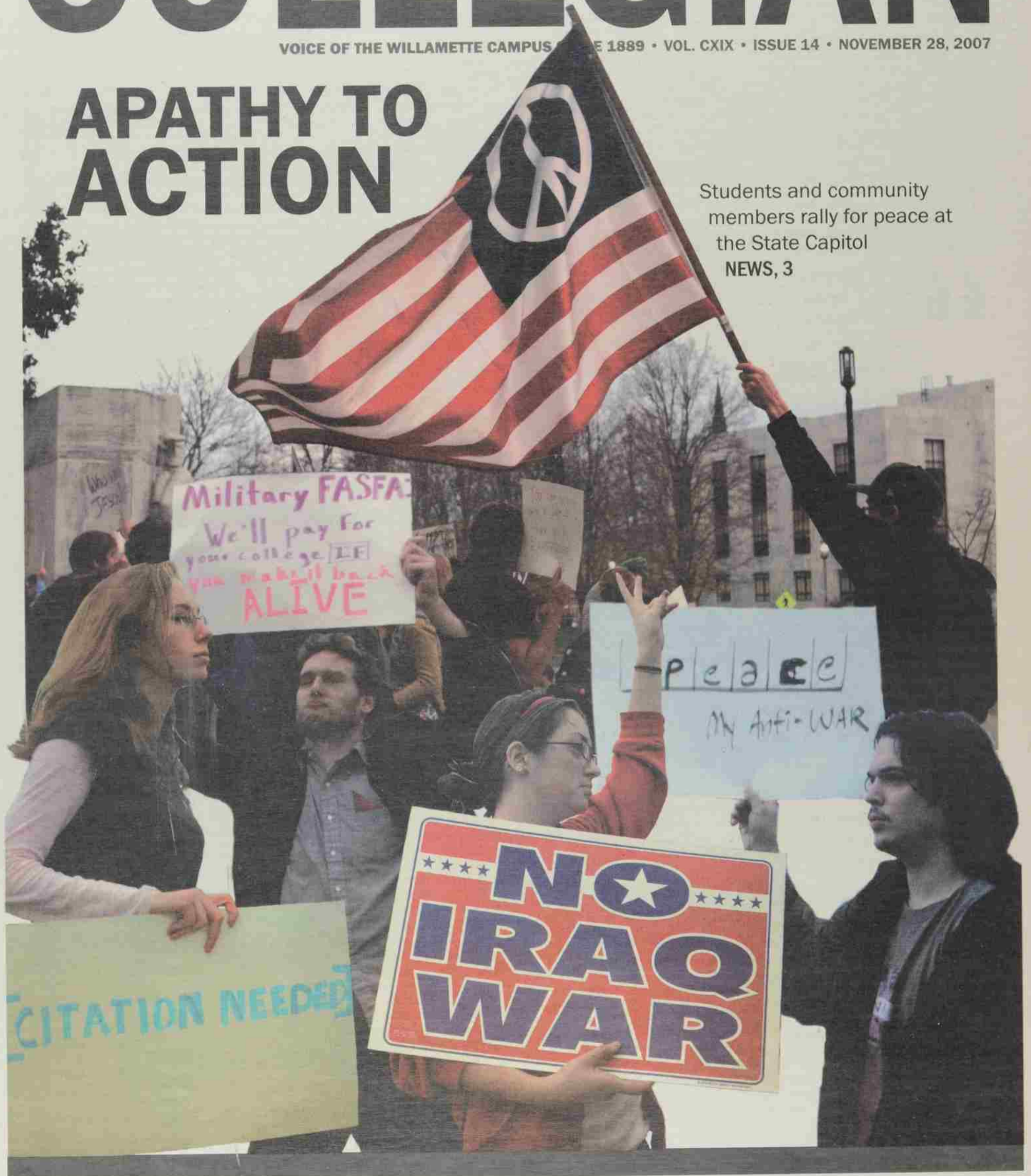


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Building Bridges helps connect students of different cultures

Willamette students form bonds with new Japanese students

NICK MARTIN
STAFF WRITER

Every February a group of Japanese exchange students come from Tokyo International University to learn about American culture. To help them adjust in their new environment, ASWU has created the Building Bridges Program, designed to help Japanese students meet Willamette students and make friends while learning about American culture.

According to Willamette's website, the program is in its sixth year, but the position of program director was created three years ago to manage specific aspects such as organizing activities, hiring volunteers and communicating with groups. ASWU Vice

“We're hoping to make it bigger. I really want to boost the reputation of this program.”

MATT ALEX
ASWU VICE PRESIDENT

President Matt Alex will be advising the director of Building Bridges.

In order to facilitate this program, dozens of student volunteers are paired together with Japanese newcomers who share similar interests. “[Depending] on the number of TIUA students, groups usually split up to be about six to 10 people,” Alex said.

Volunteers are notified in January and are required to attend a short training session led by Jeannie Bragg. “[She] runs the training with the program director and it's basically training that helps [the Bridge Builders] know what to expect when working with the TIUA students,” Alex said. “She tries to inform them of cultural differences which are typical for Japanese students but not American students.”

The orientation helps students better understand and communicate with the Japanese students, including verbal and non-verbal communication tips. The session provides volunteers with an opportunity to get to know each other and think of activities that Japanese students might like to do in the Salem area.

Experience with Japanese or international students is not required to apply for Building Bridges. “Basically anyone who wants to be involved can be involved,” Alex said.

Former volunteer and sophomore Erin Doehring said the program is equally beneficial for Willamette students. “We

definitely have some preconceptions about [Japanese] culture,” Doehring said. “I think it shows them that there are students here who want to learn about their culture. At the same time we help them keep their own identities and make friends.”

Doehring's group held activities like bowling and trips to get gelato. The volunteers were also encouraged to stay in frequent communication with Japanese students. “[ASWU] suggested that we... stay in contact with them. Like during Opening Days, we're mentors for them and they could call us with any questions or concerns,” Doehring said.

Because Building Bridges is such a large operation, ASWU hires a program director every year to interview volunteers and oversee activities such as monthly parties for the groups. According to the job description sent out by ASWU, the director is preferably someone who has had prior experience with international students.

Junior May Ohara was the program director last year and participated as a volunteer when she was a freshman. She says her experiences with the program have been very positive. “One girl that was in my group became my roommate and we became really close,” Ohara said. “We went to Disneyland over Thanksgiving and she stayed with me over the summer for two weeks.”

This year's program director, Joshua Beatty, is a first year grad student at Atkinson. He's recently moved from Wash-

ington, D.C. to attend Atkinson after several years working in international education as well as for the JET Program. “[I am] very excited about learning about the community through this position, as well as connecting the students of TIUA and Willamette through informal events like movie nights, habitat for humanity builds and maybe even a Guitar Hero tournament,” Josh said.

Alex says he would like to expand the program to a year-round schedule. “We're hoping to make it bigger. I really want to boost the reputation of this program,” Alex said. “It's done in the spring semester but I'd like to see it carried over [to the fall semester].”

More information about the program will be available soon through a campus-wide email and fliers posted in the UC and Goudy. Students can stop by the Student Activities Office for an application or contact the Program Director at jbeatty@willamette.edu.

“I think that it's really important that we start educating our campus about [Building Bridges] because it's something a lot of people don't know about,” Ohara said. “It's difficult for Willamette students because they feel if they don't have any Japanese background they can't reach out to these students, but all [the TIUA students] want is a friend to communicate with at Willamette.”

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CESAR ROLDAN 1973-2007

Cesar Roldan, a cook at Kaneko Commons, was shot and killed over Thanksgiving break. The students, faculty and staff of Willamette are invited to his funeral service on Thursday, Nov. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Sympathy cards can be sent to the Roldan family courtesy of Bon Appetit, and are available to sign at Kaneko from 3-4 p.m. on Thursday. They can also be dropped off with any cashier at Goudy, Cat Cavern or Kaneko.

Donations in support of his son, Hiloy, can be made at an U.S. Bank under the name of the Cesar Roldan Memorial Fund under account number 153660392090. As an employee and friend of the Willamette community, Cesar will be deeply missed. The Collegian will further cover this tragedy in next week's (Nov. 4) issue.

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Fofana uses film to raise awareness of Africa

CHRISTOPHER GLYNN
GUEST WRITER

This Tuesday, Nov. 27, there will be a showing of African director Ousmane Sembène's "Guelwaar" in the TIUA auditorium. French Professor Amadou Fofana will be introducing the film at 7 p.m. and leading a discussion afterwards. This event is the latest of many that Fofana has created to bring his vast knowledge of Africa and African film to campus.

In the vein of director Costa Gavras, "Guelwaar" is a murder-mystery that is oftentimes comical while portraying serious matters. A Christian political activist, Guelwaar, is buried in a Muslim graveyard, which creates trouble steeped in religious conflict.

Known as the father of African cinema, Sembène's work as an author and filmmaker helped lay foundations for the African film industry. Sembène focuses much of his work on social and political unrest in Africa. His films portray the "day to day life and struggles that [Africans] deal with," Fofana said. "He may not address them properly... but he addresses them."

Fofana differs from Sembène, in that "[Fofana] brings the desire to show the wonder, potential, diversity, beauty and modernity of Africa to campus," Professor of Anthropology Joyce Millen said. "He knows there are problems in Africa, but he does not want to focus on that; people will see these problems in the news," Millen said. This difference of perspective, however, does not hinder Fofana's interest in Sembène and his work. On the contrary, "he is considered one of the world's experts

on the filmmaker," Millen said.

"Guelwaar" was the first film in an African language that professor Fofana saw while living in Madison, Wis. and he is still trying to understand the film's tremendous effect on him.

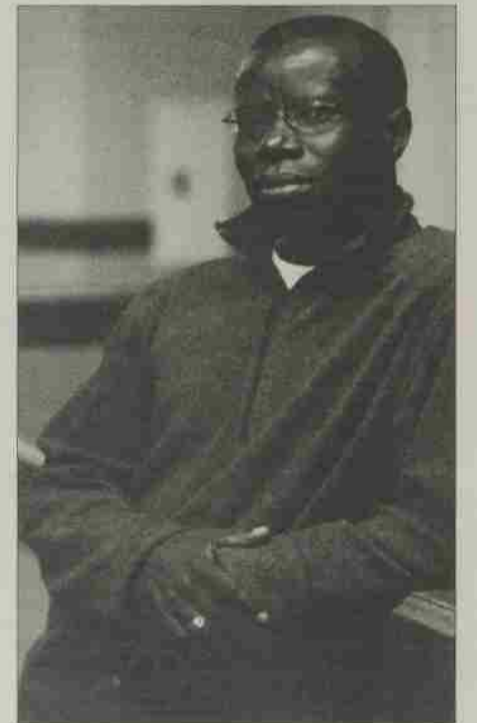
"When it takes 10 years for an African filmmaker to fund a project, when something is on screen, they mean it," Fofana said. According to Fofana, this is one "difference between first world and third world film."

An amateur filmmaker himself, Fofana has been traveling to Western Africa doing research for his documentary on the African film industry. The film studies the historical and present impact that African films have on Africa and its citizens, especially in rural areas. His work will take him back to Africa again this spring when he seeks to broaden the scope of his project.

Just as African filmmakers continue to struggle to fund their projects, the African public is finding it difficult to find a ticket to their films. "Economic crisis has sunk in," Fofana said. The effects of low moviegoer rates in Africa are having their impact. In Senegal there were once 70 movie theatres, where now there are only ten in the entire country. According to Fofana, African filmmakers are "producing more films than there are theatres."

Last year in February, Fofana, Millen and a group of students created and hosted the first Africa Day, an event created to give students a chance to be exposed to aspects of African life.

This year the event will be expanded as Willamette University joins forces with Oregon State University and Portland State to produce Africa Week. "It will be done each



COLBY TAKEDA

Fofana is working on a movie about the African film industry and how it impacts Willamette. He is also helping to organize Africa Day at Willamette.

year as of now," Fofana said.

In addition to Africa Week, faculty members, including Millen and Fofana, are working on creating an African Studies minor. Millen says that the road to an African Studies certificate will be long, but due to the shown interest of students and faculty, "it's what we're working for."

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Students organized and participated in a peace rally outside the capitol building on Nov. 15. Between 60 and 70 people participated, including many non-students.

Student-planned peace rally reflects political activism

LAUREN GOLD
STAFF WRITER

Many complain that the current generation could care less about American politics, but students at Willamette are proving them wrong. With a peace rally held on the steps of the capitol on Nov. 15 and various other activities planned throughout the year, Willamette students are breaking away from the political apathy that has characterized their generation.

"In political activism, Willamette far exceeds any other liberal arts institution in Oregon," president of the College Democrats club sophomore Ryan Moothart said. "I receive constant praise on the activities of the Willamette College Democrats."

According to freshman Trevor Latal, who organized the peace rally, between 60 and 70 people attended the rally, including many non-students. "The rally was a huge success," Latal said.

Many stress the importance of student activism as an opportunity for young people to get involved in political decisions. "If we want politicians to address our issues we have to get involved," Moothart said. "Apathy leads to politicians ignoring the issues we want to address."

Activism also encourages student awareness. "[Student activism] is important for students to get connected in the political arena," president of the College Republicans club sophomore Michael Farage said.

Farage feels that political activism serves primarily to enlighten youth about the issues facing today's society and give them an opportunity to explore those issues. "Student activism works well through on-campus political groups, which add to the campus dialogue," Farage said. "Political organizations push students to think."

Farage feels that student activism plays an important role in American politics. "[Student activism] is grassroots politics, which has become much more important

recently," Farage said. "Colleges have been a source of participants and strength behind the issues."

According to Moothart, student participation within the College Democrats has grown significantly, especially in the last year. Both the number of club activities and event turnout has increased. The club's voter registration drive in October succeeded in registering 117 voters, and the ballot drop campaign for the Nov. 6 election submitted between 40 and 50 ballots. "We wanted to change our visibility on campus," Moothart said. "This year we are completely visible."

The College Democrats also brought two of the major democratic candidates in the Oregon Senate race to campus. "That was a huge feat and we had a great turnout at those events," Moothart said.

The College Republicans have been active on campus, hosting canvassing events, speakers and activities involving the Oregon Republican Party. For Veteran's Day, the

club hosted a "chalking" event to support Veterans. "Students wrote thank you notes to the Veterans," Farage said. "This event gave students an opportunity they might not have had otherwise."

Despite the high level of activism at Willamette, many would still like to see an increase in involvement. "When I came to college, I expected to see more student protests like the peace rally," Latal said. "It's something we need in the community, especially with the capitol right here."

According to freshman Justin Olnes, this inactivity is not due to a lack of beliefs. "I think Willamette students have a lot of unique ideas, but no one acts on them," Olnes said.

However, many feel there is hope for the future. "If the increase in activism we've seen this year is any sign of where things are headed, the next presidential election will be huge," Moothart said.

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Hunger Banquet | Ready to help



MOLLY CARVER

Students participated in a hunger banquet at Cat Cavern on Nov. 15, shortly before Thanksgiving. The event taught students about the disparity in food around the world by dividing them into three groups. One group contained a few students who received a full course meal. Another contained a larger group that ate a small meal, while the vast majority of students got only a small serving of rice for dinner.

Athens Boys Choir promotes acceptance

KAELEY PRUITT-HAMM
STAFF WRITER

Culture Shock, Angles and the Jewish Student Union (JSU) brought the Athens Boys Choir to Willamette on Nov. 19. The Choir consists of one member, an Athens, Ga. native called "Katz."

Katz performs spoken-word poems and promotes the acceptance of the transgender and Jewish communities; [a female to male transsexual Jew]. Culture Shock decided to bring his show to Willamette at junior Rachael Elliott's suggestion.

"I saw the Athens Boys Choir open for another performer two years ago," Elliott said. "After hearing about Culture Shock's mission to challenge people's world views, I thought [Katz's show] would go along with that."

Culture Shock went on to organize and partially fund the show while Angles and JSU helped finance it as well. According to Culture Shock's co-President Jessica Cook, this was Culture Shock's first time putting on such a major event.

"All of Culture Shock's current active members helped make the event a reality and it was a landmark event for our club. Culture Shock has been going through some major changes in our vision and mission and this event really helped us renew our belief that we can enact a positive change upon campus in a large way," Cook said.

The content and character of the act itself was unique for Willamette. According to Elliott, Katz performs songs about love, politics and gender issues in both humorous and solemn ways. The Choir performed at Willamette the day before Transgender Remembrance Day, Nov. 20. The show included both spoken-word recitations and a slideshow honoring transsexual victims of homicide.

Overall, the Athens Boys Choir symbolized another step in furthering Culture Shock's and mission. "From my discussions with people, nothing like this has happened on campus before and it was definitely an event that needed to happen," Cook said. "Culture Shock is about creating a supportive society."

Audience member Elliot Williams from Angles agreed that the goal of Culture Shock was accomplished through the performance. "[Katz] made me think about things I already thought about at a different level," Williams said. "He didn't have a name for sexual orientation, so he made up his own. It made me think of how the language we use to describe gender identity and sexual orientation can be exclusive of certain identities."

The event was well-received, as about 60 people attended. "Many students stayed after the event to get a chance to talk to Katz and take pictures. Everyone seemed to have an excellent time and made sure to tell Culture Shock leaders that they thought the show was fantastic," Cook said. According to Cook, Katz enjoyed the night so much that he offered to come back to perform and conduct a workshop in February for free. Williams said he would attend another of Katz's performances "or anything like it... in a heartbeat."

Cook believes that the show's success should serve as inspiration for students to organize similar events. "We encourage anyone on campus to realize that it isn't as difficult as it seems to put on events or share their passions with their peers on a large scale. Clubs like Culture Shock and WEB are wonderful outlets for students to gain support for the vision of what they want our campus to be."

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Japanese memorial added to Tunnel of Oppression

LAURA PAYNE
GUEST WRITER

The Tunnel of Oppression returns to campus this week for its fourth straight year. Held at the Montag Den, it will be open to Willamette students and the Salem community between Wednesday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 30.

The annual event has six rooms; four rooms focus on social issues, while the last two are a reflection room and a resource room. The Tunnel of Oppression informs participants of social injustices across the world and encourages them to feel the oppression, rather than just reading about it. Each room is designed by a student leader with the help of two or three student volunteers.

The Tunnel of Oppression will concentrate on raising awareness through all five senses this year. "Tunnel is working to go beyond having text on the wall and is encouraging its student leaders to go for all sensory rooms," Student Coordinator junior Jess Cook said. "We want students to go beyond, 'I'm reading about oppression. I'm feeling it as well.'"

The Tunnel of Oppression raises awareness on a different level than other social justice events on campus, according

to head of the Tunnel of Oppression public relations sophomore Ben Clanton.

"[Tunnel] has creative ways of engaging. It uses different audio and visual techniques to truly engage people in the issues," Clanton said. "It gives a greater connection. Creating the connection makes it so much more meaningful."

Although the Tunnel of Oppression has been an annual event on campus, it concentrates on different social issues each year. "Every year it's different: different students, different views," Cook said. "Tunnel is constantly in flux, as is the oppression of the world."

This year's four rooms relating to social issues are Obstetric Fistula, the Reality behind the Asian Pacific Islander Community, the Impact of Words and Palestine: Behind the Wall.

The Tunnel of Oppression encourages students to form their own opinions on social issues after walking through the four rooms. In the reflection room, participants are encouraged to take time to process what they have just learned and experienced.

"[Tunnel] is not about someone preaching to you about what they feel. It's you getting to experience it on your own and form

► room themes

- Obstetric Fistula: focuses on the physical damage during childbirth when proper medical care is unavailable.

- Reality Behind the Asian/Pacific Islander Community: the history of the Asians and Pacific Islanders and how it forms our opinions and stereotypes.

- Impact of Words: how the words we use can be harmful to others

- Palestine: Behind the Wall: focuses on the Arab-Israeli conflict over the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

your own opinion," Cook said. "You get to experience on a much more personal level why you should care."

This year's Tunnel of Oppression is collaborating for the first time with TUA's Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Tunnel.

The Peace Tunnel will be a six-room exhibit featured on Dec. 3 and 4. Its rooms include Before the Bombing: WWII, and an Effects Room, which concentrates on the immediate, belated and modern-day effects of the atomic bomb.

The Peace Tunnel will rely on vivid film clips and pictures to convey the realities of the bombings.

One of the Hiroshima Peace Tunnel's goals is to inform students of the implications of nuclear weapons, according to TUA Student Coordinator Naomi Aihara. "We are showing what the atomic bomb is and its effects," Aihara said. "We

want to emphasize the effects. Not just the physical, but the discrimination against people who suffered."

While the Peace Tunnel will educate visitors on the effects of the atomic bombs, it will also inform participants about the value of non-violence. "We are mainly showing the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki," Aihara said, "but the main purpose is to think about peace."

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► dates & times

Tunnel of Oppression:
Wednesday, Nov. 28 1-5 p.m., 6-9 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 29 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 6-9 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 30 1-5 p.m., 6-10 p.m.

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Peace Tunnel:
Monday, Dec. 3 1-4 p.m., 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4 1-5 p.m., 6-9 p.m.

COLUMN: Movies about 21st-century artists

Learn about your favorite artists through film

ALISA ALEXANDER
GUEST WRITER

Sometimes, the best way to learn about something is to simply watch a film about it. In this day and age, the abundance of information available to us can be overwhelming, so we must pick and choose where to get it from. So what better way to be ever-so-21st century than to abandon our textbooks and take in knowledge visually? Now I am not suggesting we totally desert the more traditional ways of learning, but simply meld entertainment and information.

I like to do this by watching films about art or artists. I do not feel as guilty watching movies about a subject I am interested in, as opposed to watching something like "Blades of Glory." There are some historically accurate and interesting films out there, and watching them is a good way to get a mini-lesson on a certain artist. So, in no particular order, I will give you a list of some good films pertaining to art. These films are not documentaries, so do not worry, I won't get too educational on you.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALISA ALEXANDER

"Frida" by Julie Taymor, is an excellent film all around. Frida Kahlo was a Mexican Surrealist artist who led a very tumultuous and tragic life, and this film explores her artistic career as well as her relationship with another famous artist, Diego Rivera. The film does a great job of incorporating imagery from her art into the cinematography, the story is pretty accurate, and Salma Hayek and Alfred Molina are entirely convincing as Frida and Diego.



"Pollock" was directed by Ed Harris who also starred as Jackson Pollock himself. A somewhat depressing movie about one of America's most revolutionary painters, this film is a bit of a downer, but Pollock's life, like Frida's, was pretty tragic. However, the movie holds your attention and the performances are superb and nuanced, and if you have ever wanted an explanation behind his 'drip' paintings, this is a good place to start.



"Girl with a Pearl Earring" by Peter Webber, is a gorgeous movie, but not historically accurate. The film is centered on the painting of the same name, but little is known about the model who posed for it. Despite the fact that it is a historical fiction, this is one of my favorite movies.

The relationship between master painter, Johannes Vermeer (Colin Firth) and the maid, Griet (Scarlett Johansson) is so seductive and subtly played that you get caught up in the classic romance between artist and model. Also, this film is a work of art in itself, considering that each frame looks like a 17th century Dutch painting.

So there you have it, a short list of some great movies to check out over the holiday season. Even if you are not particularly interested in the educational aspect, these movies are still thoroughly entertaining, and all of them are filmed beautifully.

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UPCOMING EVENTS in SALEM		28 WEDNESDAY	29 THURSDAY	30 FRIDAY	1 SATURDAY
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					TUA Flea Market Montag Den 12-4 p.m. Serious Damage to the Brain Ike Box 7 p.m.



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LEFT: Willamette's star trees will light up downtown Salem this Sat. evening. The event will include hot chocolate, cookies and carolers. • RIGHT: Christmas in Hudson will be featuring Voce Femminile, Male Ensemble and the Chamber Choir.

Upcoming holiday traditions alive at Willamette

CHRISTY NEWELL
ARTS EDITOR

Willamette is a school of tradition; we all know that. Many of us have fathers, mothers, grandfathers or grandmothers that have graduated from WU, and honestly it makes it all the more special to know you walked the same campus as your mom or dad.

I remember visiting Willamette my junior year in high school and having my dad walk proudly up to the front door of Sigma Chi and say that he was a brother who graduated in '73. The guys were a little stunned but nice enough to give us a tour and listen to my dad reminisce about his

days at Willamette. What I am trying to get across is that traditions are special and Willamette has a couple events each year not to be missed.

The first is the Star Tree Lighting, coming up this Saturday evening. I am not saying you have to be there every year, but at least check it out once or twice before you graduate. It will definitely remind you that Christmas is just around the corner.

Two children will be chosen to flip the switch that will light up the star trees. Remember to bring any extra clothing to donate to Beta's Pennycoat Clothing Drive. And don't miss the cookies and hot chocolate served at 6 p.m.

Another heartwarming traditional Willamette event is

Christmas in Hudson, which if you have not already heard, is absolutely wonderful. This is another one of those Willamette traditions that should not be missed and that you can go to all four years and not get enough of.

Christmas in Hudson will be showing on Dec. 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. The annual choral concert features Voce Femminile, Male Ensemble and the Chamber Choir.

Hudson is beautifully decorated, the audience participates in caroling and sacred readings and poetry are shared. The event sells out every year, so hurry and get your tickets.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW: Los Baez

Feel like family at Los Baez

Local restaurant offers excellent service and tasty traditional Mexican cuisine



NICK MARTINEZ

Los Baez, a Mexican restaurant on Commercial St., offers a mix-and-match entrée selection.

MITCH MACCREADY
GUEST WRITER

Whether you are looking for a quick lunch or a fulfilling dinner destination, Los Baez Mexican Restaurant has it all.

Of the many different traditional Mexican restaurants here in town, Los Baez stands out with its comfortable atmosphere, excellent service and wonderful food.

Los Baez is a welcoming restaurant with friendly staff who are as polite as they are prompt. Not once did I have to think about



Los Baez is a welcoming restaurant with friendly staff who are as polite as they are prompt. Not once did I have to think about asking for a water refill."

asking for a water refill. Service is very attentive to every need that could arise, yet timely enough that it is not annoying.

A well-stocked bar adorned with TVs is visible from almost anywhere in the restaurant. If that was not enough, the margaritas were excellent, definitely rivaling La Margarita's downtown.

The menu at Los Baez contains nearly every dish from traditional Mexican cuisine, with a few little twists here and there.

They even have an entrée mix-and-match scheme that allows you to create your own perfect dish. Two standout pluses for Los Baez are their tasty enchilada sauce, which they drizzle on many dishes, and their salsa, which is fresh, full of flavor and packs a gentle kick.

All in all, Los Baez is an excellent example of great Mexican cuisine within a friendly and wholesome atmosphere. A definite must for casual daters or margarita-thirsty dinner parties!

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MUSIC REVIEW: Avenged Sevenfold | 'Avenged Sevenfold'

Nu Metal band brings disappointment 'Sevenfold'



Cover art for the band Avenged Sevenfold's eponymous album.

COURTESY OF MICHAEL CAULEY

MICHAEL CAULEY
STAFF WRITER

I do not know what to do with these nu metal bands. Yes, Linkin Park was great, all right-thinking people should at least have a little affection for them. There are a few other good ones, but the nu metal genre—a mish-mash of rock and metal with a dash of hip-hop—has fallen into the same routine as the punk bands of the '80s and the rap scene of today: too many acts that rely on the "style" to fill out their albums, but their songs do not do anything with it.

Unfortunately, the new self-titled album by Avenged Sevenfold falls into that trap, but it has a good enough time on the way down. First I will admit, I partially judge an album by its cover (bad habit, I know), and I am sorry, but the skulls-with-wings thing was done how many decades ago? It was not a promising start, but a friend had recommended the band a few years earlier, so I decided to leave

myself open to be impressed.

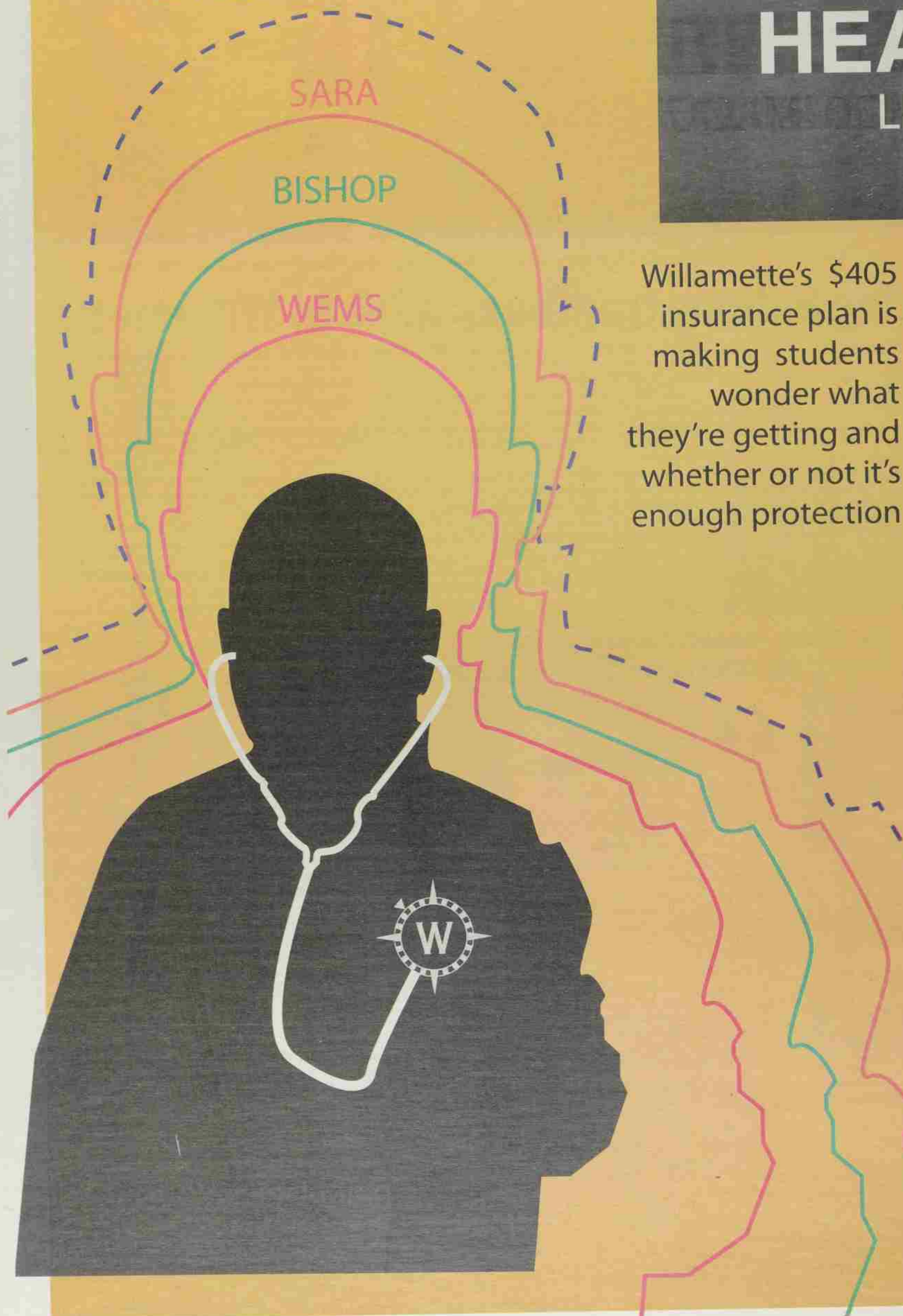
And...that moment never really came, though I was never driven to turn it off. I have heard Avenged Sevenfold described as Metallica-meets-Bon Jovi, and that probably is not the worst way to describe them. The album certainly was not half as depressing as the track list made it sound, with such titles as "Afterlife," "Lost" and "Dear God." However, none of the tracks really grabbed me like rock songs should, and only "Afterlife" and "Unbound (The Wild Ride)" stayed in my mind past the first listen.

Look, there is great music in every genre, and while my iPod may have Incubus and The Donnas, I am more than open to "heavier" fare like Avenged Sevenfold. Sometimes, however, it is not enough to be a famous band that is probably great on tour: you have got to bring something worthwhile to the table.

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Willamette's \$405 insurance plan is making students wonder what they're getting and whether or not it's enough protection

LIS WAGNER
COPY EDITOR

With the holidays inevitable arrival of When you factor in caused by studying for the feeling of depression comes with gray winter weather, the ro and wellness services on our college cam essential. Do Willamette students feel t in good hands in terms of health care services being improved?

As WU students, we all are prov "basic accident benefit" health care is active for the nine-month academ coverage (which costs \$405 for studen 24) is automatically billed to our stud but the total cost can be waived for s already have coverage.

There is an optional supplemental been offered for four years, but accordi Insurance Services Coordinator Julie Pr students have purchased the more exte this year.

Regardless of the type of coverage s visits with the Bishop Wellness Co practitioners, registered nurse (RN) physician, who comes to campus onc completely free of charge.

Beyond office visits to Bishop, complicated when it comes to lab wo emergency room visits or external services. If you have seen Michael M film "Sicko," or if you are a frequ doctor's office, then these complica come as a surprise.

According to Michael Moore, as c United States, the only country in world without government-funded un care, we have to deal with privatized h the accompanying paperwork, loopl agreements and barriers to service f of receiving medical care.

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COVERAGE OR FORTUNATE COMMODITY?

holidays comes the arrival of flu season. A major factor in the stress of studying for finals and the depression that often comes with it, the role of health care on college campus becomes a topic that students feel that they are not getting the best health care. Are health services being provided with a health care plan, which is not completed each academic year. The health services for students under age 21 are on their student accounts, but not for students who are over 21. A health care plan that has not been completed according to Student Health Services, Julie Prieto, only two students have more extensive coverage than the other students. Coverage students have, such as the Wellness Center's nurse practitioner (RN) or with its services on campus once a week, are not available at Willamette. At Willamette, coverage gets a lot of lab work, extensive external therapeutic services. Michael Moore's latest research is a frequent patron of the health services. Complications do not seem to be a problem, as citizens of the United States in the Western world have a guaranteed universal health care system. Medicalized health care and the associated loopholes in legal health care service in the process of providing care to students are part of the problem.

of the 250 million Americans who have health insurance, not all students are pleased with the resources available to us.

According to junior Cameron Ramey, Bishop is severely lacking in quality of care and in professionalism. Ramey cites a friend's experience at Bishop, in which his E. coli infection was misdiagnosed, as well as his own, due to physical injuries, as examples of the poor health services at Willamette. "The students of Willamette would be equally provided for, medically speaking and for a lot less money, by a large bowl of free condoms and a man bellowing the harmful effects of binge drinking at the students passing by."

When asked whether there have been conflicts due to misdiagnoses or malpractice on account of Willamette's health services staff, Dean of Campus Life Bob Hawkinson, who oversees health services, responded by saying that students seem to be far more satisfied than in the past. "Complaints have not come to me in five or six years," Hawkinson said.

Despite occasional harsh criticism, many students are relatively content with Willamette's health services, according to a satisfaction survey taken last spring. In the survey, students were asked whether they agreed with statements such as "I feel confident in the technical skill and abilities of providers I saw during walk-in hours [at Bishop Wellness Center]." The majority of such statements were met with agreement.

The most significant source of dissatisfaction in the survey was the students' lack of understanding of their basic insurance coverage and whether they were fully utilizing it.

The student accident and health plan summary, which can be found on the Bishop Wellness Center website, communicates the fact that Willamette's basic accident benefit plan is secondary insurance and that students should not expect the level of coverage that a health maintenance organization (HMO) or a preferred provider organization (PPO) imparts. According to the summary, "this is not a major medical health plan; the benefits are very limited."

Though limited, health services at Willamette have greatly improved in recent years, and goals are in place for further progress. According to Director of Student Health Services Margaret Trout, five goals have been outlined for improved student health care.

4
percent reported mental and physical health conditions

25
percent of incoming WU students self-disclosed chronic health conditions on health history forms

One of these goals is increasing student outreach. As an advisor to the Strength-Health-Equality (S.H.E.) club, Trout worked with students to organize "Love Your Body Days," HPV vaccine tabling and a vaccine clinic.

The collaboration between students and Bishop resulted in the Sexual Assault Response Allies (SARA) organization, which was created this summer and provides confidential support for victims of sexual assault. Additionally, Trout works during RA training as a resource for alcohol abuse information.

Bishop is also working towards increased interaction between students and faculty. Incorporated into this goal is an effort to teach students how to be more independent with their health care. A form was created this year for students to fill out and give to their professors in the event of illness or injury. The aim of the form is to "teach students how to take care of themselves in the real world," Trout said. Whereas before, Bishop contacted professors when students had to miss classes, it is now the responsibility of the student to contact his or her professors via this form.

In an effort to better accommodate students' needs, Hawkinson has required increased clinical hours at Bishop Wellness Center as well as at Counseling Services and Disability/Learning Services. "This means providers are seeing more students and more counseling hours are now available," Trout said.

Hawkinson has witnessed the demand for counseling and disabilities services increase dramatically over the years he has been at Willamette. "There has been a very big change since 25 years ago when I was a student," Hawkinson said. He attributes the increased demand to societal trends – less stigma about mental diseases, more knowledge of disorders – as well as an increased availability of services.

The increase in health center and counseling visits can be confirmed statistically. According to Bishop's records, there were 1856 counseling visits during the 2006-2007 academic year, compared to only 1197 in 2003-2004.

Aside from health, counseling and disability and learning services, which are only accessible during weekdays, emergency services are available on campus. Willamette Emergency Medical Services (WEMS) provides emergency medical care for the

Willamette community 24 hours a day on weekends, from Friday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 5 p.m.

According to senior Lukas Strandberg, EMT and student director of WEMS, Willamette is the only other university on the West Coast aside from UCLA that has an emergency care program such as this. WEMS has trained EMTs and first responders on-call within five minutes of campus, who are contacted by Campus Safety and usually respond to alcohol-related issues on campus. Their main task is to "keep students' airways open and control bleeding until further help arrives," Strandberg said.

Even though WEMS is designed to provide emergency assistance where Bishop's services cannot, Bishop develops plans for and responds to public health emergencies on campus. According to Trout, WU health services notified Marion County Health Department immediately this summer when a camper, who was housed at Willamette, brought the norovirus to campus. Goudy responded by giving boxed lunches so that the virus would not be spread through shared food, and the outbreak was quickly controlled.

Willamette's health services have also worked with Campus Safety to prepare a Risk Assessment Team in response to the events at Virginia Tech, and have set emergency plans for Avian flu, Trout said.

Senior Allison Dellwo has come to appreciate Willamette's health services and insurance after taking a course in Medical Sociology this semester. She has found Bishop's medical professionals to be knowledgeable and helpful. "Students that do not have medical insurance [are able to] pay a relatively low price to be covered for medical treatment... We have a great advantage of having the option of health care insurance, when many people in our country do not even have coverage through their full-time job," Dellwo said.

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Source: Statistics courtesy of Margaret Trout, Bishop Wellness Center

13
percent have chronic diseases, including diabetes and seizure disorders

4
percent reported mental and physical health conditions

CROSS COUNTRY

Willamette women take ninth at nationals

Zerzan claims second national championship, Coffman earns All-American honors

CHARLOTTE BODDY
GUEST WRITER

On Nov. 17, the men's and women's cross country teams competed in the NCAA Championships at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. This was Willamette's first time racing at Skoglund Athletic Fields.

Senior Sarah Zerzan defended her title of Division III Women's Cross Country National Champion with a time of 20:54. "I think the race went pretty well. It was a good effort, and the competition was tough," Zerzan said.

This was Zerzan's second time finishing first; she was the Division III Women's Cross Country National Champion in 2006 as well.

Tyler Sigl of University of Wisconsin Platteville came in first with a time of 24:24, while Willamette senior Ian Batch placed 49th overall out of 280 runners with a time of 25:35. "The race went well. I had my best finish of all over my four years at Nationals," Batch said. Batch was happy with the team results of finishing 18th overall. "We are better than we were last year," Batch said.

As for the other finishers, junior Maddie Coffman finished ninth overall and made

all American, junior Jena Winger finished 89th, junior Edith Polanco finished 91st and junior Ashley Sharratt finished 111th to round out the team score. "The team did very well; everyone had a good race," Zerzan said. "Maddie Coffman was amazing."

The Bearcat women placed ninth overall in the team titles, while the Bearcat men placed 18th overall. Thirty-two complete teams competed in both the men's and the women's races.

Zerzan has enjoyed her four years on the cross country team. "I've enjoyed the whole experience. I have had amazing teammates; they are the reason why I run," Zerzan said.

Since the cross country season is now officially over, the Bearcats are beginning to think about track in the spring. "The team and I are looking forward to track this spring. I expect we will have a good track team this year, especially if we can get some players to come out who are good sprinters," Batch said.

"We have the potential to do very well. We have talented people on the team, but we will just have to wait and see," Zerzan said.

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Senior Sarah Zerzan clocked in at 20:54 to repeat as national champion at the NCAA Division III Championships

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Wednesday Nov. 28: Evening trip up to Portland to a lecture on beauty and faith by Msgr. Albacetti. He is part of the Communion and Liberation movement which Newman club has been exploring.

Friday Nov. 30: Evening trip up to Portland to the Grotto, a Catholic shrine and botanical garden for holiday music and pizza.

Thursday Dec. 6: First Thursday Theology from 7:00-8:30 at the Ram. Join other young adults for discussion and fellowship.

We have rosary every Friday when there are no conflicting Newman Club events. It is at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Also, keep your eyes open for upcoming Mass on campus and Communion and Liberation meetings. Please contact Erica <emorbeck> for further information or to RSVP to either of the trips to Portland.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bearcats defeat SOU, fall to OIT in Flagship Inn tournament

JIMMY MEUEL
GUEST WRITER

The Willamette University Bearcats men's basketball team traveled to Ashland last weekend to take on Southern Oregon and Oregon Tech in the Flagship Inn Tournament. The Bearcats beat Southern Oregon on Friday but fell to Oregon Tech on Saturday in the tournament championship game. The Bearcats improve to 2-2 on the season. Southern Oregon is currently 4-5 on the season, while Oregon Tech is 8-1.

During the opening round of the Flagship Inn tournament, the Bearcats pulled to a 15-3 lead within the first nine minutes of play. They maintained the lead into halftime at 24-18, but lagged behind in the first three minutes of the second half. SOU took a 29-28 lead, one of the eight lead changes to take place from there on out.

With 4:20 left, Willamette took the lead for good when sophomore Cameron Mitchell grabbed an offensive rebound and scored for a 47-45 lead. Layups by freshman Ricky Thompson and senior Mike Smith added to the lead. Although the Raiders attempted to close in with 2:30 left on the clock, Willamette made five out of six free throws for the win, 56-47.

The Bearcats faced Oregon Institute of Technology in the second round, battling to a 39-34 lead at halftime. "The first 20 minutes against OIT were the best we have played all season," Head Coach Gordie James said. "The second half, they turned it up a notch, and we did not respond the way we needed to."

OIT claimed the first seven points in the second period to begin a 9-2 run. Although Willamette pulled within seven points with 10:24 left in the game, the Hustlin' Owls maintained their lead with a jumper and a layup. Again, WU pulled within seven points at 63-56 with a three-pointer by junior Simon Currie.

An OIT player scored on a jump shot and was fouled with 5:46 remaining. He converted the free throw, adding to the lead to claim a 66-56 win. OIT claimed the tournament title with a 2-0 record.

Junior Kyler McClary scored 19 points and claimed seven rebounds over the course of the game. Currie claimed 14 points and was four on six with field goals.

Looking ahead the Bearcats play Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference foes Whittier and La Verne, before traveling to Arcata, CA to face division II opponents Humboldt State and Chico State.

In the Northwest Conference last season, upstart Lewis and Clark shared the conference title with perennial power, Puget Sound. This season, however, the coaches voted the Pioneers unanimously into the number one slot. Willamette is picked to finish sixth, coming off a 10-15 season in which they were 6-10 in league. The Bearcats open conference play on Jan. 4 against Whitman in Salem.

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next up

Willamette @ La Verne College
Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Pirates sweeps Bearcats in dual meet at Willamette Natatorium

Bearcats is 0-3 in the season while Whitworth is 5-0

ANNETTE HULBERT
SPORTS EDITOR

The Willamette swim team hosted Whitworth University in a dual meet held on Nov. 17, in the Willamette Natatorium. The Pirates won 131-63 in the women's meet and 144-38 in the men's meet.

The Bearcats fell to 0-3 in the season, while Whitworth improved to 5-0 (4-0 in the Northwest Conference).

The Willamette women claimed a victory in the 400-yard medley relay, swimming to a time of 4:36:32.

Senior Shannon Gima, sophomore Jenna Larrow, senior Brittany Thiemens and senior Bridget Sutherland combined for the first win of the meet. The Whitworth team clocked in more than three seconds after the Bearcats finished, at 4:29:78.

Senior Chelsea Hollingsworth claimed a win in the women's 100-yard freestyle, beating a Whitworth opponent by over two seconds. Larrow swam unopposed in the 1,000-yard freestyle, picking up points for Willamette and recording a new season best.

On the men's side, sophomore Kevin Tangeman swam unopposed in the 1,000-yard freestyle, clocking in at 11:39:47. Sophomore Matt Tanigawa placed second in the 50-yard freestyle, registering a time of 23.99 seconds.

Tanigawa received an honorable mention for NWC Swimmer of the Week. Larrow, along with Whitman senior Elizabeth Roberson, also received an honorable mention.

In other Northwest Conference swimming news, Pacific Lutheran University defeated Whitman in a men's dual swimming meet. The Lutes also won the women's meet, breaking a three-year streak of victory from the Missionaries.

University of Puget Sound, the defending Conference champions on the women's side, remain 3-0 in the season.

The team gears up for the Northwest Invitational in the upcoming week, held on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore. will host the event.

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Senior Shannon Gima was a member of the winning 400-yard medley relay. COLBY TAKEDA

▼ next up

NW Invitational @ Linfield College, Nov. 30, all day.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

WU defeats Concordia in weekend game, 72-66

Zennan leads Bearcats with 19 points during the game

JIMMY MEUEL
GUEST WRITER

Willamette University women's basketball took on Concordia University (Oregon) in Portland last Saturday, defeating the Cavaliers 72-66. Willamette improved to 2-2 on the season, while Concordia fell to 2-4.

The Bearcats led 63-62 after a Concordia free throw with 3:27 remaining. Freshman Erin Barclay made a free throw 13 seconds later, and freshman Alex Zennan contributed a 14-foot jump shot with 49 seconds left in the game. Concordia pulled within two points as the seconds ticked by.

Willamette called a time-out with 29 seconds left, and used another time-out before a five-second violation occurred. Zennan was fouled by a Cavalier with 22 seconds remaining, and capitalized to sink both free throws.

A Concordia player was fouled with nine seconds left on the clock, and made both free throws to bring the score to 68-66. Zennan stole an in-bounds pass and was fouled with only 1.6 remaining. She made both free throws to end the game.

Zennan led the Bearcats with 19 points during the game, while senior Tracie Nygaard contributed 16 points.

The Bearcats shot 39.7% for the game and made 8 of 24 three-pointers. Willamette made 18 of 23 free throws.

Looking ahead, the Bearcats face Montana-Western and Westminster in the Westminster College Tournament in Salt Lake City, UT.

After that, they have another tournament with NAIA schools, Oregon Tech and Southern Oregon in the OIT Tournament in Kalamath Falls, OR.

George Fox received six of the nine first place votes and stands atop the pre-season coach's poll, while Puget Sound received the other three votes and is a favorite to finish second.

George Fox and Puget Sound shared the 2006-2007 league title with 13-3 records each. Willamette is picked to finish eighth, ahead of only Pacific. Willamette is coming off a 5-20 season, that saw a 2-14 mark in league play.

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▼ next up

Willamette @ University of Montana-Western, Nov. 29, 6 p.m.

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Threepeat Offenders win third 3v3



COURTESY OF HAYLEY STEVENS
The Threepeat Offenders from the Willamette Law School won the Women's 3v3 Intramural Championships for the third year in a row, with seven wins and a total of 144 points over the intramural season.

IFC hosts 5 on 5 football tournament



The Interfraternity Council sponsored a 5 on 5 flag football tournament on Saturday, Nov. 17. COLBY TAKEDA

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Thanksgiving in Chicago?



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OPINIONS EDITOR

The Thanksgiving snow was the first indication that we weren't in Salem. The second indication: the parade we were watching, featuring no less than 20 marching bands. And my frozen-to-the-point-of-numbness feet and fingers. Yes, this was Chicago, and my eight layers (no joke) couldn't protect my fingers from the 18° air.

In fact, when I arrived the weekend before, I was shocked to realize that the air wasn't any colder than in Salem. Walking to an uptown show from the elevated train station, I barely needed my winter coat, and downtown the next day I was actually too warm for both a flannel overshirt and winter coat.

But Chicago's most impressive aspect wasn't the weather. Rather, it was the city's towering, imposing, unlikely and ultimately innovative architecture.

Consider the Smurfit-Stone building, with a notch cut out of its 41st-floor diagonal roof, or the European-castle-shaped Water Tower which survived Chicago's Great Fire of 1871. The 100-floor Hancock Center advertises a public observatory on floor 94, but the locals watch the view from the restaurant one floor above, rather than pay for a pricey ticket. I did the same.

Chicago's food was nice as well. While it had no street carts like New York, and less variety than Boston, the sheer number of cheap, independent restaurants made me happy. No matter where I was in the city, I was only a couple storefronts away from some cute independent place that doesn't take credit cards.

I also enjoyed Chicago's public transportation system. While not quite as extensive as New York's (we're talking subways every 2 blocks), Chicago's trains and buses consistently took me throughout the city.

They were fun to ride, too. I can't count how many times my bus driver treated the bus like a sports car, which is one of the biggest rushes I've ever felt (literally). At least we never crashed...

My favorite part of Chicago, though, was the Thanksgiving dinner I shared with my cousin (who's at the University of Chicago grad school), and my friend from Willamette who's spending the semester "abroad" there. Although it was just the three of us, I was proud of the little Thanksgiving dinner we were able to share.

That's not to say that we didn't run into a couple of problems. We accidentally cooked enough food for a large family, because that's all any of us were used to. The turkey was, shall we say, raw after two hours in the oven (The little plastic timer popped out. How could we have known that it was put in at the wrong angle?), and needed an extra few hours to cook all the way through.

We made "popcorn pilgrims" too. You might remember these from when you were in grade school. It's a way to fold an origami pilgrim so it holds popcorn in its lap - a vital function on Thanksgiving, I know. Although we couldn't find directions online, we each improvised our own, and I have pictures if you're curious. E-mail me...

But despite our distance from home, and the minor challenges we overcame, we managed to hold a really sweet Thanksgiving dinner in the middle of Chicago. And that is the true spirit of America.

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EDITORIAL

Extend meal plan to the Bistro

Points at Bistro would benefit students and Bon Appétit

We all love to eat at the Bistro. The food is delicious, the atmosphere enticing and the prices fair. So, why don't we all eat there all the time?

Your off-campus and on-campus friends will tell you - it's about the meal points. So, we propose that the Bistro should be allowed to accept meal plan dining points, and that the Bistro should welcome this change.

The Bistro's convenience is unmatched. It's located smack in the center of campus, on the way to most of our classes and meetings, and the line is rarely long. If we could spend our meal points there, those of us on meal plans could start looking to the Bistro as an alternative to Goudy and Cat Cavern.

Financially, our proposal benefits everybody in the Willamette community. The students win because they have more choices for their food. The Bistro wins, because they receive more traffic. Bon Appétit wins, because more people would (more happily) buy larger meal plans if the Bistro was included.

Even if Bon Appétit were to take a percentage of every meal plan dollar spent at the Bistro, increasing its own profitability, both parties would still come out ahead because of the increase in total cash volume.

In fact, the only parties that lose are the foodservice establishments around Willamette's campus, like the Ram and Adam's Ribs, but even this loss would be slight. Furthermore, we feel that the shift would be justified because it would solidify the Willamette community by bolstering an already-popular gathering place.

Who needs to support this plan for it to happen? The Bistro must be excited about it; it is both economically and socially beneficial for them. The same applies to Bon Appétit. The student goodwill alone would be overwhelming, not to mention



the drastic economic benefits.

So, we call on Willamette's administration to authorize the shift in meal plan policy and extend meal point usage to the Bistro. We call on Bon Appétit to support the proposal (and receive extra profit), and we call on the Bistro to accept the proposal, and share their delicious food with more of the community (and make a larger profit).

Everybody wins, but the students on meal plans benefit most of all.

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ASK ME ANYTHING:

Overworked and waiting for a holiday



JADE
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COLUMNIST

Dear Jade,

I participate in an extracurricular group here at Willamette, and I'm starting to wonder why. I've always loved performance and it was worth it in high school, but now that I've chosen to double major it just seems like a huge waste of time.

The main reason that I don't quit, honestly, is because I'm on scholarship. If I quit, I lose several thousand dollars for the next two years. I'm beginning to resent everyone who participates with me because they remind me of the fact that what I once loved is now essentially a job. Is there a same way out... this problem?

Stuck In An Activity

Dear Stuck,

The way I see it, you have three options here. You can keep going the way you are now, slack off on the activity or quit it altogether. None of these is the magic solution which has no consequences, but I suppose that if you'd found that then you wouldn't be e-mailing me, now would you? Let's examine each possible course and its outcome.

Status Quo: If you keep going the way you're going, you're likely to burn out. And honestly, I think it's probably damaging for you to take something that you once loved and turn it into a chore. I'm imagining a life where sitting around in my pajamas and watching "True Life" reruns is not enjoyable and I'll be honest—it scares me.

Slack Off: Always a good solution if you can get away with it. I know, I know, you should give 100% to everything that you do. But really, does anybody really do that? Is it even possible? Sometimes it just isn't a workable option for you to give your all to every single endeavor in your life. It's all about prioritizing. For

example, I may put my heart and soul into rhetoric papers, but has anybody ever seen me work out? Hell no. On second thought, maybe your health isn't the best thing to be at the bottom of the priority list. Hmm...

Quit: Okay, the third option is the one that I'm going to pull for here. I mean, depending on your situation, you're probably already between \$20,000 - \$40,000 in debt for these fabulous four years, so what's another couple grand?

You're not just paying for a diploma; you're paying for an experience. Otherwise, that paper had better be made out of golden silk or something.

Anyway, it sounds like this thing is ruining your life, and you can't put a price tag on your own sanity. Also, if it's interfering with the things that you think are really important, then it's counterproductive for you to continue with it.

We're here to learn and grow, not stay stuck in the same rut that we were in high school just because it's worth a few more dollars.

Dear Jade,

Is it winter break yet?

Nearly Dead

Dear Nearly,

Nope, we've still got about three weeks. If you need someone to wait it out with, I'll probably spend the entirety of that time watching "Love Actually" and "The Muppet Christmas Carol" over and over, crossing my fingers for a tremendous ice storm that cancels all academic events between, say, Dec. 10 and 15. If we all wish hard enough, perhaps it will come true. This would truly be a holiday miracle.

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Beyond the Looking Glass: Back from Beyond

Former student columnist shares post-graduation advice



LAUREN BROOKS
GUEST COLUMNIST

Don't worry, the *Collegian* hasn't made a mistake and accidentally printed a column from last year. No - I, Lauren Brooks, former opinions editor, now venerable alumna - am returning for a special post-graduation edition of "Beyond the Looking Glass." I hope you're as excited as I am, because boy, does it feel good to be back.

Some of you may wonder what I'm doing writing for the college paper six months after I graduated. Well, there are several reasons.

One: I have an in at the *Collegian* and they like to humor me. Two: I'm coming back to visit today and thought it might be nice to announce my arrival in the paper. Think flowers, candy - really just general exuberance upon seeing me in the Bistro will do.

Three: I thought it important to share my wisdom about life beyond this so-

called Willamette bubble.

During the last edition of my column, I encouraged people to take some time off before rushing off to graduate school or a career in the "real world." Forgive me if this is all too much to think about right now, what with finals coming up, not to mention a whole other semester to go before the class of 2008 gets their turn to truly go beyond the looking glass. But one writes what one knows, and since May I have been living the uncertain life of a Willamette graduate who can't quite figure out what she wants do. And I'm ok with that (at least for now).

But there are some things I have figured out. I'm sure you've heard this before, but please believe me when I tell you that college is a truly unique experience.

Although I did drag one of my Willamette friends back to Alaska with me, nothing can compare to the unlimited access you currently have to all kinds of people at all times.

Whether you're having an all-night philosophical discussion or sharing that bottle of Mad-Dog before taking off to a house party, realize that college is a

veritable cornucopia of experiences that take place in a community unlike any other.

Alright, I know, you can stop rolling your eyes at me now. I don't mean to go all nostalgic on you. I'm not disillusioned - life after Willamette certainly does have a lot to offer. This includes the novel concept of free time, because hey, no more papers or exams! Remember reading books for pleasure? Or having time to travel? Ah, what a life.

But all in all, it's nice to be back on the scene. And now that I've invaded the paper, I might have to sneak into some classes and even fork over some money for a Goudy wrap - you will miss them eventually, trust me.

I think I'll even give you permission to shove me into the Mill Stream, because I never actually experienced that tradition. Oh wait, it's November and it's cold, so just kidding.

Anyway, thanks for reading and I'll catch you on the flip side.

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Disconcerting consumerism



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Let me state one thing plainly. I don't watch television in college. The nearest TV with cable is down four arduous flights of stairs and is usually occupied by people watching sports or *Grey's Anatomy* reruns. I

It's simply not worth the effort for me. Whenever I leave school on breaks though, I always look forward to spending numerous mind-numbing hours in front of the tube. However, I was unprepared for what awaited me on Thanksgiving Day...

Me: Boy, that sure was a good Thanksgiving dinner, I wonder what's on TV.

Click.

This Friday only, get great deals on winter wear for everyone on your list. Like these wool toe socks, and these zip up fleece jackets. Doors open at 4 a.m.!

Click.

This weekend only, get zero percent financing on the Nissan of your choice.

Click.

This holiday season, get her what she really deserves. This stunning diamond necklace starts at just \$1200. Every kiss begins with Kay.

Click.

...The Tractor Depot Thanksgiving Sale, this Friday only. Save BIG on winter necessities like ALCO brand horse feed and John Deere wood chippers. And Friday only, receive a complimentary posthole digger with every purchase of over \$400! Doors open at 2 a.m.; don't miss out on these great deals!

Click.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle allllll the waaaaaay (anthropomorphic electric razor sleds across the screen)

Click.

THE ALL NEW POWER RANGERS ATTACK BATTLE RESCUE TRUCK, WITH EXTREME REAL BATTLE SOUNDS! "Honk Honk" "I'm the Blue Ranger!!!" AND AWESOME MORPHING ABILITY!!! Now Power Rangers Attack Battle Rescue Truck! Morph into two smaller trucks!!! "morph" Take THAT Terroranjordar!!! NOOOOOOOO! AT TACKBATTLERESCUE TRUCK COMES WITH ALL YOU SEE HERE, figures sold separately. Totally not made in china.

Click.

This holiday season, get her what she really wants at the Mercedes-Benz Luxury Decadence Holiday Sale Event. While you're at it, pick one up for yourself as well.

Click.

Makes a great gift for the holidays too! That's right Jan, why, your loved ones will never run out of uses for the Dratco Wallscratch. In the family room, in the garage, on a plane, for children's parties. Other adhesive wall-mounted back-scratchers sell in yamby-pamby catalogs for over 600,000 American dollars.

But call RIGHT NOW and you'll get the Dratco Wallscratch, plus a second Wallscratch for only two-ninety-nine. That's two dollars and ninety-nine cents.

Not good enough?! All of today's callers will also get a Dratco Eyebrow massager. Great for relieving stress after a hard day at work. Dial the number on your screen.

Click.

And that's how the T-Mobile Blackberry saved Christmas!

Click.

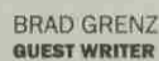
.....Golly Dave, that's and awfully big pile of yak poo...

Me: "contented sigh" Oh Mike Rowe, you never cease to entertain me with your Dirty Jobs.

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CSSJ: Stop tilting at windmills

'Empty solutions' stand in way of real and necessary change



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Here's the thing about the CSSJ: the members have been tilting at windmills for a year now. They are fighting a war they don't understand against enemies they cannot reliably identify with weapons that confuse and bewilder them. This was the case last year and continues to be the case this fall as they strive for relevance.

Consider a contrasting, but resonant example. At Oregon State University (OSU) this fall, there have been two incidents sparking controversy like our own last year. The first involved a noose hanging from a tree outside of a fraternity house. It was discovered after Halloween and it created anger among the school's black students. It was an overlooked decoration which had contained a witch.

This is not that surprising for a frat at a state school. Knots are hard to untie in the dark when you're that drunk.

The second was an article and photo in the OSU newspaper. A student trying to get everyone to wear black to an upcoming football game was photographed covered completely in black paint. This was seen as black face by some, creating further anger. A delay in the publication of an editorial critical of these events exacerbated things.

In neither case was there any racist intent. The chief complaint levied was about ignorance to the possible racial content. But that accusation itself constitutes a tacit acknowledgement that there was no racist intent. So, if the people responsible didn't mean anything negative, and the people who were offended

agree, what is the controversy?

Here the people at the "most offensive costume party," too, were accused of ignorance. But the opposite is true! Where certain parties at OSU were oblivious, the students scrutinized here were painfully cognizant of the history of violence and oppression associated with their costumes.

The point of the project was to make light of issue involving race, religion, gender and our culture of mass media. What the reactionaries in the CSSJ fail to realize is that they are on the same side of those they spent so much energy attacking.

The defense was never an appeal to free speech, but rather to the power of humor, irony and satire to spark change. Despite their protestations to the contrary, the CSSJ continues to grope in

the dark for understanding. This is best illustrated by their top 10 list of costume no-no's. Sadly, the funniest thing about it was that they thought it was humorous.

For all their efforts, the CSSJ has done little more over the last year than disrupt two days of classes and polarize the student body. I'd credit them with fostering a healthy debate, but that was the result of the precipitating events.

Ultimately, I'm tired of fighting. Can't we all be friends? Social justice? Yeah, that sounds great. It's the tactics of the CSSJ I have a problem with. They lay their sights in all the wrong places and endorse empty "solutions," which not only fail in their stated goals, but detract from the education I have borrowed so much money to pay for.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Another year, another party, another controversy. Clearly, nothing was learned last year from "the most offensive costume party" or it would not have happened again. How can we as a community allow this mindset and these people to get away with their actions?

The Bill of Rights, in particular our right to free speech, is not an excuse by which to protect our prejudices - it is meant for constructive criticism. When Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed of a country where opportunities existed despite color, class or credo, he was not misconstruing his right to freedom of speech to his benefit; rather, he was speaking out against the harsh realities of his time.

The hosts of these parties and the CSSJ hide behind freedom of speech like it's some sort of shield for their agendas. Either we must engineer some moderate censorship or a comprehensive education is needed for both of these parties.

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FORREST LINDSAY McGINN

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT NOV. 9 – 25, 2007

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

▶ Nov. 9, 12:03 A.M., (Sparks Center): An unknown individual threw a glass bottle through a northwest window at Sparks. Glass was found on the floor and in the pool.

▶ Nov. 18, 2:15 A.M., (Sigma Alpha Epsilon): Campus Safety observed that someone had placed trash in front of the east side door entrance to SAE.

▶ Nov. 20, 8:30 A.M., (Hatfield Fountain): An unknown individual added blue coloring to the water in the fountain. This action necessitated the closure of the fountain and a costly maintenance bill.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

▶ Nov. 17, 1:11 A.M., (Belknap Hall): Campus Safety observed a student, apparently unable to walk, being supported and escorted back to campus by two other students. Upon an investigation and evaluation it was determined that the student was suffering from alcohol poisoning. The student was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.

▶ Nov. 18, 12:39 A.M., (Kaneko Commons): WEMS and Campus Safety responded to a call that a student was ill at Kaneko. Upon evaluation it was determined that the student was suffering from alcohol poisoning. The student, whose condition improved, was left in the care of friends.

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

▶ Nov. 18, 05:19 A.M., (York House): Campus Safety observed an individual crying near the front door of York. An investigation determined that the individual was intoxicated and a minor. It was also determined that the individual was one of two guests of a resident of York. The two guests were trespassed from campus because of the false and misleading information that was initially given to the officer.

▶ Nov. 21, 3:11 A.M., (Matthews Hall): A student under the age of 21 requested assistance from Campus Safety for lockout. Campus Safety observed the student to be under the influence of alcohol. The student refused to take a breathalyzer test.

POLICY / SAFETY VIOLATION

▶ Nov. 19, 8:00 A.M., (I-5 Freeway, southbound): A citizen contacted Campus Safety to report that a University van entered the freeway traveling in excess of 75 mph in a posted 50 mph zone. The action of the van driver

caused a vehicle to nearly go into a ditch, according to the caller.

TRESPASSING / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

▶ Nov. 10, 4:45 P.M., (Rogers Music Building): Three individuals were observed skateboarding near Rogers and were videotaping their tricks. An additional check revealed that one of the individuals had a previous trespass warning. That individual was arrested by Salem Police and the other two were released with warnings.

▶ Nov. 22, 11:25 P.M., (Law School): A male subject was observed using the computers in the Law Library. It was reported that the individual had been at the school for several hours and at one point was sleeping on a sofa in the pool room. The individual was asked to leave campus.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

▶ Nov. 11, 1:16 A.M., (1440 Bellevue St.): Salem Police, while responding to a noise complaint, found that there was a party with a backyard bonfire at the location of concern. The officers also determined that the house was rented by Willamette students and that approximately 65 people, mostly Willamette students, were present. The Salem Officers requested that Campus Safety respond to assist in the dispersal of the party.

THEFT

▶ Nov. 9, 11:00 A.M., (Matthews Parking Lot): A student reported that he parked his car in the lot. Upon his return to the car, he noted that the car had been broken into and his stereo and tool box were missing.

▶ Nov. 15, 9:38 P.M., (University Center): Campus Safety received a report that two individuals were near the UC and that they were possible intoxicated. Campus Safety responded and a subsequent investigation revealed that the non-students had entered the Bistro kitchen and stole large containers of food items. The items were recovered and the suspects were detained. Salem Police arrested the subjects.

▶ Nov. 21, 2:20 P.M., (Matthews Hall): A student reported that he locked his bicycle on the rack at the northwest corner of the building on Nov. 16-07. Today, he discovered that his bicycle had been stolen.

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

Neal Parker's

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Tonight's debate:

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- Isaac Kindel, conservative
- Tim Walsh, College Democrats

Tonight at 9 pm

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