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The student-run radio station hits the airwaves

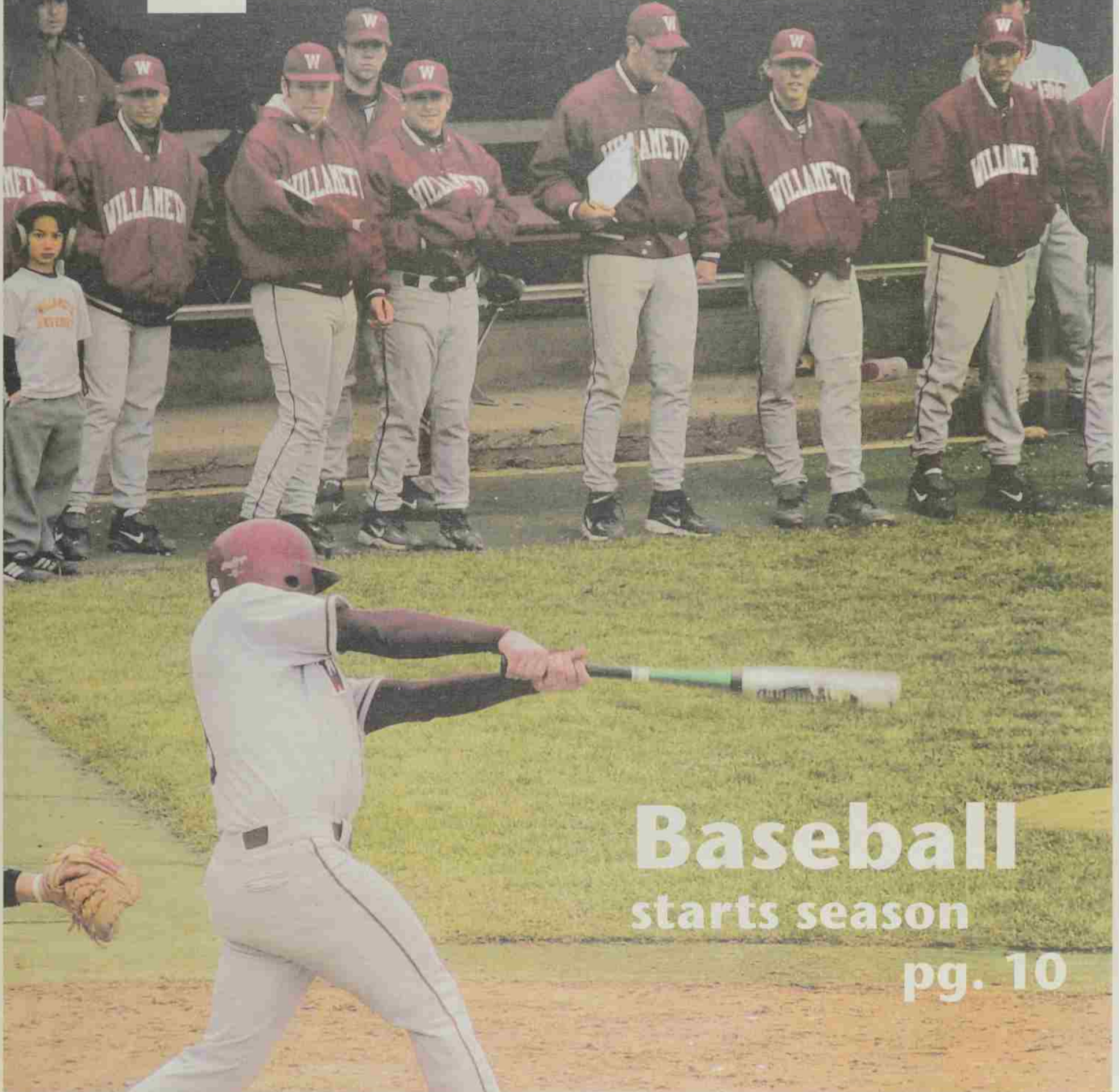
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WIRE reemerges after semester of silence

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If you have been on campus longer than just this year, you might have noticed the absence of our student-run radio station. The WIRE, following disinterest, disorganization and an unrealized new set of equipment, is now coming back. The new WIRE will focus on "trying to make ourselves a really good professional product," Station Director Patrick Mulligan said at an informational meeting for interested DJs and radio personalities.

According to Mulligan, "the new idea for the WIRE is to create something that we can all be proud of."

The board of directors is looking to create a broader listenership, broadcast

across the entire internet instead of just the local intranet and eventually carry over

a good product which can be the foundation of a strong student-run organization.

The goal for the station, according to the WIRE's program director Matt Read, is to eventually broadcast on FM radio. If the WIRE can create a strong design, then the board of directors can request funding from ASWU.

Currently the WIRE is reconstructing itself. The board of directors is still filling positions, and DJs are in training. DJs have the opportunity to choose the format of their shows—whether it is music, sports, talk, comedy or any other topic. Read said that DJs can "fill their hour however they want." The only stipulation is no cursing, no drinking and no illegal substances. According to Read, "the seven dirty are the worst of the worst." These "seven dirty" are those words that are always bleeped out on TV and radio, which have been strictly defined by the FCC. This semester the WIRE is focused on creating a professional product and will be conducting its shows in accordance with this goal.

Look for advertisement for WIRE broadcast around campus in the near future and tune in to www.wuWIRE.com.
* Rock on! *

Right now the board of directors is training new DJs. For the first two or three weeks of broadcast, the shows will be monitored directly and indirectly for format, content and technique. This "two week buffer before the WIRE advertises," according to Read, is to give the DJs a chance to define and perfect their hour slots. Directly from the established WIRE guidelines, "the purpose of the WIRE is to entertain, inform, as well as unify the



The WIRE hopes to eventually broadcast on FM radio.

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Willamette community through music and voice. Each personality is free to create an individual format for his/her show under the advisory of the Board."

The WIRE will have 24-hour automated clocks that will play music at all times, with "something there for everyone," said Mulligan. The goal for the WIRE, through the end of the spring 2006 semester according to Mulligan, is to "make a product that students want to listen to." Music from rap to classic rock, from R&B to French folk music, from alternative to reggae will be broadcast for everyone's listening pleasure.

This is possible due to the \$100 per year fee paid to the Inter Collegiate Broadcast System to let the WIRE play whatever music it wants.

Originally, the WIRE stayed off the air while awaiting the arrival of \$20,000 worth of new equipment. This equipment, donated by a relative of a WU student through the Clear Channel Broadcasting Company, is not here yet, but it is on its way.

Tired of waiting for the equipment, the board of directors organized itself and is starting up the radio station again, hoping for more attention with the reemergence of the student-run WIRE.

In the next few weeks, look for the relaunch of the WIRE. With 24-hour online streaming ability and variety in music, this updated radio station should provide non-stop tunes for your enjoyment.



LAUREL GRISANTI & JAMIE GREEN

It's that time of year again! No, we aren't talking about Spring Break. No we aren't talking about Passover or Lent. We are talking about graduation. That's right, folks, we have senioritis. We know you all may not be seniors like us, but you know it is there hidden beneath the surface: the early afternoon naps, the sunbathing in 50°F weather on the quad. Hey, it's sunny, right?

That sun a few weeks ago made it feel like springtime. While this initially seems like a good and beautiful

thing, it is not. The sun makes us want out. We want to be free to frolic in the meadows (a.k.a. quad) and swim in the sea (a.k.a. Millstream). Ok, you know we don't swim in the Millstream - good God the bacteria - but the springtime weather has made our feet move a little more slowly as we make our way to class and has made the studying draw out a little longer.

This has gotten so bad that our newest pastime is seeing how late we can leave our apartment and still get to class on time. Lucky for us, this means we have the joy of playing chicken with the Campus Safety car as we try to cross Winter Street. Our newest goal: see how many times Campus Safety honks at us before we graduate. Current tally, three.

This feeling hits everybody in the spring. The second round of midterms and papers looming over your head makes you want to cover in the corner in fear. But then the sun comes out and you'd much rather be cowering at the park while playing on the swings. The seasonal depression dissipates like the morning clouds, and you realize that in only

three weeks it will be spring break. After that, only five weeks until summer vacation. This means sleeping in and snoozing in the sun. Don't think about summer jobs. Don't think about it!

Seniors have it so much worse. Not only are we dealing with tests and papers, but we also need to worry about our theses and what we want to do with the rest of our lives. Have we been accepted to graduate school? Is that shirt dressy enough for our job interview? So many added concerns; it's too much pressure!

Our solution: procrastinate. Laurel has taken to knitting the world's largest blanket - current weight is 21.6 pounds and growing. Jamie is attempting to knit a mitten - current weight is one ounce. Jamie's therapist says that the last semester of senior year should be a semester of fun. While for the sake of our classes, we are trying not to take this suggestion too seriously, last Wednesday our R.A. did find us in Seattle trying to buy two cruise tickets to Aruba. Hey, we had our books with us. It would have been fine.

Second semester brings increase in ASWU legislation

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ASWU and the Senate have started several exciting programs since the start of this semester and have carried a few over from past years as well.

"We didn't do a point plan, because the Senate is still figuring out what kind of stuff they want to do," ASWU president Tyler Reich said. "Last year we did a ten-point plan, and a lot of that was data that came from the state of the student survey, but this year's state of the student survey didn't give us any information that senators felt necessitated a large amount of legislation." According to Reich, this year's situation is good because it means students are happy with ASWU's progress, but it also gives ASWU the freedom to come up with their own ideas, which the students may or may not accept.

One of ASWU's themes for the year is campus pride and unity. "Senator Matt Alex is working on creating a glee club," Reich said, to restart the campus tradition which died out several years ago.

-Restructuring ASWU Finance-

Another of ASWU's goals is to make the financial distribution process more equitable. "One of my goals this year has been to make sure that the multi-cultural organizations on campus feel comfortable coming in and talking to us about their issues," Reich said, "and that they feel like we're representing them. I don't think that's been the case in the past." Reich looks forward to rebuilding past relationships and fostering new ones.

Last month, the Senate passed legislation forming the Finance Oversight Commission, which Reich said will audit ASWU finances and investigate financial complaints by students and clubs.

-Making Campus Safer-

Earlier this year, Willamette began to install the blue light safety system first legislated by current ASWU VP of the executive Mandy Guile last year, when she was a senator. "Blue lights have gone in this year over in Kaneko," Reich said. "Within three years, every security phone on cam-

pus will either be replaced or retrofitted to have the blue light safety system on them, so that you can see them from across campus."

-Saving Students Money-

Professors drastically raise textbook prices by turning in their orders late, according to senator Patrick Mulligan, for the Class of 2007. Mulligan has spearheaded a campaign to publish the names of these professors, hoping that the increased visibility will result in more on-time book orders.

Since last spring, senator Jessica Clausen has been working on another promising solution for soaring book prices. She envisions an online textbook exchange, where students can post the books that they have, and other students can buy them. "It's kind of a way to facilitate buying

and selling books cheaper for students," Clausen said. She said that after numerous delays due to software and server problems, she scheduled a meeting with Willamette VP of Administrative Services Jim Bauer to discuss the possibilities. Clausen likens her site to Craigslist.com, a free national classified site growing in popularity. "It's still a baby project, but we hope to get it up and running by the end of the semester."

-Improving Food Choices-

Mulligan has been working closely with Bon Appetit in the past few weeks on a pair of innovative programs. The first is a survey which he said is designed to find out what students like, instead of what they dislike. "We want to be like, we know you might have qualms with it, but what would you like to see? We have students rating the different types of cuisine they eat, and rating the different types of service provided, so they can try to make the most enjoyable experience for the students." In conjunction, students will be able to submit their favorite recipe to Bon Appetit, and help prepare and serve it. "[We want] the students to really get in with Bon Appetit, to see that they're not just here to provide service for us. They're also here to help build the community,

the Sparks Center. Natural High Night will include many activities, lots of food and a raffle consisting of over \$800 of donated merchandise and gift certificates from local businesses.

"Natural High Night is an opportunity for Willamette students to have fun on a Friday night without alcohol or drugs," freshman Becca Demarest said. Demarest, along with other members of Baxter Hall Council, is working to show other students that they don't need drugs or alcohol to have a good time. "We hope to make some students realize that these substances are not necessary for a fun time. This is a night that they will remember in the morning!"

Unlike other events on campus that are set out to educate, Natural High Night aims to just provide an alternative activity for students.

"This night is different from the Fake O and Mocktails in that we are simply providing an alternative to the unhealthy choices, not preaching about bad ones," Demarest said. Instead of lulling students into the activity and telling them all of the cons about drinking and drugs, Natural High Night is taking a different approach. "We're trying to walk that delicate balance in the middle because



Senators Kohler and Johnson debate a controversial issue while Senator Alex looks on.

photo by NOAH ZAVES

because with the new commons system, that sense of community is something we want to build." A panel will judge the recipe entries, and cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

-Improving Student Life-

ASWU Director of Public Relations Jordan Rash has been working with Guile to improve the Collegiate Readership Program. "We're trying to figure out ways to get more people to read," Rash said, "especially The New York Times." Rash said they hope to renegotiate their contract to get better prices and service.

Mulligan has also co-authored Senate legislation with Senator Louis Pappas, Class of 2008, urging the athletics administration to update the workout facilities at Sparks Athletic Center. "Students

expressed concern with the quality of the workout facilities on campus, specifically with the weight room, and we passed legislation citing the State of the Student Survey and the Student Athletic Advisory Committee," Mulligan said. "[Sparks] should be a facility that students can be proud of, and be able to use on a regular business."

Mulligan is optimistic for the rest of this semester, and hopeful that the results will continue in coming years. "We're really excited with a lot of stuff we're doing," Mulligan said. "At the same time I'm hoping we can carry this momentum into next year, and to whoever comes and fills our seats so we can pass it on to them... We have a good group of people, and we just gotta get everything out there."

Another viewpoint...

Soph. Senator Louis Pappas believes that the ASWU Senate and Exec have been unproductive this year. "The biggest problem with ASWU right now is a cliquish exec which is draining the productivity of the senate," Pappas said. "They've ganged up on VP of Finance Floyd." He believes that president Tyler Reich, VP of Administration Sonja Kanick and VP of Exec Mandy Guile are being "very slippery and very conniving," and that "they're trying to fulfill their own motives against VP Floyd, instead of really listening to what the student body wants." Check the News section next week for more on this topic.

Baxter Hall Council to offer students "Natural High" this weekend

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It doesn't take a genius to figure out what kind of activities might be going on around the rest of the campus and what many students do for fun during their weekends. Partying is one of those college norms in which many of Willamette's students likely participate. However, with their annual Natural High Night event, the Baxter Hall Council is working to change that norm for one night.

This year's event is scheduled to take place this Friday, March 3, at 9 p.m. in

we just want people to enjoy the night, show that they can have fun without someone talking at them or substances."

As Natural High Night gathers support from various local businesses in the form of merchandise, gift certificates and other donations, freshman Neil Bergquist believes the event will be one not to miss.

"People support college kids spending an evening away from alcohol and drugs," Bergquist said. "At Natural High Night, the donations we received will just be given away. You could think of it as a charitable event. Baxter Hall Council will be giving away free pizza, root beer, gift certificates and merchandise. We will also be supplying a gym full of inflatables, casino games, Halo tournaments, Dance Dance Revolution duos, music, root beer pong challenges and the list goes on. Everything is free just for showing up."

With its aim to simply provide an alternative to the usual activities taking place on an average weekend at Willamette, Natural High Night is looked upon with a positive attitude by students.

"I would say that Natural High Night is a welcome break from our typical

falling-down-drunk, vomiting-in-the-UAs-stairwell kind of night," junior Alexander Ose said.

"I have never heard of an event at Willamette similar to this," Bergquist said. "But if that isn't enough, how about the fact that you have a chance to put on a very large fat suit and wrestle against anyone you please in the sumo wrestling ring?"

"People should come because there is a ton of free food, awesome raffle prizes, and it is going to be so much fun people won't want to leave!" Demarest said.

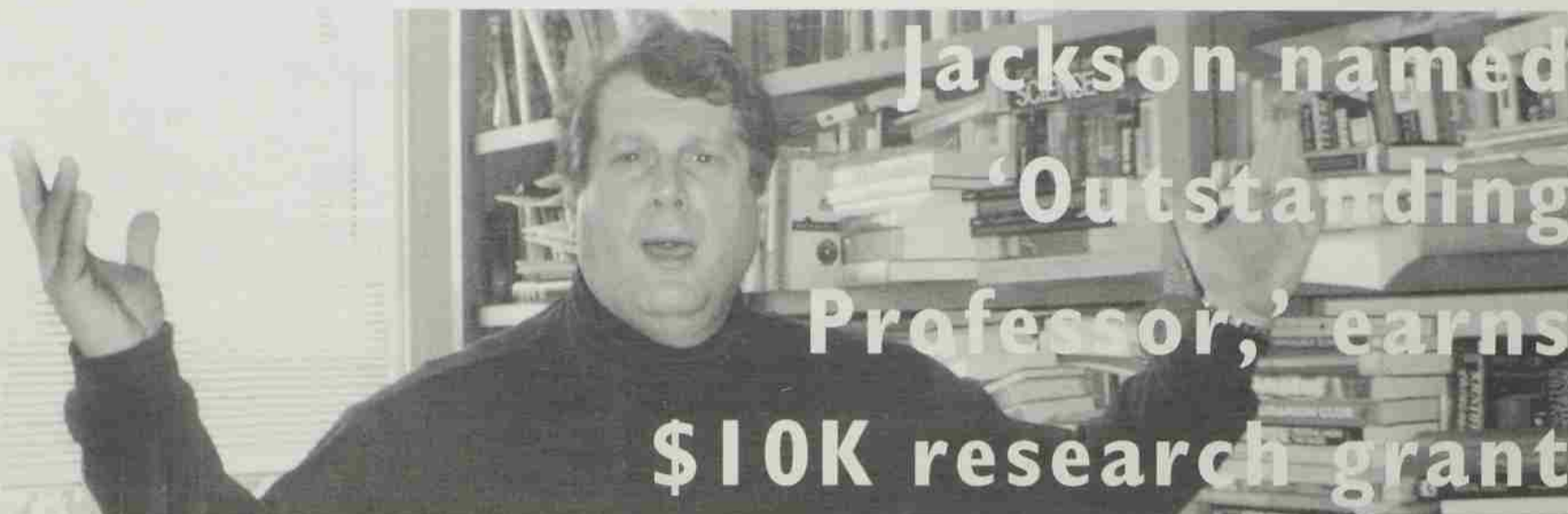
Fun things to do while naturally high:

1. Put on a fat suit and wrestle whoever gets in your way.
2. Eat free pizza while playing root beer pong.
3. End the night with an intense and exciting Halo tournament.

PROFILE

Jackson is known for his engaging lectures and genuine personality, both in and outside of the classroom.

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By SARAH MILLER

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On the third floor of Eaton Hall, an office is piled high with binders, paper and an endless supply of books. At a desk in the center of it all sits a man who when asked, describes himself as a "disastrous combination of insanity, passion and irreverence." He speaks multiple languages, has studied and taught at some of the most prestigious universities in the world, has lived in a communist country and has written three books. This man is Associate Professor of History of Science Myles Jackson.

Jackson was recently honored with the Graves Award for Outstanding Professor in the Humanities. The recipient is selected from a range of candidates from 37 universities on the west coast, each nominated by their home university and reviewed by a board at Pomona College in California. The winner, in this case Jackson, is awarded a \$10,000 research grant. An impassioned scholar, Jackson plans to use his grant in Russia, looking through archives and conducting research on Russian physicist Andrei Sakharov, whom Jackson referred to as a "famous dissident." "He's considered the father of the Soviet H bomb," Jackson said. "He didn't think they should make them anymore, so he was banned by Khrushchev."

Jackson's research will contribute to a

chapter in his third book, which will focus on ethics and science in the 20th century. "Other themes in the book include Einstein's pacifism, the American atomic bomb project, stem-cell research, genetic privacy and the patenting of human genes," Jackson said. It is his intention to eventually teach a freshman seminar with the finished work, which he expects to be complete within two to three years.

Other works by Jackson include "Spectrum of Belief: Joseph von Fraunhofer and the Craft of Precision Optics," which focuses on the relationship of artisanal knowledge and physics in nineteenth century Germany (published by MIT in 2000), as well as his upcoming "Harmonious Triads," which, according to Jackson, will discuss the relationships between physicists, musicians and instrument makers – or what is referred to as the "triangular exchange" – in the making of instruments.

Inspiration for Jackson's many books has come through a combination of different aspects of his life. "Harmonious Triads: Physicists, Musicians and Instrument Makers in Nineteenth-Century Germany" combines Jackson's experiences going from a working class family into a prestigious academic community, as well as his experience as a cellist. Jackson learned to play the cello at nine years of age and has since played in quartets and various groups. As

he is currently not involved in a group, Jackson uses the cello as musical therapy.

Jackson began his collegiate career at Cornell University, earning undergraduate degrees in Molecular and Cell Biology, Physics and German Literature. Following this he began a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology at Harvard University, but found himself bored by the repetition of the subject. In search of a challenge and a change – and desiring the combination of the humanities and the sciences – Jackson transferred to Cambridge University in Britain for his Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Science. During his time as a college student and in addition to his four years in Britain, Jackson studied abroad in what was then communist Germany. "The winds of change were blowing, demonstrations were happening," Jackson said of his experience in Leipzig. Following completion of his Ph.D., Jackson taught at Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania and the University of Chicago – a menagerie of impressive institutions far from his humble roots in Patterson, N.J. Jackson now finds himself at Willamette for a multitude of reasons, including the chance to build a science studies major from the ground up.

Here at Willamette, Jackson teaches a multitude of science studies and humanities courses including Biology and Society, Physics and Society, Medicine and Society, Intro to History of Technology, Intro to

History of Science and an advanced topics course. Of these, Jackson cites Physics and Society as his favorite. "It draws on my interest the most," he said. Outside of the classroom, Jackson is also an avid cook, having learned Italian cooking from his grandmother and a previous fiancée. Some of his specialties include tiramisu, crème brûlée and osso bucco.

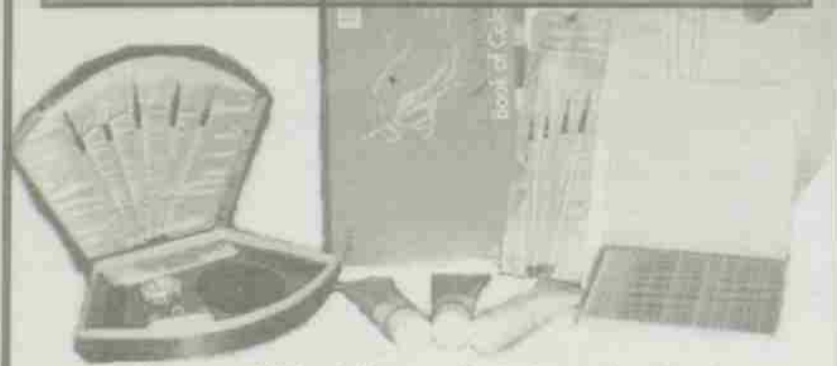
Another aspect of Jackson's life outside of the classroom includes interaction with students. "I visit Myles' office often, not only for academic reasons but also to chat or informally talk," senior Brian Best said. "He is incredibly approachable and humorous, often stopping to talk with students for extended periods of time. He is not only an excellent and engaging lecturer but a genuine guy who cares about students and makes an effort to interact with them inside and outside the classroom."

Of his modus operandi in the classroom, Best explained that "everyone should take a class from Myles Jackson. He is not only one of the most intelligent professors at Willamette but he is an incredible lecturer. His personality and wit makes learning fun and easy." For his goals as a professor, Jackson says he wants to "convey a passion for his discipline," a goal which Best sees as fulfilled. "Myles clearly has a passion for the subject he teaches," he said. "He is one of the best professors I have ever had."

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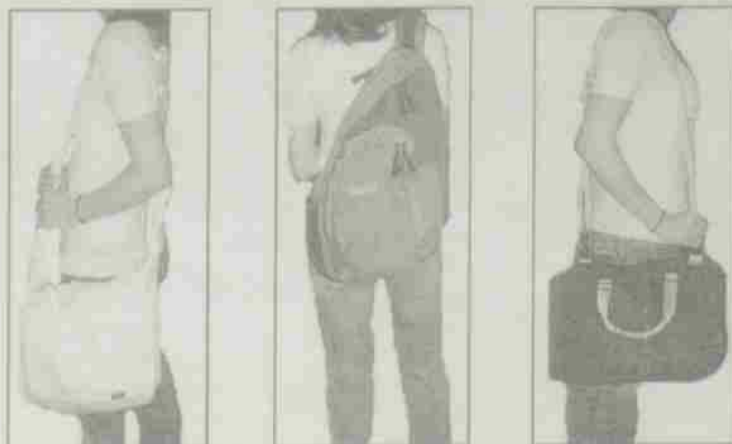
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ARTS

The Cat's Pajamas

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PERFORMANCE ARTS:

Much as I would like to be out doing my usual best margarita, best pad Thai, best white chocolate raspberry mocha, best whatever-bunting, I find that the active WU arts scene gets in the way. My inbox is flooded constantly with press releases, most of which are things going on right here on campus. Crazy! Who knew!? Well, ideally of course, we all would, so here I shall make an attempt to do my part to get the word out. Digesting press releases isn't nearly as fun as digesting mochas or margaritas, but I suppose it might be a bit healthier.

1. WU THEATER

Often overlooked by those not involved in it, Willamette has a lovely little theater department! A play is fast approaching. Watch for a write up in the next week's issue!

2. WU MUSIC

The sheer volume of press releases I receive from the music department makes me tired. I don't see how they actually have time to do anything other than plan events and write press releases about them. Good gracious. Here is a sampling of some of the highlights. For a fully fleshed-out schedule, contact <dtrevett>.

• March 15:

Anita King, piano
Jenni Cook, soprano

Guest soprano Jenni Cook joins faculty member Anita King in a free with student ID performance of French and German songs. Tres Bien! Weds. at 7:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall

• March 18:

A Celtic Pilgrimage with John Doan

Local musician John Doan performs pieces from two of his highly regarded CDs. His music evokes and was inspired by Celtic sacred spaces, which are known as 'thin places'—where heaven and earth, past and future are thinly divided. Sat. at 8 p.m. in Hudson Hall.

• March 22:

Shostakovich Extravaganza

Willamette students and faculty perform together in this free concert featuring a plethora of Shostakovich's chamber music masterpieces. Weds. at 7:30 p.m. in Hudson Hall.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: "Caffé Gelato"

Gelato now on State Street

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Caffé Gelato lures unsuspecting passersby-ers with its brightly colored gelato flavors...



Opening at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Caffé Gelato serves more than just the dessert crowd. With a long list of Allann Bros coffees and espressos, it caters heavily to the early morning caffeine enthusiasts. A selection of paninis (\$5.95), salads and soups makes the cafe an excellent stop for a quick meal. Don't drop by too late though; Salem's only gelateria closes Monday through Saturday at 8 p.m.

photo by JAMIE TIMBRELL

For those who prefer to remain mainstream, chocolate and vanilla are offered. For those who dare, flavors like currant, stracciatella and lemon, among others, are ready for tasting. You can also enjoy a variety of paninis, soups, coffees and chocolate desserts.

This Italian-inspired cafe opened over the holidays on 1326 State St. Owner Robert Davidson draws on his California Culinary Academy degree and 14 years in the food industry to run shop. He explained that unlike ice cream, gelato is cooked to 185 degrees before being frozen. "Like a reduction sauce, cooking extracts the ingredients," Davidson said. A more intense, concentrated flavor results.

Gelato also has lower fat content. Milk, rather than cream, serves as the primary ingredient. As a result, true gelato only has six to seven percent butterfat, while ice cream has 18 percent. Davidson concocts these not-so-sinful treats from scratch daily in an Italian

Gelato-maker. However, much of what Davidson churns out has a decidedly local flair to it. The Willamette Valley Fruit Co. supplies the necessary ingredients for many of the flavors. For anyone who wants to satiate a chocolate craving, a wide selection of Euphoria Chocolate truffles from Eugene and DPI cakes from Tualatin fill out the cafe's dessert selections.

It hasn't taken long for the Willamette community to discover Caffé Gelato. The place was packed with Willamette students before closing last Saturday night. "I like it. Japan has gelato shops, but like Baskin-Robbins, not like this," TUA student Azusa Shitatori said.

The cafe highlights the recent growth on State St. surrounding Willamette. "I think it's really cute, and it's exciting that they're opening new places along the street," 2005 grad and current music department faculty member Noreen Murdock said.

MOVIE REVIEW: "The Three Burials of..."

Warning: Must like Westerns

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I love westerns. I think it's important to get that out there when it comes to "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada." If you're not a fan of sprawling desert and men on horseback in the first place, Tommy Lee Jones's directorial debut is just not for you. Because sprawling is an appropriate word for not just the landscape, but also for the twisty plot and lengthy running time (just over two hours, which for the premise of the film is a long time). Screenwriter Guillermo Arriaga, best known for "Amores Perros" and "21 Grams," lets the story unfold in a series of flashbacks that leave the viewer typically confused for at least the first half hour. Who is Melquiades Estrada and why does Pete (Tommy Lee Jones) care so much that he is dead? Fear not, all will be revealed as the film winds its way along, but the more complicated aspects of the story don't come out until the bitter end.

The bare bones premise of the story is this: Melquiades Estrada, an illegal Mexican immigrant, is shot by a tightly wound border patrol officer, Mike Norton (Barry Pepper), Mel's foreman, and friend Pete (Jones) take up where justice leaves off and forces Mike to dig up the body and head south in order to fulfill the wishes of his friend to be buried near his family. Of course, you can tell by the title that Mel is buried more than once, and the journey isn't nearly as simple as it sounds. Jones does a nice job directing himself, but the film wanders more than it should and crosses into the land of myth and metaphor when the men arrive in Mexico. In a film that is set up to deal with racism, Jones handles the tougher questions with kid gloves. Obviously, Mike learns important lessons about right and wrong and the dignity of all human beings, but it's hard to tell if they'll last when he returns to civilization.

It's not all death and heavy-handed life lessons though. "The Three Burials" is flush with dark humor, especially drawn from the difficulties that arise when you try to tote a corpse across the desert. Some of the brightest moments of the film are found in the friendship of Pete and Mel, shown through flashbacks, as they ride around talking cows and women. And in a western of any quality, you gotta have the men on horseback (preferably packing some heat). "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada" brings the horses and the heat (in a gun and sun sense) necessary for any western, and for that I have to say it's all right.

DVD REVIEW: "Arrested Development"

Sublime absurdity

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We've made a huge mistake. We let "Arrested Development" go by the wayside. But hey, it was bound to happen sometime, right? So let's just revel in the glory that was the two-hour series finale.

The thing about all tragedies is that there's at least one single glowing affirmation in the midst of all that despair that makes things worth carrying on. In this case, the perk is that with the assurance of cancellation, Mitch Hurwitz and all the other writers of the final four half-hour episodes of the show are given free reign to make the plot and dialogue as rich and complex as their hearts desire. There's no more need to pander to the grounding crowds with pure slapstick, as in some of the lesser episodes of season two; no need to worry whether or not the neophyte viewers will be able to catch all of the "callback" references from previous episodes; no need to be concerned about whether or not the usual Fox-viewing crowd can follow the lightning pace of the story and the swift and witty verbal interchanges. Hurwitz and company have keyed into the freedom allowed to the series by its impending doom, and exploit this freedom to the furthest extent of their comedic talents.

And sometimes, it seems like things are going too fast, even for the seasoned "AD" viewer. But that's because Hurwitz knows that a truly devoted "AD" fan will watch the finale repeatedly, making sure they catch every stage nuance, every red-herring, every in-joke and plot twist they can possibly eke out of multiple viewings. Seldom has there been a series this devoted to its fan-base, and

for this reason there is no question as to why this show will be so sorely missed by its devotees.

Like Buster to his various graduate studies, G.O.B. to his magic tri—illusions, Lucille to her vodka, and Tobias to his—well, you know—"Arrested Development" will prove an emotional fixation far too familiarly delightful to rehabilitate one's self from. For there is a certain sweet comfort in the absurd hilarity of the Bluthian Universe that is largely wanting in the actual one. To me, the Bluth world is the best of all possible worlds. It is a world in which Kenneth Lay and Oliver North (but ironically, not Martha Stewart) accidentally expose themselves via government sponsored Free scrapbook-making sting operations. It is a world in which Judge Reinhold can play an actual trial—well, an actual mock trial—judge; a world in which William Hung can perform a vocal introduction of that broadcasted mock trial, with accompaniment from "The Hung Jury" band. It is a world in which people can have conversations like this:

Lindsay: We're twins. You didn't give ME access to the banking.

Michael: No, you'd just, you'd go out and you'd just where it up.

Lindsay, you know? Now, [Nellie]'s different. She's a little bit more like me. It's like we finish each other's—

Lindsay: Sandwiches?

Michael: ...Sentences. Why would I say—

Lindsay: Sandwiches?

Michael: That time I was going to say sandwiches.

And that world, my friends, is a world I would rather live in.

FEATURE

Gambling: A hidden addiction

By Colleen Irwin

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Why stalk on thefacebook.com when you could make money while you procrastinate? This appears to be the growing sentiment among college students as online poker soars in popularity.

Its 24/7 availability and promise of financial gain make it the obvious choice over outdated computer games such as "The Oregon Trail." Instead of cramming for a test you could either forge the river and hope your oxen do not drown or earn cash for tuition. Yeah right, tuition.

Online poker companies aggressively market to college students, even posting advertisements on thefacebook.com to lure in new gamblers. All their marketing is paying off too. Between 2003 and 2004 there was an 84% increase in males in school who bet weekly on cards, according to a survey done by the Annenberg Public Policy Center.

Our generation was raised on computer and video games. We may not all know how to balance a checkbook, but man can we play Mario Kart. Our familiarity and comfort with technology and gaming makes us likely candidates for online gambling.

Because we are so used to playing computer games, it is difficult to make the connection that online gambling is a game with consequences. Unlike playing poker at a casino where you can physically see your money being taken away, the financial aspect of online poker is much more removed.

Often times, web sites will even let newcomers play hands for free. The idea behind this is that after players become comfortable enough with the game, they start to play for money. Once a player starts to play for money, they can choose the level of tournament they enter through the buy in.

Freshman Drew Lackman was one of those enticed by the option of playing for free. Unlike many, Lackman never went so far as to bet money. Lackman confessed that he never got that into online poker because he didn't have the money to play and he just wasn't that good at it. "I was never that hard core. It was just a way to pass time at school."

While Lackman might not see the perks of online gambling, others have certainly taken note. One of the benefits of online gambling is the anonymity. Players can win and lose over and over under the alias of screen names. One CLA undergrad, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he too started like Lackman, betting for free.

The student said that a friend who was really into online gambling got him and others started. Once he began to get the hang of it he realized that there was a strategy to the game. He wasn't the only one who noticed. Everything from books to blogs claim to yield winning poker tips. By simply typing in "online poker strategies" in Google, 2,350,000 results pop up faster than you can say "hit me."

From the free tournaments, the student started to enter into inexpensive tournaments. After setting up an account through sights like titanpoker.com or partypoker.com, you can play in tournaments where the buy-in is only \$5. The only downside is that you don't win that

Wow! Online poker is so easy! Forget looking for a summer job, as long as I stay on top of my game I'll have tons of money in no time!



I don't get it! Why are you dropping out?!



I got in debt trying to pay my college debt



much at a time.

"I've won more than I've lost. But the biggest prize I've ever won was only \$30," the student said. He then went on to say he had a friend who won \$900 and another who played in a tournament for \$2,000 but lost.

As frequent gamblers know, you can't win them all.

But the uncertainty is part of the attraction.

Although our anonymous student assures me he is not addicted to gambling,

he can see how others can be. "It is kind of a rush winning and losing money."

After gambling for a while, an intermittent reward system becomes established. Deborah Loers, Dean of Student Development, explained that an intermittent reward system is when someone is not rewarded for an action every time they perform it, but often enough that an association is formed.

The combination of instant satisfaction that gambling provides and the intermittent reward system that it creates can lead to addiction.

And it has, many times over.

Five percent of college students report pathological

gambling as a problem, compared to 1.6 percent of the general public, according to the Journal of Gambling Studies.

An addiction is classified as a "compulsive behavior" that harms those who perform the behavior and those around them, and yet they continue to do it, Loers said. As far as gambling goes, that means resorting to reckless behavior such as stealing and spending money when you don't have any money to spend.

In an extreme case of online gambling addiction, in 2003, Meng-Ju "Mark" Wu, a college student at the University of Wisconsin, shot three of his friends to death. According to the Bager Herald, the University's newspaper, Wu said that they had helped him place bets online and he had lost \$15,000 and withdrawn \$72,000 from his bank account. Before the case could go to trial Wu took his own life.

Although Loers said that she has never treated anyone at Willamette primarily for online gambling addiction, it has come up

as a secondary concern. This is because addiction to online gambling takes a back seat to more obvious physical problems. Posters around campus promote safe sex and each year straight talk preaches the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. But there is no mention of gambling or financial responsibility.

This could all change soon though. Willamette has recently received a grant to help promote financial literacy. The money will go

towards educating students on how to responsibly manage their money. The wellness center is looking into using part of the grant for educating students about the dangers of online gambling.

Other than its potential for addiction, online gambling has another set of issues: legality. Because there is no foolproof way of verifying identity through online sites, children are easily able to enter into tournaments with their parent's credit cards. The student said that he noticed "some people bet like kids." This is probably because they are. Forty-three percent of males that bet weekly on cards are under 18 years old, according to another survey done by the Annenberg Public Policy Center.

In the United States there is no state that outright allows online gambling, and Nevada, Illinois and Louisiana have even gone as far as to ban online casinos. In order to circumnavigate U.S. laws, most gambling sites are located outside the United States. For instance, Titanpoker.com is located in Southwest Europe, in Gibraltar.

It is hard to force individuals to obey laws restricting online gambling for the same reason that it is illegal. In order to start making arrests, the government would need to invest time and money into tracking internet connections and then have

substantial proof that the owner of that computer was gambling. The whole scenario has flashes of internet music piracy.

One way to stay legal and still enjoy the recreation of gambling would be to gamble the old fashioned way. Brian Schmidt, Director of Campus Recreation, suggested that to inject some more competition into the game, students could start clubs or even intramural teams. Although the students would not be playing for real money, they could still enjoy the game with their friends.

From 2003 to 2004 there was an 84 percent increase of males in school betting weekly on cards, according to the University of Pennsylvania.

According to the Journal of Gambling Studies, 5 percent of college students report pathological gambling as a problem, compared to 1.6 percent of the general public.

43.2 percent of people who bet weekly on cards are under 18 years old, according to the University of Pennsylvania.

What is compulsive gambling?

For most people, gambling is fun and exciting, but simply a form of entertainment. For others, gambling becomes an addiction known as compulsive gambling.

For the compulsive gambler, the urge to gamble tends to grow stronger over time, while the negative results of the gambling grow worse. Once addicted, the compulsive gambler will risk finances, health, home and family in order to keep gambling.

Compulsive gambling has been called the "hidden addiction" because even though gambling can be psychologically devastating, there are no obvious physical signs of addiction.

Many gamblers need help in recognizing the signs of compulsive gambling. Often the spouse, friends and employer of the compulsive gambler recognize the problems and seek help before the gambler does.

How can you tell if someone has a gambling problem?

Gambling becomes a problem when a person:

- Loses time from work, school or family life in order to gamble
- Thinks continually of gambling and ways to get gambling money
- Gambles until all the money is gone
- Gambles to win back money lost through gambling
- Lies to hide gambling activity
- Relies on others to get out of debt
- Commits forgery, fraud, or theft, or embezzles for gambling money
- Fails time after time to reduce or stop gambling

Where does it all end?

Divorce, loss of custody of children, jail or suicide. According to National Council on Problem Gambling:

- 20 percent of those treated for compulsive gambling have attempted suicide, and 80 to 90 percent have considered it.
- 34 percent were fired from or quit work
- 44 percent had stolen from employers to finance gambling
- 26 percent were divorced or separated due to gambling

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ABROAD

LONDON: *worth its weight in quid*

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After nearly a month in London, Chris and Kristina have (almost) mastered the city and wish to share a few tips for those with future thoughts of traveling to the heart of what was once the greatest imperial power in the world and what is now one of its most diverse and cosmopolitan capitals. So here are some do's and don'ts to remember when seeking out fun on Her Majesty's home turf.

HOST FAMILIES:

DO get to know your host families and spend time with them. Chris: The families do have their own lives and they need their own space from time to time, but many of them have been hosting students for years and enjoy doing so. In my case, my host father told me on the first day, "You are part of the family now." Families with children can add even more delight, because they keep your energy level high even after school and the long commute home. Whether

you have a warm relationship with your family or not, communication and negotiation about sharing the household resources is vital to a good overall experience in the London program.

Kristina: Host families are wonderful! But like every family, each home has its own rhythm that takes getting used to. A random tip on that note: when packing, **DON'T** bring scandalous underwear. Many British families conserve loads of energy by not using a dryer for their laundry. This means that on any given laundry day the household's clothing can be found all over the building, draped over banisters, door hangers and heating vents so that it will dry quickly. This is usually really nice because you never have to worry about shrinking anything. But in the beginning, having all of my laundry spread about the whole house took a little getting used to. At the end of the first week at my home-stay, my host parents, roommate and I were all sitting at the kitchen table eating dinner, when I happened to glance at the heat register which was less than three feet from my plate and very near eye level. I looked again. Yup. That was my underwear. Awwkwaaard.

TRANSPORTATION:

DON'T be afraid to use public transport to get around. Chris: The Tube bombings that occurred in London last year have clearly not deterred the city's residents or the thousands of tourists that are in evidence even in the cold of winter. Even late at night, many stations have a heavy police presence, denoted by their brightly colored orange or green vests, and all stations have numerous security cameras. Travel is inexpensive as well: the centre issues all students an Oyster card which covers the cost of transport on either the Tube or the city's substantial system of red double-decker buses. The only setback may be the time factor: the commute from Harrow to the London Centre sometimes takes as long as an hour.

Kristina: However, when using public transport, use some caution. If the tube doors are closing, **DON'T** try to jump through them. Bad plan. On my very first tube ride, my roommate Beth and I sprinted down the stairs and tried to leap into the Metropolitan tube before the doors shut. The tube doors look similar to elevator doors, so naturally I had made the assumption that they would **ACT** like elevator doors as well,



bouncing apart when they came in contact with human mass. Wrong. Tube doors are like jaws of death, not elevator doors. Fortunately, the British are, in general, very calm in the midst of crises, and tolerantly blinked at Beth and I as we yelled and pulled myself, and my backpack, free.

WEEKEND TRAVELS:

DON'T travel abroad every single weekend. Chris: Yes, it is true that there is no school Fridays, meaning that quick trips to France, Germany or one of the other British Isles are definitely within reach. However, London offers a tremendous amount of weekend activities, from the famous weekend book bargains at Portobello Road to the Jack the Ripper walks on Saturday nights. Day trips to Oxford, Cambridge, Brighton, Bath and Stonehenge, among many others, are also easily accessible from one of London's National Rail stations, many of which also double as Tube stations. And don't underestimate the homework load either.

Kristina: Spend lots of time in London, but **DO** make use of London's proximity to the rest of Europe. Last weekend was one of the best I've had during this program, and it was spent in Brouge, Belgium, visiting 44 out of the 46 chocolate shops in the city.

Chris and Kristina are among 25 students from WU, University of Portland, Pacific Lutheran University, University of Puget Sound and Gonzaga University attending the International Liberal Arts Colleges Association's spring term at its London Centre in the heart of the city. Other WU students there are juniors Joshua Bell and Graham Bell. WU history professor Seth Cotlar is also there teaching and assisting with the program and lives in a flat in downtown London with his family.

RIGHT ♦ Chris Foss poses with a wax hand at the Sherlock Holmes Museum on Baker St. in London.
ABOVE ♦ Kristina Johnson lies in a tomb at the church of St. Bartholomew Museum.

photos courtesy of CHRIS FOSS



GLOBAL PULSE

ENGLISH-ONLY CURRICULUM TAKES OVER PREVIOUS MULTI-LINGUAL SCHOOL

In the United States, especially here in Oregon, we have become accustomed to hearing something other than English. We may not understand the Spanish or Russian or Vietnamese that we hear, but the more often we're surrounded by it, the more normal it seems. In

schools, bilingual programs have flourished and many are attempting to accommodate immigrants that speak very little English by using an assimilation structure that allows students to take classes in their native language for the first year or two, and gradually move into English. Bilingual education is becoming a hot topic all over, and in London, just recently, there has been a pronounced shift towards an English-only cur-



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riculum, which stresses total immersion and transition to the English language. One school, White Hart Lane in Tottenham, that once provided students with classes in multiple languages (mostly Turkish) has just made the switch to all English curriculums.

Nick Seaton, of the Campaign for Real Education, said: "I fully support this move back to all English lessons and would think it is very overdue. If youngsters are going to come and live in Britain then they need to have a good grasp of the English language."

According to the BBC, more than 70 percent of pupils in one school in London speak English as a second language. There are roughly 59 different languages, from Amharic to Ukrainian, that are spoken within just one high school in London. From this stance, this is one of the basic concerns; that because there are so many languages spoken, they can not all be

accounted for. It is very difficult to provide language maintenance to hundreds of kids that speak multiple languages. Advocates of the English-only paradigm claim that the youth will benefit from the program in the future and that they will become better engrossed in society by perfecting their English. Advocates also point out that the English language has slowly been taking over in business relations and has begun to develop internationally.

In 2005, the BBC reported that in London most schools offer 35 languages in either the curriculum or in after-school clubs. Many advocates of bilingual programs claim that it is not valued as much as it should be. To be able to speak three different languages shows greater skill, and also provides the individual with a multi-cultural understanding. Joanna McPake, of Stirling University, led a study on bilingual education in the UK to determine the atti-

tudes towards various languages.

"There is a huge body of research testifying to the benefits of bilingualism for educational development. Yet our survey has shown that schools do not always appreciate the value of maintaining and developing language skills other than English," McPake said.

Although this is just one instance of English-only programs winning over multi-lingual education, it is an example that clearly conveys changes occurring in the world. As English gains linguistic powers, more and more youths will be making the switch from their native language. Economic and social reasons appear to be at the root of it all, but in the end, it really depends on what the numbers show. Is the acquisition of knowledge more important than learning English, or are there ways that schools can be sure to balance the two?

OPINIONS

Tatiana's TURN

Bring back The Bistro on Sunday

Across college campuses nationwide, Sunday is known as homework day. No matter your work ethic, Sunday harbors cramming for Monday's test(s) and/or paper(s) or taking over Joe's column.

There's a reason for this: spending Friday or Saturday night doing homework is similar to committing a social suicide. You might as well wear headgear during the day and bring D&D to a kegger on our favorite street named after a Washingtonian city. And teachers with Friday classes are clever mathematicians; two days > one day. Students are left doing that extra homework on Sunday evening.

But the rub lies not in when but where to do your homework. It's apropos to finding the perfect date place. You need the right music, lighting and company. There's your room (where it seems the perfect time to vacuum - that involves searching for the vacuum first), your friend's room (where you read [ela-sophomore] e-mails), the dorm study-room (a sort of match.com for other procrastinators), the second-floor library study rooms (which smell like semester-old Goudy sandwiches and football-player), Coffee House Café (where the scenesters will give you cancer on your way in and then mock you through the window) or Starbucks (which closes before I start my homework). None of these places is quite right.

The perfect Sunday place used to be the Bistro. Sure, the Bistro has problems. As one coffee-addict says, "Some of the baristas can't pull a decent shot." The music is good 3.1417 out of 10 times, and on the rare occasion that it is actually decent, that one annoying person (who I'm determined to find) will change it from Van Morrison or Rilo Kiley to Britney Spears.

The novelty of the snob-to-pop-switch definitely wore off. It makes you feel less cool and more fad-ish when all your table-neighbors have your iBook. But besides its minor faults, the Bistro was ideal. You could buy yourself one (or three) cookies, a tall special and begin the torture of tarea. It always made me feel better when I went up for a refill. It's a familiar face not judging me for wearing my laundry-day grub or paying in non-quarter change. It's only 20 yards away from my home.

But alas, these kids have homework too? Guys, get a little utilitarian here and help me and everyone else out.

But until the Tristan to my Isolde returns, I'm left searching for a place where I can (pretend to) get my work done. I'll probably find the Holy Grail or Atlantis; but first, I can't decide whether it smells like chicken salad or club.



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Bon Appetit continues to hold unfair monopoly over scarce club funds

If you have recently attended an on-campus student party and partaken in eating that sweet, succulent, greasy pie from the sky that we call Papa John's, be forewarned: campus po may be on the way. Have you partaken of the forbidden free chocolate of the Connoisseur's Club? This means that you have just broken one of the most secretive and powerful contracts at our school: that blood fellowship between Bon Appetit and Willamette University.

What ho? Our university is under contract with Bon Appetit; any "catering" that occurs on campus must be done through them. This sounds reasonable enough, doesn't it? After all, the profit margin for doing food service at a school of our size is quite small. Thus, they need those extra incentives to serve their wonderful food on our campus. However, this most secret agreement has gone too far. This contract is not only binding for our univer-

sity, but it is also binding for any student funds.

So why is this a problem? After all, if you have ever attended a Bon Appetit catered event, it has tasted quite fine. We should, however, have the ability to spend our student funds as we choose. Regardless of the quality of Goudy's pies, should we limit our sights only to Bon Appetit? Why should we frame our events around them?

In addition, there is a fiscal restriction here. Our choice of how we spend our student funds is now limited by a contract that the university has made. Yet, these are our funds. How is it that this contract can impinge upon our fiscal choices without some sort of official student representation (i.e. ASWU) in the forming of this contract? If anyone has noticed the price rise in Goudy food, be assured that the same costs extend to their private catering. Hungry for a cheesecake? Be

expected to pay \$30 for your dessert.

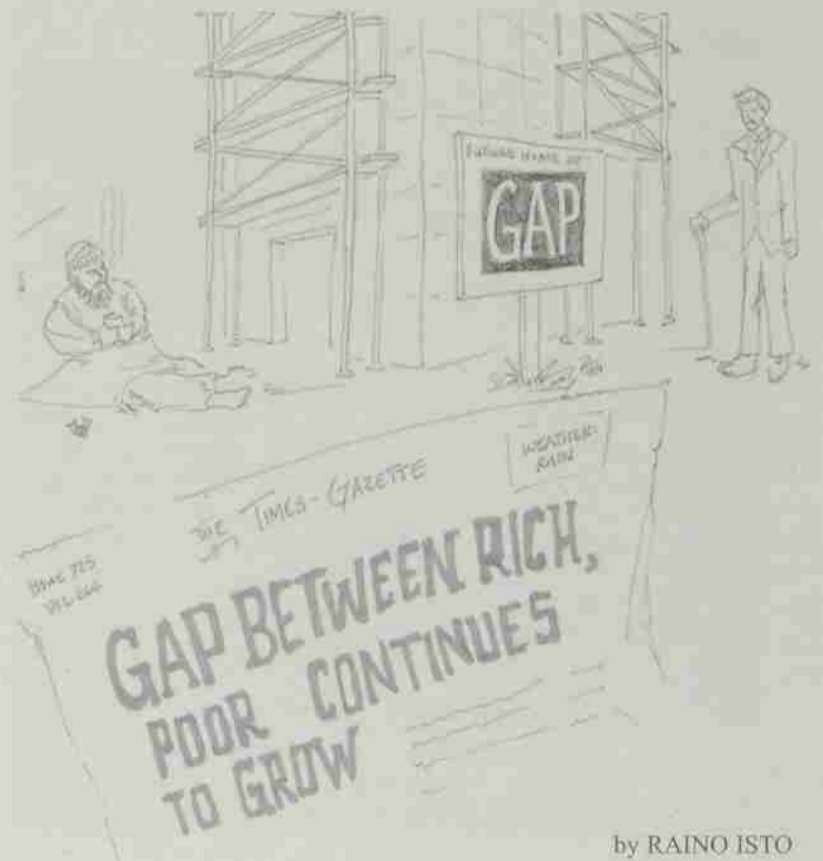
It is clear that there is already flagrant violation of this contract across campus. With leadership roles shifting on a regular basis, how does the University or Bon Appetit expect student leaders to abide by this contract? Should a student group discover the day of an event that its projected plans will not work, that it will have to buy any food it uses through Goudy? This causes undue stress on already busy student leaders.

Student clubs and government should regain the right to spend student fees as they please. Our creative genius and our fiscal shrewdness should not be limited by the expensive resident food providers. Contracts restricting our use of our funds should be brought before our students or our elected representative body. Give back to the students the right to have a cake of their choosing and the chance to eat it on campus too.

Letter to the Editor

I found it a bit ironic that an article which lambasts me for "baselessly attacking Bob Hawkinson" made innumerable personal attacks against me. I am labeled: disrespectful, irresponsible, immature, emotional and libelous. In addition, I am said to lack legitimacy and be a liar, and I am called insane. It's a pretty classic move: if you can't beat a person in a real debate using argument and fact, just attack him personally. Anyway, for the record, I would like to include this excerpt from Mr. Hawkinson's (uh-oh!) letter regarding Phil's statement about breaking the rules: "I cannot ignore the inclusiveness of your statement. Accordingly, the possibility that you are also intending to violate our academic rules against plagiarism and cheating also arises. Prudence, therefore, dictates that your academic advisor and the Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Jerry Gray, be notified of your statement of intent." I think that speaks for itself.

- Fred Engell
CLA junior



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Jessica's Law: Backed by ignorance and prejudice Applause to the tolerant few

Oregonians are taking a stand, sitting in the judge's chair and getting tough on crime! It's a noble cause, or so proponents of Jessica's Law, which creates stiffer penalties for sex offenders, would have you believe. Sadly, students' efforts to push for Jessica's Law show rash ignorance and misguided zeal. It is true; it is a non-partisan capacity to dehumanize prisoners. After all, convicts are convicts. They have violated our social contract. They have committed crimes and have been duly prosecuted by our government.



MIKE LE CHEVALLIER

Why should we not use our best efforts to strip them of any dignity that they might have, as well? It is also a bit ironic, for hating pedophiles is not only a non-partisan issue, but it is also an issue around which both prisoners and free citizens can unify. I certainly already know of at least one man waiting on death row for killing a man who he was convinced was a child sex offender.

There is a reason that we have responsible judges in charge of sentencing convicts. Mandatory minimum sentencing already takes the decision out of the judges' hands. Eight years is set as a minimum already. This doesn't mean that a judge cannot impose higher restrictions on people according to the severity of their crimes.

Why, however, should we turn ourselves into the judges to say that people should unilaterally spend at least 25 years in prison for crimes they have committed? You are, in effect, sentencing someone to life in prison. (Felons sentenced to life in prison with opportunity for parole come before the parole board only after 25 years.) This leaves no room for judge discretion. Rather, we would allow our own biases and prejudices against felons, more specifically against pedophiles, to condemn them to what is fitting. This is unjust and represents a further discrimination against those who have committed crimes.

Kaitlyn Pulhamus also claimed that this law would be good because of the low rehabilitation rate of pedophiles. While I don't have any statistics on pedophiles specifically, within three years from being released from prison only about 70 percent of normal inmates recidivate and of sex offenders specifically, only about 85 percent recidivate. Where, then, does this mandate come from to take preventative measures by placing

felons in prison for 25 years and then having them monitored for life? It might seem silly for me to complain about this mandate for monitoring, but more and more of these costs are falling not on the public, but on felons. A recent front page New York Times article (Feb. 22, 2006) outlined how some states that are employing GPS locators on sex offenders charge prisoners \$16 a day. How are we aiding in felons' rehabilitation if we are eliminating their means of becoming fiscally independent?

So perhaps eight years is not long enough. That is why it is a mandatory minimum sentence. It is up to the judge's discretion to sentence an inmate for longer. Where is the logical leap that rather than an eight year minimum sentence, it should be 25? At the ages of 18 to 23, I don't know how most of us could even comprehend just how long 25 years in prison would be.

I would encourage Justin Weaver to take a visit to Oregon State Penitentiary. Take a tour, perhaps, or even give volunteering there a try. I think that through your conversations with inmates, you might just get a glimpse of how long 25 years is. With five correctional institutions in the area, it should be quite simple to find a chance to volunteer. I volunteer at OSP every Sunday and could certainly help you find a way to serve in there.

Having volunteered with the prison system for the past year and a half, I have had a chance to see the side of inmates that most of the public refuses to see: the human side. Attending worship services over at the prison, I have sung, prayed, worshipped and joked with felons. They are my church community. Sadly, the tough on crime mentality represented by Jessica's Law is evidence of a larger systematic dehumanization of felons. What good is our prison system if it leaves no room for redemption, no room for rehabilitation?

Our justice system serves its purpose. Let us keep these men's lives in the hands of people more aware of facts, situations and circumstances. Furthermore, let us consider our own prejudices towards felons, realize the injustice hidden in our own views and take a chance to reevaluate our own efforts to aid in the rehabilitation of our most ignored citizens.

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"There is a reason that we have responsible judges in charge of sentencing convicts."

Criticisms against lack of tolerance have been written throughout the year in the Collegian editorials. The board has written blistering editorials condemning the faculty's intolerance against Powell, as well as the recent vandalisms of the art wall. Indeed, one of the vandals even wrote to The Collegian defending his/her intolerance by arguing that Bob Marley would have been just as intolerant!



JOHN WICKRE

However, despite all these instances, I think it is important to point out that this is a relatively minor phenomenon; in fact, many here at Willamette are ardent supporters of advocating political diversity. Our own Opinions editor, Joe Pallet, is fairly liberal, yet his desire to get a balanced Opinion page has led him on many occasions to near beggary to get conservative writers. When the Reagan image was defaced on the art wall, the persons most upset were the art wall coordinators, neither of whom is close to being a Reagan Republican.

My good friend Matt Buehler, who is a Reagan Republican, took the initiative to bring presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich to speak on campus two years ago. Today, he is leading the effort to bring Joe Wilson to campus. In both cases, Matt's tolerance for the ideas of others has allowed him to get past his differences with them to appreciate what they have to offer to this campus.

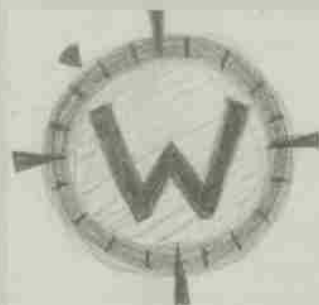
Finally, but perhaps most importantly, are the efforts of President Pelton to promote a genuine environment of diversity. It was his office that brought George Will to Willamette a year ago, and it was Pelton, as well, who brought Colin Powell to campus this year. Despite

the fact that the faculty voted to condemn this decision, and some donors declared their intention to withhold donations, President Pelton stuck to his principled position that diversity of ideas matters. This was not a popular thing to do. Powell was a member of the Bush administration, and on this campus those who support the Bush administration are a distinct and sometimes unpopular minority.

Yet, I find it hard not to admire our university president for his willingness to respect people who are different from the majority. During a forum discussing Powell's visit, Pelton rejected the idea of an ideological 'litmus test' when it came to who was fully welcome on this campus. Ultimately, it's difficult not to speculate that this devotion to tolerance comes from President Pelton's unique perspectives growing up in a time and place in which intolerance and prejudice of another kind showed their full ugliness.

For all the political intolerance that exists at this school, it's heartening to know that true liberal thought of pluralism dominates the school's culture. While these instances of intolerance have received their rightful condemnation, I think it's only appropriate that we should highlight the more prevalent feeling of tolerance.

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a college of tolerance

BY NICOLE REED

Iraq, three years later: what do we do now?

Iraq, at three years (and counting): what do we do now?



CASEY SPARKS

Wednesday, March 19, 2003: the bombing of Iraq begins. Countless innocent civilians fall victim to unreported attacks as we witness the shock-and-awe displays of Baghdad government buildings crumbling before our eyes in infrared vision on our television sets. A few weeks later, Baghdad falls; soon after, the unlawful occupation begins.

And now, three years later, the flames of controversy that have surrounded it all the while are fanned anew.

A couple of weeks ago, a professor of international law in London published a book called "Lawless World," in which he details a meeting that took place among President Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and a couple of aides in January 2003 (almost two months before the war started). The minutes of this meeting – first reported by selected sources in the British press, and since referred to by American journalists as the "White House Memo," in the spirit of the infamous "Downing Street Memo" that emerged last summer – give an in-depth summary of what went on behind closed doors that day, and what they talked about in relation

to the war soon to come.

The meeting took place at a time when the British and American governments, united in their desire to wage war with Iraq and remove Saddam from power, were beginning to worry about the lack of "hard" intelligence that had emerged to bolster their claims that Iraq was producing – in violation of the terms of U.N. Resolution 1441 – weapons of mass destruction. Shortly thereafter, Secretary of State Colin Powell would appear before the U.N. Security Council and awe the assembled delegates with expertly crafted PowerPoint graphics, animations and satellite photos. The conclusions formed from this data have since been thoroughly debunked, refuted and attacked by nearly every expert who has seen them. In the meantime, however, Bush and Blair found themselves faced with the task of identifying evidence that Saddam Hussein was not meeting the standards that had been placed on him the fall before.

To that end, they discussed several dif-

ferent options. The first, made by Bush – as reported in the memo – was that they could launch "U2 reconnaissance aircraft with fighter cover over Iraq, painted in U.N. colors. If Saddam fired on them, he would be in breach." If this failed, they would have to go about other ways of moving the world community down the inexorable path to war. They turned to the subject of U.N. approval, and the sort of legitimacy that getting a second resolution passed would give to their argument for initiating a conflict with Saddam.

Bush responded to Blair's suggestion that a second U.N. resolution would serve as a sort of "insurance policy" with the statement that "The U.S. would put its full weight behind efforts to get another resolution and would 'twist arms' and 'even threaten.'" If their efforts to gain the approval of the world community failed, however, "military action would follow anyway" [emphasis having been made by the author of the memo, not me].

I've talked to a lot of people recently who say that we shouldn't still be debating the war in Iraq or the circumstances that

led up to it. I agree with them, because as I see it, there's really nothing about the war that's even up for debate anymore. The reports of numerous committees and commissions, formed for the purpose of investigating the causes and nature of the war thus far, have led to one simple conclusion: it was all just one big mistake.

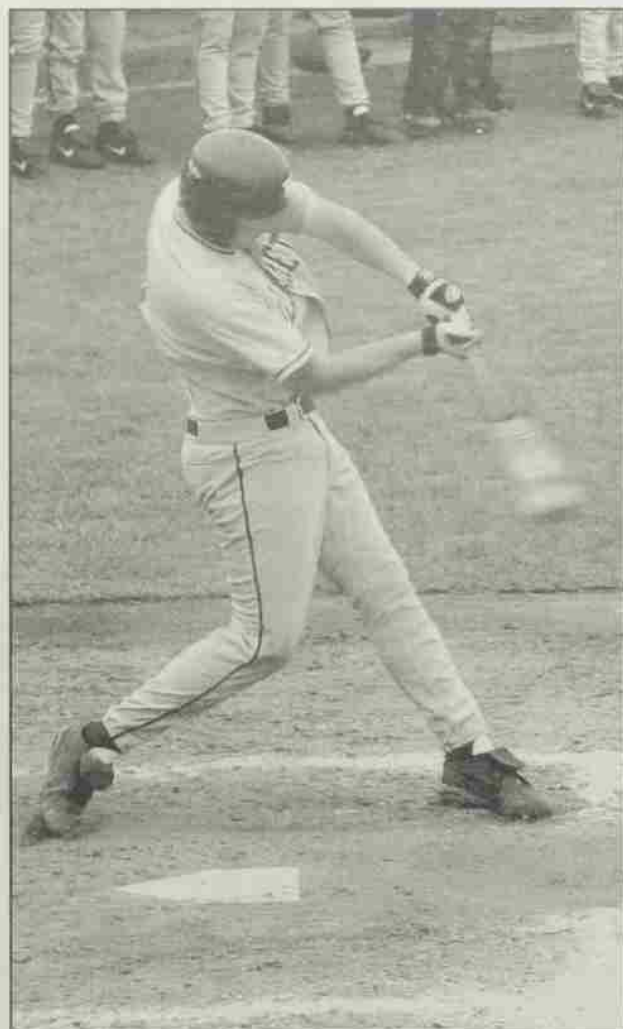
What is up for debate about it, though – and what I hope will continue to be present in people's minds these days – is the question, "what should we do now?" Now, that is, that over 2,200 Americans, and at least 32,000 Iraqi civilians (at last count) have fallen victim to the conditions of the "breeding ground" for terrorism that we helped create with our invasion three years ago. What should we do now that we see that the instigators of it all, President George W. Bush and his 'war cabinet' are firmly entrenched in power? Now that we look around and find that the international community still hates us for abusing our powers – in this, and other areas – since 9/11.

I believe that the details of the "White House Memo" – in opening the curtain of government secrecy just a bit to reveal some of what went on behind the scenes in the months leading up to war in the spring of 2003 – can help us answer the question, "what should we do now?"

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SPORTS



The team relied on the player's powerful hits in order to gain an advantage against L&C.

photo by BRANDON BENNIGHT

Baseball steals series from L&C

By ALEX COMPTON

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The Willamette University men's baseball team landed two victories this past weekend against Lewis and Clark College, devastating the Pioneers on Sunday after Saturday's doubleheader was split.

The Pioneers secured game one of the series on Saturday afternoon with a 6-1 victory over the Bearcats. The Pioneers' starting pitcher completed the game, limiting Willamette to only five hits total. All six of Lewis and Clark's scores came in the second inning. Adam Beebe relieved Tye Sundlee after one inning at the mound. Beebe pitched strong for eight innings, allowing four hits and zero runs.

Kelly Gilmore started off strong in game two with an early solo home run that put Willamette out front 1-0. However, it seemed likely that the Bearcats would succumb to the same fate, as the Pioneers scored four times in the first, second, and fourth innings, two of which came from Bearcat errors. Willamette answered with an RBI single from Adam Holden and Sean Anderson's sacrifice fly, narrowing the gap to just one run. The Bearcats broke away with a three-run double by Gilmore, giving them back the lead as the score became 6-4. Then Holden was walked with the bases loaded and a subsequent hit batter drove home another run.

Matt Johnson brought in another runner with a single, ending an impressive seventh inning in which the Bearcats amassed six runs. Holden ripped one more RBI in the eighth to give Willamette some breathing room with a six-run lead. Lewis and Clark rallied in the top of the ninth, bringing in two runs before being put down for good by a double play executed by the Bearcats. The score was left at 10-6, in favor of Willamette.

Jarrid Summers pitched for the win, allowing zero hits in

BASEBALL

the seventh inning in relief of Clint Moran. Moran pitched for six innings, throwing five strikeouts and allowing six hits and two earned runs.

The Bearcats fell behind in the beginning of the third game of the series when the Pioneers landed a two-run double with one out remaining. Willamette eventually leveled the score at 2-2 in the fifth inning when Gilmore singled and drove Holden to the plate. Gilmore circled the bases to score on Steve Johnson's RBI single. The Bearcats cracked 11 runs during the seventh inning that was full of perpetually-filled bases to bring the final score to 13-2 Bearcats. The initial 2-2 tie was breached when Johnson hit a bases-loaded single to drive Holden home. Kyle Stalker doubled to clear the bases and to bring in three additional runs, setting the score at 6-2 with the Bearcats in the lead.

Ellis Webster delivered a two-run single after the bases were loaded once again. Anderson walked in a run and Gilmore hit a two-run single. The seventh hit of the inning was given to Johnson, who doubled and sent in two more runs. Pitching responsibility was divided up by Kelsey Nakata, Drew Herbert, and Matt Bicocca. Nakata pitched three hitless innings while relieving Herbert to pick up his third win of the season.

Herbert started the game and went five innings, giving up two runs and five hits. Bicocca threw a scoreless ninth inning for the Bearcats. Gilmore and Johnson each had three hits and three RBIs. Stalker and Grant Yamaguchi tallied two hits a piece. The Bearcats now hold a record of 2-1 in the NWC and 7-2 overall for this season.

The Bearcats will try to keep hope alive next weekend as they travel to University of Puget Sound for another three-game series.

Basketball ends season with goodbye to senior John Olinger

By BRIAN BEST

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Last Thursday the Willamette Bearcats traveled to Spokane, Wash. for one of the biggest games of the season against the Whitworth Pirates, the winner challenging UPS on Saturday. Whitworth was the only team in regular season to beat the Bearcats twice, which weighed heavily on the minds of Willamette players as they prepared to challenge the Pirates in an away game.

Willamette started the game down 0-7 until free-throws from J-Lucky Luchterhand and Jacob Baran combined with a three-pointer from CJ Stuvland and baskets by John Olinger gave Willamette their first lead of 11-9. The first half remained a pitched battle, with neither team taking a lead of over four points. As the half wound down,

Luchterhand scored the last six points to put Willamette up 33-32 by halftime.

Whitworth came out of the second half determined to defeat the Bearcats, taking an early lead of 41-38 off a Lance Pecht 3-point play. The Pirates continued to maintain a strong lead although Willamette pulled to within two off a Luchterhand basket and free throw with seven minutes to play. Willamette was never able to recover the lead, pulling to within one by a three pointer off Erickson and keeping pace off several clutch three balls by Olinger. Willamette trailed by three with four seconds left but was unable to convert a play and lost 66-69.

Olinger lead the team with 22 points, Luchterhand added 13 points to go along with eight boards and three assists while Erickson scored a season high 11. The Bearcats out-rebounded the Pirates 32-30 while shooting only 43% compared with Whitworth's 50%.

As the last game for

many Willamette seniors, John Olinger looks back on a long career of basketball that started in second grade and ends with his NWC first team placement. Olinger said, "Basketball has been such a huge blessing in my life. I've gotten to meet tons of people, learn life lessons and play a game I love."

Growing up in Salem, Olinger attended South Salem High School, where his senior year he was 1st team all Valley League and 1st team All Tournament for 4A. Olinger actually attended two schools before enrolling at Willamette, Portland State, where he was red-shirted his first year and Clackamas Community College. Aside from being named 1st team all NWC this year, Olinger was named 2nd team all NWC last year as well. When asked how basketball has affected his life, Olinger responded, "Basketball has presented so many great opportunities for me over the years, but mostly I would say it has helped me realize life is about more than a game - it's really about people and relationships."

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Softball splits games over weekend

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The Willamette women's softball team kicked off its 2006 season with the Capitol Cup Softball Tournament this past weekend, opening with a 12-2 victory over Eastern Oregon University on Friday afternoon.

The first game starred sophomores Geneva Hale with a grand slam in the eighth inning and Brittany Tachara with 3-hitter. EOU scored twice in the third inning on a 2-run home run for the Mountaineers, but these were the only runs that Tachara would allow for the entire game. The Bearcats came right back to score eight times in the fourth inning and went on to score four more times in the top of the seventh. Every player had at least one hit in the game. The women fell to Oregon Institute of Technology, 7-2, in the second Friday game, despite a home run and a double by Molly Barnes.

Willamette went up against Concordia University on the second day of the tournament, losing a tough game 7-3. It was on Sunday that the Bearcats' talent shone as the team challenged its cross-town rivals. Fired up for the pre-season match, the team won an 11-3 victory over Corban College. In the final game, the team scored four times in the third inning and then broke the game open with a five-run seventh inning. In the third, Liz Gilgan was hit by a pitch to start a two-out rally. After Gilgan scored second, Hale walked, and both came around to score on Barnes' double off the left field fence. Lashawna Holcomb singled home; Barnes stole second and scored on Marissa Richards'



The WU softball team competed in the 2006 Capitol Cup Tournament this past weekend.

photo by BRANDON BENNIGHT

double. Willamette added singles in the fourth and sixth innings, thanks to a bases-loaded walk and a long home run to center by Hale. The women picked up the game in the seventh. After Hale doubled home a run, Holcomb doubled in three more and Richards belted another RBI single. Laura Milne picked up the win, going six innings and allowing seven hits and two earned runs while striking out seven to even her record at 1-1. Sophomore Casey Jarzombek-Clark pitched a scoreless seventh. "We learned a lot about each other this

weekend, and came together as one on the field. This tournament was only the beginning, and it's going to get better from here!" Jarzombek-Clark said.

The Bearcats will play their biggest games of the season this weekend against Linfield College. Ranked second in the conference, Willamettewill have the opportunity to unseat the NWC's defending champs. The women will head to Linfield next Saturday for a double-header, and will then host the Wildcats in a double-header Sunday.

If only basketball were rocket science...

"Pi (10th power) + Z x X = Just One!" I have no clue what this means, but at a recent Caltech Beavers basketball game, one rowdy fan of the California Institute of Technology was taunting the other team with this writ-



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ten on a sign. That's right, this world-renowned institution where 31 Nobel Prize winners have either taught or studied draws only the best and brightest students in science and math. But that does not necessarily mean the tallest or the most coordinated. The Beavers, who are a Division III NCAA team in California, are 0-242 in conference games, a streak dating back 21 years,

and have lost 195 games in a row against NCAA opponents.

Only six members on this year's squad so much as played varsity in high school, one was even a member of the high school band instead of the basketball team. Yet, eight members of the team were high school valedictorians and the lowest GPA for any of the seniors is a 3.8. "Almost all of them have a 4-point average or higher," the coach said. "The material they're being exposed to at Caltech is off the charts. And that's what they're here for. That's what engages them."

So why do they even play basketball here? Day Ivy, a 6-1 senior guard who is double majoring in math and economics, said basketball provides a much needed break from the grueling academic load. "It's a good relief from my classes and studying all the time. The work here is very hard. You play basketball to have fun," Ivy said. "Sure you want to win, but if I didn't enjoy it, I wouldn't still be playing."

Despite Caltech's long losing history, the players in recent years do know what it feels like to win. The Beavers have won two games in the last couple of years against a pair of non-NCAA schools. The most recent was a 51-49 victory over Life Pacific at the beginning of last season.

Members of the team believe a conference win is not too far out of their reach. Coach Dow, in his fourth season at Caltech, notices his players' determination and remarks on the strides he has seen from his second year. At that time, their losing margin was averaging around nearly 60 points. Now it's down to the 20s.

Tennis rallies for victory against Bruins, Pioneers

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team won overall in its matches against George Fox and Lewis and Clark this last weekend at the Courthouse Tennis Center. Alaine Anderson, a sophomore returner to the team, saw a lot of development this weekend compared to the last. "We went into Friday's match against George Fox with confidence and we saw a lot of improvement from the previous weekend's matches," she said.

Anderson herself played strong games winning in singles 6-0 and 6-1. She also won in her doubles game with freshman Becca Younger, with a score of 8-3. Anderson also added, "George Fox had mostly returners, in contrast to our mostly newer team, but we all supported one another, and it seemed like all aspects of our games came together very nicely." Also winning their singles matches on Friday was sophomore Tiffany Kam, junior Hannah Johnson and Younger. Winning their doubles matches were junior Meg Gilbert and Johnson (8-2) as well as Kam and Elise Helvie, with a score of 8-3.

On Saturday, the tennis team was once again out on the court, this time to play Lewis and Clark. "Our energy level wasn't quite as high going into Saturday's match...we were all mentally and physically tired but I was very impressed by the way we pulled through," Anderson said regarding the second match this weekend. The Bearcats did pull through. They swept past the Pioneers, winning with an overall score of 8-1. Kam, Anderson, Johnson, Younger and Gilbert all won their singles matches in straight set. Helvie worked hard in her match, winning in the end, making it a sweep for the singles matches. The Willamette women's tennis team is now 2-2 in the Northwest Conference.

The men's tennis team also played George Fox and Lewis and Clark in away games over the weekend. The Bearcats barely lost against George Fox on Friday, with a score of 3-4. Sophomore Eric Macmillan said that the main problem was a lack of focus. "I guess we all learned something from it," he said. Macmillan did well in his matches, and on Saturday against Lewis and Clark "he played first singles, losing the first set (6-2) but came back firing, winning the second set 6-0 and the third 6-1" reported junior Shaun Mihalick, who won fourth in singles.

"Saturday went a lot better, and I think we were all pleased with our focus and execution...I think we all know what we are capable of," Macmillan said. The freshmen on the team also demonstrated their strength; David Reichert and Alex Sepenzis won fifth and sixth places, respectively. The record for the men's team is now 1-3 in the Northwest Conference. "We have put ourselves in a position in which we will be fighting the rest of the season...every match is critical and I think everyone on the team has come to that realization," Macmillan said.

Next weekend the men's team travels to Linfield College on Saturday but on Sunday the Bearcats will be back on their home turf against Pacific University. "This will be the first home match on the Willamette courts this season...we are trying to get as many people out for this match as possible" Mihalick said. The women play at home on Saturday and the men on Sunday.

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Campus Safety Reports

February 18 - 25, 2006
by Steve Woodward

BURGLARY

• February 19, 12:40 p.m. (Lee House): A student reported someone had entered their room on Feb. 7 and stolen a digital camera.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

• February 19, 1:42 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): WEMS was called to check the health of an intoxicated student. No further treatment was necessary.

• February 19, 2:29 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student injured his ankle while playing basketball. He was evaluated by WEMS and then escorted to the Salem Hospital for treatment.

• February 21, 6:09 p.m. (Doney Hall): A student requested medical attention after receiving a skateboarding injury. WEMS treated her wounds. She later requested an escort to the hospital for further evaluation.

• February 21, 11:25 p.m. (844 Mill Street): A student requested transport to the hospital after complaining of a migraine headache. Campus Safety provided the transport.

• February 22, 7:39 p.m. (Baxter Hall): WEMS assisted a student who was feeling ill.

• February 23, 7:57 p.m. (Sparks Center): WEMS evaluated a student who fell and struck her head while playing basketball. No further treatment was necessary.

• February 23, 8:49 p.m. (Sparks Center): WEMS evaluated two basketball players whose heads collided. No further treatment was necessary.

• February 24, 11:16 p.m. (Kaneko Hall): Medical attention was requested for an intoxicated student. WEMS assessed her condition and determined she could be left in the care of her friend. A custodian was called to clean vomit from the hallway.

HARASSMENT

• February 20, 2:00 p.m. (Campus): A student reported receiving a fraudulent email from Chase Manhattan Bank, requesting her personal information. She provided the information before realizing it was a hoax. She immediately contacted her bank to have her account frozen and was also advised to contact the credit-reporting agency.

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL/CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

• February 20, 9:31 p.m. (14th & Mill streets): Salem Police stopped two males for fighting. They were found to be minors under the influence of alcohol. One of the males claimed to be a Willamette student but later admitted he was not currently enrolled. One suspect received a citation and was released, and the other was transported to jail.

• February 21, 10:10 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Campus Safety responded to a report of marijuana use. Occupants of the suspected room were contacted and denied any drug use though the room had a strong odor of marijuana.

• February 24, 11:16 p.m. (Kaneko Hall): Several underage students were found to be under the influence of alcohol.

POLICY VIOLATION

• February 22, 10:05 a.m. (Shepard Parking Lot): A student ignored the attendant's directions and parked where they weren't allowed. Their vehicle was cited for the violation.

• February 22, 4:19 p.m. (Interstate 5): A citizen reported one of the university vans being driven recklessly. Records show the men's basketball team was using the van.

• February 24, 12:45 a.m. (The Quad): An employee reported a vehicle being driven on the sidewalks.

• February 24, 9:03 a.m. (Belknap Parking Lot): An employee reported a vehicle speeding through the lot. An officer arrived and witnessed the vehicle speeding. The owner was identified.

THEFT

• February 21, 9:00 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): A student reported finding the passenger window of her vehicle broken and a digital camera and other items missing.

• February 22, 4:05 p.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): A student returned to his vehicle after three days to find someone had entered it and stolen a stereo and sports equipment. During this time period, some of the sports equipment had been located in the parking lot and turned in as found property. The thief had apparently left it behind.

• February 25, 9:43 a.m. (Belknap Hall): A student reported his bicycle stolen. He had locked it to the railing the previous night. It is described as a white/blue Giant mountain bike.

• February 25, 5:05 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student reported that someone stole the rear wheel from her bicycle. She had locked the bike to the rack and was gone for an hour.

TRESPASS

• February 19, 7:00 p.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): A man was trespassed from campus after he was found sleeping in one of the garages.

• February 22, 5:30 p.m. (Montag Center): Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person inside Montag. The man was located and trespassed from campus after giving no legitimate reason for being here.

• February 22, 7:00 p.m. (Sparks Center): Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person who had harassed students earlier near the Hatfield Library. The man was located in the building and trespassed from campus.

• February 22, 10:00 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): An officer stopped two males he suspected of stealing a bicycle. One male fled on foot and the other was detained for the police. He was charged with criminal trespass and is a registered sex offender. The bicycle was recovered and is waiting for an owner to claim it. Bolt cutters concealed in a tennis racket case were later found nearby in the bushes.

• February 23, 2:18 a.m. (Alpha Chi Omega): A student reported a suspicious male sitting outside the sorority. The suspect, who was in his mid-30s, was contacted and claimed to be resting. He identified himself with his county inmate card. He was trespassed from campus.

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