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The opposite of fortunate

LUCAS HERNANDEZ

The Union Gospel Mission at 311 Commercial Street, just 6 blocks from Willamette's campus, caters to some of the 400 to 500 homeless people who live in Salem.

By JENNIFER DANNER
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Homelessness is a serious concern in Salem, with an estimated 400 to 500 of our neighbors lacking a place to stay. Around Salem, people on the street often ask students for money.

Sometimes, homeless Salemites wander through Willamette's campus, when more often than not, they are shuttled to Union Gospel Mission on Commercial Street, where 200 to 300 homeless people a day receive assistance to get back on their feet. This means social workers at the Mission reach half the homeless population.

The Union Gospel Mission (UGM) is one of many services around Salem that provides food, clothing, and shelter as well as more personalized help such as personal hygiene items, laundry service, bikes to borrow, and a sack lunch for work.

Reverend Richard Morrow, a chaplain at the UGM said, "We'll do just about whatever it takes. We try to focus on the individual's needs, but there's not much we don't do."

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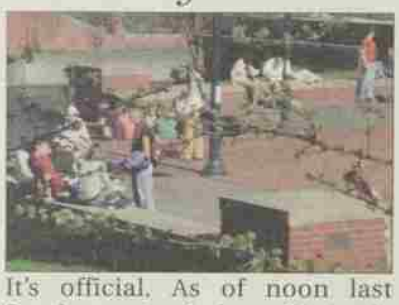
Sun creates naked fever



It's official. As of noon last Sunday spring is here. Not only are couples sprouting up faster than daffodils, but the amount of skin has increased exponentially.

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Who should say 'I do'?

The debate over legalization of gay marriage rages on from coast to coast, as well as very close to home. In a heated point-counter point, junior Duncan Robertson and senior Angela Smith will take on the moral questions of the legitimacy of the homosexual family unit, and the moral consequence of gay marriage on American society, as well as the world community.

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Out of the starting block

Willamette claimed the top spot in 15 events at its scoreless Willamette four-way meet last Saturday at McCulloch stadium.

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Same sex couples wed

JULIE TOMMELEIN

Students and faculty engaged in a forum at the Bistro Monday night discussing same sex marraige. The forum was sponsored by ANGLES, College Democrats and Willamette Students for Peace and Justice.

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States with ambiguous legal marriage terminology: Ore., Wyo., NM, Wis., NY., NH, RI, Conn., Md.

According to a recent Oregonian poll, 54 percent of Oregonians are against gay marriage, but a majority support civil unions.

Multnomah County's recent decision to issue same-sex marriage licenses has incited considerable debate across the Willamette campus.

Although granting gay marriage licenses remains confined to Portland, the decision has directly affected the campus as two weddings have already occurred in the Willamette community.

Math professor Elizabeth Stanhope and freshman Alex Wadman joined other excited same–sex couples in tying the knot with their respective partners last week.

Stanhope and her wife already had a civil union from Vermont and an official ceremony. The Multnomah County decision merely made their one and a half year union legal in Oregon.

"In Vermont, the civil union is identical to marriage in everything except the name," Stanhope said. "It just means nothing outside the state."

Wadman, who classified the experience as both wonderful and stressful said, "We have both been fighting for these sorts of rights for years and are both politically active people. We felt we couldn't pass up this once in a lifetime chance to be on the front lines of the movement.

"When you decide to do something like this in twelve hours, it can be kind of stressful," she said. "The situation was ideal, though. We were married with 550 other people by the end of the day."

Portland's recent decision does not come without some reservations from both sides. ANGLES president junior Jill Summers has some concerns about the immediacy of marriage.

"Everybody in ANGLES is really happy," she said. "We have some concerns in that this is so new that people might jump the gun, even if they're not ready. If they get divorces, even small numbers, it will look bad for the queer community, even if the heterosexual divorce rate is higher."

Another major concern is the fact that the new interpretation on legal Oregon marriages may be revoked if the decision is found unconstitutional.

Willamette College Democrats President sophomore Tim Stumhofer will lead his club in an active role in supporting the county's current position.

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Break-in raises safety concerns

By AMY RATHKE
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The criminal or criminals responsible for the robbery of the home of four Willamette seniors remain(s) at large today, raising concerns about the security and safety of students living off campus.

Around 4 or 5 a.m. last Sunday, senior Alyssa Struck was awakened by a complete stranger. "I was sleeping in the living room, I had fallen asleep watching TV," Struck said. "Then I felt someone kissing me on the lips and touching my face."

The criminal ran away when Struck kicked him off her. "He stumbled backward and bolted out the back door," she said. The intruder's noisy exit woke Struck's roommate, senior Jodi Heuer, who was sleeping in the basement.

"My boyfriend ran outside after him. He walked around the block but he didn't see anything," Heuer said.

This was not the first intruder to enter the home shared by these Willamette seniors. In November, while roommate senior Katie Kenworthy was home alone, someone came in through the back door. "I heard strange footsteps, and breathing," Kenworthy said. The intruder left quickly and Kenworthy was not able to get a good look at him.

"We thought we had been really careful since then," senior Lindsey Corey, the fourth woman sharing the house, said.

The damage was greater than just the unsettling experience of a criminal entering the home, however. The thieves had taken nearly all property of value while the women slept. "They went into every room, every closet in our house," Heuer said. Even the bedrooms in which Heuer and Kenworthy were sleeping were thoroughly searched and robbed.

"I can't believe how ballsy they were," Kenworthy said.

The list of stolen items includes all the roommates' wallets, two laptops, 40 DVDs, 3 Columbia jackets, Corey's comforter from her bed and her frame backpack. Perhaps the most valuable item to be taken was a folder under Kenworthy's desk, containing all her forms of identification, including her birth certificate and insurance information.

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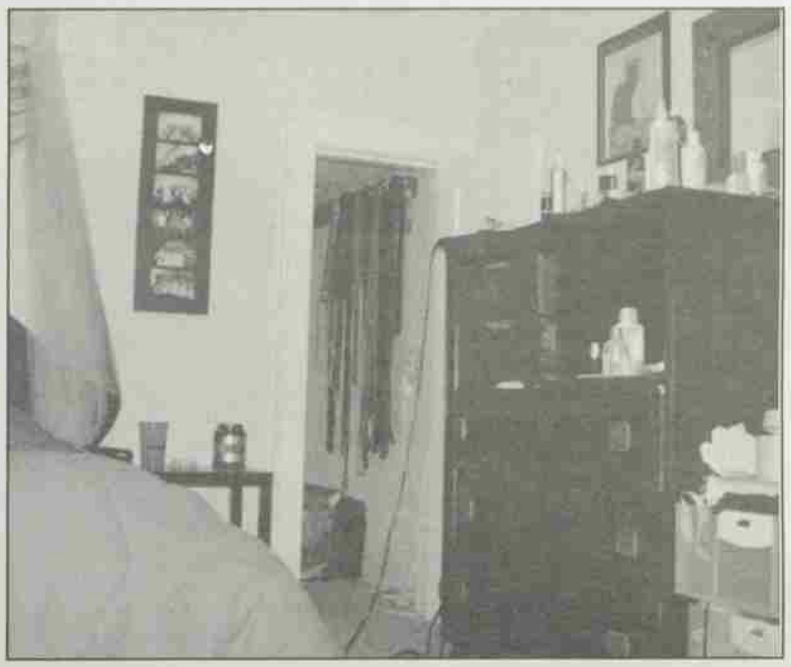

ERIC LAM

Early last Sunday morning while senior Katie Kenworthy slept, what she thought was safely, in her bed intruders searched and ransacked her closet just a few feet away from her bed.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: FEB. 29-MAR. 6, 2004

This week Campus Safety responded to 136 calls for service.

BURGLARY

Mar. 2, 9:45 a.m. (Eaton Hall): Faculty members reported that two books had been stolen from a locked display case.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Mar. 1, 10:06 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): Employees reported finding a third floor fire extinguisher that had been tampered with. It had been discharged in the kitchen.

Mar. 1, 10:13 a.m. (Matthews Hall): Employees reported finding a third floor fire extinguisher that had been tampered with. It had been discharged into the women's restroom.

Mar. 4, 8:42 a.m. (York House): An employee reported finding two fire extinguishers that had been tampered with and a garbage can that contained burned paper.

Mar. 6, 2:11 a.m. (York House): Two wooden chairs were found broken in the lounge.

Mar. 6, 1:21 p.m. (Sigma Chi): A student reported that certain subjects had broken a window.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Mar. 1, 5:15 p.m. (Alpha Chi Omega): A student was examined by WEMS after having been struck by a soccer ball. She was transported to Salem Hospital for a possible concussion.

Mar. 6, 12:24 p.m. (Sparks Center): A student was transported to the hospital after having received an ankle injury.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

Mar. 2, 11:20 p.m. (Japanese Garden): Campus Safety contacted several students after having received a noise complaint. Students were consuming alcohol in the garden and leaving empty containers as litter.

Mar. 4, 12:31 a.m. (Kaneko): Residence Life responded to a noise complaint but the occupants would not open the door. Campus Safety assisted and several students were cited for MIP and other policy violations.

Mar. 6, 2:33 a.m. (University Apartments): A student requested assistance after having broken a key off in the lock on an apartment. It was then discovered that he was attempting to enter someone else's room with a borrowed key and ID card. The student was not granted access and the card was confiscated until the resident of the room could be contacted.

THEFT

Mar. 1, 9:30 a.m. (University Center): A subject was escorted from campus after witnesses saw him steal food from the Bistro.

Mar. 4 11:35 p.m. (AGSM): An employee reported that a vending machine had been broken into. Subjects had pried the machine open and removed money from the cash box.

Mar. 5, 12:37 p.m. (Softball Lot): A student reported that her vehicle had been broken into and stereo stolen.

Mar. 5t 2:30 p.m. (Sparks): A visitor reported that his gym bag had been stolen from a locker.

TRESPASS

Mar. 3, 1:17 a.m. (Montag Center): A student reported that a man was sleeping on a couch. Campus Safety escorted him from campus after finding he had no legitimate reason to be on campus.

Mar. 4, 1:32 p.m. (Kaneko Hall): A former student was escorted from campus property.

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THE WEDNESDAY PROFILE

ALUMNA TURNED NOVELIST FINDS SUCCESS

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"I turned in a piece, and the professor said, 'I assume this is part of a larger work?' He was intimidating so I told him it was." -Heather Parkinson, class of '97

Willamette alumna Heather Parkinson never imagined that she would be invited back to her alma mater, just a few years after graduating, to give a reading as a published author. But that's exactly what fortune had in store for her, seven years after she graduated as an English major.

At 7 p.m. on Mar. 16, Parkinson will be reading from her newly published novel, Across Open Ground, in the Montag Den. "I certainly didn't start out planning to write a novel," she said. Despite her surprise at finding herself published, her writing has earned her praise.

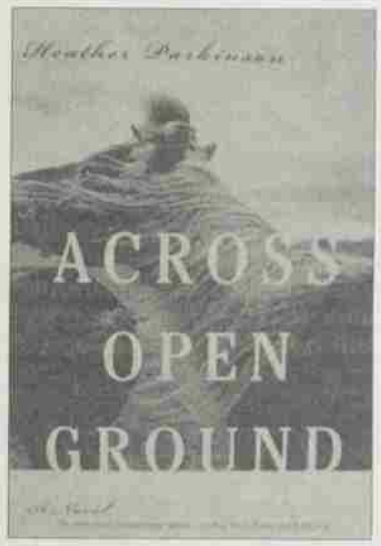
Although Parkinson's main focus while at Willamette was comparative literature, she did take a fiction writing class as well. "I thought my writing was pretty dismal. I liked poetry a lot more," she said.

Professor Linda Bowers, of the English department, had Parkinson in her Study of Literature class and recognized her literary abilities. "I thought she was an excellent student. She was a thoughtful, sensitive reader, and she wrote just beautifully," she said.

Although Parkinson didn't initially think that creative writing was her calling, she has always enjoyed it, and continually received encouragement to continue.

She decided to take their advice and pursued a creative writing class at Boise State after growing tired of the journalism job she had found after graduation. "I was a little tired of journalism, and I wanted to keep my writing going," Parkinson said.

It was because of the professor of that writing class that she began to write her novel. "I turned in a piece, and the professor said, 'I assume this is part of a larger work?' He was intimidating, so I told him it was," Parkinson said.



Her professor kept asking to see more, so Parkinson kept on writing. She eventually dropped out of Boise State to finish the novel. Altogether, it took two years to finish.

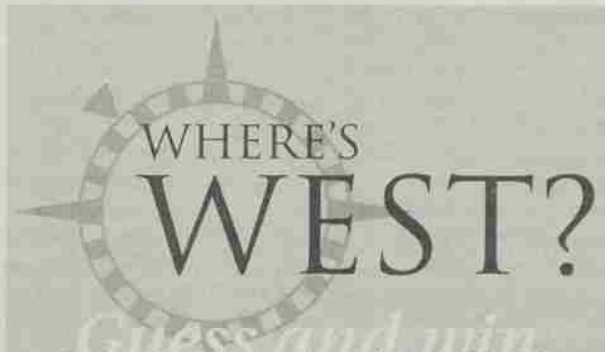
"It's about how the war (WWI) was waged on the home front too. I wanted to write about how the community of a small western town was affected by World War One," Parkinson said.

Parkinson says she didn't know how the story would turn out until the end when the characters began to take on their own life. "I think your characters always get away from you, and you want them to. It is the days that they don't that you have to rewrite. If you listen to them, they take on their own life," she said.

When it came time to try to find a publisher, Parkinson was worried that she wouldn't get much consideration, so she spent a lot of time editing. "I was thorough about my editing, so it went to them as a pretty clean copy," Parkinson said.

The publishers responded well and Parkinson eventually cut a book deal with Bloomsbury.

Parkinson, far from being finished as an author, is working on a second novel. "I do have a second novel that is written, but I just keep editing it and editing it," she said. Parkinson hasn't decided yet whether or not she will read from her new novel while at Willamette. "I'm debating about it. I might read a little from the new book, just to try it. I've never read from it before. But I will read a selection from the first one for sure," she said.



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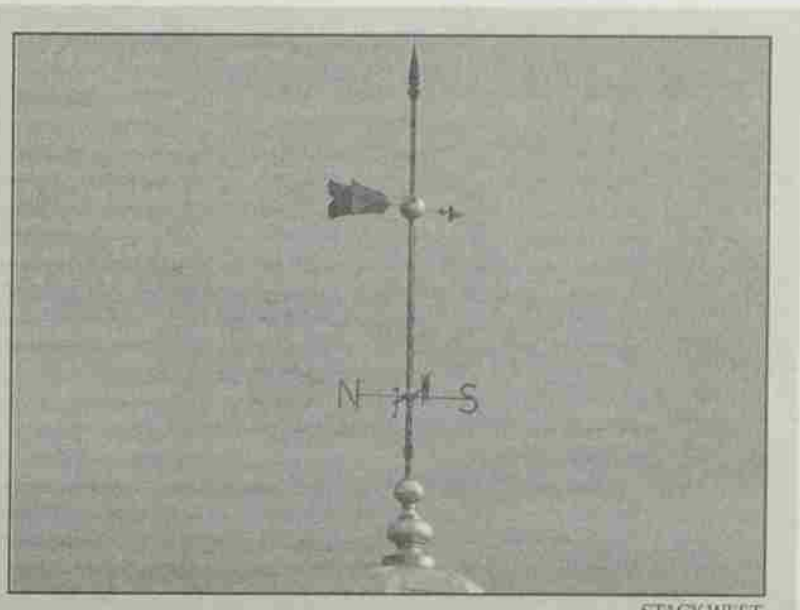
No one won last week.
I was located below the "Town and Gown" statue looking up at Eaton.



STACY WEST

Public Eye

ASWU EXEC. POSITIONS FILLED

Junior Bracken Killpack was elected to the presidency with 413 votes. The nearest write-in candidate was "Kasha" with at least 200.

Junior Stephenne Harding was elected to V.P. of the Executive with 370 votes, defeating Lesley Meyer, with 249.

Sophomore Tyler Reich was elected to V.P. of the Administration with 335 votes, followed closely by junior J.P. Hill with 314 votes

Sophomore Weston Eiler was elected to V.P. of Finances with 550. There were 90 write-in votes.

STUDENTS ANNOUNCE ASWU SENATE CANDIDACY

Fourteen students have formally announced their intentions to run for the ASWU senate for the 2004-2005 school year. Juniors Paul Crisalli, Kyle Gouveia and Anthony Hooper are campaigning to represent the class of 2005. Sophomores Nathan Brannon, Garrett Stephenson, Tim Stumhofer, Scott Kennedy, Nathanael Stice, Mandy Guile and Trevor Findley are running for the class of 2006 senate seats. Freshmen Jeffrey Carlson, Bob Heck, Ariel Johnson, Kei Otawa, Amber Reed, Birl Shultz and John Swanson will vie to represent the class of 2007.

Elections will take place online from Monday, Mar.15 at 8 a.m. to Mar. 16 at 6 p.m. A student-wide vote on the proposed endowment legislation will take place in conjunction with the ASWU senate elections. Information regarding the endowment can be found in an ASWU issued handout located on the *Collegian* paper racks in Goudy, Eaton, Smullin and the UC.

ISRAELI DANCE CLASSES OFFERED

Temple Beth Sholom sisterhood in Salem is sponsoring Israeli dance classes once a month at the Riverfront Dance Studio at 241 State Street. Classes are currently scheduled from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Mar. 28, Apr. 11 and May 23. The cost of lessons is $5 per session.

CAMPAIGN TO SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT TO VISIT CAMPUS

Campaign to Save the Environment, a national non-profit organization, will be on campus on Mar. 15. The organization runs outreach campaigns of groups such as Greenpeace, Sierra Club and the State Public Interest Research Group.

Sustainability goes W.E.S.T.

By CHRIS FOSS
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The Willamette Environmental Sustainability Team has taken a series of small yet significant steps in its efforts to create a more sustainable university. On Feb. 25, it officially merged with the Sustainability Task Force, combining a smaller group of students, faculty and administration with identical aims into WEST. WEST and its various committees are organizing to educate the community about the environment and to make the campus more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.

President of WEST junior Paul Swenson considers WEST a watchdog and advocate for the natural environment. "Without whistleblowers there may be an extreme excess, and in the case of the use of limited resources, it is not the best for humans or for the environment," Swenson said. "This is a way to limit the ecological impact of this campus on its students."

WEST recently scored a victory in its quest for better environmental efficiency on campus during a meeting with Willamette Integrated Technology Services executive director John Balling. As a result of that meeting, five printers which print double-sided pages have been activated on campus, two in Smullin and three in the library.

In addition, WEST members have been universal in their praise of Bon Appétit general manager Bill Masullo's efforts toward making Goudy more environmentally friendly. "Bill has been a tremendous force for change," WEST member and politics professor Joe Bowersox said. "He's doing so much to help the students improve their effectiveness in these issues."

Faculty support has also been critical to WEST. Bowersox and psychology professor Sue Koger each attended the meetings. Bowersox emphasized, however, that the organization is largely student-driven. "We're all peers. I go to meetings, I help out," he said.

Bowersox noted that faculty, as well as students, have a stake in making Willamette more environmentally efficient. He said that making buildings more energy-efficient by shutting off lights and closing windows on weekends are easy steps that the faculty can take to do their part in helping WEST.

Sophomore Elyssa Figari emphasized that Willamette should make an effort to become more sustainable for a variety of reasons. "Not only will these reforms save the university money in the long run, they will also show Willamette as a progressive university that is helping lead the way for a more sustainable living," she said.

WEST has formed several committees charged with actively educating the campus community. Senior Jessie Ford heads an Education Committee developing a Sustainability Fair for Wulapalooza on May 1, designed for students to come and find out options for changes on campus.

The Webpage Committee's primary goal is to educate the campus about the three Rs: reducing, reusing and recycling. Swenson said it also wants to create easier access to environmentally minded clubs and organizations. "It makes it easier to find out about upcoming events, times, people to contact," he said.

Swenson said that WEST is also developing an "ideas manual" to hand out to RAs and Hall Council members. "It is then in their hands to make the changes that best fit their hall," Swenson said.

In the long term, WEST is looking toward playing an integral role in the development of the residential commons system and sharing ideas and resources with ECOS, the environmental group in charge of recycling on campus.

Off-campus seniors robbed early Sunday

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"They have all of our social security numbers," Heuer said. "They could be Katie on paper if they wanted to."

The women called the police, who came and looked the house over, but were not able to offer great assistance. "They tried to fingerprint some stuff in my room, but it didn't work," Corey said.

Lt. Dan Cary of the Salem Police Department didn't see much hope for the recovery of the items. The women didn't have the serial numbers for the property, so it is unlikely that they will be seeing any of their things again. "I hate to paint you a picture of doom and gloom, but I got to be realistic," Cary said.

✔ Salem has twice the crime compared to the national average.

Cary said that Salem has twice the crime of the national average, and property crime makes up a large portion of this statistic. The city has eight detectives who regularly work on property crime.

"We live in the same neighborhood as the governor and the president of our school, you'd think it would be safe," Heuer said.

Gay marriage hits home

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The Defensive Marriage Act allows the government the discretion not to recognize gay marriages and for one state not to recognize a gay marriage from another state.

"We're trying to be proactive," he said. "We're going to do a letter campaign at the state and county level showing our support for the issue ... A couple of months ago, you never really heard about gay marriage, even if it's not immediate, something here is going to pan out."

Unlike the College Democrats, the College Republicans group has no official position on the decision.

"We're a coalition of traditionalists and libertarians," said president sophomore John Wickre.

"The traditionalists are generally opposed to gay marriage in general, and the libertarians are pro gay marriage in general.

"With regards to Multnomah, I think there is a negative feeling because of the power that one person had to change the law ... Kulongoski came out against it because he said that the county clerk had no power to make that decision."

Wadman offered her perspective on the importance of her recent union.

"A very concerned young man once asked me why I thought that gay marriage was so important," she said. "I thought about it and told him that it's really about the sad things. What if one of us was very ill? We can now sit with each other all night in the hospital and not be kicked out like a visitor. We can now provide legally for each other. We can get insurance. It's amazing to be able to share these things; it's very exciting."

JULIE TOMMELEIN

Freshman Alex Wadman speaks at the Bistro forum on Monday night. She married her partner at the Multnomah County Courthouse in Portland last week.

ARTS

Bistro rocks, fem-style

STACY WEST

Freshman Sarah Burns performed original selections on her harp as part of the "Songstress to Rockgrrl."

By CARLY DIAZ
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A woman in music is not a new phenomenon. Naming a woman composer of classical music, however, might be a difficult task. Last night in the Bistro "From Rockstress to Songrrl" paid tribute to a few female musicians in a celebration of women composers.

Music composition major senior Jonathon Westfall conceived the event, with sponsorship from S.H.E., ASWU and Mu Phi Epsilon.

Sophomore Amanda Hiti, a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, said that it was "nice to hear different music from women composers." The event was well-received, with students filling the Bistro during the entire concert.

"There is a long-tradition of women being discriminated against in music composition," Westfall said. "I want to bring attention to the women composers, to represent those who have not been represented in the past."

Westfall also emphasized that the unfamiliarity of a general audience with women composers can lead to dangerous misconceptions. "It's possible that because people only see men as composers of classical music that in their subconscious they think women can't compose," he said.

The event occurred at an appropriate time, with March being Women's History Month. In the past, women composers labored to gain recognition and often had to compose under the guise of a man. Attributing their work to a pseudonym was sometimes the only chance to draw attention to their skills.

"Women were excluded," Westfall said. "It's not that these people (female composers) don't exist, it's just that people don't know about it." The chance for musicians to perform the work of female composers highlights an area of music that often remains in the shadows.

"From Rockstress to Songrrl" also gave musicians a chance to show the audience the progress women have made in the music industry. Several students chose to perform contemporary songs. Junior Sarah Mellein played "Why" by Annie Lennox on her guitar. She selected a modern piece to demonstrate the variety of music that women have influenced.

"Within the rock/folk area of music (the event) shows powerful women who interpret themselves," Mellein said. "In pop music I think women are more represented, but in the classical sense it's hard to name female musicians."

"We're still living in a pretty sexist society. The discrimination of the past still lingers," he said. "Hopefully in the next 20-30 years this kind of event will be passé because the common repertoire of people is less sexist."

Composers highlighted:

Annie Lennox

Ursula Mamlok

Patty Larkin

Gillian Welch

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Peel to premiere 'Sinfonia Romanza'

By STEVE FIALA
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Composer-in-Residence professor John Peel has hit all the right notes with the completion of "Sinfonia Romanza" after a year and a half university-endorsed sabbatical.

Under the direction of Maestro James DePreist the Oregon Symphony will present the premier performance of "Sinfonia Romanza" sometime in the near future. Peel's labor of love would have premiered in Portland's Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall on Mar. 16, but is now postponed due to the incapacitation of DePreist because of spinal problems. DePreist's recovery and availability as well as the Oregon Symphony's scheduling will determine when Peel's symphony will be unveiled.

Peel began the composing process for "Sinfonia Romanza" in the fall of 2002, but the beginnings of his project date back to 1999, when DePreist came to Willamette to watch Peel's opera-oratorio "Voces Vergilianae," which Willamette University commissioned for the dedication of the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center. DePreist saw talent in the operatic piece and forged a relationship with Peel that would eventually lead to Peel's commission by the Oregon Symphony to compose "Sinfonia Romanza."

"I have to thank President Pelton for his help in getting this commission," Peel said. "These days you need to know people to get through to the decision makers, so it was great to have an advocate such as President Pelton."

Peel only has one concern when "Sinfonia" hits the Schintzer Concert Hall and Smith Auditorium. "There will be 80 critical musicians and an audience of 2,000," Peel said. "The program will read 'Mozart, Peel and Tchaikovsky. So when you're up against the weight of musical history it can be scary, but I can't wait."

Although "Sinfonia Romanza" is a major accomplishment for Peel, he has also composed a violin and orchestra concerto that premiered in New York's Lincoln Center, as well as receiving award and grant support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Music Center and the Pennsylvania Council of the Arts.

COURTESY OF OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

John Peel is Willamette's composer-in-residence.

Peel now teaches music composition, courses in music history from 1865-present, concert music and created the music composition major upon his arrival at Willamette. According to senior Brian Roesler, Peel is a hilarious teacher, who has made the subject of music, which Roesler knows nothing about, one of his favorite classes.

"Dr. Peel has always been an honest and encouraging professor, which is an extremely fine balance to achieve when dealing with students' personal expression," senior Renee Schwab said. "He's not going to give sugary compliments when my music sucks, but he is always quick to point out the good things and recognize hard work."

Hopefully Willamette students, faculty and staff will recognize the hard work of Peel when "Sinfonia Romanza" premiers in Schnitzer in the upcoming months.

Talk of the Millstream

ISALY JUDD & AMY RATHKE
news editors

With the mercury rising above 60 degrees two days this week, Willamette students have been provided with an excuse to engage in one of their favorite activities: gettin' naked.

After all, spring break is just around the corner, and we've got to get some color on our sun-deprived Oregon bods. It's a familiar scenario: the sun breaks through the clouds, and before you know it, the banks of the Mill Stream are lined with students doing what they do best- – taking off their clothes.

Amy had the pleasure of spending time with 17 other half-naked Willamette students (and no shortage of completely naked dirty hippies) at Breightenbush hot springs this past weekend.

The heat was on last Sunday, from the murky, steamy hot springs to the streets of Salem. On Lancaster, a group of fraternity brothers in nothing but their tighty-whities were standing on the sidewalk, waving signs for a carwash they were hosting.

Naked fever was everywhere! Even the library, we saw people studying without shirts last Sunday. This was madness. As we sat there, trying to concentrate, we realized that there has to be a better way.

Can't we take this passive-aggressive approach to nakedness and turn it into something more pro-active? Call us crazy, but we think the only reason someone should be shirtless in the library is that they're streaking during finals.

That's right. We propose a campus-wide movement of spontaneous streaking. Nothing would spice up events such as matriculation, or the lighting of the star trees, more than a bunch of naked folks running around.

We know how to get naked, Willamette. Let's just be more original with when, and how, we decide to show off our bodies.

High school history debunked

By KATE D'AMBROSIO
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A critic of the way American history is taught in high schools is lecturing at 7 pm in Cone Chapel tonight. Dr. James Loewen, author of "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong," opposes the way high school textbooks routinely omit less attractive periods of American history and propagate the idea of American exceptionalism.

In a 1996 interview with World, Loewen stated "American exceptionalism is a pernicious myth, because it makes us ethnocentric." As an anti-racist educator, Loewen abhors the failure of most textbooks to even mention the role of racism in American history, leaving students with "no way to apply history to the problem of racism today."

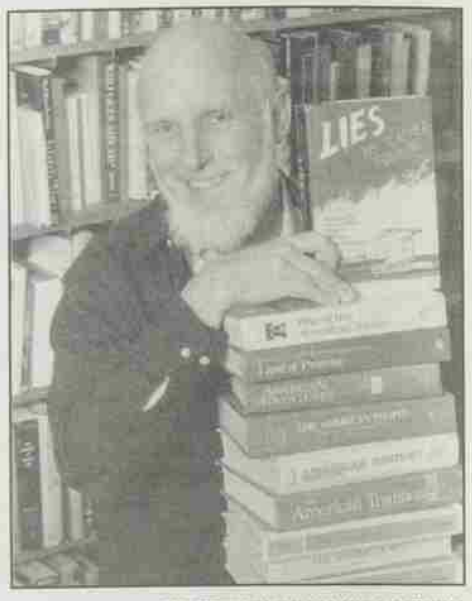
Both Willamette students and professors are engaged in the debate over how history ought to be taught in American high schools. American History professor Seth Cotlar agrees that through generating "simplistically patriotic, passive Americans" high schools are creating citizens that are "not perceptive of dissent or critical of their leaders."

Frustrated by his own cursory high school education, Cotlar felt that he had been "ill served," and subsequently wrote his own textbook about the history of his Pennsylvania hometown during graduate school. Cotlar believes a more inclusive high school history curriculum is both important and necessary to the preservation of American ideals about citizen participation in government. "Democracy is theoretically rested upon the health of the citizenry," Cotlar said, "and the citizenry must be able to think critically and not accept received truths."

Willamette student Ben Peterson is also irritated with shallow American history textbooks. In response, Peterson used a Carson Grant to produce a supplemental textbook entitled "The WWI Experience in Washington State: 1905-1920." The book is directed toward eighth grade students, who are required to take a class in state history.

To improve high school history education, Loewen commented in the same 1996 World interview that teachers need to "teach against the text" by including supplemental reading such as original historical documents.

Loewen's lecture tonight will cover both the political and historical myths commonly used textbooks communicate to high school students, and is sponsored by the Willamette Events Board Issues and Controversies organization.



COURTESY OF JAMES LOEWEN

Dr. James Loewen and his book, "Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong," speaks tonight at 7 p.m.

Problems hamper ASWU presidency

By CHRIS FOSS
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Senior Kate Rykken has stepped into the often misunderstood and recently vacated role of ASWU president this week. Junior Bracken Killpack, who ran unopposed for the position, will be inheriting a legacy marked by ambiguity.

Rykken has been working to make sure the position is clearly defined and ready to fit with the policies of the newly elected ASWU President. "The transition will be figuring out what the goals will be for next year," she said. She hopes to assist the new President in getting his programs off the ground quickly.

Rykken recalled that when Martin's term began as president, his programs stalled for various reasons, but she is confident that problem will not be repeated. Martin declined to comment.

Unopposed presidential candidate junior Bracken Killpack echoed Rykken's opinion that the transition would be manageable. "It's really about organization," Killpack said.

Rykken has further broken down the responsibilities of the position into three main groupings. The president serves as the primary advocate for Willamette students, initiates new policies and programs and carries out a variety of miscellaneous tasks.

Senior ASWU Senator Andrew Cockrell believes that the student advocacy aspect of the position is a particularly critical part of the president's job description. "What incentive does Willamette have to change if students aren't advocating," he said. "The president needs to listen to students, and to be pro-active."

According to Cockrell, the last few ASWU Presidents, Tommy Ziemer in particular, have been active in initiating new programs while restructuring student government at the same time. Cockrell served as vice president of finance under Ziemer, and ran against Martin last spring. In 2001-02 Ziemer's administration developed the TIUA/WU Buddy Program and the ASWU Vision Grant.

Many programs developed by the President eventually become able to stand alone without his or her direct involvement. The TIUA/WU Buddy Program passed from the control of the president to the VP Exec this year. "The Vision Grant is the only program which is truly under the president's control," Rykken said.

In addition, the president is an "ad hoc" member of all ASWU committees, runs the Freshman Class Council, and gives public speeches at a variety of events.

Killpack outlined a variety of specific programs he wants to work on during his presidency, mostly falling under the umbrella of student advocacy. "It's inherent in the position," he said. "You need to know what's wrong with the university so you can take that to the Board of Trustees."

Rykken does not believe that there will be changes to the position of ASWU president. "We have not seriously considered it," she said, adding that the position was made ambiguous on purpose in order to give freedom to presidents to pursue their own programs.

Neither Cockrell nor Killpack believe change is necessary to the position. "You have enough leeway to allow creativity," Cockrell said. "The president's job is to be creative on behalf of the students." Killpack added that the ambiguity in the position is necessary to give ASWU presidents freedom to pursue their own methods of student advocacy. "I think it's a good thing," he said.

Living *without* room and board

Just a few blocks from campus hundreds of Salem residents struggle to survive with the help of dedicated social workers at the Union Gospel Mission.

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The Union Gospel Mission

◆*Founded in 1953*

◆*311 Commerical Street NE*

◆*Open 24 hours a day*

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He said that UGM works in conjunction with other services in Salem in order to help people who are homeless or cannot financially meet their needs.

The Hope Clinic and West Side Clinic offer bus services to and from the mission so that people can go to their medical appointments for free. Morrow also said, "Salem has got specialty shelters" that deal specifically with battered women or teenage pregnant girls. "It's good to have (a pregnant teenager) in an environment supportive of that," Morrow said.

Along with shelters and services that specialize in specific needs, Salem offers many shelters for men and women that are open to anyone willing to stay sober for the night and sleep inside.

LUCAS HERNANDEZ

Receiving aid from the UGM, Dan is currently undergoing chemotherapy. He lost his job last year after his illness was discovered.

"Salem as a community has come together in a unique way to help ... We don't receive government funds," Morrow said. Instead, UGM is run by independent donors and volunteers, all of whom maintain an interest in helping the less fortunate.

CAMPUS SAFETY'S IMPACT

In the Campus Safety Reports, each week several non-student Salem residents are issued trespass warnings and asked to leave campus. Students often chalk this up to the "sketchiness" of Salem. These notices make students question their safety in Salem, but they are not necessarily warranted.

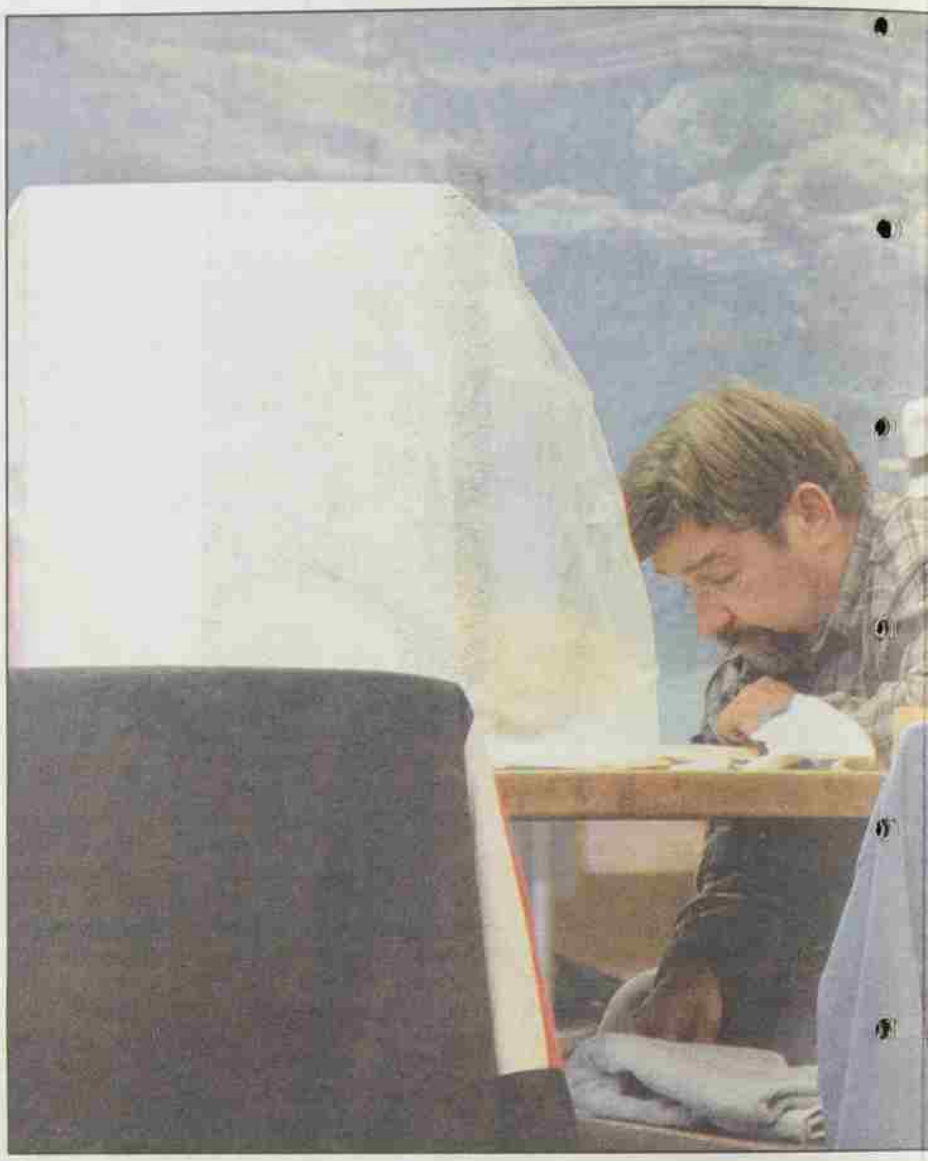
Ross Stout, the Director of Campus Safety, said that, while on average, campus safety officers speak with two people about their intentions on campus each day, "the most common thing is ... people here looking for pop cans."

Therefore, the main reason non-students are issued trespass warnings is because "we think they're being deceptive."

Stout advised that students to avoid confrontations. It is too difficult to tell the difference between people who are dangerous and those with legitimate reasons to be on campus.

"We really ask students not to make the evaluation themselves. We ask students to call us when they see people who aren't students," Stout said.

When Campus Safety does speak with a person who they deem to be "suspicious," or mentally ill, they often send that person to the Union Gospel Mission on Commercial Street, "largely because of its close proximity," Stout said.



While homelessness is big problem in Salem, so is poverty. Homeless people of people live under the poverty line which varies with family size, but is approximately $9,000 for a single person who live in the contiguous US.

A HUGE JOB

UGM deals with about 200 to 300 people a day and the Salvation Army has around 75 people. Morrow then adds the smaller totals of other shelters and mentions those people who choose to live out. Those who camp out are often thought of as the "noble savage," Morrow said.

> "There are some good people here. The majority end up being good people with bad situations."
>
> **REV. RICHARD MORROW**
> chaplain at UGM

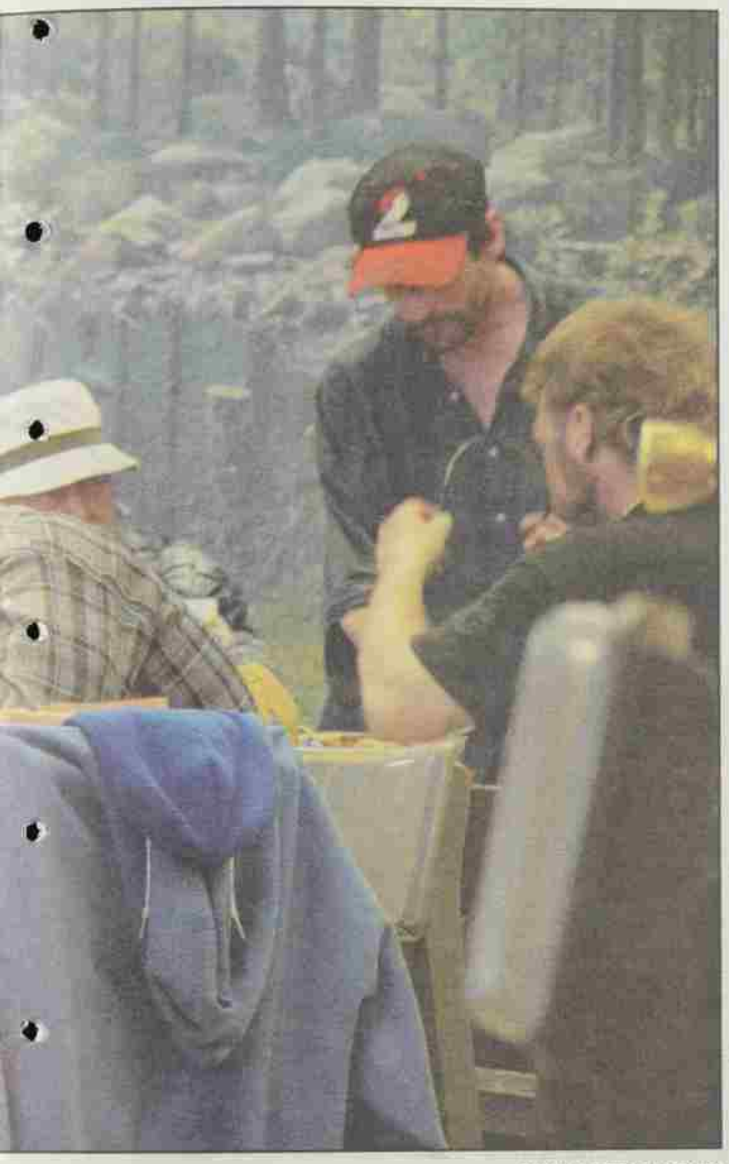
These people often have an education, but for one reason or another choose to remove themselves from the social system of taxes, mortgages, and credit.

Morrow felt that the people he works with are not passive victims. "By and large, most of the people are trying to help themselves, trying to change the situation they're in. Nobody wants to be homeless," he said.

"It's interesting; homelessness is kind of like a headache, it can be caused by a dozen things." Morrow cited lifestyle choices, such as addiction to drugs, alcohol, and gambling, as well as the choice to live in solitude, which prevents people from having a support system, as the most common instigator of homelessness.

Dan, a man sitting in the day room at UGM, explained that he had recently had a falling out with his sons with whom he had moved to Oregon from California. He has nowhere to live because he is no longer in touch with his sons.

"Second would be extreme medical conditions, including mental health," Morrow said. "Then, every once in a while, it's just circumstances can happen."



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

are not counted in this figure. In Marion County, 14 percent roximately $15,670 per year income in a household of 3 peo-

◆10 percent of the people under the poverty line are over 65 years

◆15 percent are under 1.

◆36 percent are single female parent households.

espouse "volunteering at a homeless agency, food-banks, and stuff," he said. "You can really see who they are."

THE IMPACT OF MENTAL HEALTH

Paul Wagner, Clinical Supervisor of Adult Behavioral health at Marion County Mental Health Services, said, that some homeless situations are "due to (the) cyclical nature of (mental) illness."

"Inability to concentrate, be steadily on task, mood changes, all work against routine work ... Inability to work places most below the poverty line. Inability to earn places most in sub-standard housing. Inability to be consistent casts some into homelessness," he said. Because of a lack of government funding, resources for mental health patients are insufficient.

Wagner said that though people with mental health problems are often stereotyped as dangerous, such paranoia is largely unwarranted. "The hesitancy comes from fear, I believe. Stigma of media portrayals, etc. The mentally ill are less harmful than the general public is ... They're more likely to be the victim," he said.

Morrow noted the irony in the fear that many people have of homeless people. "Somebody who has a home and can lock the door and they're afraid of the person who has absolutely nothing," he said. Morrow often has people from the UGM over to his house with his family to have barbecues.

"There are some good people here," he said. "The majority end up being good people with bad situations."

Morrow's first direct interaction with a homeless man in his home was when he invited a man to sleep in his loft as the nights became colder in Tacoma, Wash. At first, the homeless man turned down Morrow's offer, but Morrow persisted, and the man finally took him up on his offer. "As I got to know him, he was more afraid of me..." than Morrow was of him. "He had nobody to advocate for him," Morrow said.

RESOURCES AND SCAMS

Morrow said that there are usually enough resources to shelter as many people as want to be sheltered. "We just keep putting people down (on mattresses or the floor)." Therefore, he said, "Often there's mental illness involved if people don't want services."

Unfortunately, there are not sufficient resources for people with mental health problems. Wagner said that when dealing with behavioral Health issues, resources are insufficient. They are "not even close!" he exclaimed, though he said that "all are at capacity, as far as I know."

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> clinical supervisor of adult behavioral health at Marion County Mental Health Services

This may leave many students wondering why there are so many people on the roadsides with signs requesting work, money, and food. Morrow said that, "It's the same people doing it over and over again ... typically ... now it's such a common thing for people, they're running a scam."

He mentioned many instances where he has seen people that he once worked with holding signs that he said were simply not true.

"It's really sad because there are so many people who want to work ... they're giving everyone else a bad name."

Morrow said that people who hold signs on the roadside generally make enough money to get a hotel room, some food, and drugs and alcohol in just an hour or two.

"It doesn't help the person you're giving money to... There's enough services and enough help usually." Therefore, he enforced that the best way for students to help homeless people is to volunteer, or take household needs, such as a need for an electrician, carpenter, or simply a person to mow the lawn, to UGM in order to hire someone who is on their daily list to work.

To volunteer at the Union Gospel Mission call 503-365-7424 and ask for Judy.

a VIEW *from the other side*

This is Dan's watch from 1917. He bought it recently for $5 from two drug dealers. It is quite possibly his most important possession. The smell of smoke clung to my clothes after leaving. I felt dirty. The feeling of selfishness at my complaining about the most mundane details of my life brought me into a state of shame. Shame, knowing that I would sometimes complain about not having enough money to get a new electronic item, or becoming mad about getting stuck in traffic where people are going the speed limit. Yes, the smell of smoke clung to my clothes, but the sense of taking many things for granted tore at my heart. Especially knowing the plight of many people who live just blocks from our tower.

-Lucas Hernandez

OPINION

COUNTERPOINT

Same sex marriage does not form a family

ANGELA SMITH

In response to recent events concerning the institution of marriage, I wish to add my conservative voice – a voice which seems to be often overlooked and quiet on this liberal, liberal arts college campus.

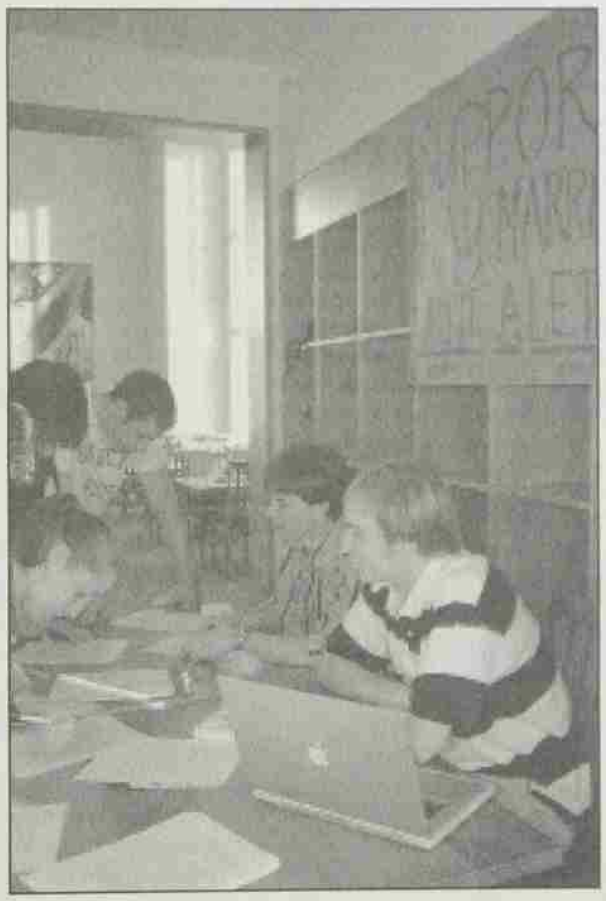
The 10th Edition of Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (which was incidentally purchased at our University's bookstore) defines marriage as, "the institution whereby men and women are joined in a special kind of social and legal dependence for the purpose of founding and maintaining a family."

I do not propose that the dictionary is the final word on moral decisions. However, it brings up an interesting point: one purpose, perhaps the chief purpose, of two people establishing themselves as a married couple is to rear a family, the most basic and fundamental unit of any and all societies.

There was published recently in this newspaper a scathing though poor attempt to equate current arguments against same-sex marriage with sentiments against former institutions such as slavery.

Frankly, the two are hardly related. Slavery was based on a supposedly biologically-reinforced ethnocentrism. Arguments against same-sex marriage are based on the value of family solidarity. Where's the similarity? Some view marriage as slavery, but that's about all I can come up with.

I don't want to single out same-sex marriage as the only threat to the solidarity of the family. If we could legislate against tragic occurrences like teen pregnancy, 55-hour marriages, domestic abuse and child neglect, I believe we would. We cannot control these detrimental causes of familial breakdown, however.



JULIE TOMMELEIN

The College Democrats gather signatures to send letters to Congress regarding gay marriage.

But there is a factor playing a role in the disintegration of the family that we can legislate against – same-sex marriage. Simply, I believe that same-sex marriage does not fulfill the primary purpose for which marriage was created – namely, "founding and maintaining a family."

It is a threat, then, to the family as the basic unit of society, and therefore a threat to society itself.

Arguments against same-sex marriage are based on the family solidarity.

POINT

Love, gay or straight, defines family life

DUNCAN ROBERTSON

President Bush and those of his mindset claim that legalizing gay marriage will harm families. This is a strange claim, because my family is as American as any.

In October 1988 my stepfather, John, became part of my family. According to President Bush, that never happened. According to Bush, John's influence was immoral and disgusting.

John taught me how to write properly. He corrected my first essay. Members of the President's father's cabinet supported laws that would have torn my family apart. They would have deported John back to his native Australia, because according to them, he had no business in the United States. My family is non-existent to them.

According to the president, those times my step-father put me to bed, consoled me when I was sad, made me dinner, tended my scraped knee and picked me up from school were anti-family and condemnable. Why? Because John is my father's partner.

He is a gay man in America. Whether gay marriage is legalized or banned won't change the fact that John (as much as my biological mother and father) loves me. Marriage won't change the fifteen years that my fathers have spent together. It won't change the love that straight people have for one another.

Kids will still need lullabies, fathers will still teach their kids how to drive, and parents will still make pb&j sandwiches. They will still file taxes and go to work in the mornings. Picket fences, the whole deal. Families will not crumble.

All gay marriage does is acknowledge that families like mine exist. It strengthens the insane notion that families are built on love.

Our president fails to see this. Apparently, gay marriage is more degrading to the American family than pedophiles, prostitutes, murderers and rapists.

As long as they are straight, they can get married. He believes my family is evidence of a symptom that could break the very building blocks of our society.

Well, Mr. President you don't know squat. If we want to protect the institution of marriage, how about we shut down the drive-up weddings in Las Vegas? How about making divorce more difficult? How about shutting down the business of mail-order brides? Once again, Bush is looking in all the wrong places.

Families are built on love. Those like mine are no different. They are much more common that you might think, and certainly more real than WMDs in Iraq.

The president says he is defending the American family. From who? Take a good gander at yourself, Mr. Bush.

The College Republicans congregate to discuss current issues at their weekly meeting.

JULIE TOMMELEIN

EDITORIAL

Lack of sets causes frustration

In the future, in the height of the information age, data will be a controlled substance and broadcasts will be a highly coveted commodity. In this post-apocalyptic world, people will tear each other limb from limb for the right to view a broadcast.

All over the campus, students are preparing themselves for this dismal state of affairs as a result of a lack of TVs on campus.

Every Thursday night the bloodlust reaches a peak as "Must see TV" creeps into the hearts and minds of the easily corruptible campus dwellers, and heated conflicts ripple violently through tranquil residence halls like a huge boulder crashing into a pool reflecting David Schwimmer's "Must See" visage.

Apparently, throughout the residence halls, there are simply not enough TV's to fill up the heads of TV viewers' campus wide with Average Joe anguish and Survivor suspense.

In addition, there's always the TV Nazi in every residence hall who takes it upon himself to camp out at the TV and berate anyone who comes near with a different programming suggestion. What can we do to satisfy both the Nazi, and the average Willamette viewer?

The answer could be more TVs. But the real answer: Mandatory freshman literacy programs. If incoming freshman were taught to read for recreation, the demand for televisions would plummet, and the collective campus IQ would rise exponentially. It could be dangerous in the event of a national emergency to not have the resident TV attendants to alert us that nuclear war is imminent, but maybe instead of a deafening non-descript cacophony with a dull announcer, we could have a scrolling marquee somewhere that just says "Hide" over and over when a nuclear strike is imminent. Doesn't that seem a bit more logical anyway?

The other solution is to get more TV's or to more evenly distribute them. But the fact of the matter is that TV just plain sucks, and as a sentient human being, you should do all you can to liberate your mind from this nationally broadcast drivel. We at the Collegian are not going to volunteer any feasible solution to this TB problem because we are a written publication. TV is evil, and it will rot your teeth. If you know what's good for you, you'll eat your brussel sprouts, stop watching TV, read the Collegian, and memorize your proverbs. Or maybe some Zen Koans. On that note, a haiku:

In Spring time at night
Throw boulders at Dave Schwimmer
Because "Friends" is lame

New theater broadens horizons

For those of you who missed it, last weekend's grand opening of the Salem Repertory Theatre was a smashing success. The show was funny, fast paced, and professional, drawing packed houses all three nights. The production was especially impressive because it was solely a community affair, planned, funded, and acted in by Salem residents.

Why should you care? Well, for starters, the play was entertaining. Salem is justly criticized for being dull on the weekends, which makes opportunities like the Salem rep even more praiseworthy. A community theater program is a great addition to the Salem nightlife. It provides home grown entertainment and culture, and creates a more interesting and cohesive community.

But the other reason you should care is that your fellow students were a large part of the play's success. Students from Willamette took time out from their busy schedules to help get involved in their community. Willamette actress filled several of the major roles. Other students worked in scene design, lighting, and stage managing. Regardless of what they did, they did it well, a deserve praise for getting involved.

Their participation highlights the alternative types of opportunities available to college students. Personal growth doesn't only come from classes and Willamette-sponsored projects. There are countless opportunities for involvement out in the "real world," be it volunteering, internships, or unorthodox jobs. One example is a new weekly paper here in town, which is seeking contributions from literary minded Willamette students. Other options include joining local outdoor clubs like the Chemeketans and Mantazamas or contributing artwork and poetry to area publications. Or go start at band; Salem needs local music.

Getting involved in outside activities is a great way to put all those expensive Willamette classes to good use. Student involvement in the community can also help make Salem a little more exciting and interesting. We urge all Willamette students to quit complaining about the "bubble", and go help build a city.

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Coup d'Coop

EVAN COOPER

There is a tyrant in our midst at Willamette, and he goes by the name of Acalhoun. Now, while this may not be the stealthiest of pseudonyms, the insidiousness of this man's plot runs deep within the resnet, and reared its ugly head during the ASWU elections. This evil genius created the "Vote Kasha" campaign in order that a non-existent entity might hold political office in the ASWU executive, and used his authority over the Strange Search service on the resnet network on campus to extort the on campus population to submit to voting for this phantom candidate.

You could almost hear Pinky saying, "Yes, Brain, but will it work?"

Fortunately, the evil genius was thwarted, and the Willamette community stood up and sustained the pain of losing its beloved Strange Search in the name of democracy and integrity. (Although Kasha did get a little over 200 votes to her oppoenent's 413) It would have been kind of cool, however, to have a non-existent entity in office, as we could have had the comforting notion of "big sister" that this umbrella entity of Kasha would come to represent for the Willamette community. We could have constructed a shrine to her and made sacrifices in order to appease her. But alas, she was not elected, and now the Willamette community must live on in a world without Strange Search.

Somehow, though, the Willamette community must come together in this dark hour of technological betrayal, and find a way to revive the Strange Search. Somehow, one of you computer savvy laddies or lassies needs to set that Strange Search back up in the name of your fellow peer, and in the name of democracy itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Response to Beth Phillips' Opinion Article in 3/3/04 Collegian:

President Bush never endorsed the Federal Marriage Amendment. He only stated his support for the idea of an amendment for marriage. Also, he said that states should be free in "defining legal arrangements other than marriage," i.e. civil unions.

John Adams said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence." The fact is that marriage is defined as the union of one man and one woman, and the evidence is that as an institution it's the foundation of a family, with one mother and one father, not two mothers or two fathers.

I support the President and I support the idea of civil unions recognizing two homosexuals coming together out of love for each others benefit. But marriage is only for one man and one woman.

Jeffrey Carlson
CLA, class of 2007

See details on page 2, "Inside the Collegian"

SPORTS

Bearcat track starts strong

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This Saturday marked the beginning of a new season for the Willamette Track & Field teams as the Willamette Four-Way took over McCulloch stadium with athletes representing five institutions, including Whitworth, Pacific Lutheran, Clackamas Community College, and the Running Club of University of Oregon.

No points or trophies were awarded; the meet is scheduled strictly as a "warm-up" to prepare local athletes and allow for assessment of the competition for the upcoming season. The Bearcats outperformed the competition in several male and female events, proving that experience and respect are the most rewarding aspects of the sport. Senior Jacob Stout said, "The men's distance team had a great showing (Saturday)," senior Jacob Stout said. "We should represent well at Conference."

In the men's 1500-meter run, Stout was at the head of a Bearcat medal sweep. Along with Stout's first-place finish, junior Aaron Hollingshead finished second and junior Scott Overby third. The men's distance team was also dominant in the 3000-meter steeplechase: freshman Travis Harris finished first, and senior Micah Evans finished second.

The Willamette women also had a very strong day. In the 800-meter run, sophomore Molly Phimister finished first, just ahead of junior Shannon McGrane. McGrane also placed second in the 100-meter hurdles, behind senior Jazzmin Reece. Senior Kari Holbert, a cross-country All-American, finished first in the 1500-meters, while freshmen Melissa Murray and Ashley Parker finished first and second respectively in the triple jump.

Willamette distance runners Stout and Holbert stole the show with their performances in the 1500-meter event: Stout clocked in a personal best at 3:55.95 and Holbert finished with a time of 4:46.55. Stout's experience with track and cross country will culminate this semester as the graduation dawns closer. "The past two seasons we've been able to compete very well at the Conference level but this year I think there will be more individuals that will be able to make some noise at nationals," he said. "We're older, stronger, smarter, and overall better people."

Reece and All-American McGrane, returning after placing 15th and 4th at Nationals, respectively, led the women's side in the hurdling events. Reece will be competing in the Heptathlon this year, along with sophomore Roseanne Kassebaum.

This event consists of hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin, and 800-meter run. Reece and Kassebaum will be traveling to Berkeley, Calif. for spring break to train and practice the event amongst other national competitors. Dentzel's distance of 38.86 meters in the javelin enabled her to qualify for the National Provisionals.

"Willamette is still a dominant force to be recognized in the NW Conference in regards to size and talent," Reece said.

"Willamette is stronger than the past couple of years," Holbert added. "We have been building our team from my freshman year and it's amazing to see how much talent we have accumulated. We have been increasing our national qualifiers and will hopefully be bringing home our first trophy at the end of May."

Injuries have and will continue to pose the most serious threat to the Bearcats' chances of a championship trophy – especially when it cripples some of the most promising athletes in Oregon, if not the entire country. Sophomore Nick Symmonds, the NCAA Division III champion in the 1500- and 800-meter events, has been cursed with knee injury over the last year and continues to train in preparation for his return to the track.

With only a glimpse of the season provided by the Four-Way, the true test of the Bearcat track & field program will come this weekend at the NWC Six-Way in Newberg, Ore. In the eyes of McGuirk, optimism shines through the qualities of the athletes.

"The most rewarding (part) would have to be the positive attitude and willingness to adapt that this team and its coaches are bringing to practice each and every day," Head Coach Matt McGuirk said. "It is truly a joy to go to McCulloch Stadium and see the organized chaos that we call track and field practice. When you combine those things with an extremely talented roster some very good things are likely to happen."

OTHER FIRST PLACE ATHLETES:

Alicia Andrews, 400 meter

Ben Decherd, 400 meter

Sophia Dentzel, javelin

Josh Edson, 5000 meter

Zach Larsen, high jump

Brett McNeil, pole vault

Lindsey Patterson, long jump

Everett Thomas, 800 meter

Jonas Welsch, long jump

SAGE NUSBAUM

The men's track team runs in a qualifying heat last Saturday at Willamette's four-way meet at McCulloch Stadium.

TRACK

Chalk Talk

IM SPORTS ACCEPTING SUPERVISOR APPLICATIONS

The Department of Campus Recreation is currently accepting applications for the position of Intramural Sports Supervisor for the 2004-2005 school year. Intramural Supervisors oversee the development of sports officials and supervise IM leagues and tournaments. Applications are open to all Willamette students and can be picked up in the Student Activities Center, on the 2nd floor of the U.C. They are due by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 18.

BASEBALL DROPS THREE TO BRUINS

The Bearcat baseball team lost three games over the weekend to the George Fox Bruins who are picked in the Coaches' Poll to be the top team in the Northwest Conference. On Sunday, Willamette lost 10-2 and 8-0, and then lost Monday 5-4. Junior pitcher Zach Vande Griend was strong in Monday's game, but the Bruins rallied in the eighth inning for the victory. The Bearcats will host Bethany College Friday at 1:00 and Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

SHULL AWARDED BY NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Senior catcher Travis Shull was picked as Honorable Mention NWC Player of the Week for his role in the Bearcats' games this weekend. Shull went 4-13 from the plate, batted in two of Willamette's six runs and scored two more.

GOLF SEASON BEGINS TOMORROW

The Willamette golf team will compete in its first tournament of the year tomorrow in the UPS/PLU Invitational, held at Fircrest Country Club in Tacoma, Wash. The Bearcats return everyone from the 2003 NWC championship team and should be the team to beat this season.

REVIEWS

Reviving the '70s 'Passion'

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THE REEL DEAL

Prepare to laugh. Prepare to be moved.

Finally, Hollywood provides all the mytho-poetic sensibilities of Biblical verse with the cheeky yet cool style of '70s television in "The Passion of the Starsky and the Hutch."

"The Passion" is based on an old '70s TV show reminiscent of countless others of its genre. Though certainly the film brings a new dimension to the story, many still argue that the original is better.

Rumor has it that, originally, directors Mel Gibson and Todd Phillips wanted the film to be solely in original Aramaic and Latin without the use of subtitles. Details get fuzzy from there, but apparently this all changed when an anonymous character stated (and I quote): "That would be really stupid."

The film follows undercover cops Starsky (Ben Stiller) and Hutch (Owen Wilson) as they try to solve the murder of Jesus Christ (Jim Caviezel) by drug dealer Reese Feldman (Vince Vaughn).

A big mistake of the film was the casting of Snoop Dogg as Huggy Bear, one of Jesus' disciples. Though Snoop looks the part, his acting is as awful as his music.

Owen Wilson more than made up for this mistake, as his comic timing and ridiculous under-the-breath comments are as hilarious as ever. I would argue that he would be even funnier were he not speaking Latin. But it's art. Who am I to judge?

Also, I must admit I found Satan's motivations to be a bit hazy. His character was poorly developed, leaving him stereotypically mysterious and worthless to the story.

In addition, the film does little to resolve the sexual ambiguity old fans argue exists between Starsky & Hutch – and even less for Jesus. However, the constant play of sexual tension leads to some big laughs and an inevitable role for Will Ferrell.

Many have walked out of the film "moved" from the experience. Apparently, many are so struck by the film that they remain in their seats for the duration of the credits. Though I was impressed by Stiller's driving and Owen's funny, I think "moved" might be too strong a word. Maybe "tickled" would be more appropriate.

Fortunately, there was a booth outside of the theater claiming to have answers to any questions people might have after viewing the film.

My questions were threefold: (1) Was Vince Vaughn wearing a fake mustache? (2) Does the surprise finale suggest a sequel? And (3) Why did Chuck Heston not make a cameo?

Starsky & Hutch
Director: Todd Phillips
Playing at: Santiam 11 Regal Cinema
Rating: PG-13

The Passion of the Christ
Director: Mel Gibson
Playing at: Santiam 11 Regal Cinema
Rating: R

All questions aside, the film combines all the elements of funny and tragedy that one expects from a Biblical comedy. Where Wilson, Stiller and Vaughn dish out the funny, Caviezel's always there to bring things back down a notch.

Were I to make a suggestion: stick with the funny. You'll be glad you did.

Documentary tries to lift 'Fog of War'

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THE indie REEL DEAL

SHOWTIMES:

Friday, Saturday, at 6:30 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.

Sunday at 6:30 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday at 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Most of us are too young to have palpably known the Vietnam War. Given our presence in Iraq, however, war has touched us. We are never too young to reflect upon the reasoning behind and the results of war.

One way to assess such things is to view it through the eyes of a man who held power and influence in those times, and this is what master documentary filmmaker Errol Morris does in "The Fog of War: Eleven Lessons from the Life of Robert S. McNamara."

The first glimpse we have of the subject fully explains the temperament he has assumed throughout his life. In a frame that is slightly askew, he sits erect in his seat, excited, yet fully confident. He speaks.

"I know the exact sentence I left off on. At my age, 85, I can look back and derive some conclusions," said the confident Robert S. McNamara, the Secretary of Defense during the Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lindon Johnson administrations, former president of the World Bank, and some say, the architect of the Vietnam War.

This film is not an attempt to reconstruct or revise history behind the war, find its motives or excuse those involved in its perpetration. Neither Morris nor McNamara want to establish a true history of that time – it is conceded early in the film that war is too exceedingly complex to ever fully grasp the reasoning behind it.

THE FOG OF WAR
Director/Writer: Errol Morris
Playing at: Salem Cinema
Rating: PG-13

Rather, the film skillfully weaves the essence of war and our limitations as humans into a narrative that vividly reflects not only humanity's capacity to destroy one another, but our relentless drive to do so. A man known for his 'cold logic,' McNamara distances himself from the Vietnam era, preferring to speak broadly on such topics as war and death. Morris exploits his theme-laden monologue, proceeding to build lessons from his life, and ends up building a masterpiece of a film.

After examining the days of the Cuban Missile Crisis, as humanity sat on the brink of total destruction, he said, "I think the human race needs to think more about killing, more about conflict. Is that what we want in the twenty-first century?" As a man who sat through it firsthand and knows as much as he does, it is hard to refuse such advice.

Morris' goal is to break ground with this elusive interviewee and to expose our fears of being witness to war. The most emotional yet stark sequence of the movie is set in the context of the firebombing of Tokyo.

McNamara, for all his calculated composure, sets about telling us we did not "kill," but "burned to death" 100,000 people – men, women, and children – in the course of one night. Morris succeeds in his plight, honestly capturing the essence of modern, detached, statistical war in every frame. He is able to get McNamara to ask, "What are the rules of war? If we had lost, we would have been tried as war criminals." The film is all that he could hope for.

This question, though, is no longer his to answer, but ours. As we embark on three new wars, in Iraq, Afghanistan and the War on Terror, does might make right? To McNamara, history has been kind. He has witnessed war, but he has also seen peace. He has seen destruction, but also reconstruction. Morris seems to tell us, "We should only be so lucky."

Teams serve up two wins, one loss

By JEFF MORRIS
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TENNIS

The beautiful weather brought cheering tennis fans to Willamette as the Bearcats held three tennis matches in their home city this weekend. The women hosted Linfield and Southern Oregon University while the men met Linfield in McMinnville and then came home to face the Oregon State University club team.

Friday, the women fell to Linfield 9-0 in a match in which they won only one set. The men didn't fair any better in their match against Linfield on Saturday, losing to the team 7-0 without winning a set. But the matches went as expected; as senior Josh Barnett said, "They're a tough, deep team. They're nationally ranked for a reason."

During the men's away-match on Saturday, the women played Southern Oregon indoors at the Courthouse Athletic Club in Salem.

Both teams played excellent tennis in this close match and Bearcats freshman Susan Butler, junior Melody Kerber, and freshman Kristi Ka'apu all won their singles rounds, but Southern Oregon pulled the win off with a final score of 5-4.

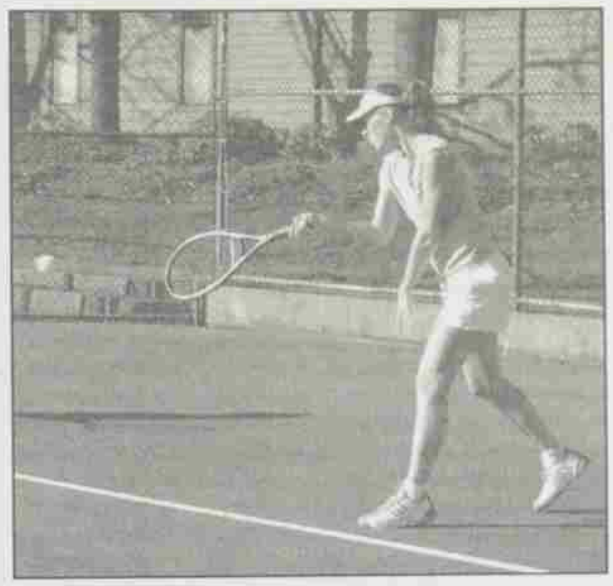
Sunday, the men welcomed the OSU club team to their court and pulled off their first 'W' of the season. This exciting match watched the top three singles match-ups all come down to the third set, but unfortunately of the three only Willamette's top player, junior Matt McManus, took the third set and the victory.

The team had other wins, however, to back McManus' up – including all three of the doubles match-ups – allowing the Bearcats to win 5-2.

In preparation for the remainder of the season, Bearcat's assistant coach Brandon Ferguson has the team's morale up. Barnett said Ferguson "understands that we're a team trying to compete in a league that has dominated us for the last few years, so he's been trying to change our attitudes about our ability."

This weekend's win also invigorated the team and gave the players a new optimism; Barnett said, "We're finally realizing that we've got what it takes not only to be competitive, but to win." He went on, saying that with this first win in pocket, the team plans to "make a run at some other teams in our league that have probably been anticipating a win against us."

In the upcoming weekend, the women travel to take on Whitman and then Whitworth, while the men remain home in Salem. Both Whitman's men's and women's teams, with their winning records, will pose a challenge to Willamette, but the matches against the Whitworth Pirates should be tight, as the teams have records similar to that of Willamette.



CRISTINE NGUYEN
Junior Ashley Layton returns a serve in practice.

"We're finally realizing that we've got what it takes not only to be competitive, but to win."
- Josh Barnett, senior

Standings

MEN'S SWIMMING		
Whitworth	(6-0)	(9-0)
PLU	(5-1)	(6-1)
Puget Sound	(4-2)	(4-6)
Linfield	(3-3)	(3-3)
Whitman	(2-4)	(3-4)
Willamette	**(1-5)**	**(1-5)**
Lewis & Clark	(0-6)	(0-6)

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

MEN'S BASKETBALL		
Puget Sound	(15-1)	(23-2)
Whitworth	(12-4)	(19-6)
Willamette	**(12-4)**	**(17-8)**
Linfield	(9-7)	(14-11)
Lewis & Clark	(8-8)	(15-10)
Pacific	(7-9)	(11-14)
George Fox	(3-13)	(7-18)
Whitman	(3-13)	(7-18)
PLU	(3-13)	(6-19)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
Puget Sound	(13-3)	(21-4)
Whitman	(13-3)	(19-6)
PLU	(12-4)	(18-6)
Whitworth	(11-5)	(19-6)
Pacific	(7-9)	(12-11)
George Fox	(7-9)	(13-12)
Linfield	(7-9)	(10-15)
Lewis & Clark	(2-14)	(5-20)
Willamette	**(0-16)**	**(4-21)**

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Women's Lax team keeps passing strong

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LACROSSE

"It's good to be a member of such a supportive team as many of us are learning a new sport."
- Paige Folsom, sophomore

Lacrosse has been a sport of minimal popularity on the west coast up until recent times. With the popularity of the sport growing on the east coast, schools and universities in Washington, Oregon and California have sprung up lacrosse teams. Willamette is no exception, fielding both a men's and women's lacrosse team for the past four years.

Women's lacrosse is almost identical to men's lacrosse with only a few differences. Unlike men's lacrosse, women's is non-contact so they wear no pads or helmets but are required to wear mouth guards.

The stick must be held with both hands at all times and the pocket where the ball is caught is nearly non-existent, as opposed to men's lacrosse where the pocket is significantly deeper.

The women's team this year is 20 players strong with excellent leadership and serious freshman potential. Sophomore Amanda Dickson leads the team as both captain and coach as an experienced lacrosse player.

With practice three days a week and conditioning every day, the team has been working hard on improving both skill and conditioning.

The women's team has six tournaments this season including one last weekend in Walla Walla, Wash. Willamette played five games against extremely difficult teams and improved their play each game.

Sophomore Paige Folsom said of the team, "It's good to be a member of such a supportive team as many of us are learning a new sport."

This weekend, the team heads up to Seattle for a tournament that will include over 15 teams from throughout the area and provide for some stiff competition.

The women are looking forward to this weekend because they say the competition will be more appropriate for their skill level than last weekend where many varsity teams competed.

This year the team has made many improvements over last, including new uniforms thanks to ASWU funding. With a strong freshman presence, the team will be experienced and prepared to face tough competition in the future.

The team also recently joined the WDIA or Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates which is an organization to support and aid women's club teams.

"It's wonderful to see players who have never played lacrosse being thrown into a new situation and stepping up and accepting a challenge," Dickson said.

New coach prepares to continue legacy

By STEVE ALBAUGH
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Last fall marked the end of an era, as head Track & Field Coach Kelly Sullivan left Willamette to take over the Oregon State program. Sullivan left us with good memories, conference championships, All-Americans, and a legacy of Track & Field excellence, but perhaps the most important thing he left behind was men's cross country and distance event coach Matt McGuirk.

It was only five short years ago that now-head Cross Country and Track & Field Coach Matt McGuirk was not on the Willamette University map. 1999, however, marked the dawning of a new era in WU athletics, as McGuirk made an incredible leap from the arena of 3A High School Competition to the cutthroat realm of Division 3 running. Since coming to Willamette, McGuirk has taken a mediocre men's cross country program and turned it into a Northwest Conference powerhouse that has drawn accolades at a national level.

TRACK BIO

"He has taken the discordance of a team filled with a cacophony of talents, events and personality, and as if directing a symphony, pulled it all together into one harmonious and powerful unit," senior Brian Roesler said. "He is constantly driving us forward in an unrelenting pursuit of perfection on the track, but more importantly, he looks good doing it."

McGuirk grew up in the heart of the Emerald Valley, where at age six he was already involved in the sport that would change his life. Matt was invited by his brother to come to a meet at the University of Oregon's historic Hayward Field, and it soon became clear that McGuirk and Track was a match made in heaven.

While attending South Eugene High School, Matt became a prep phenom, redefining the 3,000- and 1,500-meter races and winning the 1981 Oregon Cross Country Championship. Afterward, Matt chose to run for the University of Oregon.

As a sophomore McGuirk was an All-American in the steeplechase, helping Oregon take home collegiate track and field's most coveted prize.

After winning the 1984 National Track & Field title with Oregon, injuries began to hamper McGuirk's success. "My college career felt unfulfilled, my best year was as a sophomore, before I got injured," McGuirk said. "I didn't get proper rest or rehab I needed to fully recover."

Fortunately the door had not closed on McGuirk's career, as he would go on to compete internationally as professional in over 100 events.

By the mid nineties it was becoming obvious to McGuirk that life as a runner was not easy financially. Luckily he had a friend whose father needed a middle school track coach. After seven weeks in 1993, McGuirk discovered his potential as a coach. After a long search, McGuirk found a job at brand-new Wilsonville High School. From 1995 to 1999, McGuirk established Wilsonville as a top-tier program at the 3A level.

Even with all of his success at the high school level, McGuirk wanted an even larger challenge, and when Sullivan made an offer, Matt took it without hesitation. The decision would not be easy though, as Matt had planned to stay at Wilsonville for at least one more year, leading a talented group of athletes to Oregon State Cross Country Championship.

SAGE NUSBAUM

Matt McGuirk is in his first year as a WU coach.

After four years, McGuirk finds himself in the driver's seat of Willamette's program. The expectations have never been higher on the young coach, especially after a sixth-place finish at nationals a year ago.

Regardless of the big track spikes left to fill by Coach Sullivan, McGuirk is confident Willamette has the potential to have their best season yet. "Our goal remains the same, to have our men repeat as conference champions, go to nationals with as many competitors as possible and find a way to finish in the top four as a team," McGuirk said. "On the women's side we want to be as competitive as possible, and make a run at a conference title."

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