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Interim VP of Student Affairs appointed



"My goal is to enhance the sense of student identification with the entire Willamette Community rather than its several parts"

- Robert Hawkinson
VP of Student Activities

By GIAO BUI
Editor

President Pelton has appointed associate professor of politics, Robert Hawkinson, as the interim vice president for student affairs. Hawkinson has been a member of the Politics faculty since 1982. His last administrative position was as the associate dean of the college of Liberal Arts from 1994 to 1996. Hawkinson is a native of

Chicago, where he earned his masters and doctorate in Political Science from the University of Chicago. He completed his undergraduate study at Swarthmore College.

On making the appointment, Pelton stated that "Professor Hawkinson is a natural fit for this position. His experiences in the classroom have provided him with valuable insight into the needs of our students and allow him to bring an important academic perspective to

the job. This, coupled with his administrative skills and knowledge of Willamette make him an excellent selection."

"I have had the pleasure of working both individually and as team with many of the members of the student affairs staff," said Hawkinson, "They are an extremely talented and dedicated group and I

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Activities Fair draws hundreds



Clubs and groups set up tables out in the quad for the Activities Fair last Saturday

Students at the Activities Fair were entertained by Phi Delta's Softball game

By MONA LUQMAN
Editor

Willamette's Annual Activities Fair brought the quad to life last Saturday, September 5.

Held from 11-3, the Fair drew 38 group participants and hundreds of students that were interested in obtaining information about the various activities open to them to make their campus life a bit more interesting.

While information tables

were set up around the edge of the quad, the middle was being used by the Phi Delta fraternity for their annual benefit softball game.

The Greeks were the overall winners of the softball tournament.

David Martinez, Assistant Director of Student Activities, explained that the two events were coordinated in order to enhance the overall success of the events.

Students were able to experience and enjoy both events at the same time and place.

While the three day weekend had organizers worried about low turnout, the events proved to be a success with a consistent stream of students gathering to see what the activity in the quad was all about.

The ice cream sundaes served at the midpoint of the fair also lent drawing power on the warm day.

"From what I heard, many of the groups were able to let people know that they are on campus," stated Martinez. The 38 organizations ranged from service to social to off-campus groups. The Asian Club, Cartoon Club, Alpha Phi Omega, Campus Ambassadors, Campus Democrats, the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Alliance and the Women's Center were just a handful of the groups present.

The Chaplains' Office, ASWU, Willamette's Emergency Medical Services and the Collegian were also represented.

Each group had an information table where interested students could talk to representatives from the club and even sign up to join or find out about upcoming meetings.

Martinez expressed his appreciation to Phi Delta for being able to coordinate the two events, saying that the collaboration helped the fair to be that much more successful. He also issued a reminder to clubs that the Office of Student Activities is available as a resource for anyone that has questions or needs any assistance with their organization. The Office of Student Activities and ASWU are planning a Spring Activities Fair to be held sometime in February.

This will give groups another chance to get publicity about their activities.

Political figures to speak at WU

Shalala and Hooley will speak in Cone Chapel

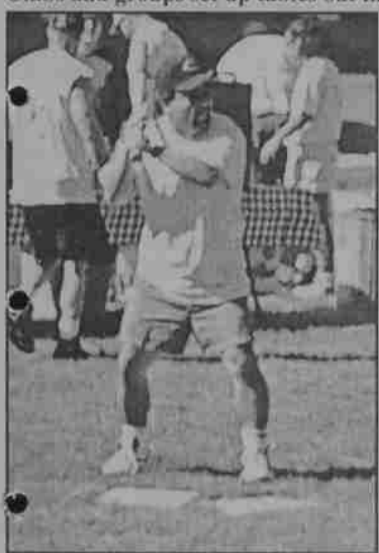
By BEN WORSLEY
Contributor

It's not often that Willamette University plays host to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

So you can imagine the surprise when the University received a call last week from Congresswoman Darlene Hooley's office asking if Willamette would like to be a stop on Donna Shalala's Oregon visit on Monday, September fourteen. Shalala currently serves under President Clinton as the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and has served in that capacity since the beginning of Clinton's presidency. Health and Human Services oversees a variety of federal programs, including Medicare, Medicaid and most welfare and children's programs.

Shalala has a variety of experience both inside and outside of government, and is considered an expert in creating public/private partnerships. As a scholar of the political economy of state and local governments, she has been a professor at Columbia, the City University of New York, and at the University of Wisconsin.

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Rich Shintaku at bat

Bearcats run Hood-to-Coast



Students and Profs after completing the Hood to Coast

By BOB DASH
Contributor

Proudly carrying the university's colors, Willamette University's Wunning Wounded team successfully competed in the 1998 Hood to Coast Relay. The 12-member team completed the 193.8 mile relay on Friday and Saturday, August 28 and 29, in an impressive 25 hours. The team finished 236 out

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ASWU programming

Harvest Festival is a chance to show American students Japanese culture

The festival will take place on Saturday, September 12, from 12:00 to 5:00 at the TIUA/Kaneko Hall complex.

By EDDY ABEL
Staff Writer

In America and especially here at Willamette, where TIUA is literally right next door, it would seem very strange for a person to not recognize or know about Japan. It is doubtful, however, that very many people at this school would know the meaning of the word 'Nippon.'

Nippon, which is this year's theme for the annual Harvest Festival at TIUA, actually means 'Japan' in Japanese. Not many Americans are familiar with this word, and just as many are not familiar with Japanese life, culture, and climate. This year's focus for the Harvest Festival attempts to remedy this situation by "try[ing] to make a small Japan in Salem," according to Ikumi Watanabe, the Harvest Festival Coordinator. "Nowadays, you know, Japanese culture is getting like an American culture, but I thought it is important to tell the real Japanese culture to the American people. I think the Harvest Festival is a big chance to do that."

The festival will take place on Saturday, September 12, from 12:00 to 5:00 at the TIUA/Kaneko Hall complex. TIUA and Willamette students have been working since April to present Willamette students with a slice of

Japan by preparing food, traditional performances, and even a climate-imitating 'tour' of Japan.

They will serve five different foods including Yakitori (chicken shish-kabobs), Chirashi-sushi (a variety of sushi or raw seafood), Tonjiru (Japanese pork soup), Takoyaki (fried seafood balls), and Mochi (sticky rice cakes).

The performers will present 7 different Japanese presentations including a Conto or Japanese skit, a Sado, Kado, and Koto (a tea ceremony, flower arranging, and Japanese zither act), a martial arts display, Taiko (a Japanese traditional drumming), Geki (traditional folk tale play), and a chorus of all the TIUA students will sing to wrap up the performances. There will also be performances on September 11 in Goudy during dinner.

The students also plan to reconstruct the weather and climate of Japan within the TIUA building, and will decorate rooms with winter, summer, fall, and

spring themes in them. "In Japan, the seasons are very clear, so we want to express that feeling," said Watanabe. "You can experience the real Japan in these rooms. T-shirts for the event are also on sale this week in Goudy for \$7.50, and will be available the day of the event for \$9.00. Money will go towards

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-Ikumi Watanabe

the cost of the event and to the various TIUA-related programs that take place throughout the year. This year the TIUA students are planning some new activities such as peer tutoring in the Japanese classes, and an all new Preview Day at TIUA.



Phi Delta Theta's charity softball game is a success

By EDDY ABEL
Staff Writer

The sun was shining, the music was bumping, and the balls were flying high for the second annual Phi Delta Theta Lou Gehrig Softball Tournament held in the quad last Saturday.

The event, started last year by Phi Delta Theta member Graham Seton, is a fund-raiser for the national Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association.

Although only in its second year, the tournament has already become popular.

"People are really starting to hear about it now. We've had a lot of freshman teams," said Phi Delt Vice President Mark Schneider.

The softball tournament is Phi Delta Theta's largest fund-raising event. Members began work for this year's effort last May collecting sponsors, prizes and organizing for the tournament.

Jason Nichols, the Phi Delt Philanthropy Chair reported the event as a success. "We're all out here to have fun, and it's gone really well so far." Players in the tournament agreed with Nichols: "I think this is a good opportunity to raise money and a good way to start off the year," said Junior player for the Greek team Sarah Chester.

"It's a great thing to do on a Saturday." The number of spectators attending this year's tournament were a bit higher, because the Willamette activities fair was also taking place at the same time.

The softball tournament involved six teams from around campus. The participating teams were from the east and west side, the cornerstone complex, Kaneko, the faculty, and the Greek system. The Greek players were crowned the champions of the round robin tourney, followed by the cornerstoners.

The players for each team, however, were not the only winners in this tournament. The event raised almost twice as much as it raised last year, totaling about \$700 for the one day effort up from \$540 last year. All proceeds will go to the National ALS Foundation. Phi Delt also held a raffle for a plethora of prizes including gift certificates and donations from Hollywood Video, the Willamette Bistro, Marsee Baking, Cafe Today, Bagel Basket, Red Robin, Ranch Records, Great Harvest, Ramada Inn, Heath Florist, Governor's Cup, The Book Bin, and Circuit City.

Phi Delta Theta supports the ALS on a national level as well, which sprung from the passing of former Phi Delt and Yankees first baseman Lou Gehrig. When this Hall-of-Fame athlete was cut down in his prime by this disease in 1939 it brought national attention to the disease which now bears his name.

Lou Gehrig's Disease or ALS as defined by the Muscular Dystrophy Association is "a progressive disease that attacks specialized nerve cells called motor neurons, which control the movement of voluntary muscles." The disease causes these cells to "gradually disintegrate, preventing them from delivering chemical signals and essential nourishment that muscles depend on for normal development." ALS is an incurable disease that can affect almost all of the body's muscles within two to five years from the onset of the disease.

Currently there is an estimated 20,000 known cases of ALS in the United States, and about 5,000 new cases are diagnosed every year. Around the world there are about 5 to 7 cases reported out of every 100,000 people.

Although researchers have developed drugs that can control the involuntary muscle twitching, alleviate muscle cramps, and suppress excess saliva secretions caused by the disease, there is still no known cure.

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-junior Sarah Chester

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Have you ever wondered what certain people would say if they could never speak in public again? Well, we've invited your professors, administrators (and even the governor!) to give their "Last Lectures" President Lee Pelton will be kicking off the series on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 in the Jackson Plaza You are invited to hear what our new President will say in his "Last Lecture"

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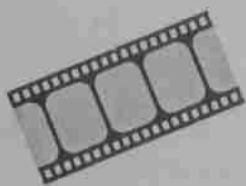
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Movie Review

Saving Private Ryan

Directed by: Steven Spielberg

Starring:

- Tom Hanks
- Tom Sizemore
- Matt Damon
- Edward Burns

The name Steven Spielberg carries a lot of weight in the film world. Spielberg was able to capture the suffering of the concentration camps with his 1994 Oscar winner *Schindler's List* and the inhumanity of slavery in *Amistad*.

Now with *Saving Private Ryan*,

his latest masterpiece, we are guaranteed another blockbuster as Spielberg tackles the subject of World War II.

Saving Private Ryan is one of the most emotionally draining movies to watch and yet one of the best movies I have seen.

Within the first 20 minutes of the movie Spielberg recreates the actions of the D-Day invasion during World War II at Normandy.

Using primitive cameras and his unquestionable skills Spielberg is able to transport the audience into the action.

By running with the camera and letting water and blood hit the camera lens, Spielberg makes audience members feel as though they are one of the soldiers running for his life or dying in combat.

You even start to feel like you need to dodge bullets or protect

yourself while watching the movie.

The first striking moments of *Saving Private Ryan* are an assault on your mind and your senses. You can't help but feel loss as the soldiers fight relentlessly for their lives.

You also see more blood, gore and realistic death than even our desensitized minds can handle. I was amazed at the sound and picture quality.

Spielberg and his team faded the pictures to give the movie an authentic feel so that one feels transported to another time and place.

The sound quality was so good that it felt almost too realistic.

After the initial battle at Normandy the pace slows down and the plot unfolds.

A mother is about to receive notice of the deaths of three of her

sons in one day, meanwhile her remaining son is somewhere in France and unaware of this tragedy.

The war department decides that this man, Private James Ryan, deserves to be discharged and sent home. They assign Captain John Miller to the task. Captain Miller, played by Tom Hanks (*Apollo 13*, *Philadelphia*), rounds up a team of eight soldiers to find Ryan.

The remainder of the movie follows their search for Private Ryan.

Saving Private Ryan questions the morality of risking the lives of eight soldiers to save one man. It is hard to watch the movie without feeling wary about going to war. What is the point? Who suffers?

Overall this movie is definitely an Oscar contender.

The nomination for the Best Picture Oscar seems likely and a

second Best Director Oscar is possible for Spielberg.

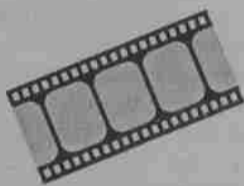
The acting in this epic is exceptional. Tom Hanks gives a stellar performance and the supporting cast is filled with talented actors.

Edward Burns (director/actor *She's the One*, *Brothers McMullen*) and Matt Damon (*Good Will Hunting*, *The Rainmaker*), as well as Tom Sizemore, are wonderful.

However, the most stunning supporting performances are from Giovanni Ribisi as Medic Wade and Jeremy Davies (*Twister*) as Corporal Upham.

I definitely recommend seeing *Saving Private Ryan*, not only for your viewing enjoyment, but also for a lesson in history and morality.

-by Ellie Bayrd



Movie Review

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Directed by: Mark Christopher

Starring:

- Ryan Phillippe
- Mike Meyers
- Selma Hayek
- Neve Campbell

First-time director Mark Christopher brings to the screen yet another look at the recently re-hip decade of the 70's with *54*, set in the infamous New York City disco club Studio 54. Back in the disco heyday, Studio 54 was the place for actors, artists, musicians, and models to dance the night away. Well-known people like Andy

Warhol, Jerry Hall, and Truman Capote mixed, mingled, and made out with those normal people who were sexy enough to be chosen from the huge crowd waiting outside 54's doors.

This mixture of famous faces and simply beautiful faces during the rise and fall of the notorious club is the basis for *54*'s story. A naive New Jersey Adonis, Shane (Ryan Phillippe-*I Know What You Did Last Summer*), dreams of getting into Studio 54 so he too can mingle with the country's celebrities, most importantly soap-star and fellow Jersey-ite Julie Black (Neve Campbell-*Scream*). One night, Shane tries his luck and joins the masses outside 54. The club's owner, Steve Rubell (Mike Myers-*Austin Powers*), spots Shane instantly (actually, he spots Shane's incredibly sculpted body) and allows him past the velvet ropes, saying, "Welcome to my party, handsome."

From then on, Shane's life is drastically different. He gets a job as a 54 busboy and his new life is just what Rubell promised: one big party. Shane meets several interesting characters during his time at 54. He learns the ropes from his new friend Greg (Breckin Meyer-*Clueless*), another busboy, and gets to know Greg's wife Anita (Salma Hayek-*Desperado*). Anita is a coat-check girl at the club who dreams of being a disco queen and uses her connections at the exclusive club to hand out a demo tape at every opportunity. Shane also befriends a 70-something disco queen drug addict named Dottie (Ellen Albertini Dow-*The Wedding Singer*). As Shane moves up at 54 he finally meets his soap-opera goddess Julie, and the two hit it off.

The performances in this film are spectacular. Ryan Phillippe is a great discovery, who contrasts Shane's innocence and ambition

wonderfully. Shane struggles to balance his concern for others with his concern for himself, and Phillippe's superb acting brings this struggle to the forefront of the movie. Breckin Meyer gives Greg, who could have come off as a mere sidekick/best friend type of character, a story and life of his own. Ellen Albertini Dow perfectly represents both the glamour and the ultimate sadness of the Studio 54 life-style. The best performance, however, comes from Mike Meyers in his first dramatic role. Rubell was the corrupt ringleader of a glamorous circus, a guy who is just out to have a good time and make a buck or two (or 100,000—Rubell's grand embezzling scheme was a key factor in the fall of Studio 54). In this movie, Meyers gracefully walks a fine line between Rubell the greedy manipulator, and Rubell the affable party host. Rubell is both sleazy and kind-

hearted, self-centered and at times caring. Meyers pulls off this contrast with amazing talent.

Overall, the movie is good. The excellent cast, costumes, music, and sets make it fun to watch. However, the many plot twists and character interactions that were edited out at the last minute might have made this a great movie. Each character goes through his or her own trials and tests, but there isn't much overlapping or interaction between them. I recommend seeing *54* for a taste of the New York night life of the 70s that Studio 54 represented and, more importantly, a chance to escape that life-style at the end of the movie. While it is glamorous and fun on the surface, many of the characters in *54* are affected negatively by their time spent there. In other words, *54* is a great place to visit, but a hellish place to live.

-by Joe Bolenbaugh

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- b: something resembling or suggesting such a drink; esp: a mixture of diverse elements
- c: what the server is about to ask if you would like
- d: the truly American way to unwind, celebrate, do business and to just plain relax

LETTERS

Look to God for Justice

By Paul Jungwirth
Contributor

Last week's Collegian saw an editorial asserting that prisoners have no rights. Thank goodness our Constitution was written by wiser men. Not having visited a prison, I cannot speak to its portrayal as a country club with high walls, but I can say that attacking perks by such a radical rhetoric of "rights" undermines the very justice the author would uphold. "People who wish to relinquish their citizenship by committing crimes as a result of exercising their natural liberties should not be allowed justice. These criminals should be treated as the refuse of society!" Although the inequitable distribution of exercise equipment is a serious issue, it will never constitute justification for revoking citizenship or denying anyone their God-given dignity. Government does not grant basic human rights; it merely protects them (one hopes). The founders realized this when they called such rights "self-evident."

But maybe not so evident after all. This article strikes me as typical of today's culture of death that is already accustomed to judging that the life of the elderly and the unborn is of lesser value. We have forsaken basic human dignity. Now the prisoner, too, has been transferred from the community of humans to the heap of bodies.

The author believes luxurious prisons make a mockery of moral accountability, and that is a serious issue. But we have revoked moral accountability across the board. To consistently espouse permissiveness while demanding a law-abiding citizenry is irresponsible and cruel. We don't discipline children; we don't teach morals in school. But let's examine ourselves, as well. In many ways, universities like our own are to blame. Here's what I've learned at Willamette: that words have no real meaning, that there's no real basis for right and wrong, and even the happy "whatever's true for you." Oh, and that spirituality is cool as long as it doesn't tell you how to live or make you believe in God.

"Words have no real meaning," I hear that said a lot. I've met people who think it means something. We teach it as truth, then we threaten to impeach the President when he misleads us through legal jargon and outright lies. We are undone by our own cleverness.

We scorn or pity those who believe in right and wrong. Those are antiquated ideas, long replaced by relativism, which is patently more sophisticated, more humane, and more tolerant. Sometimes we carry it to the extreme that everyone determines his or her own truth, since everyone knows there's no objective reality. We shouldn't be in the business of telling others how to live. Then we blanch when, turning on the evening news, we see another bombing, another beating, or another rape. With an education like this, how can we justly expect citizens to be morally accountable? The problem isn't in the prisons; the problem is in the culture outside them. Harsher prisons only exacerbate the disparity of expectations.

The reason for today's teachings is that we no longer accept a final authority on truth: God. Academics have banished faith from serious discussion. Atheism is the dogma of the university, so much so that we have long stopped asking whether belief in God is credible or not. The last hundred years of secular thought have discovered that reason alone cannot answer life's mysteries, or even explain basic facts. But this still has not led our leading thinkers back to a balance between reason and faith. We still wallow in permissiveness. There are many intellectually sound arguments for belief in God. Though there are no proofs, faith need not be blind. It's time professors acknowledged this and students stood up for it. The university has loudly heralded the death of God. Amen to that; now let's remember—according to one faith anyway—in three days he rose again.

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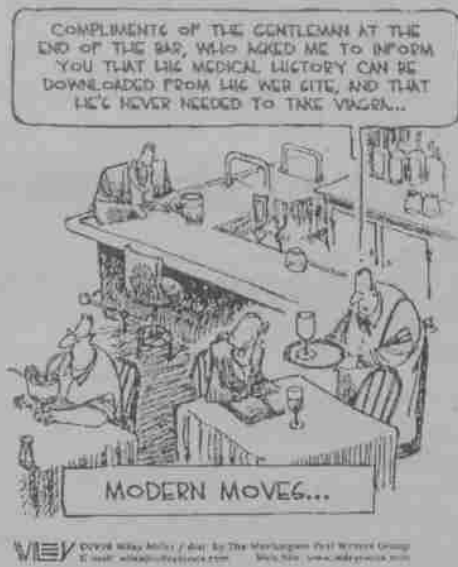
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Colored Rebuttals

What does it mean to be an American? We each have an idea in mind when we answer this - and yet, we know that there are tragic exceptions, such as the treatment of Japanese-American during World War II. It's interesting the way we interpret these exceptions.

What I'm getting at is the separation of peoples by name, color, and our subconscious expectations that change with each name and color of Americans.

For instance, we know that "mistakes" have been made in our history, such as the internment, but, although we adore them, we can find in our hearts "reasons" for these types of ignorant actions.

We know that Americans were unjust to Japanese-Americans. Why don't we know that Americans were unjust to Americans?

Would our historical perspective

By ANNALIVIA KOMYATE
Staff Writer

change just slightly, if we were truly blind, and read in Braille history books that Americans were unjust to other Americans by enslaving them (African Americans), taking away their homelands and moving them to reservations (Native Americans), internment during wartime (Japanese and German Americans), and taking way millions of dollars worth of private property (from Native, Japanese, and Original Mexican American)-giving those properties to other Americans?

The list is longer than we would like to believe. Would our outrage increase a little if we just said Americans? I believe so!

I believe that built into our subconscious in this culture are qualifiers for the word Americans. somehow, we seem to understand the situ-

ation slightly better when we read that these injustices were done to Asian-Americans, African-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, or Native-Americans. Yet, we want this situation to change. We want no problems to go away.

Like many before us, we still think that ignorance is the main cause of these injustices, and that education and knowledge will prevent these injustices. I wonder if I can believe this, in light of today's continuing problems with racial issues. There have been many disillusion. However, I do believe that education can help a great deal. For those of us who hope for change, education is key, and we can start with educating ourselves.

Leave your comfort zones, learn about people, get to know people, and attend the many functions that Willamette has to offer to increase your awareness.

What's wrong with the Republican party?

According to all objective measures, I should be a Republican. As a straight, white, Anglo-Saxon Protestant male from a moderately well-off background, I have all the characteristics of the stereotypical conservative.

I represent all of the dominant interests in this country- economic, political, moral- and I should belong to the party that has defended the rich and powerful against the poor and powerless for decades.

In recent years, however, the Republicans have made it difficult for moderate and reasonable Americans to subscribe to their increasingly conservative agenda.

On a whole range of issues- including the economy, racial issues, welfare reform, and the environment- the Republican Party has moved so far to the right that they have left behind the majority of the American people.

Economic policy serves as a perfect example of how the Republican agenda runs counter to the interests and ideals of most Americans.

Republicans have somehow managed to convince the American public that they stand for lower taxes for the average person, but nothing could be further from the truth.

In fact, most of the tax cuts Republicans have made in recent years have gone to the wealthy rather than the working class and the poor, who need tax relief much more than the rich. For example, according to Citizens for Tax Justice, 78% of the tax cuts contained in the Republicans' 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act went to the top 20% of income earners, while the bottom 20% of Americans

By TRAVIS BROUWER
Contributor

actually saw their taxes raised. The same goes for tax reform plans offered by Republicans.

Both the flat tax and a national sales tax, which have been proposed by numerous Republicans, would offer large tax breaks to the wealthiest Americans while increasing taxes on the poor.

In recent decades the richest fifth of Americans have earned a disproportionate share of the nation's economic wealth, while the bottom 80% have seen their incomes stagnate or decline.

Policies such as these would only exacerbate the growing economic inequality which has taken away power from millions of Americans. The Republicans' commitment to advancing the interests of businesses and the wealthy have created a hostility toward the environmental legislation that has preserved and improved America's environment.

After their takeover of Congress in 1994, the Republicans sought to roll back environmental legislation, and in just a few months they weakened clean water laws, reduced the Environmental Protection Agency's powers to regulate industrial activity in the public interest, and opened national forests to destruction.

This anti-environment strategy backfired, however, when the American people rose up in anger against the weakening of the environmental laws that had improved their quality of life. Republicans also seek to roll back progress in the area of race. Although they have largely shed the overt racism that afflicted the party during the 1950s

and 60s, the Republicans remain blind to many of the most pressing racial issues and choose to focus on making America's laws "color-blind" by destroying the supposedly horrible reverse discrimination affirmative action. As the inner-city black under class drowns in poverty, the Republicans blame a failure of moral values while failing to recognize the economic bases of urban deterioration and the persistent poverty of city dwellers.

The Republican take a mean-spirited and naive position on welfare reform

When they took Congress in 1994 the Republicans launched an attack on redistributive policies, despite the fact that America's welfare state is notoriously underdeveloped and redistributes little wealth to the poor. (Average welfare payments are only \$7 per person per day, including food stamps.)

States which had achieved great success in welfare reform, such as Wisconsin, had found that helping people leave welfare and achieve self-sufficiency required significantly increasing public spending on child care, education, and job training. In 1996, however, the Republican Congress passed a bill that slashed overall welfare spending while failing to provide funding for job training, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, and other services that would help people move off welfare and lead productive lives.

This provides just a few examples of how the Republican Party has become increasingly wrong for America as it has leaned further to the right. Remember this when you cast your ballot on November 3rd and vote Democratic.

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Leaves of grass give way to a copper monstrosity

Well, Willamette is a different place this year. Changes have swept through the campus, some founded in common sense, integrity, you know, the stuff grandma's cookies are made of.

A new president was found with ideas, but never mind that, this man appears ready to take action. We will see. Just as the University made this prudent choice that will hopefully lead to an institution which will be more eclectic in mind and more academic in heart, they blundered. A copper roof? This soon to be a green malformation was, one million dollars?

I think that speaks for itself. It makes me cringe when I think of how much tuition is at this university when I walk out of my room and see the music building.

Granted it was funded entirely by

By Ryan Bruss

Contributor

outside sources, so the critics may say that my tuition did not help in the roof's constructions. But, still I wonder about what other uses that money could have been put to.

I would much rather have had a golden statue of Walt Whitman placed in the middle of the football field. Upon it placed some appropriate quote from one of his poems like, "The scent of these arm-pits aroma finer than prayer" or maybe "Ah the homeliest of them is beautiful to her".

A monument to what one can do with a free spirit shining through a field of glorified violence. Or what about a ditch running through the middle of Goudy named after our illustrious coordinator of campus

life, Jim Bowers? Imagine, Bower's Brown Ditch making its way through the bustle of students in Goudy Commons.

I am being a bit harsh, this roof was funded mainly by the Mary Stuarts Rogers foundation.

Yet I cannot help feeling that this building will be something of an anathema on this campus, representing everything frivolous and callous about this university and for that matter America as a whole.

In the mean time, I will sit and I will wait. I will wait until a time in which this university and its donors decide to use their money more wisely; choosing our education above aesthetic value.

I wouldn't necessarily count Walt out though, after all it would be a site to see the football couch's face as he gazed upon the golden statue for the very first time.

A penny's worth

It is great to return to campus and see Willamette growing up. Students are slowly but surely being provided with special services to meet their every need. Willamette is now so efficient and modern, students and faculty do not even have to venture off campus to set up a bank account. Imagine that. How many times have you been sitting around the plentiful space in the UC and thought "Oh, if only I could set up my checking account today. If only all this extra space was used with a Credit Union.

Now that, free checking account can be yours without even leaving campus. Assuming you do not have classes during the convenient hours of 8:45 to 1:00, when the Credit Union is open. Not today, huh? But just think, Willamette has moved into the league of all big schools, offering a University Center that includes a kicking coffee shop, a huge bookstore, a popular travel center, and now a credit union.

All the amenities of a twentieth century, modern, accredited school. Oops, I think they might have missed a step in all of this grand modernization.

With all these wonderful new services what possibly could we be

By EMILY MIDDAUGH

Editor

missing? Think hard. Probably the easiest, but most valuable service of all- Nothing. Yes, nothing but space. An open place for students to hang out twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Not very prophetic, really such a simple concept, but oh so necessary. Space! Quiet, clean, empty, unoccupied space. Is that really too much to ask for?

It is most certainly not very popular with those who design the services offered on campus. Those who engineered the new Credit Union's intrusion to the already tight area on the first floor UC definitely know the value of such space. Sadly enough, in pre-credit union days, the empty wall in the UC was not useless, it was one of the last oases of student space, and all that was there was a tiny, uncomfortable couch. Now there is a cold, sterile, uninviting steel and glass building there.

Granted, there is some student space on campus. The UC Second floor has a big screen TV and some great couches, but students can not study or stay in the UC past 1:00 AM. They will be kicked out by the janitors when the Bistro closes. What about the fish bowl? Open

twenty four hours, but study if you can, with your reflection glaring at you in the cold glass windows as you sit and wonder what Salem pervert is lurking in the bushes right outside, watching you like a cat watches a fish in a bowl. Try and concentrate when you know you have to get up, go outside as so many people have seen you sitting there, and know you are leaving alone, in the dark. Dorm lounges are inaccessible late at night by those who do not live there. So why no unified, central area, just for the sake of having it reserved for students to study, to talk, to hang out, to interact, to be students? Services might be great, but perhaps the best service of all, is none at all. Students do not come to Willamette to set up a checking account. They do not come to make travel arrangements either. Added perks, perhaps nice ones, but necessary? Not hardly!

Put a card lock on the UC. Move the bookstore. Eradicate the travel center and the credit union then turn the first floor into a student union area. Make some of the meeting rooms full-time student lounges. Build a fourth floor. Do something, but please, stop putting unnecessary services in tight, crowded, valuable space.

LETTERS

Environmentalism or humanitarianism ?

By MICHAEL MANGAN

Editor

People in the Northwest are often involved in a variety of political and cultural issues. Issues concerning the environment seem to stand out most though. There are a number of reasons for this, not the least of which is we are in the midst of the last old growth forests.

This concern for the environment is often patterned after a humanitarian sentimentality. I have seen a number of my peers crying when they learned that trees were being logged. Beyond that, the philosophic reasons that are offered are also based on the product of the Scottish Enlightenment.

As moral philosophy has developed one of the many directions taken has been based on sentimental feelings for life in general. I personally do not find any fault in developing a healthy respect for life.

In fact, I believe it should be an integral part of learning. What bothers me about the environmentalist is they often appear completely unaware of the general human suffering that occurs around them.

This would be fine had they not based so much of their beliefs, and backed up so many of their arguments with, sentimental moral philosophy. I saw a post card that had a baby dressed in a whale costume. Underneath it read "save the Whales".

This could be interpreted in two ways. First, it could be an attempt to extend the moral value of a baby unto a whale. Second, it could have been an attempt to point out that people are often more concerned with saving whales than babies.

There are a number of organizations devoted to saving the environment. The Sierra Club, WWF, and Greenpeace, to name a few, are all advocating for the rights and protection of the environment. There are also a number of grass roots organizations working, in different ways, to protect the environment as well.

Although an integral part of life on this planet, the child has yet to be listed as endangered by a government protection agency.

This bothers me. It seems incomprehensible that we could use moral philosophy to extend value and rights to trees, and yet overlook children.

It is not to say that I don't support the environmentalist movement. I am simply bothered by the lack of concern for children. It seems somewhat ironic that someone could argue to save the environment for posterity when children are starving here in Salem.

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Veteran squad off to a perfect start

10 returning starters help Bearcat soccer off to a 2-0 start

By MIKE BENKOSKI
Sports Writer

The Willamette Men's soccer team is off to a fast start this fall with two victories under their belt. With ten returning starters, the Bearcats figure to make head coach Jim Tursi's third year a good one.

On Monday, the men jumped on top early in their 3-2 victory over the U.C. Santa Cruz Banana Slugs. Returning starter and finishing phenom Trevor Frank led the way with Willamette's first goal early in the first half. Chase Jordan soon followed with a brilliant piece of scoring, after splitting the defense Chase pounded home the Bearcats second goal. The score put the Bearcats up two-nil at halftime.

But late in the first half the Bearcats took a blow when Mark Flanders received his second yellow card and was ejected for the rest of the game and the following game. The red card meant the Bearcats would be playing a man down for the rest of the game.

In the second half the Banana Slugs rallied back. The Slugs got on the board for the first time mid-way through the second half, and it looked as though the Bearcats would escape with a 2-1 victory.

But with five minutes remaining Santa Cruz got a weak goal to tie the game. The goal seemingly demoralized a tired looking Bearcat squad, but with 50 seconds remaining the Bearcats struck back.

On a late corner kick, from Medford's own Scott Tomlins, Senior super nerd Jeb Haber



Chase Jordan bursts by two U.C. Santa Cruz defenders to score Willamette's second goal.

mustered all the strength in his might camel sacks and finished off the game with a stunning header.

The enormous crowd at Sparks field went nuts, and continued its taunts of the Santa Cruz players.

When asked about the opening victory Haber optimistically said, "With strong play from Trevor (Frank), Chase (Jordan), and Mark (Flanders) and bone crushing defense from Cory (Boudreau), Garet (Luebbert), and Patrick (Moss) we should do just fine."

Haber went on to compliment the fans, "The fans are great as well, all their crazy antics pump us up. Hopefully, I'll send a few opponents into the stands to meet them."

Wednesday saw Willamette engage in a fierce competition with the Linfield Wildcats. Tempers were high as five yellow cards were given. Behind the solid goalkeeping of Junior Doug Pham, the Bearcats posted a shut-out. Pham received help with the win on a

goal by Frank in the first half.

In only his second game, Pham posted his first shut-out. Pham was thrown into the position after starting goalie John Goldwater blew out his knee. Pham has only let up two goals in two games and looks strong in the net for the Bearcats.

In the second half, Pham and the Bearcats withstood a short surge from Linfield, then put the victory on ice when Jordan found the back of the net in the sixteenth minute of the second half.

After the way they have played in the last two games the Bearcats have a reason to feel confident going into their match with Chapman University of California this Saturday. With sixteen returners, and a talented crop of freshmen, the rest of the season looks bright.

I think that if we play like we're capable of," Tomlins said after Wednesday's victory, "we can beat anybody we play."

Comeback conference win for V-Ball

By MICHAEL BENKOSKI
Sports Editor

The Willamette Women's volleyball team kicked off its '98 season with some fun in the sun in California.

The Bearcats traveled to Santa Cruz last weekend to play U.C. Santa Cruz and Bethany Bible College.

In a tune up for the regular season, the Bearcats lost to Santa Cruz, but beat Bethany. Willamette experimented with lineups and rotations in both matches and used it as a learning experience.

They also managed to have some fun, going to the Beach Boardwalk and spending time playing beach volleyball. The trip proved to be helpful for the Bearcats as they won their first match against Linfield.

On Wednesday, the Bearcats traveled to Linfield and took on the Wildcats in front of a rowdy crowd.

Willamette got off to a slow start and looked sloppy early on. They made several unforced errors and lost the first game.

But midway through the second game Willamette showed signs of settling down. They started to battle back against a tough middle hitter. The Bearcats couldn't manage to take the second game, and found themselves down 2-0.

The third game was a different story as Willamette began to play as a team, "16 strong" as they would call it. The Bearcats put it all together and won three in a row to beat the Wildcats in five games.

The win was a nice way to start their conference season. The Bearcats are a veteran team with five seniors, Kelly Fisher, Rosie Allen, Nicole Pavel, Kimi Maag, and Kelly Midal. They also have experience with junior starters Devon Bakken and Renee Purdy.

This experience will help the Bearcats as they battle last year's number 2 ranked team in the nation UPS.

Booming start for young Lady Bearcats

By DILLON SHEA
Sports Writer

The Willamette University women's soccer team kicked off the season with a 5-1 victory over University of California at Santa Cruz. Natalie Flindt, a junior, led the Bearcats with two goals. Three sophomores, Jenny Bellone, Jenny Frankel-Reed and Erin Moore chipped in with one goal each. All five Bearcat goals came in the first half.

Head coach Jim Tursi, who is beginning his fifth year at the helm for the women's team said, "We played exceptionally well in the first half. I think both teams felt as if the game was over by the time the second half started." Although Willamette continued to get shots on goal, a new U.C. Santa Cruz goalie who began the second half, fared much better against the Bearcats, shutting Willamette out for the second half.

After the 5-1 pounding of Santa Cruz, the next task for the Bearcats was the Linfield Wildcats. The two teams met Wednesday evening at Sparks Field. Once again it was a hard fought match with the Bearcats getting the victory. Jenny Frankel-Reed added to her goal total with another score, and Amy Morris got on the board at 34:39 of the second half to clinch the victory for the Bearcats.

The win was the Bearcats second straight win, and momentum in the beginning of the season. It also gives a young Bearcat team confidence and proof of their depth and skill.

This year marks the team's move to the

more competitive NCAA Division Three. Tursi, however, does not expect the team to suffer many growing pains. "We have been ranked in the top ten in the NAIA for the last five years and our goal is to be ranked in the top ten in Division Three this year." To help boost the chances of a high ranking, Tursi scheduled three non-conference games against Division Three opponents. The Bearcats already beat U.C. Santa Cruz and they have two games scheduled for this weekend against California Lutheran and Chapman, two schools that finished in the top twenty at the Division Three level last year.

Tursi said he believes this year's team is the deepest Willamette has ever had, which is no small compliment considering the women have won five straight conference championships and garner a 84-21-2 record over the last five years. "We have three players who would start for any other team, including two players who did start for us last year, and all three come off the bench for us."

The 1998 Bearcats return three All-America selections. Defender Liz Heaston, goalie Robin Heard and midfielder Robin Schroeder are all back for their senior year. Rachel Allenduff, is the only other returning senior and Tursi labeled her, "A potential All-American."

While the Bearcats obviously have plenty of returning talent, Tursi acknowledged that the Bearcats will have to find a way to replace Jamie Barton, a 1998 graduate who currently holds the Willamette record for scor-

ing. Tursi expects Flindt and junior, Katie Edmonds to fill the offensive gap left by Barton.

Tursi believes the team's strength is its defense. "We have the ability to be offensive at the defensive end, with the threat of our defenders coming at you. Two or three of our defenders could end up being in the top six in scoring on our team."

The Bearcats would like to end the season

undefeated, en route to its sixth straight conference championship. "We have come very close to finishing undefeated, but we have lost games against team that should never beat us. But, everybody is always geared towards beating Willamette," Tursi said.

Willamette's next challenge is Chapman on the 12th and Cal Lutheran on the 13th. Both games are in Thousand Oaks California.



Amy Morris heads off after Willamette's 5-1 victory over UC Santa Cruz on Monday.

Shalala

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She has also served as a university administrator, as president of Hunter College at CUNY and as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1988-1993.

She was the first woman to head a Big Ten university. Shalala's political experience includes service in the Carter administration in the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Shalala's stay at Willamette will be short-only one hour-but her presentation should be of interest to many in the Willamette community.

The presentation, titled, "Public Policy: Healthcare and Higher Education" will begin with Shalala giving a five- to 10-minute address to the audience.

The rest of the hour will be a question and answer period. Seating will be limited for the Monday morning event- it will take place in Cone Chapel- and there will be no tickets so it is advised that you arrive early. The forum will begin at 10:15 a.m. and should end by 11:15 a.m.

Student Affairs

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am delighted to have the opportunity to work with them and enhance the learning experience at Willamette."

As Vice President for Student Affairs, Hawkinson is the lead administrator for all aspects of student life and co-curricular programming. Hawkinson stated that in the last ten years, Willamette has enjoyed remarkable development in the quality of its students and faculty, as well as its facilities.

"Willamette has prospered in a period that has been very challenging for liberal arts colleges," says Hawkinson.

However, he believes that there are still great challenges ahead. He hopes to bring about a link between student activities and academics, as well as upgrade facilities for student activities.

He also envisions an enhanced sense of student identification with entire Willamette Community.

As Interim VP of Student Affairs, Hawkinson is the lead administrator for all aspects of student life and co-curricular programming. His tenure is expected to last for a year.

Hood-to-Coast

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Love" Bowersox instituted punishing mandatory two-a-day summer training sessions in South Salem's hills for the faculty to hone their competitive edge and prepare them for the long uphill legs throughout the relay.

He then adroitly integrated the faculty's bolstered stamina with the students' youthful speed, assembling a formidable running machine. The team's performance was also sustained by Rose's oatmeal raisin cookies.

Viewing the relay from the front yard of his Mist home, one veteran observer of the H-to-C was heard to remark that "When them Willamette boys and girls put down their Lucretius, turn off their spectrometers, and slip on their running shoes, they sure do kick some booty!"

After receiving their medals at the finish line in Seaside, when asked if they intended to compete again next year the team enthusiastically erupted in unison "24 [hours] in '99, or bust!"

of the total of 987 teams and 25 out of the 76 teams in its category. Composed of 8 CLA faculty (Karen Arabas, Joe Bowersox, Bob Dash, Scott Hawke, Dick Htis, Carol Ireson-Doolittle, Sharon Rose and

Mitchell Smith), two CLA students (Bryce Mercer and Anthony Hager), MAT student Evan Bilstrom and Heather Sina '98, the Wunning Wounded team was directed by H-to-C veteran Bowersox. "Tough



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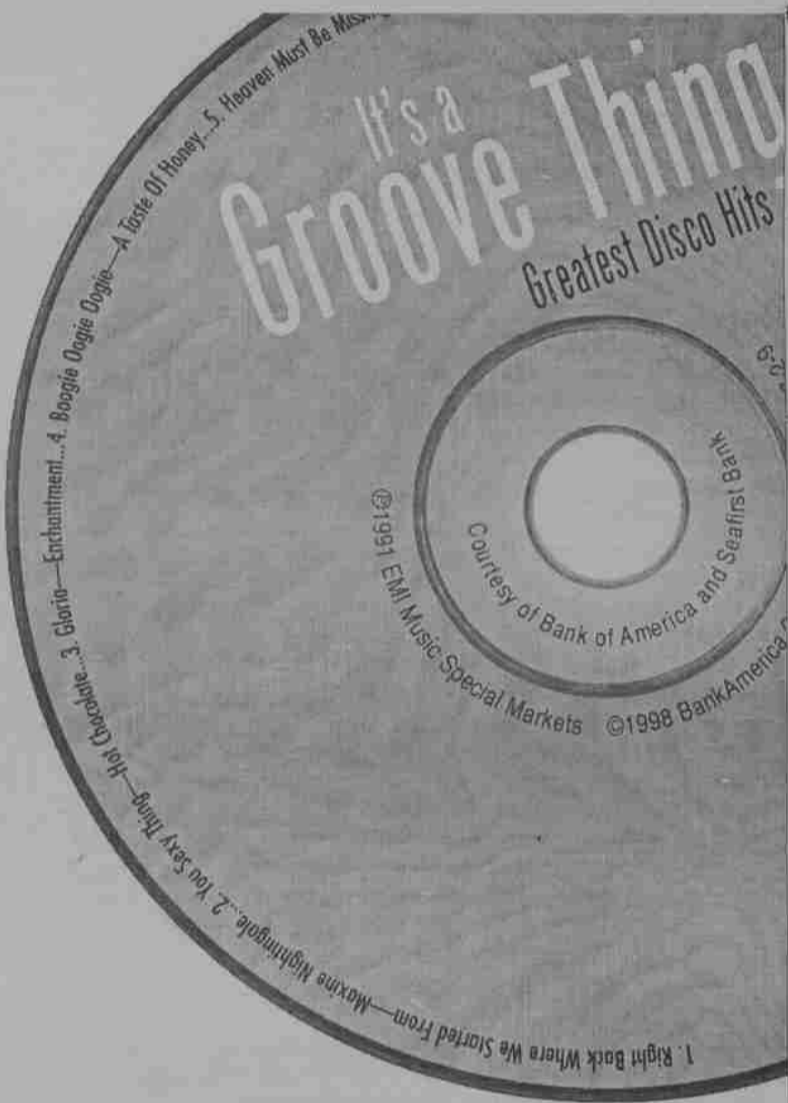
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