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Powell appearance integrates humor into political discussion

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When Willamette President Lee Pelton came to the podium in Smith Auditorium Friday to introduce Colin Powell, he trumpeted the retired general's life accomplishments. Over 35 years in the military; one-time national security advisor; chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Secretary of State; service under five presidents. However, as Pelton noted near the end of his introduction, his college experience was hardly indicative of what was to come, for "he received his bachelor's degree in geology."

That contrast drew laughter from the audience and helped set a tone for the event that followed. During the hour-long question-and-answer session, Powell not only fielded questions from students and staff, but also mixed in serious discussion with light conversation with many of the questioners.

Powell fielded questions from 11 people that dealt with issues including free trade, the evolution of the military, his favorite president to work under, as well as the war in Iraq. Ultimately, he ran nearly 15 minutes beyond the scheduled end of the event, as he

insisted on continuing to answer questions.

Powell spoke before a nearly full house. Despite a slow start to ticket distribution, the event nearly filled Smith Auditorium to capacity: Willamette information specialist Liesa Kister said that only 50 tickets remained out of Smith's capacity of 1,225 by Friday afternoon. She attributed the slow distribution to

post-holiday sluggishness but said that it quickly picked up as the event drew nearer.

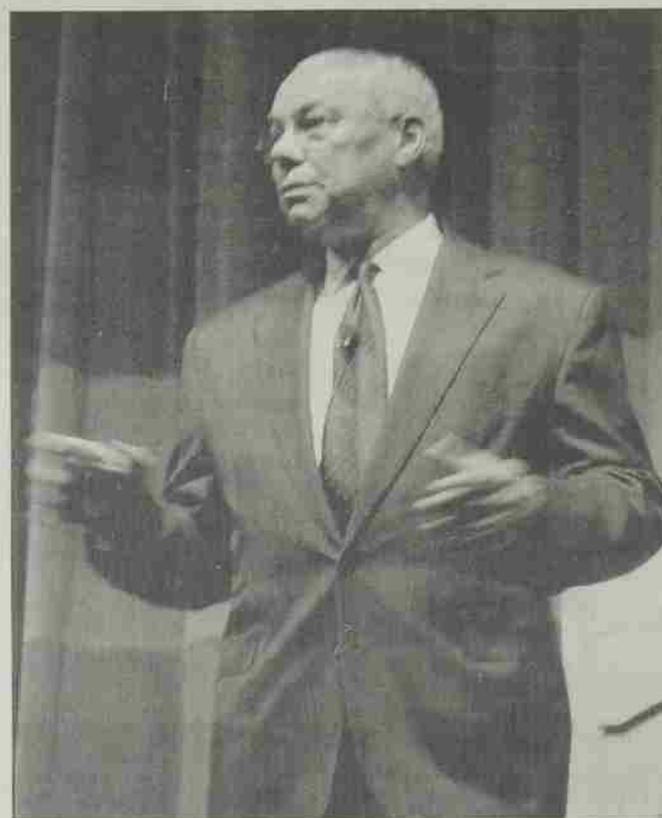
Junior Jessica Gospe said that although she felt like she didn't learn anything new about Powell's position on current issues, the event was still interesting nonetheless. "It was an interesting experience to learn about something we may or may not agree with," she said. "It is important to understand all viewpoints."

Junior Jodie Johnson said she felt that there were many important questions that did not get asked at the forum. "I wish there would have been more time because each question took about five to 10 minutes," she said. "It was also frustrating that response questions could not be asked, because then I feel like we could have gotten Powell to actually answer the questions asked."

After the question and answer session with students, Powell continued on to the Salem Convention Center to attend a fundraising dinner with donors. His appearance there was tied with Willamette's comprehensive campaign to raise \$125

million for student scholarships, facility improvements and continued academic excellence. According to President Pelton, the event alone raised approximately \$300,000. Prestigious alumni and prominent community members such as Salem Mayor Janet Taylor and Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski attended the dinner.

Several Willamette musi-



Powell helped raise \$300,000 for the fundraising campaign.

photo by CHRIS FOSS

cal groups performed at the event, including Chamber Choir and Wind Ensemble. A 15-minute video showcasing pictures of the campus as well as members of the Willamette community was shown prior to Powell's speech.

During his speech, which was approximately an hour in length, Powell examined life after Sept. 11 both domestically and internationally and talked about his personal experiences as secretary of state. Regarding international relations, Powell said, "We still remain a trusted nation. There are anti-American attitudes, but they really reflect current policies and personalities. There's still a solid base of respect out there." Powell also shared the story of a group of Brazilian exchange students he had met who had their meal paid for by a restaurant owner after they found they didn't have enough money to pay for it

themselves. "They saw this wonderful, welcoming, open society—generous, charitable, giving people," Powell said. "That was the real America." Powell also joked about being newly retired from such a prominent position, buying a Corvette and experiencing security screenings at the airport for the first time.

Junior Joel Henderson, who attended the dinner with his girlfriend's family, described Powell's speech as humorous and engaging and said that his respect for Powell grew after listening to the speech. "In all honesty, though I don't agree with everything he said, I would vote for him in a heartbeat," Henderson said. "I felt like I could trust him. He appeared to be a man devoted to diplomacy, and I think that is something that is missing from the current administration."

NEWS MAKERS

ACTRESSES NEEDED FOR V-DAY WILLAMETTE 2006

Auditions for S.H.E.'s annual production of the critically acclaimed *Vagina Monologues* will be held Dec. 8 from 7-9 p.m. and Dec. 10 from 12-4 p.m. on the third floor of the UC. No acting experience is necessary to audition. The auditions will involve a short and impromptu reading from the show. Performances of the show will run the week of Feb. 14, 2006.

LILLY ENDOWMENT GIVES WILLAMETTE \$500,000

Willamette University has received a \$500,000 matching grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. to extend the life of the Lilly Project at WU. The Lilly Project allows students to participate in programs, projects and opportunities for students to further identify their life's vocational and spiritual calling. Willamette's alternative spring break program (TaB), internships and student and faculty grants have been funded by the Lilly Project. In a press release, Associate Chaplain Karen Wood praised the Lilly Project, noting that that it is about more than religion. "The Lilly Project is focused on helping students discern what matters to them; what their values, gifts and commitments are; and how to make all those things match." The three-year grant, matched by Willamette, will assist the program in securing funding that will make it self-sustaining. The Lilly Project was originally funded in 2001 by a \$2 million grant from Lilly Endowment.

LIBRARY ANNOUNCES FINALS-FRIENDLY HOURS

Reflecting the need for extended hours during finals week voiced by ASWU and other members of the student body, the Hatfield Library will adjust its hours. Starting Dec. 7, 2005, the Hatfield Library will open earlier on the weekends and stay open until 3 a.m. Weekday hours will be from 7:45 a.m.-3 a.m., and weekend hours will be from 8 a.m.-3 a.m. Hours on the last day of finals, Dec. 17, will be from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Coffee and snacks will be offered after 10:30 p.m. in the Hatfield Room for those in need of a study break.

WU professor helps lead protest against Powell fundraiser

By CHRIS FOSS

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Willamette faculty and students were among 100 demonstrators who picketed the Salem Convention Center between 5 and 6:30 p.m. Friday night as attendees arrived for the fundraiser featuring Colin Powell. As one of Willamette's jazz ensembles played for guests entering the building, Willamette history professor Bill Smaldone was only yards away giving a speech which denounced Powell's role in the commencement of the Iraq War.

The demonstration was sponsored by Oregon Peaceworks, a group that took out an ad in the Statesman Journal on Friday titled "Mr. Powell: We Reject Your Iraq War."

The Statesman Journal reported that two dozen police officers were on hand to watch the protesters, but that the demonstration did not get out of hand.

Smaldone said he thought that passers-by gave the marchers significant support. "A lot of people honked (their horns)," he said. "A lot of people I knew at the rally are people who are very experienced with demonstrating, and they said that people received the message of the demonstration well."

Smaldone said that he joined the students in welcoming Colin Powell to campus as a speaker, but that he dis-



Protesters gathered around the Salem Convention Center downtown hours before Colin Powell's arrival for a Willamette fundraiser.

photo by JEFF CARLSON

proved of the use of Powell as a fundraiser for the university. He said that he hoped the demonstrations served to educate students and others concerning facts about Powell which were not discussed at the forum on campus; particularly, he said, Powell's claim that the Iraq war was part of a pattern of

positive U.S. intervention that included World Wars I and II, the Korea War and the invasion of Panama.

"It's a shame that (at the forum) there was no real dialogue and that there were no questions directed at his pre-war analysis of the evidence that Iraq was a direct threat to the U.S.," Smaldone said.

Proposed ASWU Bylaw Clean-Up

To view the legislation, visit the ASWU website at www.willamette.edu/org/aswu

If you have any questions, please contact Vice President of the Executive Mandy Guile at <aguile>.

WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE:
www.wucollegian.com is not currently running.
Please be sure to visit us online next semester
at the same address!

Chance of Chatter



LAUREL GRISANTI AND JAMIE GREEN

With finals just a few days away and a month of not seeing our friends quickly approaching, we could not help shedding a tear and making plans for our end of classes celebration. True, this is the time of year when you should be living in the library and consuming nothing except air and coffee, but how often does that really happen in the life of a college student? Not too often.

Let's face it. There are too many things worth celebrating: a month of sleeping in every day, fun winter activities like skiing, sledding and making snow angels, not writing pesky papers or taking tests and winter holidays that are accompanied by good food and lots of presents. And could there possibly be a better time to celebrate than when all of your friends are close and it allows you to procrastinate just a little bit more?

With a lack of "Lord of the Rings" movies to see this finals season, we decided that our finals celebration would include something we had never tried before: a Christmas dinner. True, our cooking skills are a little lacking, and our kitchen is not as technologically advanced or well supplied as one might hope, but we tackled this quest as if we were playing rugby, except with less of a space bubble invasion.

We decided to go into the "wilderness," otherwise known as the frozen food section of Safeway to pick out a 20 lb. turkey. Yes, it

was fun carrying it back. Our oven was not quite big enough to fit the entire turkey in, so we had to cut it in half. Unfortunately, none of our knives are of high quality, so we were reduced to sawing at it with a butter knife.

No meal is complete without potatoes. Mashed potatoes seemed appropriate since we were having turkey, and it would allow us to relive Thanksgiving. We do not own a potato masher, so a fork had to suffice. We then added butter and salt to give it a little flavor. Unfortunately, Jamie did not realize that Laurel had already done this, and the salt was added twice. We drank a lot of water with dinner.

With dinner cooked and guests arriving, our thoughts quickly turned to serving the meal. We have exactly enough dishes for four people. We have enough seats for four people. Ten people were invited to the dinner, a slight oversight on our part. This meant the meal was eaten around the coffee table while people sat on the floor. The people who used real plates had to eat with spoons, while the people who had to eat out of cereal bowls had the privilege of using forks.

After dinner, we crowded around the computer to sing along with Christmas carols. It was a perfectly lovely evening; however, we still cannot figure out why the neighbors were pounding on the wall and shouting.

Willamette, TIU and TIUA sign new, unique exchange agreement

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Later this month, this year's class of students at the Tokyo International University of America will return to Japan following a year of study in Salem. On Dec. 16, the president of the Tokyo International University in Japan will fly in for their closing ceremonies, and Willamette will get ready for the next group of students, due to arrive in February.

However, this year's class is special, according to Willamette Director of International Education Kris Lou. It marks the 40th year of existence for TIU as well as the 40th year of the partnership between TIU and Willamette. TIUA itself marks its 15th year. Earlier this month, President Lee Pelton, College of Liberal Arts Dean Carol Long and several other dignitaries traveled to Japan to sign a new exchange agreement with the leaders of the TIU.

The tri-fold agreement encompassing Willamette, TIU and TIUA is the only one of its kind in the world, Lou said. "One main focus of the agreement was to stimulate more students to participate, both in TIUA and in what used to be called the transfer program. These are the students who come to Willamette to earn a degree." After earning a Willamette degree in two years, these students go back to Japan and earn a second degree at TIU, ending up with a joint degree, according to Lou.

The agreement will also



Departing TIUA students sold their possessions Saturday.

photo by ELIZABETH HELLJESEN

stimulate faculty exchange between Willamette and TIU. Lou said these faculty members would include all subject areas. "We have two professors going over this summer on the faculty exchange program," he said. TIU has begun

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KRIS LOU
Willamette Director of International Education

funding Willamette professors to teach a summer course in Japan, and Lou said the program is growing rapidly.

"They have a program where they want to increase the number of lectures they're offering in the English language, so a professor from sociology for example here could go over there and offer a course," Lou said. The TIU offers these "open lectures" to both students and the community at large.

The third component of the agreement, Lou said, is the Willamette students who study abroad at the TIU for up to a year. Junior Brooke Ivy will be one of those students; next semester, she will study Japanese literature and culture in Tokyo, in addition to language. She is also looking for-

Annual Enrollment:
about 100

Date of Departure:
Dec. 18, 2005

Arrival of New Class:
Feb. 6, 2006

ward to experiencing the culture firsthand. "I'm absolutely excited," she said. "It's just an incredible opportunity that Willamette students get, to put life on hold and study in another country."

Ayako Tamura, a Japanese student currently studying at TIUA, said she has enjoyed her time here. Although she is looking forward to going home, she is reluctant to leave just yet. "I want to say goodbye to all of my friends. I'm so sad. I'll miss them," she said.

Lou said that Willamette is lucky to have such a special partnership with TIU and TIUA. "The relationship that exists between these three units is really unique in higher education," Lou said. "I don't know that a relationship of this type exists anywhere else, and because it's multi-level, it's complex in all the dimensions it addresses, and the types of programs that exist. It goes way beyond the traditional exchange relationships that exist between universities."



Culture Shock Co-President leads life of adventure

By JAIMIE STILZ
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Ask Elizabeth Holt – or Ellie, as she prefers to be called – how she got the scar over her right eyebrow and a story develops about how she got into a fight with an ox. The interesting thing is that her explanation is no tall tale. Furthermore, it is only one among the countless other anecdotes this Willamette sophomore has to share.

Born March 15, 1985, Holt grew up about 45 minutes from Chicago. Among the things she said she misses about Chicago is “the amount of freedom there with the transportation system.” Around the age of 14, though, she realized something with a shock – she was bored. Without hesitation, she decided to change that. She transferred to a private boarding school in Vermont.

According to Holt, her school was very close-knit. She milked cows and got to know teachers, which was different than her public school experience. When it came time to apply to colleges, she chose Willamette because she “realized you can’t really do that [close interaction with teachers] at many colleges, but Willamette offered that opportunity, and that’s really what I was looking for.” She also loved the motto, “Not unto ourselves alone are we born,” and found she enjoyed how there are “so many incredibly amazing people here.”

After high school, however, Holt decided to take a year off. She worked for the first six months and said she really came to appreciate the hard work of people working at minimum wage. “I don’t know how they do it,” she said. After the first six months, she took the money she had saved and went to Spain for the rest of her time off. While in Spain, she worked at a rescue mission, and also went on a tour of the country. “I changed a lot from the person who picked Willamette my senior year to the person who entered

Willamette after taking a year off,” she said.

Upon coming to Willamette, Holt began getting involved with many organizations on campus. She began to work with the Lilly Grant program, which led to her involvement in what was then Freaks N’Geeks, now known as Culture Shock. “I wanted to do a Lilly Grant project and needed a group/organization on campus to do it with, and Freaks N’Geeks said they’d collaborate with me,” she said. After finishing the Lilly Grant project, she continued to be involved with the group, and is now the co-president of Culture Shock. Of the changes in names, she said, “The cool thing is there hasn’t really been a change in the mission of the group; despite different connotations with different names, the group is still people who want to make changes on and off campus, in the community.”

On the academic side of things, Holt is double-majoring in Spanish and International Studies, with focus on health and development. Having just turned in her Study Abroad forms, she is hoping next year to go abroad to Chile. Why Chile? “It’s one of fastest developing Latin American countries, and quickly becoming a nightmare in health care,” she said.

Because there is no infrastructure for helping the poor with medical care, she wants to participate in a program there that specifically deals with providing medical care to those who cannot afford it. This fits with a profession she is considering after college – becoming a doctor. “My parents are both doctors, so although I don’t want to be like my parents, at the same time I think it’s an amazing profession, and I could be a good doctor...but I don’t know for sure, so we’ll see.” She does know, however, that 20 years

from now she would like someone to travel around with in the mountains somewhere working for doctors and helping people.

Like many Willamette students, Holt likes to be active on campus. “I’m on about 500 listservs,” she explained. Of the many other things she is involved in, the one she is focusing heavily on right now is her work with the

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ELLIE HOLT

Sustainability Council. Though not actually a member of the council, she “loves going to the weekly meetings, which are open to everyone...and I’ve gotten to meet some, really cool

faculty members, too!” Currently, she is trying to form a food co-op on campus. Although it is too late to form one in Kaneko Commons, her hope is to get WISH transformed into a co-op, with everyone buying the food from Bon Appetit and making food for everyone themselves,

instead of having to go to Goudy, which would also translate into a financial break on the cost of room and board. Her goal is to get it functioning in the next couple of years on the small scale and then to implement it into the next new residence building constructed on campus.

While she does keep herself busy, Holt also makes sure to have fun. She loves going to Eugene to dance tango, and one of her favorite memories here at Willamette is the jokes she and her friends would play on each other last year with life-size cardboard cutouts of people. “We’d put them in closets so they’d fall out on you, or put them up against windows so people would wake up and see someone staring at them,” she said with a laugh.

But Holt does want people to know that getting active, whether it’s on campus or off, is very important. “There’s so many cool grants and stuff for people to explore here,” she says. “Now is the time to be active, because we’re young.”



Holt's friends are an important part of her life in and out of school.

photo by ELIZABETH HELLIEMEN



Guess and win.

Be the first to submit a correct guess of the location of the photograph on campus to Stacy West at <swest> and win five Bistro Bucks.

Last week's winner was Travis Dailey who correctly guessed the front doors of Waller Hall.



Q:

Would you live in the new Kaneko Commons?

A:



"I would rather live off-campus because it's less expensive."

FELIX JONES
sophomore



"I haven't been paying much attention because I won't be here. But I probably wouldn't because I like a smaller environment."

KATE MOORE
senior



"No, I don't like to walk. It's too far."

DREW LACKMAN
freshman



"No, probably not. It would be a great idea if it were more centrally located."

DANA SHAW
junior

Cleanse your Pallett

My family, sorta as a general rule, hates the holiday season. I live in Denver and that means that this is a very frigid time out there and that seems to be my kin's emotional outlook concerning the events occurring from late November to January.



JOE
PALLETT

My mom is overt and to the point about her hatred of this time. "Imposed commercialism on the masses," she mutters under her breath at the first department store commercial with a Christmas theme. I guess she used to be a small closet Marxist and this is the only time of the year where the rampant capitalism still gets to her. And let me just say this, normally, is just the sweetest person on the face of the earth but the holidays make her turn more and more into J.D. Salinger.

My aunt, my mother's twin, doesn't have such a beef with Christmas itself or the commercialism of it, but focuses more on things that bother her that coincide with this time of year. This is rooted in two things; a complete inability to cook and a deep seeded hatred of football and especially the Denver Broncos. Of course, this just doesn't jive with the male portion of the family. I'm not kidding when I say that in each and every male bedroom in my family, there is a small shrine to John Elway where he is asked on a nightly basis to endow Jake Plummer with the ability to not suck and beat the Colts. Results on this still pending.

My Dad and Uncle try not to get caught up in everything and make an attempt to have the "Christmases you only see on TV. This never works. My mom gets mad if my dad attempts to buy any type of gift for anyone, which results in my dad throwing his arms up in despair, then vanishing to the television room to yell himself hoarse at Jake Plummer for sucking. My uncle just tries to get my aunt happy by pretending to not like football, but you can tell he tunes into my dad's yelling more than her talking about how she followed the damn recipe.

As for me, my brothers and my cousins, we are just used to it. The random nothing fights which spark up inevitably, the bad food, the strangely shaped Christmas tree, which my mom gets every year in some kind of subversive response to the ideals of a "perfect Christmas." But, hey. Everyone has these stories and though this does seem to highlight the bad, I wouldn't take it any other way.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We invite your letters to the editor. Letters can be received by postal mail, email, campus mail or fax (see contact info on page 2).

Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and phone number and must be submitted by noon Monday, the week of intended publication. The Collegian may edit letters for length and clarity.

Tunnel of one-sided stories?

Last week we congratulated the WEB Issues and Controversies committee for promoting pluralism with its dueling documentary program on Wal-Mart. By presenting both sides of this debate, WEB gave students the opportunity to critically assess complex issues surrounding capitalism and globalization. The recent Tunnel of Oppression display, sponsored by Willamette's Residence Life Office, was an opportunity to once again explore some very important topics. However, despite the hard work and efforts put into the display, it did not achieve its highest potential.

Instead of presenting a multitude of perspectives regarding complex issues such as the Patriot Act and the war in Iraq, the Tunnel of Oppression really only offered one side. The only view presented was that the Patriot Act is a despotic law, passed by a despotic regime, and that the war in Iraq is unnecessary, simply a corrupt effort to secure oil. While the war display did show a tiny section presenting arguments countering the main message, it was explicitly intended to only marginalize those ideas. In the end, it was quite clear that had this event been sponsored by the Oregon Peace Works, rather than the university, it wouldn't have looked any different.

The display should have given us an opportunity to explore all aspects of the issue and, in the end, to accept all of one side, to accept all of the other or to accept and reject a little bit of each. We aren't here to

tell you which option to choose; we just wish the event could have offered a better opportunity to allow for critical thinking. Instead, to be honest, it felt more like an indoctrination tunnel.

Furthermore, the tunnel was set up such that one felt the need to choose: you are either for this objective idea of "oppression" or against it. The reality, however, is that the concept of "oppression" is not so straightforward. Is it oppressive to pay a worker less than a dollar an hour, or is this a new opportunity that provides an ultimate good? There are good arguments to be made for both sides. While some issues, like sex trafficking, tend to be a little more clear cut, we feel that there are other issues that are much more complex and that need to be treated as such. The war in Iraq and the Patriot Act are such issues. While many of us agreed with certain parts of the display, the emotional hammer was hardly satisfying to our curious minds.

By marginalizing one side of an issue and touting our own without critical examination, we abandon the liberal values upon which this university was founded. Let us follow the example of the dueling documentaries; let us commend President Pelton for his courageous efforts to take criticisms from all sides as he brings figures to campus who represent all sides of the political spectrum; and most of all, let us challenge ourselves to live up to these ideas of pluralism.

Commercial Christmas craze: Misplacing the holiday spirit

The big question of the holiday season this year is: Which will you be celebrating X-mas, or X-box? Although this clearly discriminates against non-Christain denominations, it is something that needs to be discussed in a society that is mostly Christain. Do you celebrate your religion by recognizing the birth of a man who founded that religion based on the ideas of peace and piety? Or do you go out and sock your fellow man in the jaw for trying to snag that last X-box 360 or Tickle Me Elmo or whatever before you can lay your grubby hands on it first?

The holiday season has become nothing more than a worshipping of the false idol of commercial gluttony. People are completely insane this time of year, when it is supposed to be a time to relax and enjoy yourself. It seems that this has become impossible, however, because people now seem to have this

crazy idea that you can prove you love or care for someone only by buying them something they will lose interest in within two weeks. Of course, this is also the only way to feel loved as well, getting crap that you may not really want.

Not to completely knock gifts. They are a nice gesture and, if thoughtful enough, do show some level of caring for another person. But seriously, how much does that show? That you bothered to go out and spend some cash and fight through unbearable lines of nutcases? Actually, that does show some dedication; it is just severely misplaced.

So for once this winter break, even if you don't celebrate any particular religious event, don't fall victim to the commercial craziness that department stores throw at you. Relax and enjoy yourself. Remember that this month off is a time that means more than just material goods.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I am writing in defense of Campus Safety after reading "Stop-o the campus gestapo." As a student and member of WEMS I have seen Campus Safety officers overwhelmed with smoke putting out fires set by students, stop bleeding, and drive students to the hospital (saving them about a thousand dollars for a two block ambulance ride). Many of the incidents Campus Safety officers respond to are caused by students who are intoxicated, rowdy, or otherwise acting idiotically. If only students would stop punching walls, setting trash cans on fire, and otherwise putting them and their fellow students in danger then just maybe students wouldn't see Campus Safety as "combative toward students." I do not claim that Campus Safety is perfect, but as far as Ryan Olds' suggestion that students call the police, instead I ask how nice do you think the police are going to be?

I encourage any student in need of help to call x6911. In the future please refrain from publishing opinions based on ridiculous rumors.

Jessa Fox
Sophomore

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Finals Week: To party or not to party?

Finals week is coming up, and that means that you're going to have to listen to a lot of people whining and complaining. They'll tell you how hard they have it, how much work they have to do, how much sleep they've lost, what drugs they're on. What these people aren't telling you is that finals week is party central! Finals week is the best party time of the whole semester. Once those classes end this Friday why not stay up late and crack open some brews?

Of course partying during the exam period opens up a whole can of worms at Willamette. Dorms have 23 hour quiet hours, which are so ridiculous no one pays attention to them. Oh yippee, I can socialize from four to five. Why not just make it 24 hour quiet hours? The Greek system pretends it has full quiet (black out) hours; but go there on the night before the finals free day and see how quiet 200 people on HRD and Busch Light are. Nobody takes finals seriously, and yet we get punished for breaking quiet hours, or god forbid, partying.

Finals week is the end of the semester. We want to celebrate ending a tough time. We won't even see our buddies for a month. Let us have our fun. The juxtaposition of free time and final exams is too much for our fragile young minds. Unfortunately finals week is when we want to party most, and it is also the time that campus policies are most stringently enforced. It's a recipe for disaster and the casualty is finals week fun.

It can be argued that students need to focus on their studies during finals week; but if you're pulling a couple of all nighters it's probably because you didn't keep up with your work this semester. Even if you do have some hard work, just remember: Organic Chem can always be retaken and who really wants to major in Economics? As for violating quiet hours, can you really put a fifty dollar price tag on some booze time with your friends? The fines can be paid, but carrying some unconscious friend across the Sky-bridge is priceless. Anyway I think Residence Life has gotten a lot more reasonable this year. No wait, I thought that last year and I got written up a bunch of times during finals.

Either way finals time is coming up. Booze has been stock piled up over the semester for the last big one and the grass is being cut as we speak down in Eugene. Finals week is magical time: Cheap whisky from September will be found in freezers everywhere, book return money will purchase handles of Captain Moe's, and drunk people will hook up with people they would never talk to when sober. It will all be jolly good fun. Don't miss out because of some paper or quiet hours.

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Abolishing Campus Safety: A one-way path to anarchy

Last week's opinions section provided me with the inspiration to finally start the campus reforms I've been dreaming of here at Willamette. Ryan Olds has provided me with the foundation. Now I just have to do the leg work. First, we'll get rid of Residence Life. New students can just show up in residence halls and pick out their own rooms. Nobody worry about anarchy. We have Campus Safety to sort it out.

Wait. We're getting rid of them as well. Well, still, don't panic. That's why we have the Salem City Police. They have nothing better to do than show up and make sure Suzy Sheltered from Nowhere, USA isn't stuck rooming with a smoker who listens to Megadeth. Bless you, police force!

Seriously, once those compassion pushers in Residence Life who actually try to give a damn are out of the way, Campus Safety just doesn't make sense. If you're controlling your own room, you can just break down the door when you need to get in. The less I think, the better this becomes!

We should "encourage more responsibility among the student

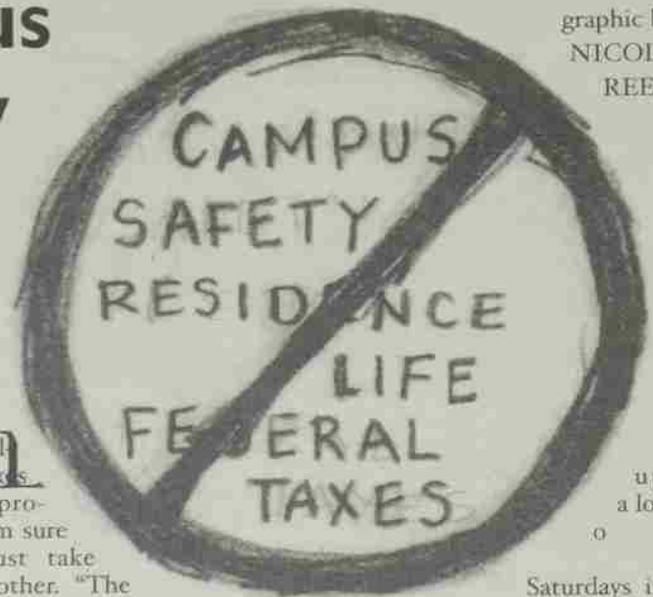
body by allowing students to police themselves." And while we're there, let's abolish federal taxes for welfare programs, since I'm sure people will just take care of each other. "The duties to ensure safety on campus would then fall to the local police, as we are part of the Salem community anyway." BETTER AND BETTER!

Governor Kulongoski's got some new recommendations to crack down on youth drinking. And we're going to help. By opening Willamette students to REAL laws, all our little 19 year old drunkards could lose their drivers' licenses instead of having to go to those stupid Residence Life-approved alcohol classes. Fall farther and faster and you could get a new friend named Bubba, a 6'6", 350 lb bank robber they met in prison. Hey! Maybe Bubba can get your dorm room door open for you if you lock yourself out!

In all seriousness, I'm going to miss Residence Life. I've seen some pretty funny RAs, and some pretty helpful administrators. I rather like that assistant director guy. He's given



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Saturdays in his job. I bet it's great for his social life. And that Leslie from Campus Safety as well, showing up after my friend fell down the stairs. Dude, if she hadn't been there, he could totally have picked himself up and dragged his concussion over to the ER on his own.

If we're going to abolish Residence Life and Campus Safety, and get the extra cash flow from it, I think we should seriously consider my "get rid of federal taxes" plan. I'm sure Willamette will save more than enough money to make up for the missing federal aid. If students can police themselves, American citizens can step up as well. Ryan, you're a hero. I know I personally am first in line to follow you down to the bottom.

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MORE MEANINGLESS QUESTIONS



BY TATIANA MAC & WE PALLETT

Students express necessary opposition to Powell

The faculty resolution that narrowly passed condemning Colin Powell's

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fundraising visit and we students who support it have received a lot of flack. The Collegian accuses us of "intolerance." Others have accused us of censorship, or of not respecting Powell's right to free speech. How does protest and dissent, a prototypical exercise of the right to speak

just partisan politics. Part of the reason the faculty felt it was inappropriate for Powell to represent our school as a money-magnet is his involvement in the Iraq War, which goes beyond supporting a war that many of us fundamentally disagree with. It goes beyond taking a partisan stance on an issue. His objectionable role in the Iraq war was that of a disseminator of exaggerated, and in some cases, completely inaccurate information. According to a report prepared by the Committee of Government Reform for Representative Henry Waxman, "Of the 50 misleading statements by Secretary Powell, 1 claimed that Iraq posed an urgent threat; 10 exaggerated Iraq's efforts to develop nuclear weapons; 32 overstated Iraq's chemical or biological weapons capacity; and 7 misrepresented Iraq's links to al Qaeda." This is a degree of mendacity that undermines the trust essential to democracy.

Whether one agrees with the Iraq war or not, it is clear that the reasons we are fighting it are not those originally put forth by the Bush Administration. We have not held the Bush Administration accountable for providing and supporting embarrassingly flawed intelligence that led to a war where over one hundred thousand Iraqis and 2017 American troops have been killed.

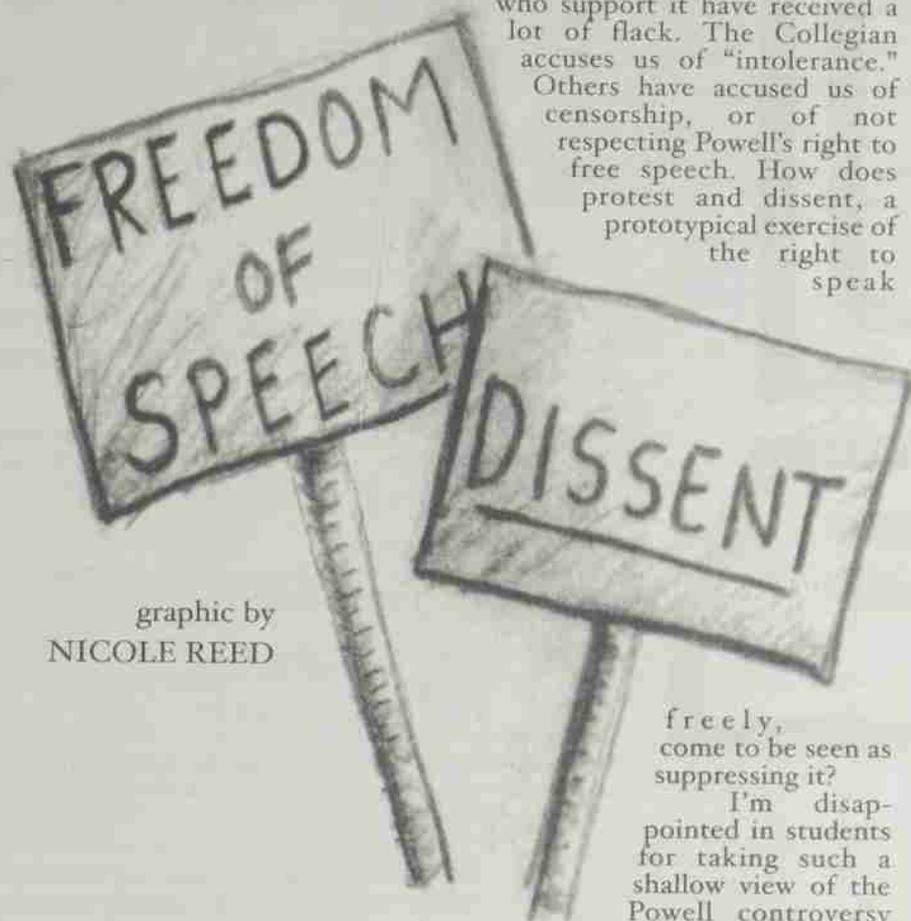
Many students who do not sup-

port the war or believe that the Bush Administration used reprehensibly faulty information in its build-up still do not take issue with Colin Powell. He was seen as the moderate voice of reason in an extremely right-wing administration. Unfortunately, any voice of reason he raised went unheeded. Powell, if he disagreed with the hawkish direction the administration was going in, should have resigned in protest and stood up for what is right. If he, on the basis of faulty information favored the war, then when the truth came out the honorable course of action was to resign.

Colin Powell was in charge of American foreign policy when a great strategic error mired the country in a war that has jeopardized the nation's security. When we ask him to underwrite our students, we underwrite the mistaken course he led us to. We shouldn't act to endorse Powell's tragic mistake by allowing him to bring money to our campus. To say as much violates no norm of tolerance. It would be intolerable to accept this implicit condoning of a wrongful war in silence.

One cannot condemn a war without condemning the individuals responsible for it. Hold your public officials accountable. Exercise your freedom of speech. Dissent.

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South Africa should provide better leadership to Zimbabwe

Over the years your family has added to the house that began with pieces of cardboard and corrugated aluminum. Slowly, it became a more respectable many having brick walls. Living in a shantytown outside of Harare, Zimbabwe's capital was always rough. There was crime and poverty sure, but nothing compared to the hardship that started when President Robert Mugabe began razing settlements around Harare and other urban areas. Forced into life as a vagabond you have no home, no job, and no prospects.

The displacement of nearly 700,000 people is just the latest in Mr. Mugabe's antics. The razing of settlements, like all of Mr. Mugabe's other disastrous actions, is politically motivated. The settlements were a hot bed of support of the Movement for Democratic change, the opposition to Mr. Mugabe's Zanu-PF party. Operation Murambatsvina or Drive Our Rubbish, which was condemned by the United Nations as a violation of human rights, is a twofold



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attempt to destroy Mr. Mugabe's opposition. The MDC claims that the demolition is retribution for the last two elections, in which the opposition won all 26 urban seats. Secondly, Zimbabwe is currently experiencing of massive food shortages. The food shortages are so severe the UN World Food Program predicts that three million people will need food in the next year. In a politically astute and morally reprehensible move, Mr. Mugabe has used the evictions and demolitions to disperse those suffering from food shortages before the poor are able to coalesce into a threat to Mugabe's power.

To make matters worse, the perpetual food shortages in Zimbabwe are caused by Mugabe's government. In 2000, the government enacted a plan of agricultural reform. The plan? Hire veterans of the guerilla war for independence to forcibly seize land from opponents of Mr. Mugabe and Zanu-PF and give it to Mugabe's cronies. The result was disastrous. The cronies lacked the expertise and equipment (they forgot to seize the tractors). Crops failed and people starved. Two years ago, Mr. Mugabe blamed white farmers who took their tractors with them for the

food shortages and started a program of seizing the tractors. Still, the crops have failed the last two seasons. Cronies, it seems, just aren't interested in farming.

Mr. Mugabe's democratic credentials are just as bad as his agricultural management abilities. He has ruled Zimbabwe with an iron fist since the end of apartheid in 1980, rigging every election since he fell from grace as a hero of the struggle. His political opponents are jailed and unfavorable press is shut down. When white land owners started to sue over seizures Mugabe removed the right to private property from the constitution.

It is about time that Thabo Mbeki, the President of South Africa, stops coddling Mr. Mugabe. Mr. Mbeki insulates Mugabe from criticism and gives significant aid to Mugabe. Last year, Mbeki protected Mugabe from being expelled from the AU. Without Mbeki's support, Mugabe's grip on power would weaken significantly, losing a key pillar of legitimacy. With the razing, Mbeki must act.

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In America alone, millions of people are logging on to the internet to expose themselves—through words. Many popular sites, including livejournal.com, xanga.com, myspace.com and blogger.com provide web space for users to make weblogs—popularly known as “blogs”—where they can rant, rave, reach out and pretty much say or post whatever they please.

According to the Pew Internet & American Life Project survey of 2,871 adults over the first quarter of this year, about nine percent of internet users have their own blogs, and that one-fourth

of internet users read blogs. A recent article in the Statesman-Journal put the number of online blogs at about 15 million. And there seems to be no sign of this phenomenon slowing down.

The blogosphere and similar web pages made a big impression at Willamette last year when thefacebook.com was made available to university students. Almost overnight, stu-

dents were compulsively double-clicking their way to amassing the largest number of friends they could add to their account profiles and creating groups like the “Ken Nolley Fan Club” and “People for the Ethical Treatment of Apostrophes.” Other blogs with a focus on news, politics or pop culture also became household names, particularly in the run-up to last year’s presidential election.

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VANESSA BLOOMSBURG
junior

But the blogging revolution had first landed at the university on an institutional level some two years ago when the Language Learning Center first provided the web space and programs for students studying abroad to publish entries of their experiences for their friends, family and even casual web surfers to see.

Study Abroad Advisor Insil Kang said the idea was favored from the beginning. “We liked the idea immediately,” she said, “as it brought another connection to campus from our study abroad students all around the world, and a great opportunity and resource for learning and communicating internationally from and to campus.”

All students studying abroad are pro-

vided this service, though some choose not to use it. However, Kang said there are about 22 “frequent” bloggers from all the international programs Willamette offers.

The main use for these blogs has been for users to tell of their exploits in exotic countries. “[I]t’s a great storytelling outlet,” Kang said, “...and within that you can read about their insights and changes from studying abroad. For me, it is an absolutely invaluable resource for students who are applying to study abroad as they can get a taste of the program they are thinking of...”

There are critics of blogging that assert users open themselves up to psychological harm when they use the internet as a public journal of their lives and viewpoints. Kang admits that there may be negative aspects to blogging, such as too-personal revelations posted by users. “I think it is possible that some written material can be read negatively, but in the end these blogs are an amazing chronicle of...the life changes and events [students] go through...I actually appreciate finding out the truth through a blog, whether or not it is good or bad—it can only help me better advise students,” Kang said.

Kang said that there is no censorship of material on the blogs, nor is there formal monitoring for indications that stu-

BLOGGING STATISTICS FROM PEW INTERNET & AMERICAN LIFE PROJECT:

The Pew Internet & American Life Project has some new statistics available from its survey of 2,871 internet users conducted from Jan. 2005 through Mar. 2005.

- 9% of internet users now say they have created blogs.
- 6% of the entire U.S. adult population has created blogs.
- 25% of internet users say they read blogs.
- The number of adult readers of blogs is about 40% of the size of the talk radio audience.
- The blog-reading audience is about 20% of the size of the newspaper-reading population.

Source:

<http://www.pewinternet.org/PPF/p/1085/pipcomments.asp>

POPULAR BLOGS LISTED ON TECHNORATI.COM:

- **Boing Boing: A Directory of Wonderful Things**
68,854 links from 18,323 sites.
- **PostSecret: An ongoing community art project where people mail in their secrets anonymously on one side of a homemade postcard.** Created by Frank Warren
25,621 links from 14,687 sites.
- **Engadget: www.engadget.com**
63,116 links from 13,831 sites.
- **Daily Kos: State of the Nation**
56,868 links from 10,911 sites.
- **The Huffington Post**
45,413 links from 8,133 sites.
- **Gizmodo, The Gadget Blog**
21,765 links from 7,489 sites.
- **Instapundit.com**
32,328 links from 6,823 sites.
- **dooce**
11,291 links from 5,740 sites.
- **Michelle Malkin. By Michelle Malkin**
36,505 links from 5,589 sites.
- **Crooks and Liars**
By John Amato
21,586 links from 5,505 sites.

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dents are having troubling times abroad and might need help. "All students who go abroad have been given the opportunity to self-disclose any mental and physical issues they might have before they go..." Kang said. However, she added that she takes a look at the blogs on her own time. "Personally, I read the blogs often, and if I do read something that makes me feel a bit worried for a student, I will email them just to see how they are doing."

Students generally seem to engage in blogging because they enjoy sharing information about themselves to others, as opposed to the other popular use of blogs, opinion journalism. Willamette junior Vanessa Bloomsburg caught the blog bug when she went to Japan last semester. Though she had a livejournal account before going, she did not use it much, describing herself as having "never been a diary writer." In Japan, she said she found the LLC-provided blog "incredibly useful for keeping my friends and family updated as well

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keeping memories."

Like other bloggers, Bloomsburg said she finds the activity therapeutic. When asked if she ever rants or writes opinionated posts on her blog, she responded, "On occasion. It is a very good way to release pent-up frustration without forcing anyone to listen. You know that people are seeing your message without putting pressure on them to respond."

Because sites such as livejournal.com provide certain protections for users who disclose personal information, feelings and actions on their posts, Bloomsburg's concern about negative repercussions from her blogging on her livejournal "Bard's Rhapsody" is limited. However, there is an exception. "I have worried about how people could misinterpret my entries," she said. She has



Junior Jessica Gospe considers herself an "occasional" blogger.

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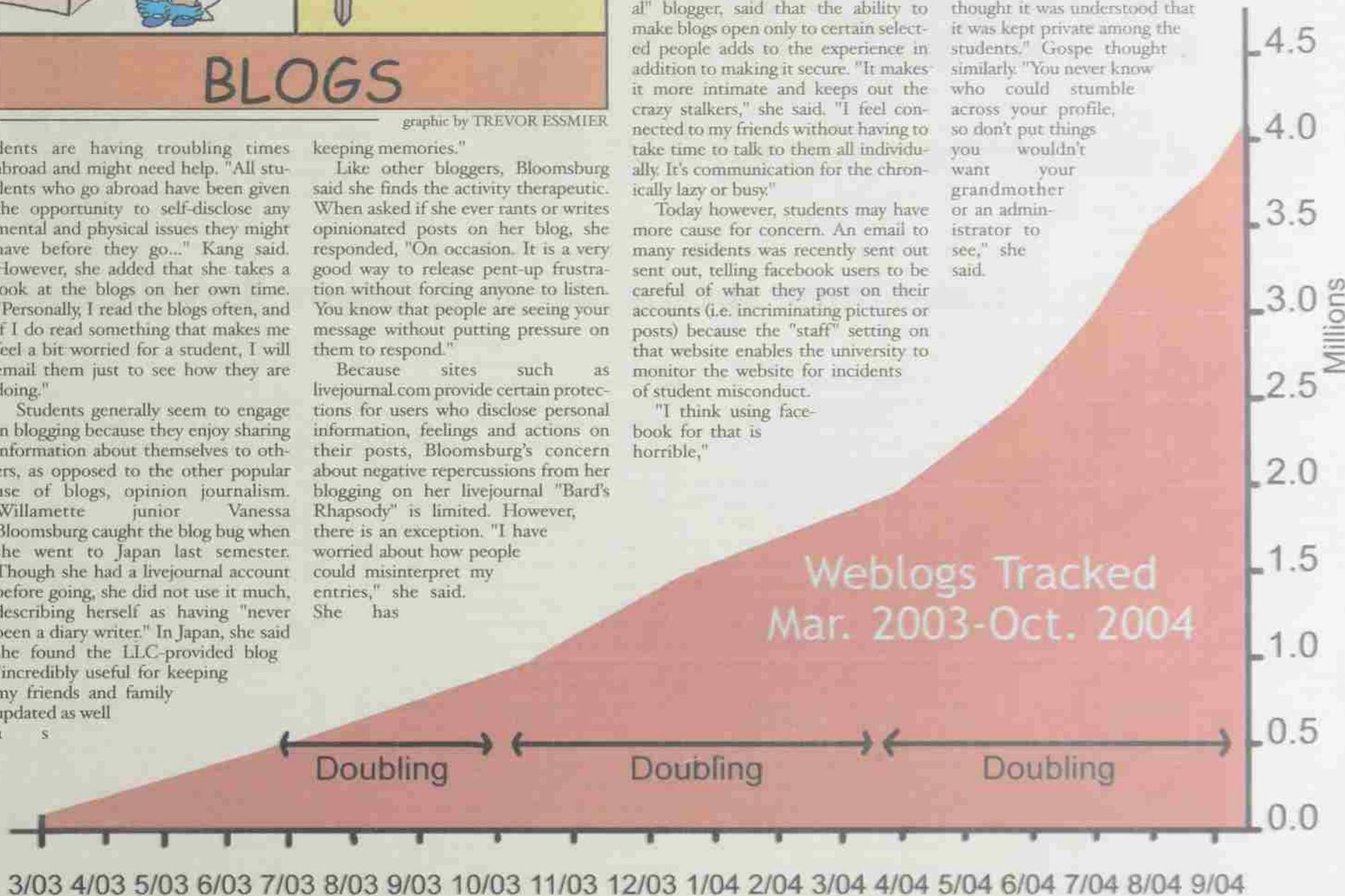
reason to be, for many bloggers actively read others' entries, and she said most of her friends have blogs.

Junior Jessica Gospe, an "occasional" blogger, said that the ability to make blogs open only to certain selected people adds to the experience in addition to making it secure. "It makes it more intimate and keeps out the crazy stalkers," she said. "I feel connected to my friends without having to take time to talk to them all individually. It's communication for the chronically lazy or busy."

Today however, students may have more cause for concern. An email to many residents was recently sent out sent out, telling facebook users to be careful of what they post on their accounts (i.e. incriminating pictures or posts) because the "staff" setting on that website enables the university to monitor the website for incidents of student misconduct.

"I think using facebook for that is horrible,"

Bloomsburg said. "People shouldn't be stupid enough to put incriminating photos or information up on their facebook profile, but I always thought it was understood that it was kept private among the students." Gospe thought similarly. "You never know who could stumble across your profile, so don't put things you wouldn't want your grandmother or an administrator to see," she said.



The Cat's Pajamas

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LOVELY SEASONAL MOVIES

It is officially my favorite time of the year! Whispers of snow haunt the evening news, lights twinkle cheerily from every angle and I can drink eggnog at last! Nothing gets me in the Christmas-y mood more than bunkering down with an excellent Christmas movie! Here's what's on the top of my list this year:

1. A Christmas Story

So here's how lame I am—I was just introduced to this movie two days ago. Did I grow up in a cave at the North Pole?!?! I feel robbed. A Christmas Story is perhaps the most Christmas-y of Christmas movies EVER. Ralphie, the main character, wants a Red Ryder bebe gun more than anything else in the whole wide world, as he frequently reminds us. He is quite excellently lacking in the disgustingly cute department, and is instead just a regular kid who is kind of adorable but doesn't make you want to puke.

2. Love Actually

It's not like I haven't already watched it multiple times this semester, but it does a person good to see this movie on a regular basis. When Hugh Grant confirms for me that a) love actually is... all around and b) he doesn't think "that one girl" is chubby, it is nearly impossible to feel anything but contented. This movie kicks me into a state of perpetual melt—it's like an IV of holiday cheer.

3. It's a Wonderful Life

Oddly, I don't feel like many people have actually seen this movie. Admittedly, I hadn't seen it start to finish until a couple years ago. It does take some getting into, but it is a classic for a reason. I promise it's worth it.

4. Elf!

I love this movie!! Call me a dork, but it is excellent—it's like candy! A large bowl of delicious, sparkly red and green candy! I'd say this is one to watch early and often.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Morton's Bistro

Morton's brings fine-dining to Salem

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MORTON'S BISTRO NORTHWEST

Tuesday-Saturday
5 p.m. - Close
1128 Edgewater Street NW
Salem 97302
(503) 585-1113

<http://www.mortonsbistro.com/>

Fish tacos filled with salmon, crab, shrimp and cheese.

— photo by JAMIE TIMBRELL



Do you want to impress a hot date? Mooch off your parents? Or just sample some of Salem's finest dining? If you do, then Morton's Bistro NW might be the restaurant you're looking for. It serves dishes featuring fresh, regional ingredients in a dim candlelit environment.

With main entrees ranging from \$20 to \$30, dinner at Morton's Bistro NW can scare away many budget-conscious college students. Rachael Ray offered some sound advice, however, when she visited the restaurant for her show "\$40 a Day": order from the small plates "theatre" menu. Here you will find more reasonably priced food setting you back \$10 to \$15. And don't worry about the title. The small plate dishes are actually rather large. They will satisfy all but the hungriest of individuals.

Before you can eat, you first need to find your way

through three doors and down a flight of stairs. No need to be discouraged. You didn't just walk in the wrong door and you aren't trespassing. You are entering a former speakeasy.

When you reach your destination, a small bar and friendly staff will greet you. Although not required, Morton's Bistro is one of the few places in Salem at which you should probably make reservations. If not, you risk disappointment, especially for larger crowds. Nor is it a

bad idea to put on your best shirt. On a recent visit the majority of customers were dressed in business attire.

As for the food, Rachael Ray brought fame to the "Oregon Wild" fish tacos. What you get is a tasty mix of salmon, crab, shrimp and cheese grilled between two flour tortillas. Just don't order it if you really want a taco. You wouldn't want to be disappointed when an excellent fish quesadilla arrives. The waitress recommended the Dungeness crab fondue

and the grill-roasted rack of lamb.

What separates Morton's Bistro NW from many of Salem's other dining establishments, though, is its dedication to fresh, local ingredients. The menu places a heavy emphasis on native Oregon foods and cuisine. The restaurant advertises "Morton serves a continual seasonal rotation of local favorites interpreted by the kitchen and floor staff in a carousel of Oregon favors and textures."

MOVIE THEATRE REVIEW: Northern Lights Theatre Pub

Theatre more spectacular than Aurora Borealis itself

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As the semester draws to a close, everyone is looking for a study break, yet feeling the pinch of the approaching gift-buying season in their budget. Northern Lights Theatre Pub is the perfect solution to both problems, as it is both cheap and wonderfully relaxing. In order to maximize your experience, here are ten steps to a great time at Northern Lights:

1. Choose your movie: The theater usually shows movies that have already passed through the Regal chain but are not yet on video, and occasionally the more popular independent films (like March of the Penguins). To find movies and show times, go to www.northernlightstheatrepub.com

2. Bring your ID: Movies starting after 6:30 p.m. are almost always 21 and over, so if you're a minor your best bet is a matinee.

3. Check a map: Northern Lights is located at 3893 Commercial St. S.E., which sounds much simpler to find than it actually is. Keep your eyes peeled for Schuck's Auto on your right. Northern Lights is the big gray building tucked back from the road. If you

hit Dairy Queen, you've gone too far.

4. Buy tickets: Purchase your tickets at the counter immediately on your right. Simple and only three dollars, which leaves you plenty of change for step.

5. Order your food: Turn to the left of the ticket counter and you're faced with a myriad of tantalizing food options. There are, of course, the standard movie concessions of popcorn, soda and candy (bonus points for Junior Mints!), but bring your appetite because you'll want more than that. Generous slices of pizza, tasty burritos and wraps, cheesy quesadillas, plus salads if you're feeling healthy all tempt from the giant menu screen above the counter. The prices are more than fair, and you could easily buy food and a drink while still keeping your cost under the standard \$8.75 admission price at most theaters.

6. Don't forget dessert: You can order dessert when you order your food, and the staff will conveniently deliver it halfway through the movie, giving you time to finish your meal first. A word of advice, however, is to consider sharing because the dessert portions are extremely generous. My brownie

sundae included two generous pieces of brownie smothered in ice cream, fudge, caramel and whipped cream and served in a smallish plastic cauldron.

7. Step up to the bar (only if you're 21 or of course!): Northern Lights has a nice variety of beers on tap, as well as an ever-rotating selection of regional wines. Every Wednesday night, the theatre holds wine tastings to select the following week's special. You can also get the requisite bottles of beer and lemonade or cider if you so choose.

8. Grab a table: The theaters are set up so that every row has a couple of tables anchored in front of the seats. This is not only convenient for eating, but also provides much more legroom than your average theater.

9. Put out your number: When you order your food, you're given a plastic number to put at the end of your table. When your food is ready, the staff brings it to your table, along with a generous supply of napkins. Unless the theater is extremely busy, service is usually well timed so you have your food before the movie even starts.

10. Eat up and enjoy the movie!

COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS

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There is a common belief on campus that there is "not much to do in Salem," but during the holiday season there is at least a little bit more available than "not much." December has brought a host of local events and activities in celebration of the season.

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Today from 4 to 7 p.m., the Oregon State Capitol is hosting a free open house featuring live music, book signings, vendors, local artisans, wine tasting and food sampling. Decorated according to the theme "Storybooks," the event is held in the rotunda, Galleria and next to the kiosk on 900 Court St. NE.

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The classic play, "A Christmas Carol," adapted and performed by Salem Repertory Theater, has its opening night on Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. Held in the Cyrus Reed Ballroom of the Reed Opera House on Liberty Street, tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling (503) 302-8907.

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On Saturday, the PGE Festival of Lights Parade takes place practically in Willamette's own front yard. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., the parade route wraps through downtown Salem on Court, Commercial, and State street, bringing music, costumed participants and Christmas-light-covered vehicles.

For those still looking for a good gift for mom, the Salem Saturday Market Bazaar will occur earlier the same day from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., (and until 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11) in the Jackman Long Building on the Oregon State Fairgrounds.

Keep your eyes peeled for women wearing red and purple; some bazaar websites promise the Red Hat Society a special shopping spree if they come dressed up. Another option for Saturday, if the Nutcracker has been a crucial part of your holiday experience in years past, is Chemeketa Community College's Ballet performance, held in the auditorium Building 6, at 7 p.m. for \$9 a ticket. A second matinee performance occurs the following day at 2:30 for \$7 a ticket.

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Despite the risk of being the only college student present, the Book Bin offers a Christmas story reading and puppet show on Wednesday the 14th that is worth checking into if you need some soothing childhood-style after a particularly harsh final.

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"Frosty the Snowman"
8 p.m. CBS
A Christmas must-see about the most famous magically living snowman. Followed at 8:30 by the sequel, "Frosty Returns"

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For more very accessible activities, the Mission Mill (right across the street from Kaneko) is putting on a nightly light show and caroling performance from 5:30 to 8 p.m., beginning on Monday Dec. 19 until Dec. 23. A historical twist on the nightly event is created by "costumed interpreters" who evoke a sense of living history. General admission is \$2.50.

Star Trees celebration integrate Salem community

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Ah, December, never has a month with so few weeks of school seemed so interminable. The looming threat of finals ensures that the nights will be as long and caffeine-filled as the days are cold. But early each December, a shining beacon of light reminds us that there is a fun-filled world outside of school; a world free from tests, papers and late-night ramen runs. What is this luminescent ray of hope in our homework-ridden lives? Our very own star trees of course.

The giant sequoias were planted in 1942 to celebrate the University's centennial and to serve as a "cathedral to the ages." The trees began lighting up the Salem sky with holiday cheer nine years ago in an effort to bring the university and Salem communities together. One of the trees is in fact the largest live Christmas tree in the United States and, with the promise of a happy relationship for any couple

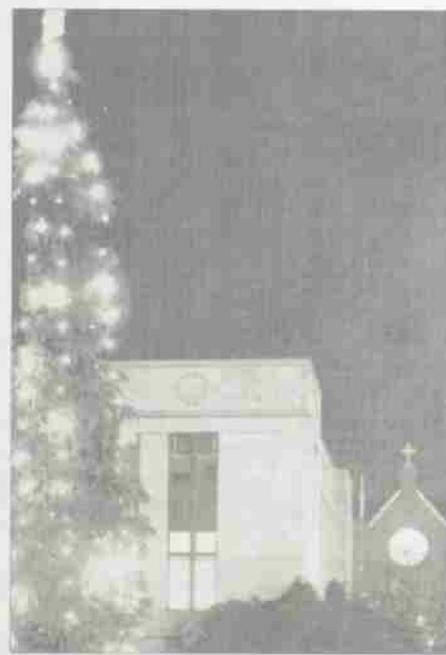
that kisses under them, the trees are pretty much the ultimate form of mistletoe in the United States as well.

This past Saturday, my friends and I bundled up and headed to the capitol steps to see the show. This year's festivities included a coat drive hosted by the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity. They also passed out free cocoa and pipe cleaner candy canes, though, much to my friends' dismay, the pipe-cleaner sculptures were reserved for the kids. Salem Mayor Janet Taylor and ASWU President Tyler Reich spoke at the event and presented two local children with \$100 savings bonds.

The lighting also featured the caroling talents of Willamette students led by choir director Dr. Long on the steps of the capitol (for future reference, the choir is open to even the most tone-deaf students, so feel free to sing your heart out next year.) After an enthusiastic countdown, the crowd headed beneath the star trees to gaze up at the lights, and were promptly kicked out, we presumed, for fire safety issues

(though if the star trees burst into flame, that would make them the biggest yule-logs in the United States). After the trees were lit, everyone headed to Smith auditorium for a free concert in which several instrumental and choral ensembles performed the memorable Christmas standards.

Though the festivities mainly cater to small children and their families, the holidays are the perfect time to let your inner child out to play. "I think that it's nice to see so many students together with people from the Salem community," said sophomore Elliot Williams. Though there may be more exciting things to do on a Saturday night, few would make you feel more warm and fuzzy. Sophomore Amie Platt said, "The only thing that would have made it better was a giant dance party in the street." So next time you find yourself bogged down by work, grab some cocoa and gaze out at the star trees and remember Winter Break is just around the corner.



The Star Trees have been a Willamette tradition since 1942.

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Notes From Abroad... Germany

Gaining back international respect

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Studying abroad is difficult. Several elements, including culture shock, language barriers and homesickness provide challenges for students who spend a semester or two in a foreign country. I am studying for two semesters in Eichstätt, Germany, and so far the biggest challenge I face is hearing consistent negative opinions about the United States, all of which are directed at me because I am one of Eichstätt's five available Americans. The people here are unable to scrutinize our government directly, so American exchange students are the next best thing. Our government has a terrible reputation worldwide right now, and I definitely understand why. That makes it difficult to answer many of the questions and to refute many of the accusations I have heard.

I live in an international dorm where there are students from Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Romania, Bulgaria, Korea, Belgium, Finland, Russia, the Czech Republic, and Brazil, as well as the United States. Most of these students are friendly, but are nonetheless curious as to why we elected a leader like Bush, why the hell we're still in Iraq, and furthermore, why we went to Iraq in the

first place. These may be simple questions, but they are surprisingly difficult to answer.

I asked one of the Belgian students for her opinion of Americans, and her reply, roughly translated, was, "All I can say is that from an outside perspective, America looks bad. I don't hold it against the American people personally, though." She is the one who gave me the GIVE PIS A CHANCE sticker; you are supposed to stick it in a urinal so that people can pee on a picture of George W. Bush's face.

Unfortunately, a few of the students aren't too friendly when it comes to Americans. I was discussing an article with two of the Spanish girls who live on my floor, and a Bulgarian girl interrupted me and said, "Do you want to know what I think? I have no respect for the United States. You call yourselves a democracy, but you aren't one." I could have argued with her, but she has been here for two years and her German is better than mine; that is another thing that has taken some getting used to: arguments here are not won solely based on merit, but on language proficiency. It is extremely frustrating.

I have spoken with the other Americans here about some of these issues. Graham Schmidt, from the University of Wyoming,



Junior Tess Davis rides the train in Berlin, Germany.

COURTESY OF Tess Davis

said, "It is really interesting being an American overseas right now. You get a much different outlook – all of a sudden it becomes objective. Unfortunately, that puts me on the defensive a lot of times." A junior from Boston College, Atlas Anagnos, said, "I feel like I have been received fairly well...even by the French kids. Even so, Europeans still want to hear an American try to justify all of the bad things that have happened since Bush was elected."

We Americans here in Eichstätt experience these issues not only in our dorms, but at school and in the community as well. In my Political Systems class last week, we discussed presidential systems of government. My professor used the United States as his primary example, and the lecture was little more than an hour and a half of stand-up comedy about George W. Bush. None of the students in the class are aware that I am an American, but the professor is. Another example is the American flag hung backward; the one in the picture to the left hangs on the wall at a local bar and grill. Every time I go there the bartender plays a song that begins with our national anthem, then leads into a chorus of "Amis raus!" which translates to "Americans, get out!" The bar-

tender always makes sure I know that he is just joking around with me, which I realize, but whoever wrote the song obviously meant it quite literally.

I really wish that President Bush, since he is chiefly responsible for America's poor reputation, could experience what the Americans abroad are experiencing. Perhaps it would influence his decision making to some degree. The way I see it, President Bush is at home making the United States look bad, and students studying abroad like myself, are in Europe, Asia and South America trying to make the United States look at least a little bit better. It really doesn't seem like a very good deal for us.

Nonetheless, my advice to those of you who are going abroad in the spring is to do your research: try to come up with positive things the United States has done recently, to use as examples for when you are inevitably going to have to defend yourself (and your country, inadvertently or otherwise) against heavy criticism. Better yet, DO something positive, particularly in the political realm. If we try, we can certainly earn back some international respect.



Germans hang the American flag backward to show their distaste for the U.S. government.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

It is no secret that the college years are commonly characterized by alcoholic beverages and intoxicated memories or rather, lost memories. As a freshman in college, the powers of beer begin to reveal themselves, and before you know it, you are trying to decide whether or not you should go Busch or Keystone. However, for those of you out there that are of legal age, and have come to realize that it is not always necessary to completely intoxicate yourself by cheap beer, I offer you a little insight into some quality beer. More specifically, I have taken the time to investigate the quality beer from Germany—the motherland of good beer.

It all began when brewing beer grew into a money-spinning industry in the 15th century. Many brewers were partial to the idea of adding random sub-



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stances (tree bark, fish bladder, herb, fruit and eggs) to their beer in order to keep cost low and gain higher revenue. It was at this point that the people of Germany realized that something so important to them was in danger of losing not only its quality, but also its tradition, and a law was constructed to prevent this from happening. Known to Germans as "Reinheitsgebot," and translated into English as "the purity law," the ruling assures that only the essential and pure ingredients are used in brewing. In the 1500's this included only barley, hops*and water. It wasn't until 35 years later that yeast was also recognized as an essential and traditional ingredient.

As a result of the Reinheitsgebot, German beer became world-renowned for its quality and consistency. German beer still enjoys the reputation to this day, and there are more than 900 breweries in Germany that all adhere to the purity law. In addition to the many breweries, there are also dozens of var-

ious types of beer offered throughout the country. The diverse options include: Alt, Bock, Dunkel, Export, Hell, Kölsch, Lager, Malzbier, Märzen, Pils and Weizenbier, to name just a few. These brews differ in the ratio of ingredients, brewing temperature and technique, alcoholic content, aging time, color and, of course, taste. Then of course you have the variation in size: pint, pitcher, liter, glass or, if you'd like it off tap, in a can, or in a bottle. The choices within the world of beer are countless.

Now, if you are sold on German beer and choose to experience it in all its glory, the recommendation is to visit Germany at the peak of Oktoberfest so that you can partake in all the wonderful traditions revolved around drinking the tasty beverage. The festival, which takes place in Munich, typically begins the first week of October and consists of dozens of beer tents and traditional music, food and dancing. Every year it is attended by

around 6 million visitors, who drink around 5 million liters of beer and consume over 200,000 pairs of pork sausages.

If you have read this and are still craving that Keystone...I have nothing to say to you and I hope that eventually you come around to appreciate this wonderful creation.

*The hop (*Humulus*) is a small genus of flowering plants, native to the temperate Northern Hemisphere. The female flowers, commonly called hops, are used as flavouring and stabilisers during beer brewing.

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GORDIE JAMES

Four-time men's basketball Coach of the Year

By ALEX COMPTON

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Four-time coach of the year in the Northwest Conference and 1993 National Coach of the Year, Willamette Men's Basketball Coach Gordie James has steered the Bearcats to a school record of 307 wins, including the 1993 NAIA Division II National Championship. Since moving up to the NCAA Division III level, James has led his team to one Northwest Conference Championship in 2000.

James has been surrounded by the game since he can first remember. A native of Southern California, he credits his father for instilling in him the values of industriousness, determination and sportsmanship that continue to form the foundation of his coaching philosophy. He always found himself involved in sports. When he wasn't occupied with the neighborhood youth basketball and baseball rec leagues, he was in the backyard on a hard dirt court playing 2 on 2.

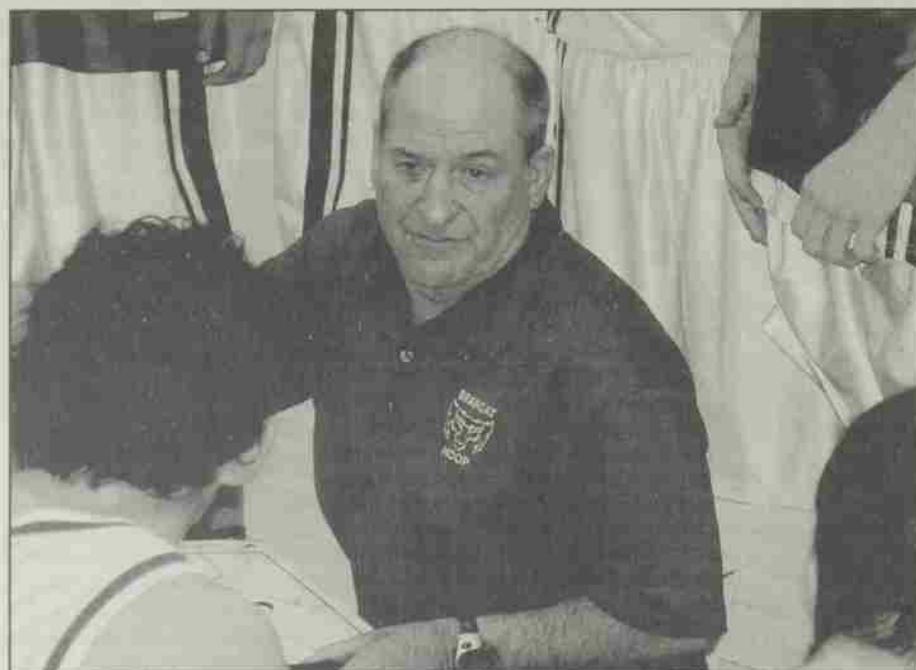
His calling to be a teacher and coach came, fortunately, at a young age. After eighth grade, his high school basketball coach, George Allison, alumnus of the Oregon State basketball program led by

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Slats Gill, had a very strong influence in his career choice. Allison was a key factor in James' development as both an athlete and a person, emphasizing a fundamentalist style of game play. At California Polytechnic Institute, he played baseball for the precise and motivating Coach John Scolinas.

James' early coaching career blossomed over 41 years ago at El Monte High School in east Los Angeles. He recalls traveling across town before each season started to observe practice led by John Wooden, coach of the Wizards of Westwood. He cites such experiences as "one of the ultimate learning opportunities a novice coach could experience."

During his first year at El Monte, he taught science and coached freshman basketball and JV baseball. His basketball practice was held outdoors on the blacktop, a contrast to his now-familiar Cone Field House hardwood. He explains that the win/loss ratios of those early seasons have long since been forgotten, but the individuals he has had the privilege to coach always stick with him. Even after 22 years at the high school level and an additional 19 here at



Coach Gordie James instructs sophomore Ian Mansfield during practice.

photo by ELIZABETH HELLIESEN

WU, he claims that "each team has been very special." His high school record lies at 340-139, while his ongoing record at Willamette is currently listed as 307-181.

James began the next phase in his career as head coach of the Willamette basketball team when he was coaching at Lakeridge High School. In 1987, he co-led the Pro Classic Hoop Camp at Willamette with hall of fame inductee Coach Jack Ramsey, a role he continues to fill today. It was then when he was notified of an open position with the basketball team. He was reluctant to take a collegiate position at first. "I thought high school coaching was my niche and something I enjoyed so much," he said.

However, he couldn't ignore his instincts for long. "The longer I pondered coming to WU the more interested I became," he said. The rest is history, including his being chosen in 1994 as coach of the Japan National Team, which won a bronze medal in the Asian Olympics that year.

The basketball program at Willamette is always evolving. "Each year you have to adapt and adjust to synthesize the talents, abilities and personalities of your group," James said. "That is

the challenge." His role as a coach is to foster success and perfection through performance. He says that, as coaches, the staff members are very demanding and have high expectations of the players in the team's effort to achieve excellence. "Our game belongs to the players who have the capacity to love this sport and sacrifice for their teammates. We place a very high priority on team play and unselfishness—five playing as ONE."

Coach James couldn't be happier with where he is at this point in his life. "At WU, athletics is the way it was meant to be. It remains sport. Our players are true student/athletes who have

things in the right perspective." He points to the fact that alumni of the basketball program continue to pursue the virtue of excellence as they begin their post-Willamette careers, just as they once did on the hardwood. The fact that James has been able to follow the lives of his players after they leave the court has made an exceptional impact. "That is the joy of the job—to view their development. Our players possess a sincere loyalty to the program and to their teammates—they remain our lifetime friends."

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GORDIE JAMES
men's basketball coach

IM Update



The intramural flag football leagues close their season this week with championship games and a battle for the coveted IM champion t-shirts awarded to the winners. Team Julie took the women's league championship, beating out WU Softball with a 34-29 end score. In the co-ed intramural league, Team OTOD won over Half Mast on Monday night. A semi-final for men's flag football will take place on Tuesday night, due to a previously cancelled game. The final will follow shortly afterwards, determining the men's champions.

Written by ANNETTE HULBERT

First conference games provide challenge

Women battle against Pacific Lutheran



Sophomore Tracie Nygaard prepares to shoot a freethrow.

photo by BRANDON BENNIGHT

By ALLISON DELLWO

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In its first conference game of the season, the Willamette women's basketball team battled Lewis and Clark College in Portland. The Bearcats were not able to keep up with the pace of the Pioneers, losing 37-82.

Freshman Brittany Farrer led the Bearcats, adding a total of 12 points to the scoreboard and also taking five rebounds. Sophomore Vic Swigard added five points while, freshman Janelle Dayck had four.

Sophomore Tracie Nygaard, chipping in with five rebounds in the game, remains positive despite the Bearcats' loss. "We are still early in the season and we will get it together," she said.

On Dec. 3, the Bearcats faced Pacific Lutheran University in their first home conference game of the season. After a tough fight, the Lutes were able to push past the Bearcats, winning the game 55-70.

Willamette led the score after a three-pointer by senior Jennifer Bell started out the game. For the entire first half, both teams were within a few points of each other, not being more than four points apart. The score was 22-23 after another three-pointer by senior Caitlin Andrus but the Lutes were able to bring the score

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back up to 36-22 after PLU picked up the pace.

"I believe we made some really strong runs," Nygaard said, "and in other times of the game, we made mistakes that the opponent always seemed to capitalize on...we are making improvements though."

To open the second half, the Bearcats picked up their intensity, pulling within 12 points after shots by Bell. This was not enough to catch up with the Lutes, however, as the score went up to 53-32.

Overall, Bell ruled the scoreboard, adding 17 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Sophomore Laura Payne followed with a total of 11 points and four assists, while Andrus had eight points and junior Sarah Brooks had four.

"There is a lot of talent there," Nygaard said. "We just haven't yet shown what we are capable of...the way we have been playing isn't a true representation of our team."

After this game, the Bearcats fall to 1-4 overall and 0-2 in the Northwest Conference.

Next up
Concordia College at Willamette
Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.

Men twice victorious against Lewis & Clark

By BRIAN BEST

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Last week, the men's basketball team faced off first against Lewis and Clark on Tuesday evening and then against Pacific Lutheran over the weekend. Both games resulted in Willamette victories and an excellent start to the new season.

Tuesday night's game against Lewis and Clark saw four Bearcats, led by Junior CJ "Coperanicus," scoring in double figures; Stuvland scored 21 points with six rebounds. Brennan Garrelts had 15 points, six rebounds and two blocks; Drew Miller had 10 points, four rebounds and two blocks. Freshman David Fife scored 12 points, six boards and three assists, coming off the bench to help the Bearcats with a 14-3 second half run, which turned an eight-point lead into a solid Willamette lead that ended with a 89-64 Bearcat victory.

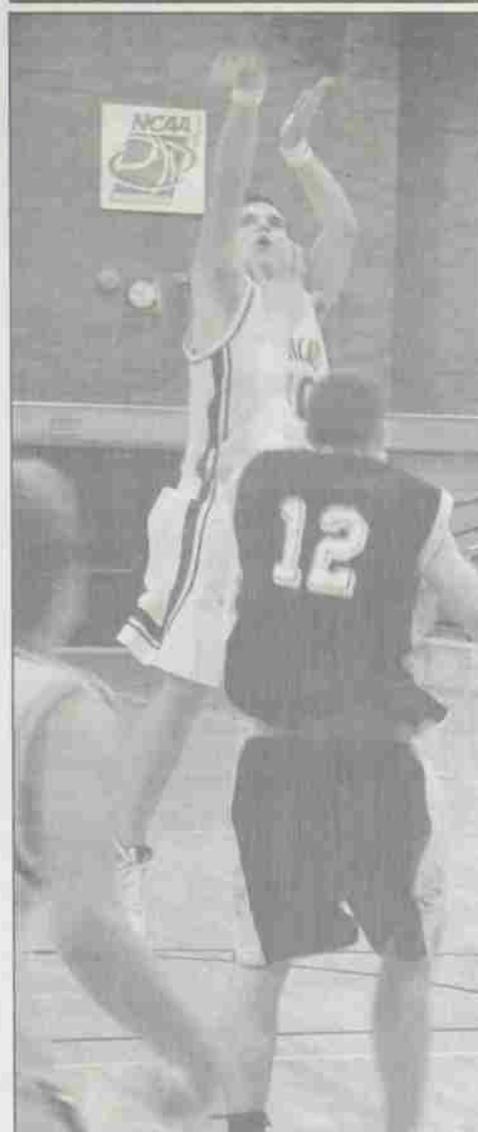
Willamette performed better than Lewis and Clark in nearly every category, shooting 53 percent against the Pioneers' 32 percent and out-rebounding them 54-28. "It was great to get out there in our first conference game and really play some solid basketball," Stuvland said.

After the sound victory over the Pioneers, the Bearcats tipped off against the Pacific Lutheran Lutes in their first home game of the season.

Senior Jason "Hot Hands" Luchterhand and sophomore Ian "Tower of Babel" Mansfield dominated the boards throughout the entire game, with eight and eleven boards respectively. John Olinger chalked up 18 points for Willamette, Stuvland 17 and Luchterhand 15. With an 18 point lead at halftime, Willamette benefited from points by Drew Miller and David Fife in the second half to bring the lead to 51-28; the Bearcats always maintained at least a 12 point lead. Josh Erickson was also a key player against Pacific, scoring nine points and dishing four assists, as well. Drew Miller added nine points and three boards.

The final score was an astounding victory for Willamette in its season home opener, 82-65. The win put Willamette 2-0 in conference with a game against Northwest Nazarene scheduled for this Wednesday.

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The win against Lewis & Clark put the Willamette men 2-0 in conference.

photo by BRANDON BENNIGHT

Next up
Northwest Nazarene at Willamette
Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.

Northwest Conf. Standings

MEN'S SWIMMING

Puget Sound	3-0
Whitworth	2-1
Pacific Lutheran	2-1
Lewis & Clark	2-2
Linfield	1-2
Willamette	0-0
Pacific U.	0-1
Whitman	0-2

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Lewis & Clark	4-0
Puget Sound	3-0
Pacific Lutheran	1-2
Whitworth	1-2
Whitman	1-1
Willamette	0-0
Pacific	0-1
Linfield	0-3

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

George Fox	6-0
Linfield	6-0
Pacific Lutheran	5-1
Lewis & Clark	4-2
Puget Sound	4-2
Whitworth	3-3
Willamette	1-4
Whitman	1-5

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Christy's SIDE LINE

Last Sunday, the Pilots' Christine Sinclair scored two goals to secure Portland's win against UCLA in the NCAA women's national championship game. This marks the Pilots' second title in three years. Portland beat Santa Clara 2-1 in the 2002 championship game. The Pilots became the only team other than North Carolina to finish an unbeaten season with a championship.



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Portland's Sinclair set an NCAA single-season record with her first-half goals, giving her a total of 39. Before the game, Sinclair was tied with SMU's Lisa Cole who had 37 goals in 1987.

The Bruins outscored their first five tournament opponents 25-0 and then lost in the title game for the second straight year. Last year, they lost to Notre Dame on penalty kicks after playing to a 1-1 tie.

UCLA concentrated its defense on Sinclair, giving Angie Wozniak a chance to sneak to an opening, receive a feed from Megan Rapinoe and zip a shot under UCLA goalkeeper Valerie Henderson. Wozniak's goal came just 92 seconds into the game, giving Portland its fastest goal of the season. This did not defeat the Bruins' hopes. They have trailed 1-0 in four games this season and have come back to win twice; however, by halftime it was clear they would need some luck to rally this game. The closest shot at a goal for the Bruins came from UCLA midfielder Danesha Adams when she outfought Portland defender Stephanie Lopez and goalkeeper Cori Alexander for a loose ball.

However, Lopez had a tough angle and was unable to force a goal. From there, the Pilots took control and kept the game in the Bruins' end for most of the rest of the half. Sinclair pounded a perfect pass from Lopez past Henderson with 23:39 left before the break. Sinclair's second goal was with even more finesse. She had her back to UCLA defender Bristyn Davis, then spun free and ripped a left-footed shot under Henderson with 3:57 left in the half.

A scare came in the second half when Sinclair hurt her knee in a collision with UCLA midfielder McCall Zerboni, but she soon was up with the crowd's applause. With 13:38 left, freshman Rapinoe scored, giving her a team-best six for the tournament.

Portland set an NCAA attendance record this season, drawing 40,841 fans to 12 home games, not including the 500 die-hard fans who traveled to Texas to watch the Pilots defeat the Bruins.

The Pilots were welcomed home on Sunday at the airport by more than 100 fans and an array of television lights. Later that day, about 1,000 more greeted them at the Chiles Center on the University of Portland campus. According to The Oregonian, the team's arrival was announced over the airport's loudspeakers several times. The city had a welcoming committee ready to greet the Pilots with a plaque.

"These were the best four-and-a-half years of my life," Sinclair said.

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John Heisman watch on the rise

Weekly Column

Who is Heisman? John W. Heisman was a man who, more than anyone at the time, intimately studied the dynamics of football, closely witnessed the evolution of the game and effected changes in the game's dynamics. Coach Heisman began coaching in 1892 at Oberlin College, where he led his team to seven straight victories in only the second year of the program. Throughout the course of 35 years, Coach Heisman commanded teams such as Auburn, Clemson, University of Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson, and Rice. According to Heisman.com, "His most impressive coaching reign was with Georgia Tech (1904-1919) where his Golden Tornadoes were a scoring powerhouse with an astounding 33 straight wins."

Coach Heisman retired in 1927 at the age of 62. During his retirement, Heisman continued to be involved with college football. At the insistence of others, he organized a voting system to determine the best collegiate football player in the country. The first year the award was given, it was called the Downtown Athletic Club (DAC) Award and was given in 1935 to Chicago's Jay Berwanger. The second year the award was given, the officers of the DAC unanimously voted to rename the DAC Award to the Heisman Memorial Trophy.

So who will be next to join the prestigious company of Paul Hornung, OJ Simpson, Doug Flutie, Bo Jackson, Barry Sanders, Ricky Williams, Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart, to name a few? Over the past weekend the two prominent Heisman-bound candidates had one



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more chance to show off their skills. Across the nation, all eyes were on No. 1 USC's running back Reggie Bush and No. 2 Texas Longhorn's quarterback Vince Young.

If you had a chance to catch either of the two games this weekend, you would have seen Vince Young and his Longhorns dismantle Colorado in a 70-3 victory. Young's numbers look impressive; he boasts 14 completions out of 17 attempts and 193 passing yards for three passing touchdowns and one rushing. But he was nowhere near as electrifying as Reggie Bush was against No. 10 UCLA. Bush rushed for 260 yds and went for two touchdowns, helping the Trojans defeat UCLA 66-19. Yet, if you watched the game, you would have seen Bush become a real human highlight. Nearly every time Bush touched the ball, he made something happen, and he did it in style, diving, cutting and hurdling around the opponents.

Bush is leading the Trojans in rushing. With 187 carries, Bush rushed for 1,658 yds, averaging 8.8 yds, and totaling 15 touchdowns. He has helped lead the Trojans to another perfect season, 13-0, and a shot at the Championship Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, Calif. on Jan. 1, 2006.

Vince Young has really carried his team this year, leading the Longhorns in both passing and rushing. Out of 285 passing attempts, Young completed 182 for 2,769 yds and 26 throws for a touchdown. He also carried the ball 136 times for 850 yds. He thus averaged 6.3 yds, finishing with 9 rushing touchdowns. The Longhorns are currently 13-0 and will be facing the Trojans in the Rose Bowl.

You can catch the 2005 Heisman Trophy Presentation Saturday, Dec. 10 at 8 p.m. on ESPN.

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Swim team focusing on healthy athletes

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The Bearcat swimmers left the Northwest Invitational at Lewis and Clark last weekend with a sixth place finish for the women's team and a seventh place finish for the WU men's team.

"For the most part, I thought the teams did pretty well," head swim coach Al Stephenson said. "We had some swimmers compete in new events and distances (especially the freshmen), and competed strongly throughout the long weekend. Although our team placing doesn't show the entire team strength, we had a couple swimmers elsewhere, and we learned some of the strengths of the rest of the conference as well."

After the first day of the Northwest Invite, the Willamette University women's team stood in fifth place, with a second place finish in the 200 IM from junior Becca Fischer and a third place finish in the

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400 medley relay from Fischer, sophomores Shannon Gima and Bridget Sutherland, and senior Jessica Lee.

The men finished the first day of the invite in eighth place, competing last weekend without two of their toughest competitive swimmers; junior Kei Otawa chose to swim at the Husky Invitational, and senior Eric Swinn did not compete at all last weekend.

The second and final day of the Northwest Invitational found Fischer continuing to make an impact with two more second place finishes in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Gima also contributed three top-six swims, placing fifth in the 100-yard backstroke, sixth in the 400 IM and sixth in the 200 backstroke. According to Stephenson, sophomore Greg Henselman was one of the outstanding men's swimmers of last weekend, dropping huge amounts of time in his event and

"showing the results of his hard work and dedication to getting better."

Currently, both swim teams are focusing on getting key swimmers healthy, training to improve new skills and techniques and improving endurance.

"I really like our team chemistry and the support the members have for other teammates," Stephenson said. "That always helps when the training gets hard or the team falls on difficult times, so it was great to see."

As of now, the swimmers will train through next week, leave for winter break and then hit the pool again Jan. 2 to train and compete. According to Stephenson, the teams have a very busy January planned this year with all of the competitions that will hopefully lead up to the conference championships in February.

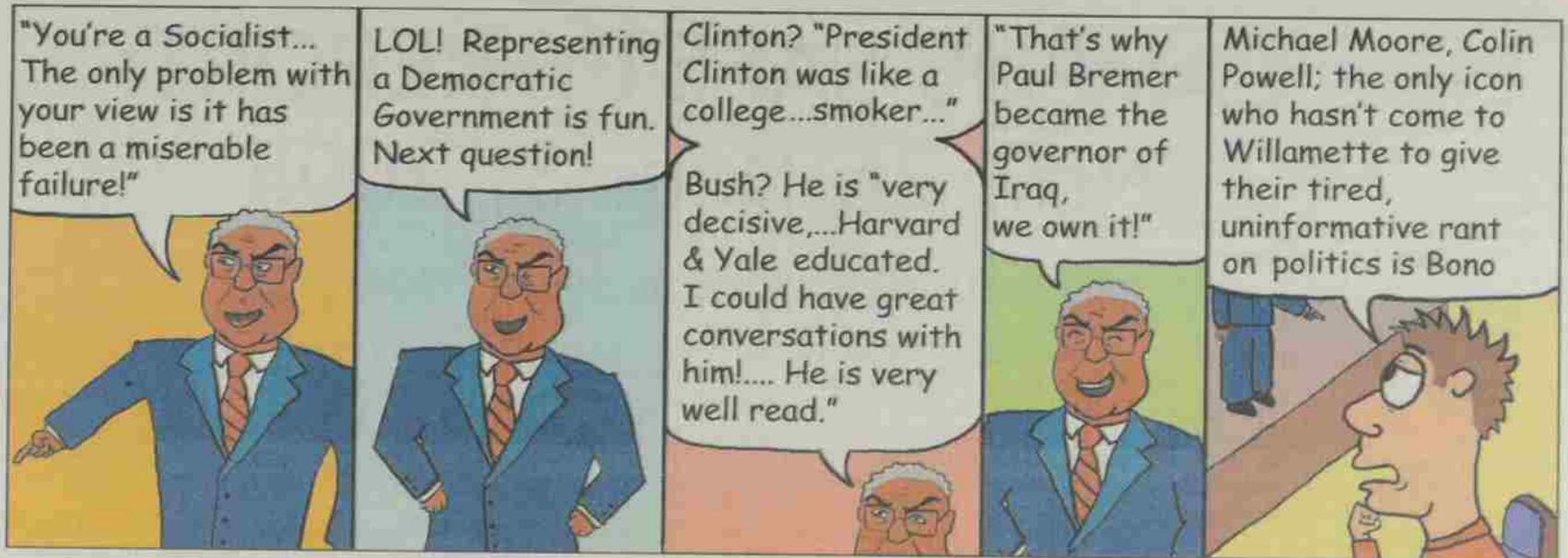
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