

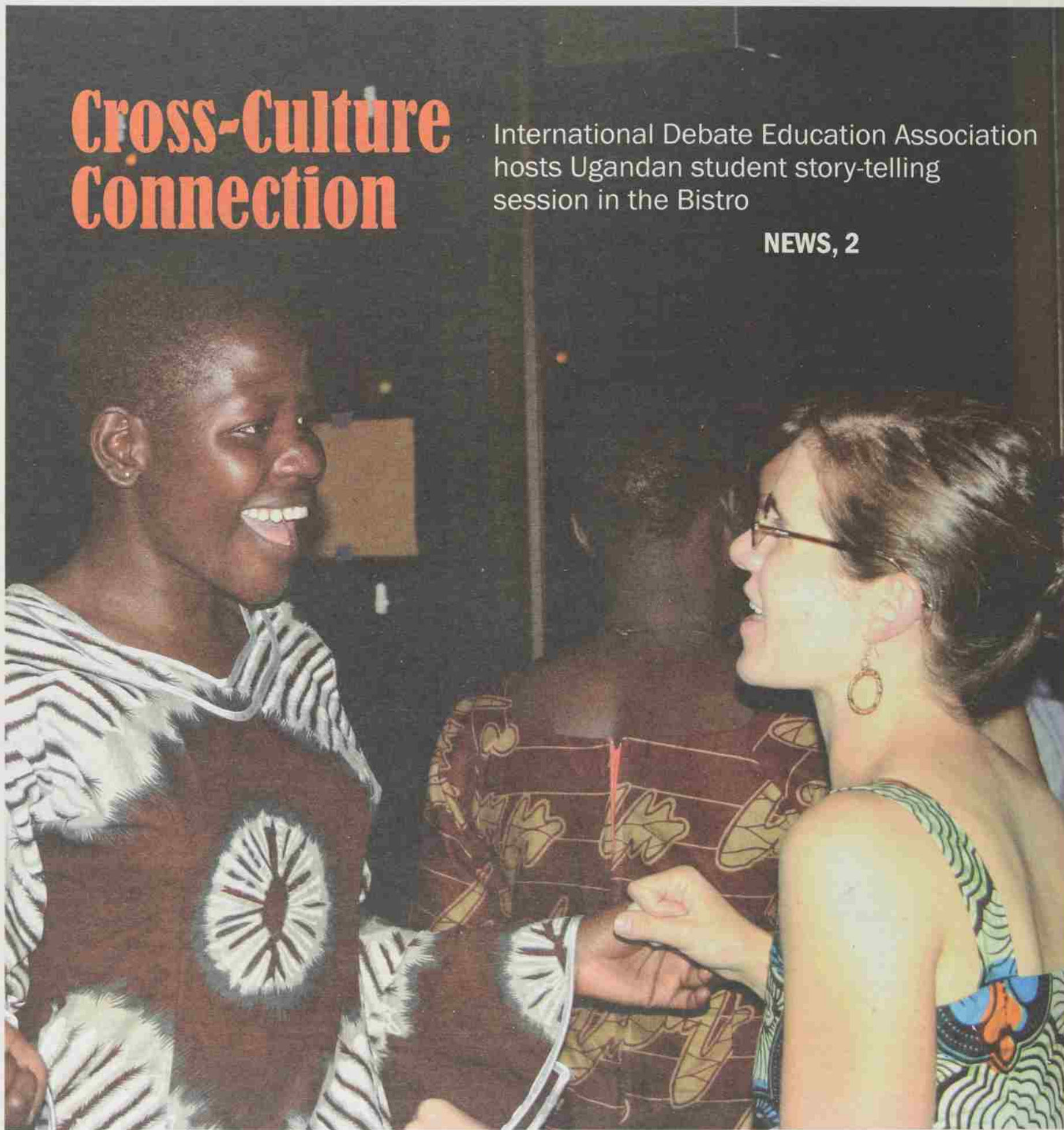
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KAELEY PRUITT-HAMM
GUEST WRITER

More than coffee and indie music could be found at the Bistro last Wednesday night. In fact, there were plenty of pumped beats and stamping feet coming from some special Willamette guests at the venue: A cozy crowd joined 12 Ugandan students and teachers for a night full of energetic cultural exchange.

The journey from the African country bordering Sudan to the coffee shop at Willamette University was no easy feat. The nine students and three teachers each had a story to tell.

Senior Allison Wils, who spent three weeks in Uganda this summer, described the logistically nightmarish journey the group of Ugandan students experienced to make it to the U.S. The trip was delayed seven days due to computer systems failing to print tickets and passports in Uganda. "What these kids have been through is amazing," Wils said. "This is their first time seeing running water and a plane, let alone getting tickets and riding on one for 22 hours."

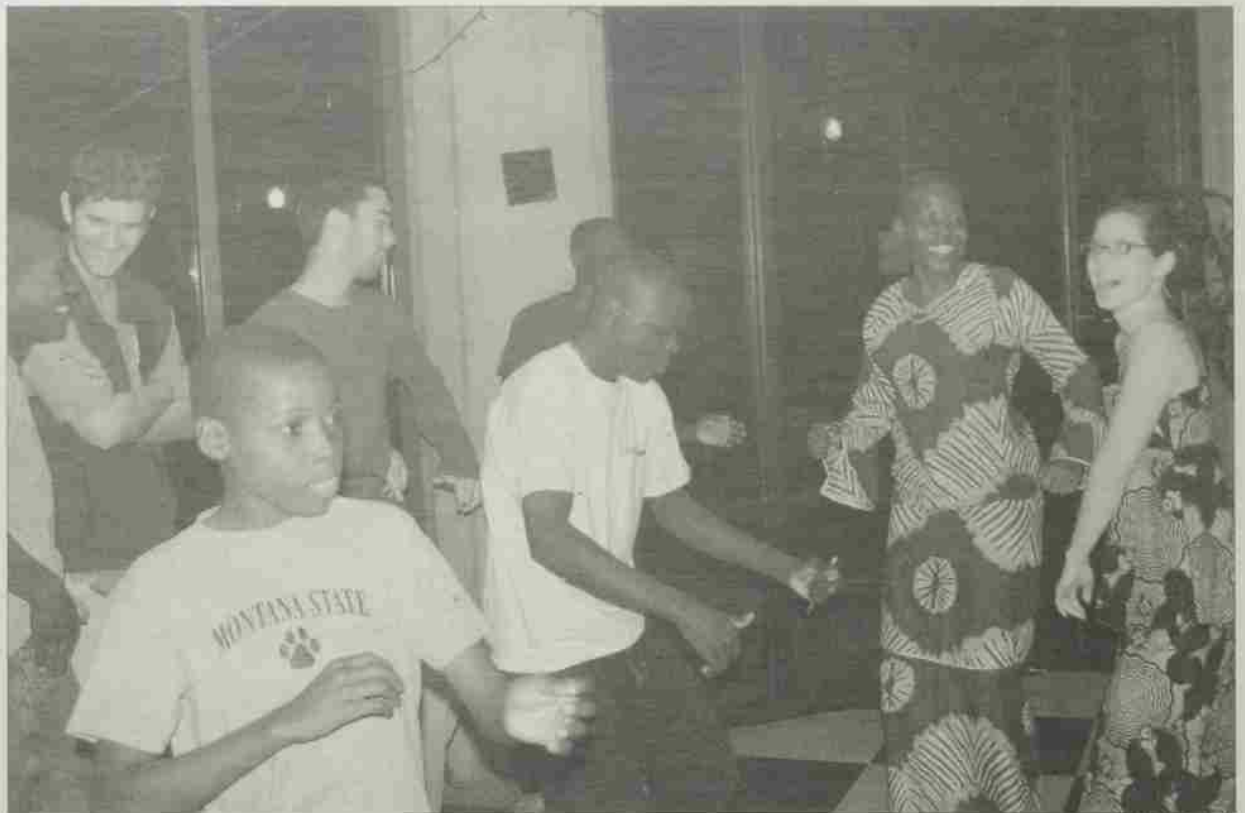
Fortunately, they were able to travel to the U.S. using \$3,000 round-trip tickets paid by a federal grant from the U.S. Department of State. Critical Thinking Across Cultures (CTAC), International Debate Education Association (IDEA) and Willamette University were the other sponsors that made the exchange possible.

Willamette University happens to be the location of IDEA's West Headquarters, with others in Holland and Uganda. "I think the four organizations complement each other and work very well, hand in hand," Ugandan teacher Kawooma Ibrahim said.

Out of 750 applicants, 75 were chosen to partake in leadership camps in Uganda, put on by Critical Resolution for Youth (CRY Uganda). From there, a select nine students were chosen based on their public speaking and debate skills. The youngest of the group, tellingly named "Precious," felt the pressure of the admissions process. "I feel precious indeed," the 15-year-old said.

"The process to get here is rigorous," Wils said. "It is a rare opportunity for all of them. But it also must have been extremely difficult for [the NGO representatives] to choose who got to go. It's hard to sit there, listen to a child talk about how his parents were murdered, and tell him that he can't go to America."

Now in Oregon, the students have been going through a special program to educate them about politics, conflict resolution and debate. During their first of three weeks at WU, the students have been inundated with activities. "They have met with representatives and judges, sat in the governor's chair, been to Portland and even seen the ocean for the first time," Director of Forensics/IDEA Robert



The nine students and three teachers from Uganda shared stories and histories with Willamette students in the Bistro on Sept. 5.

Trapp said. The students will compete in a formal debate on Sunday, Sept. 16 with the Willamette team.

When the students were asked what their favorite part of the trip had been so far, the beach was a common answer. "If I told my family back home that I was eating crab and sticking my feet in the sea, they would probably put simply that in the newspaper!" 25-year-old Nimusiima Christine said.

The students put on a cultural night in which dancing and storytelling were key elements. Each region of Uganda has its own form of dance and expression, which were represented by the students according to their home regions.

One group performed a dramatic skit that related common themes throughout Uganda, Africa and the world. "In life, there are three things," Bongo Patrick, acting as an elderly man, said in the skit. "Once you lose them, they are gone. One: time. Two: words. Your words can be used against you. And three: Opportunity. When opportunity knocks, take it up."

These students surely knew how to apply this anecdote. They jumped at the rare opportunity and came here with a mission clearly in mind. "I feel already that I am able to share ideas and cultural experiences easily, and that this program has certainly enriched our critical thinking skills across cultures," Bongo said later, as himself. "It has helped widen our network of contacts and gives us a perspective on issues that affect humanity. We are trying to bring youth to the forefront of resolving conflict in a nonviolent way."

These skills are certainly relevant in many ways for the Ugandan youth. "From the time you are born in Uganda, all you are seeing is blood, relatives being killed..." Kawooma Ibrahim said. "You just become used to death after a while. But it is too much, too much...we've never been in peace, and it's going to continue. The only thing to do is to find solutions, which are debate and conflict resolution. And that is what CTAC, IDEA, CRY and Willamette University are all about."

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A closer look at Maggie Tuttle

COLLEEN MARTIN
GUEST WRITER

Margaret Tuttle, interim associate dean of Campus Life and director of Student Activities, is relatively unknown to many students. She took over the position when Lisa Holliday took maternity leave in June. Tuttle's stay at Willamette will continue until late September.

Some of Tuttle's responsibilities include helping organizations get started, advising the Committee on Student Organizations, supervising three directors in a student involvement group and overseeing Student Activities functions like ASWU, the Bistro and student-run clubs. One of her main roles has been supervising Opening Days activities. "I thought we had a fabulous Opening Days," Tuttle said.

This is not Tuttle's first experience working with Willamette. In 1993 she was interim assistant of Student Activities, performing tasks similar to those she does now.

She returned to campus last year as a program assistant for the main campus as well as Kaneko while it was being completed. "I love the sense of community here. It's a lovely place to work," Tuttle said.

Tuttle has been involved in managing the logistics of new programs for the Student Activities office, including freshman programs

on sexual assault, alcohol education and diversity training.

"We have inaugurated a Sports Club Counsel, and we're going to have even more Take-A-Break Programs," Dean of Campus Life Robert Hawkinson said. Dean Hawkinson has been grateful for all of Ms. Tuttle's work in the months she's been here. "Maggie has been a terrific addition to our team on campus. She's a very smart and skilled professional who takes real pleasure in mentoring students," Hawkinson said.

Tuttle is also well respected among her staff for her leadership skills. "I've appreciated her treating us as professionals but also understanding that we have a job to do and not micro-managing us," Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs Gordy Toyama said.

Tuttle will be leaving for Sacramento, California at the end of the month, and wishes everyone luck this year. "It's off to a great start!" she said.

"It shows a lot about her as a leader to say that even though she's only been here a few short months, she'll be greatly missed and appreciated," Toyama said.

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Bike Shop | Ready to help out



ELISE YOUNG

The Bike Shop came into being last year with the help of financial grants and months of hard work. The shop, located behind the mailboxes on the University Center's first floor, will be open during its regular hours this week: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The goal of the Bike Shop is to help educate people on how to repair and maintain their bikes. Trained volunteers walk bike owners through the repairs in order to teach them how to fix their own bikes in the future.

The shop will also have a bicycle and equipment rental program once regular hours are established. Ten bikes will be available, with a projected 15 by the end of the semester. All were either donated or purchased at low cost.

The Bike Shop is still looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please contact smyer@willamette.edu.

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COVER: Senior Kara Casey dances with Ugandan exchange student. Photo by David Anderson

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Centennial celebration brings acclaimed biologist to Willamette

Dr. E.O. Wilson to lecture in honor of Biology Dept.'s 100th year anniversary

LAUREN GOLD
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In celebration of the Willamette University Biology Department's 100th year, esteemed biologist Dr. Edward O. Wilson will speak Thursday night on "The Future of Life."

Harvard Professor Wilson has numerous scientific awards under his belt and an array of highly acclaimed published works, two of which have won a Pulitzer Prize. He is considered to be one of the greatest scientists of the 20th century. "Having [Wilson] as our keynote speaker for the centennial celebration is a great coup for Willamette," Associate Vice President of Communications Janis Nichols said.

The biology department is especially thrilled to have such an accomplished scientist on campus. "Everyone seems very pleased and delighted to have a knowledgeable scholar and public advocate of biodiversity coming to campus," biology professor Susan Kephart said. "As our campus moves towards sustainability, his interests and knowledge may provide a springboard for new ideas."

Wilson is anticipated to discuss issues such as global warming, environmental ethics and biodiversity, with references to his 2002 book, "Future of Life." Junior

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SUSAN KEPHART
BIOLOGY PROFESSOR

Shannon Buckley discussed her expectations for the event: "Hopefully he will have a message about the impact of our society and our way of living on the natural environment. Maybe that will inspire people to be more aware or change certain habits. Being aware is the key thing."

The issues discussed in "Future of Life," as well as in Wilson's other works, are considered significant to the student body at Willamette. "Students learn about these topics in diverse courses, so are excited to hear him and meet him one-on-one," Kephart said.

Wilson's insights are expected to be influential to the student body, even those not be majoring in biology. "Any speaker who can engage students in thinking about their role as future scientists, professors, teachers, and can get them to think about their role when they leave Willamette, will be relevant," Nichols said.

Wilson's intense focus on the study of ants bloomed into ideas about interconnections between beings through chemical signals, called pheromones. He later developed theories on the social systems of nonhuman species, which he applied to humans in his controversial book "Sociobiology: The New Synthesis." Publishing an article in National Geographic entitled "Stalking Ants, Savage and Civilized" at the age of nine, Wilson has accomplished a great deal during his lifetime.

"He's an amazing person and one of our best current examples of a first-rate scientist who can wed both a research career and a devotion to posing good questions and seeking solid solutions for the 'Future of Life,'" Kephart said.

Wilson's keynote address will kick off Willamette's annual Reunion Weekend, which has been intertwined with the biology department's centennial celebration.

"When Morton Peck started the biology department in 1908, he could never have imagined that biology, over



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E.O. Wilson will speak on Sept. 13 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Willamette Biology Department.

the course of 100 years, would consistently be one of the most popular majors for Willamette students," President M. Lee Pelton said in a letter introducing the centennial celebrations.

Wilson will speak in Smith Auditorium Thursday night at 8 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend and will receive one free ticket upon showing their Willamette I.D. at the Information Center.

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New building integrates sustainability and technology

Building opening in 2009 designed for flexibility and social learning

NICOLAS MARTIN
GUEST WRITER

Beginning fall semester 2009, Willamette students will have a new place to learn, relax and study. Officials have begun designing plans for an approximately 42,000 square foot building that will be located in the area between Smullin, Gatke and Baxter.

The four-story building will serve as headquarters for the mathematics, computer science and rhetoric departments. Space will also be put aside for digital art and music labs.

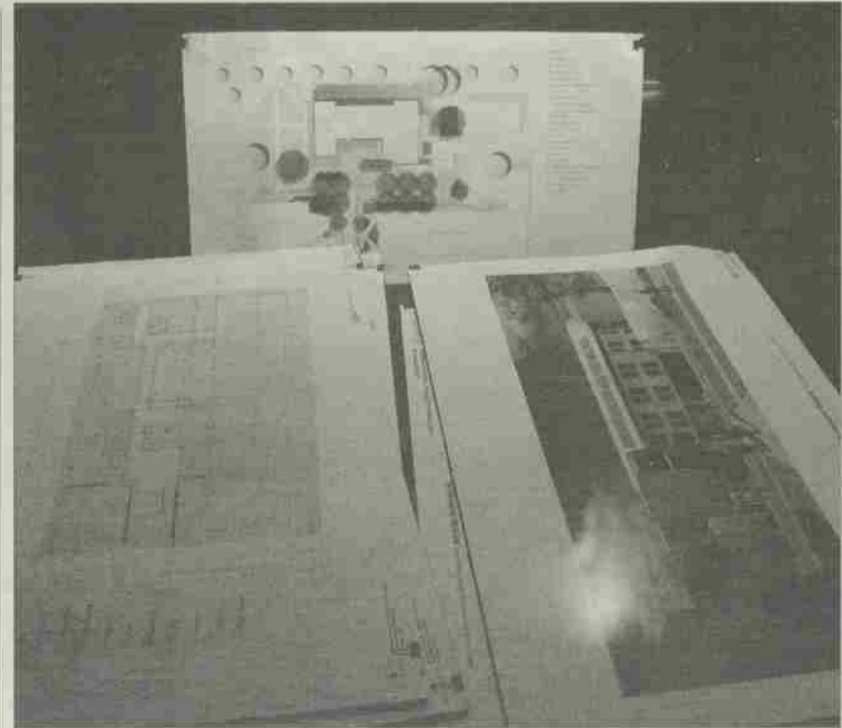
"The big drive to make this building was due to the change in the faculty's teaching load," Executive Director of Willamette Integrated Technology Services John Balling said at a meeting on Thursday night. He explained that the faculty was being expanded so that each teacher could take a lighter course load, hence the need for more space.

David Wark of Hennebery Eddy Architects was alongside Balling at the meeting. "This is a new building type for the university to fill long-term needs, and do things that other facilities have not been able to do," Wark said.

Sophomore Christina Edholm was enthusiastic about the project. "From the plans it looks like a wonderful place. I

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JOHN BALLING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITS



PHOTOS BY TATIANA MAC

LEFT: Students gave input on architectural design for the new building at Lefty's Pizzeria. ABOVE: The current blueprints and concept drawings for the design of the building.

think it will nurture the desire to learn by bringing students together," Edholm said. During the meeting, Wark showed several potential sites and layouts for the unnamed building. He displayed plans for a two-story movie theater that seats over 100, an art gallery, a black box recording studio and two sound studios.

The new building will contain offices for the expanding faculty, as well as a dozen classrooms of varying sizes. Plans to install photovoltaic panels on the roof to collect solar energy and to create a natural ventilation system were also discussed.

Balling said the Building Committee would be accepting input from students "when it makes most sense to have that input." He was enthusiastic about prospects for the new construction and plans to create a website where students can watch Hennebery Eddy in action. "Improving the university's prominence couldn't be done without this space," Balling said.

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► new building plans

- Movie theater
- Media labs
- Coffee shop
- Second floor terrace for outdoor classes
- Multiple study areas
- Math based art
- Open first floor that can view three directions

Willamette mourns the loss of Christine Gentzkow

Beloved German Professor passes away after fight with cancer

KATIE HARVEY
GUEST WRITER

“She was a very approachable professor...what strikes me most about Christine was her interaction with the students.”

JOHN UGGEN
SPANISH PROFESSOR

She was a sister, a wife, a mother, a daughter and one of Willamette's beloved professors. Christine Gentzkow was the associate German professor at Willamette University for 41 years, mentoring students and earning the respect of her colleagues while building and creating the German program. She served as chair twice for her department and contributed to Willamette's pursuit of academic excellence. She passed away July 31 after fighting lung cancer.

Gentzkow was born in Lithuania in 1939 and spent much of her childhood moving around Germany, Poland and Lithuania during World War II. She received her bachelor's degree from Universitat Hamburg, and her M.A. from Portland

State University.

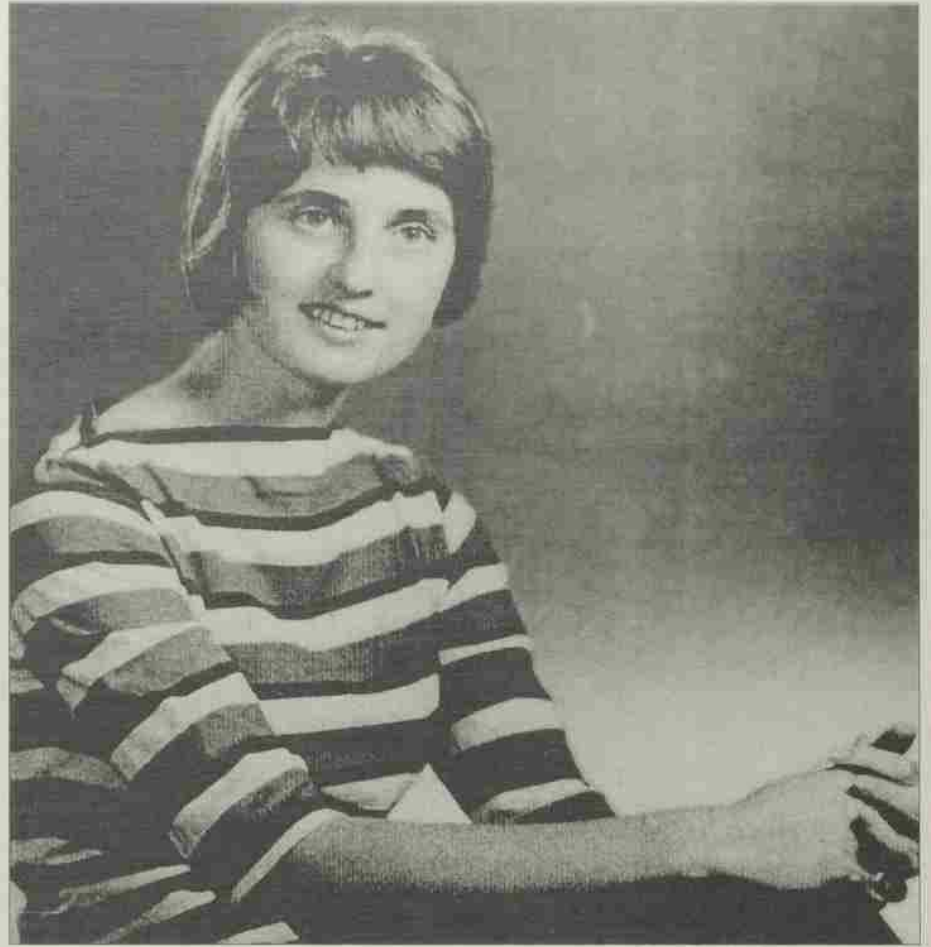
She eventually moved to the United States, taking up a student teaching position at Mount Angel College, where she met her future husband Bill Gentzkow. They married in 1962 and settled down in Salem, where she had four boys. Gentzkow started teaching at Willamette in 1966.

As a professor at Willamette, Gentzkow taught first, second and third year German, as well as World Views during the years of the program's existence. "She has been a very good colleague," said Spanish professor John Uggen. "She was a very approachable professor...what strikes me most about Christine was her interaction with the students," Uggen said.

Gentzkow not only shared her skill of German with the minds of Willamette, she also developed the Munich program, and as Uggen said, "she built and maintained the German program."

"She was a very popular teacher; she had her own special way to motivate students" said Ludwig Fischer, German professor for 27 years. Fischer has taken over the role as head of the German program, and was complimentary of his former colleague. "I think she had a very unique way of directly relating to the students and the students loved her; she had a very dynamic style of teaching, there was never a boring moment, she kept everyone on their feet."

"She was one of the best [professors], but I'm biased because she was a good friend," Administrative Assistant for the Language Department Pamela Smith said. "Her students adored her; that was probably the thing that made the biggest impression on



COURTESY OF THE GERMAN DEPARTMENT

Christine Gentzkow, a German professor for 41 years, died of lung cancer over the summer. Her presence on campus will be missed.

me." As chair of the German department, Gentzkow not only served as its foundation at Willamette, but also hired many of the outstanding foreign language professors, leaving her legacy of good taste and skill in the colleagues she left behind. She also became the Willamette liaison to the Munich program, starting the Willamette chapter in 1977, and continued to select students to go to Munich to broaden their language skills.

Gentzkow not only brought her teaching skills and abilities to Willamette, she also had a personality that colleagues and students admired and respected. "She was a very outgoing person; she was kind of a character," said Uggen.

Fischer agreed with Uggen: "She was upbeat and ... made other people laugh," Fischer said. "She was not afraid of conflict, but she wouldn't bear a grudge." Fischer has known Gentzkow since 1980, when he first started working at Willamette, and has been her colleague in the German department since.

"I never heard an unkind word out of her mouth about anybody else," said Smith. Smith and Gentzkow developed a

professional relationship during the past seven years.

The last year of Gentzkow's life was, according to colleagues, difficult, but she persevered. Fischer related a story of visiting Gentzkow's office and seeing her head of beautiful hair, and she told him she could simply lift her wig up and put it on the desk; she had lost her hair from chemotherapy, but she still maintained the positive attitude that was an aspect of her cheery attitude. Fischer encouraged her to take a medical leave, but Gentzkow continued to teach.

"She was a real trooper, most people would have given up," said Fischer. "She had a lot of willpower."

Smith offered some words of bittersweet veracity, "She's going to be missed; she is already missed."

Gentzkow's four sons, their wives, grandchild and her husband survive her.

Willamette thanks you, Professor Gentzkow, for all your efforts. You are truly missed. Rest in Peace.

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Our favorite part however was the delicious dessert menu including

crème brûlée, tiramisu, flourless chocolate torte, macaroons and truffles with every flavor from mojito to Thai infusion. If wine is not your forte then come for a bite and enjoy the full beverage and espresso menu. If you come for lunch try the lemon garlic shrimp, crispy asparagus asigo or the cubana muffedetta.

Definitely check out Grand Vines on either the second or fourth Saturday of the month to listen to live jazz—it's worth it. The Grand House Jazz Band features the owner of Grand Vines who also happens to be a Willamette alum. The wine, desserts and live jazz set the perfect combo for an enjoyable Saturday night. With the mellow and elegant atmosphere Grand Vines is great for all sorts of company, from old friends to new romances to a place to share a glass of wine with family.

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PREVIEW

The Office Season Four

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As summer winds down and school gets back into full swing, one simple fact re-ins supreme in the back of my mind: "The Office" is coming back. The quirky characters, dry jokes and classic wit so integral to my Thursday evenings are making a return for a fourth season starting Sept. 27.

Michael Scott (Steve Carell) and company will return with the same awkward hilarity and sly charisma that has paved the way for one of television's most original recent comedies.

The show, which originated from the BBC comedy of the same title, started with a small but dedicated cult following and has grown into a fully realized phenomenon. "Everything we do feels like an inside joke, and it's always amazing to see how many people somehow know the jokes too," said actor, writer and producer B.J. Novak in a recent blog entry.

Led by a fan base craving something new and different in an entertainment climate filled with dried-up, past-its-prime reality TV and the same old comedy, "The Office" brings something fresh to the table.

Filed, as a mockumentary, with

a single camera following characters through their petty jobs and altogether normal social lives, there's a level of truth written into each of the jokes. It's not slapstick and it's certainly not a sitcom either. "The Office" represents a new breed of television comedy.

As arguably the most critically acclaimed and widely followed comedy on prime-time television, "The Office" was recognized with nine Emmy nominations in 2007, an impressive achievement in only its third season on air.

Jim and Karen are done, but Jim and Pam are just getting started. Ryan the temp has graduated to Ryan the regional vice president while somehow, through thick and thin, Michael Scott, self-proclaimed "greatest boss in the world," has managed to keep his job.

These storylines, intertwined with the whacked-out antics of Dwight, Andy, Creed, Angela and the rest of "The Office's" unpredictable cast, promise to bring another season of laughs and drama to NBC on Thursday nights deep into the winter.

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► **schedule**

"The Office" will run its hour-long season premiere on Sept. 27 at 8 p.m.

DVD REVIEW: AQUA TEEN HUNGER FORCE COLON MOVIE FILM FOR THEATERS

Cartoon-turned-movie 'smart in its own way'

MICHAEL CAULEY
GUEST WRITER

Ah, Cartoon Network, what a strange trip it's been. CN started out as a dumping ground for old Tom & Jerry cartoons, it dipped its toe into the arena of original programming in the mid-90s with the hilarious "Space Ghost: Coast to Coast," and soon brought shows like "The Powerpuff Girls" into our otherwise dreary and colorless lives.

Around the turn of the millennium, someone at CN came up with the brilliant idea of taking the adult-oriented shows like "Space Ghost" and separating them from the kiddie fare, giving them their own late-night slot on the channel, dubbed Adult Swim. It was an instant hit, due in no small part to one of its launch programs, a psychotic fast food based, anti-adventure show called "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." Now, six years later, there's a movie version, and may all rejoice or cringe, depending on your preference.

The show and the movie both star talking food items: the brilliant Frylock (Carey Means), the simple Meatwad (Dave Willis) and the thoroughly obnoxious Master Shake (Dana Snyder). All are bound together ostensibly to fight crime, though they're never seen doing so, and in fact are usually seen causing general destruction and mayhem.

"Aqua Teen" has been called "stoner comedy," but I'd have to disagree: I'd imagine the show seems to resemble an acid trip itself, and if a viewer was actually under the influence of narcotics, the show would probably terrify them. Although the episodes have plots, the show has no continuity, and contrary to its action-implying title, not much happens that isn't erased at the end of 12 minutes.

As you can imagine, the movie has a hard time sustaining its 86-minute running time, even



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with the ever-funny villains the Mooninites. It has a great first act, and it ends on a hilarious, if not exactly satisfying, note. It is in the middle 30 minutes that the film falls into trouble.

Clearly not adept to writing such a long feature, the movie's writers got mired into plot—definitely not the show's strong suit—and thus couldn't keep up the manic tone of the show, although they certainly tried. Additionally, whether it was intentional or due to lack of budget, the movie was created the same way the show is: with cheap Flash animation. It looked as bad on the big screen as it does on TV, but that's one of the show's charms, I suppose.

All this said, "Aqua Teen Hunger Force Colon Movie Film For Theaters" is pretty hilarious when it gets going, and even at its lowest moments it's never worse than pleasant. It is psychotic humor, but smart in its own way, making sure never to alienate the audience while never allowing them to sit completely comfortable in their seats either. They certainly don't make many movies like "Aqua Teen Hunger Force." Whether that's a good or bad thing is up to you.

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TOP: Back view of Notre Dame. BOTTOM LEFT: Cherpín eats a traditional French picnic in the Parc des Buttes-Chaumont in the east side of Paris. BOTTOM RIGHT: The Arc de Triomphe, a major tourist destination located at the center of the Place Charles de Gaulle.

ELISE CHERPIN
GUEST WRITER

Well, it has finally happened. After all the planning and preparation, my time studying abroad in Paris is over, my summer faded away and I am back at Willamette gearing up for my final year before entering the (gasp) "real world."

My spring semester now seems like a blur of exciting experiences and important lessons that could not have occurred anywhere but France. On that note, I would like to thoughtfully share some tidbits that I learned during those four months in Paris. Discovering the French *je ne sais quoi*, which literally translates to "I don't know," but refers to the certain something that makes French special and unique, was an unforgettable experience.

Tidbit One: The French love cheese. In France, cheese is more than just another ingredient in your sandwich. In typical French dining, a whole course of your meal is all about the cheese, usually accompanied by fruit. Take some time while strolling the streets to stop at a fromagerie and sample some different kinds before buying a piece. Try not to get overwhelmed! With around 400 different types to choose from, it can

“ Europeans are crazy drivers... Pedestrian signals are plentiful, however they can waste your time in this amazing city, so if you don't see any cars coming, cross the street and continue on your merry way. No jaywalking laws here!

ELISE CHERPIN
GUEST WRITER

be a difficult decision. I recommend *compté* and *gruyère*.

Tidbit Two: Learn key French phrases. Since you are not in a country where English is the primary language, it is only polite to learn some key French phrases. These will not only help you feel more comfortable but will also keep you from contributing to the French stereotype of American arrogance. A few useful phrases include: "Bonjour," "Excusez-moi" and "Pardon." The last two are especially helpful when squeezed in tight on the metro and trying to reach the doors so you don't miss your stop.

Tidbit Three: It's okay to take two hours for lunch. Sadly, our culture does not encourage two-hour-long lunches at our favorite restaurants. In France though, rest your tired feet (walking on cobblestones is difficult) for a long, leisurely lunch at a café. Enjoy a full three-course meal with a glass of wine and a cup of espresso. The table is yours for as long as you like, so enjoy people watching until you ask the server for the bill.

Tidbit Four: On a nice day, the park is the place to be. Forget sitting at home watching TV or shopping in a mall on a beautiful sunny day. The nearest park is the best place to enjoy the sunshine and French culture. On warmer days, Paris' parks are full to capacity with children, teenagers and adults relaxing and enjoying each other's company.

Tidbit Five: In Paris, Shakespeare & Company is an English haven. Tired of being surrounded by French, or in my case, overwhelmed by French bookstores? Make your way to a *très petit* bookstore along the Seine River, across from Notre Dame Cathedral called Shakespeare & Company. This bookstore, staffed by very friendly Anglophones, is filled to its ceiling with English language books. Once you've finished the book you brought while sitting at a café for hours on end, stop by this little spot to get you through your trip.

Tidbit Six: Crêpes are one of the best foods on Earth. You absolutely cannot leave France without experiencing the joy of a freshly made crêpe from a crêpe stand! They are so great that you can eat one for your main

meal (usually filled with ham, cheese or egg) and then have another for dessert (with fillings like Nutella, jams, fruit, liquors or cinnamon and sugar). I found that the key to a great crêpe is making sure the pancake is made in front of you – none of that reheating and adding fillings!

Tidbit Seven: Beware of European drivers and don't follow pedestrian signals. This might sound contradictory but it's true. As you may already know, Europeans are crazy drivers. Fortunately, they have great reflexes and probably won't hit you, but still, be careful. Pedestrian signals are plentiful, however they can waste your time in this amazing city, so if you don't see any cars coming, cross the street and continue on your merry way. No jaywalking laws here!

Tidbit Eight: The Eiffel Tower is actually amazing. If you're spending any amount of time in Paris, the Eiffel Tower is a hard monument to miss. Rising above the city skyline next to the Seine, the Eiffel Tower is majestic and classic despite being overly depicted. Trocadéro, across the river, is the best place to take a full picture of the Tower, plus is an incredible spot from which to view the dazzling sparkling of the Tower that occurs every hour, every night.

I hope that this advice is helpful to some of you when you have the opportunity to visit Paris and can experience for yourself what makes Paris and French culture so interesting and unique!

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CLOSER LOOK

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When one thinks of France, most people immediately think of Paris and, consequently, the Eiffel Tower.

Gustave Eiffel and architect Stephen Sauvestre began construction on the Eiffel tower in 1887. The project lasted two years, two months and five days. The French flag was hoisted to the top on March 31, 1889, making the tower approximately 118 years old.

The Eiffel Tower was constructed as the entrance to the Exposition Universelle, a World's Fair marking the centennial celebration of the French Revolution. When it was first built, most Parisians considered the tower an eyesore, and it was met with much resistance.

At the time the tower was built, Eiffel had a permit for it to stand for only 20 years. After the permit expired, it was believed that the tower would be torn down by the city of Paris. However, over the course of time, the city found that the tower was valuable for communication purposes and, therefore, it was allowed to remain after the permit expired.

As of today, more than 200 million

people have visited the structure. Last year alone saw 6,719,200 visitors, making the tower the most visited paid monument in the world.

The Eiffel Tower itself weighs roughly around 7,300 tons and stands 324 meters tall (or nearly 1063 feet). But, depending on the day, the tower can shift away from the sun up to 17 inches because of the thermal expansion of the metal. The tower is also able to sway about two to three inches in the wind.

A few random facts about the Eiffel Tower:

1. In 1902 the tower was struck by lightning and 100 meters of the top had to be reconstructed.
2. In 1925 the con artist Victor Lustig "sold" the tower twice for scrap metal.
3. In the year 2000, flashing lights were added to the whole length of the Eiffel Tower for a nightly light show.
4. Since 2004, the Eiffel Tower has hosted an ice skating rink on the first floor during the holiday season.

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KANEKO COMMONS HOUSING SELECTION:

EFFECTIVE or EXCLUSIVE?

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On the Willamette campus, class standing and dorm seniority play important roles in the housing selection process. Last spring, a housing committee was formed in the Kaneko Commons to design and implement a new housing selection method.

The housing committee, implemented by the Kaneko Council, was made up of Kaneko Commons Intern (then community mentor [CM]) Lindsey Schneider, CM May Ohara, Vice President of Kaneko Council Janelle Duyck and former Kaneko Area Coordinator Ryan Hamachek. According to Schneider, one of the visions of the Commons was to establish a housing selection method that would help build a stronger sense of community, as well as encourage active participation in commons life.

To this end, the committee decided to offer points for various attributes. Points were given to students who had already lived in Kaneko, held leadership positions in hall councils, had been a CM or resident assistant (RA) and for the number of semesters they had been in an institution of higher learning. The students with the highest number of points got first pick in the lottery. For example, there were five students who scored 18 points; they picked lottery numbers amongst themselves to determine the order of room selection.

One of the major changes in housing selection policy was offering points based on length of time in college, rather than class standing. According to Schneider, the members of the housing committee wanted to avoid favoring those students who received enough college credit during high school (via Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate classes) to bump up their class standing. The high schools that offer the most advanced courses tend to be from higher-income areas. Schneider said the committee did not want to institute classist policies.

The housing committee also decided to offer points for those who already lived in Kaneko so that A-wing residents had a better shot at moving to the B- and C-wings than students from other dorms, but not an unfair advantage. "The students didn't respond well to the first-come, first-serve method," Schneider said, referring to the Kaneko housing selection process in the spring of 2006.

That year, students camped out in front of the Residential Services office in order to be first in line for rooms in the B- and C-wings. Schneider said that a lot of students were left out and disappointed.

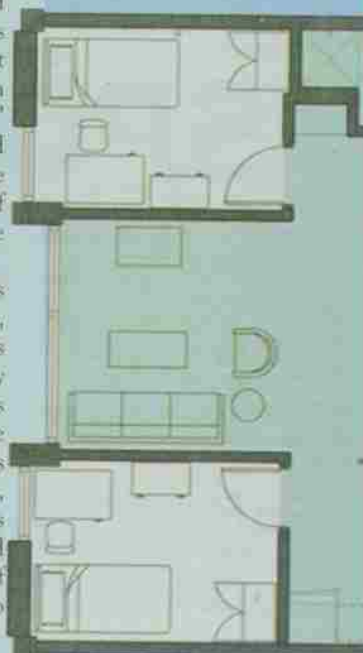
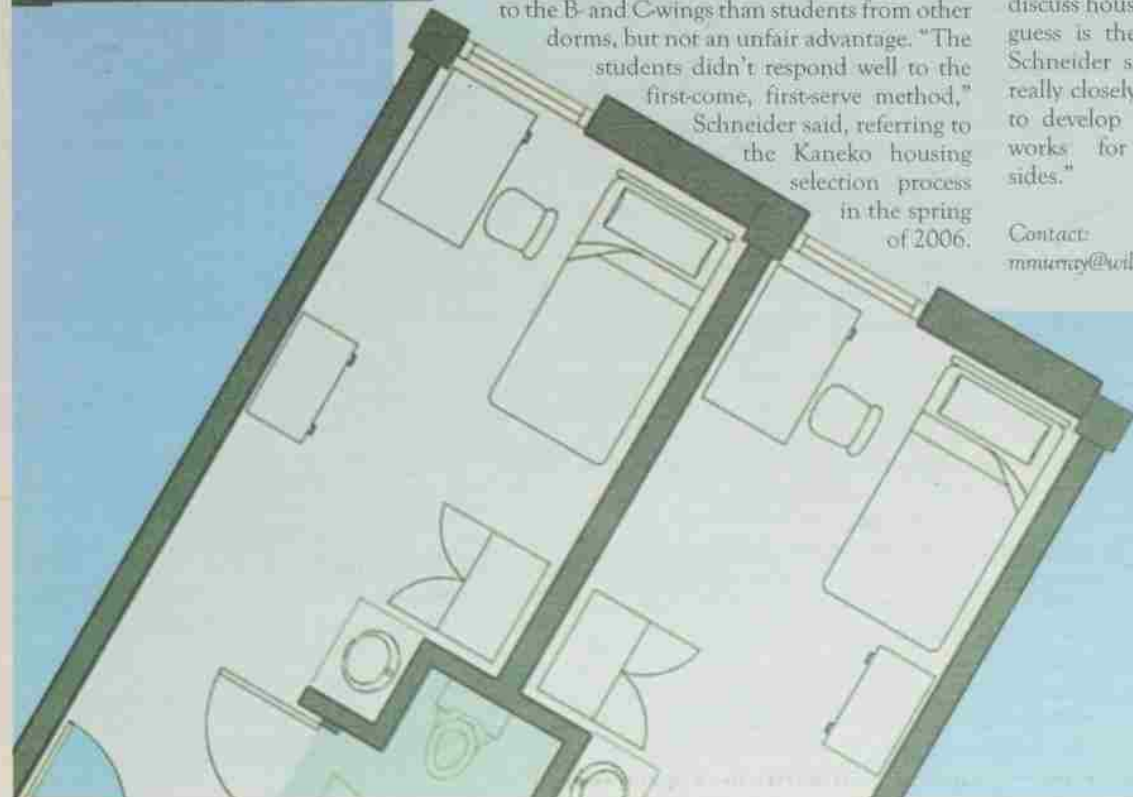
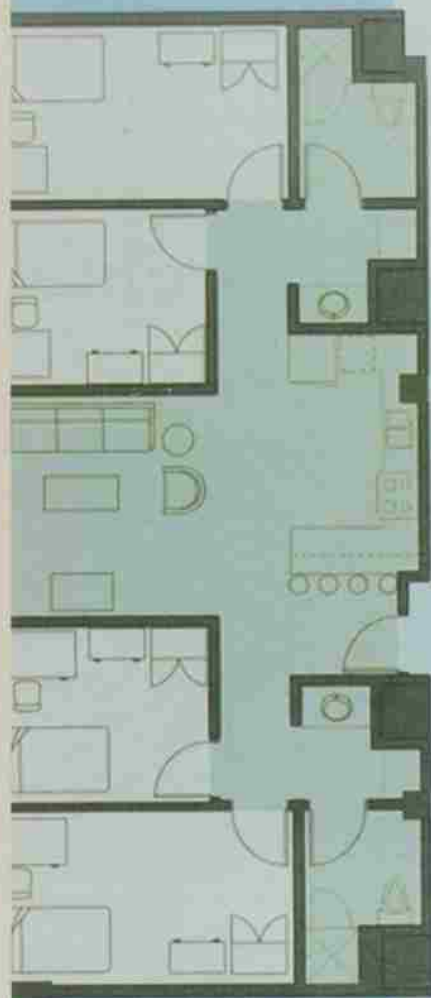
Another decision that the committee made was to limit residence in the new sections of Kaneko to returning students only. According to Schneider, this was for pragmatic reasons. "A-wing CMs gear their programming towards first-years," she said. The policy allows the CMs in the newer portion of Kaneko to conduct programming aimed at engaging and challenging the older students.

Senior roommate Natalie Sims and Rebecca Ryan had second pick during the lottery. Sims scored high on the worksheet because she had lived in Kaneko, participated in hall council and been at Willamette for six semesters. She said that some people she talked to thought it was unfair, especially friends in sororities who did not get points for the time they lived on campus in sorority houses. "I thought it was perfectly fair," Sims said. "It made sense to me." Sims also added that she might have thought it was less fair if she did not get a room. Ryan agreed with Sims. "If you haven't lived in Kaneko and wanted to move there it's pretty impossible," she said.

Senior Megan Brown filled out a points worksheet last spring and scored well. However, she did not take a room in Kaneko because she was selected as an RA. Brown thought that the lottery was effective, and especially liked that students got points for studying abroad. She said that the process was a little unfair for incoming juniors and seniors who did not already live in Kaneko, because the system gave points for previous residency. However, she said that she understood the reasoning behind the point system. "One of the ideas about a commons is they are trying to keep people in the commons," Brown said.

According to Schneider, the new Kaneko Council has not made any decisions about the housing selection process for next year. Their primary focus right now is working on programming and the Council is not likely to discuss housing selection for several months. "My guess is there will be something similar," Schneider said. "They'll be working really closely with Res Services to develop a plan that works for both sides."

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Women's soccer scores first season win

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The lady Bearcats tacked up their first victory of the season last Sunday night against the University of Laverne. Willamette managed to score four goals in the match, three of which were in the second half.

Junior forward Emily Gross scored the first-half goal off of assists by junior Samantha Post and sophomore Haley Rosenthal. Sophomores Meghan Anderson, Beth Tatlock and junior Lauren Miller scored the remaining three goals.

The Bearcats dominated the Laverne Leopards in all the major offensive categories. They outshot Laverne 15-3, putting eight of those shots on goal. Laverne only had three shots on goal. Willamette also managed to take 10 corner kicks while holding Laverne to zero.

In goal, junior keeper Lo Holahan recorded the victory while sharing the shutout with freshman keeper Kelli Gano. Holahan had one save; Gano had two. With the victory, Willamette improved to 1-1.

Preparation for the Laverne game was crucial in the days leading up to the Bearcats' victory.

"The past week the team was working hard to put our losses behind us. We were trying to put our loss to UC Santa Cruz behind us and focus on the coming game,"

junior forward Lauren Miller said.

One lesson learned from their loss to Santa Cruz was that the Lady Bearcats needed to work on capitalizing on potential scoring opportunities. "This whole week we worked really hard on finishing our goals and taking advantage of good scoring chances," Miller said. Sunday's game broke the scoring drought that started the season off on a sour note.

"Scoring those goals and getting the victory was a huge boost for our team. It gave us a lot of confidence going into our Northwest League opener against George Fox University," Miller said.

Miller also felt strongly about overall team play. "We're getting better. We're starting to gel together more, and we just need to grow a little more as a team. We need to keep working on finishing scoring opportunities, but we're definitely coming together," she said. "If our forwards can start to work a little better with our midfielders, we will definitely be making some big strides forward."

The Bearcats are excited and ready for their upcoming match against the Bruins of George Fox. According to Miller, the Bearcats' best chance for victory lies in coming out fast and playing an intense style of soccer. "We just need to play hard from the beginning and take advantage of our scoring opportunities and we will get a win."



Sophomore Brittney Hewitt leaps over La Verne keeper Caitlin Kam during Sunday's game.

MOLLY CARVER

The Bearcats hit the road for their upcoming Northwest League opener against George Fox University. The game will be played on Thursday, Sept. 13 in Newberg. Kickoff is scheduled for 5 p.m. The game

will be the first Northwest League game for both schools. George Fox is currently 2-1 for the season.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

- SEP 12** Men's soccer at George Fox University, 3 p.m.
Volleyball at Linfield College, 3 p.m.
- SEP 13** Women's soccer at George Fox University, 5 p.m.
- SEP 14** Volleyball at Pacific Lutheran University, 7 p.m.
- SEP 15** Football v. California Lutheran University, at home, 1:30 p.m.
Cross country in Bush Park, at home, 2:30 p.m.
- SEP 16** Women's soccer at University of Puget Sound, 12 p.m.

Return of the WU rugby club



The Willamette rugby club poses for a muddy team shot after a 2006 season game.

STEPHEN SCOTT

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A relatively new club sport on campus enters the 2007 season with high hopes for participation and performance. Rugby had its heyday in Willamette's past, but sophomore Stephen Scott is determined to return the club team to its previous prominence.

Scott's efforts to rekindle the rugby spark in 2006 led to the creation of the Willamette Alumni Rugby Supporters, a group of former Willamette players and alumni who want to see the program take off. The coalition strives to bring back the many traditions associated with Willamette rugby in past years, which still remain in the memories of former players.

Over the summer, Scott worked with his father, Mike Scott, on expanding the team. As a result, the Willamette rugby club was admitted to the Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union (PNERU) as a Division II team.

Competing collegiate teams now include Reed College, Whitman College, the Oregon Institute of Technology, Western Oregon University and University of Puget Sound. The fall season consists of a series of tune-up games against other Division II teams as well as the B-sides from the University of Oregon and Oregon State University.

Willamette will start the fall pre-season with an Oct. 13 match against Western Oregon University. Scott looks forward to previewing this year's spring

season with a greater turnout than last fall. "Last year at this time, we had eight guys. Now we have 26 guys out," he said.

Scott's father has also contributed to the program as both a team organizer and coach. "I am pleased not only with the number of players that are out, but with the leadership the returning players provide. This club was founded, organized, funded and is run by Willamette students—it's impressive how far we've come in a year," he said.

Mike Scott also coaches the Beaverton Barbarians, a U-19 team that finished third in state last year. He anticipates high participation for the actual spring season. "Considering that none of the football players who participated last spring are out for the fall season, the numbers now are even more promising," Scott said.

The new team roster includes several players with experience, including a former player from the University of Michigan. Sophomore Tom Pearson at prop and sophomore Allon Freiman at scrumhalf also look to contribute in fall competitions. Scott encourages all those interested, including those without knowledge of the game, to contact willametterugby@mac.com or check out the club website at webmac.com/willametterugby. "The tradition will build as people come," Scott said.

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Soy v Whey Protein



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COLUMNIST

Preface: This column will not argue for one type of protein over the other. A mere presentation of facts will be offered in order to help you decide your protein of choice. So for all you emotionally-involved, proud protein users, relax and read on.

Fact: resistance exercise increases protein synthesis and can cause a negative nitrogen balance, which demands a need for increased protein in the diet.

Fact: soybeans and whey protein are considered "complete proteins," meaning they provide all the essential amino acids (amino acids that are not synthesized by the human body and therefore are only supplied by the foods we eat).

Soy protein, a legume protein derived from the soybean, is found in salad dressings, soups, imitation meats, cheeses, breads and pastas. Whey protein is a group of spherical proteins isolated from whey, a by-product of cheese made from cow's milk. Whey protein comes in three forms: concentrate, isolate and hydrolysate, while soybeans are processed into concentrate, isolate and flour.

The New England Journal of Medicine, among others, concluded that soy protein is correlated with significant decreases in serum cholesterol, LDL (bad) cholesterol and triglyceride concentrations. The American Heart Association review stated that soy products may be beneficial to cardiovascular and overall health because of their high content of polyunsaturated fats, fiber, vitamins and minerals.

On the other hand, whey has the highest biological value of any known protein. Biological value (BV) is a measure of how readily the broken down protein can be used in protein synthesis in the cells of the body.

One must not get fixated on protein supplements and forget the most important component to muscle gain: exercise. Both adequate energy and protein intakes are needed for muscle hypertrophy (increased muscle size).

With all the benefits of both kinds, how can one choose which type of supplemental protein? A recent study compared the effect of four different protein supplements in combination with resistance training on lean body composition.

Soy protein concentrate, soy protein isolate, soy/whey blend and a whey protein concentrate/isolate blend were tested. The results showed increased lean body mass in all of the protein sources tested. Soy protein is just as effective as whey protein in building lean muscle mass, when combined with an exercise and nutrition regimen.

Athletes taking both forms of protein may benefit from the different rates of absorption. Whey breaks down more quickly, soy more gradually, so the combo may prolong the release of amino acids to key muscle groups and the increase in muscle performance.

Take note: whey protein contains the largest concentration of branched chain amino acids of any natural source (including soy), and is used as an important energy source by the body during exercise. It may help delay fatigue and aid in the post-workout recovery process. Soy may have the added benefit of providing antioxidant function.

Final fact: According to a study sponsored by the U.S. National Dairy Council, neither type of protein supplement affected testosterone levels. So men, no excuses as to why soy protein is not a viable option.

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Gustavus Adolphus scores 21 in fourth for the win

Sept. 15 home opener against Cal Lutheran University approaches

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Last season, the combination of Jordan Stolp and Chad Arlt proved to be too much for the Bearcats. Gustavus Adolphus College (GAC) racked up 239 yards en route to a 35-7 win over Willamette University.

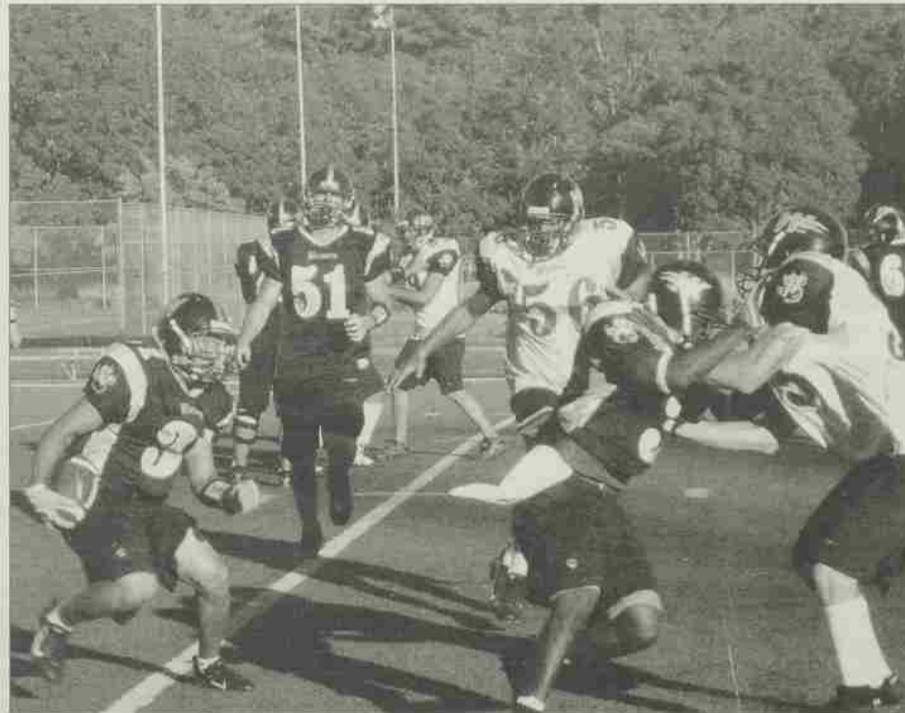
This season Stolp and Arlt were back and connected twice to give the Gusties their second straight victory of the Bearcats, this time in Minnesota, 34-25. GAC improved their record to 1-0, while Willamette fell to 0-2.

"We took some steps from last week but we aren't where we want to be," junior quarterback Grant Leslie said. This was his second collegiate start. "Some of our play-makers are new to the program. As people get more comfortable we will be very good."

The improvement can be seen in the scores of the games against Western Oregon University in week one and in last week's game with GAC. Last season Willamette fell to both teams by a combined 77-7. This season it was a much more respectable 57-34. "It is not the result that we wanted," Leslie said, "but we are taking a lot of the steps to be where we want."

Willamette led most of the game, claiming the lead in the first quarter on a pass from Leslie to senior tight-end Josh Lee. The Bearcats took a 7-6 lead into the half and lead 13-17 going into the fourth quarter. Then the Gusties exploded with 21 points in the fourth and solidified the win. Willamette would score in the final moments of the game, on a 10-yard run by Leslie, but by then it was too late.

Junior sweeper Merben Woo lead the Bearcats with 78 yards on nine carries.



The Bearcats practice in preparation for the season opener against California Lutheran University. NICK MARTINEZ

Woo also recorded 53 yards through the air. Junior receiver James Yamashita lead Willamette in receptions recording 112-yards on six receptions with a touchdown. Leslie was 14-27, with 161-yards and two touchdowns. Taylor Hermes led the Bearcats' defense with 11 tackles, while Ben Fennimore and Matt Banta each recorded eight.

"We need to continue to get better each week and not worry about the result," Leslie said. "There are a lot of things we still need to improve upon."

Willamette looks ahead to next week, when they will play California Lutheran

University (CLU), a contending team from the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. CLU is coming off a 6-3 season in which they beat the Bearcats 26-16. The Kingsmen were demolished in their season opener last week by Willamette's Northwest Conference foe Pacific Lutheran University. This will be the Bearcats' home opener. After CLU will be the Bearcats' final preseason tune-up before starting league play against rival Linfield College on Sept. 29.

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Men's soccer brings double victories back from Colorado

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The men's soccer team returned from Colorado Springs victorious after taking on Whittier College and Colorado College this past weekend. On Friday night, the Bearcats challenged the Whittier Poets. "We came out with intensity from the start, which helped us successfully attack their defense," senior Trevor Jones said.

The Bearcats dominated the first half, rallying a 3-0 lead on the Poets. Sophomore Casey Dineen scored the first and third goals for the Bearcats, one of which was a header finish. The second goal came from freshman Greg Beasley, the first of his college career here at Willamette.

Whittier quickly counterattacked at the beginning of the second half, scoring a goal in the first five minutes. The referee called backed two Willamette goals scored by

Trevor Jones and Adam Meyer as offside. When the Poets scored another goal bringing the score to 3-2, the Bearcats refocused to hold their lead. Though under great pressure with only a one-goal lead, the Bearcats remained composed and walked away with their first win of the season.

With less than a 24-hour turn around, the Bearcats faced the Colorado College Tigers Saturday afternoon. In a relentless battle, the Willamette men rallied from behind twice in a game that went into double overtime. Down 1-0, Mikey Rodriguez scored the Bearcats' first goal off a direct free kick from the top of the 18-yard box. The Tigers responded in the second half with another goal, bringing the score to 2-1.

Persistent efforts presented the Bearcats with another direct free kick in the attacking third of the field. Sophomore Luke Lagatutta placed a hard driven ball around

the wall and into the back of the net. The 2-2 tie carried the Bearcats into a double golden goal overtime. With only one minute left in the game, Mikey Rodriguez made a cross to Greg Beasley who kneed the ball into the back of the net.

"We were elated to walk away with a victory. In past years we would not have battled back like we did. This is definitely the biggest win I've experienced during my time at Willamette," Jones said.

Back to back wins against Whittier and Colorado College show promise for the Bearcats in their upcoming season. With a record of 2-1-1, the men will enter the Northwest Conference playing George Fox this Thursday and later travel to take on the University of Puget Sound Loggers on Sunday in Tacoma.

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Bearcats battle to beat Whitworth, fall to Lewis-Clark

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The Bearcats trounced Whitworth University, 3-1, at the Whitworth Invitational last weekend in Spokane before they fell in the championship round to Lewis-Clark State College.

On Sep. 7, Willamette faced Lewis-Clark and lost all three games but rallied before the second game against University Montana - Western later that day. The ladies lost the first game 24-30 but came back and won the last 3 with scores of 30-28, 30-26 and 31-29, the first victorious match of the tournament. During the last game of

the set, the Bearcats trailed 23-29 before scoring a run of 8 to win the last game and the match. Junior Kelly Lindstrom led the team with 13 kills.

The next day, the Bearcats faced the Whitworth Pirates and lost the first game 28-30. They battled back with scores of 30-27, 30-27 and 30-26 to win the match. This win allowed the Bearcats to advance to play Lewis-Clark in final round of the tournament. The ladies took second place with an overall record of 2-2 for the weekend.

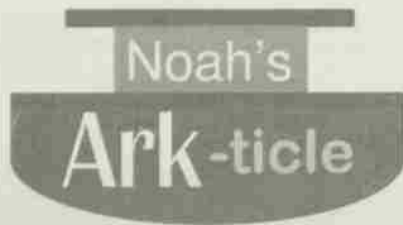
Senior Jordyn Smith felt strongly about the weekend's positive results. "Making it to the championship match and beating a

conference team is really huge for our confidence and makes us very optimistic going into conference play this week," she said.

"We proved to ourselves that we can finish close games, which is something we struggled with in the past. We set a standard that we have to maintain to continue to see wins this season."

The ladies face Linfield College this week in McMinnville, Ore. on Sep. 12. The match is set to be the season opener for both teams.

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Things that bother me



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I was sitting in class and the person next to me was holding a pencil, wiggling it slightly as he listened to the teacher. The pencil was pointed in my general direction. This is where the story diverges from what would have happened had other people been involved.

You see, I freak out when pencils or other sharp objects are pointed in my direction. It isn't a straight fear of being poked - I flinch whether the pencil is two feet from me, across the room or even on TV. After the initial cringe, I look away and focus very hard on not focusing on the pencil pointing in my direction, which incidentally (though not entirely unexpectedly) makes focusing on the class difficult.

Here are some other things that bother me: "Indian" - When referring to a Native American. Even now, in our hyper-aware sociopolitical community, I hear the most progressive people on campus say this. When did it become okay to disrespect an entire group of people?

"No offense" - People who say "no offense" when they actually do mean to offend. It's just not correct! If you're gonna diss someone, tell them instead "I intend for you to be hurt by the following comment," or maybe even "I acknowledge that the following comment will hurt you, but I still think you're an okay person. Please remain my friend afterward." But "no offense" is factually wrong. Unless, of course, you're about to compliment the person, and you want to announce to them in advance that your next statement will not offend them. Yeah...

Flakiness - Jill calls Joe and asks if he wants to come over to watch a movie. Joe agrees to meet Jill at 9 p.m. Joe doesn't show up. The next afternoon, Joe calls Jill and says, "Yeah, I wasn't really up for a movie last night." Flaky idiot! You could at least call her the night before and tell her so she wouldn't stay home all night waiting for you. Alternatively, if you were feeling especially considerate, you could even (gasp) call her before you were supposed to hang out, to let her know you wouldn't be coming. Courtesy? Went out the window years ago. But we can bring it back.

So there you have it, folks: sharp pencils, Native Americans, incorrect colloquialisms, and disrespect. Four things that bother me. Oh, and Cream of Wheat. It's just schmaltzy.

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Improve campus wireless access

All student rooms/apartments... except Haseldorf Apartments offer both wired and wireless "WiFi" connections to the network." Haseldorf provides only wireless connectivity. Access to the wireless network is available in most academic buildings and public areas...

-Willamette Student Handbook

We, the Collegian Editorial Board, have two problems with the current state of wireless internet on Willamette's campus:

1. Not all on-campus dorm rooms receive wireless coverage. The handbook's assertion simply isn't true.

2. Each academic building except for Rogers and Smith, the two music buildings, receive wireless. That choice is illogical, because music students need access as much as anyone.

Just a few years ago, none of Willamette's residence halls were set up for wireless internet. A few lucky rooms received run-off from nearby academic buildings, but if a room got no reception, well, that was the residents' tough luck.

Now, times have changed. WITS has graciously and laudably installed wireless internet to cover every dorm room, fostering in-room collaboration on projects, portability of workspaces, and even increased social opportunities. (Room too warm to do homework? No problem, bring your computer out in the hall. Waiting for an important e-mail, but want to hang out with a friend? No problem, bring your computer to the friend's room. Sexiled the night before an exam? It's okay, bring your computer down to the lobby to study.)

We applaud the decision by WITS and President Pelton to expand wireless internet coverage to all the residence halls. However, the implementation of this coverage is flawed. While we acknowledge and appreciate that the vast majority of dorm rooms are covered, we wonder why it isn't



extended to every dorm room on campus. Does WITS not know about the problem? Do they intend to sacrifice the productivity of a few students to prevent extraordinary installation costs?

WITS' intention was to cover every dorm room without exclusion, according to WITS Executive Director John Balling. He said WITS changed some of the wireless access points over the summer to adjust coverage, and that they are still being tweaked. "It's very hard to determine what the exact coverage will be when you put in access points," he said. "It's more of an art than a science."

The second issue is our disagreement with WITS' decision not to install wireless internet in Hudson and most of Smith, the two music buildings. We happily acknowledge the installation of wireless internet in most academic buildings, and we are excited to continue exploring the possibilities for use. This editorial, in fact, was written while eating breakfast in Goudy Commons, and submitted from the first floor of the UC. But the privilege of wireless internet access has been denied to a single group on campus: music students.

To our knowledge, Hudson and Smith (the location of every music class) are the only two buildings, academic or otherwise, on campus not to receive wireless internet. This situation makes it considerably more difficult for music students to do the routine things the rest of us have come to accept as normal, like checking e-mail before class.

Mr. Balling said that the construction of Smith and Hudson

makes difficult the propagation of a wireless signal. Fine Arts West is set up for wireless access, but WITS said the access point might be broken. Furthermore, he said WITS is not aware of the music students' demand for wireless access. We urge all interested students, music and otherwise, to tell WITS where wireless internet would be helpful, and help them serve us better.

Wireless development on campus is a matter of priorities, Mr. Balling said. The cement walls of Matthews and Baxter Halls make difficult signal propagation, but WITS is committed to covering all of each residence hall. "If it means putting in another access point somewhere," he said, "we'll do that."

As a result of this editorial, Mr. Balling said WITS will investigate the lack of wireless internet in certain dorm rooms, and consider installing wireless in Rogers, at least in the rehearsal room and auditorium. Finally, they would consider putting wireless in Fine Arts East, based on student need. We thank Mr. Balling and WITS for their fast response to this issue.

In short, we call upon WITS and the administration to provide wireless internet access to every building on campus, and upon the student body to provide them the information they need to do it effectively - which dorm rooms still don't get a signal, which academic buildings would benefit from a wireless router. Because only once concerned people give feedback can the administration fully meet the students' needs.

What about religion? A student perspective

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"Are you a religious person?" a friend asked me last fall.

Well, actually I don't know. Superficially, no - I don't attend church or temple or anything else. But can I still be a religious person if I don't practice a religion?

One thing that brought out my religious uncertainty was an exercise called "diversity circle" that all freshmen were asked to participate in at the Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington's lecture last Thursday. I appreciated that he told us to define things as we felt fitting, but I still struggled.

"Please stand if you identify with this religion, or that... thank you..." I could have stood for all of them, for I identify with at least some parts of all religions I know enough about. But would that have been insulting to those who diligently follow each religion? Or does that mean that I would fit into the cat-

egory of "Please stand if your spiritual or religious views are something outside of those I have described so far"? That wouldn't fit either. My views were definitely within all of the categories mentioned.

What was the point of the diversity circle? I began to wonder. It emphasizes our differences and what divides us, yet it is supposed to bring us together. Had there been anyone out there with a view on religion similar to mine, I will never know.

I had trouble thinking that an exercise such as this one would lead us to learn more about others' religions and definitions of various aspects of them, which I think is the way barriers and stereotypes are broken down.

In one of my great summer reads, "Eat, Love, Pray," Elizabeth Gilbert writes: "The Hopi Indians thought that the world's religions each contained one spiritual thread, and that these threads are always seeking each other, wanting to join. When all the threads are finally woven together they will

form a rope that will pull us... into the next realm."

I feel that the art of weaving lies to understand the minutiae that distinguishes religions is less important than the main truth: the backbone of every religion is essentially the same. Rich, diverse histories and distinctions can still be acknowledged within commonality.

So this, I think, is the point of the diversity circle: to encourage individual tension, internal questioning and discovery. You can take or leave exercises such as this; what you get out of them is only as good as what you put in.

As long as I don't expect such activities to tell me who I am, they tell me volumes. The whole being religious part, though - I'm still deciding that. I'm glad my friends are patient people.

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Memorial: Frau Gentzkow

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Everyone in the class was already seated when the professor walked in the room. She put down her things, and the first words out of her mouth were, "I'm not just going to teach you the German language, I'm also going to teach you the German attitude." This was my introduction to Frau Christine Gentzkow.

The elementary German class I took with Frau Gentzkow is something that will remain a fond and life-long memory. The first semester, the class was relatively large, but the difficulty of the language and Frau Gentzkow's difficult exams caused many to drop the class, and only 10 students continued on to second semester.

Second semester, our class became very close, and we began learning not only German, but also had many class discussions on reading topics and often on subjects completely off topic. From Nelson Mandela quotations to over-population, we covered it all. We will all remember attempting to convince Frau Gentzkow of the existence of global warming. A few of us nicknamed the class "life lessons with the Frau."



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We were mid-semester when Frau Gentzkow told us in strict confidence that her cancer had returned. She knew she had little time left, but her concern was for us.

She knew she would be sick, and therefore absent frequently, so she asked us if we thought it would inhibit our learning if she remained our teacher. If so, she would retire right then and there. If not, she would teach us for as long as she could. We asked her to continue with us, and though she became weaker and weaker, she finished out the semester with us as promised.

When I received a phone call this summer from a friend telling me that Frau Gentzkow had passed on July 31, the feelings of sorrow were mixed with comfort in knowing that her battle, that she had fought so bravely, was over.

She had wanted to make it through June and hopefully July so she could go to Germany, celebrate her 45th wedding anniversary and "make it to some important birthday parties."

Christine Gentzkow lived a full life as a headstrong and confident woman with a love for life and a strong sense of self. Willamette University students were blessed for 41 years with her presence and her "I may call you dumb, but I love you" teaching style. She lives on in the hearts of her many generations of students.

Wir werden dich nicht vergessen, Frau Gentzkow.

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Clubs: not for the weak or the strong

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As most of you hopefully know, the Willamette activities fair occurred last Wednesday. By all accounts it was a rousing success and I commend each and every student who joined one of Willamette's fine organizations.

Unfortunately, I am not among you. I spent the better part of an hour wandering from booth to booth reciting painfully insincere claims to organization members, ("of course I want to help save the endangered freshwater manatees. No you can't have my email address,") but I found nothing that really piqued my interest.

Lying in bed that night, I thought about the clubs I had been active in during high school. There was the Video Game Club, which really would have been more appropriately called the "Sit around and play Tekken during lunch club."

There was the Computer Animation Club that ought to have been called the "Sit around and watch that one kid play Starcraft while we wait for Macromedia Flash to install club."

I was also in the Anime Club or the "Sit around and make fun of the white kids who wish they were Japanese club."

Finally I was an officer in the Robotics Club or the "Sit around while eating junk food and misusing power tools club." I still have fond memories of sitting in camping chairs in my friend's driveway, eating Dunkin' Donuts and occasionally helping dismantle a Jet Ski with a reciprocating saw and a prybar. One time we covered a perfectly good brownie in gold spray-paint and then repeatedly assailed it with a cordless drill. Good times, good times.

Anyhow, hopefully you can see the unifying theme here: No, it's not geekery, it's sitting around. I realized that I was somewhat intimidated by the activities at the Activities Fair.

Activityman: "Hey kid, you wanna run fifteen miles uphill and then do some community service



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and then speak out against injustice?"

Me: "Wha? No, I...I mean those things are great and all, I ought to do them, but I really just want to find some people who like the same things I like, and we'll meet occasionally and talk about the things we like."

That's not to say that all the clubs at the Activities Fair were that...intense. Nobody would accuse the Bowling Club of being overly serious. Nor is the Boffer Club attempting to change the world, (at least not that I know of. I went to a few meetings last year in the hopes of meeting women, but that didn't work out. Turns out I don't have the lungs or the reflexes of the Highlander. Apparently things are different this year though. Regarding the women, not my lungs).

Anyhow, I was lying in bed and I decided to make my own club for the Activities Fair. It would be the Make Your Own Club Club. Basically it would just be me, at a table with lots of blue tape, sharpies and printer paper. People would come up, write down a club they wish existed, tape the papers to their bodies and continue to wander around the Activities Fair looking for people who might want to join their clubs.

For instance I might have a piece of paper on me that said "The People Who Like Airplanes a lot Club," or maybe "The Club for People Who Have Huge Crushes on Kari Byron from Mythbusters," or perhaps "The Sit Around and Throw Stuff at Other Stuff Club." Then throughout the course of the day, people would come up and say "oh wow, I like airplanes," or "hey I didn't know other people liked to throw stuff at other stuff in a purely fun and non-malicious manner" and then we'd be friends forever.

It's not just about meeting like-minded people either. The "Nickelback Rules Club" would spawn an equally boisterous "Nickelback Sucks Club" and they would have enlightening debates together.

Pretty soon, everyone involved would have more new friends than they could have reasonably hoped for, and none of these clubs would have to have an actual meeting unless everyone involved decides they wanted to. Also I would be a hero.

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Ask me anything



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Dear Jade,

My best friend back home has a friend who, for some reason, can't stand me. The other day, as we spoke on the phone, his friend snatched the phone out of his hand and proceeded to (I think drunkenly) ask me if I had feelings for him. Even though I told her that I don't, she kept pushing the issue and became mean and belligerent. Through all this, my friend sat by and did nothing and then refused to even discuss it later and was rude to me! Should he apologize to me? What should I do about this situation?

-Strictly Platonic

Dear Strictly,

Don't you just love how alcohol makes everything so much better? Mean drunks are my least favorite kind, and this one seems particularly obnoxious. Her behavior, though irrational and immature, is pretty easy to explain. Jealous much?

This woman is clearly intimidated by your relationship with your best friend. Maybe she has a thing for your friend, or maybe she just wants to develop a closer friendship, but either way she sees you as a roadblock. I've noticed that people usually react in one of two extremes when they encounter people who intimidate them: they either shut their mouths and hide behind their hair or they get boisterous and competitive. Your friend's friend has clearly chosen the latter to express her envy and

fear.

I can't say that your friend is going to win "BFF Of The Year" for just sitting and watching as one of his friends attacks another one, but it's not anyone's job to control another person's behavior. Though he's clearly several different flavors of oblivious, you've got to fight your own battles. He would certainly be wise to apologize for his rudeness to you, but the only person who should apologize for his friend's actions is his friend.

And while she's at it, she should apologize to both of you—to you for being mean on the phone and to both of you for making an awkward situation. Though, judging by her behavior thus far, I'd advise you not to hold your breath.

My mother has a word for people who intentionally stir up drama where there was none before. She calls them crazy-makers. Strictly, your friend's friend is a class A crazy-maker, and the only action that I can suggest you take is to avoid her like you would a rabid nutria.

I'm sure she's a good person deep down and all of that, but you know what they say about first impressions, and I've got to be honest: they aren't her strong point.

Hopefully your friend will remove his head from a certain place that doesn't get much sunshine and help return your friendship to its former glory. And remember, steer clear of crazy-makers.

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Why diversity matters

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I had a conversation this week with a professor. The conversation centered on the difficulty of coordinating group meetings where both students and faculty are attending. As Sunday evening meetings at nine are convenient for students living on campus, the professor conveyed that they are awkward for those living off campus, faculty in particular, because commuting back to campus at such a late hour can be an inconvenience.

I confided to my professor that this issue had never entered my mind while I lived on campus. But now that I am a 10-minute bike ride away, I finally understand the hardship of commuting back to campus late at night. I realize that understanding the situation becomes a matter of perspective.

I share this story because our campus has the opportunity to start the academic year with a conversation focusing on campus diversity. The Rev. Dr. Jamie Washington addressed the class of 2011 last week after giving the weekly Thursday convocation. He asked our university to consider the importance of having a diverse body of students, faculty and staff.

This is why I write. My introductory story may seem trivial, but it proves an important point. Since we cannot walk in the shoes of our contemporaries, we

need each other to learn and grow. Some of us here at Willamette have very different religious, ethnic, racial or economic backgrounds. Our society creates different experiences for people based on a mix of gender, sexual orientation, class, ability and nationality. These social identities, and accompanying experiences, serve to inform and offer explanations for the world around us.

We need this variety in experiences and backgrounds to aid in everyone's learning process at Willamette. This is why diversity matters.

So I encourage everyone here at Willamette to continue this dialogue. What kind of diversity do we have? What are we missing? What are we, as a community and as an institution, doing to maintain the diversity that we do (not) have? Are we fostering an environment where people from varied backgrounds want to come and contribute to our community?

My hope is that by talking through these questions, we will begin to find some answers, and these answers will translate into action. Not only will we institute change in our community, but as a university, we can create change that will extend beyond the square block where we learn, grow and hold Sunday evening meetings.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT AUG. 31 - SEPT. 7, 2007

TRESPASSING / SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

▶ Sept. 2, 4:13 a.m., (State Street @ 12th): Four students were approached by a suspicious person as they were leaving campus. The suspicious person yelled at the students as he followed them for one block. The students contacted Campus Safety who gave them a ride back to campus. The suspect is described as a white male adult, in his mid-twenties, with short dark brown hair and a lanky build.

Sept. 2, 7 p.m., (Winter Street): Campus Safety observed an individual sitting in the back of a van on Winter Street, seemingly drinking beer and watching the University Apartments. The suspect told the campus safety officer that he was out of gas. When this was challenged the suspect again turned the ignition and the motor started. The suspect then drove from the location. Salem police was notified of the incident.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

▶ Sept. 1, 5:20 p.m., (Lausanne Hall): An unknown individual damaged the locking mechanism to a residence room.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

▶ Aug. 31, 6:18 p.m., (Baxter Hall): A student received an injury to his head while playing "buffering" with wrapped PVC piping. The student was taken to Urgent Care for treatment.

▶ Aug. 31, 10:28 p.m., (Lausanne Hall): A student was transported to Salem Hospital suffering from a cut that he received after stepping on a broken drinking glass.

▶ Sept. 4, 3:08 p.m., (Smullin Hall): A student fell while walking up concrete steps. The student was transported to Salem Hospital for a laceration to his forehead.

▶ Sept. 5, 11:20 p.m., (Kaneko Hall): A student was transported to Salem Hospital suffering from alcohol poisoning after fasting and then drinking alcoholic beverages.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

▶ Aug. 31, 9:31 p.m., (Beta Theta Pi): Campus Safety observed a student carrying a mini keg on campus. Upon an investigation it was determined that the student was not 21 yrs old. He was also in possession of two bottles of wine.

▶ Sept. 1, 2:11 a.m., (Bush Park): Salem Police cited a minor student for being intoxicated while riding a bicycle and striking a parked car in the park. The student faces at least a \$250 fine. Campus Safety responded to the location and gave the student a ride to campus.

▶ Sept. 3, 1:16 a.m., (Sparks Field): A student was found to be asleep on the soccer field. While checking on his well it was determined that he was under the influence of alcohol.

THEFT

▶ Sept. 1, 12:32 p.m., (Terra House): A student's bicycle was stolen from outside Terra after it was left locked on the north side of the building.

▶ Sept. 4, 12:22 p.m., (Montag): A student left her purse near the Montag Center. She subsequently recovered it, but found that several personal items were missing.

▶ Sept. 5, 9:40 a.m., (Goudy Commons): An employee's jacket was taken from the locker room.

▶ Sept. 6, 4:11 p.m., (Kaneko Commons): A student's bicycle was taken from the bike shed on the west side of Kaneko.

▶ Sept. 6, 6:35 p.m., (Stadium): A student discovered that his car, which he parked at the stadium, had been broken into. Several personal items had been stolen from the car.

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