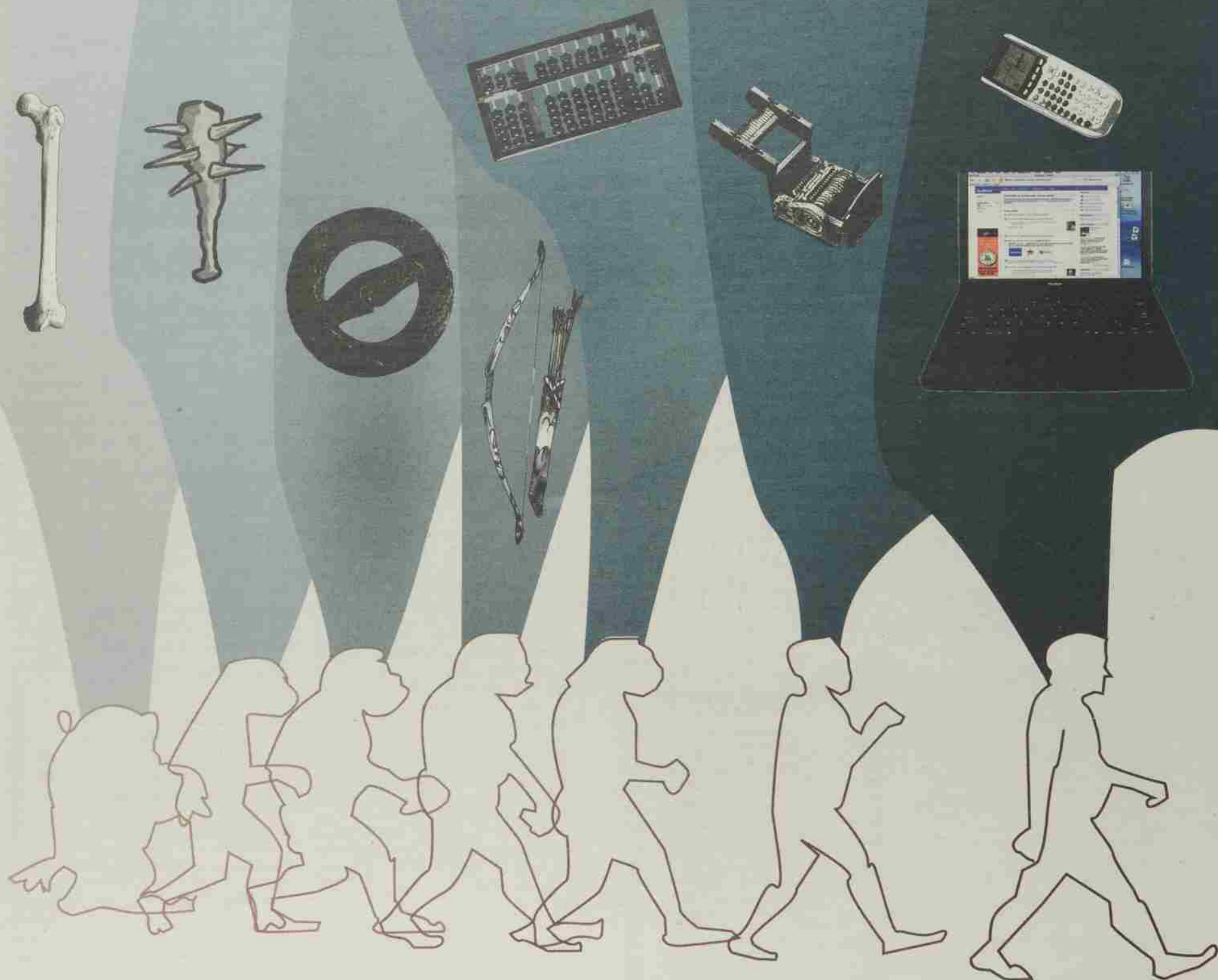


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TIUA students share memories, say goodbye

NICK MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 15, Willamette students will bid goodbye to their Japanese friends from Tokyo International University of America (TIUA). The TIUA students will be returning to Tokyo International University (TIU) after spending a year learning about American culture and working on their language skills.

Shepard resident sophomore Hiroyuki Kobayashi said that he came to America for a variety of reasons. "I came to America because I wanted to improve my communication skills and learn about American culture," Kobayashi said. "I'm interested in baseball... because it started in America."

Since arriving on campus, he has spent time practicing baseball, helping students learn Japanese and hanging out with friends. His roommate is going to Japan through Willamette's study abroad program and Kobayashi plans on giving him a tour. "He likes sushi so [we'll have] kaiten (fish) sushi," Kobayashi said.

Junior Yu Senzaki was surprised by the differences between America and Japan. "Students whom I've met [at] Willamette... always say their opinions directly," Senzaki said. "You can see a point in a conversation. But in Japanese conversation, there isn't always a point in a conversation. Sometimes Japanese [people] just describe the truth."

Senzaki also noticed how different the atmosphere is at coffee shops in America. "There are not that many coffee shops in

Japan, and there're always many people in a coffee shop, have to wait for an hour to get a seat in Starbucks! Here [coffee shops are] pretty quiet and enjoyable."

Kobayashi says that he has had many good times at Willamette. "I like the star trees. I had never gone to a party, but I partied at Shepard and it was exciting and fun," Kobayashi said. "I hang out with my roommate a lot. Sometimes we play video games and we are teaching each other English and Japanese."

His favorite experience on campus was Halloween. Kobayashi dressed up with a baseball theme. "Many Willamette students wore funny clothes I'd never seen." Even though he didn't have any candy, Kobayashi stayed awake into the early hours of the morning. "I went to the Wish haunted house and the Belknap dance party," Kobayashi said.

Sophomore Tamami Ishikawa said that coming to America allowed her to do things she could never do in Japan. "About a month ago, I went to the mountain with my roommate and I shot a gun," Ishikawa said. "In Japan we can't have guns, so it was the first time I had the chance to shoot a gun and I was very excited."

While many TIUA students are eager to return to Japan, most can agree that they will miss their friends at Willamette. "Maybe I will miss Japan if I stay for another year," Ishikawa said. "[But] I have 15 days left and I am already missing this place and the people here."



Roommates Hiroyuki Kobayashi and Nick Kummert have bonded over their respective interests in American and Japanese language and culture. The TIUA students will head back home this December.

Kobayashi's roommate Nick Kummert says he has had a good time with his friend and will miss him when he leaves. "I think having a TIUA roommate is quite possibly one of the most rewarding experiences you can have on campus," Kummert said. "I brought him back to my hometown in Seattle for Thanksgiving, since Hiro has never had Thanksgiving dinner before. I'm trying not to think about their departure; for me, it will be like half the people in the school are leaving."

Kummert, who will be going to Japan next fall, encourages other students to befriend TIUA students.

"I think some Willamette students show some hesitancy towards interaction with the TIUA students, but if you take the initiative and get to know them, you could develop a friendship that you will remember for a long time," Kummert said.

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Picasso lithograph donated in memory of Logan Will

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On Nov. 22 of last year, Willamette student Logan Will died in a car accident while returning home for Thanksgiving break. Will was heavily involved with various activities on campus, most notably the debate program. Following his death a memorial fund was established, which honors a senior debater each year who follows in Will's tradition and upholds the values Will practiced in debate.

Willamette alumnus and Will family friend Gary Mansavage arranged for a Picasso lithograph from Will's room to be donated to the Willamette University debate team. Mansavage had originally obtained the lithograph while in the Foreign Service in Paris, before giving it to Will due to their closely related interests and ideas. The lithograph is from 1913 or 1914 and is entitled "Personnage et colombe."

An informal ceremony was held to present the lithograph to Willamette. Will's family, along with Mansavage, attended. Also in attendance were representatives of the debate team, the alumni association and the CLA dean's office.

Will's parents and grandparents hope that this gift will be part of the debate conference room, where Will spent much of his



The Picasso lithograph "Personnage et colombe" given to Logan Will by a family friend, was donated to Willamette on Nov. 22, 2007.

time preparing for national competitions and helping others. Will was Willamette's first All-American debater.

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Stress relief during finals

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GUEST WRITER

With finals week just around the corner, the Willamette that students are used to is changing. The onset of flu season, looming gloomy weather, term papers and three-hour tests can make any student succumb to stress. However, Willamette offers several outlets for end-of-semester anxiety.

Bishop Wellness Center provides a free counseling service that serves 410 students every year. Director of Counseling Services Don Thomson notes an increase in stress-related visitors during the period leading up to finals week. "Without question students come [to Bishop] more this time of year than any other," Thomson said. The organization takes a "holistic approach to stress management," he said.

For students, many feel that stress comes with the job description. "We're told we're supposed to stress out," sophomore Angelika Orletsky said. "[Finals are] the last chance where you can pull up your grade... or fail." This is what troubles so many. However, according to Orletsky, this stress may be beneficial. "The majority of people thrive under pressure or a deadline."

"It depends on the individual," sophomore Rocky Gimby said. Gimby took a leave of absence this semester. "College is just stressful; that's the way it is. If you're stressed out, you're not going to do as well than if you aren't feeling nervous about it."

According to some, it is not solely finals

week that makes students fret. Politics Professor Sammy Basu, while he does not see himself as a major harbinger of stress, says that there is a "rhythm of a semester that faculty notices." According to Basu, the academic calendar influences this fluctuation. "There is initial enthusiasm," Professor Basu said, followed by a series of dips and surges of energy, creating what he calls "periods of stress." He offers a suggestion to students: "Replace generalized anxiety with a well-defined identification of the pain you have to go through."

Sophomore Timm Robb feels that the grading system is the culprit. "If the way in which students were evaluated was a little more in depth - more effort was put into evaluating [students'] strengths and weaknesses instead of receiving a letter grade - then the way in which we evaluate ourselves as students would give us a better perspective on our own strengths and weaknesses," Robb said. "I would hypothesize that this would reduce the stress students feel regarding [their academics]."

In an effort to allow students to unwind over the next weeks, various organizations at Willamette are offering their services. ASWU will be serving tea and snacks "study breaks" in the library and Goudy will be hosting Midnight Breakfast. Thomson reminds students that counseling services are open to everyone. "If you feel yourself struggling, come visit us," he said.

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CORRECTION

The Collegian would like to correct inaccuracies and provide further information in regards to the "Basic Accident Benefit" plan, discussed in the Nov. 28 article, titled "Health Care at Willamette." Coverage for this plan is for the nine-month academic year for students who are enrolled from half-time to full-time. In addition to this plan, all half-time to full-time students are automatically enrolled in the Hard Waiver Accident and Sickness Plan, which expands the Basic Accident Benefit, as well as adding sickness benefits for 12 months for a cost of \$405 for students under the age of 25. The Hard Waiver Accident and Sickness Plan can be waived out of by students who meet the deadline and have comparable coverage. The Collegian strives for accuracy in reporting and apologizes for any inaccuracies.

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Students mourn sudden death of Kaneko cook

WU and TIUA students have fond memories of Cesar Roldan

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STAFF WRITER

Family, friends and loved ones filled Saint Joseph's Church last Thursday to say goodbye to 34-year-old Cesar Eusebio Roldan, a Kaneko chef who was shot and killed over Thanksgiving break. Those close to him say students and faculty will sorely miss the kind and compassionate Roldan, who brightened everyone's lives with his friendly and helpful attitude.

Students returning from Thanksgiving break last weekend were shocked by the news that Roldan had been killed. Many had developed relationships with him, and thought of him as a friend.

"Cesar worked as a cook in Kaneko Café, but he was a little bit more to the students," freshman Erica Soma said. "He was the person who greeted us with a smile regardless of what was going on in his life, and was always willing to talk."

Roldan was born on March 31, 1973 in Mexico City, Mexico, but lived most of his life in Salem. According to co-worker Todd Large, Roldan enjoyed boxing, swimming and practicing karate with his 11-year-old son Hiloy. He had worked in Goudy Commons for at least a year and most recently worked as a cook in the Kaneko Café.

Many describe Roldan as a cheerful and kind individual who always went out of his way to make others happy. "Even if he was stressed or having a hard time, he would always be happy and make conversation," freshman Christina Thorburn said. "He was just really friendly."

According to those who knew him, he was always there to lend a helping hand when it was needed. "I remember one time when my bike was stolen and Cesar let me borrow his bike," Large said. "He was always willing to help people out. He would give them the shirt off his back."

Roldan was also a loving father. Students and staff say that Roldan often brought his son Hiloy to work with him. "Whenever I talked to him about his son he was always really excited," freshman Mika Lim said. "He just seemed really proud to be a father. It seemed like his son really looked up to him."

Many described Roldan as a compassionate and selfless individual. "Cesar didn't share much about his life because he was always asking about what I was doing," Soma said.

Roldan was often willing to go the extra mile to improve the lives of the students he served. "I remember on the day I was leaving for Thanksgiving I didn't know what to get for breakfast, so I asked him about it and he said he would surprise me," Soma said. "A few minutes later he put a plate in front of me with a chocolate chip waffle and said that it was the first one he had ever made. He was always willing to be creative in order to make your day a little bit better."

The Roldan family has a history of involvement with Kaneko. Roldan's father, Eusebio, worked in the Kaneko Café and

“Those close to him say students and faculty will sorely miss the kind and compassionate Roldan, who brightened everyone's lives with his friendly and helpful attitude.

his son attended Kaneko Day Camp over the summer. As TIUA is centered around Kaneko, the TIUA students had a close relationship with Roldan, his father and his son. Roldan's father taught many students to speak Spanish and some would play video games with Hiloy while he waited for his father to finish work.

TIUA students also became close with Roldan through their contact with him over the summer. "During the summer we ate three meals a day at Kaneko so I and all the TIUA students interacted with Cesar and the other Kaneko staff every day three times a day," TIUA Campus Life Assistant Cassandra Farrin said.

Roldan also provided support and comfort for the TIUA students. "During summer vacation, especially, there were so few English-speakers around with whom students could chat, but Cesar was always happy to spend time talking with them," Farrin said.

Many TIUA students showed their support by attending Roldan's funeral last Thursday. "The TIUA community is based in Kaneko, so they were close to him as well," Soma said. "The TIUA students took up at least two rows of seats at the funeral on Thursday and almost all of them left the church in tears."

Students, faculty and family alike are confused and upset by the tragic circumstances of Roldan's death. "I only interacted with Cesar in little ways, but those little ways added up," Farrin said. "When you see someone every morning and afternoon, they become a part of your life. It was clear to me that he was a wonderful person who did not deserve to die at such a young age and in such a terrible way."

Roldan's friendly nature and thoughtfulness made him a favorite of many who dined in Kaneko. "He provided the kind of small talk that just makes your day better," Thorburn said. "He was the kind of influence you don't really realize or fully appreciate until it's gone."

Kaneko Council and TIUA have organized their own memorial service to pay respects to Roldan. The service will be held today, Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 5:15 p.m. in the Kaneko Atrium. "We had no idea that students were so close with him," Chaplain Charlie Wallace said. "Once we found out, we decided to do something more to honor him."

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► Cesar Roldan memorial service

Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 5:15 p.m. in the Kaneko Atrium
Held by Kaneko Council and TIUA
Students are welcome to attend

Student debates spark interest

WADE COLLINS
GUEST WRITER

The Willamette Student Debates, formerly Coffee House Debates, are a series of discussions that involve students in a variety of political issues. The most recent event was on Nov. 28; three students participated. The participants spoke about current immigration ideas and possible reforms.

The format of the debates is very audience-inclusive. A moderator gives a brief explanation of the topic, and then each debater gives a short speech. Afterwards, anyone—including the participants—can ask the speakers questions. This continues until the end of the debate, when each participant gives a closing statement.

Event attendee and debate team member Zac Bentley said the debate was done well. "It was a microcosm of a real presidential debate, and I analyzed it like one," he said. "I looked at who was most accurate in being a real party debater."

According to Bentley, the technique of some of the debaters was well constructed. "The interplay between debaters focused on argumentation, rather than rhetoric for people sounding good," he said.

According to event coordinator and organizer Neal Parker, the debate was fairly successful, although the previous two debates this semester had larger audiences. Between 15 and 19 people attended the most recent debate.

Parker said that after the successes of this semester, there will be more debates. "After proving it worked, I got more people interested in helping out. For instance, the College Dems formally sent people to the

debates," he said. Parker also said that he wanted to introduce different topics in future sessions. "I want the topic to deal with issues closer to home on the Willamette campus," he said.

Bentley shared similar thoughts. "Immigration is overdone, but pertinent. There are topics that could have brought in a bigger audience," he said.

In the future, Parker wants to expand his repertoire of debaters in order to include a more diverse cast. "Tim Walsh got the College Dems to back [the debates], and the College Libertarians have a pseudo-group, but I've been having trouble finding conservative speakers," Parker said. "There's a small block on campus to justify doing [the debates] more, but it will be more and more difficult if I can't find speakers outside the Dems and Libertarians."

Bentley agreed on this point. "I have no idea why the Republicans don't show up. They definitely should next time," he said. "I plan on going back, especially if mainstream conservatives are present."

The debates spawned from what Parker stated as "Excessive free time and an overzealous imagination."

"The problem is that real debate doesn't happen anymore," Parker said. "I have my opinion, you have yours, but we don't really discuss them with each other. I want to restart that process and get more people outside political groups interested."

Plans to host debates next semester are underway, although Parker has not finalized dates yet.

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WU lights up trees for the holidays



COLBY TAKEDA

The star trees were lit in an annual event last Saturday, Dec. 1. The trees were decorated with Christmas lights to celebrate holiday spirit, and many people came to participate in the festivities surrounding the first lighting of the season. Two children were selected from the audience to pull the switch, lighting the trees for the first time. Hot chocolate and cookies were donated by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and were available for all, with a choral performance completing the festive spirit. Clothing donations were also taken in support of Beta's annual PennyCoat clothing drive.

TOP FIVE HIGHLIGHTS of THE 2007 ART WORLD

ALISA ALEXANDER
STAFF WRITER

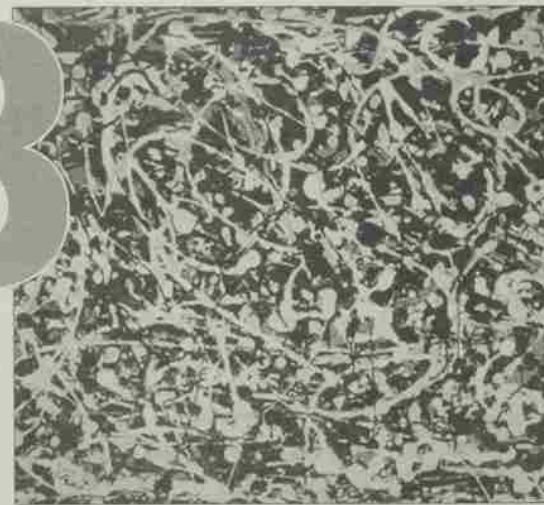
We are in the last month of the year, the last leg of the semester, and this my friends, is the last Collegian issue of 2007. So, as fine arts reviewer, I thought I would celebrate by compiling a very tiny list of interesting events that took place within the art world this past year. This year in art has most certainly been an amusing one, and these few events only touch the tip of the iceberg. I can't wait to see what unfolds in the future, but until then, I'll see you next year.



There must be a group of very angry art-haters out there, because over the years many famous pieces of art have been physically assaulted. This year is no exception. In the National Portrait Gallery in London, a homeless man attacked a painting of Samuel Johnson by Joshua Reynolds with a hammer. No one knows why he did it because he claimed to have nothing against the artist or the subject.



On the other side of the spectrum, there are extreme art-lovers. In France, a woman was charged with kissing a Cy Twombly at the Collection Lambert gallery. The woman claimed she was so overcome with passion that she could not help herself from leaving a kiss on this \$2 million painting, and that the red stain was a "testimony to the power of art."



The debate is still hot over a group of possible Pollock paintings. In 2005 Alex Matter found a group of paintings in Pollack's signature 'drip' style in a storage container belonging to his father. He commissioned a group of scientists to analyze the authenticity of these 32 works, and to this day, they have yet to reach a verdict.



During an auction this year, the trash of famous British artist Francis Bacon was sold for almost \$2 million. Bacon was one of the most important painters of the 20th century, and his electrician must have known this, because he kept the rubbish for almost 30 years.



Finally, on a serious note, three panels from the original "Gates of Paradise" by Ghiberti, have left their native Italy for the first and only time to be shown in America. Right now they are featured at the Met, and next year they will be a little closer to us, in Seattle. These panels are from the 15th Florence Baptistery doors, and are some of the greatest treasures of the art world.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in SALEM

			5 WEDNESDAY	6 THURSDAY	7 FRIDAY	8 SATURDAY
			Video Art Screening The Bistro 6:30 p.m.	Christmas in Hudson Hudson Hall 8 p.m. "Misty River" Historic Elsinore Theater 7 p.m.	Pearl Harbor Day Last day of classes Fall Semester Christmas in Hudson Hudson Hall 8 p.m.	TIUA Flea Market Montag Den 12-4 p.m. Serious Damage to the Brain Ike Box 7 p.m.
9 SUNDAY	10 MONDAY	11 TUESDAY	12 WEDNESDAY	13 THURSDAY	14 FRIDAY	15 SATURDAY
Midnight Breakfast Goudy 10 p.m.	Live Music Ike Box 7 p.m.	Headband in Hudson IV Hudson Hall 8 p.m.	It's a Wonderful Life Reed Opera House 7:30	Play Things of the Past: Vintage Toys Bush House Museum 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.	TIUA Closing Ceremony Hudson Hall 4:30 p.m. The Magic Toy Shop (live play) Chemeketa Community College Bldg. 6 7 p.m.	Last day of finals Salem Pops Orchestra Historic Elsinore Theater 7:30 p.m. Willamette Master Chorus Hudson Hall 7 p.m.

Have yourself five merry little movies

MICHAEL CAULEY
STAFF WRITER

Well, winter has snuck up behind us much like the Snow Miser (if you didn't see "The Year without Santa Claus"...you didn't miss much). And while yes, the season is about gift-giving and family and religious celebration, I'm here to tell you that it's also about movies.

So while some nights you may just want to make some cocoa and watch the Peanuts gang tell you what Christmas is all about, here are some less yuletide-y selections to brighten up your break:

In theaters:
Enchanted (2007)

Starring Amy Adams, James Marsden, Susan

Sarandon, Patrick Dempsey

It's number one at the box office right now, so you probably don't have to take my word for it, but this new Disney movie is really quite charming, in the "Little Mermaid and Beauty and the Beast" tradition. The story, about a fairy-tale princess who finds herself in modern-day New York City, is acted with great fun by Adams and the rest of the cast, and the music by Mermaid co-songwriter Alan Menken really make it feel like part of Walt's legacy in its own little ways.

On DVD:
Live Free or Die Hard (2007)

Starring Bruce Willis, Justin Long

Yes, the Die Hard series has the reputation of being one of those bloated, 80s/90s action franchises that earned sequels mostly because of how much money the previous one had made.

But while "Die Hard 2: Die Harder" will probably not end up on AFI's Top 100

list anytime soon, the franchise has always provided an exciting two hours of action, and this latest installment tops them all. Willis as John McClane and Long as a young computer hacker have greater repartee together, and action sequences are truly wild.

Spider-Man 3 (2007)

Starring Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst, James Franco

Bah, critics don't know what they're talking about (um...except for me, of course). For all its negative press, "Spidey 3" is a fine installment that does its excellent predecessors proud. Yes, it tries to juggle more storylines than perhaps were necessary, and the Sandman storyline in particular is pretty depressing, but overall the flick is pretty great.

Hairspray (2007)

Starring Nikki Blonsky, John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Christopher Walken

They just screened this one here at Willamette, so you tell me. For those of you who didn't catch it, "Hairspray" is a very spirited musical (I can hear the groans, so just stop it) that, as long as you check your cynical cap at the door, is very easy to enjoy. And Travolta's scenes with Walken are so bizarre, they're worth the price of admission in and of themselves.

Wild Card DVD (for those lucky few with Netflix):

The Rolling Stones: Gimme Shelter (1970)

Starring Mick Jagger, Keith Richards

Just... stay with me on this one. It's a documentary on the infamous Rolling Stones Altamont concert, which is both fascinating and startling to watch in retrospect. It's got a killer Stones soundtrack and it's a piece of rock history: what more do you want?

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MOVIE REVIEW: "August Rush"

Highmore not in much of a 'Rush'



COURTESY OF LYDIA BURNETT

Freddie Highmore stars as the prodigy son of Keri Russell and Jonathan Rhys-Meyers in the new movie "August Rush."

LYDIA BURNETT
GUEST WRITER

Rarely are there entirely new ideas in the film industry. As of late, most movies are sequels, remakes or remakes of remakes. Because of this, I find "August Rush" to be refreshing. Yet despite its originality, "August Rush" is mildly disappointing. My disappointment stemmed from the fact that this urban fairytale had quite a lot of potential.

"August Rush" begins by telling the tale of Lyla Novacek, a privileged cellist, and Louis Connelly, an Irish guitarist. The two musicians meet, fall madly in love and share a romantic evening together. Sadly, the next day

Lyla (Keri Russell) must return to her overprotective father. Lyla promises to meet Louis (Jonathan Rhys Meyers) later that day. Naturally, Lyla's father prohibits her from meeting him and demands she play at another concert.

We soon realize that Lyla is pregnant with Louis' child. During her pregnancy she gets in a car accident and is told by her father that the baby was lost. Can you see where this is going? Anyway, 11 years later, a musical prodigy (Freddie Highmore) who will later be known as August Rush, waits at the orphanage for his parents to come for him. His musical ability leads him on the adventure of a lifetime.

"August Rush" seemed like a possible classic that got lost along the way. Sure the story is absurd and unbelievable, but aren't all fairytales the same way? What I wanted more than anything was to be swept up in this movie. But oddly enough, it failed to capture its audience. Throughout the entire film I felt strangely uninvolved and particularly apathetic.

The film consistently introduced character after character and then proceeded to drop them, making the story muddled and far more complex than it needed to be. However, the movie did have its moments. Freddie Highmore is an excellent actor and Robin Williams is cast in a rare villainous role. In the end, the romance between Lyla and Louis is charming, and August's quest is touching, but I'm sorry to say that I just can't hear the music.

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MUSIC REVIEW: Neil Young | 'Chrome Dreams II'

Young's latest album fails to impress



COURTESY OF REPRISE RECORDS

Cover art for Neil Young's latest album "Chrome Dreams II."

TYLER THOMPSON
GUEST WRITER

Neil Young sounds the same as always, drawling and earnest, but sadly, a little bit bored. His newest release, "Chrome Dreams II," fits in neatly among his 30 other studio releases. This album, once again, is Neil on his lonesome liberal rock and roll throne. He plays with nothing more than a solitary guitar, a harmonica and a simple drum set to accompany his twanging lyrics.

Some of it works. The first five and a half minutes of "Ordinary People," for instance, the album's strongest track, hit hard with Neil's gritty lyrics and free-thinking message. But then, right when it seems that Neil Young might have struck gold, he stretches the song into an 18-minute epic, rife with repetition and imprecise lyrics.

Much of the rest of the album works in a similar manner, building up momentum, only to come crashing back to the ground. "Shining Light" and "The Believer" are both powerful tracks, but are followed with "Dirty Old Man," a shocking misstep on Young's part.

This song ruins the album in a violent, destructive burst of musical mishap. Young chants away about how old he's become, while a tough, assertive guitar riff plays in the background. He seems to be suggesting, "I've been around for a while, but I can still play ass-kicking music." Instead, he sounds like a creep, the kind of guy who used to be famous and is doing everything he can to desperately hold onto a scrap of stardom.

I wonder, while listening to Young's newest release, how much the old guy's got left in the tank. Sure, the lyrics are still provocative, and the guitar riffs still catchy in that country-boy kind of way, but I feel like I have heard all this before, and when I did, I didn't like it very much.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW: Bentley's Grill

Welcoming atmosphere and quality desserts worth the price

CHRISTY NEWELL
ARTS EDITOR

If you are looking for an upscale bite in downtown Salem, look no further than Bentley's Grill, located in the Salem Conference Center. The restaurant offers unique selections and a warm, welcoming atmosphere complemented by a large fire pit in the center of the restaurant.

Bentley's prices are rather modest in comparison to other upscale restaurants. You can easily get a meal for under 10 dollars if you order a burger, pizza or soup and salad. The steak dishes do get a little more spendy, but where can you get a filet mignon for under \$20?

I tried their crab cakes upon recommendation and was very satisfied. The portions were large and the crab cakes were quite tasty. For dessert I tested the crème brûlée, which, in my opinion, is one of the world's best desserts. Their crème brûlée is a 10; it was excellent and served with two spiral cookies. Bentley's dessert menu features cake slices from the popular local Konditorei bakery. In addition to the great food, our waiter was extremely kind and helpful.

For those 21 and over, the bar has an extensive selection with an upscale atmosphere. Browsing



COURTESY OF CHRISTY NEWELL

Bentley's features Konditorei caramel apple cake and many other seasonal desserts.

through the specialty drinks I have decided to try the Irish coffee in celebration of finishing finals this semester.

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It was not that long ago that when crossing the Willamette campus you would hear, "hello brother, thou havest a shapely abacus" or "pardon me sir, may I borrow your slide rule." Today though, these phrases have become obsolete due to the exponential advancement of technology in the last 50 years.

These technological instruments, such as computers, calculators, the Internet and cell phones, have revolutionized the way we learn and work. They allow us unparalleled access to information, as well as the ability to communicate with anyone at anytime.

Technology has its downsides as well. With so much information, many students are constantly distracted and find it hard to focus. Senior Matthew Tanabe had to revert to using an old typewriter he purchased at Value Village. "I just couldn't take it anymore; the bright screen in my face and so many little icons calling out to me. All I wanted to do was type my paper," Tanabe said.

Distractions are a troubling externality of the information age. With so much data at our fingertips, many students find themselves overloaded and lost when attempting to sift through all the information. "There's so much crap out there. You would think that we would be able to get things done much quicker,

but there are a hundred times more distractions than there were in the past," Tanabe said.

Facebook is one of the many distractions students face on a daily basis. Senior Chris Mulitalo summed up his ordeal with the online network giant saying, "Facebook runs my life."

It is easy to see what a large role Facebook plays in the lives of Willamette students. Simply walk into the library and count how many computers radiate that blue and white that we all love and hate. When it comes down to doing homework, it is not always a tough decision to choose between looking at pictures of friends' debauchery or writing a paper.



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MATTHEW TANABE
SENIOR

Navigating

The dual nature

85

percent of college students use Facebook.com and 60 percent of those students log in every day.

There have even been Facebook groups made about this troubling dilemma such as "Facebook is devastating to Procrastinators," and "Heroin's got nothing on Facebook." Natalie Davis, a recent graduate of the University of California Santa Barbara, found online shopping to be her biggest vice.

"I would start my papers around six o'clock expecting to be finished by nine. It always started the same way: I'd start to type, and then I would look on the Internet for some research and a little pop up would come up saying I was just one click away from great savings. How could I resist? I tried so hard to look away, but my will was weak. That's why I ended up finishing most of my papers around three in the morning a lot poorer than when I started," Davis said.

Gina Harris, mother of a Willamette student, recently returned to school to get her MBA at the University of Washington. She said she was amazed at the extent to which the university system had changed in the past 20 years.

"Everyone in the lecture hall was looking at unrelated Internet sites and talking to each other on Skype while the professor was speaking. At first, I was stunned that the professor didn't freak out and tell everyone to shut down their computers. After a while, I realized that this was normal and I shouldn't worry. One girl even had her

TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESSION THROUGH THE AGES

190 AD
Abacus



1000 AD
Introduction of
arabic numerals



1620
Slide rule



350 AD
First calendars
used in Mayan
culture

1436
Movable letters
invented for the
printing press

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NATALIE DAVIS
RECENT UCSB GRADUATE

computer set up so that she could record the lecture while she watched a movie," Harris said.

Don Negri, a professor of Economics, believes technology can be beneficial if used properly. "Technology has opened so many doors. First, in communication, I can, at any time, day or night, pass information to all of my students. I can answer questions, supplement reading, supplement office hours, all without having to take class time. On the down side, I spend many hours a week processing email," Negri said.

In Negri's Economic Statistics class, technology is used to demonstrate concepts that could otherwise be immensely difficult to explain.

"Take for example the sampling distribution of the sample mean. This demonstration is not possible without computer and graphics technology. Regression is tedious and cumbersome without a computer. Technology gives me the ability to present class material in a variety of ways to accommodate different learning styles. Pictures, words, graphics, videos, all provide a means to communicate material," Negri said.

When asked which technology he would do away with if he had super powers, Negri responded, "I think it would be e-mail. It comes with so much responsibility, people expect you to be constantly checking your email and they're all waiting for a reply. Email has been simultaneously a blessing and a curse."

Professor of Math Erin McNicholas remembers the technology available to her in college. "We had e-mail and did all our papers on computers but there weren't as

many distractions. Plus, e-mail was pretty sketchy. A lot of people didn't check it super regularly, so you had to rely more on face to face communication."

According to professor McNicholas, the biggest difference between the present and her time in college has been the prevalence of cell phones. "When I was in college very few people had cell phones. I think cell phones have eroded the distinctions between various activities. There used to be a time to be in class concentrating, a time to work on homework, and a time to socialize with friends. Now, people text message a lot during class or when they are studying. In some ways having immediate contact with others is great, but I believe it makes us less focused and productive," McNicholas said.

With the advent of the Apple iPhone, students not only text message, but search the Internet, watch movies and listen to music as well.

Technology has also made it far easier to cheat. An increase in plagiarism due to the ease of cutting and pasting has created demand for Internet sites such as Turnitin.com that specialize in comparing papers with written documents on the web. Professor Erin McNicholas requires students to turn in their papers through Turnitin.com.

Though technology is a double-edged sword, it has revolutionized how both students and professors research

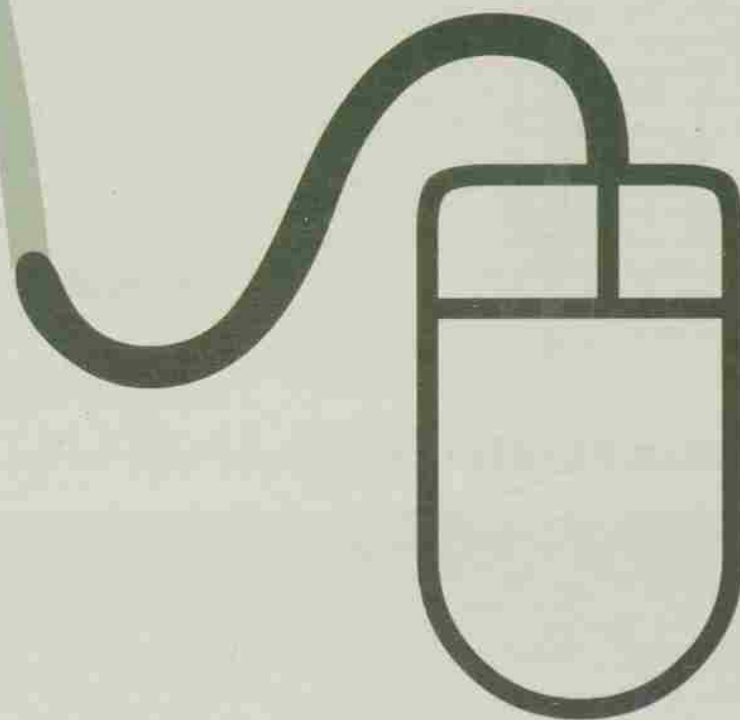
and write papers. In the past, researching was tedious and time consuming due to limited library resources. Now, with search engines and electronic library catalogues, sources are limitless and information readily available.

As data storage devices grow to terabytes (1000 gigabytes), companies like Amazon.com are attempting to convert every book they sell into an e-book that can be read electronically. This eliminates shipping time as well as the problem those who've written theses know well—trying to carry around 25 books without having a hernia.

Though technology has changed a great deal, people have remained relatively the same. It is still common to hear "hey bro that's a hella sick Ti-84 plus," or "Oh damn! You have a dual-core processor! Can I see your motherboard?"

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100
minutes per day
is the average
amount of time a
student spends on
the internet



GES



1822
Calculator

1844
Telegraph



1873
Typewriter

1983
Personal computer



1990
Internet

BASKETBALL

Bearcats come up short in Southern California

Willamette men fall to 2-4 over the weekend

JIMMY MEUEL
STAFF WRITER

The Willamette University men's basketball team traveled to southern California last weekend to take on the University of La Verne and Whittier College of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Both games came down to the wire, as the Bearcats fell to each school by three points. Willamette lost to Whittier 80-77 and La Verne 84-81.

The Bearcats fell to 2-4 over the weekend, while the Whittier Poets improved to 3-1 and the La Verne Tigers improved to 3-2.

Willamette started off strong against La Verne and took a 40-33 lead into the half. The game remained close throughout the second half, with neither team leading by more than three, except for a brief moment when La Verne went up by five.

"It was a disappointing weekend," senior post Ian Mansfield said. "We were out-rebounded by La Verne, which shouldn't have happened. We have the possibility to be a very strong team defensively. We have a lot of size and athleticism."

Senior wing Mike Smith led the Bearcats with 22 points, including five three-point shots. Senior post Ian Mansfield scored 11 points for the Bearcats, while junior wing Cory Constantino and junior post Klyer McClary each scored ten.

Junior post Tain Cantrell contributed 14 points to the Bearcat effort as well as nine rebounds. Cantrell was six for seven from the field.

On the second night, the Bearcats suffered another heartbreaker, as they fell by three for the second consecutive night. The Poets had a substantial 13-point lead early in the second half, but Willamette refused to go away. The Bearcats proceeded to go on a 18-9 run in order to cut the deficit to four. It was not long before the Poets regained the momentum of the game; they led by double digits with just over six and a half minutes to go. The Bearcats made one final push, but came up short.

"We improved our rebounding the second night," Mansfield said. "But we gave them too many open shots and they took advantage of it."

McClary had a career day with 24 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore post Cameron Mitchell had his third double-double of the season, as he contributed 11 points and led both teams with 13 rebounds. Rebounding has been a strength for the Bearcats this season; they out-rebounded the Poets 42-31, including 16 offensive rebounds.



Junior Nick Babilj goes for the rebound in a practice.

Non-conference games can be important, as the strength of a school's non-conference schedule and their conference's overall success can be a large determinate in which schools are awarded at-large bids.

Traditionally, however, very few conferences are awarded at-large bids, so only the league champions are invited to the postseason.

"It is more important for us to use these non-league games as a way to improve and help us correct our mistakes before we start league play," Mansfield said. "Not many schools get invited to the postseason as at large teams, but we can still use these games to grow and improve."

Looking ahead, the Bearcats play National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Concordia on December 8 in Portland, before traveling to California to face Division II foes Humboldt State and Chico State.

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next up

Willamette @ Whitman College, Jan. 4

Women fall to Montana Western, Westminster



Senior Tracie Nygaard contributed 11 points in Saturday's game against Westminster.

JIMMY MEUEL
GUEST WRITER

The Willamette women's basketball team traveled to Salt Lake City last weekend to take on Montana Western and Westminster College in the Westminster.

Yet the two basketball powers proved to be too much for the Bearcats, as Montana Western defeated Willamette 58-46 and Westminster was also victorious, 82-56.

Willamette fell to 2-5 on the season, while Montana Western improved to 7-1 and Westminster improved to 9-1.

The Bearcats stayed in the game up until the end of the game, cutting the deficit to 46-42 with just over three minutes left to play.

"I was proud of the way we played," said Head Coach Bruce Henderson. "Our defense was good and we were able to knock down some shots late in the game."

Against Montana Western, senior guard Laura Payne led the Bearcats' scoring effort with 16 points. Junior guard Molly Fillion,

the Bearcats' leading scorer on the season, was held scoreless. She did, however, lead the Bearcats with 10 rebounds.

The next night against Westminster, the Bearcats held leads early in the game and eventually forced a 20-20 tie midway through the first half. Westminster came out firing in the second half and pulled away for good.

Four Bearcats placed double figures on the board, led by Payne with 13. Freshman guard Alex Zennan and Fillion had 12 points each, while senior forward Tracie Nygaard contributed 11.

"We will need to pick up our defensive intensity," Henderson said. "On offense we need to be more patient"

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next up

WU @ Southern Oregon, Dec. 7

WU @ Oregon Tech, Dec. 8

WU @ Whitman College, Jan. 4

Intramurals | Wingbats win co-ed football championship



COURTESY OF ZACH SOKOLIK

On Wednesday, Nov. 28, the Wingbats won their third Co-ed Intramural Football Championship in four years. The 27-9 victory over Half Mast capped their undefeated season and led them to back-to-back championships.

The Wingbats have played in the championship game the last four years. After many of its members graduated in the off-season, the Wingbats made several key pick-ups including Dee Dee Hayes, Nelya Drofyak, Rah-Ben Coates, Dylan McIlhenny, Brad Woodward, Laura Payne, Nicole Wallace, Caitlin Waugh, Bryann Turner, Cari Schrueth and Janel Addicott. These crucial acquisitions joined the core returners Zach Sokolik, Will Patton and Pat Wells. The Wingbats were founded in 2004 by Zach Sokolik, Jesse Stratos ('06) and Kimberly Im ('07). They quickly began a tradition of winning by capturing their first title in 2004 on a last-second Hail Mary catch from Jake DeGlee ('06) to Mimi Dahn ('07).

This season, the Wingbats averaged 40 points per game and only allowed an average of 7.6 opponent points per game. The only game in which they gave up multiple scores was against the runner-up, Half Mast, in the regular season. The championship game co-MVPs were Cari Schrueth, with two touchdowns, and Brad Woodward, with three interceptions.

ZACH SOKOLIK

SWIMMING

Women's team takes fourth in NW Invitational

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On Dec. 1, 2007, the Willamette men's and women's teams competed in the Northwest Invitational, which took place at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. The Bearcat women took fourth in the team standings, and the Bearcat men placed seventh.

Lewis and Clark College won the women's title with a score of 810, Whitman College came in second with 594, Linfield College finished third with 351 and Willamette came in fourth with 344. A total of eight teams competed in the Northwest Invitational.

Senior Shannon Gima achieved the Bearcats' top finish of the day with a time of 1:04:30 in the 100-yard backstroke.

Sophomore Gwen Schulze came in fourth in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03:64, shortly followed by senior Bridget Sutherland, who came in fifth with 1:03:77. Erin Petterson of

Whitman College took first with a time of 1:02:25.

In the longest race, the 1,650-yard freestyle, sophomore Jenna Larrow arrived in fourth with 19:41:95. In the 200-yard breaststroke, freshman Hanna Connett finished sixth with a time of 2:47:15.

The Bearcat women's team, comprised of Gima, Connett, Schulze and Sutherland, finished third in the 200-yard medley relay with a time of 2:01:39. The Willamette women also took fourth place in the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:58:51. The team was comprised of Sutherland, Schulze, Connett and sophomore Whitney Pryce.

In the consolation finals, the Willamette top finishers were Sutherland and Pryce, who came in 10th and 11th respectively, with times of 2:10:06 and 2:11:81.

Pacific Lutheran University claimed the men's title with a score of 610. Whitman College scored 579 to place second and Linfield College finished third with 572. The

Willamette men finished seventh with 231. Eight teams in total competed at the Northwest Invitational.

In the 200-yard freestyle, freshman John Schmidtbauer and sophomore Kevin Tangeman finished in seventh and eighth place respectively, with times of 1:55:89 and 2:02:02. Senior Pete Kahn placed second in the consolation final with a time of 1:59:23. Kahn finished 10th overall.

In the 400-individual medley, sophomore Matt Tanigawa finished seventh with a time of 4:52:89. Schmidtbauer won the 100-yard butterfly in the consolation final with a time of 59:83. He finished ninth overall.

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next up

Willamette @ Whitman College, Jan. 11

COACHING

Willamette should consider coaching minor



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It is largely the responsibility of collegiate athletes to coach the following generation of athletes. Even within the ranks of Willamette alumni, there are numerous coaches at the collegiate level and even dozens more coaching high school and youth leagues across the country.

Willamette is a school with 433 athletes across 20 varsity sports. This is nearly one-third of the student body. If one includes Willamette athletes who came to Willamette to play sports, but chose not to continue to play, the number is even higher.

Thus, with so many Willamette alumni entering the coaching profession, the university should add coaching as a minor. This would allow students who are interested in coaching to pursue this discipline from an academic standpoint and learn the ins and outs of how to become an effective coach.

"Coaching is teaching," senior chemistry major, football player and aspiring football coach Tony Davis said. "In many

high schools, coaches are the best teachers. They relate better to the students and spend more time with them. Whenever I have needed help, my coaches have always been there."

Willamette already has several classes in place that could contribute toward a curriculum for such a minor. Methods of Coaching Football and Methods of Coaching Basketball would be valuable assets to the minor, as would Sports Leadership and Management and Teaching Sports activity.

Similarly, Sports in Society, a sociology class, could easily be given dual classification, as it would allow future coaches to learn about the issues facing sports.

Other coaching classes could include several exercise science classes, as well as personal fitness classes and sports activity classes. This would give prospective coaches an insight into the methods of coaching, the social issues in sports and a background in the physical aspects of sports.

I propose that this be a five-credit minor, with at least one credit from methods of coaching classes, one from a social science of sports class and one from an exercise science class, in addition to two elective

credits.

"Realistically, a lot of people coach," Head Coach Mark Speckman said. "Odds are, if you are an athlete, you are going to coach, whether you're a volunteer or a little league coach, or even just helping your own kids. Similarly, it is easier to get a teaching job if you have something else, like coaching you can do. Having a minor in coaching would show a high school that you are serious about being a coach."

This is not a new concept, as several colleges across the country already offer coaching as a minor and many offer sports leadership as a major and even a post-graduate degree, notably Gonzaga, Miami, James Madison, Wisconsin, Texas, North Carolina State, Azusa Pacific and Chico State.

There is also a precedent in liberal arts colleges. When Assistant Athletic Director Skip Kenitzer attended St. Olaf College in Minnesota, there was a coaching minor. "I think we need a coaching minor at Willamette," Kenitzer said.

"It would legitimize the profession in the eyes of academics."

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NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Brief history of the Northwest Conference



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Willamette University's membership in the Northwest Conference is rarely given a second thought. While many Bearcats may recall that the NWC is a part of the NCAA Division III, and can perhaps name several of the nine private colleges and universities that make up the conference, its strengths and rich history are often overlooked.

The NWC was formed in 1926 as one of the first athletic alliances in the Western United States. Willamette was one of its charter members, along with Pacific University, Whitman College, University of Puget Sound, Linfield College and the College of Idaho.

Lewis & Clark College (then Albany College) and Pacific Lutheran University joined in 1931, and Whitworth College became

a member in 1970. The College of Idaho (now Albertson College) left the NWC in 1978, although Willamette still occasionally competes in tournaments sponsored by the Coyotes.

Athletic competition was offered exclusively for men's sports for years. In 1984, the Women's Conference of Independent Colleges joined the Northwest Conference to form the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges.

Perhaps because this name was too much of a mouthful, the name was once again shortened to the Northwest Conference in 1998. At this time, all nine members of the conference switched affiliation from the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

As the NWC website states, our conference is in a constant state of change. The McIlroy-Lewis Trophy charts this

change from year to year, as it is awarded to the Northwest Conference program with across-the-board success in athletics. The University of Puget Sound has won the past two trophies.

Each Northwest Conference school has cultivated individual athletic strengths. Thus far in the 2007-2008 school year, Willamette has claimed the men's and women's cross country titles. Whitworth brought home football and men's soccer, while UPS won women's soccer and Pacific Lutheran University won volleyball.

Current Willamette athletes have a legacy to uphold, based on Bearcat participation since the NWC was formed. Along with the other nine Northwest schools, the Bearcats have gradually changed the face of Division III athletics.

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NUTRITION

Why we love fat



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We all really do scream for ice cream! When a study of 1,005 men and women asked participants to name their favorite comfort food, both men and women chose ice cream. What causes this intense love for what some consider "forbidden" foods?

Aside from providing the nutrients and energy your body needs to function, food also influences appetite and mood. Certain foods (including the macronutrients: fat, carbohydrates and protein) affect neurotransmitters, powerful mood-modifying brain chemicals.

Why does fat taste so good? Recent research suggests that we may in fact be hardwired to indulge in this nutrient. From an evolutionary standpoint, it is likely that we were born to consume fat because it has survival value.

It contains nine calories/gram compared with carbs and proteins, which only contain four calories/gram. Our ancestors probably ate fatty foods over meat or grains, which gave them enough energy to hunt and gather.

However, when you look around today, it is not hunters and gatherers we see, but a 63 percent overweight population. Further, liking fats may be acquired in infancy or early childhood, as breast milk is a combination of sugar and fat, which possibly introduces the attraction towards other fats into children's diets.

When one increases fat in his or her diet, endorphins, a chemical in the body that creates a natural "high," are released. Endorphins promote pain relief and pleasure. Research has also shown that the neurotransmitter galanin increases the desire for fatty foods. The more fat in a person's diet, the more galanin is produced and the more galanin that is produced, the more one prefers or craves fattier foods.

Further, serotonin is the chemical released after eating simple carbohydrates such as sugars and starches. It enhances calmness, improves mood, lessens depression, controls appetite and satisfies cravings.

So you can see why many desserts, which typically contain sugar and fat, make us so happy. Further, they produce cravings for additional desserts because you want to maintain that inner state of calm. Evidence shows that carbohydrate snacking seems to be related to a 'need' to increase the level of brain serotonin.

Interestingly, when you eat your favorite food, regardless of the macronutrient it is, your body releases endorphins. This release causes an increase in your eating speed, which leads to eating more, as well as increased pleasure.

The food-mood connection is controversial and still under widespread study. Further research is needed to determine the exact pathway by which food acts on mood.

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Noah's Ark-ticle

A Christmas column: Jesus was a cool dude!



NOAH
ZAVES

OPINIONS EDITOR

My column today is about Jesus and Christmas, in an effort to celebrate the holiday season. Jesus and I have sort of a unique relationship, so please bear with me, and feel free to share your comments.

Unlike the majority of Americans, I don't see Jesus as my personal savior, or even as the Messiah or the son of God. He holds a close second place, though: role model, moral leader, and progressive visionary, whose ideas have changed history in a positive direction.

Since communication began, certain leaders have inspired a following. The Buddha had such great ideas that his groupies tried to be like him. Moses and Plato had some pretty revolutionary thoughts, and enough people followed that their ideas have persisted to this day.

The caveman in Mel Brooks' "History of the World, Part I" accidentally invented opera singing by dropping a rock on his friend's foot, and music has stuck around ever since.



I found Jesus this weekend, but then lost track of him. If you see him around, would you let him know I'm looking for him?

Jesus developed a similar following. He thought of (or reminded people of) a series of great ideas, including being nice to people, helping out the poor, and generally being a good person. Incidentally, many have followed in his footsteps, including Mahatma Gandhi, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Martin Luther King and the amazing Mr. Rogers.

All of these people have revolutionized society with their thinking, and none of them need be accepted as the messiah for their message to have a huge and positive impact on society. (Personally, though, if I had to pick one, Mr. Rogers is by far the likeliest candidate.)

More Christians, in fact, should accept the ideas of Jesus and other radicals. Many do, but too many blindly accept the dogma of one church or another, without questioning how Jesus' message fits in.

I guess it's a little hard for most congregants to question their church without getting totally ostracized. I'd like to think that the messiah would help them become more accepting, but apparently that's not always the case.

Speaking of the messiah, I actually found Jesus this weekend, at a church in Tualatin, but then I lost track of him on the way home. I think he slipped out the back window of my station wagon. If you see him around, would you let him know I'm looking for him?

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EDITORIAL



Why only Christmas decorations?

Willamette should diversify decorations to reflect multiple religions and their celebrations

As the holiday season approaches, it is wonderful to see the campus lit up with decorations.

Hudson Hall and Goudy Commons display decorated Christmas trees, Goudy has hundreds of snowflakes hanging around the rooms, the Kaneko sky bridge is lit with red and green bulbs and, as of Saturday, the star trees are covered in Christmas lights.

We applaud Willamette for celebrating one winter holiday. Decorations can boost morale during this stressful time of year and serve as visual reminders of Christmas. Although we applaud Willamette's festive Christmas decorations, why not celebrate more than one winter holiday?

Celebrating only one holiday can be offensive to some students, while celebrating a variety of holidays is more educational and appropriate for our diverse student population... not to mention more fun.

Willamette should consider making the campus decorations more inclusive of other holidays such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and the winter solstice, either

by putting up more decorations or by making the current decorations less specific to Christmas.

The holiday season is full of possibilities when it comes to decoration. There are plenty of ways to spread cheer without religious implications. Colorful light strings, bows, poinsettias, nutcrackers, holly and the ever-popular mistletoe are always big hits. These decorations would liven Goudy up without offending anyone.

Willamette is also known for its acceptance of diversity. In addition to Americanized decorations we could make an effort to put up holiday decorations from other cultures.

We could invite the foreign exchange students to share their traditions from home with us. Not only would we have new and interesting decorations, we would be able to learn about another culture, as well as teach them about ours.

Willamette's myriad of cultural and religious clubs should be called upon to contribute to the campus' holiday

celebration. Rather than one holiday's decorations being pushed on us by the administration, religious groups, including Christian and Jewish ones, should be willing to decorate according to their tradition and share their customs with the rest of campus.

International students, as well, are usually eager to share the culture of their home country. Since many countries have vastly different conceptions of Christmas, this would be a significant multi-cultural opportunity at the school that prides itself on diversity.

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ASK ME ANYTHING:

Dressing for the rain, kicking the habit



JASON
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COLUMNIST

Dear Jade,

Everyone told me that moving to Oregon from sunny Southern California was going to be difficult, but I never thought it would be like this. All my clothes are for the weather back home, so not only am I cold and wet all the time, but I never look cute. How do Oregonians dress up in this kind of weather?

-Drenched, O.C. Girl

Dear Drenched,

Um, apparently you haven't ever seen me, because I am roughly the last person to ask for wardrobe advice. Seriously, Sasquatch has more fashion sense than me. You know those people who try to look real cute by being edgy with what they wear but just end up looking stupid? I'm a step below those people because I don't even try. Depending on the level of effort that you want to put into this endeavor, here are a few people after which you could model (bad pun intended) your outfits.

My stylish friend: It seems like the darker and uglier the weather, the brighter and cuter her outfits get. The trick to standing out in the rain is to wear colors that are different from the sky (meaning no grey and no black). Wear a lot of bright tights and shirts, lots of fun jewelry and a colorful jacket. These measures also double to make you extra-visible to drivers fighting the rain and fog. Most importantly, invest in a pair of those outrageously cute rain boots. The more baby, big-eyed animals or daisies on them, the better.

My clever friend: If you don't feel like going out and investing in a brand new, neon winter wardrobe, you can always make do with what's already in your closet. Wear cute skirts over pants, multiple layers of fun socks and about 23 shirts. You may end up looking like either a five-year-old or a lovable-but-crazy aunt, but at least you'll be warm.

Me: Give up. Now. Actually, I gave up on looking cute in this

weather about eight years ago. Replace your heels with sneakers because otherwise you'll just end up slipping and getting frostbite. Donate your little skirts and skinny jeans in favor of some cargo pants you find at the Goodwill that probably used to belong to a pizza delivery guy who thought they were too ugly for him. On especially wet days, wear long johns under these cargo pants. Finally, cut off all your hair because it just gets windswept and tangled anyway. You may not end up looking your best (read: you will end up looking like a dude) but hey—keeping away the love interests takes a back seat to keeping away the trench foot in my book. Also, you know, some people are into that.

Dear Jade,

I think I am addicted to caffeine. I've noticed that I drink a lot of coffee and cola here and I'm now having trouble getting work done without the aid of some caffeinated beverage. How can I kick the habit without completely avoiding the Bistro?

-Cracked Out on Coffee

Dear Cracked,

Hi, you must've missed Opening Days. Welcome to college! Don't lose your mailbox key, don't violate the quiet hours and don't have unprotected sex. Okay, off you go now.

Seriously, I'm addicted to caffeine, you're addicted to caffeine, most of our professors are probably addicted to caffeine. I'm not saying that it's healthy or anything, but considering the fact that we live in Salem and all, it's good that it's not some other drug. You know, like the one that starts with "m" and ends in "ethamphetamine?"

Granted, not everybody is hooked. But enough of my friends are that I'm pretty familiar with your options. You can try to wean yourself off by having smaller and smaller amounts every day. Or you can just quit cold turkey. That'll be fun for your roommate. However, I advocate nursing this addiction. How do you think I get this column done every week, let alone all of the other things like papers and stuff? Speaking of that, I've got a paper due on Wednesday. I'd better go organize my underwear drawer.

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Oh CSSJ, where art thou?

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Oh Concerned Students for Social Justice, I'm disappointed. This should be a very busy time of the year for you, yet you sit idle. You allow Christmas to promote social gross injustices without so much as a peep of protest! Allow me to explain why I am disappointed.

First, I am ashamed at how you are able to sit and permit the cruel oppression of a free and sovereign people, the elves! We are, in this country, for freedom from tyranny yet you, the *leaders* of social justice on this campus, do not protest against a fat old white man owning slaves!

The elves are not paid, nor are they allowed to ever leave the North Pole (except to come with Santa to malls across the country to learn what the children want for Christmas). Sweatshops are illegal in this country, yet because Santa has his in the

North Pole, you do not protest.

Speaking of deplorable activity by white men, you protest minorities getting pulled over for having too nice of a car, but do not protest the police doing nothing about a white man breaking and entering tens of millions of houses!

How can you be for social justice, but be enablers of Santa's crime spree? If you are for social justice, you must be for making everyone follow the laws, not just being against minorities getting shafted!

On the topic of minorities getting shafted, oh the sexism that Christmas promotes! It is always Santa Claus that delivers the presents, and never Mrs. Claus. Mrs. Claus' only job description seems to be making fudge and cookies and mugs of hot chocolate with those little marshmallows on top (which is delicious).

How can you, the CSSJ, possibly support a holiday that such blatant repression

of women? You should be protesting Christmas until Mrs. Claus is given her fair share of the present-distribution process.

And why, oh why, do you not protest this promotion here on our very campus, when these injustices are thrown in our face? As we walk around the campus, we are constantly reminded that it is Christmas time, a time to oppress women and elves, and to break into peoples' houses.

As we walk into our very own Goudy Commons we have Christmas trees thrown in our face, blatant reminders that our very own university supports the oppression of the elves and Mrs. Claus. So why do you not rail against your protectors, and call out the university on its promotion of social injustice?

You should be for social justice everywhere, in all forms, or sit down and shut up.

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TOM'S THOUGHTS:

Finals draw near, column quality plummets



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COLUMNIST

Yes it's true, with finals just around the corner, I find I don't have the time to craft the kind of poignant and authoritative column that you readers deserve. For instance, I was thinking of writing another Concerned Students for Social Justice satire, in rhymed iambic pentameter, but unfortunately, I have more pressing responsibilities. Thus this week's column promises to be several hundred words of unintelligible rambling. I hope at least you will find it amusing. If I am to write a column next week though, I fear for it greatly.

So I'm in a bit of a Star Wars phase currently. Let it be known that I'm no great fan of the Lucas movie series. I don't know all of the lines by heart, I don't go to conventions and I don't plan on naming my firstborn male child Luke. Nonetheless, every few years or so I get a powerful urge to fly X-Wings, befriend Wookies and spend my life savings on a full set of Stormtrooper armor.

Anyhow, it was in this mood that I began contemplating what I would do if I had Force powers. I decided I would use it mainly to push down skateboarders, in addition to the more mundane tasks of sensing "great disturbances" and persuading passersby that these are not, in fact, the droids they are looking for.

From there I began to ponder what would be inherently difficult to do utilizing only Force powers.

Immediately I realized that putting on socks would be very tricky using only the Force. The Force seems to be very adept at pushing things, pulling things and creating evil lightning out of pure malice. It would not be very good at the kinds of precise manipulation necessary for putting on one's socks.

And now, Tom Ackerman's thoughts on the "Weird News" section of MSNBC.com.

"SYDNEY, Australia - Thieves who stole 16 metric tons of ham and bacon from a warehouse in Australia left behind a message taunting the business just weeks before the holiday season."

I think it's safe to say that the thieves were not Jews with high cholesterol. Seriously though, who would steal sixteen metric tons of ham? The article said that the meat was worth "up to \$88,000." But where is it worth up to \$88,000? Is there a pork black market? Were the thieves perhaps agents from a competing ham company? These are questions that ham-loving men like myself need answered in order to sleep soundly.

And now, Tom Ackerman's helpful holiday gift guide!

For the man that has everything: A reciprocating saw

For the woman that has everything except a dictionary: A dictionary

For children of all ages: Empty cardboard boxes (even at 20 years of age, I'm a sucker for a good box)

For the college student: DVDs, floss and an ant farm.

For that special someone: Bisquick, man's greatest gift to the world.

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A wish for the winds to change... literally

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I was walking to class recently, and the experience proved to be far more difficult than it should have been. The rain was pouring, and the wind was blowing so fiercely that I saw a girl chasing after her umbrella that had turned inside out after a particularly nasty gust.

I arrived to class with my pants wet and my bag soaked. Looking at the shoes of my classmates, I couldn't help but feel sorry for all those who do not own rain boots. Quite frankly, I think a pair should come with every acceptance letter to the school.

Days such as these, with the combination of icy wind and rain, are not terribly uncommon in the winter months. As college students who walk more than

the average citizen, we become increasingly aware of the weather. Every morning as I draw my curtains, my hope for clear skies is consistently crushed.

My hometown is Santa Fe, New Mexico, where the summers are hot and the winters are usually snowy. Rain is unheard of from about October to April. So imagine my surprise when last year I discovered that Oregon's rainiest season is the winter. Rain is completely useless to me, particularly when it's cold out. Sure, it fills the rivers and keeps everything green and alive, but there is little fun to have in the rain when it's so chilly you can see your breath. Dancing in the rain is sort of a summertime thing. With snow, you can at least go sledding or make a snowman. You can't

make a rainman, unless Dustin Hoffman is available.

People continually hear me griping about the disgusting weather and my belief that classes should be cancelled when the rain slaps against your face, stinging with each drop. There simply are days in which a good book and some hot cocoa are called for, but instead, we battle the elements for yet another day.

Call me a whiner, call me a wimp, but don't tell me that you haven't gotten sick of the rain once in your life. It is almost finals week: papers and projects are due, and exams will consume our attention next week. It is cruel to force anyone to walk to the library when the puddles alone will leave your pants wet for hours. This is precisely why I call for a change.

Don't tell me any of that mumbo jumbo like "you can't change the weather at your own whim, stupid." We are the future, people! We can accomplish anything if we put our minds to it! If we band together, we can present a united force against unpleasant weather! If I want a sunny day with seventy-five degree weather, who's to say I can't have it? That's right! No one! So come on, who's with me?

I'll be tabling at Goudy all week long, so if you'd like to join me in the fight, please sign my petition. With enough signatures and a strong complaint letter, I know those jerks in the weather control tower will be sure to grant us summer in December.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should solve problems that matter

Any serious student group must meet two criteria: address an important issue and take actions that don't make them look like incompetent morons.

CSSJ put out a silly list about Halloween costumes and the student body spent a month bickering about it. Ask yourself critically: does this meet either of the criteria?

This country is fighting an unjust war, the class divide is growing and our politicians lie to us. States are limiting women's rights to their bodies and taking away the rights of gays. There are AIDS epidemics, droughts, hunger and genocides all over the world.

If you really care about "social justice," get off your asses and address issues that matter. It might not be as comfortable as sitting in your dorm bitching about Halloween costumes. But if you work at solving problems that matter instead of complaining about one that doesn't, maybe people will take you seriously.

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In response to above letter

How do I, as a white, straight, able-bodied, middle class male contribute to and benefit from a system that systematically oppresses those who are not like me? How do my actions create social change? Do I actively engage those around me?

When working for social change and justice, these are critical and necessary questions that I must ask myself daily. Reflection and constructive feedback are important for us all as we work towards justice and equality within our communities and ourselves.

As both Hannah Mitchell and Anthony Kim eloquently conveyed in their opinion pieces (Nov. 14 issue of the Collegian) join the movement, don't work against it. If we all hold these virtues to be true within our university, then we must be willing to engage them on a daily basis. Work towards a just society! Join the movement and help it along!

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Response to "Health Care at Willamette" (Nov. 28 Issue)

I have written before in order to defend Willamette institutions such as Campus Safety, and am disheartened to have to write again. Although the article makes the point that the majority of Willamette students are pleased and satisfied with the medical care they receive on campus, the only student you cited, before you mentioned these actual facts, was one who had a bad experience.

This is obviously not representative, and is in my opinion, irresponsible journalism. I feel that the Collegian has too strong a history of reporters who take their friends' opinions to be those of the campus at large.

I wish to voice my opinion about Cameron Ramey's opinion that "Willamette would be equally provided for...by a large bowl of free condoms and a man bellowing the harmful effects of binge drinking at the student's passing by." Not only does this statement show ignorance of the true importance of medical care, it undermines the multitude of services that Bishop provides.

Speaking from personal experience, a nurse practitioner at Bishop was the first to diagnose my anemia when other doctors had missed it. They have also provided reminders for my HPV vaccines and flu shots, successfully treated a bad sinus infection, and provided constant support for my work with WEMS. In general, we must acknowledge that students, while being a fairly healthy bunch due to their age, often pay very little attention to their health.

My personal opinion is that Bishop Wellness Center and its director Margaret Trout contribute to the well-being of Willamette University.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT NOV. 26 – DEC. 2, 2007

MIP / PCS

► Nov. 30, 10:28 P.M. (Off-Campus & York House): Salem Police contacted Campus Safety regarding a student who was intoxicated and unable to care for himself. Campus Safety responded and transported the student back to campus. WEMS was also asked to evaluate the student. Later, the intoxicated student left his room and began running up and down Winter St. The police responded, took the student into custody and transported him to Salem Hospital. The student resisted the officers and later resisted the hospital staffs' efforts to assist him. As a result, the student was arrested and booked into Marion County Jail.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

► Nov. 26, 1:35 P.M., (TIUA): Campus Safety responded to a call that a student was feeling light-headed and nauseous. The student was taken to her room to rest after she began to feel better.

► Nov. 27, 12:26 P.M., (Smith Fine Arts): A student who had stopped breathing was administered CPR and subsequently transported to Salem Hospital for treatment. As of Dec. 2, the student's condition has improved and has left the hospital. We commend her alert classmates who cared for her and initiated the proper communications to call for assistance. Special commendations go to Katie Kartowitz and Rich Dennis for their successful administration of CPR until the Fire Department arrived.

► Nov. 28, 10:01 P.M., (McCulloch Stadium): A student suffered a knee injury while playing football at the stadium. The student refused any medical treatment other than an ice pack.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

► Nov. 27, 3:36 P.M., (Mill Street): A student reported that her vehicle was struck by another driver, who was parking his/her vehicle next to hers. The investigation revealed that a minor paint transfer had

occurred.

POLICY VIOLATION

► Dec. 1, 2:10 P.M., (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety responded to a call of vomit on a balcony. It was discovered that a student had vomited over his balcony onto two balconies below. Empty beer cans and furniture were also observed on the balcony of origin, in violation of policy. The occupants of the room were under the age of 21 years.

► Dec. 2, 12:39 A.M., (TIUA): Campus Safety observed a student urinating in a flowerpot on the west side of the TIUA parking lot. The student was asked why he did not use a bathroom and he informed the officer that he lived in Belknap and did not have access to TIUA.

TRESPASSING / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

► Nov. 29, 3:15 P.M., (Sparks Parking lot): Campus Safety received a call that trespassers were attempting to steal a bicycle near Belknap Hall. The three individuals were located near Sparks. A theft was undeterminable at that time. One of the suspects ran from the location, leaving his bicycle, after he gave the officers his identification. The investigation is continuing.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

► Dec. 1, 6:30 A.M., (Off Campus): Salem Police contacted Campus Safety and inquired about a student who vandalized and damaged property of a restaurant.

THEFT

► Nov. 29, 1:36 P.M., (Hatfield Library): A student reported that she left her jacket on the back of her chair as she was studying. She returned to her desk after a few moments and discovered that someone had taken her blue "North Face" down jacket.

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



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