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Willamette In-Depth

Homecoming at WU Returns

by Chris Rogers

This week at Willamette the time-honored college tradition of Homecoming has experienced a revival. Numerous student activities have been scheduled in order to solidly re-establish Homecoming on the WU campus. This effort, however, has lacked student participation and involvement campus-wide.

The idea to have a Homecoming Week this year originated from Ethan Smith, a WU freshman. During "Opening Days" at Willamette Smith said that he was informed by his orientation group leader that Willamette had no formal Homecoming celebration.

"I was distressed by this fact because Homecoming was a big event at my high school. Also I really just enjoy having dances and other activities," said Ethan Smith.

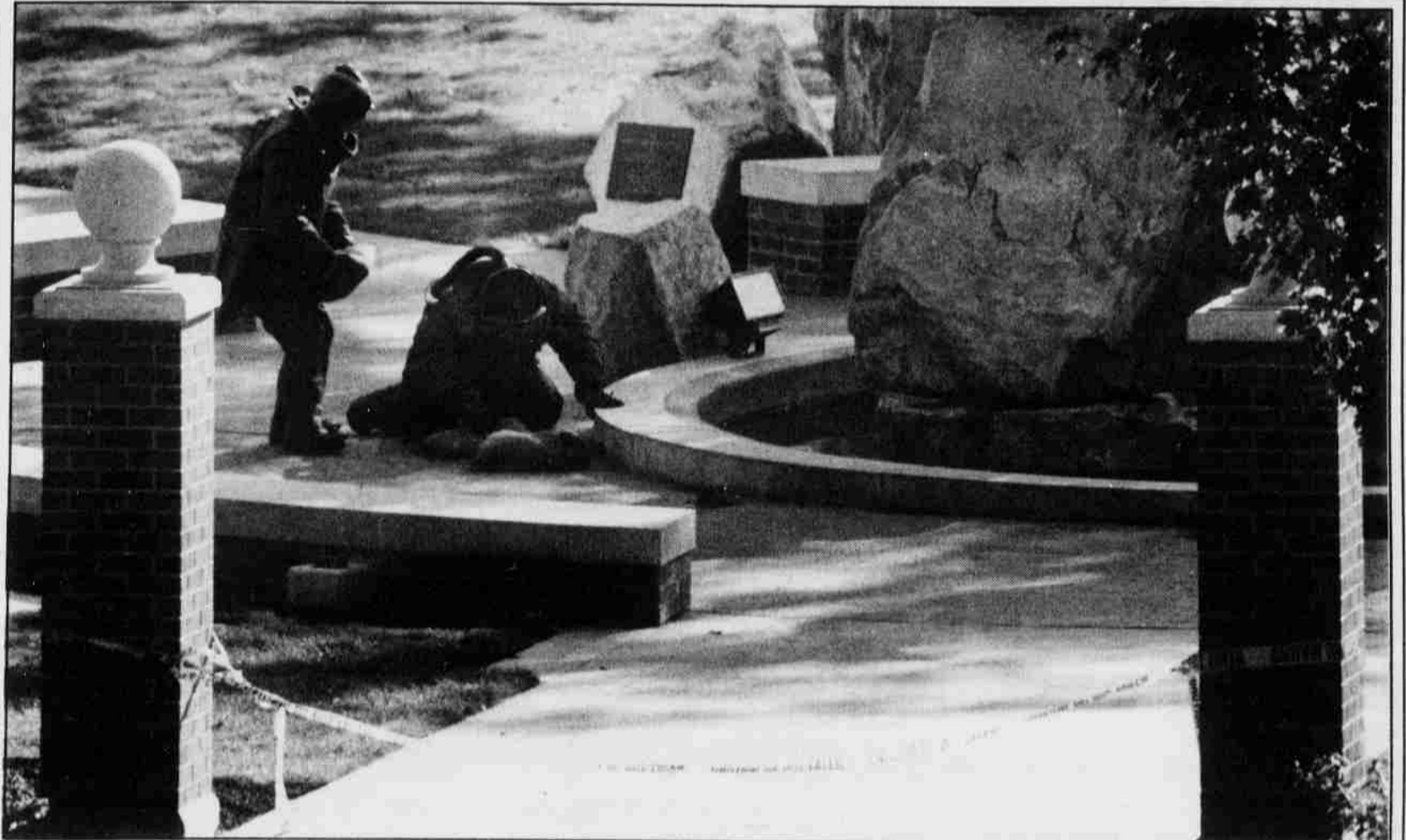
Smith approached ASWU President Martin Taylor with the idea, and Taylor obtained administrative consent. Smith, Sherri Terao, Jennifer Lawrence and Elizabeth Newcomb were chosen as Homecoming Week managers. They alone have done much of the coordination and implementation of Homecoming activities this week.

"There has been so much to do in this one week, and we've all

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scott eastman

Bomb Threat Disrupts Campus

by Mike DeJardin and Missy Swenson

The Willamette campus was shaken Monday afternoon by a bomb threat that shut down the south side of campus. A suspicious-looking device was found in the recently dedicated Hatfield fountain, and was later removed by bomb experts from both the Salem Police Department and the Oregon State Police.

The device was discovered at about 12:30 p.m. by a Campus Safety officer, who noticed a rock out of place in the fountain. Upon moving the rock, a plastic jar bobbed to the surface. Visible inside were wires, batteries, and a timing mechanism. "It had all the appearances of a bomb," according to Barbara Runyon, spokesperson for the Salem Police.

The jar also contained what appeared to be a quantity of red dye, apparently intended to discolor the fountain.

Soon after the police were notified, the immediate area around the fountain was cordoned off, and the Hatfield Library, University Center, and WISH were evacuated. Later, Smith Fine Arts East was evacuated,

most of Sparks parking lot was closed off, and spectators were moved back to a 1000-foot perimeter.

"1000 feet is generally a safe radius, and it's better to err on the safe side," said Sergeant Gary Michel, head of the Hazardous Devices Team for the Salem Police Department.

No move was made towards the fountain until the bomb team arrived, a little after 2:00 p.m. Pictures were taken of the jar and a conference held to discuss how to remove the suspected bomb. The object was removed from the fountain and placed on the ground. A water cannon was used to "separate the detonator from what was thought to be the explosive," stated Michel. By 3:30 p.m., all but the immediate area around the fountain was unblocked and students allowed access into the evacuated buildings.

"We don't know exactly what it was, but we treat it like an atomic bomb," said Michel, adding that the contents of the jar were not immediately identifiable, but would have to be sent to a lab for testing.

Police have still not determined whether or not the device was incendiary, nor do they have any possible suspects. According to Detective Mike Quackenbush of the Salem Police, "There's no anticipation of making an arrest without someone coming forward."

Law enforcement officials are closely examining possible motives for the attack. One concerns the general feelings of Willamette students toward the fountain, which many consider to be an eyesore. An anonymous group had even sponsored a poetry and artwork contest to allow students to openly critique the fountain as a work of art.

Another concerns the honor of the fountain, Senator Mark Hatfield, whose recent stance concerning the spotted owl-old growth timber issue has angered many environmental groups. Hatfield was recently heckled by environmental groups for his political views while at the University of Oregon. When his Portland office was contacted, they were unsure if the senator has any

Unprofessional Acts Harm Student Body

Factual errors and unprofessionalism characterize this year's long-awaited Fusser's guide, which reflects badly upon the entire student body. This unprofessional publication has

To begin with, there are a great deal of problems with many of the phone numbers listed, like the inclusion of Wild Pizza, which hasn't existed for two years, and the omission of the Toyko International University. The Resident Life listing is also incorrect—the names given are those of last year's staff. These mistakes are certainly annoying, and they could easily have been avoided by simple verification.

What was the purpose, other than to simply create controversy and fill space, of including three pages in what should have been the advertisement section that are, in many people's opinion, distasteful? Lack of

planning to fill ad space is no excuse for such unnecessary and embarrassing "jokes." Not only did they embarrass specific parties, but also the University as a whole. Not only that, but the waste of money and the lack of funds generated by the Guide deplete ASWU's money which could have been available to other students and organizations.

Because of the problems initiated by this student run publication, it is only logical that administration will be more distrustful of all other student run organizations. If students want the University to trust them with adult responsibilities, especially when representing the University, they need to act responsibly.

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created negative connotations towards all student run organizations. It is the perfect example of what happens when one doesn't think before acting, and when one doesn't take the time to update material and check the facts.

Letters

Fountain Worship Displays Bigotry, Intolerance

To the Editors:

Between October 8 and 13, a theater student was playing a joke on the Hatfield fountain. Through that week, she and some friends dressed up in robes and stood around the fountain sacrificing dolls. She named her demonstration the "Druids." On the 13th, she and her friends were forming a procession to march back to the Playhouse. While they were marching back, they were harassed and threatened. After this, I heard some people taking. Much of what they said had to do with how sacrilegious, if not Satanic, the demonstration was. I got the impression that many people felt that "Druidism" is itself Satanic.

After this happened, she was talking about how closed-minded many of the students were. She was right. The statements and actions of many did demonstrate an intolerance of the different; but she seemed to overlook the unwitting intolerance of her own actions.

What she did was humorous and original, but it did further a misconception about an entire group of people. She forgot that "Druids" are not just an ancient memory—there are modern day Druids. It is a religion just like Judaism, Christianity, and Islam are religions. Her demonstration shows how thoroughly our society has characterized minority religions as Satanic. Modern day

Druids, despite popular belief, do not make sacrifices, and they do not worship the devil! Today's Druidism is nothing more than the descended beliefs of pre-Christian religions.

Movies, books, and magazines all accuse non-Christian religions of having Satanic ties. Rarely do we see factual evidence of these characterizations.

The fountain demonstration was no different than attaching large fake noses to one's face, plotting to take over the banking system, and calling it the "Jews." At the heart of this is bigotry. I know this seems to be an excessively strong example, but there is no difference. Ignorance of minorities is no excuse for intolerance towards others. We do not have to belong to one of these oppressed groups to understand that any religious insult is degrading to us all. What ever happened to "Live and let live?"

--Rod Ridelhalgh

Protest Response Shows Closed-Mindedness

To the Editors:

Last week, a few people in burlap came to the fountain, left their message, and went peacefully. For anyone who saw the demonstration, the symbolism should have been evident. Unfortunately, these fountain worshippers encountered a lot of prejudice and abuse that served to expose the Willamette campus for one of its major faults—intolerance of individuality.

Reaction ranged from threats of disrobing or water-ballooning to "What the hell? This is turning into another U. of O."

The Willamette brand of liberalism is simply a veneer—no conviction, and no hesitation to put down the mask when you feel threatened by a facet of the greater whole of liberalism. That could account for the threatening reactions. Harassers threatened the group physically perhaps because the group tried to threaten onlookers mentally—the insecurity of the harassers might have been exposed because they could not identify their "enemies." The hostility and inhumanity intensified perhaps simply because the face of the worshippers were covered. The project was designed in hopes that people would examine their place in the university and realize the existence of alternatives. Instead, it brought to light the negativity towards anything anti-establishment and/or thought-provoking.

Why do you invoke something that you cannot respect? Learn to release your minds from the overriding conformist mentality—make the leap of trying to uncover your insecurities, though that should mean finding something about yourself that you need to change. Don't view this as "just another 'social statement' by Metanoia" or "those pathetic people in the Theatre Department with nothing better to do." Instead lament the lack of receptivity to something new on campus—the lack of any willingness to untether the mind. And the next time you see something odd occurring on campus, think before you act.

--The Fountain Worshippers' Society of Willamette University

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Language Change Affects Perceptions

"All men are created equal..."

If only the founding patriarchs had been more aware of how language shapes our reality. Yes, unfortunately there has been debate over who, actually, is created equal: men or womyn, light or dark com-

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plexed. History has proven that those who have had the upper hand in any society have used every possible source to propagate their dominance and control over others, in this case, womyn.

To understand this better, let us refer to the Bible, which has often been used to promote the idea that men should rule over womyn. According to the Bible (in Genesis), first God created Man in his image and let him rule over "every creeping

thing that creeps on earth." Also, God decided that he needed to create a "helper suitable for Him [Adam]." To do this, God took one of the ribs from Adam's body and "fashioned it into a Woman" and "brought her to the Man."

The Man said, "This is now bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh, she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

By replacing the "a" with a "y" in the word "womyn," one works toward extinguishing the myth that a woman is a biological possession of a man, an extension of what was here first. Releasing womyn from this ideal, and giving them symbolic freedom to develop as individuals, they can attain equal status with men.

I feel the need to respond to the letter written by Dale Miller, who, by the way, has never attended a Womyn's Center meeting, before or after the spelling of the name was changed. Changing any language to

become non-sexist or even non-racist is not "bashing of males" or of whites, but in reality, it is promoting equality and understanding whether between men and womyn, or between people of any color or ethnic background.

Dale also denied that changing the concepts of people represented by a certain word would change how they are treated. I could not disagree more. History has shown that our conception of womyn, men, animals, young, old, physically challenged, etc., determine how we chose to treat them. Some examples of how this has been done in the past are: Third World—Developing Country; Girls—Womyn, He/She—One or s/he; spokesman—spokesperson; retarded—mentally challenged; manpower—personpower.

Linguistic reform is not a minor issue. What is not being understood here is the power of words. As students, we read numerous examples of how the greatest

authors use the power of language to have an impact on others. Pygmalion, a book most of us have read, is a perfect example of how language reflects our "world view." Even the United Nations is concerned with how to use non-sexist, non-racist vocabulary. Linguistic reform is an effective way to foster changing attitudes.

To stop sexism and racism we must find ways to reshape our world view. Our words, as well as our actions, carry the power to facilitate gender, racial, and ethnic understanding. Here, on the Willamette University campus, our Womyn's Center is a place for both sexes of any color or ethnicity, to break new ground for understanding.

I think the main problem here is fear of change. Please, do not fear change. Unless you are satisfied with knowing that there is inequality and injustice anywhere in the world, do not fear change - Be a part of it!

--Monique Albrecht

Letters

Womyn's Center Space Justified, Needed

To the Editors:

As a chemistry professor in his first year here at Willamette, in the middle of midterms, ten-year accreditation reports and grant applications, I have no shortage of things to do. So when I read Gregory Zerzan's infantile sexist diatribe against the Womyn's Center, I groaned inwardly. I winced at the vicious inanity of his sentiments, but also at the realization that I was going to have to spend valuable time refuting his dangerous prejudices. So here goes.

Mr. Zerzan freely admits that he was the kind of boy who attacked members of the opposite sex with live animals (frogs, spiders, etc.) and then physically assaulted these poor girls. The main trouble with boys like Greg is that, while they are severely punished for these anti-social behaviors, they sometimes fail to grow out of them. Indeed Mr.

Zerzan seems to have never grown up at all. Witness his advocacy of grabbing "a member of the opposite sex TODAY" as a method of supporting "honest feeling and close, intimate contact." One gets the sense that Mr. Zerzan believes that the "honest feelings" of half the human race need not be considered and that grabbing a member of the opposite sex against their will might even be fun.

Mr. Zerzan is very much mistaken if he thinks he loves women. Love, at least in my incomplete understanding of that impossibly ambiguous word, presumes the meeting of two equals. Greg may like sex, he may enjoy "intimate contact," but I doubt that he loves women.

Furthermore, it is excruciatingly clear that Mr. Zerzan speaks as a white male in a white male culture. He denies that a minority interest group with which he disagrees has a

right to meeting space on campus, or even the right to choose their own name. He rejects the term "womyn" much as whites in the 60s rejected the terms Black or Afro-American. "Negro is not a perjorative term," they earnestly insisted, "why some of my best friends..." etc. After all, if you let people choose their own name, soon they'll be discovering their own history and their own voice, and then Mr. Zerzan's "God-fearing, love it or leave it, tax-paying citizens" may well be reduced to their rightful state: abject cultural poverty.

Let me close by saying that a "room of one's own," as Virginia Woolf, is more than a refuge, an isolated ivory tower. It is a place to revel in camaraderie, to find strength and solace in the company of fellow-travelers. It is very doubtful that the kind of women who "talk about guys, and in general do girl things" would bother to fight for a space in

the UC. After all, whole rooms in sororities and dormitories are set aside for just those purposes. No, I suspect that the Womyn's Center has claimed its space (a space which no one else seemed to want, by the way) to help women along their path in life. Whether that path involves having intercourse with men or not (and this is probably the true source of Mr. Zerzan's almost primal fear and rage), they cannot escape having social intercourse with men. Men do constitute nearly half of the human race, while monopolizing most of its power structure. If a Womyn's Center can help some folks, however few, to find an effective, fulfilling path in life, then I for one am all for it. And who knows, Mr. Zerzan, if you stop grabbing members of the opposite sex, they may even let you in someday.

Todd P. Silverstein
Asst. Prof. Chem.

Letters Cont.

Womyn's Center Provides Important Service at W.U.

To the Editors:

I would like to challenge some misinformation that has been flying about in the recent clamor over the Womyn's Center.

At the Senate debates and in letters and editorials individuals have asked, "Is there a need for a women's center? Should there be one?" At no time were these questions entertained by Senate. The Senate simply does not have the power to create or abolish student organizations. Just as Willamette Outdoors or Circle K exist because there is enough interest to sustain them and the administration recognizes their group status, the Womyn's Center too is an official student organization that cannot be dissolved by the whims of a few. Imagine me standing up and arguing that the lacrosse team should not exist because I don't like the game? It is an absurd thought.

The issue before Senate was whether the student body would grant the Womyn's Center space at the University Center. They voted 19 to 2 to do just that.

I've also heard claims about the man-bashing and girl chatter that supposedly goes on at the Womyn's Center, claims made by people who clearly have not visited or attended meetings. Get informed!! Attend a Womyn's Center program before you pass off opinion and conjecture for facts.

Most disturbing to me is the immediate reaction many people have to the Womyn's Center. Often they assume the organization and the name is a separatist movement, removing "men" from "women," thus "womyn."

The purpose of the Center is to provide resources to everyone about the special contributions women have made to history and to society, to focus on issues relating to women today and to support women striving for a position of equality in our society.

May I remind you that women do not have equal footing in society: women still earn sixty cents for every dollar men make, a woman

has yet to lead our nation's government, reproductive rights are still threatened and feminine styles of learning, managing and communicating are not universally recognized and accepted.

Further, women's history, women's experiences offer new perspective and adds dimension to our understanding of life and culture. As Anndee Hochman once wrote, "to leave anyone out impoverishes us all."

When we have achieved a broad enough awareness of these issues in our community, then we will not need a womyn's center. I believe the recent protests and arguments prove we are not there yet. In the meantime there is much work to be done.

Be a part of the solution. Visit the Womyn's Center. Educate yourself on the issues and do your part to increase awareness and understanding on our campus and in the world.

--Marjean Rich

Spelling Change Widens Gender Gaps, Alienates

To the Editors:

I am writing to express my support of Dale Miller's comments regarding the Womyn's Center. He made some valid points at the risk of angering a part of this community.

The Womyn's Center is a vital part of the Willamette community and capable of doing much good. It seems that its function is to bridge the gender gap by creating a place where both men and women may meet to increase their awareness regarding gender issues.

However, changing the spelling of the word "women" to "womyn" will only hinder the progress that the Center is making.

Admittedly, the word "woman" is rooted in the early sexist traditions of our language (though not biblically as previously suggested—the word is derived from the Middle English "wym-man" or "wife of man.") But changing its spelling has offended a large portion of the Willamette population—male and female.

Offending people may be a means of drawing their attention to a problem, but it also alienates them. In this case it does more harm than good. Many women who would have been inclined to explore the programs and opportunities available at the Center will now be hesitant—they don't know if such a radical place is something they want to be involved with; they don't know if they are "women" or "womyn."

As an RA on an all-male floor I can report that many men feel alienated and even angered by the change in spelling. They may have felt neutral towards the Center before, but now they feel animosity.

The primary goal of gender awareness programs should be to bridge the gender gap, not to make it wider. Willamette has made a great deal of progress in dealing with gender awareness in the past few years and needs to continue the good work. The Womyn's Center, Women's Programming Committee, and the increasing number of women in important positions (Bistro, ASWU, Collegian, KWU, etc.) serves to illustrate this point.

Gender awareness is a very important issue on this campus and there is more progress to be made. but gender programs need to be for everyone. And the Womyn's Center needs to be for all "women," not just "womyn."

--J.D. Roth

Opinion Offends; Activity Needed to Gain Respect

To the Editors:

Who of you upon reading Greg Zerzan's Guest Opinion reacted with anger? Labeled him with the names your mother told you not to use? Wanted to burn the article and writer responsible?

More precisely, who of you reacted with the same violent ignorance displayed so ineloquently by Zerzan himself? Congratulations, you've succeeded in doubling the number of fools on this campus.

You're giving Greg much more credit than he's worth. Greg is obviously young, ignorant of women, and generally uninformed on their position in our society. He is correct when he says "Honest feelings and close, intimate contact," solve inequality, but his ignorance, like so many men and women alike, doesn't allow him to see the steps necessary before this is possible. He doesn't realize that honesty and intimacy require trust and for the sexes to trust one another there needs to be respect for each other, and this in turn requires an already established equal identity. We need to see each other as equals before we can act as equals. Our society has for too long denied women this required identity.

Women's organizations are an attempt to create identity where there is none, identity unable to be procured from men. The Womyn's Center is in a position now where it needs to prove its ability to do this. If it is to be more than a place "to hang around, talk about guys, and in general do girl things," then let's see it! The most ardent campus feminist shouldn't protect the Womyn's Center if it never does anything. To allow the Center to sit without action, to be just for the sake of having one, is to allow the identity of Willamette women to become "Inactive, Uninterested, Unmotivated, Uncaring."

If you're looking for identity in society, I wouldn't try to find it in harassing some freshman hot head, but in building up yourselves; building up the Womyn's Center.

The anger and hatred you express toward Greg destroys respect just as much as his opinion does, and as result our chances of reaching the goal of equality, that you both claim to work for, fail.

I think this is a grand challenge for the Womyn's Center to prove their value, perhaps we finally will have a campus organization transcend the Willamette Experience—of lethargy, apathy and non-participation. Now that the opposition has shown itself the Womyn's Center must show us what it's made of well, and let us pray that it is more than sugar and spice.

--Ryan Vancil

NEWS BRIEFS

German Chorus to Give Salem Concert

This Monday, Oct. 23, the Frankfurter Kantorei will be performing at the First United Methodist Church.

The Frankfurter Kantorei, from Frankfurt, West Germany, is an internationally renowned choral group. They recently won the gold medal at the 1989 International Choir Festival in Poland.

Admission to the concert is free, but donations are encouraged. Performance time is 8:00 p.m.

Speaker to Focus on Free Trade

All members of the Willamette community are invited to hear Mr. Art Goddard, the Canadian Consulate General, FTA, speak on the U.S./Canada Free Trade agreement in a conversational forum "Geographical Separation - Economic Unity". He will be at the Sigma Chi fraternity house Monday, Oct. 23, at 5:30 p.m. The U.S./Canada trade connection is the biggest in the world. Last year over \$155 billion in goods and services flowed between the two countries. Free trade will have enormous impact on future growth. Any inquiries should be directed to Vinnie Chawla, Sigma Chi R.D.

Garden on Display

Elaine Joines, curator of the Martha Springer Botanical Garden, will be giving tours of the Garden, highlighting "the last splash of color for the season," starting next Friday. Tours meet at 4 p.m. each Friday, and are to meet at the bridge entrance.

Joines estimates the tours will continue through most of November, "every Friday 'til the leaves are gone." The Garden is located in the SE corner of campus, by Sparks and along the Mill Stream.

Nylons Accessible Through O-T-B

Off-The-Block is sponsoring a trip to Portland for the Nov. 16 Nylons concert. Tickets will go on sale Monday, Oct. 23, at the U.C. Desk, starting at 5:30 p.m.

All seats are front and center section, and cost \$18.50 each. Off-The-Block is offering free transportation to the event.

Hazing Bashed

Eileen Stevens, founder of C.H.U.C.K., Committee to Halt Useless Campus Killings, will be speaking Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Kresge Theatre.

Mrs. Stevens, whose son was killed in a 1979 hazing incident, will address the use and abuse of alcohol and the negative effects of hazing on the group and the individual.

Skybridge Driver Punished

by Mark Gerson

On Saturday, October 7, at approximately midnight, a Willamette student literally bridged the gap between America and Japan. This student drove her car over the skywalk bridge between TIUA and the Sparks parking lot not once but three round trips.

She had one passenger the first trip, three the second trip and two on the third trip.

When asked why she attempted the stunt, the student, who wished to remain anonymous, answered, "It wasn't planned, it was completely impulsive, we just seized the moment. It was more a question of could it be done."

According to Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout, Campus Safety was called around midnight by someone living at TIUA. They immediately dispatched a car to the scene and stopped her vehicle in the Sparks parking lot.

She was immediately given a ticket for reckless driving for \$35.00,

and one for driving on the sidewalk for \$5.00. Later she had a meeting with Stout and Tim Pierson, Director of Residence Life, and it was decided that she would lose her right to drive or park any car on Willamette's campus, including TIUA, for the remainder of the year. She also has to do a community service project and spend a shift with Campus Safety.

This may seem like a harsh punishment for a seemingly minor incident. But, as Stout pointed out, "There was the potential for a serious problem, as neither I nor the driver am aware of the engineering capacities of the bridge. It is possible that the bridge could have collapsed, or pieces could have fallen on cars on 12th Street." Stout said that there is a work order in right now to install posts on both sides of the bridge.

Stout said that bikes are allowed to cross the bridge, and, "We have a sign that says no skateboarding, but we didn't think we would need a sign saying no cars allowed on bridge."

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Homecoming Participation Weak Due to Lack of Organizational Support

been working all day, every day making phone calls and organizing different events for Homecoming Week" said Newcomb.

"Basically, we've just been tackling each event of homecoming one at a time. This, of course, creates many problems. But working within such a short time frame and not having much outside help has made no other way possible" said Smith.

This being the case, many activities have not been as successful as the Homecoming Managers would like them to be in terms of overall student participation.

A large part of the problem in coordinating this event according to the Homecoming managers apparently stemmed from not receiving any support from the larger student organizations on campus.

"Without the support from big groups like IFC, IHA and Pan-Hellenic there was just no way for us to achieve a unified campus" said Smith.

Despite the many difficulties occurring this week, the Homecoming managers did express that some things indeed are going well. They all see the dance this Saturday in the Sparks gymnasium featuring the live band "Five Guys Named

Moe" as being a potentially strong event. "This is the first campus dance that has never conflicted with another all campus event" said Newcomb.

In addition, they also believe that the Homecoming court, the bonfire, the football game and the Tailgate party on Saturday will be successful activities.

The Homecoming managers agree that they have all learned that an event such as this needs better long-range planning in order to succeed.

"After this is all over and the we've had time to recover, we plan to get together with Scott Greenwood and form a detailed evaluation of Homecoming. From this we will compose a step-by-step instruction manual for those students involved in putting on a Homecoming next year" said Smith.

Students had mixed reactions about Homecoming activities.

"No one is dressing up or participating in the activities. It just doesn't feel like Homecoming here" said Seena Cassim, a WU Freshmen.

"I think advertising for Homecoming was good, but the event really needs to be 'built up.' If the event was planned much earlier I think a lot more people would have got involved" said Tever Nickerson.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY

Mens Soccer vs. Linfield, SF, 1p.
Football vs. SOSC, Mc.
St., 1:30 p.
Reunion Quartet
Concert, SA, 7:30 p.

SUNDAY

Welcome back from
Mid-Semester Break!

MONDAY

United Nations Day
Observance, UC, 9 a.

TUESDAY

U.N. Day Observance,
UC, 9 a
Peace Corps Recruiter,
PCR, 9 a.
Volleyball vs.
Concordia, Cone, 7p.

WEDNESDAY

Alive Poet Society
Moderator: Mike
Strelow, HR, 7:30 p

THURSDAY

Convo: "Cold
War Rhetoric", AL,
11:20a
Brown Bag Recital,
SA, 12:25p.

FRIDAY

Parent's Weekend
W Soccer V. PLU 4p
Band /Choir Concert,
SA, 7p
Volleyball vs.
Simpson, Cone, 7p.
Intime, Bistro, 8p

Mentor Assists WU Professors

by Pat Kurkoski

This year, Professor of Economics Russell Beaton was elected by the faculty to be the Teaching Mentor for the faculty of Willamette University's College of Liberal Arts. This position was created last semester by the Faculty Council and budgeted for this year on an experimental basis.

The concept of a teaching mentor has been tried at other colleges and Beaton said that their factory report that "it can be a very effective position . . . in focusing faculty attention on teaching needs."

The Faculty Council told Beaton that they needed a "teaching consultant," and "a faculty-wide leader of workshops," but gave him plenty of room to define the position. He noted that in addition to these duties, a Teaching Mentor should assist new faculty to "adjust to Willamette," since many have experience teaching at large universities with several hundred students in each course.

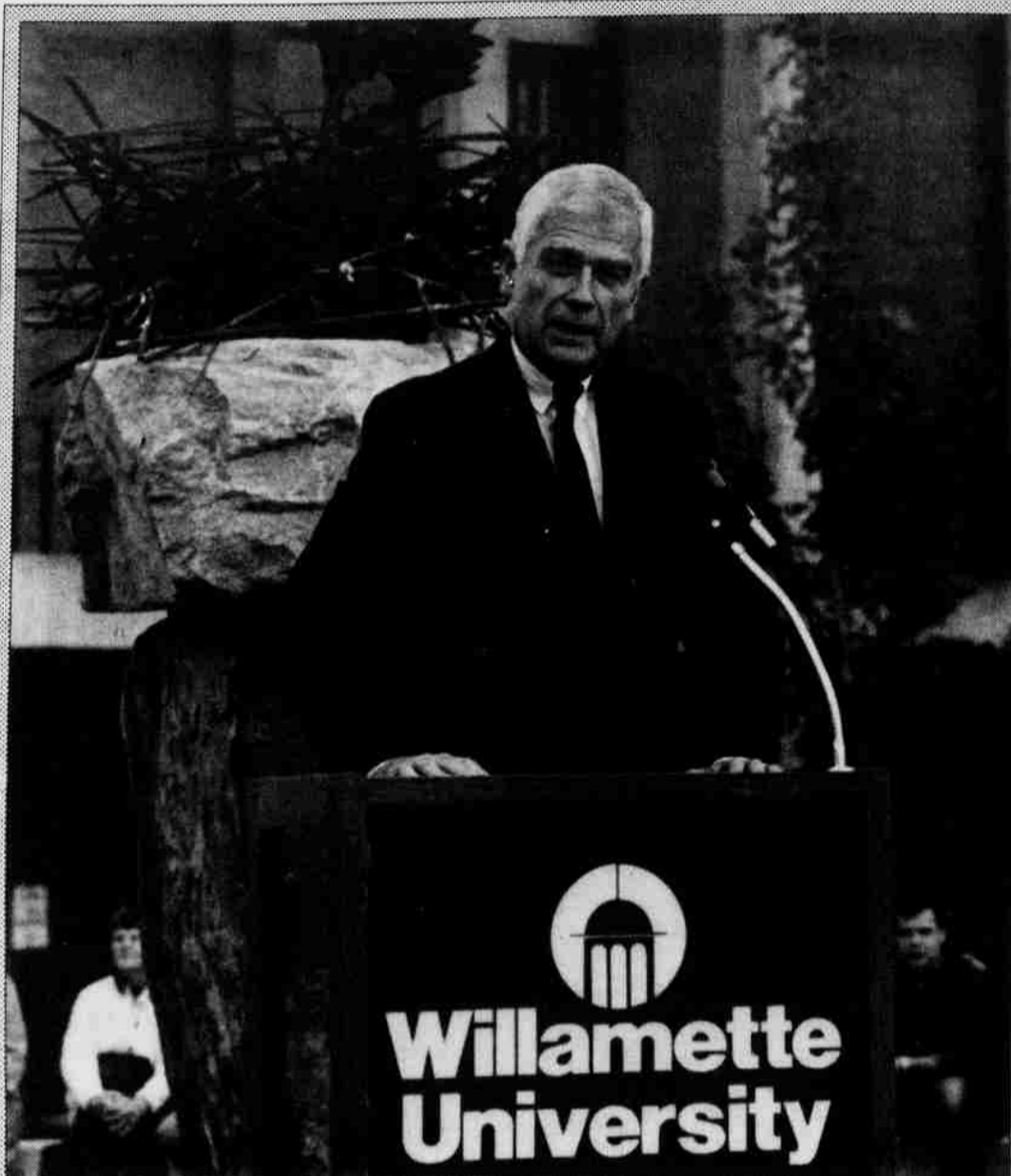
Beaton has already held two workshops for the faculty on teaching

critical thinking and next weekend will head a group of Willamette professors attending a conference entitled "Ways of Knowing" at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington.

As a consultant to individual faculty, Beaton interacts with his colleagues on "a counselor-based, personal-development level" to assist them in "fine-tuning" their teaching style. Some professors have asked him to videotape their classes in order "to get feedback on teaching technique," and uncover unconscious actions which might distract listeners during lectures.

Beaton said that in his twenty-seven years as a professor, nineteen of which have been at Willamette, he had "always had good luck as a teacher," and added that "in the last few years I've become more aware of methods of stimulating discussions." He expressed concern that professors at Willamette focus more on what they teach and not how they teach it, stating "we don't think method as much as we think content."

Although he commented that "there's quite an investment in researching and reading to do the job right," Beaton did say that he is "enjoying the job very much." Other professors have told him that "it is very nice to have someone whose job is to deal with" the problems and methods of effective teaching.



scott eastman

Mark O. Hatfield Visits WU

U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield (Willamette '43), Willamette's former Dean of Students and Oregon's one-time governor, was on hand Friday for the dedication ceremony for the campus fountain named in his honor. After the ceremony, Hatfield attended receptions in the library's Hatfield Room and Beta Theta Pi, where he is a founding member. The next day Hatfield announced his candidacy for a fifth term as Senator at a meeting in Silverton.

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FEATURE

Professor Stewart Pursues Varied Interests

If Professor Maurice Stewart were a tree, what kind of a tree would he be? "A giant sequoia," he replied without hesitation, "because they're neat trees." A devout and not-ashamed-to-show-it Trekkie, Professor Stewart's good-bye as I left his office after our interview was, "Live long, and prosper," the traditional vulcan farewell from *Star Trek*.

His office is decorated with a beautiful Japanese horse, a cloth with Japanese characters printed on it, a miniature door-curtain made out of small cylindrical pieces of wood suspended from strings, and many other items from his nine journeys to Japan. His other travels have included China last Christmas, Java in 1983 to view a solar eclipse, and Nepal. His long white beard and mischievous twinkly eyes makes him resemble Santa Claus more than a Professor of Physics and Astronomy.

Stewart was born and grew up in Alberta, Canada, holds a Master of Science degree from the University of Alberta; and has been teaching at Willamette since 1958. He says that he chose to come to Willamette because, "Teaching is the main interest of the faculty here..." He loves Physics because it deals with the real, physical world, and finds it more rewarding than the "sea of words" one finds in other disciplines.

Stewart said that he believes he received a better education growing up in Alberta and going to high-school in Canada than he could have gotten in the United States, mainly because schools in

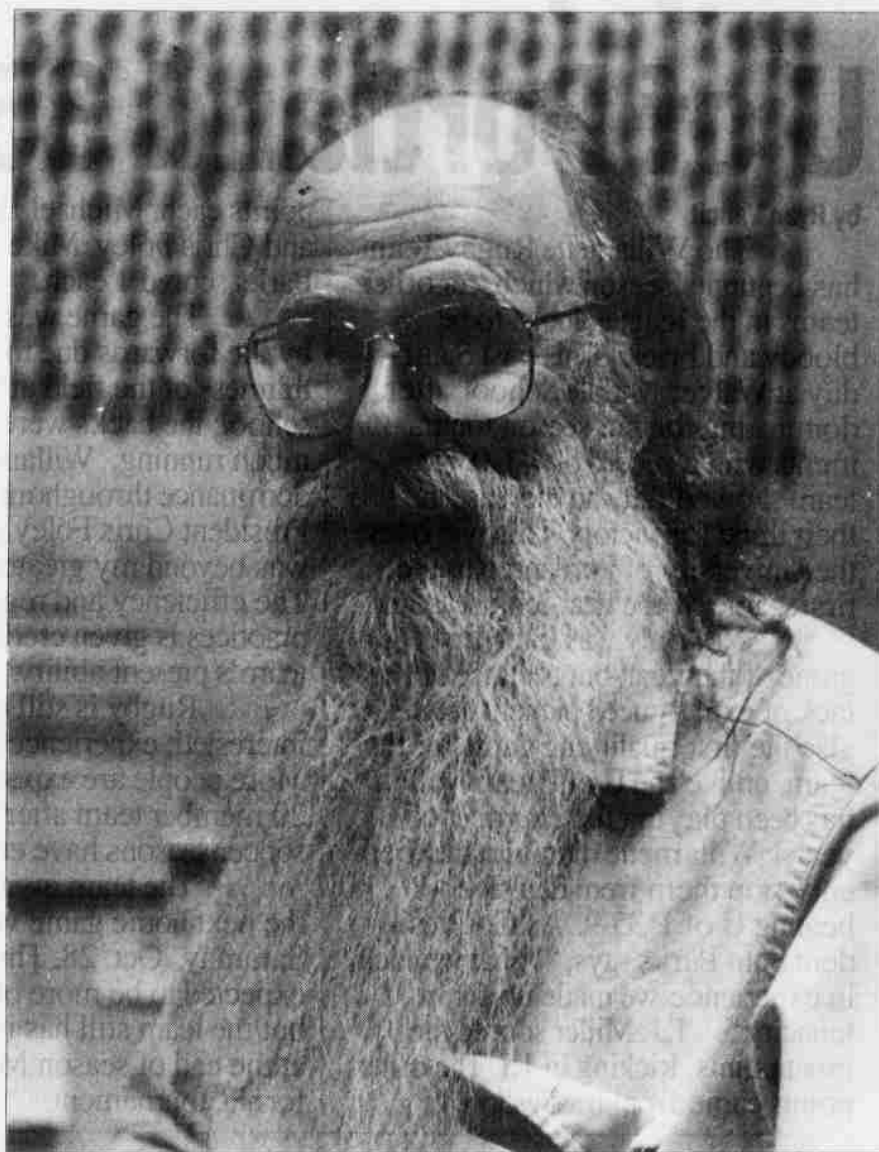
Canada are not administrated by local districts, but by the Provincial government. He compares the difference in administrations to that between the Marion County Commissioners and the Supreme Court.

Another remarkable thing about Alberta, Stewart explained to me, is the enormous size of the mosquitos which inhabit the province. He told me a story of two men who were awakened one night while camping in the wilderness by the sound of two mosquitos talking outside their tent. One said to the other, "Shall we eat them here, or take them back to camp?" The other one then replied, "I say we eat them here - if we bring them back to camp, the big ones will take them away from us."

Obviously a man of diverse interests, Professor Maurice Stewart is a scientist, a Trekkie, an enthusiast of nature, giant sequoias, and Japanese culture. Oh, and yes, he also loves to teach.

Stewart is leading a tour of Shinto shrines and gardens in Japan this spring. Anyone wanting more information can pick up a brochure in 319 Collins.

by Jennifer Sweigert



R.E.M. Survives Stardom

In most books, pop-music stardom and the words integrity and vision are mutually exclusive. In a two-hour concert last Friday at Portland's Memorial Coliseum, R.E.M. moved between the two and showed why they stand among a handful of bands who have been able to bridge the gap.

From cult status and the indie-release of "Radio Free Europe" in 1981 to the top ten-hit "The One I Love" and the platinum success of its latest album *Green*, R.E.M. has cut its way through the pop-music world with a unique blend of richly layered music and lyrics which often have a direct political message.

After the critically acclaimed band N.R.B.Q. opened the show to luke-warm audience reaction the house lights dimmed and the band launched into an uninspired version of "Stand." A movie which was played sporadically throughout the show flashed surreal imagery and then introduced the band. A play on business driven concerts, it flashed the band's opening statements "Hello! It's great to be back in (your city here)."

Yet the shaky start and Michael Stipe's David Byrne style oversized suit faded quickly as the band turned in solid performances of songs such as "Finest Worksong." Stipe's frantic dancing evoked images of Pete Townsend's windmill guitar playing, as the band launched into a repertoire heavily laden with songs from earlier albums, *Life's Rich Pageant* and *Document*.

After finishing the first set with "It's the

End of the World as We Know It," a song which sums up much of the band's ironic world view, they returned for a looser second set.

Ditching his suit for cut-offs, Stipe addressed criticism of the band's political statements. "We've been accused of making political activism sexy" he said as the group then thumbed its nose by urging the audience to patronize Greenpeace booths by the doors and firing off a crisp version of "World Leader Pretend."

As the group formed a circle to sing "You are the Everything" from *Green*, their message was delivered on personal level as Stipe sang "Sometimes I feel like I can't even sing/I'm very scared for this world/I'm very scared for me..."

Much like the band's music, the last set was eclectic and convoluted. It included a stunning a cappella Hugo Largo cover sung by Stipe and the last song which slowly degenerated as Stipe urged the band to play faster and frustrated guitarist Peter Buck threw down his guitar and stalked off. With their keyboardist taking up Buck's guitar, the band gave a hearty wave as Stipe seemed to skip off, perhaps secretly pleased by the sloppy ending.

In a decade dominated by dinosaur rock groups repackaging 60s idealism or the pabulum pulse of forgettable dance bands, Friday's concert reinforced R.E.M.'s reputation and offered steady reassurance to those who have questioned the impact of success on the band.

by John Rehm

Ford Gallery Displays Barnett's Ceramics

From October 2 to October 27 the works of ceramics artist Daniel Barnett will be on display at the Hallie Brown Ford Gallery.

Barnett is from Bellingham, Washington and has been working with clay for fourteen years. Some of his most recent exhibitions include the Northwest Int'l. Arts Competition and the Whatcom Museum of History and Art in Bellingham.

Barnett's exhibit in the Hallie Brown Ford Gallery reflects his current interest in animal imagery. His interest in using animal imagery in his artwork was inspired by his concern for the environment and man's relationship with it.

Crows, salmon and wolves are prominent figures in Barnett's exhibit. Barnett chose these three animals because they have very powerful metaphorical connotations. "The salmon represent the northwest bounty and act as an indicator of the health of its ecosystem. The wolves symbolize the wilderness and the endangering relationship humans have with it. The crows are the constant observers," Barnett explained.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by the Hallie Brown Ford Gallery, which is located on the fourth floor of the Art Building, to view Barnett's exhibit. Not only does his work stimulate environmental awareness, it is an exceptional display of artistic talent. The gallery is open from 12:30-5:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and from noon-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

by Cari Vanderschuere

Rugby Pummels U of Portland 35-9

by Ryan Vancil

The Willamette Rugby Team has begun its season which, for other teams in the league, looks to be bloody and brief. This past Saturday at Walker Middle School, after dominating the pre-season tournaments with a record of 4-1-0, the team showed only an increase in their thirst for victory. This win over the University of Portland was the first game of the year-long season.

Not only was it the first game of the year, but because of the lack of experienced players, it was also the first qualifying game for the team, unlike the U of P team which has been playing for a number of years. Willamette didn't let inexperience stop them from decisively beating U of P 35-9. As Co-President Sam Parks says, "What we lack in experience we made up for in tenacity." T.J. Miller scored the most points, kicking in 15. The other points came from tries worth 4

points each. Michael Bartlett scoring 2 and Chris Foley, Mike Gile, and Sam Parks scored 1 each.

The game was mostly played by the forwards due to the awkward thinness of the field at Walker Middle school; the backs were unable to do much running. Willamette held dominance throughout the game; Co-President Chris Foley said, "The team was beyond my greatest expectations. The efficiency and regularity of practices is given credit for a lot of the team's present ability."

Rugby is still open to anyone interested; experience is not necessary. More people are expected to join the 20 member team after the football and soccer seasons have ended.

The team invites everyone to the next home game versus Reed Saturday, Oct. 28. This game is expected to be more of a challenge, but the team still has its sights aimed at the end of season Monterey, California, tournament.

Offensive Breakdown Leads to WU Defeat

by Nick Petzak

The Willamette University Bearcats suffered their first loss of the season last Saturday in a 48-7 loss at Western Washington. The loss brings the Bearcats' season record to 3-1-1, but their league record remains a perfect 2-0 heading into this weekend's Homecoming match with league-leading Southern Oregon.

The Bearcats were not dominated in this game before early in the fourth quarter when a Todd Simis pass into the end zone was dropped.

Willamette suffered from several dropped passes throughout the game, but this last one seemed to mark the end of the Bearcats' chances in this game. Western Washington had maintained control through the first three quarters due to a letdown in the Bearcats' kicking game and poor offensive execution, but Willamette only trailed 28-7 when the Simis pass

was dropped in the endzone. Western went on to score 20 unanswered points in the fourth period.

"Western Washington controlled the football game, but they didn't dominate it," said Willamette Head Coach Joe Broeker. "Against a good football team like Western, we have to play errorless football with good execution and good intensity, and we didn't do that," added Broeker. "We made mistakes in a lot of different areas."

Willamette must recover this Saturday when they meet league-leading Southern Oregon in the Homecoming game scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in McCulloch Stadium. The Raiders come into the game with a 3-0 league record and a 4-1 overall record. Southern is the league's best rushing team, averaging 200 yards per game, but are only ranked ninth in pass defense.

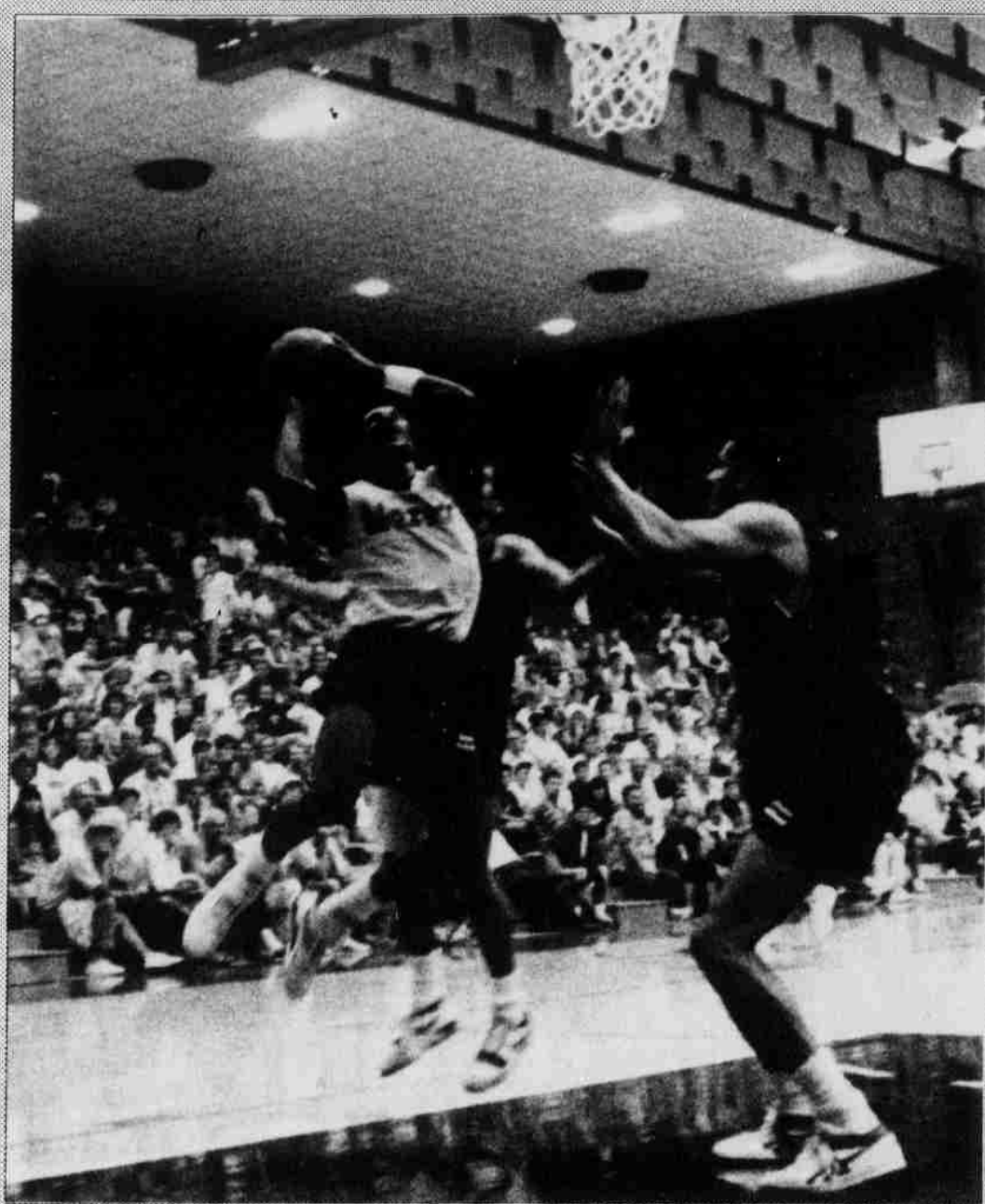
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