programs," Hochendoner said.

With both students and the university counting on book store transactions, Hochendoner must try to find a balance.

"Even though I consider the students to be my primary customers, I must also consider the financial needs of the university," Hochendoner said. "My job is largely guess work and I would love to 'hit the nail on the head' each and every time I make a buying decision. The bottom line is that each semester we have thousands of books unsold that must be returned to the publishers at our expense."

Hochendoner said she would like students to understand what is truly involved in the process of buying and selling textbooks.

"Many times there are misperceptions about our procedures and policies and we try very hard to find a fair resolution that will not penalize the student or the university," Hochendoner said.

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Into the streets leads students to service

Event planned in conjunction with expanded MLK celebration



Junior Acadia McGuire was one of 170 students who gathered at 15 different sites to work for Into the Streets on Monday, Jan. 21. The service was planned in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations.

TOM BROUNSTEIN
NEWS EDITOR

Last Monday, Jan. 21, many students participated in the Willamette University celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. The celebration included many events, some of which will continue throughout the week.

One of Monday's events was the Into the Streets program. According to Student Coordinator senior Amy Johnson, "Into

the Streets provides multiple service opportunities throughout Salem" to help members of the Willamette community learn through action.

The community service program is connected to the MLK Jr. Day events through King's dedication to continued service. "Service was a vital part of [King's] passion," Johnson explained, "a means to understand humanity as we become more in touch with the world around us."

According to Interim Director of Community Service Learning Cassandra Farrin, doing service "will connect those ideas to reality. It's a way of putting those social issues into action."

According to Farrin, the program united approximately 170 people working at 15 sites. The sites included Deepwood Estate, Willamette Valley Hospice and the Marion Polk Community Garden. Johnson said 50 high school students also attended.

Farrin said she hoped Into the Streets would "inspire students to take up that same call to service" that King advocated. "It's one thing to remember King by what he said," Johnson said, but it is different to follow his actions.

According to Farrin, the average student at Willamette only does 10 hours of community service per year. "We hope that Willamette students would take up service" as being part of an active citizen, Farrin said.

"The goal [of Into the Streets] is to motivate people to become involved in Salem by supporting the needs of our greater community," Johnson said. "We hope that students will reflect on their service activity and become involved — or continue to be involved — in creating change at the local level."

Johnson said part of the goal was "to realize that we have the power and opportunity to make a difference," a fact she hoped Willamette students wouldn't forget.

"What we're doing is an honor of King's work, but it's also a call for people to be

more active with their service," Farrin said. By doing service, students "discover all the social issues right under our noses," and can help bring about King's dream of equality.

Into the Streets is just one of the events occurring this week to celebrate King's life. Others include a 5k run/walk, a luncheon with Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington, town hall meetings and a civil rights film series.

"I think the main aspect of the celebration is to educate people," Director of Multicultural Affairs Gordy Toyama said. "A lot of the events aren't just watching a film, but watching a film and dialoguing afterwards." Toyama helped oversee most of the organization for the event.

This year, the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration has expanded in scope. While it normally lasts for a week, the number of events occurring has increased. Toyama attributed this increase in events to the expansion of the organization committee. "I'm excited about the committee because the committee has expanded," Toyama said. This year, the committee includes about 25 people, and more than 100 volunteers are helping with the celebration.

"I hope people will take advantage of the opportunities offered, even if it's just one thing, that's one more thing," Toyama said. "Our hope is that the education turns to action, not just during Martin Luther King week, but during a person's life."

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ARTS COLUMN

A how-to guide to premiering your art in Salem

ALISA ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

There is no hiding the fact that Salem is not exactly the art capital of the world, or even Oregon for that matter. Even if it were a more art-centric community (which I think it is aspiring to be) it is difficult for young artists everywhere to find a place to hang their work. If you have not established a name for yourself in the art world or are not ready to yet, but still would like to exhibit your art, there are plenty of places to do so in little ol' Salem, Ore.

Showing one's work is a very important step to realizing oneself as an artist. It is definitely not expected that the first piece or pieces you show need be your magnum opus. In fact, I think its best they not be, you need to ease into this process. If you are a Studio Art major, or just someone who seriously likes to create art, taking your art out of the closet and into the public eye can be a very rewarding and helpful experience.

For one, you can make some money, and two, it allows your work to be exposed to groups of people who otherwise

would never see it. It also allows you to work through transitory stages of your artistic development without the pressures of gallery representation. So, where does one do this in Salem?

There are a plethora of coffee houses in Salem, and most of them switch artists every month. Most welcome and need local artists, and some don't even take any commission. They are not galleries, so you do not need a glowing list of credentials to show your art.

There are two Beaneries in downtown Salem, both establishments are always seeking new artists and have ample wall space. The Coffee House Café and the Blue Pepper also rotate artists monthly, and the Coffee House Café does not take any commission from sold work. There are even some restaurants, like Venti's Bento and Christo's Pizzeria, that especially support the work of young local artists.

So how does one go about this process? Well, first of all, scope out the establishments, think about which ones suit your art best. Venti's Bento is very small with one wall, so large-scale works do not suit it. Second, call the business and talk to the person in charge of booking the art. Ask

them if they are looking for artists, how far they are booked out, whether or not they book one or several artists per month, or if they take a commission. Schedule a time to meet with them to show your work.

Be professional about your presentation, either give them a nice album of good quality digital photos of your work (no fuzzy pictures, ones that do not show the true colors of the works, or that include your girlfriend off to the side), or bring some actual pieces of art. Organization is key, these people usually do not have much time to spare, and the less you look like a flaky, disorganized artist-in-training the better.

Salem needs more art. I know that Willamette is hiding some truly great artists which this town needs to know about, and the downtown businesses are ready to welcome you with open arms. So get your portfolios together and get out there, and, who knows, with your help, we may just become the art capital of Oregon.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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			23 WEDNESDAY Civil Rights Film Series: "The Beloved Community" Montag Den 7 p.m. Garage Band Night: Duffy's Hanger Bar & Grill 9 p.m.	24 THURSDAY Civil Rights Film Series: "Coffee Date" Montag Den 7 p.m. AIA Lecture: "The Trireme: Ancient and Modern" John C. Paulus Great Hall, Collins Legal Center 7:30 p.m.	25 FRIDAY Opie Ike Box 7 p.m. Nikki Giovanni with Rainbow Dance Theatre: "Truth is on its Way" Smith Auditorium 7:30 p.m. "The Sunshine Boys" Pentacle Theater 7:30pm	26 SATURDAY Silver Etiquette Tea Historic Deepwood Estate 1 p.m. We Were Epic, Aberrant Contortion Ike Box 7 p.m. Vivid Curve Boon's Treasury 9 p.m.
27 SUNDAY "How to Write a Novel" Reed Opera House 10 a.m. Poker Tournament Big Shots Bar & Brollier 1 p.m.	28 MONDAY New Music Concert Hudson Hall 7 p.m. Opening Days Leader Information Session Montag Den 7:30 p.m.	29 TUESDAY Ceili Dancing VFW Hall 6:45 p.m. Oregon Symphony Pops Smith Auditorium 8 p.m.	30 WEDNESDAY Woodcarving Borland Gallery 1 p.m. Jasmine Ash Boon's Treasury 8 p.m.	31 THURSDAY Collegiate Big Band Bash Smith Auditorium 7:30 p.m. Salsa Night Six Ultra Lounge 7:30 p.m.	1 FRIDAY Founders Day - Activities all day James Lavadour: The Properties of Paint 6 p.m. Hallie Ford Museum Bliss Express - Dance Riverfront Dance 6 p.m.	2 SATURDAY Saturday Long Run Governors Cup Coffee Roasters 7 a.m. Mapping the Northwest Mission Mill Museum 1 p.m. Mill Race Ike Box 7 p.m.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Willamette Noodle Company

Home food away from home

KELSEY ROGEL
GUEST WRITER

After traveling to Italy a few years ago, I've become a harsh critic of Americanized Italian restaurants. Is it too much to ask for a little hole in the wall where I can get a decent bite to eat? If you and I are on the same page, swing by the Willamette Noodle Company and satisfy that urge already!

The restaurant was opened in 2003 by co-owners Robert and Janet Henry. The deal is this: they love to find simplicity in cooking.

After many years of sharing their cooking talents with family, friends and the random house guest, they wanted to expand their efforts.

Hence they opened Willamette Noodle Company on the corner of Broadway and Hood in Salem. Successful in their efforts, they've since been voted twice as "Salem's best undiscovered restaurant" by the *Statesman Journal*.

Don't let the plain Jane table settings in the old Rock 'n' Roger's building scare you off as the food is the primary focus of this restaurant. Just remember, the restaurant is most likely cleaner than your dorm or off-campus house. Not to mention you're getting the closest thing to a home-cooked meal since winter break.

Kick off your noodle experience with a basket of Rob's famous cheesy bread. Baked fresh from scratch everyday, you'll get four pieces of focaccia bread served with garlic butter and mozzarella cheese. It's a steal for only \$2.50.

I will now move on to the numerous main course options. From baked dishes to noodle dishes to



Willamette Noodle Company, located on the corner of Broadway St., has been voted twice as Salem's best undiscovered restaurant by the *Statesman Journal*.

non-noodle dishes, they have it all. If you're a vegetarian, have no fear.

Everything is conveniently labeled with a "V" to ease your selection process. My vegetarian roommate eats here and rants and raves about it after each visit. If you like classics, try the traditional meat. They add a bit of Alfredo sauce for a unique twist. All entrees are fairly priced, ranging from \$8-\$14.

Venturing into my forte, the desserts, you need to try the tiramisu. Split it, it's huge. You could also try the January special of the month: Blueberry bread pudding with sweet cream and vanilla sauce. I guarantee you'll leave very happy and full.

If you become a regular, go once a month to see the latest specials. For the month of January they are serving mouth-watering entrees such as chicken tetrazzini and Dungeness crab and grilled artichoke ravioli.

If you want to satisfy your taste buds more than once a month, they're open seven days a week, so knock yourself out. They'd love to have you!

Worst case scenario: are you rushing home because you didn't study for that 8 a.m. test? Don't want to sit down? Call in and get it to go. Bring it back to your dorm or house and tell your roommates you made it.

They'll probably believe you, because the Willamette Noodle Factory tastes like mom's fresh kitchen cooking. It'll make you feel at home.

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MOVIE REVIEW: 27 Dresses

Just your typical 27 dresses

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No cinematic experience compares to that of the romantic comedy. There is something about the romantic comedy's predictability that makes us feel safe and cozy. From the get go, the entire audience can foresee the story from start to finish. And still when the stunning ingenue is finally in the arms of her handsome prince, we can't help but get all warm and fuzzy inside.

This is exactly how "27 Dresses" plays out. It is doused with that ever-satisfying romantic sap that gets you in such a good mood you wonder if someone slipped something into your soda... or maybe it is the popcorn.

"27 Dresses" starts where practically every romantic comedy starts, with a rather unrealistic but likeable young woman, in this case named Jane. Jane (Katherine Heigl) is obsessed with weddings. And though she has been a bridesmaid in - you guessed it - 27 weddings, she can't wait for a wedding of her own, which she imagines with her tree-hugging boss George (Edward Burns).

To add a little conflict, in comes Jane's obnoxious little sister, Tess (Malin Akerman). Through a series of lies, Tess earns herself a proposal from George. This does not sit well with good ol' Jane. Luckily, an incredibly attractive journalist named Kevin (James Marsden) is there to give the audience a little something to root for. At this point I do not even need to say another word. You know where this is going and you love it.

Though "27 Dresses" is exceedingly predictable, in no way does that detract from its charm. Much to my surprise, the movie is very engaging. Judy Greer shines as Jane's sarcastic yet hilarious friend, Casey. In addition to his dashing good looks, James Marsden is outstanding as the endearingly cynical journalist.

Unlike some romantic comedies, "27 Dresses" dodges the bullet of having dreadfully one-dimensional characters by supplying an impressive cast. However, I'll admit that the movie gets a little long in the middle. What can I say? I get impatient. In the end, if you are craving a dose of those warm fuzzies, "27 Dresses" is the movie for you.

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MOVIE REVIEW: I Am Legend

Fresh Prince keeps his crown with 'Legend'



Will Smith stars as the only man left in Manhattan in "I Am Legend."

MICHAEL CAULEY
STAFF WRITER

While looking over the Top 10 list of movies to find something to review this week, I was surprised to find that I had only seen one of the movies still on the list, and I am a film guy! The reason, of course, is that people do not really go to the movies all that much in January unless there is a blockbuster out—and there is not. Consequently, a bunch of movies with all different kinds of demographics make the list, be they sappy dramas ("The Bucket List"), critically-loathed romantic comedies that have no competition ("P.S. I Love You"), and... "Alvin and the Chipmunks." Still can't explain that one.

But while I am still reeling from the lack of box office success for one of my new favorites, "Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story" (you should all be ashamed for missing that one, but if you buy the DVD all will be forgiven), I will give a look-see over the one still-reigning flick that I have seen, Will Smith's "I Am Legend."

Honestly, I do not think the man really gets his due. Smith went from the Fresh Prince of hip-hop to sitcom star to "Independence Day" star in less than six years, and apparently he was broke half the time on top of it. Sure, one

could accuse him of coasting on similar action movies over the years, and also of being in "Hitch," but the one Oscar nomination he got for "Ali" doesn't pay tribute enough to fact that his performances are always right on the money, and "I Am Legend" is no different.

Smith plays a soldier who is the only man remaining in Manhattan, which is quarantined after genetic tampering turns the rest of the population into vampire-like aliens. He hits just the right notes of both tough and a little bit crazy, as his character has had no one to talk to for three years but his dog. Smith has to carry most of the movie by himself, which he does ably.

Actually, his co-stars are the special effects, which are sparse compared to "I, Robot" but make their presence known, especially in the creation of a convincingly abandoned New York City. The action sequences are, well, loud, but also keep the tensions running high right to the last minute of the movie. I am not going to spoil the ending for you (both Mr. Smith and I have done so in social occasions before and both would rather not repeat that), but contrary to what people told me before I went in, I thought it was pretty satisfying.

So, you could definitely do worse than spending two hours with the Fresh Prince; the movie is solidly entertaining, and while you will not necessarily leave with a smile, it is definitely more nourishing than your average "National Treasure." But if you wanted to go to the effort to see "Walk Hard" before it leaves the big screen, that would be a fine idea too. Just sayin'.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW: Thai Beer, Thai Orchid

Try a taste of local Thai

CHRISTY NEWELL
ARTS EDITOR

As many of you already know from experience, Thai Orchid is one of the top Thai restaurants in Salem. Located downtown, the atmosphere and ambience, along with its close proximity for WU students is hard to beat. I tried the pad Thai dish freshman year and have since been addicted.

For those of you not familiar with Thai food, pad Thai is a traditional dish made of stir-fried rice noodles, eggs, bean sprouts, chicken, shrimp or tofu, and is garnished with crushed peanuts.

If you have never tried Thai food, I must say you are missing out and should definitely make it a priority to try pad Thai or any other Thai dish. I would recommend either Thai Orchid or Thai Beer located off Lancaster St.

Thai Beer has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. I was impressed with the prompt service and extensive menu for Thai food lovers. For the sake of comparison I ordered their pad Thai, egg rolls and a traditional soup. I have to say the soup was my favorite. It was a coconut milk soup, called tom kah, which was made of chicken, lemon grass, lime and cilantro.

I have to admit that I still would choose Thai Orchid over Thai Beer. I liked Thai Beer's pad Thai but it didn't quite have the same tasty sauce and peanut flavor as the kind I like. I did feel that I stretched my \$20 at Thai Beer more than I could



CONNIE GLEDHILL

Check out Thai Beer Restaurant for traditional and affordable Thai dishes.

have at Thai Orchid. For \$20 I had a three-course dinner which was more than enough to feed two. It included egg rolls as an appetizer, tom kah soup for seconds, and a hearty portion of pad Thai and steamed rice.

So if you find yourself in the mood for Thai, you can't go wrong with either Thai Orchid or Thai Beer.

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the aftermath of assault

ASSAULT

SEXUAL ASSAULT REPORTING PROCESSES:

What are the available steps to take?

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Studies from Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) show that somewhere in America, a woman is sexually assaulted every two minutes. One out of every six college women, and one in 33 men, report to being forced into unwanted sexual acts during their college career. With approximately 1069 women at Willamette's College of Liberal Arts, this would mean that about 250 female students experience attempted or completed rape during their college years.

These startling statistics provoke questions that are relevant to all members of the Willamette community.

Is it possible to avoid the risk of being a survivor of sexual assault? What are the steps to take if you are a survivor? What is rape and what is not? Is it just a woman's issue? What is Willamette doing, in particular, through its reporting policies and resources offered, to help combat and deal with sexual assault?

What is rape

As one explores the messy and complex territory of sexual assault, it is important to know where the boundaries are drawn, and what paths are available to take after someone has crossed them.

Page nine of Willamette University's Selected Policies Manual for 2007-2008 states that "sexual assault is a broader term than rape. Sexual assault includes any nonconsensual sexual act. A sexual act is nonconsensual if it is inflicted upon a person unable to grant consent OR is unwanted and compelled through the use of physical force, [etc.]..."

It is crucial to know that a sexual assault could involve two acquaintances or even people in a relationship (nine out of ten college sexual assault cases are "non-stranger assaults"), and the assault could involve little or no physical injuries or fighting back. "Sexual assault does not need to involve guns and knives to feel violent," Director of Residence Life Marilyn Derby said. "It's forceful whether or not a fight was involved."

The Policies Manual states that the definition of sexual assault can seem vague, for "there are many behaviors that fall under sexual assault that may also be included on the continuum of healthy sexuality...We have to remember that sexual assault is not 'sex gone bad' but that it is on a different continuum *all together*. The difference is simply mutuality."

Thus, consent is the decisive term in determining if an act qualifies as sexual assault. Described as "informed, freely and actively given, mutually understandable words or actions that indicate a willingness to participate in mutually agreed upon sexual activity," consent has become key vocabulary for any veteran of mandatory sexual education lectures in college.

As the Judicial Officer dealing with procedures relating to standards of conduct, Derby knows the importance of the strict guidelines of consent well. "It is the initiator's responsibility to get consent," Derby said. "It is important to remember that...one, [the recipient of the initiated activity] must give consent, but two, they have to be capable of giving consent...someone who is intoxicated or asleep is incapable of giving consent."

Examining WU's Policies Manual

Over the past years at Willamette, there have been some controversies on the clarity and fairness of the policies manual's distinctions. For example, page seven of 2002-2003's manual stated that, even when one or both parties are impaired or intoxicated, the "survivor is NEVER responsible for a sexual assault. The responsibility rests completely with the assailant." Five years later, that particular excerpt is missing from the manual.

Revisions made to the policies are meant to be made in a spirit of progression towards justice and support of survivors, but some students

80%

of sexual assault survivors
are under the age of 30.

claim that not all changes made were progressive. Some believe that the new manual is now too accusatory of the survivor, primarily because it names "risk reduction" moves that people can make to avoid being sexually assaulted at parties or just around campus. For example, the manual states that "Studies show that perpetrators look for a survivor who is 1) accessible 2) vulnerable and 3) lacks in credibility" seems to imply that the survivor was bound to become a survivor by their behavior. "[SARA] is trying to come up with suggestions for objections to the policies and procedures manual...a lot of the way it's written now is kind of survivor-blaming and perpetuates myths about sexual assault," Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARA) Coordinator Lisa Emori said. "We're trying to remove that barrier to reporting and healing."

Many officials in charge of revising and writing the policies manual are quite open to constructive criticism. "I welcome the dialogue," Director of Bishop Wellness Center and S.H.E. and SARA advisor Margaret Trout said. "These policies are for the community, and when members of the community point something out that makes them feel guilty or bad, that breaks my heart, and so I'm happy to work with students to take a look at how we can improve the manual. We want to put the word out about risk reduction and responsibilities for the community without being [survivor]-blaming."

Others believe it is too unclear of a situation to distinguish between the survivor and the assailant in the first place. "I would say that it is hard to define exactly who the assailant and survivor are in a situation where both parties have been drinking," freshman Sander Avery said after attending the mandatory sexual assault lectures Willamette gave during orientation.

Sexual Assault and the Judicial System

Although some see sexual assault as a grey area, Willamette attempts to provide a systematic yet caring resolution process for the aftermath of reporting. Nevertheless, the process for adjudicating and resolving a complaint can be difficult. Once someone reports an assault, the judicial officer (Derby) puts a no contact order in place, meets with both parties separately within a few days, and refers the case to either an administrative hearing committee or a standards committee.

"There are pros and cons to both types of hearings," Derby said. An administrative committee involves less preparation and fewer hearing officers and is thus a swifter process, but the accused has the option to appeal if they believe, for example, there has been a procedural error, or if the sanction is too severe. The Standards Committee's decision is final, but it can take weeks to organize and involves students, faculty, and staff in many special rooms with video equipment and hours of painful testimony. Some deem these options unsatisfactory, considering the size of Willamette. There is

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the possibility of the survivor running into the assailant, even with the no contact order in effect, or s/he might run into a faculty member who made the decision in the hearing.

Emori still claims that the procedures are severely flawed in favor of the assailant. "Once a report is filed, it almost goes completely out of [the survivor's] hands. Especially with judicial matters, there are plenty of people, including the perpetrator, that can shape how the trial goes...the no contact order mostly means that they can still sit in Goudy a few tables away," Emori said.

On the other hand, the selection of the committee members is made with utmost care and attention to the needs and wishes of both parties, according to Derby. "I am focused on ensuring that the adjudication process is fair, that it adheres to our written policies, and that we treat all students with equal care, dignity, and respect," Derby said. Throughout the entire course of action, sexual assault allies check in with the survivor to make sure the process is going his/her way and that he/she wishes to carry on.

Procedural flaws and loaded language in the manual may serve as deterrents to reporting. Last year, three cases of sexual assault were reported at Willamette. U.S. Department of Justice found that less than five percent of college women assault survivors report the incident to law enforcement. The two thirds who actually tell someone usually tell a friend who may try to comfort their peer, but ultimately are unqualified to give truly supportive advocacy. Furthermore, that means that "one third of sexual assault survivors tell no one and get no support whatsoever, which is a tragedy," Trout said.

There are many possible deterrents to reporting for survivors of sexual assault, but Willamette's priority is to give support to survivors of sexual assault in whatever way they need it, even if that excludes filing an official complaint. "What we really want are disclosures to someone who can help [survivors]," Trout said. "Increasing formal reports would be great, but the real goal is to increase the number of disclosures to trained individuals who know what to say and do, who are private and committed to anonymity, like the SARA allies and Sexual Assault Advisors."

"It's really dependent on what the student wants in terms of an outcome and how they are going to heal and move on with their life," Derby said. "What is most important is for the survivor to decide what is best for him/her. For some survivors, reporting and seeking prosecution is part of their healing process. For others it is not."

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No matter what the outcome, the events surrounding sexual assault are tough for all involved. "Through the little legal [experience] I've had, a lawsuit, whether you win or lose it, is difficult and painful...I typically have two students in crisis, and one student is typically pleased with the outcome and one is devastated, so it's difficult for me to say it's a success when one is devastated."

Still, Derby stands by the integrity of Willamette's intent within its policies. "The judicial process for complaints of sexual assault are certainly designed to be fair and effective. That said, the processes for resolving alleged violations of our Standards of Conduct are regularly reviewed and revised," Derby said.

Prevention and Awareness

Beyond attempting to maintain fair procedures for reporting, Willamette has tried to provide several venues of support and resources for the healthy sexuality, safety and empowerment of women. Campus Safety, SARA, Strength-Health-Equality (S.H.E.), Bishop Counseling Services and other student groups are constant pillars of advocacy on campus.

Willamette's community shows its concern for the broader issue of women's rights with a variety of resources and events: SARA's ally system and hotline for emergency support and/or non-urgent information, S.H.E.'s various events like Take Back the Night (occurring in April) and the Vagina Monologues (occurring on Valentine's Day) and Bishop and Campus Safety's promised commitment to protect and serve survivors of assault. "Cedric Wilder and Campus Safety have been really great working together with SARA to support sexual assault survivors," Emori said.

Although Willamette claims to do its best to provide resources and judicial options to all involved in sexual assault, many believe that the funds Willamette grants

this area of student life are insufficient. As exemplified by S.H.E.'s Open House last semester, more support towards survivors could be shown by Willamette in the form of an expansion of the Women's Resource Center, the home base of several student groups. "Nobody knows there's a resource center. People have heard about it, but [they ask,] 'where is it?'" S.H.E. member Cait Casebolt said. "It'd be good to have a resource center that's central and staffed, especially in this patriarchal society...Sexism is a Willamette issue, but also a societal issue; it's an individual issue, but also a community issue. Everyone has the responsibility to stop sexism and sexual violence."

"Willamette has some strong allies for survivors, but it is also imperative that we acknowledge the lack of resources offered in comparison to other equivalent institutions," former Co-Director of S.H.E. and Co-founding mother of SARA Jennifer McKenzie said. "Through S.H.E., full-time students provide the 'staffing' and all the programs which Women's Resource Centers typically provide, and the SARA hotline was also created by students who felt survivors were not being systematically supported in navigating disjointed services. I am proud of this student involvement, but deeply disheartened that the university is essentially let 'off the hook' by students who are doing the job for it."

Overall, the consensus is strong: sexual assault is both serious and complicated, and measures need to be taken to draw the lines clearly and enforce them justly. "[Sexual assault would be] something that's with you for the rest of your life, so knowing the resources is important," Derby said.

"The bigger problem is that we need to identify and shift our culture away from the societal norms, values and beliefs which support and condone violence and other oppressive behaviors. That's huge - we'd have to change everything from the songs we hear on the radio on, but luckily, there's a movement towards that. [Cultural values] are the kind of thing bystanders can change, which is what S.H.E. and Willamette University's Men Against Violence (WUMAV) work on," Trout said. "It's not like we can change the criminal, but what we can do is empower the Willamette community to take a stand against assault."

Perhaps growing education and awareness regarding the tricky territory of sexual assault is the best way our college community and nation can fight it and begin to heal. "It's everyone's responsibility to stop sexual assault," WUMAV member Sam Menefee-Libey said. "It's men's responsibility as much as it is women's to fight to change a culture that condones sexual violence."

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bearcats upend conference favorite

JIMMY MEUEL
STAFF WRITER

The race for the Northwest Conference crown is beginning to heat up as the Willamette University Bearcats upset preseason conference favorite Lewis and Clark College 82-71 last Wednesday in Portland. The Bearcats improved to 5-10 overall and 3-3 in Northwest Conference play. Lewis and Clark fell to 9-5 on the season and 3-3 in conference.

The Bearcats jumped out to an 8-0 lead to start the game, but after chipping away for a bit, the Pioneers went on a 15-0 run to take the lead 21-12. Lewis and Clark led for most of the game and sported a 50-37 lead with just under 16 minutes left in the second half. The Bearcats eventually tied the game at 57-57 on a three-point shot by junior wing Cory Constantino.

"We were in the middle of a big run and I jumped on the loose ball," Constantino said. "Lewis and Clark is a team we love to beat." Lewis and Clark came into the season as the

unanimous choice to win the league title, but has since faced several upsets.

The Bearcats put the game away with an eight-point run with just over a minute left to play, led by senior wing Mike Smith, who scored seven of the eight points.

Junior post Kyler McClary scored a team high of 22 points to lead the Bearcat effort, while junior post Cameron Mitchell scored 20 points and recovered 14 rebounds to solidify the Bearcat victory. Smith finished the day with 18 points, Constantino added ten and freshman point-guard Robbis Kunkle had seven.

Led by Mitchell, Willamette out-rebounded the Pioneers, 40-27.

"This win gives us a lot of momentum," Constantino said. "It is a big win because it was our first win in conference on the road this season or last season."

Nearing the halfway point in the season, the Bearcats are breaking into what has become a seven-team race for the regular season crown with Puget Sound and Whitworth tied at 5-1 atop the standings. Whit-

worth, ranked 32nd on www.d3hoops.com, defeated 11th-ranked Puget Sound last weekend. Linfield and Pacific Lutheran are nipping at their heels at 4-2, with Willamette, Lewis and Clark and Pacific deadlocked at 3-3. Only three schools can advance to the conference tournament at the end of February, with a shot at the NCAA tournament on the line.

"Beating Lewis and Clark gives us a lot of confidence going into next week's game with Puget Sound," Constantino said. "They are very good. But our style of play has shut them down in the past. We can usually take at least one from them."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WU falls to Pioneers despite double-double

ANDREW ROSS
GUEST WRITER

The Willamette University Bearcats traveled just up Interstate 5 to Portland on Saturday night to take on the Lewis & Clark College Pioneers in the first meeting between these in-state rivals this season.

Despite Molly Fillion's fifth double-double of the season, the Pioneers held the Bearcats to shooting a mere 21.9 percent (7-32) from the field in the second half en route to a 61-43 victory. With the win, the Pioneers improve to 6-8 on the season (2-3 Northwest Conference), while the Bearcats fall to 3-12 (1-5 NWC).

The Bearcats started the first half with a lead of 13-10, although the Pioneers caught up later in the period, tying the game at 18-18. The Pioneers made a run towards the end of the half and went into halftime ahead by a mere five points, 27-22.

In the second half the Bearcats were out-

scored 34-21, partially because of a stifling defense that was able to keep leading scorer Laura Payne in check, holding her to 0-6 from the field in the half and 1-9 from the field in the game.

"You can't win if you don't put the ball in the basket," Bearcat Head Coach Bruce Henderson said. "21 percent shooting in the second half just isn't going to get it done."

Despite the loss, several Bearcats played solid games. Molly Fillion led the Bearcats with 12 points and 12 rebounds with her sister Jenny adding 10 points. Senior forward Tracie Nygaard added eight points and four rebounds and despite the off shooting night, Payne contributed with six rebounds, three assists and a steal.

While the rest of the student body was at home enjoying Christmas dinner and ringing in the New Year, the Willamette Bearcats were beginning their Northwest Conference schedule. Over the break, the Bearcats

recorded their first NWC win in Seattle against Pacific Lutheran University, 67-64. "This was a huge win," Henderson said, "We kept battling for all 40 minutes."

Willamette was led by an outstanding performance from senior guard Laura Payne, in which she recorded 19 points, six rebounds and three assists while shooting 5-10 from beyond the arc. Jenny and Molly Fillion added 17 and 13 points, respectively. Payne led the Bearcats as they finished 52.9 percent from 3-point land.

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NUTRITION

Cloned food raises public concern



JORDYN
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COLUMNIST

Recent scientific advancement is allowing for the genetic material of high-grade cows to be harvested and cloned for the production of meat and milk.

The hope is that the ability to reproduce certain cows will result in a herd that produces higher-quality milk and meat, strengthening trust in purchases of American beef and milk products. Good news, right? Maybe not. Is consuming these products natural if it comes from a cloned cow?

There are also many ethical and animal welfare concerns regarding cloned products. Cloning seems to be still too young a field of study for people to trust as 66 percent of Americans feel uncomfortable with animal cloning (Pew Initiative on Food & Biotechnology).

Taking action, agency regulators are demanding that cloned products be labeled so that consumers will be able to detect cloned from natural products.

Despite the widespread public disapproval, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is not planning to require labeling of products from cloned animals, claiming that because there is no material difference between the two and therefore, there is no reason to label.

The FDA claims that "food from healthy clones of cattle, swine and goats is as safe as food from non-cloned animals." Therefore, no increased food consumption risk(s) should be speculated in comparison with sexually-derived animal products, according to the FDA.

Not only is the FDA disregarding public opinion, but they are also dismissing direction from Congress. In December, Senate and Congress passed two bills urging the FDA to perform more studies on cloning before final approval is given. However, the FDA carried on, most likely giving in to industry pressure.

Fortunately, all is not lost. Companies are able to label their products as "clone-free" and foods labeled "organic" assure natural products.

Further, natural food sellers such as Whole Foods, Wild Oats and Organic Valley have promised to reject any products from cloned sources.

Is this a case of America fearing scientific technology? When the first farmers suggested using a milk machine instead of their hands, people were in an uproar.

Like this now common practice, is selling products gleaned from cloned cows something that will one day be the norm and not be second-guessed? Only time will tell. Either way, experts say that food products from cloned animals or their offspring will not reach store shelves for years.

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SWIMMING

Willamette women outswim Linfield, 112-79

While men fail in dual meet against Wildcats, 129-50

CHARLOTTE BODDY
GUEST WRITER

On Jan. 19, 2008, the Willamette men's and women's swim teams hosted Linfield College in a dual meet at the Willamette Natatorium. The Bearcat women won 112-79, but the Bearcat men lost 129-50.

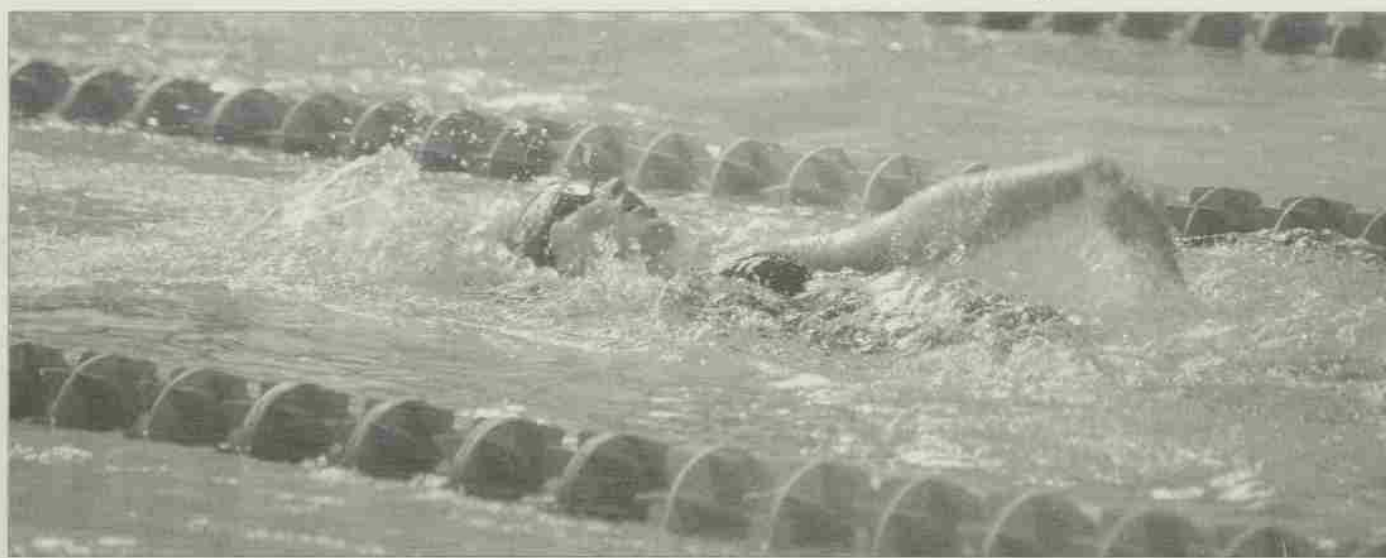
Overall, the Bearcat women have a record of 2-4 this season; the Bearcat men are 0-6. The Linfield women's team is 0-6 (0-8 overall), and the Linfield men's team is 5-4 (5-1 in the Northwest Conference).

The Willamette women's team was led by senior and captain Brittany Thiemens and by freshman Hanna Connert. Thiemens won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.97 seconds. Connert won the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:46.90. Thiemens and Connert also tied for first place in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 58.60.

The Bearcat women also took first and second place in the 400-yard medley relay with a time of 4:26.32. The winning team consisted of sophomore Gwen Schultz, senior Shannon Gima, senior Bridget Sutherland and senior Chelsea Hollingsworth.

Sophomore Jenna Larrow won the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:49.96. The second and third place finishers were not decided until a full minute later.

To complete the women's events, the



The women's swim team was victorious in the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay, among other events, on Jan. 19.

Bearcats were victorious in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:58.81. The four who competed were sophomore Whitney Pryce, Hollingsworth, Gima and Thiemens. Linfield's team, consisting of Patty Peters, Lauren Anderson, Rose Hollingsworth and Fatima Valle, came in with a time of 4:02.31.

The Bearcat men won two individual events. Freshman John Schimdtbauer won the 100-yard freestyle in 50.87 seconds. Second place went to Conor Moynihan of Linfield who finished with 51.85. The second Willamette victory went to senior Pete Kahn, who won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:14.70.

Earlier in the new year, the Willamette women won eight events, including two relays, in order to topple the Pacific Boxers,

116-60. Individual winners for the Bearcats included Larrow, Connert, Sutherland and Schultz. The men fell to the Boxers, 82-74. Schimdtbauer contributed two individual wins, while senior Greg Henselman picked up two more events for the Bearcats.

Willamette will finish its dual meet schedule and regular season next weekend against Pacific Lutheran University. The Lutes stand at 4-2 in the Northwest Conference. The Northwest Conference Championships are set for Feb. 8-10 in Federal Way, Wash.

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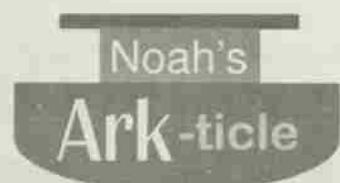
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Noah's Ark-ticle: Profiles in politics



NOAH ZAVES

OPINIONS EDITOR

Innovation alert! Look at page 11! It is a new *Collegian* feature: profiles of presidential primary candidates.

One each week, in alphabetical order by first name, and alternating parties weekly. First off? Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois. I will let the fabulous Megan Woodward fill you in on the details, but Obama is a pretty cool cat.

(Please note that Megan is writing these profiles from a bias-free observation platform. Also, each one has been reviewed by a bipartisan panel to screen for bias.) Me? I am not so impartial, but I will let it hang for a couple weeks before announcing which candidate is God's Gift to the World.

So, you ask (because I can read your mind and interpret your thoughts), "Why should I bother to read these profiles? Does all this really deserve my attention?"

The answer of course is yes, and not just because we pay good money for the printing company to make the page. The truth is that this is the defining election of our generation. This is our opportunity to fix everything that is wrong with the way Washington is currently run.

At the risk of sounding like the crazy guy on the corner of 12th St. and Mission, this is our last chance to turn the ship around before heading over the waterfall.

Some candidates are trying to steam full-tilt clear over the falls, insisting that the ship can handle the impact. Others are willing to run the ship aground to prevent it from going over the waterfall.

And a few unique candidates, a few dedicated politicians, are hell-bent on turning our ship of state around, bravely piloting it back upriver until it can again dock in the safe harbor of our great Constitution.

So what is the take-away message of the day? Do a little research, read the *Collegian's* weekly candidate profiles and take a stand!

Once you like a candidate, tell your friends! Add the Facebook application, and put a sign in your window. If you are feeling particularly inspired, write a Letter to the Editor (please please please).

Whatever you do, do not just sit there and watch this election go by. Far too much is at stake.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We invite you to submit letters to the editor. Letters can be sent by postal mail, email (estanden@willamette.edu), campus mail or fax. Letters are limited to 150 words, must include name and phone number and must be submitted by noon Monday on the week of intended publication. The *Collegian* reserves the right to edit for length and clarity.

EDITORIAL

The cost of education

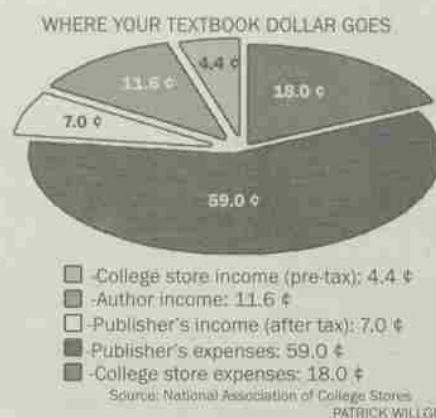
At the beginning of each semester, students leave the bookstore with textbooks in their hands and grimaces on their faces. They mumble to themselves about the numerous other ways we could have spent \$200 to \$500. But where does that money actually go? Is there any way to save students money?

When we took a closer look, we discovered there are ways to save on textbooks. Though the publishers are always scheming to boost sales, professors at Willamette do ultimately decide what their students read.

If professors at Willamette are willing to take on the task of exploring the various ways of providing material to their students, as some already have, they could spare their students unnecessary financial hardship.

Used books are an easy solution for students trying to cut costs, but there are only so many available from the textbook distributors. When professors are late in submitting their book orders, the Willamette Store has no choice but to order new books because the used copies have already been sold to other universities.

The price of a textbook, whether new or used, could perhaps be justified if a professor required his or her students to read the entire volume, or reference it



throughout the semester.

However, audacious professors too often ask students to buy expensive textbooks and then only assign or discuss a minimal segment of their contents. It would be more economical and environmentally resourceful for students to buy photocopied packets of the selected readings, or for professors to put the excerpts on blackboard or e-reserve.

Granted, many professors do utilize these online resources, but they are certainly not being utilized to their full capacity.

Contrary to rumor and common belief, the Willamette Store is not at fault for the exorbitant price of textbooks. In fact, the store loses money with nearly every textbook it sells. For your edification,

please refer to the accompanying circle graph to find out exactly where your textbook dollars go.

Professors: Please turn in your textbook orders on time, and think carefully about the books you assign. The *Collegian* Editorial Board applauds the large contingent of professors who thoughtfully consider their orders, and we look forward to hearing about more and more professors who can join that group.

Students: Make sure your professors realize the implications of their choices. The next time you discard a book after reading three or four chapters, ask the professor about alternatives. The next time a late order leaves only new editions, ask the professor why the order was not submitted on time. With enough diligence by both faculty and students, costs can be reduced for every textbook user at Willamette.

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ASK ME ANYTHING:

Am I really addicted to pot?



JADE OLSON

COLUMNIST

It's springtime again, and I want to wish a happy return to our lovely campus to adoring fans, habitual readers and the morbidly curious alike. After dozens of peppermint mochas and a white Christmas in my hometown, I'm ready again to answer your questions about life, school and the occasional love triangle inside our beautiful bubble.

There's only one problem: you haven't submitted them! It hit me while I watched "Dan In Real Life" over break that not a soul had submitted any questions. No holiday blues, no family drama, not even a single "is it cheating if it was midnight and I just had to kiss someone?" I observed wistfully as Dan, our beloved protagonist, poured over dozens of letters from people desperately seeking his help. I went home to check my e-mail and I swear that digital moths flew out. I am now unashamed to say that I am jealous of a fictional character. Where's the love, people?

Fortunately, I have a few left over from last semester that should tide me over. But the situation is dire! If you, beloved readers, don't write to me soon, then the paper might

have no choice but to fire me and replace me with reviews of bands you've never heard of or more editorials about how Goudy's food is sometimes less than four-star. Help out a fellow student and send in your questions.

Okay, enough with the PSA. On to this week's question!

Dear Jade,

I think I may be addicted to marijuana. I know that it's not supposed to be addictive but I'm seriously getting to the point that I can't really function without it. Is this possible?

-Pothead

Dear Pothead (that has such a nice ring to it),

Just because something doesn't actually mess with the molecular makeup and processes within your brain over the long term doesn't mean that it isn't addictive. I happen to be addicted to hot showers, chai tea and Nip/Tuck. That last one, I feel, is far less acceptable an addiction than pot—and it's certainly worse for me. If something makes you happy (and I imagine that marijuana has this effect) then you will be conditioned to crave it and, thus, hooked if you don't get it.

If you can't function without it, you probably need to cut back. It's understandable for a college student to be high pretty much all

the time, but it becomes rapidly less favorable as you get older. You don't want to end up being that 37-year-old guy or lady whose eyes are always dilated when he or she is hanging around at the coffee shop.

I know some people who actually had to go into a rehab program for their weed use. Maybe that won't be necessary in your case, maybe it will. A doctor or therapist is the best person to make that decision, so I suggest you contact one soon.

If nothing else, what happens if all of a sudden your supply runs out? I know that it's difficult to go anywhere in Oregon where people are not all smoking, but if the day comes when you can't get it and you become essentially a useless blob who can't string together a coherent sentence, you're going to be mighty embarrassed.

Hopefully you can just cut down without having to quit altogether, because really, we all need a way to relax that doesn't have anything to do with the unrealistic problems of self-absorbed plastic surgeons in Miami. However, if you do find yourself needing to get rid of that supply... well, you have my email address.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to Noah's Ark-ticle Dec. 5, 2007:

I appreciate Noah Zaves' efforts to open a dialogue on the person of Jesus Christ. I for one think that such a discussion should happen far more often than it does. However, I would like to address a few points in his column.

First of all, while Noah (understandably) places Jesus among the great thinkers and moral teachers in history, there is one issue that must be resolved before placing Him in such company, namely the fact that He claimed to be God. That presents us with a bit of a problem. Either He was or He wasn't.

If He wasn't, yet claimed to be, we are left

with two possibilities.

A: He lied, repeatedly, about who he was, or
B: He thought He was God but actually wasn't (we usually call those people crazy).

If Jesus wasn't God, He either tried to deceive a lot of people into following Him (making Him a very bad man) or was certifiably nuts; neither of which places him among the ranks of great thinkers and moral teachers.

If Jesus was in fact who He claimed to be, then a lot of people ought to reexamine who He is and what He taught, both people who claim to follow Him and people who don't, because frankly, far too many people

in both camps have no idea what He actually said. This leaves the world with two things: a picture of a watered-down, slightly bigoted moral leader, and a large contingent of "Christians" who don't know what the term means, both of which do a huge disservice to the King of kings and Savior of humanity. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY WELCOME further discussion on this topic, or anything having to do with Jesus, really. I might even buy you lunch.

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ELECTION 2008 CANDIDATE REVIEW

BARACK OBAMA 3 years, aiming for 4

MEGAN WOODWARD
STAFF WRITER

the candidate review series

Megan Woodward, a politically independent senior, will write a series of candidate profiles over the next few months. She will approach each candidate with the same degree of incredulity. Look for the second installment next week.

Who hasn't heard of Barack Obama? Everywhere he goes, he brings people to their feet, attracting huge crowds to every campaign site. Translating that star power into votes, however, is proving to be more tricky.

Background Born in 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to a Caucasian mother and a Kenyan father. Went to a series of schools around the globe before ending up at Yale. Married in 1992; started a career as a state senator in Illinois in 1996.

His national career took off when he delivered the keynote speech at the Democratic Convention in 2004, launching himself to instant national recognition as an energetic and idealistic politician. He was elected to the Senate in 2004 with 70 percent of the Illinois vote.

Obama was swiftly elected to the US Senate in 2005, and three years later, he's going for the glory.

The Record Of course, a man with only

a three-year record has little to look at. But Obama's short record is appealing to independents and young people who are tired of the status quo.

Iraq War He was an outspoken opponent from the beginning, though he was not yet a senator when the war began, and argued publicly that America should have focused on eliminating Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda, not Saddam Hussein and Iraq. He voted to reduce troop levels in 2007.

Economy This complicated category seems about to make or break this coming election. It's hard to pin down even what might help the economy, but here's a selection of what Obama might do: He is strongly for labor; would block CAFTA (Central American Free Trade Agreement) and revise NAFTA (North American FTA.) in labor's favor, has raised the minimum wage, and doesn't believe that tax cuts on the rich create any jobs.

Abortion Obama votes the pro-choice position nearly 100% of the time.

Immigration Obama voted in 2006 to build the border fence - but all other statements and votes have been towards "guest worker programs" and "a path towards citizenship." For more information check out: www.ontheissues.org.

Environment Obama stated that "the issue of climate change is one that we ignore at our own peril." His environmental

policy focuses of significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

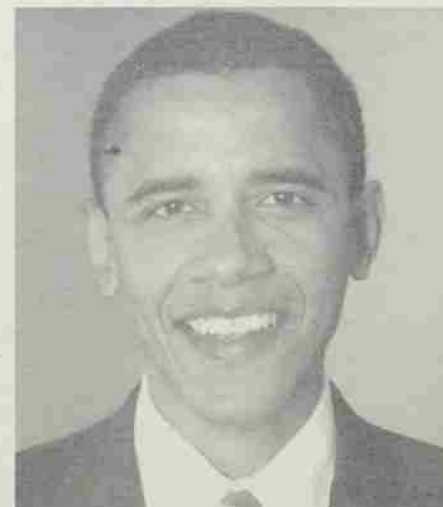
Anything Else Health care! (Remember that!) He believes in making it cheaper in this country so people can afford it, but not in creating universal mandatory care. He's planning to do that with a government subsidy program.

Foreign policy Obama believes that diplomacy can reduce conflict between world leaders and their constituencies. He has proposed meeting directly with leaders that past presidents have shunned, such as Fidel Castro, Kim Jong Il and Hugo Chavez (all problematic dictators). His ideas just might shake up some deadlocks in global politics (for good or ill).

Education In 1998, Obama said he wanted to provide free public college to all students with a B-average or above. Man, I could go for that!

So what's the hype? The man speechifies like politicians haven't in a long, long time. His soaring message of "change" is specific enough (not more of the same) and vague enough (change... Washington... what?) that it draws in all those who have a grievance with the current administration's policy. Nor to mention he looks great on TV.

And not to mention the fact that he's the first non-white candidate for president who has completely won over a huge swath of white voters, enough to catapult him to



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victory in Iowa earlier this month, which holds out a thin promise of redemption for America over the thorny issue of race in this country.

The Hope That he will bring change to Washington and sweep away the debris of this last presidency. To his supporters, his newness in politics brings the untainted excitement and hope that Americans once saw in John F. Kennedy.

The Zing How much do we know about a guy who's only spent 3 years in politics?

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OPINION

Opening Days Leaders not from a single identity

JON COLLINS
GUEST WRITER

To some people, Opening Days is nothing but a shadow, a dwindling candle on the chandelier of memories long forgotten, buried by the slowly accumulating veil of time. For others it triggers an overwhelming sense of loathing, reviving the near-ancient emotional scars of awkward name games and the infamously Oscar-worthy acting of Straight Talk. However, for those precious few, it rekindles the warm embrace of new friends, sunny smiles and hilarious leaders.

But, the greatest tragedy of Opening Days is that the latter is not the standard. Unfortunately, not every freshman enjoys the luxury and wonder of an amazing pair of Opening Days Leaders. Right now you are probably saying, "but Jon, how can this egregious injustice be rectified?" It's funny you should ask, because you can help. "Who, me?" (point to yourself). Yes, you.

Contrary to popular belief, leaders come not from one single identity, but from an array of intriguing and brilliant avenues. Everyone - yes, everyone - possesses nuggets of wisdom that are of the dankest sort. These morsels of knowledge are of the highest value to any incoming freshman, and must be passed on to the next generation of students.

However, there are several myths about Opening Days that prevent potential powerhouse leaders from applying, thus dissuading the ideal distribution of this wisdom. These myths are widespread and sinister in nature, and it is with bold optimism that I attempt to dispel said myths with only the most scintillating rhetoric.

Myth #1: "I need those last few days of my summer and I don't want

to give them up."

No one actually needs those last few days in August. What would you be doing at the end of your summer? Playing croquet and eating ice cream? And don't tell me you'll be watching Batman, because as we all know, the next Batman movie comes out May 22, which means it will have already been out for three months.

Myth #2: "It won't benefit my life at all."

The experience of being an Opening Days Leader has too many rewards to name. Besides, what else are you doing with your life? I mean, seriously, just take a look at yourself. Are you hoping your band is just waiting for its big break? Or maybe someone will finally notice that masterpiece of a painting you made? Get a grip. You're not Picasso, who coincidentally actually was an OD leader (Class of '99). Ok, so that last part was a lie, but if he had gone to Willamette, he would have done Opening Days... or at least Jump Start.

Myth #3: "All OD Leaders are super involved, all-American yuppies."

Two words: Paul Eldred. But seriously, Opening Days is not looking for a bunch of cookie-cutter, straight-A students with squeaky clean records. What we are looking for is a variety of personalities and experiences from which new students will draw benefit. Too many good leaders have slipped through the cracks simply because they never applied in the first place.

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How can I apply?

Applications are available in the Office of Student Activities and are due Monday, Feb 4.

TOM'S THOUGHTS:

New year's un-resolutions

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COLUMNIIST

Hello again dear readers. Well, it is 2008 now and that probably means that you are currently being destroyed by the stresses of the New Year. Frightening new classes (Oh crap they make you read in this class??); intense political conflicts (If Ron Paul doesn't make a comeback, I'm moving to Trinidad); even the Academy Awards (If "Juno" doesn't win an Oscar, I'm moving to Trinidad), combine to make this January of 2008 a veritable nightmare of stressful oppression for Willamette students. But the most stressful part of any New Year is always the New Year's Resolution.

Year after year I watch people's minds break under the unyielding pressure of their self-imposed improvement regimens. I knew one man who committed to stop biting his nails on Jan. 1. By Jan. 4 he was selling his body on the streets for meth money.

Certainly, New Year's resolutions are supposed to be benign convictions toward making yourself a better human being, but too many people make unrealistic resolutions, or begin to think that they must become perfect, healthy, contributing members of adult society over the course of a single year. Thousands each year succumb to the relentless pressures of these resolutions and end up converting to lives of vice and excess.

Luckily I am here to help. Although I do not make New Year's resolutions (I cannot conceive of any way to make myself more perfect than I already am), I have devoted much thought to this problem and may have come up with a solution. The other day I remembered part of a conversation I had many months ago with an old high school friend. It went something like this... (Note: the name has been changed for no apparent reason)

Emma Wordmundson: One of these days I really need to move all these into my profile

Me: Psh, life is full of "one of these days," what about the nevers?! I am never going to quit smoking! That is the kind of conviction that heroes are made of.

I made this statement with the utmost facetiousness (I do not smoke, nor do I end serious sentences with prepositions), but this dialogue holds the key to my solutions for the resolution conundrum.

I propose that for every good change you resolve to make in your life, resolve to keep one not so good thing about you the same. This will keep you from being crushed under the pressures of resolution perfection.

Let's do some examples, shall we?

- "I am going to jog every day, but I am going to continue not sending Christmas cards to acquaintances"

- "I am going to finish painting my kitchen, but I am still going to be mean to everyone at work."

- "I am going to eat less, but I am going to continue binge drinking with frightening regularity."

- "I resolve to get all A's this semester, but I am still going to vandalize the Chicken Fountain whenever possible."

- "I am going to learn a new language, but I am still going to blast "Soulja Boy" in the wee hours of the morning."

- "I am going to laugh a little every day! But I am still going to cry on Sunday afternoons while eating a carton of Cherry Garcia."

- "I am going to be a nicer person to everyone! Except that one kid in my Calc class; I am still gonna be a bastard to him."

- "I am going to stop listening to Country music! But I am going to continue being close-minded about most things."

- "I resolve to do more community service this year, but I am not going to vote."

- "I am going to shave off my mustache that everyone says makes me look like a pedophile. But I am still going to drive around elementary schools in my 1994 Astro Van."

Hopefully you get the idea now. I believe that these counter-resolutions will help you stay sane through the year. 2008 is shaping up to be a year of important people participating in eventful events, and you for sure do not want to be one of the ones that cracks under the pressure.

Happy New Year!

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

DEC. 10, 2007 - JAN. 17, 2008

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

► Dec. 18, 10 a.m., (Lee House): An annual, pre-scheduled inspection of the residences was performed during the semester break. Marijuana and paraphernalia were observed in one of the rooms in Lee House. Multiple Fire Code violations were also observed in the same room.

► Jan. 11, 10:57 p.m., (Shepard Parking Lot): Campus Safety Officers, responding to a noise complaint, observed students and non-Willamette students in the parking lot. It was determined that the students were minors and that alcohol was present. The investigation into the matter is continuing.

TRESPASSING / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

► Dec. 14, 4:22 p.m., (Hatfield Library): Campus Safety responded to a call of a suspicious male in the library. A transient was utilizing a library computer to view pornographic images. The individual was identified, checked for warrants and trespassed from campus.

► Jan. 3, 4:53 p.m., (Skybridge): Campus Safety observed two male transients hiding in the bushes near the Sparks end of the Skybridge. The individuals were intoxicated and it was determined that they did not have a legitimate reason to be on Willamette property. The individuals were given written trespass warnings and escorted off campus.

► Jan. 10, 3:04 p.m., (Hatfield Library & Skybridge): A pornographic picture was observed to be posted on a tree near the library and on the Skybridge by an unknown individual. The picture was removed and destroyed.

THEFT

► Dec. 10, 5:00 p.m., (Lee House): A student reported that someone removed the seat and seat post from their bicycle as it was parked at Lee House.

► Dec. 14, 1:45 p.m., (Smith Fine Arts): A student reported that he left his bicycle unlocked in the gallery of Smith Fine Arts. The student returned to get his bike and found it to be missing.

► Jan. 10, 12:38 p.m., (Olin Science): It was reported that an Apple iMac computer had been stolen from room 213.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

► Dec. 15, 2:42 a.m., (University Center): An unknown individual threw a brick threw the window of the Post Office. At this point it appears that no property is missing.

► Dec. 18, 12:24 p.m., (University Center): A student caused severe damage to the grass in front of the University Center. He drove on the wet, soft grass, got stuck and spun his tires in an attempt to get out of the ruts he created. The student will be billed for the cost of the damage.

► Jan. 11, 10:00 a.m., (Sparks Center): A truck, while delivering equipment to Sparks, drove over the lawn and four sprinklers, causing approximately \$2,400 worth of damage.

HARRASSMENT

► Jan. 14, 10:30 a.m., (Soccer Field): A student reported that he was harassed by three male students as he crossed the soccer field while returning to campus from the "Ram." The student reported that one of the individuals tackled him, which generated a heated verbal exchange.

► If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety at 503.370.6911.

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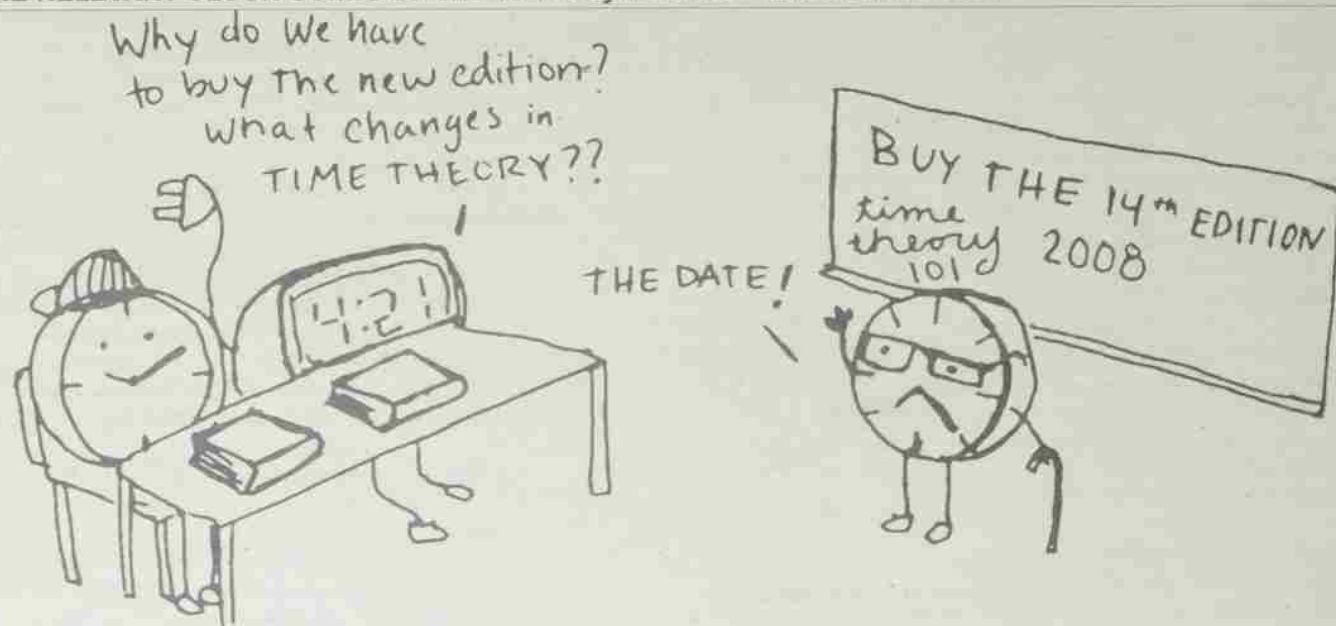
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