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Opening Days kicks off new year

By DAVELEEN DEMARS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

New faces once again grace Willamette's campus as the class of 2004 begins their collegiate career. And with the class population consisting of 511 freshman, their presence will be noted as the largest and most diverse class in Willamette's history.

The size of the freshman class may come as a surprise to many, especially after the enrollment decline seen in the class of 20003. The increase in enrollment can be attributed to a collection of efforts from faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and administration. The Admissions Office implemented several new strategies to attract students from various parts of the United States, including President Pelton opening his

doors to Salem-area students and personally calling over 100 applicants.

The result was not only a large freshman class but a more diverse one with 19 percent students of color. The median scores of this class on the SAT (1,220) and their average GPA (3.78) also exceed last year's class.

Now that Willamette has the students the next obstacle to tackle is how to handle a class so large. Willamette appears to be one step ahead of the game. Based on the preparations that were made after the second-largest class of 1994, there are 15 more faculty members and two additional buildings.

With one of the highest retention rates in the Northwest Willamette expects no problem in retaining the class population.

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GEORGE CARLSEN

Opening Days leaders preparing to welcome freshman.

Willamette receives gifts worth \$2.65 million for Montag Center

By BEN KRUPICKA
NEWS EDITOR

As you and your roommate sat in your dormroom re-enacting scenes from the 00' NBA finals with a Nerf ball and a plastic basketball rim, did you ever wish that there was a place to go and hangout? Well your prayers have just been answered. Two donations, \$2 million and \$650,000, enabled construction of a new 16,500 square-foot recreation center to begin this summer. The center construction has begun and is expected to be completed by the fall of 2001.

Tom Montag of Tokyo, Japan gave \$2 million to the University to honor his parents, class of 1952 Willamette graduates, Dan and Jean Montag. This new student recreation center will be named the Dan and Jean Montag Recreation Center. The Collins Foundation of Portland donated the other \$650,000.

Soon to be located in the northeast corner of the Willamette campus, between Baxter and Mathews Hall, the Montag Recreation Center will give students a place to gather,

study, and enjoy life. Planning to be included in the Montag Center are: pool tables, video games, a ballroom, laundry facilities, a late-night deli/cafe, movie rentals, student meeting rooms, volleyball courts, and barbeque pits. "These two generous gifts will have an immediate and lasting impact on the social and academic atmosphere of our campus," stated President M. Lee Pelton earlier this month.

There has been an obvious need for an enhancement in campus life. As Jim Bauer, Dean of Residence Life and Auxiliary Services stated, "(The Montag Center) responds to students need for a place to go outside their living community. It is a place that encourages and celebrates the essence of a campus community." Several years ago, Associated Students of Willamette University asked the institution to make a building like the Montag Center a top university priority. They believed it would unite the student body in a pleasurable atmosphere and enhance their Willamette experience. A student committee two years ago, working with the architectural

firm Architects Four, which is now constructing the Montag Center, planned and designed the Center and had been waiting for funding. Erik Van Hagen, class of 00' graduate and former ASWU president, worked on this special committee and feels very confident that the Montag Recreation Center will energize the lives of Willamette students. "I think this is the beginning of an important process that will help give students more recreation space that they are able to control," remarked Van Hagen.

While there will be some inconvenient construction occurring during the fall semester, the administration and the developers are confident that the disruption will be minimal and well worth it. Residents on the East side of campus will experience some disruption over the coming months but if put off any longer it would cause disruption during finals in May. As Bauer explains, "We felt that starting now would be the best strategy. It allows us flexibility if we run into some unusual snag and it gives us plenty of time to do the job right."

Forest fires spark interest of legislation

From WIRE REPORTS

Unusually high temperatures and low humidity over the past few weeks have continued to fuel the raging infernos that have been scorching forests in the western United States. With 86 major fires still burning, charring some 1.1 million acres, Montana Governor Marc Racicot issued a disaster declaration on the state of Montana last Wednesday. The priorities of the fire fighting crews have now shifted. Save lives and people first, think about putting out the fire second. "It's very simple. We do not have sufficient resources to protect structures and take containment action on the fires," Steve Frye, incident commander for the several fires burning south of Darby, Mont. .

The tremendous damage, both in the wilderness and in urban areas, has had the Forest Service devising ways to prevent these monstrous wildfires. The Forest Service has made a recommendation to the federal government to spend \$825 million a year to prevent future disastrous fires. This recommendation is sure to increase the political tension regarding the Clinton administration's timber policy that has cut timber harvests by more than 70 percent this decade.

The Forest Service has been spending roughly \$92 million a year to reduce the risks of wildfires by clearing the forest floors of debris and other fire fueling materials. This effort has helped clear 570,000 annually. The Forest Service recommendation would raise this total to nearly three million acres.

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George W. rallying the troops.



Gore: The re-invented politician.

Bush visits Portland; Gore still unseen

By BEN KRUPICKA
NEWS EDITOR

Speaking on issues ranging from Republican strongholds like rebuilding the military and cutting taxes to typically Democratic ideals like saving social security and Medicare, George W. Bush rallied his supporters at the University of Portland on Aug. 11. Traveling with one-time presidential hopeful Senator John McCain (R-AZ), Bush finished a three state tour of the West coast last week. Using his campaign

slogan "No Child Left Behind" Bush has been emphasizing family values and tax cuts, while at the same time trying to sway independent and democratic voters by tackling the problems facing the American public school system and proposing to use some of the projected budget surplus to save social security. "I believe that the surplus is the people's money," said Bush in his speech. Bush attacked the Clinton administration's veto of the bill to eliminate the marriage penalty and accused Gore of being a Washington insider.

"I'm here asking for your vote, I'm asking for your help. I'm running to keep the peace," exclaimed Bush.

Gore, campaigning in the Midwest and the South these past few weeks, has yet to make an appearance in the Northwest. Oregon and Washington, generally Democratic voting states, are now seen as toss-ups for this year's coming presidential election. Gore, who has been trailing Bush in the polls as of late, will more than likely stop for a rally in Oregon in the coming months as the Northwest would seemingly be crucial to the Vice-President's presidential hopes.

Kursk submarine rescue abandoned

By BEN KRUPICKA
NEWS EDITOR

The 8-day effort to reach the crippled Russian nuclear submarine Kursk in the Arctic Ocean ended Monday as Norwegian divers opened the submarine's escape hatch and forced themselves into the sub's hull. It was reported that there was no indication that the 118 crew members survived for long in the mangled warship, 350 feet under frigid Arctic water.

"We are all mourning together with the relatives and loved ones," said Russian Defense Minister Igor Sergeev told reporters Monday, expressing his condolences to the families of the lost sailors. "We will never forget what the sailors did, that they did all that was possible and impossible."

The Russian government has been facing criticism recently for its slow response to the Aug. 12 disaster that left the sub crippled on the ocean floor. The government of the former world power resisted international help for days. The under-funded Russian military had neither the manpower nor the technology to undertake a swift and effective rescue operation, yet even as Russian rescue capsules failed to latch onto the hatch of the wounded submarine, the Russian government continued to reject the help of the United States and other western powers. The British mini-submarine which was later brought to the site to help in the rescue was never used. "They have killed the boys, that's all," said Yekaterina Dyachkova, a retiree in Murmansk, headquarters of the Russian Northern Fleet. "The (navy) should have called for help immediately, but they waited for so many days."

Sergeev said in an interview on Russia's largest network, ORT, that, "It's possible that we made mistakes." He suggested that the meager

funding for the Russian armed forces had left the navy with inadequate numbers of divers and obsolete equipment. "Our country has been robbed and shredded for the past several years, and the armed forces receive less than 50 percent of what the budget promises," he said.

Russian president Vladimir Putin, who did not return to Moscow from his summer vacation after hearing of the disaster, has received the brunt of the public and media's criticism. This has been the first major blemish on the Russian commander's popularity since his March election. Showing how powerful public opinion can be, with the Kremlin scrambling to stem the political damage, Putin ordered on Monday that aid and support shall be provided to the sailor's relatives. Reports say that about 75 family member flew on a special charter flight from Moscow to Murmansk early this week where the Navy shuttled them to a military facility just outside the city. So far, the Navy has only provided food and shelter for these families at the facility.

The cause of the blasts that sunk the Kursk is still unknown, but it is likely that up to 30 warheads stored in the torpedo compartment at the front of the ship were involved. The Norwegian divers also reported that the two nuclear reactors, which powered the Oscar-class submarine, do not appear to be leaking. All other Russian Oscar-class submarines will remain berthed until a cause is determined.

The Russian Ministry of Defense is now beginning to plan an operation to raise the sub. Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov said the impoverished Russian government would appeal to the international community for funds to raise the wreckage. The United States State Department said that it would consider any Russian request to help salvage the submarine.



JEFF GOLIMOWSKI

Located conveniently across the street from the Willamette campus, the Capitol Building stands welcoming ambitious students.

Willamette rich with political opportunities

By BEN KRUPICKA
NEWS EDITOR

The giant white building across State Street with the golden man adorning its rooftop is not just a city decoration. The Capitol Building holds within its walls boundless opportunities for Willamette's ambitious young politicians. Numerous volunteer opportunities as well as possible internships are available to Willamette students. This being an election year, both presidential and for Oregon's own state senators and representatives, as the November deadline approaches, the activity around the Capitol will exponentially increase. "Volunteering for a state legislator's campaign, that is the way to get your feet wet in politics, absolutely," exclaims Dean of Campus Life Robert Hawkinson. "Working for an organization supporting or opposing an initiative is also a great experience." There are also a number of departmental programs through the politics, rhetoric, and media studies depart-

ments that offer internship opportunities for sophomores, juniors, and seniors. To gather information on candidates running for office this year in the Oregon House of Representatives and Senate contact the Office of the Secretary of State located in the Capitol Building or browse the Statesman Journal's website at www.statesmanjournal.com.

You do not necessarily have to join a campaign to be politically active. Willamette University has numerous student organizations that can provide opportunities for individuals. Willamette has groups such as ASWU, College Democrats, College Republicans, the Socialist Union, and the Green Party which deal directly with politics and substantive political issues as well as other organizations dealing with issues ranging from the environment to abortion rights to the death penalty. The Office of Student Activities has information and lists of all these groups as well as their contact personnel.

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Opening Days Madness!

New traditions mark Willamette's freshman biggest class

By JULIE STEFAN
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This year marks a new beginning for a lot of reasons. With 511 people, the freshman class of 2000 is the biggest in Willamette's history. Not only that, it is the most diverse. And Opening Days has many new traditions to welcome the large number of incoming students.

Tommy Ziemer, the Opening Days Coordinator, has planned a five-day orientation that will include such traditions as the WU Olympics, the WU-Who gathering, information sessions for students and parents, and will also surprise the participants with several

new activities. This year, Opening Days will also include transfer students, which was added as a way to help them meet more people. Each Opening Days group consists of 18-20 students, and 2-3 of those will consist of transfers. Marie Fuehrer, an Opening Days leader and member of the Leadership Team, says that the emphasis is on creating new programs and on the students as a class. "It's about bringing the class together as one," she says. Fuehrer is one of 58 Opening Days leaders who will guide the new student groups through the activities. Rob Sassor, also an Opening Days leader and member of the Leadership Team, is looking forward to meeting all the incoming students and introducing them to the Willamette campus. "I'm excited to see how all the new activities go."



Opening Days leaders practice dancing in Smith Auditorium during this week's preparation for the incoming students. There are 58 leaders this year and also a seven-member Leadership Team.



Left: The 2000-2001 Opening Days Staff.



Above: Dante Holloway gets a groove on.

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Matt Woolsey, Levi Faulkner, and Rob Sassor partake in more dancing.



Opening Days leaders work on packets during the week before new students arrive.

Beginning the school year happens even earlier for some

Incoming students get a head start at Willamette

By JULIE STEFAN
FEATURES EDITOR

Before classes, before Goudy, before countless name games and Opening Days, incoming students are given a chance to participate in several different pre-orientation activities. These "jump start" opportunities range from backpacking and mountaineering in to volunteering at several Salem organizations. There are more than 75 participants this year. Each of these settings provides a place for incoming students to meet their peers, ask questions, quell their fears, and find a comfortable base with which to start their Willamette experience. There are three programs to choose from.

ISAT

This year, the Incoming Student Adventure Trips are taking place all over Oregon and also in Washington. Ranging from four to eight days, participants spend their time hiking, rafting, backpacking, and mountaineering with two student guides, most of who are certified Wilderness First Responders. Bruce Mace, the Coordinator of Recreational and Intramural Sports from



Ohana participants eat dinner by the Mill Stream Tuesday evening to start the week's activities

the Office of Student Activities, says that it "gives students a chance to relax outdoors, especially before classes begin." This year is also special for the ISAT adventures because there are three new excursions. One trip is a 70-mile rafting journey on the Deschutes River, another consists of backpacking and mountaineering in the Olympic Mountains, and the third is a backpacking and rafting trip in Central Oregon, which was the idea of a former student.

NSOCO

For half a day at each location, participants of the New Student Orientation to Community Outreach volunteer at such organizations as the Salem Outreach Shelter, the Boys and Girls Club, the Salvation Army, and the YMCA Teen Center, and will also spend some time with

the PCUN Farm Worker Union. There are nine participants, including two TIUA students, and three leaders. Students learn about the different opportunities for community service in the Salem area and get a head start to being at Willamette. Participants spend the night at the First United Methodist Church and spend their evenings getting to know each other, making meals, and watching movies.

Colleen Chrisinger, a leader and coordinator, is enthusiastic because students "make friends for their whole WU experience, so it's really nice to see that."

Ohana

Geared towards incoming students of color, Ohana provides a small setting where friends are made and people can feel comfortable asking questions about what awaits them when school starts. This year is the biggest Ohana has ever been. There are 20 full time participants and 18 part-time, plus seven leaders and two advisors. The schedule includes dinners by the Mill Stream, lodging at the 4-H Center in West Salem, outdoor activities and "content sessions," which focus on different topics like the transition to college, academic life, and getting involved at WU. Ohana is Hawaiian for family.

For TIUA students, America is abroad

Willamette represents a whole new culture for Japanese students

By MASAE TANAAMI
CONTRIBUTOR

Tokyo International University of America (TIUA) students have the opportunity to come to Salem and study English and American culture. They come from the Tokyo International University (TIU) in Japan. As TIUA students, they monitor the progress of our English skills through their scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). TOEFL is made up of listening comprehension, structure and written expression, and reading comprehension.

The TOEFL score is a very important part of the TIUA program, and it is every TIUA student's goal to score high. TIUA students take the TOEFL in Japan before coming to America, and before the TIUA experience, the average score is 394 points. There are 680 points possible. This past June, the TIUA class of 2000 retook the TOEFL in Salem and the average score was 431.

TIUA students typically take two English classes from February to May, and also take elective classes from the end of May until June. The next semester, TIUA students have the opportunity to take Willamette University classes. The classes are selected based on interest, and many look forward to attending American classes and studying with American students.

In Japan, too often, classes are extremely large, noisy, and can be a very difficult environment in which to understand the lectures. TIUA classes are much

smaller than classes in Japan. These smaller classes are better because students have the opportunity to talk in class and share opinions. TIUA students become more comfortable with large amounts of assignments and studying, which is more typical in America. In Japanese universities, students often use extreme cramming in preparing for tests. Through the TIUA experience, students learn to appreciate American study habits.

Compared to American university students, life outside of the classroom is very different for students in Japan. Because most of the Japanese universities, such as TIU, do not have any residence halls, students live in apartments near campus or commute from home to school by train. Students in Japan not only learn in their classes but must also learn how to live life on their own.

One part of American universities that is very new and special to TIUA students is having a roommate. TIUA students learn from their WU roommates and classmates, which is an experience that can be both challenging and very fun, and also one they look forward to.

Additional reasons why TIUA students come to Salem are unique to the person. Most TIUA students want to improve their English skills while experiencing real American culture.

TIUA students are eager to participate in activities with the Willamette community. The annual Harvest Festival, a sharing of Japanese food and culture, will be held on September 9th on the Willamette campus, and is their gift of gratitude to the Salem and Willamette communities.

New Area Coordinators for Willamette campus

The Office of Residence Life is seeing a lot of changes this year.

By JULIE STEFAN
FEATURES EDITOR

There are three new Area Coordinators on the Willamette staff who will supervise the Resident Assistants, support hall governments and programs, and ensure student rights, in addition to several other responsibilities.

David Wallace, who grew up outside of St. Louis, received his undergraduate degree from Western Illinois University. He became involved with student organizations through Residence Life and the Office of Student Activities there. He will lead the Eastside staff and supervise the residents, which includes those living in Terra, Baxter, Matthews, and Belknap.

Diana Gonzales will lead the Westside residents,



Tobin Addington, the Assistant Coordinator for Programming, David Wallace, the Eastside Area Coordinator, and John Vollmer, the Terra House Resident Assistant, attend a banquet for Residence Life staff

which consists of those from Doney, Lausanne, and both the Haseldorf Apartments and the University Apartments. She received her undergraduate degree from Western Washington University.

Craig Fields is from Colorado Springs. He received his masters degree from Northern Arizona University and his undergraduate degree from Colorado State University. He will be a resource for Kaneko and the fraternities.

Lee, York, WISH, and Shepard will be supervised by returning Area Coordinator Amanda Haskell.

David Wallace is

looking forward to the different viewpoints and backgrounds that will be brought to the Office of Residence Life. In addition to the new Area Coordinators, there is a new Associate Director of Residence Life and the entire Resident Assistant staff. He believes that a lot of things have changed this year and is excited about his position. He has always enjoyed the work.

"I became very passionate about helping other students get involved and be successful in their leadership roles," he says. "Now I get paid for that passion of being a resource to students in their everyday lives and their leadership roles."

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The Resident Assistants for 2000-2001 get close



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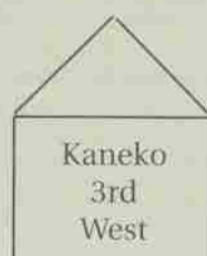
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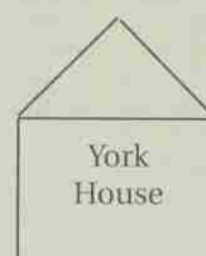
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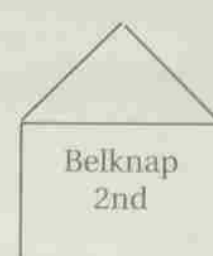
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Editorials

New image with new red uniforms, same old campus safety

Keeping us Safe from harm and ourselves, whether we like it or not.

When I heard that Campus Safety had changed their look in an attempt to "improve customer service," I had to laugh. For an organization that has taken itself so seriously for so long, a change in appearance will have little effect on what's underneath.

It was easy to demonize Campus Safety in years past, their navy blue uniforms and repeated requests to bear handguns made them stand out in stark contrast to the comparative peace of our red brick and green grass enclave.

For you freshman who were still getting your driver's licenses and subsequent first police citations two years ago, I will recount a short history of Campus Safety.

Former student Matt Lukens got up on the WUlapalooza stage two years ago to recite his ode to Campus Safety that would have earned him a beating 20 years ago and a night in the stocks when Willamette first opened her doors. He was perhaps the most harassed (often deservedly) student ever.

However, his complaint that Campus Safety had vio-

lated his rights as a student has some truth to it. He once told me that Campus Safety had broken into his room looking for marijuana and locked his door with "The Boot", a device for doors which functions like the illegal parking deterrent of the same name.

Students at Reed or Whitman would be aghast—breaking into a student's room on a drug raid when the student wasn't even there? These commando tactics might be appropriate to command high ratings on TV's *Cops*, but they seem ridiculous on a small liberal arts campus. Most returning students will remember the high-speed foot chase that occurred last spring during WUlapalooza after some anonymous students lit off some sparkling bottle rockets.

Watching all of the rent-a-cops sprint across the quad after the perpetrators with the regular Campus Safety officers trying to settle the laughing crowd will always be a great memory for me. However, the frenzy a few cheap moon rockets inspired in these keepers-of-the-peace does cause a good deal

of worry. These examples serve to show how Campus Safety has often taken itself too seriously in the past.

On the other hand, Campus Safety does so many unsung deeds for the betterment of campus that a person would have to be blind not to appreciate them. Tonya has helped me out of a jam or two.

And Tath Ashcraft, this past week, has saved me from danger no fewer than three times, bringing the summer count to 5. He really is a great guy. So after so much personal contact with the staff during 4 years of residence here at Willamette as a student and as a Summer RA, I can say that Campus Safety has kept me safe and helped me out of a few rough accidents.

In the next four years, Campus Safety will perform the same role they played for the last four years. They will chase off thieves and they will hand out 50 dollar fines for something so trivial as climbing a tree. The new red uniform and less gaudy patrol car, while earning more style points, will not make a big difference in how they do their jobs.



Freshman class is actually really smart: Nerds in the mix???

Surprising test scores show that the class of 2004 loves learning. Returning students will be shocked.

Many of those scattered returning students who spent the summer in Salem have a certain degree of trepidation regarding the incoming class.

After a sophomore class drought in enrollment, many people think that Willamette is lowering its standards to catch up. The second floor of Kaneko was closed all of last year, ostensibly for renovations, but a single coat of gray paint does not take a year to dry.

After many conversations with these summer-in-Salem survivors the general opinion was that admissions must have dramatically lowered the required GPA and SAT levels that former years had to achieve in high school.

"Well, there goes the market value of my education" said one S.S.S. survivor, "this class will be the end of Willamette as we know her." With such dire predictions, the mood around town was not good coming into last week.

However, as a stunning surprise to everyone (and to this editor), the median GPA and SAT scores for this mammoth incoming class of first year students are higher than the sophomore class!

In fact, with an average 3.78 and 1220 respectively, it would be hard to find fault with the class of 2004.

So the mystery remained, at least for the five minutes it took me to find out why last year's incoming class was so small and this year's class so large.

The fact of the matter is that the admissions office pulled out all the stops in bringing in this class. As this issue is largely directed at those students here already (mostly freshman and summering juniors and seniors), I feel it necessary to spread the word: THE NERDS ARE COMING!!!

It doesn't take this blond opinions editor to figure out that the Forensics team will have a great season, and that the job of computer lab assistant will be hotly contested. The outlook is good for local Magic Card sales. And worst of all, we can expect the speed of our internet connections to slow down thanks to freshmen with computer names like Neo2509938 and 2crazy4U bogging down the server with video game downloads.

But, on the bright side, their smarts will make Willamette seem a very "Ivy League of the West Coast" institution. Don't let us down freshmen! Use your powerful minds for good and not evil.

The temptation will be great for you to hack into databases and trade StarTrek paraphernalia online, but remember why you are here. Well, the second reason, the one after 'best financial aid package offered.' You are here to expand your minds.

The Willamette community needs to open its arms wide, extra wide, for the class of 2004. So I would like to be the first to say it, welcome nerds!

Forest Service planning to get burned

Fire Prevention Methods causing more harm than good.

The United States Forest Service has asked the federal government for a substantial increase in their budget to increase the programs designed to decrease the risk of damaging wildfires, the likes of which are ravaging the West as you read this editorial.

While the increase of these programs seems like a good idea on the outside, upon further examination, one realizes that the increase of funding for ineffective and unsuccessful programs will not prevent further fires and will not decrease the amount of property damage seen in this year's destructive fires.

Two of the most questionable practices of the Forest Service in stopping wildfires are preventative burnings and selective logging. Preventative burns, which do have the seal of approval from many environmental groups, are becoming increasingly

more difficult due to the amount of residential areas encroaching into the wilderness.

No amount of preventative burning is going to stop property damage to suburban areas built in the fire-prone valleys and on the sloping hills of the once-wilderness.

Secondly, preventative burns also carry with them the risk of becoming uncontrollable themselves, especially when the forest has become so dense with underbrush.

The Los Alamos fire in New Mexico this summer, for example, started as a preventative burn and ended up causing nearly \$1 billion in damages as was reported in the Washington Post last week. Moreover, selective logging is another program that has simply become obsolete. President Clinton has been criticized for eight years about his timber policy, but

looking at it through an economist's eyes, loggers would seemingly not be interested in the small trees and brush that would constitute the majority of materials being cleaned off of the forest floor for effective fire control.

This type of harvesting will not allow the timber companies to stay in business. There simply is not a productive way to increase a strategy of selective logging in certain areas without increasing the production of the timber industry as a whole, to the detriment of our national forests.

No one likes to see habitats, both for humans and other wilderness creatures, become fire casualties. However, before allotting the Forest Service increased funds we must carefully examine whether this funding will be used efficiently and for effective fire prevention measures.

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This Week's Topic: Is Ralph Nader a viable presidential candidate?



SPECIAL FEATURE

President M. Lee Pelton

Welcome home

The President greets returning students and the largest freshman class ever.

For those of you that are returning I am delighted to welcome you back to campus, and for Willamette's many first year students, I am very pleased to welcome you into our community. I am confident that we will usher in the new century with an exceptional year.

All too often it seems that the beginning of classes signals the end of summer. Of course the calendar and the climate tell a different story.

As you rekindle old friendships and begin new ones I encourage you to take advantage of one of the most beautiful seasons on our campus. Our community is unique and special in every way. We are surrounded by friends and mentors who cherish education and opportunity. Despite our size, the breadth of activities and experiences that Willamette offers are extraordinary.

"The University's motto is 'not unto ourselves alone are we born' and it is a standard we are unwilling to compromise."

I challenge you to take this year to try something new, different or challenging. Accepting and overcoming these risks will make your education at Willamette successful and memorable for you and for your classmates.

Our greatest asset is the ability to revel in every individual victory and to support one another in defeat. This compassion is our tradition, it is our strength and it is our mission. The University's motto is "not unto ourselves alone are we born" and it is a standard we are unwilling to compromise.

In the coming year I wish you courage, confidence and every success.

Sincerely,

Lee Pelton,
President

President Pelton is currently serving his third year at Willamette University. Originally from Wichita, Kansas, President Pelton has a doctorate in English and American Literature and Languages from Harvard University.

Yes



George Carlsen

Nader is a valid alternative to a hopeless Democratic ticket.

People have compared Ralph Nader to William Jennings Bryan, the famed populist politician who would not be crucified on a cross of gold—a reference to the unpopular gold standard. Bryan competed in more elections than anyone, and lost every single one.

His string of spectacular defeats helped destroy the Populist party. His drive to be president came second only to his piety, which was made legendary in the Scopes Monkey trial of 1925. However, I think that Nader has a special something that Bryan lacked. This special something which makes Nader an acceptable presidential candidate is his appeal to every leftist disillusioned by seeing middle-of-the-road incompetents win the race.

People are getting tired of voting for the lesser of two evils on the assumption that a third party can never win a meaningful election. Jesse "The Body" Ventura proved to the state of Minnesota that you do not have to accept mediocrity as the price for a democratic system.

Nader shares something else in common with Ventura this year, a sizeable election fund. The pride of the WWF received his wad by means of an innovative Minnesota campaign fund matching system, which provided him with \$500,000 dollars toward his third party upset.

Nader on the other hand, has some deep pockets and with over \$5,000,000 paying for TV advertising, he presents a viable alternative to Al Gore for the support of the left. Granola munchers and labor bosses alike have more in common with his platform than they do with Al Gore's.

Nader's history of defeats means little at this stage in the game. The longtime consumer watchdog and environmental advocate can eas-

ily scoop up the votes discarded by the character troubled Gore campaign.

At this early stage in the election and with the Democrats trailing by double digits in some places, there is room for Nader to make a big move.

Even if George W. wins because Nader splits the left vote with Gore, he could be making huge headway for the future of the Green party in the U.S. With or without the oval office, Nader can achieve his goal of wrecking the bi-partisan system and forcing the legislature into a coalition, merely by giving people hope that a third party can do well at the national level. Unlike WJB, Nader is in a win-win situation. By losing a close race, he paves the way for the future of green politics in America.

George Carlsen is a Senior Rhetoric and Mass Media Studies, and Spanish major from Lake Oswego, Oregon.

No



Jeff Golimowski

Splitting the liberal vote will ruin the Democratic party and ensure a Bush administration.

What is the most dangerous threat to the forces of liberalism in the United States? Is it the religious conservatives led by Pat Buchanan vowing to make the U.S. a "nation ruled by moral authority?" No. Is it the wolves-in-sheep's clothing that are the

revamped and repackaged Republican Party? No. It's a well-known consumer advocate named Ralph Nader.

I know, I know - Nader is considered by many to be the savior of the American left and a real man of the people.

But in reality, this one-dimensional candidate actually represents a grave threat to all that is right (I mean, left) in the United States.

Let me explain. Nader is kind of the Pat Buchanan of the Democratic Party. He's too extreme for mainstream voters.

He has what is essentially a one-issue agenda (breaking corporate control) which has attracted a coalition of disenfranchised liberals, much as Pat Buchanan and Ross Perot in 1992 and 1996 attracted a coalition of arch-conservatives.

Note that the moderate Republican candidate lost both of those elections.

Nader can pull enough votes away from Gore that, in a tight election, will almost guarantee a Bush election.

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Although Gore is certainly not a perfect liberal, and he does possess some ideas that are anathema to the ultra-left, he is far better than the alternative George W. Bush. Compassionately-Execute-People.

Additionally, Nader is attempting to raise the public consciousness regarding the Green Party, but he is doing so in exactly the wrong way.

The Green Party grew in Europe and succeeded in Europe because it started small, based on ideas. Green candidates began by running for city and provincial offices before attempting to capture larger, Federal positions.

Through their small gains they increased their credibil-

ity with the voters and showed they were not a fly-by-night organization. The process also forced them to create a differentiated, well-developed platform separate and distinct from other parties.

What Nader is trying to do is pull a Ventura. But Ventura failed to unite the Reform Party because he effectively ran a one issue campaign based on his own personality.

The result: the Reform Party is now in disarray and will probably not garner even the minor percentage of the votes it gained last year.

Nader has some interesting ideas (about his one issue), but in this tight election year he is bad for his party, bad for his cause, and bad for the country. Go back home, Ralph - this time it's you who are "Unsafe At Any Speed."

Jeff Golimowski is a junior History and Psychology major from Newport, Oregon.

Letters

Try Salem

Before you knock it

It was less than a year ago that I learned how big Salem's buildings look if I lay down on the sidewalk. Staring up at the town's tallest (Liberty and State

from the cold, wet cement, I found it is much less like the Oompa Loompa of a structure it resembled my Freshman year.

I also found my back soaked, so I stood up. But the lesson of that day is not lost.

A reality check: Salem weighs in at just under 130,000 people, a bit shy of a metropolis.

Sure, we aren't San Francisco, Seattle, or even

Portland, but you will be here four years--at least make it the best time possible.

Before complaining--check stuff out. Grab a pastry at Croissant and Company (Liberty and Ferry) or a real ice cream milk shake at Venti's Bento (inside the Reed Opera House at Liberty and Court) and walk around your downtown.

Visit some of the weird

shops, get your hair cut for five bucks by someone who is just learning to use scissors at the hair school.

Or, if the mood strikes, lay down on the sidewalk and try to see the tops of the of the buildings.

ADAM DUVANDER

SENIOR

Next Week's Wullabaloo Topic: Should the US Military fight Colombia's war?

Tobin's Take: Summer cinema selection great tasting, less filling

By TOBIN ADDINGTON
STAFF WRITER

If we could live off a diet of movies (I can dream, can't I?), summer would be the candy aisle. It is during this time that Hollywood pulls out its best-tasting, least-substantive films. They certainly taste great, but you can't survive on them.

The first real summer movie was director Ridley Scott's (*Top Gun*) gory and grand *Gladiator*. In a classic story, Roman general Maximus is betrayed, runs away, becomes a gladiator, and fights for vengeance and (since this is America) democracy. Aussie Russel Crowe, who was marvelously brooding in *L.A. Confidential* but painfully miscast in *The Insider*, underplayed Maximus as much as possible—and was launched to stardom in the process. The movie itself was an epic spectacle, with just enough ambiance and pageantry to disguise the necessarily basic plot.

Established stars also find their way into the multiplexes during the summer months. Most notably was Tom Cruise's sequel to *Mission: Impossible*, with the clever title *Mission: Impossible II*. (Any guesses as to the third installment's name?) This version promised more of the same (read: explosions, Tom, computer wizardry, more Tom), but it also boasted a director famous for making action look elegant: John Woo (*Broken Arrow*, *Face/Off*). Hyped to death—and I mean that—Tom hung from cliffs, changed his face several times, rode motorcycles in slow motion, and even got a scratch or two. The movie hit its stride when it went into true Woo mode, but the candy was beginning to wear thin.

Australian born Mel Gibson brought in *The Patriot* under British director Roland Emmerich (*Independence Day*, *Godzilla*). Set in the American Revolution, Mel

played a peace-loving farmer who enters the war for (yes, again) vengeance and eventually patriotism. In full *Braveheart* mode he rode horses, gave speeches, and killed a lot of people. Unlike *Braveheart*, *The Patriot* was not paced well for its length and seemed a bit tedious by the end.

"... In full *Braveheart* mode [Mel Gibson] rode horses, gave speeches and killed a lot of people ..."

Mel also lent his voice to one of this summer's most charming tales, *Chicken Run*. From the claymation masters behind the Wallace & Gromit series, *Chicken Run* cast Mel as an American rooster rescuing a group of British hens from their chicken-pie fate. This was a joy to watch and worth my whole \$8—a light snack in the summer season.

Barely worth mentioning are the romantic comedies *Loser* (from *Clueless* writer-director Amy Heckerling) and *Boys and Girls* (starring teen movie staple Freddie Prinze, Jr.). Both were college romances, the former more insightful—but not by much—and both wasted some good actors.

The long awaited, Bryan Singer (*The Usual Suspects*) - directed big screen adaptation of *The X-Men* finally opened. I found it to be an excellent adventure story. It cautiously walked the line between character development and action sequence, which is especially difficult with comic book adaptations. And it had Patrick Stewart in it.

Gone in 60 Seconds was a waste of some wonderful actors. *The Perfect Storm* was harrowing but too long. *Autumn in New York* cast Richard Gere as a womanizing hunk and Winona Ryder

as a spunky woman 25 years his junior. Quite a stretch for both, I'm sure.

The icing on the cake this summer was a movie that most audiences probably won't have the patience for. *Forrest Gump* director Robert Zemeckis wondered what Hitchcock would have done with the digital effects technology available today. The answer was a film that started rather slowly, maybe even a little creepy, and then just kept turning the screws until there is nothing to do but squirm in your seat. *What Lies Beneath* was a film I began to enjoy long after I saw it. Despite its occasionally posed, hokey moments (which, let's face it, you often find in Hitchcock himself), not a single person in the audience wasn't literally covering their faces by the end. I know because I looked around through my fingers to see if I was the only one.

The lesson this summer season seems to be you shouldn't eat the entire dessert cart in one sitting.

Where do I see a movie in Salem?

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Monday Night Discounts
(Matinee Prices All Day)

**Lancaster Quad In
Lancaster Mall**
3790 D Street 371-3456
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Monday Night Discounts
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Bumbershoot boasts big-name bands

By JEFF GOLIMOWSKI
A&E EDITOR

Looking for a cheap way to see tons of bands all at once? The often folksy but always entertaining Bumbershoot festival may be the answer to your prayers.

The four-day festival, now in its 30th year, was recently described by Rolling Stone Magazine as "the mother of all Arts festivals." Bumbershoot will invade Seattle Center this September 1-4 and offers what is perhaps the most economical ticket in all of music.

Festival organizers estimate more than 200,000 people will converge on downtown Seattle to view the more than 2,000 artists in every conceivable genre.

Ani DiFranco and Tracy Chapman headline the musical performances, with

Sugar Ray, Sleater-Kinney, Ben Harper, Joan Osborne, Savage Garden, Eric Bogosian, and a host of other bands rounding out the massive concerts on nine stages. The stages themselves are divided by

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genre so as to provide the most diverse experience for the listener. Where else can you wander from the pop sounds of Savage Garden to the funk of George Clinton and Parliament Funkadelic to the urban-Latin mix of Ozomatli in an hour?

Bumbershoot is known for its musical offerings, but the 1 Reel Film Festival features more than 100 short films loosely grouped into 30 themed presentations.

Although only five years old, Reel is one of the premier exhibitions of short films in the U.S. and is well worth the price of admission.

For a more urban theme, the Battle of Bumbershoot is your best bet. The survivors of a preliminary turntablist competition held on August 13 are scheduled to battle it out in a series of one-on-one bouts to determine the top DJ in the Pacific Northwest.

Falling into the category of the sublimely ridiculous but entertaining is the Wedding Stage with Father Guido Sarducci where eight couples will exchange vows before 200,000 witnesses over the course of the weekend.

Tickets for Bumbershoot can be purchased online at bumbershoot.org for \$12 in advance and \$16 during Bumbershoot weekend.

Not just like Mom makes, but it is easy

By JEFF GOLIMOWSKI
A&E EDITOR

Okay, so it's 7:15 at night, you just missed Goudy and you're desperate for some food that you actually recognize. What is there for a poor college student to do? Rest easy -- the *Collegian's* restaurant guide has done most of the work for you

Walking Distance

If you're stranded on campus without a car, you won't have to eat rats like "Survivor," but you will probably have to make do with grease. The old standbys McDonald's and Subway are both less than five minutes from campus. Subway is located two blocks east down State Street and McDonald's is approximately five blocks north off Center Street.

For a slightly more expensive breakfast or lunch (and infinitely better food), both the Willamette Bistro and Cafe Today are favorite hangouts of hungry Bearcats.

Don't expect to walk out of either restaurant for less than \$8 per person for lunch, but the quality of the food is significantly higher, as is the variety. Both are one block east of campus on State Street.

Finally, two blocks west of campus on Ferry Street is the Mexican restaurant La Margarita. Again, don't expect to get out for less than \$8-10, but the added expense is well spent when you're desperate for a chimichanga.

Downtown

Salem's Downtown is chock full of restaurants. Although too numerous to note all of them here, downtown does possess a couple of gems worth a quick mention.

The Sweet River Bar and Grill located upstairs in Liberty Plaza is a great sit-down restaurant with a great atmosphere, if slightly high prices. Specializing in traditional American fare (read: eat red meat here) and some Mexican dishes, the Sweet

River is a great place to relax and eat some decent food.

For your caffeine fix, The Coffee House Cafe on Liberty Street is one of the few Salem cafes open after 9:00 on weeknights. The locals you meet are invariably interesting and the coffee is quite good and fairly inexpensive. Live music on some evenings is a bonus not often seen in Salem.

Lancaster

If you're fortunate enough to have a car, Lancaster Drive is approximately ten minutes down State or Center street and possesses all the typical chains. The Outback, The Olive Garden, Red Robin, Chang's Mongolian Grill and what seems like every fast food restaurant you can think of. But this does require a car and no sense of adventure.

For a more interesting dining experience, watch the A&E pages for reviews of Salem's lesser known but worthwhile eateries.

Event Listings

Major Events:

● Oregon State Fair

Oregon State Fairgrounds,
August 26 - September 4

Featuring the musical *Grease* (August 25-26), *George Thorogood and the Destroyers* (August 27), *The Doobie Brothers* (August 28), *Pat Benatar* (August 29), *Clint Black* (September 1) and *Def Leppard* (September 2) Fastixx

Concerts:

● Tracy Chapman

Portland Meadows
September 1, Fastixx

● Ben Harper

Portland Meadows
September 3, Fastixx

● Suicidal Tendencies

Roseland Theater
September 8, Fastixx

● Counting Crows and Live

Rose Garden
September 17, Ticketmaster

● Red Hot Chili Peppers and Stone Temple Pilots

Memorial Coliseum
September 21, Ticketmaster

● Christina Aguilera

Rose Garden
October 18, Ticketmaster

● Santana

Rose Garden
October 24, Ticketmaster

The Arts:

● Ragtime

Portland Civic Auditorium
September 5-10, Ticketmaster

● Carmen

Portland Civic Auditorium
September 23, 25, 27, 29, 30
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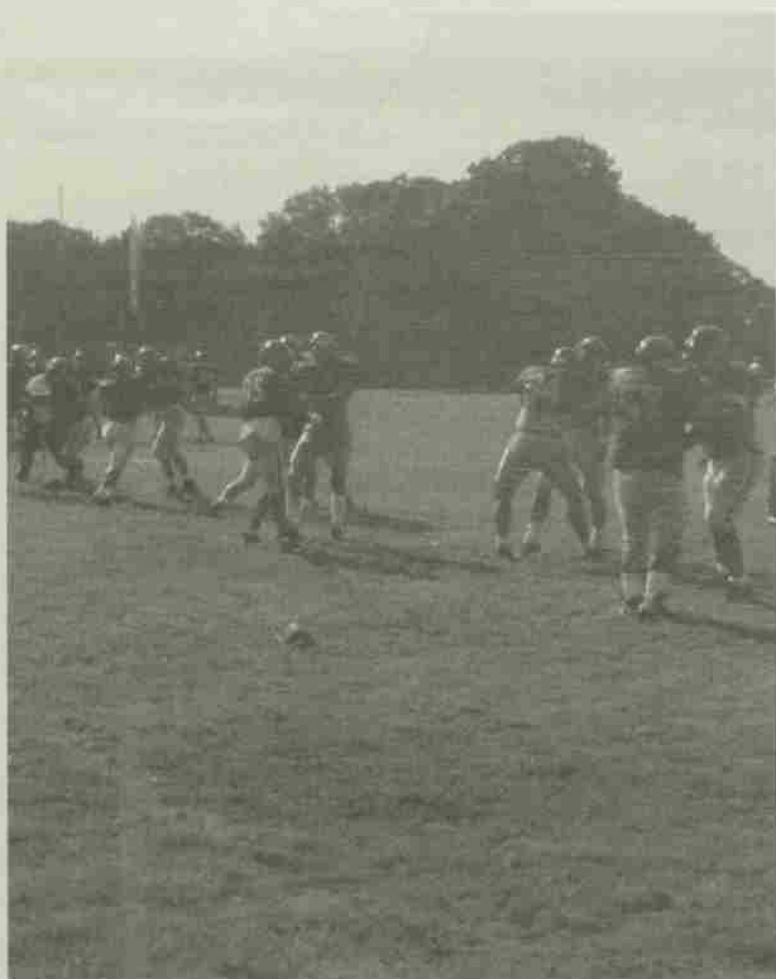


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Players look for playoff return this season



The Willamette Bearcats do drills in the hot August sun to prepare for their Sept. 9 game against Chapman.

FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER

9	CHAPMAN	ORANGE, CALIF.	7:00
16	TRINITY	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	7:00
23	PUGET SOUND	SALEM	1:30
30	WESTERN OREGON	SALEM	1:30

OCTOBER

7	SOUTHERN OREGON	SALEM	2:00
14	WHITWORTH	SPOKANE, WASH.	1:30
21	EASTERN OREGON	SALEM	1:30
28	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	TACOMA, WASH.	1:30

NOVEMBER

4	LEWIS AND CLARK	SALEM	1:00
11	LINFIELD	MCMINNVILLE	1:00
18	DIVISIONAL III	TBA	TBA
	FIRST ROUND		

VOLLEYBALL

SEPTEMBER

1	DOMINICAN	SALEM	12:00
1	CAL STATE-HAYWARD	SALEM	7:00
8	PUGET SOUND	SALEM	7:00
9	LA VERNE	PORTLAND (L&C)	12:00
13	LINFIELD	SALEM	7:00
15	PUGET SOUND	TACOMA, WASH.	7:00
20	LEWIS AND CLARK	PORTLAND	7:00
22	WHITMAN	SALEM	7:00
23	WHITWORTH	SALEM	2:00
27	GEORGE FOX	SALEM	7:00
28-1	CAL STATE HAYWARD	HAYWARD, CALIF.	7:00
	INVITATIONAL		

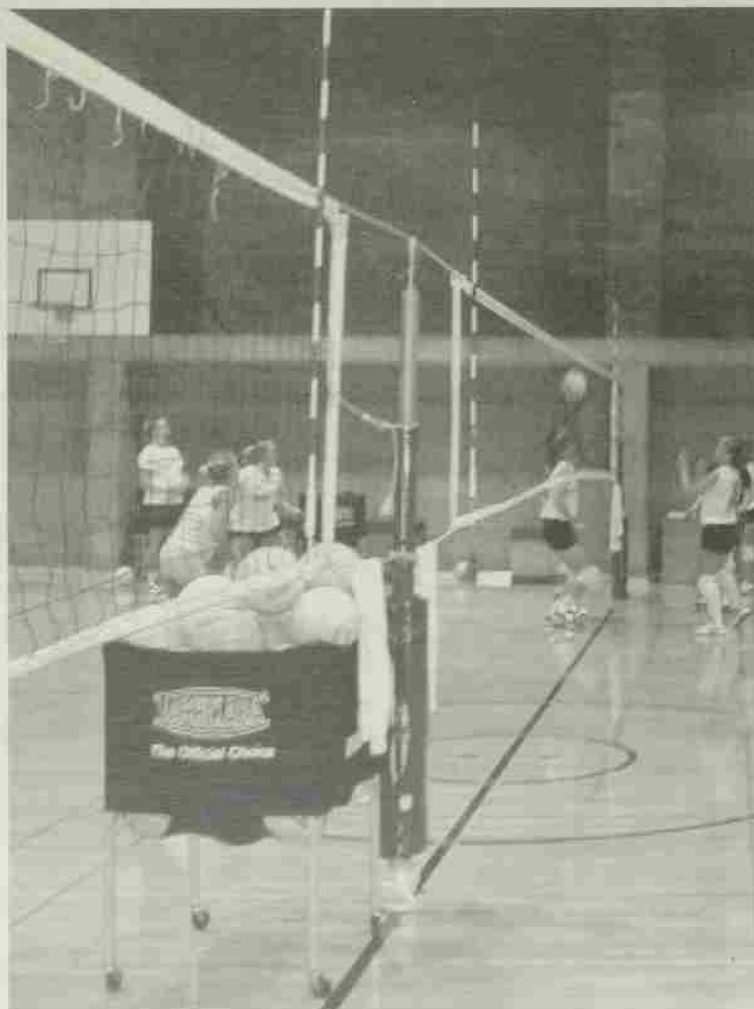
OCTOBER

6	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	TACOMA, WASH.	7:00
7	PACIFIC	FOREST GROVE	5:00
11	LINFIELD	MCMINNVILLE	7:00
13	PUGET SOUND	SALEM	7:00
20	WHITMAN	WALLA WALLA, WASH.	7:00
21	WHITWORTH	SPOKANE, WASH.	3:00
27	LEWIS & CLARK	SALEM	7:00
28	GEORGE FOX	NEWBERG	7:00

NOVEMBER

3	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	SALEM	7:00
4	PACIFIC	SALEM	7:00
10-11	DIVISIONAL III	TBA	TBA
	FIRST ROUND		

A set above the rest



The Willamette volleyball team prepares for their first game against Dominican September 1.

KEEP READING FOR MORE FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES AND PREVIEWS.

Cross Country team young, talented

Thirty-three freshman and two transfers add talent to team.

By JEFF GOLIMOWSKI
A&E EDITOR

Men's and Women's Cross Country squads look to repeat or better their strong finishes in last year's conference and regional meets as practices began this week. Both teams are packed with young and talented runners who, in the words of Head Coach Kelly Sullivan, "should be really, really good."

The Men's squad graduated several top runners at the end of the 1999 season and loses Sophomore Adam Holbrook to the study abroad program this year, although Coach Sullivan is quick to point out the return of several veterans. Junior Joey Janota, seniors Mat Hunnicutt and Nathan Gushwa, and graduate student Chris Lyke all return to

Willamette this season. The unusually large number of freshmen should fill the remaining gaps. As a result of a significant recruiting effort, the Men's team will have 14 frosh, including several high school standouts.

Freshman Jacob Stout was a 2A Oregon state champion in both the 800 and 1500 meters, while Freshman Aaron Young has a 6th place and 15th place finish to his credit in the Oregon 4A Cross Country Championships. Freshman Nathan O'Brien begins his college career coming off a 5th place finish at the 3A Oregon Cross Country Championships.

Assistant Coach Matt McGuirk will handle most of the coaching for the Men's squad, a fact that greatly pleases Coach Sullivan. "[McGuirk] brings a lot of experience to the program." McGuirk, a graduate of South Eugene High School was an All-American runner at the University of Oregon and made the U.S. Olympic Trials in 1984, 88, 92, and 96. He joins the Bearcats after a very successful coaching stint at

Wilsonville High School, which won the Oregon 3A Cross Country Championships last year.

On the Women's side, the Bearcats again look to be competitive. Although the team graduated National Champion Beth Fitzgerald and #2 runner Tonya Sanders, five of the top eight Women's runners will be returning. Seniors Amber Strickler, Kelly Underwood, and Amanda Nelson will return, as will last year's All Conference runners Senior Lisa Starkey and Sophomore Evelyn Williams.

Joining this talented group of returners is a staggering 19 freshmen and two transfer students. These newcomers come with credentials of their own, including Junior transfer Alisa Rawe's two All Conference Junior College finishes, Frosh Mariah Kennedy's Oregon State 2A Championship in the 3000 M and Junior transfer Natalie Wright's Oregon State 4A Championship in the 800 meters.

Kennedy was also recently honored by the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame as one of seven recipients of

the prestigious Phil Stevens Scholarship Award. "[The Hall of Fame] had to call here a month ago to get our fight music" for the awards presentation. "It's the first time a recipient of this award was going to Willamette."

Sullivan speaks highly of both the Men's and Women's prospects. "We'll be predicted to place second in both Men's and Women's, but we have the ability to win [the conference meet]." Although Whitworth (which tied with Willamette for second place in the Northwest Conference last year) is favored to win the Women's championship this

year and Lewis and Clark is favored to win the Men's championship, Sullivan believes Willamette has both the talent and depth to upset the favorites. In reference to the women's team, Sullivan even went so far as to say "if you look at the roster, our second team would be a contender for the conference championship, let alone the first."

As for the future, the high numbers of talented freshmen bodes well for Willamette's Cross Country efforts in the years to come. "The exciting thing is we're very, very young... the future

CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER

16	WILLAMETTE OPEN	SALEM	11:00
23	PIER PARK INVITATIONAL	PORTLAND	TBA

OCTOBER

7	WILLAMETTE INVITATIONAL	SALEM	9:00
14	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	LAKEWOOD, WASH.	10:30

NOVEMBER

4	DIVISION III REGIONALS	CHINO, CALIF.	11:00
11	DIVISION III	SPOKANE, WASH.	11:00



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Track coach ready to go for the gold

Willamette track coach, Kelly Sullivan, named to Assistant Coach to World Championship team and looks to 2004 Olympics.

By JEFF GOLIMOWSKI
A & E EDITOR

Track Coach Kelly Sullivan is watching the Olympics with more than a passing interest this year. Sullivan was named Assistant Coach to the 2001 U.S. World Championship team earlier this year and will be part of the U.S. coaching delegation to the Championships, to be held August 3-12 in Edmonton, Can.

"I was surprised and shocked at the convention, though apparently a lot of other people weren't," Sullivan said of his nomination at the U.S.A. Track and Field Convention in December. "I don't take myself too seriously."

Sullivan notes that the honor is usually reserved for coaches of Division I schools and that his appointment should bring a great deal of positive attention to the University. "They'll have to learn to pronounce 'Willamette' now."

Sullivan, who is in his fourth year as head coach of Willamette's Track and Cross-Country teams is quite humbled by the honor and the opportunities it presents him. Although he will not accompany this year's Olympic squad to Sydney, he says the appointment opens the door to a future appointment as an Olympic coach. "It's not something I've ever really striven for, but I view it as a victory for the little guy. For me, coming from Nehalem, Oregon, this is just mind-boggling."

Campus Safety squad adopts more student-friendly look



BEN KRUPICKA

A Campus Safety officer shows off the newly painted and more approachable Campus Safety vehicles.

By ROSS STOUT
DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS SAFETY

Well... what do you think? I mean, have you noticed? Obviously, those of you who are new to the Willamette community aren't aware, but those of you who are returning are probably surprised by some of the changes.

In a continuing effort to improve customer service, the Office of Campus Safety has made a number of changes over the summer. The most visible of these changes is the Campus Safety officers have new uniforms. They've transitioned from the more structured "police like" look to a more casual and approachable appearance. The Campus Safety vehicle has been refit to a more simple and refined profile.

Many of you already know Steve Tuthill, a 1995 Willamette graduate who has been on the Campus Safety staff for five years. Steve has recently been promoted to a newly created position of Senior Officer. Steve's new duties include supervision of the Campus Safety officers as well as overseeing the student dispatchers who are so vital to our operation during the academic year. According to Steve, these changes in look are more than a veneer. Steve explains, "Officers considered how they were being perceived by students. The old uniforms were helpful when dealing with the daily barrage of transients, however, they were perceived to be a barrier to forming relationships with community members. Ultimately officers made

the decision to match their uniform look to the needs of the Willamette community."

Other changes include the retention of a professional consultant to provide one-on-one training for Campus Safety officers in the areas of interpersonal communication and problem solving. "This is a very important step toward building confidence with community members," says Jim Bauer, Dean of Auxiliary Services. "We will have ongoing consultation and training throughout the year. This will help enable officers to learn a variety of appropriate responses to the challenges that officers find in their daily work"

In July, Officer Brian Grisham attended a Community Policing Conference at the University of South Carolina where special emphasis was placed on successful interactions in a campus environment. Officer Beate McNeal has begun participating in a training program with the Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service. As we begin the academic year, Officers and staff in Campus Safety are looking for ways to get involved in our campus community. Officers want to get to know students outside of their work duties. Many of the officers have traveled throughout the world in their previous jobs and have some interesting insight and experiences to offer the community.

Office of Campus Safety wants to emphasize its openness to input from the entire Willamette community. Officers will continue to make "Customer Comment Cards" available to those with whom they interact, whether the contact is positive or negative. These cards can be sent directly to the Director of Campus Safety for his personal review. The Office of Campus Safety is here to serve you; to work alongside you to make your Willamette experience both safe and enjoyable for everyone.

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