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A modern-day treasure hunt

By MEGAN FLORA

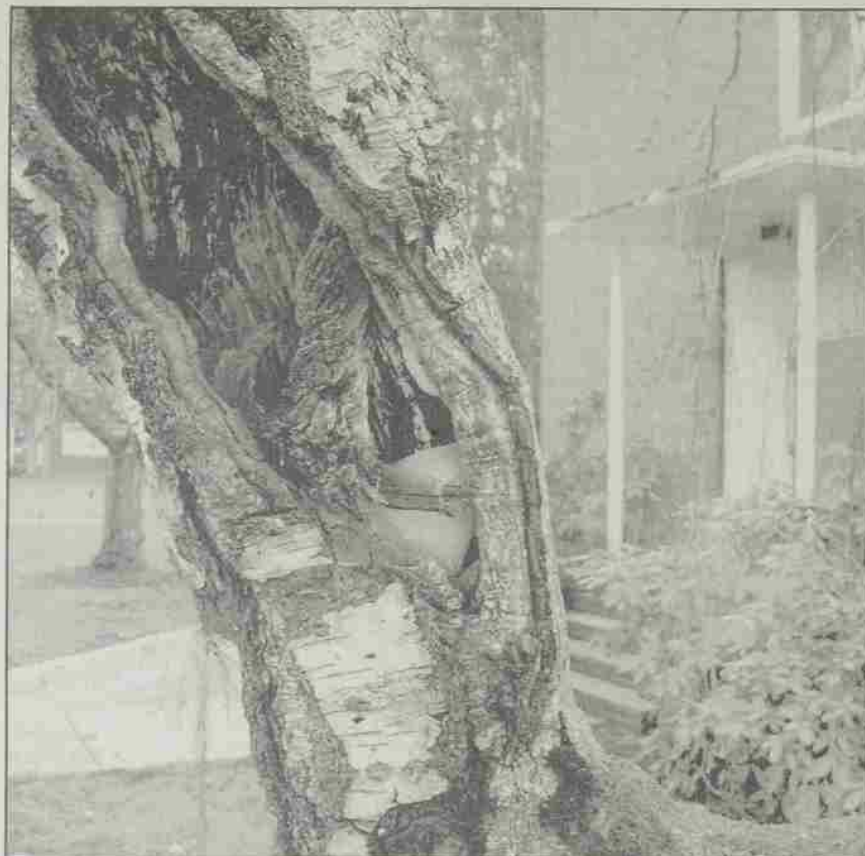
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The sun is shining on an otherwise ordinary January day on the Willamette University campus. Junior Lindsey Patterson is awkwardly perched in a tree, 10 feet from the ground, looking for something. Junior Anna Haley is searching diligently at the base of a nearby tree. Suddenly Haley lets out an exclamation, indicating she has found the mystery object. These two friends have just become hooked on the hobby of "letterboxing."

Letterboxing is similar to a scavenger hunt: "letterboxers" obtain clues from the internet and solve them to uncover the general location of a hidden cache. Once a letterboxer arrives at the secret location, they must search meticulously to find the hidden "letterbox."

The letterbox is usually a waterproof container varying in size. In Haley and Patterson's case, the container was very small. "I thought it was a pudding cup," Haley said upon spotting the letterbox. Inside she found the typical contents of a letterbox: a small notebook and a unique rubber stamp. The notebook is for letterboxers to stamp with their personal rubber stamp, leaving behind their "signature." Letterboxers can either design their personal stamp or buy one from any craftstore. The rubber stamp found inside the box is used by letterboxers to record in their own notebooks a reminder of that particular letterbox.

Most letterboxers enjoy the scenic and often remote locations where letterboxes are usually placed. Willamette University softball coach Damian Williams said that his mother, Anna Cahill, is "crazy insane with it." When she



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A number of letterboxes are hidden throughout campus.

and her grandchildren came to Salem recently, they found the boxes hidden on campus. Cahill is from Petaluma, Calif. and says that hiking to the scenic locations keeps her from becoming bored while exercising. She started letterboxing last summer after learning about it in a *Time* magazine article. During her first outing in Santa Rosa, Cahill found four in one day. Today, she has found 15 in four different states and warns, "Once you find one, it's addicting."

Letterboxing originated in southwestern England in 1854 when letterboxers left self-

addressed post-cards in hidden caches, hoping the next person would mail the post-card home to them. "Letterbox" is the British equivalent for "mailbox" and letterboxing eventually evolved into today's version.

The hobby was introduced to Americans in an April 1998 *Smithsonian Magazine* article. After publication of the article, an intrigued group of individuals created an informal organization known as Letterboxing North America and created a website to share information about letterboxing and provide a central database

with clues to the locations of all letterboxes in North America. As of July 2004, some 9,000 letterboxes existed in the United States; 147 of those can be found in the Salem-Eugene area, with some located on Willamette's campus.

For more info, visit letterboxing.org

You Count!

Researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center need your help to understand current tobacco use trends among college students. If you have been randomly selected to receive the Campus Health Action on Tobacco (CHAT) survey, please take the time to complete it.

Even if you do not use tobacco, your opinions are important to our research efforts! Your input will help us design effective cancer prevention programs at colleges and universities across the Pacific Northwest.

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Freshman housing in University Apartments proves unsuccessful

By MOLLY BRADY

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Most people's stereotype of a typical college freshman is easily conjured and most aptly described as hung over, sleep deprived and anything but studious.

But while in all likelihood most freshmen experiences are not the stuff Hollywood cult classics are made of, social interaction and the creation of a connection with the rest of the campus community are important. That is why the proposal to create nine quads of freshmen in the University Apartments until other housing was available generated questions from the beginning.

"We weren't really sure how this experiment would go. The U Apps are designed for a particular type of student: quiet, studious upperclassmen who have an established social life. It is a great facility for privacy, but one that doesn't afford a lot of opportunities for building a sense of community," Director of Resident Life Marilyn Derby said.

According to U App Resident Advisor senior Stephanie Vandehey, "It went well at first, there were just the usual tensions that come with sharing space with people. Though they were pretty spread out, a number of the residents were football players so they found a level of coherence that way."

As the semester continued, however, challenges arose.

"There were some parties, damages reported and complaints about noise from the upperclassmen. It was hard to put a finger on the responsible party," Derby said.

"There was more damage over the course of this semester, somewhere between \$600 and \$700 worth, than the last few years combined including a huge hole in the wall by the elevator, damaged to utilities and fire extinguishers being set off," Area Coordinator Dave Wallace said. "Not all of it was attributed to the freshmen residents though. I don't want to brand this whole group."

Following a discussion at the Hall Council meeting in early November, Council President Dan King, himself a freshmen living in the U Apps, sent out an e-mail warning residents about continuing the damage. Nothing else was mentioned, according to King, until the last two weeks of the semester when the freshmen received notice that Res Life had decided to move all but one quad to other parts of campus.

"I can't blame them for being unhappy with some of the occurrences, but the university put us there to begin with and we made it work, we created our own culture. Then to be moved at such short notice, uprooted during finals wasn't

fair. It wasn't a smooth operation from the get go," he said.

All parties agree that efforts were made to accommodate the freshmen, giving them the priority that King said he really pushed for. Most of the freshmen now live in Lausanne or Doney with the same roommates and are enjoying the social atmosphere.

"This group wasn't any crazier than most freshmen students. The difficult situation resulted from a combination of the challenges that the building presented and the big gap in lifestyles of the two groups of residents," Wallace said. "But I think that for almost everyone involved, things eventually worked out."

DAMAGED ITEMS:

- hole in wall near elevator
- destruction of doors and dorm room
- damage to utilities
- fire extinguishers set off
- lots of Goudy dishes



EVAN COOPER

Seniors Jeanne Beko and Erin Bernando enjoy the quiet of their University Apartment.

Public Eye

SIERRA TRIAL SET FOR MAY 16

Former Willamette sophomore Scott Sierra appeared in court Monday before Judge Thomas Hart in a pre-trial hearing. Sierra faces charges of first-degree rape. A formal trial is set for May 16, 2005. Sierra remains incarcerated since the Oct. 14, 2004 revoke of his release. On Oct. 8, Sierra had been released on bail, however failure to comply with the stipulations of his release resulted the revoke without return of bail.

OFF CAMPUS KEGGER RAISES \$800 FOR TSUNAMI VICTIMS

An off campus keg party that was organized to benefit the victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami raised \$800 for the cause. Salem Police were unaware that the events were of a charitable nature when they arrived on the scene Saturday night. However, all proceeds from the event will be donated to the Red Cross.

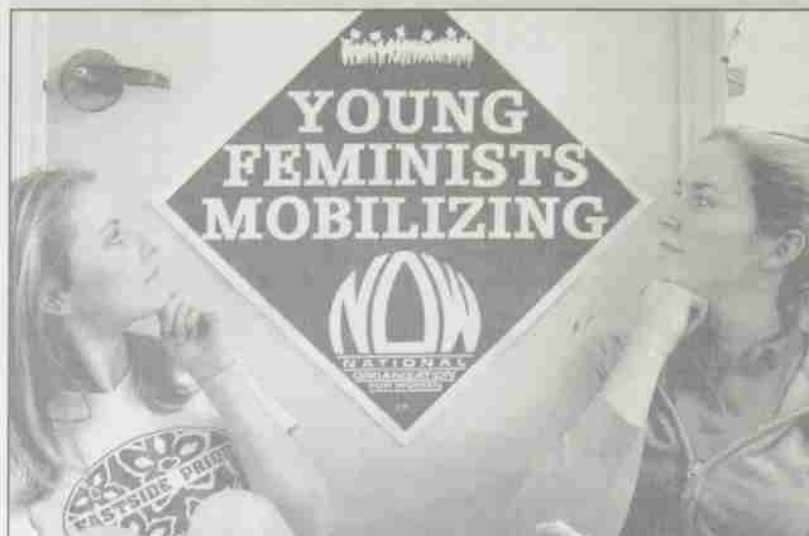
DUVALL HONORED AS MORTAR BOARD PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

History professor Bill Duvall was honored yesterday as the Mortar Board Professor of the Year at the Annual Founders Day Celebration. Students from the greater Willamette community nominated Duvall. In addition to Duvall, politics professor Joe Bowersox, environmental science professor Jeff Baldwin, psychology professor Deborah Loers and anthropology professor Peter Wogan comprised the list of this year's nominees.

PROFESSORS RECEIVE AWARDS

A number of Willamette professors were awarded various honors at the annual Founder's Day Celebration yesterday. Philosophy professor Lou Goble received the Lawrence Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship. Psychology professor Meredy Edelson received the Jerry Hudson Award for Excellence in Teaching. Education professor Steve Rhine and marketing professor Elliot Maltz received the United Methodist Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service. Law professor Norman Williams received the Robert Misner Award for Faculty Scholarship.

Talk of the Millstream



ISALY JUDD and AMY RATHKE
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It's vagina season here at the Collegian office.

Each spring, while the folks at S.H.E. (Strength Health Equality) are hard at work putting together the Vagina Monologues, those of us who also happen to have offices on the third floor of the UC get to appreciate the fruits of their labor.

It is not a time of year for the sexually repressed or the faint of heart. We here at the TOMS desk have tried to write our column to the sounds of women moaning and groaning in rehearsal. Fortunately the chants of "Vagina! Vagina!" reminiscent of a gynecologist's recurring nightmare, drifting down the hall, subsided in time for our budget meeting last week.

Yes, for those of us at the Collegian, it's but a sign of the season. When your office has no actual windows to the outside world, you begin to mark the passing months by unconventional observations.

We always know it's spring when we witness the annual housing rodeo that occurs here on the third floor, or see the scramble of seniors filling out their applications to graduate at the registrar's office, or hear someone hollering about shedding the lining of their uterus down the hall.

Far be it from us, of course, to give the Vagina Monologues bad press. We go every year—and it's that much more enjoy-

able because we get to bear personal witness to the progress of the actresses.

Vagina season is only one unique aspect of working in the student publications office.

There is a certain bond created when a group of individuals comes together in an unspoken war against those other publications that share our office, the Wallulah and the Chrysalis.

Or perhaps it comes from a pride in our journalistic coverage of meth addiction and Mozart's birthday. Maybe it's the collective cringe we experience when we see a typo or an error in the paper.

The two of us are pretty sure, though, that what makes us all a cohesive Collegian staff is the fact that we all slave over a publication that (we hope) the student body reads for more than just the Campus Safety Report.

In all honesty, we've come a long way from the black and white broadsheet layout from the days of yore (and by yore we mean our freshman year). Seriously—we even have a web site now!

We know that we wouldn't be where we are today if it weren't for the generations of Collegian forefathers, who bravely endured vagina season, and every other season, inside this concrete box of an office.

To you we tip our hats and raise our glasses this fine Groundhog Day. And now, like the groundhog, we'll retreat to our hole of an office.



MEGAN MEIDINGER

The Atkinson Graduate School of Management may open a satellite campus in Portland.

School of Management considers satellite campus

By AVI KATZ
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The Atkinson Graduate School of Management may be planting the Willamette flag in Portland's soil.

As part of a comprehensive review process of the graduate management program, AGSM administrators have begun preliminary discussions on the possibility of opening a satellite campus in downtown Portland, as well as expanding the number of students admitted into the Salem program.

Before any steps can further steps can be taken, the plan will need to be approved by the Board of Trustees and Atkinson will need to seek a renewal of their accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Business Schools.

"With a satellite campus in Portland, Willamette and AGSM will be able to build connection and relationships with metropolitan area non-profits, business and other institutions," AGSM Professor Jennifer Roney said. "We are still in the planning stages of this project and we are seeking approval Board of Trustees and accreditation from AACSB as the next step in this process."

As the only institution in the world dually accredited for business and public management, the popularity and the number of applications to AGSM has been growing steadily.

AGSM has only seen an increase in a number of applicants to the joint BA/MBA program that offers students the chance to earn their undergraduate and graduate degree in five years of transitional work.

AGSM also offers joint degrees in law

and business with the Willamette College of Law as well as part-time admission for professional students.

For the fall of 2004, 178 students applied to AGSM and 110 were accepted. The popularity of the program is one contributing reasons why AGSM is considering plans for expansion.

"Expanding our program here in Salem represents our desire to serve more students, especially BA/MBA students from Willamette," Associate AGSM Dean Debra Ringold said.

"It is extremely gratifying that demand for our BA/MBA program is growing. We are attracting some of the best and brightest at Willamette. Interest in our offering an MBA in Portland has also been growing steadily."

If Willamette were to open a satellite campus in Portland it would join the growing movement of colleges and universities that are opening satellite and extension schools in urban areas to attract new students and build relationships.

Linfield College of McMinnville maintains a Portland campus for nursing and health sciences and Oregon State University operates a Cascade Campus in the central Oregon city of Bend.

One of the sites in preliminary discussion for the potential AGSM satellite campus is in Portland's upscale Pearl District.

"As Portland is a much larger center for regional business a campus in the area will allow for many who wish to continue working in Portland to attend classes without the hassle of making the drive to Salem," AGSM student Jonathan Osborne said.

the wednesday profile

Student helps protect America against terrorism

By CHRIS FOSS
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Obtaining the internship may have been the easiest part of Matt Buehler's experience in Washington, DC during the summer and fall of 2004. The junior said that all he had to do to apply to Homeland Security was send an e-mail to the department expressing his interest.

Buehler worked as a public policy and intelligence intern at the Department of Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Living in an apartment owned by one of his colleagues, Buehler worked at Homeland Security from mid-May until mid-December, even while taking classes at American University during the fall semester.

"I would arrive (at Homeland Security) at about 6 a.m. and work until 10, then I'd go to school from 10 until 2, then I'd work at the department from 2 until between 5 and 6," Buehler said. "I remember I used to have so much work that sometimes I'd get up at four in the morning."

"If anything, it shows how transparent our government is, where you can e-mail the pretty close assistant of a secretary of a gigantic agency," he said. "There are very few countries in the world where you can have that close a contact with people who represent you."

It would be incorrect to say that Buehler was unprepared for the task ahead of him, however. Prior to obtaining the internship, Buehler worked for the technology firm Regional Alliances for Infrastructure and Network Security in Portland, assisting a coalition of technology groups that produce homeland security products. "From there I just tried to go from the

industry side to the government side," he said.

When Buehler arrived in Washington, he found himself working at what he described as an old Navy base converted into a "basic office building" which didn't even have a sign out in front of it. "They don't want to scream out that it's there," he said, comparing the level of secrecy to that concerning the transfer of vital offices out of the high-profile J. Edgar Hoover FBI Building in downtown Washington.

Instead of being confined to menial tasks that he said are commonly assigned to interns in Washington, Buehler said that he was thrust into work that he found meaningful.

"I worked on a lot of critical infrastructure issues, like with chemical plants and electrical plants, and trying to figure out different ways to protect those facilities and create incentives for owners of those plants," Buehler said. "A lot of it was working on very specific projects, collecting data and analyzing policy. I was doing real substantive policy work."

"One of the issues I worked on was border security," Buehler said. "The idea was how to balance being able to move goods across borders quickly while still maintaining security. So what I'd do is I'd coordinate with customs and border patrol, and they'd give me all of their information, like how many and how long trucks have to wait, and I'd statistically analyze that data and try to figure out how we can still do thorough research without sacrificing too much economic activity, because basically, the longer trucks have to sit in line, the higher goods are going to cost."

One of Buehler's most substantive achievements was when he co-authored a federal rule for Homeland Security,

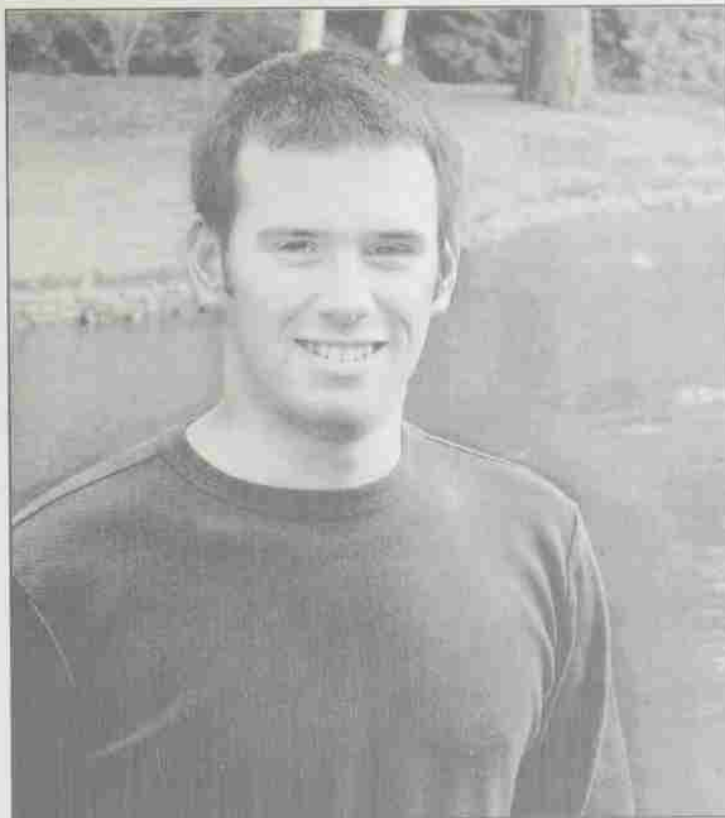
which he equated to a law being produced for Congress. The rule lifted restrictions the Bush administration placed upon temporary foreign visitors who lay over in the United States en route to another international destination.

Buehler said the restrictions came as the result of CIA intelligence that Al-Qaeda was planning to abuse a program, called the Travel Without Visa program. For over 50 years, the Travel Without Visa program allowed those temporary visitors to go anywhere they wanted, including outside of the airport at which they had landed, during their stay in the United States.

The restrictions ended the TWV program and cost the United States many foreign visitors. "What ended up happening was that the air carriers lost a bunch of money, the airports lost a bunch of money, and the communities lost a bunch of money with far fewer planes coming through the airports," Buehler said. "What I did was I created an agency rule which instituted new security measures."

"If the airports want to run this program again, they need to build these international transit lounges which are secure facilities that no one can leave," he said. "They're not like prison cells. They're just like any other terminal, except that the doors are locked. They're not cells. They have vending machines and bathrooms."

Buehler said that some of the Al-Qaeda intelligence Homeland Security received during his internship was particularly frightening, especially during the summer. At that time, the International Monetary Fund and World Bank headquarters on the East Coast were threatened and Washington and New



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Junior Matt Buehler recently returned from an internship in Washington, DC with the Department of Homeland Security.

York went to orange on the color-coded terrorist alert system.

Buehler said he was unable to discuss many of the specifics of the classified intelligence he received, but he said that it clearly indicated that Al-Qaeda knew exactly where bombs would have to be placed near the banks for maximum destructive effect.

"Some of the IMF and World Bank intelligence was frighteningly specific," Buehler said. "If we treat Al-Qaeda as rogue crazies, then we're underestimating our enemy. America needs to treat them as the sick geniuses that they are."

Despite the stress and the hard work Buehler endured, he said that he got much

more than he expected out of the internship. "It really introduced me to what a career in government is like, day in and day out," he said. "The truth of the matter is that it's very little pay for very emotionally exhausting work."

Nevertheless, Buehler said that he plans to return to Washington this summer to work as an intelligence watch officer in the Homeland Security operations center. He encouraged others to follow in his lead if they have the passion to do so.

"More than anything, right now, our generation needs to become public servants, because all the public servants are retiring and there's going to be no one left to run the country."

GREEK PROFILE



COURTESY OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

The ladies of Alpha Chi Omega show their flavor on bid day.

Alpha Chi Omega

By JEFF CARLSON

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This is the first in a series of sorority profiles aimed at introducing the women of the Greek system to the greater Willamette community. The Collegian sat down with Alpha Chi Omega chapter president sophomore Lauren Bucholz and VP of Intellectual Development sophomore Melissa Dean, to discuss the real story behind Alpha Chi flay-vuh.

What qualities do you think distinguish your members from other sororities?

Lauren: I would say that our members are outgoing, friendly, and very involved in campus life. They have a lot going on and they're very active members.

Melissa: One of the features we like to talk about Alpha Chi is just how diverse we are. We have girls in every field, all over the place. Each girl brings a unique personality and experience, which is what we really like about Alpha Chi.

How long do you ladies take, on average, to get ready each morning?

Lauren: (laughs). In our house there's quite the range. There are definitely girls who take quite a long time in the morning, and there are those—like my roommate, for example, who don't. During recruitment she was giving tours and she was passing the nook, which is where we all get ready in the morning and she said, "This is the area where we get ready and do makeup—if you wear makeup, but I never wear makeup." She takes about two minutes to get ready. It varies.

Describe the perfect Alpha Chi Omega Friday Night.

Lauren: Well again there's a range of what people do on Friday nights. A lot of times we do hang out together to do activities with our sisters.

Melissa: Usually it starts with us all having dinner and from there it varies. Some watch movies, some play games, some people turn on music and dance throughout the house—

Lauren: Yeah, we do have dance parties.

Melissa: We have a lot of dance parties with our costume closet.

Costume closet?

Lauren: We have a costume closet which people have been adding to for years. There are lots of funny outfits in there. We use them for activities but randomly we put them on—like one day Melissa put one on and did vacuuming in a moo-moo—just for fun.

Finally, why would a Willamette guy want to date an Alpha Chi?

Lauren: Well we have a thing we like to call the "Alpha Chi flavor" so our members all have Alpha Chi flay-vuh which means that we're fun, interesting...

Melissa: Unique and down-to-earth.

Lauren: And we like to have a good time.

Melissa: One thing Alpha Chi really strives and goes against is that we're not really like the sororities that you hear about, the scary stories at the state schools and the like. We just like to be together and have a good time.

Conventional wisdom

The week in review

HEADS

Faculty Awards – You win, Bill Duvall. You always do.

Founder's Day – Thanks for the University, dudes; also the cake.

The Collegian hits the Information Superhighway – If you, like so many of us, cannot bear to hold the corpses of dead trees in your hands, the Collegian has finally joined the future and can now be read on your computer by simply visiting www.wucollegian.com.

TOSSUP

Iraqi Elections – The streets did not run red with blood, as predicted. With a 60 percent turnout Iraq's first non-fake democratic election in a long time can be considered a success. Way to kick America's ass at voting, Iraq.

Keizer Geese plague – There were over 150 unexplained goose deaths all over Keizer yesterday. Seriously. This is a tossup because if you like geese you are sad; if you hate geese then you are happy. For us, it's an initial 'oh man' with a 'that might have been kind of interesting to see' aftertaste.

TAILS

Crazy dude with knife standoff in state senate chamber – Great, now they are going to have to hire security guards to protect the Capitol.

Ailing Pope – Get well soon, J.P. (Not J.P. Hill, senior in the College of Liberal Arts. He isn't sick, we saw him yesterday. We mean Pope John-Paul.)

Having to register to graduate in May – So you're saying if I don't turn in this one piece of paper, I can stay here and live in York until I'm 30? And I can always drink unlimited chocolate milk at dinner?

Coup d'Coop

I'm going to be teaching a course next semester entitled, "Opening Doors: Exploring the Mechanics and Ethics of Entry." Twenty or so students and I will dive into the magical and illuminating world of how doors should be opened.

We will start out with an introductory essay by John Turner, "Gripping the Handle: An Exercise in Restraint," through which we will explore the ethical quandaries surrounding how tightly we should grip doorknobs and handles.

After due deliberation, we will move on to more complex and introspective queries by analyzing Samuel Yanker's "Push or Pull: Doors and Taoism." Yanker will pull the class into what was before an invisible world of spiritual elements swirling around the seemingly simple task of moving a door out of one's way. In it he states: "You must become one with the door and embrace the ebb and flow of its movement. And the doorknob too. You definitely have to embrace that, because it'll totally ebb your flow."

Since this is, naturally, an interdisciplinary course, we will also be analyzing the psychological elements of door operation. Considering that I would never want to encourage any sort of independent analysis, I have sifted through my texts and found yet another essay to help "construct a framework for analysis" (which is really fancy talk for "keep everyone intellectually in line and asking questions I can field.")

The essay is entitled "Slamming Doors: Catharsis or Psychosis?" by Immanuel Closser. The students will finally understand the importance of closing doors in a very specific fashion, lest they be psychoanalyzed and pigeonholed as being orally fixated on Koala noses.

The main goal of this course will be to make this group of twenty students realize that they know nothing until an essay explains it to them. They may have thought they knew how to open a door. When they're done with my course, however, they'll watch their fellow students open doors for them and say, "Do you have any idea what you're doing? Have you even read Samuel Yanker's 'Deadbolts and Society?' I thought not."

Thinking about this, I will close the book from whence I photocopied these essays entitled Tenure Baby! Recompartmentalizing the Painfully Obvious for Professional and Financial Gain, and smile, knowing that I have helped yet another generation understand that they really want to suck Koala noses every time they grip a doorknob.



EVAN COOPER

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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

A dirty little tuition secret

Willamette administration is slipping a tuition hike under the radar – time for some tuition transparency.

Secrecy and concealment are usually hallmarks of the Bush, not Pelton administration. So it is odd to this paper that Willamette's administration is refusing to release the amount that tuition will be increased until after March 3, which coincidentally is just after the deadline for transferring. Tuition hikes, although they are enormously affective to students and their families, are not something that is widely discussed. This should change.

In general, Willamette's financial wizards do a reasonably good job of keeping tuition increases low, at least compared to comparable institutions in the Northwest. However, this does not mean there is not room for improvement in the way that tuition is handled. Since today's senior class of '05 has been freshmen there has consistently been a tuition hike of between three and five percent. Based on these trends, this year should be no different. Indeed, beginning with the class of '03, the cap on tuition hikes has been lifted, meaning that tuition could skyrocket at any time. There are several ways to improve the tuition process.

First is to make the tuition process more transparent. Although it is good for admissions, the fact of the matter is that students, both current and incoming, find out about increases too late. Incoming students often learn that the tuition they

thought they would be paying is actually different from the bill they eventually get when they come to Willamette. Additionally, tuition hikes should be publicized, not just made public and hidden somewhere on the Willamette web site. Three years ago, students received a letter in campus mailboxes, informing them of the unusually low increase of approximately three percent. The administration should make this a practice in order to keep the student body well informed of how much they will be paying for their Willamette education.

Finally, a student should be appointed to sit in on financial meetings. A vocal student could be a valuable asset in making financial decisions since students are generally best informed about what university services are most critical and which are most wasteful. Students are represented on nearly every administrative committee on this campus, whether in hiring faculty, providing parking lot security or creating a residential commons program. There is no reason that they shouldn't be consulted about how much they pay to attend Willamette.

The administration needs to be more forthright about how much tuition is increasing and more inclusive in making important financial decisions that directly affects the student body.

Don't pop the champagne yet

The media is awash with images of old women in Muslim garb flashing the purple ink peace sign for the flash bulbs and Iraq is participating in its first real democratic election in quite some time. There is no doubt about the fact that this is a momentous occasion for the Iraqi people, and a unique opportunity for them to come into greater control of their own destiny.

All the positive media coverage of the upcoming Iraqi election leads one to wonder: Will this free the Bush administration from all criticism and accountability for the foul-ups over the course of the operations to achieve this freedom? There are two major potential consequences to what would otherwise be simply a joyous occasion for the Iraqi people.

With all the joyous soccer playing images of pre-election Iraq, it

may be easy for the American people to come to the conclusion that all non-democratic nations should have their regimes "rolled back," as John McCain once put it. They'll come to believe that democracy should be instated in place of these regimes by whatever means necessary. It is important to remember the strife and hardship that came before the instatement of democracy in Iraq. This is not something to be taken lightly.

This being the case, it is potentially dangerous for the American people to begin to favor more military action in light of this temporary feeling of achievement. This is a great occasion, but we must never forget the injustices that were incurred before this took place. The United States acted unilaterally and violated U.N. policy, made false claims

about weapons of mass destruction and Iraqi P.O.W.'s were cruelly mistreated. We need to remember these consequences, so that they never under any circumstances happen again.

What is most important for the United States to do at this point is to slow down. Keeping the military machine rolling over regime after regime is not the way to avoid a terrorist attack; this continued imperialism would only provoke another one given present circumstances. What will prevent them is making sure the new democracy in Iraq is properly fostered as well as allowed to gain autonomy. When this is achieved, the only way to ensure our security is to remember and learn from our mistakes, no matter how good pictures of our accomplishments may make us seem to be.

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State of an egotistical union



BETH
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Today the President will give his State of the Union address. He will probably side-step Iraq and the non-existent WMDs, jump into his Social Security hoopla, promise more tax cuts, throw in some "family values," spice it up with that corrupt Iranian government, mix in heaping spoonfuls of "freedom," "tyranny," and "terrorism" and then round off the evening with a few words on those poor souls in Asia. I could go on with my cynicism and pessimism, but where does that get me, get any of us really? Nowhere!

So instead, in these next paragraphs, I want to sift out the glob caked in his rhetoric and substitute the fluff with some meat (well, tofu in my case), by offering a few ideas on what we – the future leaders – have to offer our country, our world, and each other.

Bush lied, plain and simple. Over 100,000 Iraqis and 1300 Americans have died since March 2003 when "Operation Freedom" began. There were/are no WMDs in Iraq, though plenty of human, and environmental destruction now lines the Iraqi memory. We must call and write our senators and representatives, engage with our neighbors and exclaim: "Not in my name!" Several decades ago, a few dedicated journalists uncovered one of the largest conspiracies in our nation's history and brought down a corrupt leader (Watergate). Wouldn't it be nice if Bush could just apologize for lying to us about Iraq?

But no, he continues to lie, now about Social Security that has kept most elderly Americans for the past 70 years out of abject poverty. Bush is trying to pit us – the youth – against our elders because suddenly the administration discovered that Social Security is going bankrupt and we need our highly undependable stock market friends to save us. If the President is truly concerned about Social Security running out then he should stop cutting taxes for us better-off folk, increase the minimum wage, stop building bigger WMDs while trying to stop others from doing the same and prevent American corporations from outsourcing their jobs to cheap-labor countries.

And lastly, what about the rest of the world? How about American-led efforts to examine and curb the on-going violence in Sudan and Congo? What happened to the critical investigations of the recurring civil war in many parts of Mozambique and Zimbabwe? As a country rich in history, debate and activism, we can do better.

Mr. Bush asks us all to unify, to come together, as one common people. But he wants us to become like him. We must make our country's leaders see the world from the perspectives and experiences of those other than the rich white man. They are the minority. The people, like the thousands who died in the tsunami in Southeast Asia and the hundreds of thousands more who die every year from starvation, warfare and disease, are the majority.

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DO YOU REALLY THINK WE SHOULD BEAT IT FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS?

I'M TIRED BUT IT WON'T DIE.



GRAPHIC BY
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Throw a little alcohol on it



DUNCAN
ROBERTSON

Recently, Tsunami relief has become the fad, the "in" thing. Amongst the many relief efforts there was a party off campus (of course) that purportedly has raised over seven hundred dollars, not bad for a bunch of drunken kids, considering the Dandy Warhols pulled in twenty five thousand dollars the night before. It's nice to see that youth culture – comprised of alcoholics and mediaholics – can come together and use their appetites for booze and tunes to pour the proverbial sandbags. I suggest many more tsunami relief efforts. Brilliant ideas might include:

1. Surf themed pool party (and I don't mean billiards) with theme song "Wipeout!" (Just kidding. That would be a terrible idea).
2. Everybody has thumbs. Band together some friends and fly over there this summer and put them to work.
3. Fund research for the development of elephant-ear-level sonar in Southeast Asia to help detect incoming tsunamis.
4. More kick-ass rock concerts!
5. Never underestimate the good old-fashioned bake sale. What better way to feed starving people in Southeast Asia than baking butter and sugar into bread and selling it to other well fed Americans? Hey, I'm hungry, how about you?
6. Incorporate fun south Asia math problems into math curriculum, i.e. "How much more aid did the United States give Southeast Asia than Australia? Answer: Negative one half!" Ooh, trick question!
7. Politics classes can ponder the policy quandary: "When governments donate to charity, do they get a tax write off?"
8. Petition Conestoga to send some of our friendly, non-threatening sparkling water to the hydrophobic hordes. (Actually, this has relevance. They need it, they really do. How ironic. Alanis Morissette would have a field day with this one.)
9. Donate money to the Red Cross or those traveling doctor people.
10. Use extremely useful liberal arts degree to make lots of money to donate and then watch the tax benefits roll in. These I know you can write off.

In the meantime, keep drinking. Philanthropy and checking out sweet concerts should be part of our daily lives, especially on the weekends. Remember, "Not unto ourselves..."

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But Do They Have Oil?

weekly random foreign affairs column

Maoist Rebels Wanted in Nepal

To apply for the position of communist rebel fighter, please fill out the following questionnaire. Circle the answer that best fits you and your beliefs, using a #2 pencil or blood, if your pencil ration has been canceled due to glorious shortages.

1. Capitalism is part of the historical system of class oppression, which only the poor and college professors can see for what it is. ... YES NO

2. I believe all people should live in peaceful equality, except the bourgeoisie, who must be annihilated. Killing nuns, priests, political dissidents and aid workers is acceptable if they disagree with me on this fact. YES NO

3. God is overrated. YES NO

4. Fearless leader _____ (employer: insert your name here) is made out to be worse than he really is. He also has super powers. YES NO

5. My beliefs will turn the world into a wonderful paradise of sunshine and flowers where children frolic under rainbows and topless women hand out lollipops, but we might have to kill a lot of people first. YES NO, SEND ME TO RE-EDUCATION CAMP

Pay: Once the glorious rebellion is complete, there will be no money (until then, you will receive 10-percent of all bribes and/or theft. Raping and pillaging is considered a tax-deductible business expense). Familiarity with AK-47s and Microsoft PowerPoint is a plus.



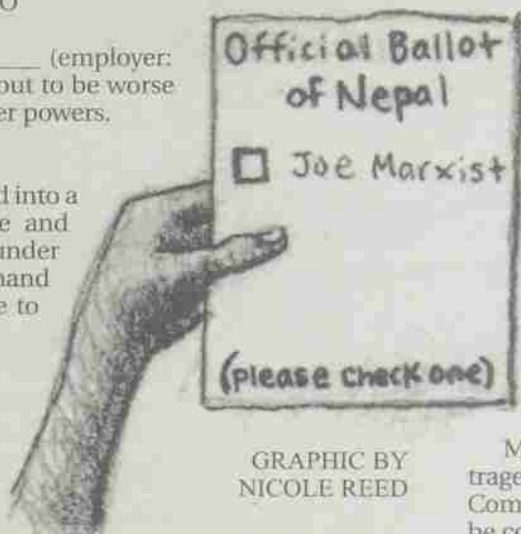
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fighting for my rights to also kidnap my children, but then again, I'm not communist.

Apparently the Maoists want to create a "Marxist Republic" just like in China, where you can vote for any candidate you want, as long as you're a member of the party, and as long as that candidate is the only one selected for the position. For his part, the Nepalese King dissolved parliament and canceled elections last year, which sure isn't earning him any democracy merit badges. The rebel leaders are using this to their advantage by appealing to Nepal's other political parties (the ones that want real democracy and don't kill people) to join the struggle. This probably won't work, given that the Maoists have a history of killing political activists from the parties they now want to ally with.

More than 7,000 Nepalese have been killed in nine years of civil war, a tragic figure, but tiny compared to the number of deaths worldwide from communist policies in the last century. It's sad to think that some desperate people still believe that communism, in any of its varied forms, is a valid form of government. Fascism, by most estimates I've read, has killed fewer people than communism, and yet I don't recall studying fascist theory in any of my politics classes. Maybe if we, as students and professors, not only in the US but around the world, were willing to approach Marxism as the evil it is, rather than a valid school of thought, tragedies like Nepal would be less likely and more easily remedied. Communism, like fascism, monarchism and dictatorships, should never be considered an alternative to some form of actual democracy.

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Iraq: voting with paper instead of lead



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Iraq and the Middle East. Coup after coup causes little peace to last and prevents the interest of the people from getting a fair chance at democracy (not that democracy is better, but to us it sure seems that way). I can't imagine having to go through a coup or an abrupt shift in governing power. Your whole way of life has to change. Under normal coups, the civilian populace rarely gets a chance of speaking their mind, unless they are armed with an AK and actively participating in the uprising. So, the notion of voicing their opinion with paper and purple ink will be new for most of the Iraqis.

Do any of you remember P.Diddy's campaign to get out and participate in the electoral process called, "Vote or die?" Well, I suppose the framing of his message didn't literally or specifically apply to our political situation, though his phrase would be highly applicable in Iraq.

A few people died on the way to the voting booths in Iraq this past weekend. It was probably not more than a sound bite, something to scan quickly over as you checked your yahoo or e-mail, probably not very poignant, especially since we hear of death so often from that part of the world. Our own troops die; "the deadliest day in Iraq" has been a title used a few times already with the number growing of dead Americans. Soldiers die, that's just part of the

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job, it's sad and it sucks, but that's part of the military. Our allies and enemies alike die during skirmishes. Now the civilian populace, on their way to voting for freedom, die too. Some of them died on a bus, riding to cast a ballot while others were too afraid to cross the street to enter a booth for fear of being shot or blown to smithereens.

Should we wax philosophy on why, how and

under what pretense the U.S. became involved in Iraq? Is it fair to make such assumptions from a perspective so far removed as our own? No, the time for that is over. Keep the lessons and deep-seated feelings from that experience ready to spout for the next conflict we embark on because there will be more, and probably sooner than you think.

I hope that despite any bumps in the road to Iraqi sovereignty, the momentum keeps going. Sure people will die, that's a part of life, war and freedom. But we can all agree that Iraq deserves a fair shake at voicing their opinion in peace. Maybe the U.S. will continue to have a hand in the government, maybe it might be for selfish intent or maybe not. But maybe, just maybe, the people of Iraq might have a chance to walk down the street next election, free of timidity, without having to look over their shoulder fearful of gingerly rushing insurgents who would wish to cast an overriding ballot for tyranny, marked with a blast and blood.

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Nothing to meth with



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Meth is on the march in Salem. Methamphetamine is the dominant street drug in Marion County, with authorities seizing over 4,600 grams of the substance in 2002, according to a September 2004 study done by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. The massive meth habits of surrounding area are affecting Willamette. "A high percentage of thefts [at Willamette] are directly connected to meth use," Campus Safety Senior Officer Steve Tuthill said.

"I have had my bike stolen. I am pretty sure that all of my roommates have had their cars broken into," senior Kellen Galster said. "It's the one thing

that really brings down Willamette." Campus Safety reports indicate numerous occurrences of theft, trespassing and suspicious characters, all of which impact life on campus. Thefts of bikes and a high number of cars being broken into in years passed caused Campus Safety to create the student-run Willamette Watch program.

"You don't do that kind of stuff without a drug addiction. . . Normal people don't go out and break your window out and steal your change and your airbag," senior Bryan Short said.

During winter break, a known meth user was found hiding in Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A stolen bike, camera and clothing were discovered in the man's possession. "That is how they make their living is stealing," Marion County Undersheriff Greg Olsen

explained. "I mean it is \$200-300 a day that they have to come up with."

Campus Safety gets about three reports of suspicious persons on campus per week. "We talk to people that are tweaking all the time," Tuthill said.

The prevalence of methamphetamines off campus has caused many students to alter their behavior. Students are certain to be leaving parties in groups, locking doors at night, removing front tires from bicycles and spending hundreds of dollars on car security systems and removable CD player faceplates. Women are carrying mace. Cell phones are permanently attached to the person with emergency numbers memorized. Short, who interviewed Marion County detectives for his Anthropology of Work class, knows first hand the importance of such safety precautions.

"The detectives were saying that if you are driving around at night, then you can assume that if someone is not in a car they are probably a meth head." However, Short doesn't feel as if the students at Willamette understand the large influence meth has on the community.

"Willamette is such a bubble that in a lot of ways it doesn't matter...other than theft I don't see it impacting our campus. Impacting Marion county, high schools, kids in grade schools...yeah for sure, but I don't see it necessarily affecting Willamette."

Short's observations regarding the prevalence and reach of methamphetamine use are correct. One hundred percent of children taken from meth labs are found having meth in their

SIGNS OF A METH LAB

- Frequent visitors at all time of the day or night
- Activity at the house is usually at odd hours or late at night
- Occupants appear unemployed, yet seem to have plenty of money to pay bills with cash
- Occupants are unfriendly, appear secretive about activities
- Occupants watch cars suspiciously when they pass by.
- Occupants display a paranoid or odd behavior
- Extensive security at the home or signs that indicate "Private Property" or "Beware of Dog", fences, large shrubs, bushes and trees. Windows blackened or curtains always drawn.
- Occupants go outside the house to smoke cigarettes.
- Chemical odors coming from the house, garbage or detached buildings.
- Garbage contains numerous bottles, containers and materials such as those listed
- Coffee filters, bed sheets or other material stained from filtering red phosphorus or other chemicals.
- Occupant sets his garbage for pick up in another neighbor's collection area.
- Evidence of chemical or waste dumping (i.e.: burn pits, or "Dead spots" in the yard).

bodies.

"They are ingesting it. They are walking in it, crawling in it, eating their food in it," Olson said. "If they get fed," Short cited a recent child abuse/neglect case that was investigated where the meth-addicted parents were starving their six-year old daughter as a punishment, causing her to weigh little more than 30 lbs.

"It is a constant quest to get high and for finding more meth. They forget about the kids, they don't clean up the house, the house is a mess. And these kids are living in it," Olson said. Olson referenced a 9-year old who recently entered the police sta-

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COURTESY OF MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

A meth lab in a bag.

Meth user timeline



1979



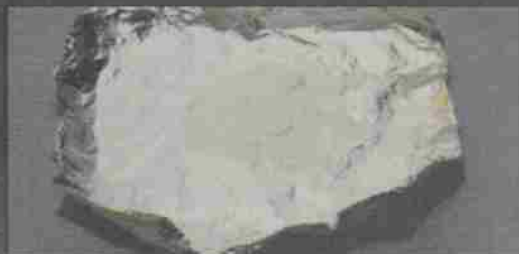
1980



1981



1982



tion who was able to identify the chemicals used to make meth and draw pictures of the cooking process.

Short believes it is the heightened sensory perception that contributes to the high percentage of child sexual abuse. "Being that strung out, being awake and feeling super sexual leads to these things in a lot of child abuse cases. Seventy percent of child abuse is directly related to meth, according to Senior Detective David White.

Short's interviews caused him to realize that not all kids affected by meth grow up in a lab. He has found that often it is the least suspicious people abusing the drug, people who need the constant stimulation. "It is the lawyers, the people who have to read a lot and stay awake." Despite the similarities between Short's description of a meth addict and that of a student, Short insisted that "meth use on campus is really low to non-existent."

Methamphetamines provide more collective pleasure than having sex four times while eating a decent meal. According to Olson, the dopamine or pleasure levels in the body while eating a favorite meal are measured to be at 150. While having sex, no matter how skilled the partner, the pleasure peaks at around the 200 level. Using methamphetamines for the first time, will cause your body to experience pleasure at a level of about 1000, and subsequently cause your senses to numb until pleasure and pain are faint memories.

"The first time you use it is the highest you ever get," Olson said. "You are always trying to get that high from the first time and can

never reach it." Chronic use of the drug affects hair and skin. It can leave the user feeling as if they have bugs crawling beneath the surface of the skin.

In 1992, 63 out of 100,000 people were seeking treatment for methamphetamines use in Oregon. In 2002, 363 out of 100,000 people were seeking treatment, making Oregon the highest in the nation.

According to Olson, meth use is on the rise in Oregon because of its history of relatively relaxed prosecution and low conviction rate. The punishment for first time meth offenses is probation, due to lack of state funding for treatment. "I have been at the sheriff's office 28 years and we had more deputies then than we have now. And we have 150,000 more people in the county," Olson said.

Currently, Oregon legislators are trying to remedy the low rate of prosecution and detection of methamphetamines. Senators Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith are backing a Senate proposal introduced by Senators Jim Talent, R-Mo., and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. creating stricter penalties for meth cases.

Despite the epidemic occurring in our community, students can sleep well and walk safely in well-lit areas. The same meth user will rarely visit the Willamette Campus twice.

"Usually we only have one contact with them, that's it," Tuthill said, reasoning that addicts are only out to get more meth. If they know they will be questioned at a certain location, they rarely revisit it, as it wastes their time. "A small percentage want to argue, usually they just leave."

"It is a constant quest to get high."

CHEMICALS USED IN METHAMPHETAMINES

(What they are found in)

- Alcohol (isopropyl or rubbing)
- Ether (engine starter)
- Toluene (brake cleaner)
- Red Phosphorus (matches/road flares)
- Salt (table/rock)
- Iodine (teat dip or flakes/crystal)
- Lithium (batteries)
- Trichloroethane (gun scrubber)
- MSM (Cutting agent)
- Sodium Metal
- Methanol/Alcohol (gasoline additives)
- Muriatic Acid
- Anhydrous Ammonia (farm fertilizer)
- Sodium Hydroxide (lye)
- Pseudoephedrine (cold tablets)
- Ephedrine (cold tablets)
- Acetone
- Kitty Litter



COURTESY OF MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Three labs seized by the Marion County Sheriff's Dept.



1986



1988



April
1988



1989

The effects
of meth over
10 years

Flicks & Quips

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DUNC'S REVIEWS:

DUNKIN' DONUTS

Even for those without the namesake, Dunkin' Donuts is the place to be when you aren't at Muchas Gracias. In fact, it's the only other place to be besides Muchas Gracias, sometimes. Point being, donuts are, in general, highly tasty things. I suggest eating them a whole lot. I would suggest King's Donuts on State St. too, but they aren't open at 2 a.m. when I want my maple bar.

SPRING FASHION

Personally, I think you should wear whatever you please, especially if it makes you attractive, but if you'd like to look hot and be able to CLIMB A MOUNTAIN AT ANY GIVEN MOMENT, these are the hot new fads for the Oregon

Springtime:

- Blue fleeces (various "hard-core" brands)

- Carharts, the pants that will fit to you, and only you, even after you're dead. Make sure to wear yours in the sun a lot, inducing fading making you look even more hardcore.

- Chaco Sandals. Once again, endurance is key. Mud in your path? Swampy quad? It doesn't matter with these handy gladiator-like footwear. Go ahead and get your feet wet.

Accessories:

- Flip Phones. They are just better. They flip. C'mon!

- iPods. They've been the "hip" thing for long enough now that even the Ludites among us long to have the world's best personal soundtrack at our fingertips.



Just ask for anything with chocolate

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Even the most die-hard Willamette fans have to admit that once in a while they need to get away. Nearby Dragonfly Coffee Co. offers the opportunity to do just that. From the outside it mostly looks like yet another funky old house, though at night the glittering dragonfly in the window gives passersby a taste of what waits inside. The door is unassuming and somewhat tattered, yet inexplicably charming, and just turning the handle and stepping over the threshold you know that if you haven't left Salem yet, you're on the way.

Bright lights twinkle as you walk through the softly glowing sun porch. Next you pass through a room that feels richer, though still dripping with flickering lights. Resist the temptation to settle in just yet and you will be sweetly rewarded as you approach the coffee bar itself.

I've been to the Dragonfly in the past, but when I visited it last Wednesday for this review, I asked Winter Pope, one of the owners, to give me their specialty—whatever she thought it was. When she responded "Anything with chocolate," I knew the decision that lay ahead of me would not be an easy one. There are eight deliciously different kinds of chocolate to choose from when you order a mocha or hot chocolate. Options range from Teton or Paragon, Mexican or Trio, all of which are blends they make themselves from raw cocoa powder and various sugars and spices.

But read on. There are three drinks on the menu that are so transporting that they have their own section, and if you drooled over the hot cocoa in the film "Chocolat," I advise you to imbibe these immediately and often. "Spicy, THICK, chocolate creation with peppers and spices" describes the Aztec, which for three bucks is an extremely worthy semi-splurge.



MIRANDA RAKE

Co-owner of the Dragonfly Winterpope

However, if you are feeling unusually affluent, chocolate-starved, or ideally both, pay the extra two dollars and have the TheoBroma—the Food of the Gods. It is sweet and intensely chocolate, not syrup-y, but pleasantly dense. YUM.

If you're hungry, they do have a few things to munch on, my personal favorite being generous slices of cake baked by a certain well-known Salem cake maestro. Once you've ordered, wander through the house and take it all in. It's a bit like walking through the set of "A Midsummer Nights Dream"—each room is laced with a wonderful, dreamy sort of escapism. Soak it up, and let Dragonfly pull you away. You can always come back when you're ready.

HOW DO I FIND THIS PLACE?

Dragonfly Coffee Co.
140 17th NE
(503) 399-7449

Open
Tuesday-Sunday 10
a.m. - 2 a.m.
with live
music every
Friday and
Saturday

Walk down
State Street
about four
blocks. Turn
left on 17th.

"Life Aquatic" wears fish like bling

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It seems Anderson is getting better every year. With his knack for exploring narrative styles and peculiar character dispositions, he has made a name for himself in recent years with his films "Bottle Rocket," "Rushmore" and "The Royal Tenenbaums." Please rent them. It will make you a better person. Honest. Though, Anderson's films are not for everyone: they tend to lord over the audience and star strangely flawed characters. Yet at the same time they eloquently communicate the emotional load that the protagonists carry, giving the

audience comedic brevity that is all but common.

So I love this Wes Anderson guy. The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, Anderson's new film, is about a documentarian/explorer seeking an undiscovered "Jaguar Shark" that has supposedly eaten his mentor. It is as tongue in cheek as movies get. He mixes this dry humor with a confident artistry, often making very simple choices.

Until this film, I would have never guessed Anderson to be a director that could make good use of advanced special affects. What use does this minimalist filmmaker have for CGI? The campy nature of his films has now

even extended into this department. The creatures of Steve Zissou's ocean are comic-book fare. Neon fish, multi-hued seahorses and glowing jellyfish fill his crowded ocean. Conversely, many of the sets are made to look chintzy or outdated. This film thoroughly embraces such retro kitsch.

Bill Murray, our hero-Steve Zissou, once again proves that his career is nowhere close to done. Willem Dafoe, Cate Blanchett, Angelica Houston and Jeff Goldblum (oh, yes, Goldblum) all pull out unexpectedly awesome performances, considering the kind of anti-genre wrapping the film. Then there was Owen Wilson, playing a pilot that might or might not be Zissou's son, who tended to stick out. All characters seem to have a distance from their lives that gives the acting an eerie tone. Not creepy or any-

thing, just unreal. Zissou is the epitome of such sentiments. He is a filmmaker watching his own life, once even saying of himself: "I don't feel like that person. Never did."

It seems that Wes Anderson has grown up. He has taken a certain risk with this film, mixing subverted comedy and vaguely open-ended montages to tell the story of a self-centered man with lazy convictions. Yet at the magnificently crafted ending, I felt an affinity for Zissou that pulled the rug out from under me in a surprisingly emotive fashion.

Honestly, it is for films like this that I find myself privileged to be a media junkie.

Oh, and the soundtrack is also kickass. Bubbly electronica is interspersed with Portuguese renditions of David Bowie classics. Ridiculous and wonderful.

Mozart's big 249

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Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart turned 249 years old on Thursday, January 27. This day did not go by without a little celebration in the music department. Hosted by Professor Bruce McIntosh, music students of all varieties gathered in Rogers Music Center to pay tribute (and to get free food). The birthday party had the staple pizza and cake, but had the bonus feature of the movie "Amadeus." The night was enjoyable and relaxed. Everyone walked away with a little bit more knowledge and a full stomach.

It might seem silly or odd that a group of people would go to such lengths to have a birthday party for someone that has already died. If you know nothing about Mozart, this may seem especially weird. That was what was so ideal about the celebration. If you were familiar with Mozart, you went and celebrated the man that he was and the music he provided. If you didn't even know the name of Mozart, you went and learned about his triumph and failures and seeing how all the guests at this party were musicians ranging from professional to aspiring, the application of this knowledge was almost instant.

For those of you who may be in the "Mozart? Who?" category, here are some quick highlights about Wolfgang's life and the cause for its celebration.

Naturally, he was born on January 27, 1756 in Salzburg. It is widely known that he was a child prodigy, composing by the time he was five-years-old. When Mozart was seven, he and his family toured across Europe; the tour included concert for several courts including London and Paris.

Throughout Mozart's short life, he traveled to many locations in Europe with his music. Some trips were more successful than others. Much time was spent in his birth town as well (Salzburg). During his time there he would play in the cathedral and for the court, compose sacred works, symphonies, serenades and concertos. Towards the end of his life, Mozart lived in Vienna. The most famous operas today that Mozart wrote were *Le nozze di Figaro* (The Marriage of Figaro), *Don Giovanni* and *Die Zauberflöte* (The Magic Flute). The greatest tragedy, only second to his death, was the Requiem that he left unfinished. Mozart died on December 5, 1791 in Vienna in an unmarked grave.

Now, perhaps it doesn't seem as odd to throw him a simple little birthday.



KRYSTA DRECHSLER

Willamette students celebrate Willamette's 249th birthday in Mary Stuart Roger's Music Hall.

PAM-a sprinkling of northwest artwork



Portlanders enjoy the Impressionist work of Childe Hassam.



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The Portland Art Museum, located in downtown Portland near Portland State University, is currently hosting two interesting temporary exhibits: a collection of paintings by Childe Hassam and a sizable display of Northwest Native American art.

The first exhibit, entitled "Childe Hassam - Impressionist in the West," is an expansive collection of Hassam's artwork. Hassam was born in 1859 and died in 1935. He spent many of his years on the West Coast, painting the landscapes that he encountered. The exhibit consists primarily of impressionistic paintings, most of which are oil on canvas, but also includes a significant body of prints that Hassam created later in his career.

Many of the scenes are ones that Oregon residents would recognize. Included in the exhibit, for example, are paintings of Mt. Hood (c. 1908) and Ecola Beach, Oregon (c. 1904).

One of the paintings that was particularly impressive was *Hill of the Sun*, San Anselmo, California (c. 1914). In this painting, Hassam used more vibrant colors than he typically used in his works. He also captured shadow and light quite well in this piece.

The second exhibit, "People of the River," is a showcase of art from local Native Americans. The first room contains statues and carvings that were part of the Native American sculptural tradition prior to European contact; this tradition died out in the 1850s. The latter rooms display more typical Native American art, such as woven baskets and colorful beadwork.

Both exhibits are worth seeing and both are temporary. The Childe Hassam exhibit is showing until March 6. If you happen to be in Portland and you want to add some culture to your life, definitely check these exhibits out in addition to the rest of the museum. Regular admission is \$10, but only \$9 with student I.D.

Super size me: Spain

By LAUREN GARDNER

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A few days before I left on my adventure abroad, I finally got around to watching "Super Size Me," Morgan Spurlock's disturbing documentary that took all notions of the stereotypical obese, gluttonous American and...wholly confirmed their validity. Spurlock not only attacked the fast food industry, but also the generally piggish, excessive and lazy way of life to which all too many Americans have become accustomed.

On that note, I packed my bags for Spain and steeled myself for all aspects of the anticipated culture shock, including the abrupt change that I knew I would have to make in my eating habits.

After over a day of fun-filled travel, I finally found myself shivering in a train station in Madrid. Wanting nothing more than a nice big cup of hot chocolate, I decided to put my new Euros to use at the snack bar.

I did a double take when the woman returned with my "hot chocolate." To me, it was a sample-size cup of hot pudding, complete with a little plastic spoon. I almost cried at the sight of my tiny portion of chocolate goo, which was neither drinkable nor filling.

However, I resolved to quickly adjust my thinking, realizing that I was, of course, judging this new way of life through my narrow American viewpoint, probably the first cardinal sin of traveling abroad. I began to prepare myself for five months of more modest eating.

Well, I suppose another no-no is to place too much importance on first impressions. Though I expected food to be treated differently in Spain, I was certainly off the mark as to the direction of the change. I have been here for almost a month now, and I can feel my stomach slowly expanding to accommodate the huge



LAUREN GARDNER

"Hot chocolate" in Spain is more like warm pudding!



LAUREN GARDNER

Lauren (second from right) with friends (from left) Tim, Sarah and Liz about to dig into churros and chocolate, a popular treat in Granada.

amounts of food with which I am presented. Portion sizes may be smaller in some cases, especially with respect to drinks, but due to the huge meals I have at home, the incredibly strong tie between socializing and eating/drinking, and the *pastelerías* and *croissanterías* that appear in abundance on every block, I feel like I have never eaten so much in my life.

In Spain, it is all about the food. Lunch, served around 2:30 or 3:00, is the most important meal of the day; it usually includes a bowl of soup, a large main course that often includes multiple types of foods, bread, often a side dish such as a salad, and finally, fruit or yogurt for dessert.

Dinner, served around 9:00, is not given quite as much importance as the main mid-day meal, though it is still substantial. When people are not eating in the house, they are often socializing at cafés or bars...drinking coffee, eating pastries or ice cream, or enjoying a few drinks and the free "tapas" (snacks such as tortilla española, meatballs, and French fries) that come with them.

Spaniards also take great pride in their cooking and consider it a compliment when their guests ask for seconds. Unfortunately, I am hardly ever able to even finish what my host mom puts on my plate, let alone flatter her by requesting more. No matter how many times I ask her to give me less than, even half of, what she normally serves me, she insists on keeping my roommate and me very, very well-fed.

The other day I once again apologized to my host mom for not being able to finish the wonderful dish that she served me. She said that she was not mad, but indicated that she feared I would get too skinny if I did not eat more. A friend told me that her host mom suggested she eat faster so as to be able to consume more before her body had the chance to tell her to stop.

I may be studying language, but I still maintain enough of a mind for logic to see that something does not add up here. Finally having escaped from a country ridiculed as the land of the obese, I find myself confronted with a much stronger emphasis on food than I have ever experienced at home.

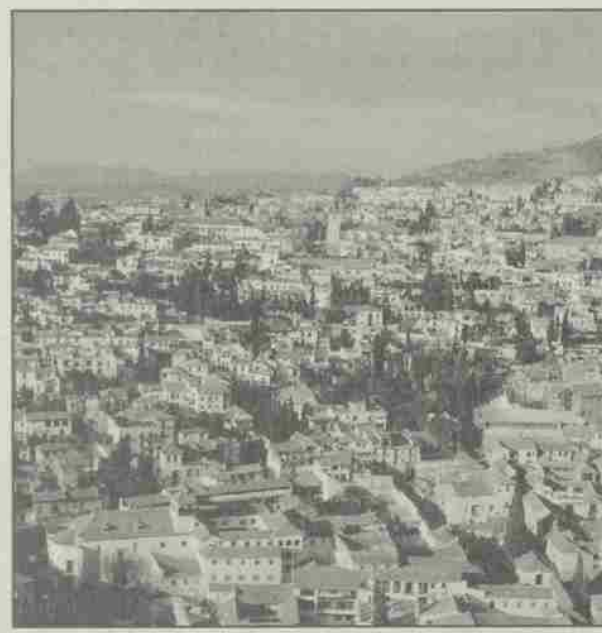
Granted, the food is wonderful, and my sweet tooth has never been more satisfied. However, I question why it is that one is hard-pressed to find anything above a women's size 10 in the stores here.

Often encouraging frank discussions of both

American and Spanish culture in class, one of my professors pointed out the strange inconsistency between the size in clothing and the size of people found here, noting that weight is, in fact, a large concern and that Spanish children are more obese than those in any other European country.

However, the problem is by no means confined to Spain. As Michael Woods comments in a 2004 Post-Gazette article entitled "Europe confronts weighty matter," "the battle of the bulge has become a world war." A study performed by the International Obesity Task Force and the European Association for the Study of Obesity shows that in many European countries, almost half of the adults are overweight and 30 percent are obese, compared with the two-thirds of adult Americans who are overweight and the 33 percent who are obese.

America may be winning, but the others are not far behind. I will continue to enjoy my meats and breads and chocolates, but I sure will not be surprised when "Super Size Me: Spain" hits theatres.



LAUREN GARDNER

The view of the city from the Alhambra is amazing.



The party is over now, and it's time to go home.

The cops are bantering on the back porch with the kids who own the house.

The neighbor in his bathrobe is standing on the sidewalk with a flashlight reminding everyone of their comparatively massive freedom and irresponsibility.

Wait for your friends.

Find the missing one kissing somebody in a bush out back by the porch and go out into the thin cold air.

As you start down the lane, it's so late that the sky is threatening to pour some gold and salmon light into its inky pot and force you into morning.

The night's edges have already begun to fray and burn around the edges like cigarette paper, tonight is already melting into the closet of your memories, stuck in a shoebox on a back shelf labeled 'Saturday nights during college.'

The road goes on forever

and the party never ends

There will be something common to all those memories: the couple fighting in the basement, the gathering noise, backpacks and laughter and the smell—body heat, steam, cheap spilled beer that looks like heavy amber glass in the bottle or red plastic cup.

You were there.

We were all there, crowded into an anony-

mous kitchen or hallway with peeling wallpaper.

We were all strangers who knew each other.

The world outside the mossy, broken-down house was infinite, stretching past your parent's house, past your state borders, past even our oceans and rivers and mountains, into space.

It all gets incrementally lonely and less

familiar each mile away from some putrid college basement.

Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings sang it mournfully, because they knew it wasn't true: the road goes on forever, and the party never ends.

We are going to leave this place someday.

We'll fan out over the highways of the West and drive further and further away from this

time and place in our lives.

For tonight, we are all here, tight together, clinging to each other in a basement room.

As the poet Frazier Russell said:

How you love to imagine that somehow everyone in that room although a little tipsy will get home safely and fumble for love in their beds.

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Finally, something to look at during cardio

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No longer will gym-goers be forced to occupy their time on the stationary bikes and ellipticals reading outdated glamour magazines, as the workout facility has received a new 32-inch flatscreen improvement.

Six 32-inch flatscreen televisions have been installed in the cardio area of the fitness center, and one additional TV has been installed in the corner of the free-weight area.

According to Willamette University Athletics Director, Mark Majeski, the installation of the TVs has been in the works since October and was finally up and running this week. Majeski cites the very high demand and use of the training center, and breakdown of machines as the impetus to improve the quality of the gym.

"We saw an increasing need to address the conditions of the facility, because the current state of Willamette's facilities is way behind in comparison to other college gyms," Majeski said. "New cardio machines and the introduction of TVs were the first two additions we wanted to make to the gym."

Currently, gym-goers will have to read the closed-captioning of the TVs to follow along with the programs, but Majeski assures that this will change on Thursday.

According to Majeski, a Cardio Theater System will be added to all of the cardio equipment tomorrow. The system will allow students to bring their own headphones into the gym and plug into a standard jack for the sounds of their favorite TV programs.

For now, the Cardio Theater System is the final piece of training facility additions.

In addition to the addition of TVs, a regular maintenance budget has been established. According to Majeski, this will allow for ongoing



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Willamette students have already begun to utilize flat screen televisions to watch while they exercise on the cardio machines.

Fitness

maintenance of machines as they wear out; ensuring that equipment upkeep will never be lagging.

So far, response to television has been positive, but freshman Jamie Perros has advice for TV-watchers.

"When I am watching television while I work out, I sometimes lose focus on the intensity of my workout, which is a waste of time," Perros said. "When people are doing cardio and watching a program at the same time they need to make sure they do not lose focus on the training aspect of being at the gym."

Although the TVs have received positive attention from students, there are some athletes who would have liked to see other additions to the gym. Sophomore Julio Vieyra does not see the addition of TVs in the gym as an improvement.

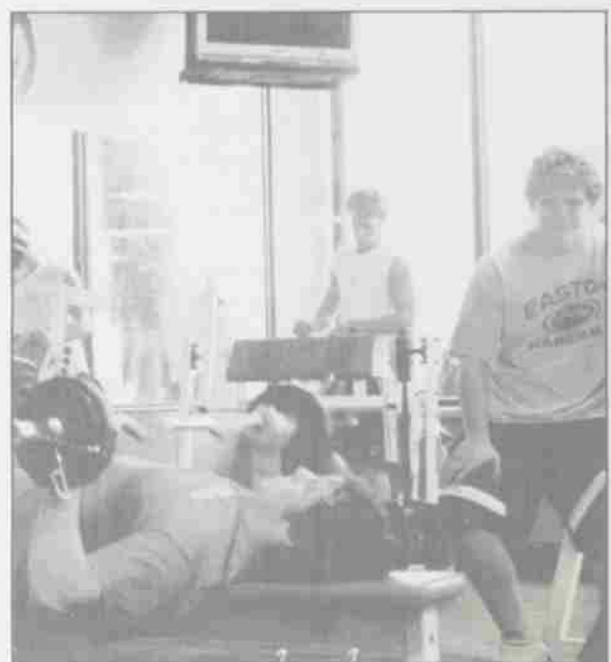
According to Vieyra, expanding the gym or installing updated machines would have made more sense, because the gym becomes overcrowded with multiple team trainings at one time. Sophomore Tyler Gimenez also sees the TVs as a setback.

"The TVs make it seem more like a health club than a gym; they make it more social and less about training," Gimenez said. "I think improved ventilation would have been a better improvement, because it can get pretty musky in there sometimes."

Although some students have expressed concerns with the TVs, others are excited at the prospect of watching your favorite shows while

working out.

"I think that the TVs are an overall improvement to the quality of the gym," freshman Katrina Maher said. "I think that more people might go to the gym now that there is the chance they can watch CSI or a soccer game while improving their fitness."



BRANDON BENNIGHT

Brand new televisions make their way into several areas of the Sparks center.

Ladies lay-up



CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Freshman wing, Sara Clawson, is an example of the freshman coming up big in the Bearcats' weekend play. See Chalk Talk on page 17 for details.

Men's basketball tries to move past double loss

By BRIAN BEST
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Last weekend the Willamette Bearcats hosted two conference basketball games against the Whitworth Pirates and the Whitman Missionaries.

With a conference record of 3-3, Willamette challenged the Pirates in Cone Field House last Friday night.

Willamette started out the game behind after Whitworth after field goals by Lance Pecht and JJ Jones who allowed them to take a 10-20 lead with nine minutes left in the first half.

The Bearcats were able to rally in the last minutes of the half and cut the Whitworth lead down to six by halftime.

In the second half, Willamette came out with what appeared to be new energy and was able to keep the Whitworth lead to within 10 points.

With offensive plays by junior wing CJ Stuvland, senior wing John Olinger and senior post Todd Lewis the Bearcats were able to bring the score to 57-60 with three minutes remaining in the game.

A clutch three-point shot by Lewis and solid defense by juniors point guard Michael Plank and wing Drew Miller sent the game into overtime with a tied score of 60-60.

The Bearcats were unable to secure an overtime victory and ended the night with a 66-71 loss to the Pirates.

On Saturday night Willamette took on the Whitman Missionaries who started off strong shooting .57 from the field



CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Despite contributions from Jr. post Jacob Baran, Sr. wing Harold Sublett Jr. and freshman post Ian Mansfield the men lost in overtime.

Men's Basketball

and .43 from behind the arc on the night compared to Willamette's .33 and .15 respectively. The Bearcats ended up losing by nine with a score of 60-71.

Junior Henry Greeley stated, "We never got into a rhythm of offense against Whitman which hurt our chances of coming out with a win."

Although Willamette had twice as many steals and nearly half as

many turnovers as the Pioneers it wasn't enough.

The losses to Whitman and Whitworth dropped the Bearcats to a 3-5 in conference and down to sixth place in the Northwest Conference. The team is still two spots above the Whitman Missionaries.

Willamette is scheduled to play number six ranked Pacific Lutheran on Friday and number one ranked University of Puget Sound on Saturday, both away games.

UPCOMING HOME GAMES:

•Feb. 8 v. Pacific @ 8p.m.

•Feb. 15 v. Linfield @ 8p.m.

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Whitworth	(6-0)	(6-4)
Linfield	(5-1)	(5-1)
Puget Sound	(5-2)	(5-4)
PLU	(4-3)	(4-3)
Willamette	(3-3)	(3-3)
Lewis & Clark	(2-4)	(3-4)
Whitman	(1-6)	(1-8)
Pacific	(0-6)	(0-6)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Puget Sound	(7-0)	(8-1)
Whitworth	(5-1)	(6-5)
Whitman	(5-2)	(7-2)
Linfield	(3-3)	(3-3)
PLU	(3-4)	(3-4)
Willamette	(2-4)	(2-4)
Lewis & Clark	(1-5)	(3-5)
Pacific	(0-7)	(0-8)

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Puget Sound	(7-1)	(13-3)
George Fox	(7-1)	(12-5)
Lewis & Clark	(5-3)	(9-7)
Whitworth	(4-4)	(8-8)
Linfield	(4-4)	(8-9)
Willamette	(3-5)	(6-11)
PLU	(3-5)	(5-12)
Whitman	(2-6)	(4-13)
Pacific	(1-7)	(2-14)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Whitworth	(7-1)	(16-1)
George Fox	(7-1)	(13-4)
PLU	(6-2)	(10-7)
Puget Sound	(4-4)	(13-4)
Linfield	(4-4)	(9-8)
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Willamette makes plans for Sunday's 'big game'

SUPER
FACTS:By EMILY BOWMAN
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•The first Super Bowl tickets cost between \$6 and \$12.

•Every Super Bowl except the first has been sold out.

•About 35 percent of people who go to the Super Bowl use it as a corporate tax write off.

Arguably the biggest game in the world of sports will be battled out and decided in a few days. Super Bowl XXXIX airs this Sunday at 3:30 p.m. on Fox.

The Eagles and the Patriots (and maybe the half-time festivities) will have the attention of millions of faithful fans and newbies around the world.

The winner, perhaps, will have finally overcome a large hump of defeats in its past to steal the glory away from the solid defending champion, or the champ will reign once again while some fans claim insanity and wreak havoc in suspecting neighborhoods. This match-up will be worth watching.

All said and done, fan or no fan, the Super Bowl is an excellent social time, which easily includes a wide range of football knowledge and sports fanaticism.

From fanatics to "one-game only" fans to "who cares?!" to "what is football?," the Willamette population includes the gamut of watchers and uninterested people.

Therefore, it is mildly important to discover how Willamette students and faculty celebrate the Super Bowl traditionally and how they will celebrate the game this year.

Professor Thabiti Lewis of the English Department is a faithful Super Bowl watcher and often makes a traditional dish of vegetarian chili for game day. He enjoys having large gatherings with family and friends.

Lewis mentioned that for the 2001 Super Bowl, he attended a party in which an entire theater was rented out to watch the game. They celebrated

with lots of food and of course, an extremely large screen, which is an essential part of Super Bowl watching for many fans.

Sophomore Katie Archibald-Woodward said, "Last year, a bunch of students crowded into a little room in Matthews with stacked couches and watched the game on a projector. It was totally fun."

Professor Craig of the Biology Department stated, "I was at a faculty Super Bowl gathering last year where someone had TIVO. So along with the artichoke dip, we all speculated on the consequences and meaning of the Janet Jackson costume 'malfunction'."

Craig also clarified his fan status, responding, "I love doing sports but I have never found watching a team on TV satisfying. I do, occasionally, go to other people's Super Bowl parties for the social experience and to see some of the advertisements that will become news the following day."

Junior Megan Flora is "just hoping for an exciting game. I kind of stopped caring once the Broncos were out." Flora is celebrating by hosting a party with her roommates and a few friends who have just returned from a semester abroad.

Professor Uggen of the Spanish Department identifies himself as a fanatic Super Bowl fan. "I never miss it. If I am out of the country, I make an arrangement to see it anyway. I have seen the Super Bowl in Quito, Ecuador; Alicante, Spain and Granada, Spain."

This year Uggen will have a small gathering, including family and a colleague, in which they will probably keep the food simple with pizza and some beer. Also, Uggen offered a game prediction, stating, "The Patriots will win easily."

Professional sports have gone to the dogs; still we watch

Some people come to America in search of the land of milk and honey only to realize that they made a wrong turn somewhere between the Strait of Gibraltar and the Gulf of Mexico.

LINDA
AHMED

Even still, those brave souls decide that they've drifted far enough through those cold blue waters and make the move to settle down in the land of timely INS re-registration and semi-funded public schools.

For those of us fated to slide into this country by way of the birth canal, we forget that here, in the land where streets are paved with a fine layer of carcinogenic dust, little boys and little girls can grow up to be anything they want as long as they don't try and marry someone of the same sex. The best part is that this even includes being a convicted dogfighter.

That's right. Six-foot-8-inch forward Qyntel Woods, formerly of the Trail Blazers just signed a deal with his former team the Miami Heat. Qyntel of course has had a very busy tenure in the Rose City. He has had the honor of being suspended twice for drug and animal abuse, arrested and waived all in two short seasons.

Not that any of this really matters too much, because sweet, simple Q hasn't played a game for Portland all season after being suspended indefinitely without pay after the allegations of animal abuse.

Like many of Oregon's finest Woods made an appearance in the Clackamas County Circuit Court on allegations of animal abuse after police found bloody paw prints above his garage and his female pit bull, Hollywood, appeared to have bites on

her. Apparently he's been illegally fighting her in his garage.

By pleading guilty to first-degree misdemeanor animal abuse he was able to acquire 12 months probation and 80 hours of community service. Oh, yeah, and he's not allowed to own pets. Shocker.

"How many of us at 18 or 20 make a lot of mistakes?" Miami coach Stan Van Gundy said in an interview to ESPN. Hmm, Stan lets take a poll. I'd like to know how many 18-20-year-olds have ever fought their family pet for money. Somehow that doesn't seem to slide too easily into the "mistake" category for me.

Don't worry, though, Shaq thinks Woods will help [the Heat]. Well, I mean, if Shaq says then gosh.

I guess my big problem is when do we draw the line? I know that I've said that the media and the public in general put a lot of pressure on athletes, especially young athletes, and can often blow things out of proportion, but when do we draw the line as to what is acceptable in our society?

Like it or not the world is scrutinizing every action that athletes take, and if someone like Ricky Williams can't play football because he likes to smoke out to relax then there is no way in hell that someone who is almost a level four on the violence scale can sign a contract with a new NBA team.

The idea is just so ludicrous that there has to be a bigger explanation, because all I can see is a gaping hole in the world of professional athletics between the people that arbitrarily set the rules and the people that are expected to somehow know them.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

January 23 – 30, 2005

Campus Safety responded to over 126 calls for service this week.

BURGLARY

January 24, 10:15 a.m. (Baxter Hall): A student reported that several items had been stolen from his room over Winter Break.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

January 23, 12:15 p.m. (Kappa Sigma): A resident reported that someone had thrown a rock through his window. Maintenance repaired the damage.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

January 28, 12:49 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student suffering from severe abdominal pain was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

HARASSMENT

January 29, 10:07 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student reported being harassed while in the restroom and a hole was kicked in a restroom wall. Witnesses gave conflicting stories as to what had occurred and who had damaged the property. At least one of the parties involved had been drinking.

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

January 29, 10:07 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Officers responded to a noise complaint and contacted several underage students who had been drinking. The remaining alcohol was disposed of.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

January 23, 2:50 p.m. (Lee House): Students reported someone soliciting in the lounge. A salesman had been invited by a student and left after being questioned about his activities.

THEFT

January 23, 12:08 p.m. (Law School): A bike that had been locked to a rack for months was stripped of several parts. Unable to locate the owner, the remains were cut from the rack and secured.

January 25, 10:20 a.m. (Law School): A student reported her wallet missing. She believed it might have been taken from her bag last week while studying.

TRESPASS

January 25, 1:55 p.m. (University Apartments): Salem Police stopped a suspicious male on University property. He said he wanted to be arrested but agreed to leave the property after being issued a trespass warning.

**If you have information about any of these incidents, please contact Campus Safety.*

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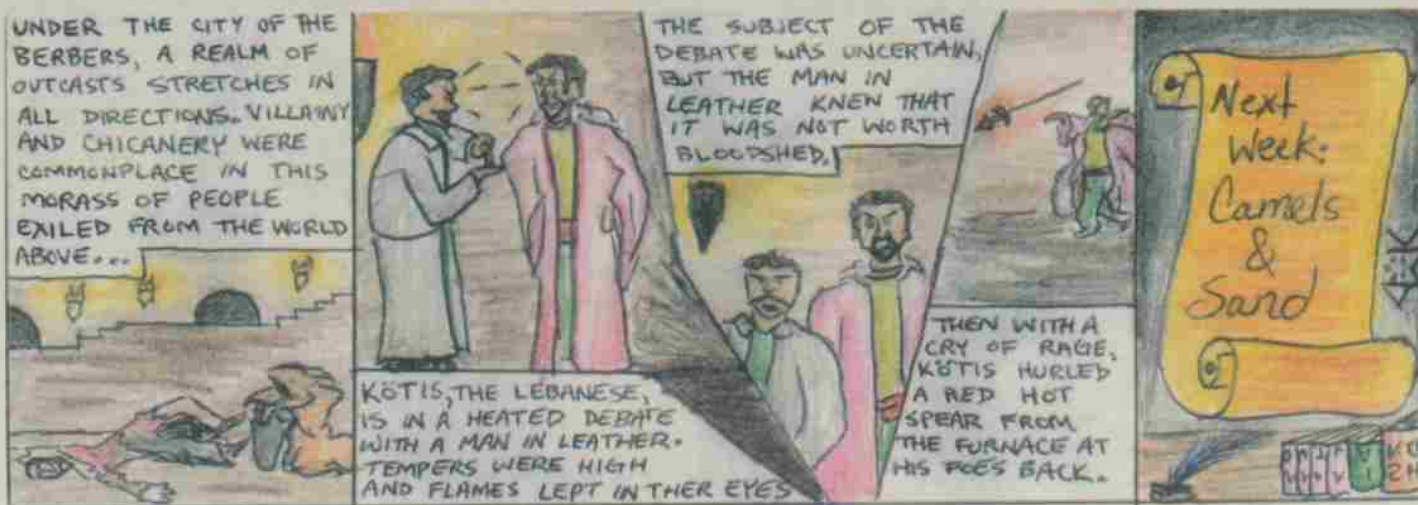
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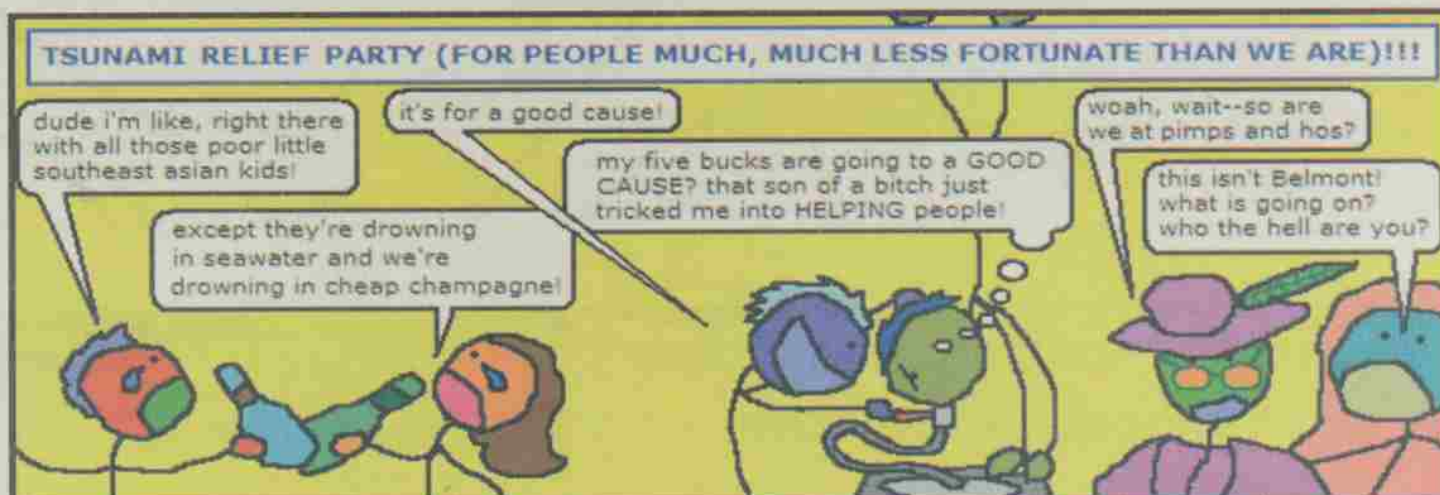
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