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RAs prepare for a new year and exciting changes

With the opening of Kaneko Commons, a new role and environment are established

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As freshmen settle in their residence halls and prepare for the rigors of college courses, new resident assistants (RAs) are ready to help and guide them through the transition to Willamette's campus life.

On Aug. 8, both newly-selected RAs and experienced RAs journeyed back to campus for training by Residence Life. In addition to Opening Days and hall life, some of these students prepared to handle their new roles as community mentors (CMs) in Kaneko Commons.

Our Residence Life staff training focuses on many different aspects of building community, whether it is in a specific residence hall or the commons, Associate Director of Residence Life Bernie Liang said.

Kaneko Commons, because of its scope and new programmatic direction, will be focusing on creating programs that will make it a unique residential experience on campus, he said.

Liang said that sustainability, Japanese heritage and community service will be integral to the atmosphere of the commons, but also said, "We're

expecting great things from all our communities!"

Regardless of where RAs are placed, Residence Life looks for particular qualities in prospective RAs and CMs. According to Director Marilyn Derby, the university likes to have staffs of individuals of diverse backgrounds, including gender, ethnicity, and sexual orientation. She added, "We also want to look at other aspects of experience and leadership skills, including peer counseling skills, knowledge of campus resources and abilities to create fun and constructive community events."

In the final advance training sessions before Opening Days, Liang said Residence Life focuses the most on ... the entire team mentality that they're not alone when working to build community and that their actions affect each other.

Junior Lindsey Schneider, one of Kaneko's new community mentors, has had not only to get acquainted with general directives, but learn how to aid her hall mates as a

Criteria for Selection of RAs

Includes (but not limited to):

- Leadership Potential
- Flexibility
- Multicultural Competence and Awareness
- Potential for Programming Creativity

CM. There has been some extra work surrounding that, she said. Schneider stated that the position of CM is part of the university's goal to move away from having RAs being seen as policy enforcers to being seen as community anchors. It's not really my hall, it

belongs to the other students, she said. There are going to be times when I might have to report things to Campus Safety or Commons Coordinator Ryaan Hamachek...but my job is just to have a conversation and find out what's going on, or even if

"My ideal is that the residents would think of me as just another student who has a little more information and training so that they can come to me as a resource, but don't necessarily need me there to do everything for them."

—LINDSEY SCHNEIDER, KANEKO 3RD COMMUNITY MENTOR

there is anything going on.

What I'm looking forward to is sitting back and watching my community take care of itself, Schneider said.



Courtesy of Drew Herbert

RAs practice trust building exercises in their Residence Life training before Opening Days and the beginning of the school year.

Needs More Cowbell

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After months of empty inboxes and no roommates, school is back on and the Bearcats have taken over Salem! Beware townies: nothing can stop this large group of lesser pandas from invading Target. In keeping with Needs More Cowbell tradition, Christine and Maggie have not prepared this article until hours before the deadline. But procrastination is a part of college life, and we're getting back into the swing of things. So basically, we're recreating the usual back-to-school article by combining the Welcome Freshmen and Goals for the Year segments, with a few squirrel and Facebook references for good measure.

For all of you first time readers, NMC is a safe place for people to voice their opinions and be heard. By people, we mean two happy-go-lucky seniors, who enjoy poking fun at the Willamette lifestyle. It is all meant to be taken lightly, but somehow we ended up in the news section. Go figure.

After three years at this pit-stop to grad school, we know a thing or two. So first year students, listen up

and take our advice. First, Walton and Smullin are the same building. Maggie just figured this out this morning.

Next, this is not America's Next Top Model. You will not be discovered in Salem, Oregon. Put on your sweats, baseball cap, and glasses, and go to class. The less time it takes to get dressed, the more time you have to sleep. It's a simple equation.

As far as class goes, you do not need a major right now. Make sure you have some bullshit answer for when someone asks you "What is your major?" But it doesn't have to be true. Just fulfill your MOIs and language requirements unless you are a music major and need to sell your soul right now. Take classes you find interesting they might lead to a field of study you didn't even consider. And don't be afraid to talk to your professors. The benefit of a small school is that they will know you by name and not as Student # 2948.

Finally, make some goals for yourself. Because you're an adult and you should have goals. At least

that's what Christine learned this summer in rehab. Examples include: 1. Finish your homework on time. 2. Know every squirrel on campus by name. 3. Talk to your Facebook friends. 4. Take a shower at least once a week. Think sustainability.

NMC has some goals for themselves too, considering it's our last year and we still have a lot to do at this 500-square-foot campus. We're using the now-or-never mantra. We would like to tour the state capital because it's there and we should. A trip to Silver Falls would be lovely. Walking across the sky bridge seems like a lot of work, so we'll put that on the maybe list.

Whatever your goals or dreams of college life may be, take some time to enjoy the beautiful weather, the shiny happy people and having parents here to pay for everything. And take lots of pictures, because before you know it, you'll be a senior wondering "How did I get so old?"

Note to reader: Our trio has now become a duo. We miss you, Bre.

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Kaneko News Brief

Brand-new living community to open tomorrow!

Commons living system includes amenities unique to Willamette housing

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Kaneko Commons, long heralded as the future of Willamette housing, will finally open tomorrow. Salem declared the building occupiable yesterday afternoon, and furniture is rapidly being installed, allowing residents to move into their rooms.

According to Dean of Campus Life Bob Hawkinson, the construction of Kaneko Commons

was a huge accomplishment.

I'm feel very grateful to the people who worked so hard to first of all secure the funding for it, and secondly the folks who've worked for seven years in planning it, and finally the people who have physically built the buildings and have been part of the building process, Hawkinson said.

I'm just very grateful to them, and I think we're going to have a wonderful building, and I'm very excited about it, he said.

Assistant Dean of Campus Life Dave Rigsby, who among others has overseen the Commons project since its inception, said the pace of building has been very fast.

Students are coming back here to go to school. The living part is secondary, he said. That binds us to having the housing done.

Given all those factors, it's been an incredible partnership between the Hoffman Construction Company, their subcontractors and architect, and our folks on campus, Rigsby said.

Rigsby said that Willamette has its own workers in

mizing the impact of the dust and debris, and the facilities and grounds crew is learning how to maintain the new equipment.

The idea of Kaneko Commons started seven years ago, according to Rigsby. Student and administration committees alike have worked on it ever since. Ground was broken on the project during the summer of 2005 and construction began in earnest early in the 2005-06 academic year.

Kaneko Commons is the first living community at Willamette to use the Commons system, popular at several colleges back East and in England. Rather than R.A.s, Community Mentors are in charge of the halls, and Faculty Associates plan programs and hang out in the Commons with the students.

The new construction includes a dining room and atrium, scheduled to be finished later this semester. Once that occurs, Kaneko will be the only residential area on campus with its own dining hall, to be open daily for breakfast and lunch. A grand opening of the entire complex is planned for late January.



Courtesy of Frank Miller

Kaneko Commons will include many new features unique to housing at Willamette, including personal AC and heating units for each room and new locking mechanisms on doors to all apartments and rooms.



COURTESY OF FRANK MILLER

the construction site as well. WITS is wiring the building for internet access and wireless internet, he said. They're in the building doing those things right now. He said Willamette's housekeepers are mini-

The Kaneko Commons Atrium, seen here from above, is expected to open early next semester.

World News Brief

Bye-Bye Pluto:

The former planet Pluto has been demoted to the status of dwarf planet, after a vote by the International Astronomical Union yesterday. Pluto will join several other objects orbiting the sun which also do not qualify as planets. The new rules for planethood mandate that a body must not only orbit the sun and appear round, but must clear the neighborhood around its orbit, thus excluding Pluto, whose orbit overlaps Neptune's. Had the vote been reversed, the solar system may have ended up with as many as 53 planets, many smaller than the Earth's moon.

France Working for Peace in Lebanon:

French President Jacques Chirac announced in a television address the deployment of two battalions, totalling 1600 of his country's troops, to Lebanon, bringing the total number of French troops there to 2000. Italy, with 3000 troops, had offered to lead the UN Interim Peacekeeping Force, which will eventually number 15,000. Relief workers are providing displaced residents with food, water and medical care, though food has now become scarce. Chirac's announcement was welcomed by the international community, including U.S. President George W. Bush.

Students Rabble Rouse in Chile:

200 Chilean students were arrested this week from a demonstration for education rights. Free buses, a revised curriculum and the abolishment of student exam fees were among the issues at stake. To control the protesters, police used tear gas and water cannons, but many in the crowd fought back with stones. A similar series of rallies and strikes involving over 700,000 students were called off in June after the government met many of their demands. President Michelle Bachelet has said that she supports changing the country's educational system.

Some information courtesy of the Los Angeles Times, the BBC, and United Press International.



Behind the scenes with Opening Days: from planning to reality

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Ah, Opening Days...

It's the time of year when the hallowed halls of Willamette are once again filled with the anxious, frenzied footsteps of incoming freshman.

All returning students remember those first, furtive days; getting hopelessly lost in Smullin, eating at Goudy while there was still hope it would retain the not-crappy flavor reserved for parental visits and, most of all, praying that we didn't do something completely stupid.

But, thankfully we had help. There to usher us through it all were the Opening Days leaders, those generous Willamette returnees specially designated to prevent all us poor saps from wandering around helpless like *Oliver Twist* begging for more.

But who in fact are these OD leaders, the benevolent souls who donate their time, effort, and dignity have you seen the dances? to making sure freshmen come through their first week

unscathed. All Opening Days leaders are returning Willamette sophomores, juniors, and seniors who represent a diverse range of backgrounds, talents and academic interests. They do, however, all have to go through the same rigorous application process that analyses their leadership ability, outgoingness and organization.

It's a long road from submitting an application to communing with the new class of 2010.

Prospective Opening

Days leaders who submit an application must be in good academic standing and not have any glaring violations with Res Life. They must also submit two reference forms and go through a group interview process.

If they make it through those, the applicant has a longer, private interview before the final selection is made. If the applicant is accepted it means three training sessions in the spring in addition to a week of training prior to Opening Days in the fall.

There is a good deal of responsibility in the OD leader position. The entire Opening Days program is mostly student-run and this spirit of independent labor trickles down to the individual OD leaders.

OD leader pairs are in charge of arranging and facilitating five group sessions with their freshmen that explain the ropes at Willamette and try to help navigate the freshmen through any foreseeable issues they may encounter. They

must also work with the College Colloquium faculty to ensure that the new program runs smoothly.

In addition to taking some of the focus of OD leaders, the switch from World Views to College Colloquium has necessitated a slight shift in the focus of Opening Days. Unlike in the past, OD groups break up into separate College Colloquium classes.

While this does mean that incoming freshmen will be able to potentially meet more people in their classes, it also means that an OD group does not spend the entire semester together and has less time to bond in class during Opening Days.

As a response to this, the Opening

Courtesy of willamette.edu

From left, Opening Days Coordinator Kate Gordon, and Lead Team members Shain Corey, Cali King, Kei Otawa created this year's Opening Days schedule and are coordinating its activities.

Days leadership has made an effort to emphasize the importance of the relationship between OD groups and their leaders.

Our intention is for new students to have a seasoned student leader looking out for him or her throughout their first year at Willamette. Opening Days Coordinator Kate Gordon said in her Opening Days welcome letter. Though one OD leader did wonder how the change would affect the trust within the OD groups.

Can one overdose on OD? Apparently not. Everyone who is now an Opening Days leader has, of course, already been through the process themselves, but there are also a large number of returning OD leaders who couldn't get enough the first few times through. For most the reason to become an OD leader is simply for fun and getting to hang out with cool people.

Becoming an OD leader does provide a unique forum for many upperclassmen to get to know freshmen they may otherwise never have met. A majority of OD leaders had positive reflections on their own Opening Days experiences, and who knows how many of this year's freshmen will be showing the ropes to the future students of the class of 2011?

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PET AID 2006

Local bands make Pet Aid a must-see

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The threat of classes starting next week is enough to dampen anyone's spirits. Reuniting with friends and reacquainting oneself with campus is a blast, but even so, the start of school usually means it's time to sing those end-of-summer blues.

Fortunately, the near proximity of the Oregon State Fairgrounds means that quality entertainment is only a bus ride away. This year, Portland's alternative radio station 94.7 FM is sponsoring Pet Aid 2006, a live music show raising money for the Oregon Humane Society featuring The Violent Femmes, Cake, and local artists The Decemberists.

Of the three highlighted bands, the Wisconsin-based Violent Femmes are the most established, having formed back in the '80s. Easily recognizable songs by The Violent Femmes include "Blister in the Sun," and "Gone Daddy Gone," a song recently covered by singer Gnarls Barkley. The group Cake is probably most well-known for the song "Never There" off their 1998 album, *Prolonging the Magic*. This California-based group is a staple on alternative radio.

Playing to a hometown crowd, Portland-based The Decemberists may be the most eagerly anticipated event of the evening. With a unique sound and storytelling element to their songs, the group can be hard to listen to initially, but is a favorite for many for a variety of reasons. Each song is like stepping into the life of an anything but dull character, and the listener can easily connect to emotions conveyed through the lyrics, said junior Tolly Davis.

Junior Eliza Leoni said, "I enjoy lead singer Colin Meloy's voice because he seems so uninterested and yet passionate at the same time. It's like everything bores him but he finds amusement in his own world."

Like many Willamette students, Davis and Leoni have both seen the group perform in the past. They



COURTESY OF THE DECEMBERISTS
Portland-based The Decemberists will perform with Cake and The Violent Femmes at 94.7's Pet Aid 2006.

describe The Decemberists as a "high energy, high quality" group that is "amazing to see live."

Lead singer Colin Meloy knows the right blend of talk and music and often makes quirky little intros to songs, junior Karen Johnson said of her experience at The Decemberists' concerts in the past.

The audiences at the shows are crazy; there is nothing quite like seeing a cardboard whale head being ripped to shreds by a crowd of crazed Decemberists fans.

With such rave reviews of shows played by The Decemberists, Pet Aid 2006 is likely to be an amazing show, easily one of the most anticipated at the Oregon State Fair this year.

LOL OMG



REVIEW:

Salem's Saturday Market offers fresh treats for everyone

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Opening Days provides a fantastic way to meet tons of people and make fabulous life-long friends. Willamette offers a slew of activities up through Sunday night to get the bonding process rolling; after that you're on your own. The tried-and-true method of going out together and exploring Salem is a great approach, and if you happen to be out on a Saturday, or need a weekend activity to do with visiting family, make sure to swing by the Salem Saturday Market.

Although far less bohemian than the one in Portland, the Salem mar-

ket is earth-friendly and places a strong emphasis on the benefits of buying local and often organic products. The website, www.salemsaturdaymarket.com, provides a list of reasons to shop at the market, focusing on positive impact on the environment and community.

The highlights: anyone who loves produce and those equipped to cook will want to visit the market often as different crops are harvested. There are also beautiful cut and potted flowers, which are lovely as gifts and make any grungy dorm room more pleasant. Wine and cheese parties are quite popular at WU, and Brie or smoked Gouda from the Willamette Valley Cheese Co. are perfect. Tea

with lemon and honey is an essential pick-me-up in winter, and the honey from W.C. Kester Apiaries is to die for, especially the blackberry and fireweed varieties. Food is also in abundance, providing many options for those who travel in large groups.

The market is open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday through October, at the corner of Summer and Marion Streets NE, just a few blocks away on the other side of the Capitol building. There is also a Wednesday market on Chemeketa between High and Commercial Streets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for those who aren't busy with classes.

MOVIE REVIEW: *Snakes on a Plane*

'Snakes' silly yet satisfying

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Snakes on a Plane may well be the worst movie of the summer. In fact, *Snakes on a Plane* may be the worst movie you will ever see in a theater. One has two choices at the end of the night: either you must chalk this one up as a disaster, a movie-making mistake of monumental proportions or completely re-evaluate your personal criteria for what makes a film enjoyable.

While the movie misses the mark in many key departments, sporting thoroughly static characters, a downright silly script, unrealistic special effects and a premise which could make even Jerry Bruckheimer squirm, the experience itself is far from boring and oddly, surprisingly, shockingly gratifying. While it isn't smooth, suave or tasteful, *Snakes on a Plane* is more fun than most any motion picture in recent memory.

To enjoy the film, you must be well aware of what you're getting yourself into. This is a cinematic escapade featuring the one-and-only Samuel L. Jackson fending off thousands of very angry reptiles in a tightly enclosed space 30,000 feet above land. That's it. It's *Celebrity Death Match* in dashing makeup and high heels. It's gory, it's silly and it's mind-numbing, but it'll make you laugh until you cry.

This movie has no precedent. It fails in every way a true Hollywood blockbuster should show its prowess. Yet somehow, through it all, *Snakes on a Plane* uses these ingredients, each individually rotten to the core, to create something magical, an encounter which leaves its audience simultaneously doubled over in laughter and shrieking in excitement. It's that good and that bad at the same time.

Calendar of Events •••

- AUG 25-
SEP 16
"City of Angels"
A musical comedy at the Pentacle Theater.
- AUG 26-
NOV 4
Recycled Art
Exhibition at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- AUG 28
Sara Evans
Country star Sara Evans performs at the Oregon State Fair, 8 p.m.
- SEP 1
Salem-Keizer Volcanoes v. Eugene Emeralds
7:05 p.m.

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making Gender a Commons thing

The first phase of the residential construction project introduces two- and four-bedroom mixed-gender apartments as experimental housing options

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The new Kaneko Commons is Willamette's first residential building to offer mixed-gender rooming options. As a result, men and women can now room together at Willamette. "The university is empowering students," senior Brooke Ivy said, "What it really comes down to is student choice and trust by the university of its students to make competent decisions about their living situations."

The State of the Commons

In a poll conducted by the student-led Kaneko Commons Leadership Implementation Committee KCLIC in March, 86.5 percent of 527 respondents support allowing mixed-gender living in the Kaneko Commons where residents share common spaces and bathrooms but have separate bedrooms. Such living spaces include four-bedroom apartments, three-bedroom suites, two bedroom apartments and shared singles.

The joint decision of the KCLIC and WU administration qualified only the four-bedroom apartments for mixed-gender living in this first stage. Currently nine out of these 15 apartments are leased to mixed-gender occupants and only juniors and seniors may live there. Ivy, a

member of KCLIC, said she saw the measured approach as a hopeful beginning. The first step is that people are comfortable, but the eventual goal is to give a lot more options, she said.

The Benefits of Mixed-Gender Living

In preparation for Willamette's Commons project, Dave Rigsby, Assistant Dean of Campus Life, researched regional and national peer schools with mixed-gender housing options. We discovered that mixed-gender housing is a topic that many universities are grappling with, he said. It is a method for offering diverse room options for students but also as a way to adapt to changing norms around gender and sexual orientation.

Kaneko Commons Coordinator Ryan Hamachek said that the new mixed-gender housing option will keep upperclassmen on campus. As a result, he said he hopes that upperclassmen will take the responsibility to enforce the rules of the community, to teach younger students the ropes and to serve as mentors. If a freshman is thinking he might want to go into politics, there is someone just across the hall to talk to about professors and classes, he said.

Sophomore Justin Brock also said he thought mixed-gender housing was a positive addition, most specifically for gender-minority students. Brock said that he would be more comfortable living in a mixed-gender residence where he could have the friends he trusts the

most as his roommates. Things are so much easier to talk about and discuss around my female friends, he said.

Junior Elliot Williams said he is concerned about Willamette housing's inability to assist students whose gender identity and physical sex do not match up in traditional ways. Misunderstanding, harassment and even violence are already common in the lives of gender-minority people, and to place them in a living situation where they might not feel comfortable or where they might not be accepted is just plain wrong, he said. Williams said the Commons is a good first step, but that further measures are needed such as by-request mixed-gender dorms and a housing questionnaire sensitive to the needs of gender-minority students.

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"I would not choose to live in a campus apartment with a member of the opposite sex. I enjoy spending time with my guy friends, but I also value having spaces where women can let their hair down with just other women, and I would want my apartment to be able to be that kind of space."

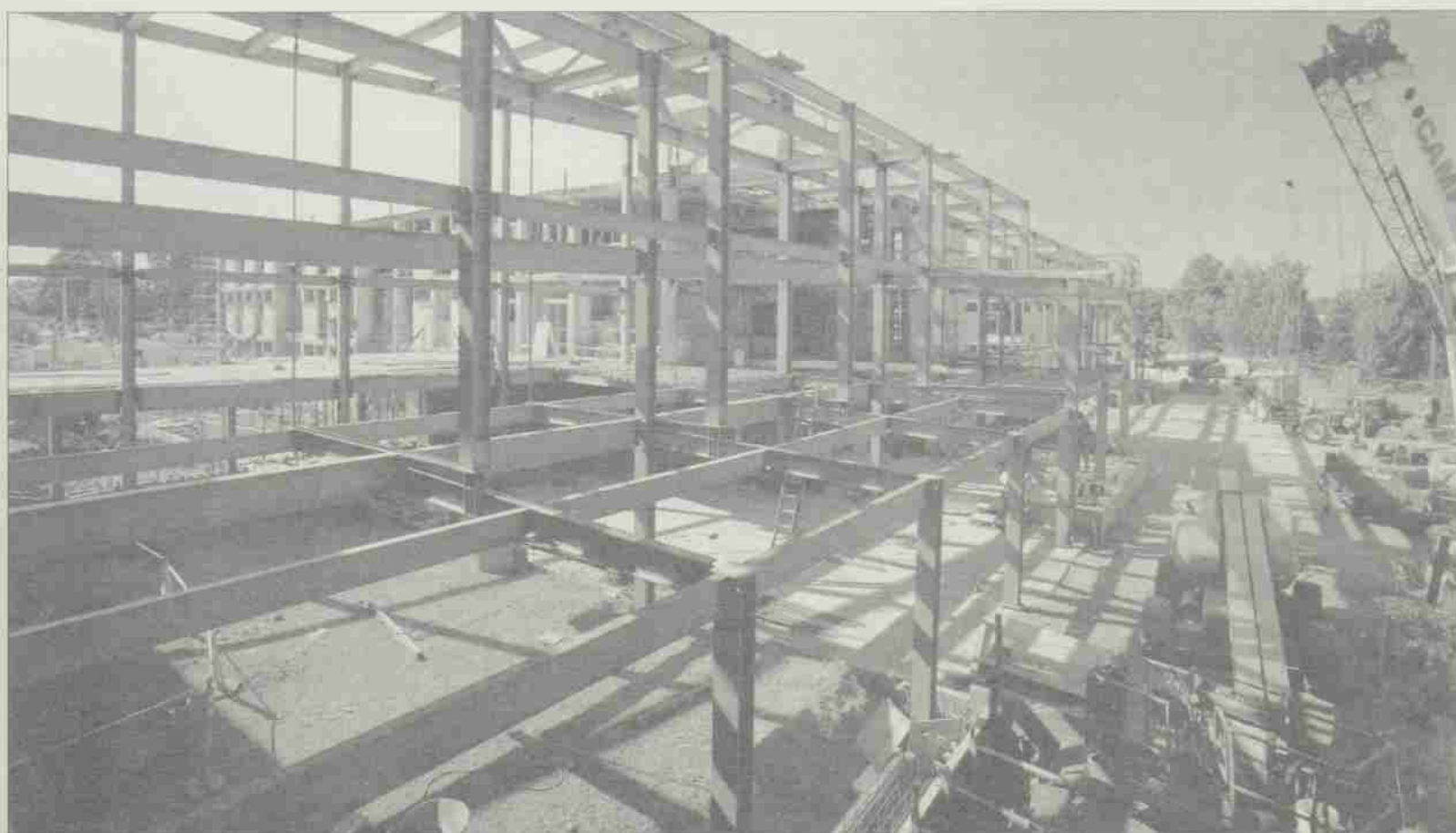


JENNY JOHNSON
SENIOR

LEFT: A view of Kaneko B- and C- wings from Friday, Aug. 18. The new B- and C- wings provide mixed-gender options, while the original A-wing ('vintage Kaneko') maintains the single-gender rooming tradition.

RIGHT: An earlier view of the atrium and the B-wing. The Kaneko Commons construction crew logged over six-thousand man hours in the last week.

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Senior KCLIC member Michelle Monnie said that she supports mixed-gender housing primarily because it allows students more responsibility. "We are adults and able to make decisions about where and with whom we live," she said. Along with those decisions, we must be mature and responsible enough to take care of our mistakes.

The Sticky Side of Mixed-Gender Living

Sophomore Andrew Miller said he is opposed to



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mixed-gender living for political reasons. By embracing this new form of living arrangement, Willamette will further alienate the older, more conservative alumni. We should not satisfy the desires of this generation while trampling the traditions of the former generations. As a Telefund caller, Miller said that he frequently speaks with alumni who are concerned that the campus is becoming too progressive.

Miller is not alone. Among colleges nationwide, mixed-gender living is meeting with some hesitation. Critics frequently worry about the potential for increased roommate conflict, especially when romantically-involved roommates break-up. Others are worried about an increased incidence of sexual assault.

In an event of sexual assault, Vice President for Administrative Services Jim Bauer said he foresees a potential difficulty in the case of the four-bedroom apartments. By university guidelines, a roommate accused of sexual assault of another roommate may be required to immediately move out. This means that the alleged sexual offender's contractual rights claim to the room may be negated in order to preserve the alleged sexual assault victim's rights. The legal situation is ambiguous because apartment contracts do not address the conflict between contractual and assault victim's rights.

Bauer said that the stickiest problem may result if you are in a deluxe four-bedroom apartment and you are forced to move to something like a dorm on fourth-floor Baxter. Bauer anticipates that this kind of housing

My whole life I have lived with girls. I think that [mixed-gender living] will be a positive experience and may actually help make me even more comfortable with members of the opposite gender."



MOLLY HEINISCH
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demotion might result in a legal battle. In the future, the administration may insert a clause in the contracts to eliminate the haziness. Before we jump in deeper, we need to see how this goes," he said.

What Our Future Could Look Like

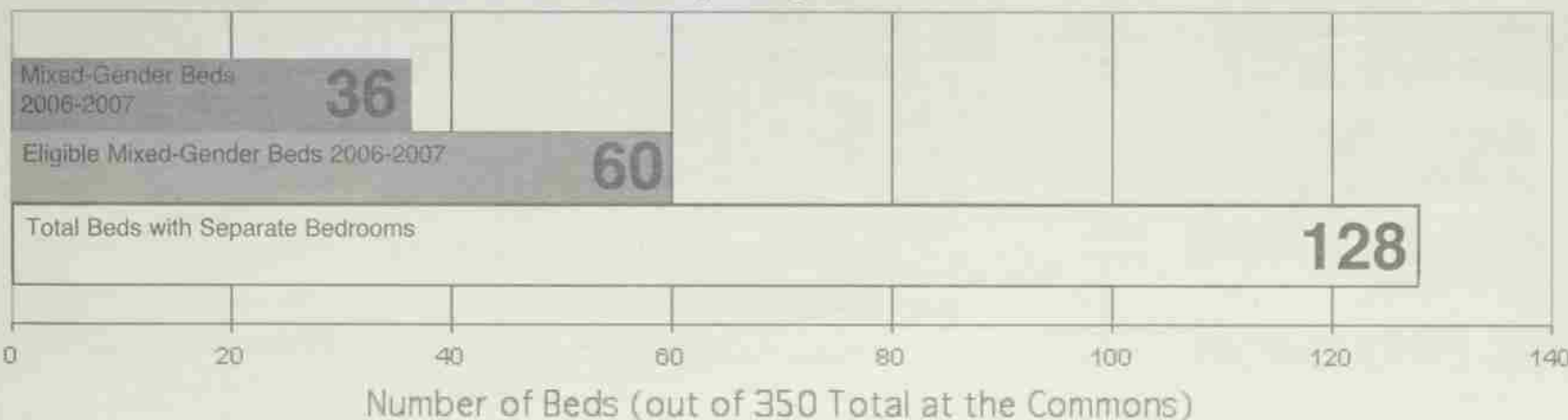
On-campus housing at Lewis and Clark LC is a picture of what Willamette's housing could look like in the future. David Rosengard, LC Resident Director, said the program was designed to allow flexibility to community members and those who had been a victim to

same-sex intimate violence. Rosengard said gender-blind living has made a significant difference for this handful of students, and is a positive force overall. By its very existence, gender-blind living encourages people to be aware of queer issues and the challenges faced when one differs from the perceived norm. In other words, it creates teachable moments of difference," he said.

Initially instituted in select apartments on campus in 2001, now all LC undergraduate students may apply to live with any sex freshmen included. Additionally, almost all dorm rooms and apartments are gender-blind.

Back at Willamette, a student steering committee will review this year's results and make recommendations about future expansions of mixed-gender housing. Each new residential commons construction project will have a student steering committee. Next year will be the test. It is up to the students that create the commons, Hamachek said.

Mixed-Gender Occupancy at the Commons



Experienced returners hope to compete for league title

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With several major changes in the Northwest Conference this season, the Willamette University Bearcat football program looks to have a strong chance at competing for a league title or playoff spot this year.

With the additions of Menlo College as an affiliate football-only member and Lewis and Clark College, which re-enters the conference in football after only playing four games in 2005, the Northwest Conference will have an automatic berth into the NCAA playoffs and it will be easier for second place teams to receive at-large bids to the postseason.

The real question on the minds of Northwest football enthusiasts will be if anyone can get to Linfield College and end its run of dominance that has seen six straight league titles. While Linfield was a unanimous pick to finish first in this year's preseason coaches poll, the loss of Coach Jay Locey to Oregon State, as well as 13 starters, including quarterback Brett Elliot and the bulk of the receiving

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core, could signal the first sign of weakness to Linfield in many years.

Willamette football enters the 2006 season enthusiastic and hopeful about this season's chances with the return of 16 starters, including All-American lineman Brandon Bennett and several returning All-League selections including sweeper Ryan Hernandez and linebacker Phil Sweet. The three most glaring losses for the Bearcats are all-league quarterback

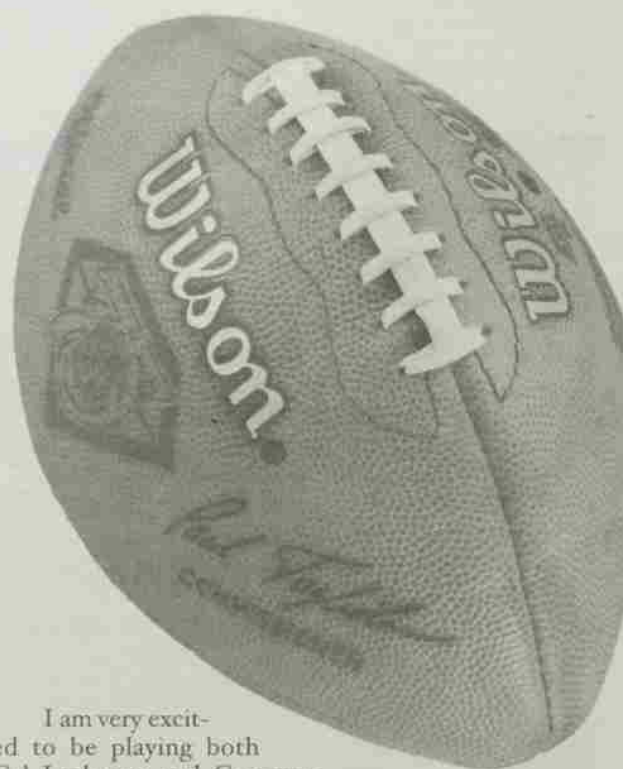
Our team is still young, but we will be a lot more experienced this year."

- HEAD COACH MARK SPECKMAN

Cameron Walton, running back Quinton Brock, and linebacker Megdy Khoury. Yet Head Coach Mark Speckman said he is confident of his team's ability to reload. Our team is still young, but we will be a lot more experienced this year, he said. Cam Walton, Quinton Brock and Megdy

Khoury will be hard to replace but we have a solid core of young players who are hungry for a shot.

This season also marks the addition of two new schools to the Bearcats' schedule.



I am very excited to be playing both Cal Lutheran and Gustavus Adolphus, Speckman said. It is always fun to play new schools that are a lot like us both on the field and in the classroom. Gustavus Adolphus plays a very competitive schedule in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and should be a good match for us. Cal Lutheran went 8-1 last season and wants to prove themselves throughout the region.

Speckman said he is excited to be playing more Division III opponents this season, as last year Willamette was the only DIII college in the nation to play three schools with athletic scholarship.



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Bearcat cross country teams continue to strive for even higher national rankings

Both men and women work extra hard during the off-season to boost successes now

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After putting in the necessary miles in the off-season, the Willamette University cross-country team looks forward to reaping the benefits of hard work and consistent training this season. Both men's and women's teams have adhered to a training schedule that requires a true athlete's dedication.

CROSS COUNTRY

Their work has certainly paid off in past seasons, with high placings at the NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships last year. The women's team came in at 14th, while the men raced to a 16th-place finish.

The women return as a fairly young team, with half of last year's nationals pack back on the trails. Junior Sarah Zerzan garnered a 25th-place

individual finish at last year's nationals event, and looks to lead the Bearcat powerhouse. Sophomore Ali Maki, senior Elizabeth Hart, sophomore Maddie Coffman and sophomore Mara Engle are outstanding assets to this talented bunch.

On the men's side, runners such as junior Ian Batch, sophomore Tristan Knutson-Lombardo, and senior Travis Harris will take the team far. Ranked eighth in the country at one point last

year, the Bearcat men hope to take the team even farther than before.

Head Coach Matt McGuirk is hopeful for a positive outcome this season.

We took 14 runners to nationals. Five were freshmen, two were sophomores, and we only lose five of those 14 runners to graduation. We're very pleased with our accomplishments last season, McGuirk said.

Women's soccer anticipates great success for the new year

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During the last three preseasons, the Bearcat women's soccer team journeyed to the likes of England, Gettysburg, and Chicago to gear up for the upcoming season. This year they are not traveling, and it is not because of security concerns.

We are not traveling, which is really good, said Susan Butler, the Bearcats' three-time all-Northwest Conference first teamer and team captain. Past years we have traveled, we had to fly in, play a game, stay the night, play two more games and fly out the same night. It is really tiring.

The Bearcats will have to be at full strength at the beginning of the league games, Butler added, because the team begins with two tough tests at Whitworth and Whitman. With the team goal being to win the league championship this year, it is important to start off with some wins.

Willamette shared or held the NC Championship nine out of the last 13 years, yet received no trophies the last two years. But, the team is still optimistic this time around.

We can definitely win it this year, Butler noted. We have no major spots to be filled. With the loss of only two seniors, the return of five all-conference players, and a strong freshman recruiting class, their goals seem attainable.

Once again, the Bearcats will be competing with the University of Puget Sound for the championship and the right to compete



Connie Gledhill

Women's soccer preps with double and triple daily practices in the two weeks before seeing game action.

in the NCAA Division III National Tournament. UPS lost many key players from its 2005 side, resulting in what could be insufficient strength to deliver a good season.

We have nothing to lose, we can only go up, Butler said.

The Bearcats' first scrimmage will be Saturday, Aug. 26 against Willamette Alumni.



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Don't miss the Bearcats' first scrimmage against Willamette Alumni this Saturday, Aug. 26.

Versatility key to athlete success in Division III

ANNETTE HULBERT



As the start of the school year swings around once again, it can mean only one thing for Willamette sports programs: another batch of athletic performances that will rock the record books.

While we look ahead, it's a fine time to remember some standout athletes of seasons past. Relatively few have made the leap from small school sports to the big-time, the pros, but the Willamette archives are peppered with athletes' success stories. Some of the most interesting bear testament to the well-rounded liberal arts philosophy.

For instance, Rachael Yocom, class of '37, made a name for herself with extreme versatility. Yocom competed in every sport available to women in the 1930s, an almost unheard-of feat. Along the way, she picked up a singles championship in tennis, a sixth place in the javelin for the 1936 Olympic Trials her junior year, and a 5'2" inch record in the high jump. She went on to compete at a semi-pro level in softball.

No less impressive is Ted Ogdahl, an outstanding athlete and coach. Ogdahl became an All-American halfback in 1942, during his junior year. After a professional career in San Diego, he returned to Willamette as both the head football and track and field coach in 1952. By the time he was 20 seasons deep, Ogdahl had led Bearcat football to a 98-64-10 record. Ogdahl was unmatched in track as well, as he coached Willamette's first two national champions to victory.

Although these two athletes are only a random sampling of Willamette's greats, they represent the majority of Willamette students-talented in more than one area, be it athletically related or otherwise. With the opportunity to excel in multiple areas, our athletes win both in AND out of season.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 26th: Women's soccer vs. Alumni 5 p.m.
Men's Soccer vs. Alumni 7 p.m.
@ Sparks Field

Stay tuned for the fall sports season start on Saturday, September 2, kicking off with men's and women's soccer and football vs. Western Oregon.

• BEYOND THE • looking glass

LAUREN BROOKS



There's nothing like the bait shop in Maine if you want to see some wild shit, my uncle tells me. I can't quite tell if he's making a joke or if this is a valid reason that I should get up off the couch. As tempting as the offer sounds, I instead resign myself to rewriting the opening sentence of my first column for the umpteenth time.

What exactly would WU students like to hear about? Should I pontificate on the end of summer perhaps, the mix of trepidation and excitement that yet another school year brings? Then again, I should probably save the clichéd topics for finals week when I don't have the time or energy to be original. And so, perhaps because I can't get away from them at the moment, or maybe just because they're amusing, I find myself on the topic of extended family.

I don't know about the rest of you, but for me summer means traveling. But this doesn't equate to exotic vacations, oh no. Summer trips consist of one thing: visiting family on the East Coast. Living in Alaska, I find myself mostly exiled from my tens of cousins and seven pairs of uncles and aunts, and that's just on my mom's side—welcome to Catholicism. That being said, my once-a-year exposure to the rest of the family tree is quite enough. It's an essential part of the season, like my summer job, but it's hard to imagine it being more than that. If there's one thing I've learned from all these summers, it's this: just because you're related to someone doesn't mean you have anything in common.

I'm betting that it's a universal phenomenon: eccentric family members that make you worry about what your DNA still has in store for you. But luckily, the experience can be quite educational. This summer I've learned much from the fam: taking laxatives has its ups and downs, English Bulldogs feel safest next to the bathtub during thunderstorms, car trips should begin at 3 a.m. because then the roads are clear and you make it in time for breakfast—and yes, the bait shop in rural Maine can in fact provide hours of surprisingly entertaining browsing pleasure. In short, thank goodness for family, thank goodness for summer, and thank goodness they both come and go at just the right time.

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EDITORIAL:

Returning from the summer of discontent

All students must get engaged in their classes & community and not hide from the world

School is upon us again. Yet the persistence of nice weather, reunions with old friends and the formation of new friendships and social groups may cause us to lose sight of the realities of life and hide in the bubble. However, the disquieting events of this summer should remind us that, now perhaps more than in recent years, our time at Willamette cannot be spent merely on insular activities.

Much as last year's students arrived hot on the heels of turbulent summer events, such as terrorist bombings in London and the devastation of a record hurricane season which included Katrina; this year we come to campus at a time of great discontent in the world and even in this region.

Hurricanes have been replaced by record heat and wildfire destruction as the weather tempest of the summer of 2006. Casualties in Iraq continue to mount, and the war between Hezbollah and Israel added to the bloodshed earlier this summer. In addition, the threat of terror in the skies roared back to the forefront of our lives earlier this month. If you came to Oregon by air, you may have been privy to this first-hand as you scrambled to empty your carry-on baggage of water bottles and toothpaste.

Salem, on the other hand, may seem distant from the tumult of the Middle East. Yet a little over two weeks ago, this city experienced its own terror when three pipe bombs were discovered on the same day, all intended for the undersides of different vehicles.

Of course, one cannot equate pipe bombs in Salem with car bombs in Iraq, rockets in Israel or 100-degree temperatures in the Northeast.

However, by learning all we can about the root causes of these problems—terrorism, global warming, the regional conflicts of the Middle East—we may be able to help devise future solutions to make our world a better place to live in.

In your classes, thanks to Willamette's excellent general education program, you will, sooner or



JADE OLSON

later, be forced to confront the deeper issues lying beneath the surface of this summer's tumult. Some freshmen will grapple with these challenges in their College Colloquium classes. Older students, particularly of the fields of history and politics, will get a chance to examine the political and social roots of a variety of conflicts relating to those of today.

Beyond classroom study of the issues, the Office of Community Service Learning can help you connect with at-risk people of all ages in Salem, such as in the popular Bush Elementary School mentorship program. If your activism has a political bent, there is no better time than in

this mid-term election year to volunteer in one of the many political campaigns active in Oregon's capital city. If you don't have time for community service, another good idea would be to read the newspapers provided by the excellent Collegiate Readership Program and discuss the issues with your peers. This year, the thrill of the first party should be tempered by the fact that the world continues to convulse in the aftermath of the latest long, hot summer. We don't want you to forego all the fun you're likely to have in college, but we do ask that you remember to balance that fun by engaging seriously in your classes and in the community here in Salem.

EDITORIAL CARTOON



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Malicious discourse: Stop the madness

ERIC LOWE



At a perfect Willamette, individuals of different backgrounds would feel free to voice their opinions in a positive environment. At a perfect Willamette, groups such as the College Republicans and Democrats would each add to the public discourse in a manner that was respectful and cogent. And at a perfect Willamette, said organizations would settle their differences with a traditional college game of beer-pong, rather than the slander and vandalism that was employed last year. While I always strive to see the good at Willamette, I sometimes get the feeling that people need to be reminded to play nice.

Not to say that ripping down posters and painting over the art-wall aren't effective and fun! ways to rid yourself of an unfavorable political opinion, but I feel that these actions are wasted in the grand scheme of things.

College students are busy. Between being full-time students, part-time alcoholics, and usually overburdened stress-cases, it's a wonder that any of us have time to act out against political elements at our university that we disagree with. Yet somehow these tensions always find a way to boil over. Our campus politics have become increasingly adversarial; with minority voices in particular finding it difficult to have a fair footing in our community dialogue—remember how the mural celebrating Ronald Reagan's birthday was painted over? Henry Kissinger once commented on this by saying, "University politics are vicious precisely because the stakes are so small."

With that in mind, I would like to propose two solutions to what I feel is a problem in our campus political environment. Firstly, let us find a way to

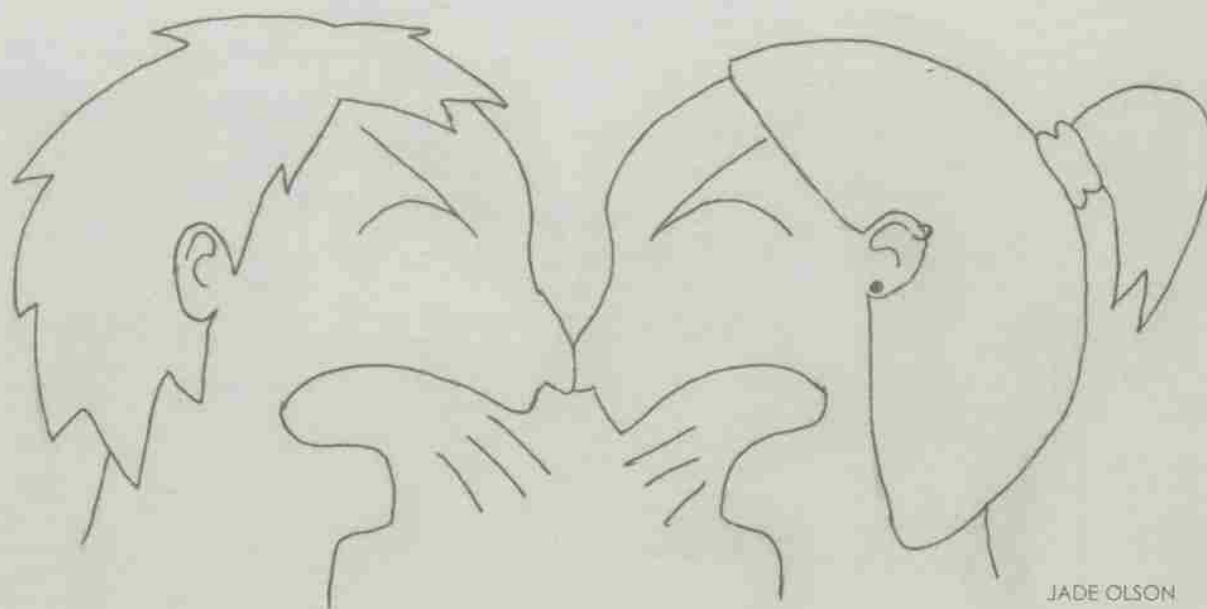
release political tensions that isn't malicious or destructive. I would propose what I like to call a "color war." Picture this: a pre-determined week of school. Red versus Blue. A series of competitions, including but not limited to dodgeball, flag-football, ultimate frisbee, shopping cart jousting, and king's cup. What better way to enable civil discourse on our campus than by providing a forum in which different political groups can quite literally battle each other! Also, all penalties for ripping down posters would be removed during this time, so let the poster battles begin! We could even help compensate for the ridiculously small number of campus Republicans by making them non-traditional alliances with S.H.E. the women's issues club and ANGLBS the gay-straight alliance for the purposes of evening up the teams.

Of course if that doesn't work, we could always just try the second solution: play nice. While college is a

time to explore new things and be independent, that process ought to take place on a campus where diverse opinions are voiced respectfully. At Willamette, we have the opportunity to create a community where politics aren't adversarial and smaller clubs don't have to feel like they aren't being heard.

And, where posters somehow manage to stay on the walls.

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JADE OLSON

Growing Up To Be Who I Once Was

MEG BAY



Children are amazing individuals. If you ever doubt this, I advise you to go spend time in an elementary school and ask a young girl what she wants to be when she grows up. Personally, I knew I was destined to be a doctor, artist, politician, humanitarian and a mathematician. I was going to be Miss America, but only after I received the Nobel Peace Prize for ending war and world hunger. It is also interesting to note that my peers had the same intentions as I. It was not until middle school that reality hit us like a brick wall. I cannot help but wonder what I would have achieved had I been able to maintain the mentality that my kindergarten self possessed.

Now that I am in college, I am constantly asked what my post-graduation plans are. It is not said; but I am essentially being asked what I want to be when I grow up. Having endured middle school, the person I once was is a distant memory, but one I long for nevertheless. Hence, I have decided that with any luck I will grow-up to be who I once was.

This is not to suggest that people should regress to being afraid of the dark and waiting up all night for Santa Claus. There are aspects of being an adult that should be celebrated. Take joy in the fact you can tie your own shoes. However, people should strive to regain what Mary Pipher, author of

Reviving Ophelia, refers to as "your self." Often, this is who you were before the world told you what and who you can and cannot be. Pipher goes on to explain that many women regain their preadolescent authenticity with menopause. It is for this reason that the two people you are most likely to see singing in public while wearing a hot pink sweater are old ladies and young girls. What these two groups have in common is the fact that the opinions of others have a lesser impact on their lives. We should not have to wait until we are older to enjoy this freedom.

Regaining one's sense of self is no easy task. However, from this point on I am going to try not to worry about your opinions of me. So as I walk through campus wearing a hot-pink sweater, please try hard not to judge me.

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