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Race issues at Willamette Part Three: Incidents



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Students speak

By CARINNA TARVIN
FEATURES EDITOR

Race issues are continuously bubbling under the surface of the docile Willamette campus. Racial tensions and dynamics effect everything from the admissions and hiring processes to classroom interaction, as this series has shown. The most elemental aspect of the race issue at Willamette is how it effects the students themselves.

When asked what she thought about the Willamette environment in terms of diversity, one student reported, "It's nonexistent." As she elaborated, "Instead of addressing issues that are important, we ignore them because it's easier."

Sophomore Robert Sanchez agrees, "I don't think it's talked about- it's an underlying problem. I just don't think we [minority students] are recognized on this campus."

According to junior Remy Choi, "Racism may be present

at Willamette, but it is hard to tell because it is so subtle nowadays. You do not know what everyone is thinking, and people's actions do not always reflect their thoughts."

Like many, Professor of Education Rich Biffle has not racism at Willamette. But said Biffle, there were "some interesting 'looks' my first couple of years here.

Sophomore Alexis Tompkins explains, "People have experienced more prejudice than racism at Willamette. There is a fine line between the two. Prejudices are biases and thoughts. Racism is acting on those thoughts."

As she says, "I haven't faced any racism here. I

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Bistro hosts BSO celebration



CARINNA TARVIN

Karen Rogers, Greg Reed, and Rashayna Moore (from left to right) were just a few of the individuals who participated in the Black Student's Organization (BSO) program in the Bistro on Wed. The well attended event included biographical profiles of influential leaders in the move for civil rights, poetry readings and songs.

Who wants \$30,000?

Three undergraduate students are finalists for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship.

By DUSTIN BUEHLER
OPINIONS EDITOR

US President Harry Truman was famous for his White House desk sign, which proclaimed that "the buck stops here."

Three Willamette students hope the buck will stop on their desk, 30,000 bucks to be exact.

Last week the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation announced that three Willamette students had been named Truman Scholarship Finalists. The Truman Scholarship is a \$30,000 award for graduate study leading to a career in public service.

Juniors Courtney Gregoire, Maegan Lindsay and Theresa Squatrito are among 191 finalists selected from 130 colleges and universities around the nation.

They will soon attend regional interviews, at which 75-80 Truman Scholars will be elected.

"Everyone worked extremely hard," said Cherie Lenzen, assistant director for academic grants and awards.

"The process is a long one. It demands intellectual rigor, concentration and research."

Applicants for the Truman Scholarship are required to submit résumés, several short essays about their leadership and public service aspirations, a detailed policy proposal and three letters of recommendation.

"The Truman process is an extremely demanding

one," said senior Erik Van Hagen, a 1999 Truman Scholar. "It is perhaps the most difficult of all the scholarship processes."

Apparently, Gregoire, Lindsay and Squatrito were up to the challenge. Willamette is one of only a handful of universities with three finalists this year.

"It is an achievement that I never thought I would reach," Lindsay said. "I'm just looking forward to seeing what happens. I'm excited to be going to Denver."

Lindsay and Gregoire will fly to Denver on separate weekends in March for their interviews. Squatrito, who is currently studying in Paris, will attend an interview at Oxford University next Monday.

Regardless of the outcome of the selection process, the Truman finalists say that the process is invaluable.

"The Truman is designed with the best intentions—to reward those individuals

"It is perhaps the most difficult of all the scholarship processes."

ERIK VAN HAGEN
1999 TRUMAN SCHOLAR

prepared to dedicate their lives to public service," Gregoire said.

"Public service is the path I plan on taking, regardless of the results of my interview."

Lenzen agreed, noting that the process "helps clarify goals, directions and interests. It helps them identify their own strengths and weaknesses."

When asked why Willamette has been successful recently in the Truman competition, many students credit Lenzen.

"I am thankful for the tremendous amount of time Cherie Lenzen has invested in me and my application," Gregoire said.

"I'm also impressed by Lenzen's success record—six finalists in two years is a most impressive feat."

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TIUA students adjust to campus life

After the shock of being in a new country has worn off, what do our new neighbors think of their surroundings?

By CARMEN PETERS
STAFF WRITER

On Feb. 8, 73 Japanese students joined the Willamette community.

The TIUA students are either freshmen or sophomores and are excited to be here.

"When we first arrived, the first thing that I thought was, I wonder what the Willamette students will think of us," said Reiko Osaka.

The Willamette community has given her nothing to worry about with the welcoming activities all over campus.

Each of the dorms had a different get-to-know you activity within the first week of their arrival. Lausanne had a cookie decorating party. "I had a great time decorating cookies, and I met a lot of awesome TIUA students," said freshman Melissa Smith.

"My favorite part of America is the hunky boys and the cheap clothes," said Yuko Hasegawa. Although she loves the dorm life, Hasegawa also complained that the showers are "horrible."

"Every time I take a shower I wonder if I will have hot



Roommates Reiko Osaka and Carmen Peters enjoy each other's company.

water or cold water," said Hasegawa.

The students have a lot of cultural adjustments to make, the most significant

being the language gap. "We are doing our best to teach them the slang that they won't learn in class," Smith said with a smile.

With the help of their International Peer Counselors, the students have been escorted to all of the premiere spots in Salem, from Salem Center to Value Village to Lancaster Mall.

When asked what her favorite place was, Osaka laughed. "I don't know, maybe downtown." She has

only been here for two weeks, and already her words are dripping with sarcasm.

Tamami Ozawa is also not planning on spending all of her time in the Salem lime-light. "I want to travel all over," she exclaimed. The two most desirable destinations among this year's students are New York and Disneyland.

Ayako Hyakubu's goal for the year is "to learn to speak English well." With the help of Willamette students, this goal will be attained with ease.

"My favorite part of America is the hunky boys and the cheap clothes."

YUKO

HASEGAWA
TIUA STUDENT

Law students give back to the community

Willamette University Public Interest Law Project (WUPIP) is planning its annual charity auction, which will be held on Mar. 4.

By BELINDA STILLION
STAFF WRITER

Lawyers sometimes get a bad rap for being money hungry, relentless, and immoral. However, on Mar. 4, students at the College of Law hope to make over \$20,000 in an auction.

This effort shatters the greedy archetype, for the money will be raised to fund fellowships for law students who will work for public interest organizations.

Willamette University Public Interest Law Project (WUPIP) is

the student organization planning the event.

Since being established in 1992, WUPIP has aimed to serve clients from underrepresented groups.

"Access to justice should not be limited to only those who can afford it," says Co-Chair Paul Aubry.

With this grass-roots mission statement in mind, WUPIP spares no effort to plan an extravagant affair.

"The Auction is the best social event all year in this place," says Kathy Graham, College of Law Dean.

Themed "the Roaring '20s," the auction promises live music and exquisite food.

A hoard of contributions have already been donated for the

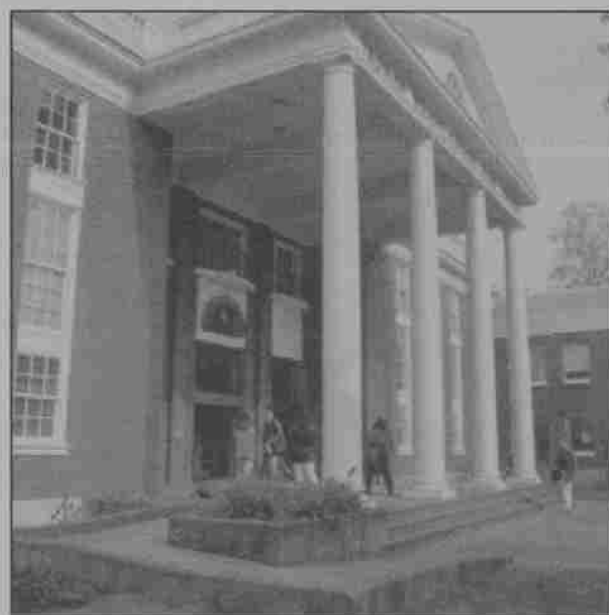
auction including items like faculty dinners and wine tasting packages. Dean Symeon Symeonides' authentic Greek cuisine is expected to go for one of the highest bids.

Shirley Gunter, Administrative Assistant, CDR, donated Blazer Tickets.

"Those kids put in a whole lot of hours to make the auction a success every year," she says.

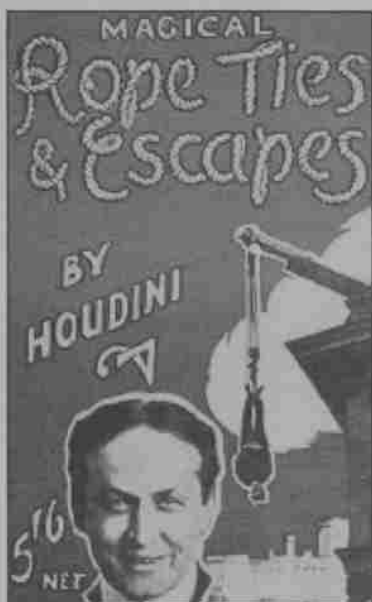
The WUPIP Auction as a social event and as a magnanimous gesture has grown so large that this year, it has been moved to the Cat Cavern.

Thus, on Mar. 4 at 6 pm, students and faculty will coalesce for the philanthropic affair, which according to Aubry, ultimately "allows students to pursue their passions and help others."



Law students are looking forward to this year's WUPIP charity auction, which will have a Roaring 20's theme.

Student plans underwater escape



Freshman Jason Rowton plans to make a daring escape in the Sparks pool.

"I'm not trying to be Houdini or anything," says Rowton. We'll see.

By DAVELEEN DEMARS
COPY EDITOR

Freshman Jason Rowton has been doing magic since he was ten, and on March 2 he is showcasing his talent at Smith Auditorium for all of Willamette to see.

Rowton discovered magic as most little kids discover anything - out of boredom.

"When we were younger, we used to take a lot of trips in the car," said Rowton. As a kid you get bored. So I bought a couple of trick decks and started playing around. It wasn't long before I realized I

could start making money from it."

Rowton began doing magic for profit at age 11. His first job was a show at a kid's birthday party. From there he progressed to business functions and then to full fledged magic and parlour shows.

Rowton wanted to do a full stage show in April, but because of scheduling problems March 2 was the only date that he could get. The show highlights will include: A packing box, cutting someone in half, comical straight-jacket routine, linking rings, and a magical serenade for some lucky girl in the audience.

The night will conclude with a grand finale of an

underwater escape at Sparks Center. Most magicians performing underwater escapes take a year or more to train, but this daredevil decided just four weeks before the show he was going to do it, and began training on Tuesday.

"Yesterday [Tuesday] was not a good sign. I had some troubles," Rowton confessed. "I hope to get out in 30 seconds or less. Anything after that I could be in trouble."

In preparation for trouble, WEMS will be on hand as well as several people in the water to watch for any sign of difficulties.

"It is just another challenge in magic to me," said Rowton. "This is a once in the

lifetime thing."

Sound crazy? That is what his parents thought. "Initially they thought I was nuts," said Rowton. "My dad has always been against escape, he thinks it's bad magic. But I walked them through what was going on in my mind and they are at ease."

Rowton's mother and possibly his father will be in Sparks with the rest of Willamette to watch his escape.

When asked what he expects, he simply said, "We will just have to see what happens."

Mark your calendars for the Magic Show: Mar. 2, Smith Auditorium 7:00-9:00 pm. Underwater Escape: 9:30.

Save the world during Spring Break!

Students are invited to participate in Alternative Break trips to either San Francisco or Vancouver, B.C.

By SAM HENDERSON
STAFF WRITER

If you are looking for a way to spend your spring break this year that does not entail consuming copious amounts of booze and blowing all your

dough, the Community Outreach Program has a vacation fit for you.

This year, the Alternative Break will be hosting trips to Vancouver B.C. and San Francisco the week of spring break, March 18 to the 25, where participants will lend a much needed hand in alleviating the effects of poverty and disease.

In San Francisco, HIV and AIDS will be the focus of the group's efforts.

Participants will help with

the Names Project, a national AIDS memorial which came to Willamette a few years back, and will also participate in other AIDS related relief efforts.

Vancouver trip participants will help out in food banks and homeless shelters in the downtown area.

Although it is widely touted as one of the most beautiful and exciting cities on the continent, some areas of downtown Vancouver are horribly impoverished, and

there will certainly be no lack of need or recognition for those who come to help.

The bare bones price for the week is \$125, which will cover room and all the granola and pasta you can eat. Additional expenses are out of one's own pocket.

Both trips are student led, but those interested can contact Jessica Glenn at <jglenn> for further information.

Glenn wants students to seriously consider doing something different for their

break.

"It is an opportunity to do something real, an opportunity to explore important social issues while being involved in the community in a meaningful way," says Glenn.

Registration opens today in the community outreach center on the second floor of the U.C.

Applications are on a first come, first served basis.

A \$25 deposit is required at registration.

Race: students tell their stories

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would be out of here if I did. We are paying too much to put up with that."

According to Rich Shintaku, Director of Multicultural Affairs, "The climate at Willamette is cold. There isn't overt racism, where people are called 'niggers,' but minorities do not feel accepted or welcomed."

Said sophomore Barry Ford, "I experience harassment everyday and I am told I have an anger management problem and am sent to a \$50 anger management class. Why shouldn't I have anger? I'm not going to deny it. I've had this all my life."

One, wishing to remain anonymous, talked about one of her initial reactions to the racial makeup at Willamette.

"One of my first days of class, I don't even remember what class I was in because I was so scared, but everyone but me had blonde hair and blue eyes. It made me realize I was different. It made me feel like I didn't belong. I wasn't concentrating. It consumed my entire day."

The anonymous student, who is of Chinese and Korean descent, said, "I can't even count the amount of times that I've been mistaken for a TIUA student, even after a bunch of conversations with people. I can understand that most people can't tell the difference between the Asian cultures physically, but their stereotypes were so strong that they weren't able to over-

look them."

Besides the feelings of discomfort and memories of insensitivity, minority students also cite concrete examples of times when they feel that they have been discriminated against.

Sanchez feels often others are intimidated by minority students and as a result they are not treated fairly.

Sanchez cites an incident during an intramural basketball game in which a fight broke out. Players from both teams were suspended, but Sanchez felt that no effort was made to understand the situation. "They didn't even hear us," said Sanchez.

Remembers Ford, "On my second day at Willamette (fall of '98), I was walking back from Kaneko to campus with three other friends -- all of us are African Americans.

"We were on the sky bridge and a campus safety officer was in the Sparks parking lot in her car. She rolled down the window and started yelling to us and shining a flashlight on us.

"She was stopping us for no apparent reason. We were wearing shorts and t-shirts, so it wasn't even like we were wearing gang apparel. We went over to her car and she requested our ID. We gave it to her and she called for back

up. Another officer came. They both shone their flashlights on us and pulled out mace. One of us asked her what the problem was and what [we] had done.

"I never got a report on the incident, but apparently it said that all of us had intimidated her by cussing at her,

Gaines [former Assistant Director of Admissions].

"I am still harassed by that officer and I am still asked about that incident by people who hear of it. The officer is still working and I got punished for the incident. I know for a fact, and I am not going to mention names, but others have been harassed too."

"Everyone on this campus has been blessed, so let's act like it. Why have hatred in you?"

BARRY FORD
SOPHOMORE



"People have experienced more prejudice than racism at Willamette. There is a fine line between the two."

ALEXIS TOMPKINS
SOPHOMORE



spitting, touching her, etc. . . I was playing football at the time and was suspended for my first two games because of the incident. One of my friends transferred after that. I felt that no one was in my corner except for the BSO, Rich Shintaku, and George

iversity needs to send a message that we don't tolerate such acts and that we need to respond as a community."

Senior David Lizoala can relate to Ford's experiences.

"Last spring I parked in front of Sparks, and when I came out, there was a cam-

pus safety officer writing me a ticket. When he came up and started talking to me, he said he'd let me slide. And then he saw my California license plate.

"He asked me which part of California I was from, and I told him Salinas. Then he looked at me, and in all seriousness asked, 'Why don't you go back there and pick some lettuce?'"

"I wanted to hit him, but I just walked away. I was raging the whole weekend. I talked to Rich [Shintaku]. I wanted to see disciplinary action, but the officer just got a slap on the wrist. He was forced to write me a letter of apology."

"How come he wasn't suspended? Why wasn't this broadcast?" Lizoala asked.

Ross Stout's interpretation of the comment was very different. He did not believe the offense to be too serious.

"Certainly, the comment was inappropriate, but it was not meant to be racial. The officer saw that the student was from that part of California, and said it without taking race into consideration.

"That area of the country produces a huge agricultural crop. It was a geographical comment, not a racial comment," said Stout.

Putting he and his friends' experiences aside, Ford eloquently ended his discussion. "I'm blessed. Everyone on this campus has been blessed, so let's act like it. Why have hatred in you?"

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Should the US government pressure South Carolina to remove the Confederate flag from its State Capitol?

Editorials

Great expectations

Vice President of the Executive Hank Nothhaft has many challenges before him as he assumes office.

This week, the Associated Students of Willamette University announced that junior Henry "Hank" Nothhaft, Jr. will fill the vacant Vice President of the Executive position.

ASWU should be commended for naming a candidate that brings a wide variety of talent and skills to his position. Nothhaft has served the Willamette campus in many roles, including stints as IFC Risk Management Officer and as a Resident Assistant for Doney Hall.

Additionally, Nothhaft has experience with computers and the internet.

He interned with a large California-based e-business service provider. No doubt these skills will be useful as Nothhaft assumes his duties as overseer of ASWU's website.

It is important to realize that because Nothhaft's abilities fit nicely with his position, this creates high expectations for his performance over the next few months.

We hope Nothhaft will use his skills to reach out to students and other members of

the Willamette community. There are several challenges which he is faced with now that he has assumed the Vice Presidency.

First and foremost, we hope that Nothhaft will breathe new life into ASWU News, the electronic newsletter that serves as a weekly ASWU update for students, faculty and staff.

This year only two issues of ASWU News have been sent out by the organization. Hopefully Nothhaft's energy and computer savvy will lead to a revitalization of this important means of communication.

Perhaps more importantly, Nothhaft has the challenge of finding new and creative ways to reach out to students.

As the voice of the student body, ASWU has a responsibility to seek the opinions and concerns of others. It also has the onus to provide campus leadership.

If Nothhaft can accomplish these goals, as well as other items on his agenda within the short time he is in office, the Willamette community will be in his debt.

So long to Sumner

After he leaves Willamette in June, Vice President of Enrollment Jim Sumner will be missed.

For years Jim Sumner and Willamette Admissions have been virtually synonymous. In the eyes of many members of the Willamette community, Sumner isn't just vice president of enrollment. He is a Willamette institution in and of himself.

This will soon change. Recently Sumner announced that he will leave Willamette this June to take a position at Grinnell College in Iowa as Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Sumner first came to Willamette in 1974. He was appointed vice president of enrollment after stints as the assistant to the president and director of university relations.

"This has been surprising to many because I have been here for such a long time," Sumner said.

For many students, staff and faculty, "surprising" does not adequately address their

feelings. Sumner has done amazing things while at the helm of the Willamette Admissions Office. The Willamette community will miss his contributions.

In many respects, this year's freshmen class marks one of Sumner's greatest triumphs: increasing diversity on a largely homogeneous campus.

The class of 2003 includes 77 students of color, representing 17.7% of the total number of freshmen. From 1993 to 1997, the number of minority students averaged just over 10% of entering freshmen.

Granted, Sumner is not solely responsible for this increase. However, his tireless efforts and commitment to diversity certainly helped a great deal.

As Sumner heads to Iowa, our campus owes him a debt of gratitude. His contribution to Willamette will be missed.



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Letters: Readers speak up

Story did not include all views

To the Editor:

This morning I picked up the latest edition of the *Collegian*. On the second page, I encountered Jeff Golimowski's article following up on Black Tie ("Black Tie deemed a success by many," Feb. 17).

I was shocked and disappointed at his portrayal of both the event and student opinion surrounding it.

The article gave the impression that Black Tie was a lackluster event and that students deeply resented paying five dollars to attend.

The article also ignored comments by students that opposed this point of view. Mr. Golimowski interviewed a friend and I for this article. In general, we answered that we had had a great time, and were aware ahead of time that between two and three of the five dollars we spent would go to the charity.

Upon reading the article, I

found that none of our responses were mentioned.

The article left the student body with a false impression of student opinions regarding Black Tie, and worse yet, did it under the guise of reporting news.

JENNIFER M. ALLEN
Sophomore

'Tobin's Take' should use language carefully

To the Editor:

I take exception to the seemingly off-color rant in Tobin Addington's recent review of *Snow Falling on Cedars* ("Falling on deaf ears," Feb. 17). I feel for Tobin's inability to thoroughly enjoy a film, as all of us have probably experienced similar distractions at the theater.

Yet, I cannot understand how it could possibly be necessary to illustrate your point by explaining it was "loud Spanish." Perhaps another language would have been less offensive or intrusive to you? Wouldn't it suffice to say that the conversation was loud and leave it at that?

The real race issues a minority student deals with are simple encounters and insensitive comments such as the one in Tobin's review. They remind a minority that all the increased statistics, all the speakers, and all the events do little to comfort a person who is made to feel incensed, degraded, or belit-

led by the brash comments of an educated person who should know better and the editorial staff who overlooked this egregious error.

MATTHEW FITZGERALD
College of Law '02

Now is the time

To the Editor:

Both Democrats and Republicans are in a death struggle for the presidency. They want the advantage of answering voters' wishes.

Both parties know the wealthy have money which they need but they know the poor and the middle class have the votes. If we get off our duff and get involved, we can affect policies.

Politicians are targeting older people because they know they vote more than the young. The younger generation, who have been turned off of politics, need to become involved.

Doing something for our country is an obligation for all of us. If not ourselves, do it for our children.

Are we to continue global trade scams, mega-mergers, biotech insanity, campaign finance corruption, as well as a multitude of local issues that lie on the table? Are we a people's country or a money country?

When more people watch the Super Bowl than vote on the coming election, is this democracy in action?

GEORGE GORDON
Monmouth

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The Weekly Wullabaloo Symposium

Presented by the Willamette University Philomathean Society,
the oldest debating society in the West

This week's question: Should we lift the Cuban embargo?

YES



Una Kimokeo-Goes

Though far from being the lone example, the US has unjustly played God to a small communist nation for nearly 40 years. While creating unnecessary suffering to the people who it is theoretically acting for, the Cuban embargo has continued to fail.

To suppose that the United States is attempting to help the citizens of Cuba is ridiculous. Our original interest in that nation was purely based on our economic greed for their sugar. Over the years, the embargo has become a complex issue as the US has been too afraid to admit that it is wrong.

However, our defeat has not come from a lack of try-

ing. Over the years we have become creative in our attacks on Cuba, including poisoning sugar crops, infecting animals and bombing an airplane in 1976, killing 73 people including the entire Cuban championship fencing team.

These are merely the direct attacks. Today what threatens the nation most is the lack of adequate medical supplies. Through corporate mergers and US intimidation, the embargo has made medical supplies nearly impossible to attain.

Add to this the fact that basic food staples are increasingly expensive to import (powdered milk costs more than six times as much to ship from New Zealand, a country that trades with Cuba, than it does from Miami).

In the end, the US has maintained a policy which continues to have no direct effect on the dictator who it is supposedly aimed at. However, it continues to destroy the lives of the citizens.

The rest of the world seems to have realized how fruitless and cruel the

embargo has become. In a vote of the United Nations, 118 countries believed the US should lift it, and two (the US and Somalia) supported the status quo.

By ignoring the interest of the global community, the US attains what it wanted to avoid—being seen as weak. It isn't difficult to bully a smaller country, but when this bullying is being conducted for the wrong reasons and is ineffective, it becomes a travesty.

Maybe—just maybe—we could have been justified when there was the threat of cold war with the USSR. But this excuse is gone now.

So the question remains: why maintain this embargo which continues to be futile in its attempts to topple Castro, and is only successful in threatening the lives of the Cuban people? Why do we maintain a policy that forces thousands of Cubans to illegally risk their lives cramming on rafts in hopes of reaching Florida soil?

Sadly there is no answer.

Una Kimokeo-Goes is a freshman humanities major from Ashland, Ore.

NO



Ben Krupicka

John E. Kennedy, in his inaugural address in 1961, defined United States foreign policy when he remarked, "We shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

There are forces of oppression and injustice still present in today's world and the United States must be persistent and not back down from its stances against the forces of tyranny.

There are two reasons why the U.S. should continue enforcing the embargo on Cuba: first, the Cuban government is the cause of Cuba's problems, not the embargo, and second, lifting the embargo on Cuba would be detrimental to the Cuban people and counterproductive to American foreign policy goals.

It is not the US embargo, but rather the Cuban government that is the cause of the economic and health problems in Cuba. The real cause of Cuba's impoverishment is Castro's regime, for the money that is given to the

government for distribution among the people is not getting to them, but instead is being kept by corrupt and greedy government officials.

Also, the embargo does not stop humanitarian aid from entering Cuba. The reason for the poor health conditions in Cuba at this time is not that the embargo stops medicine from entering Cuba, but because Castro is seizing the medical supplies and blaming the lack of medicine on the US.

Finally, lifting the Cuban embargo would wreak havoc on Cuba and contradict everything America is trying to promote in Cuba, like human rights. For some reason people think that if the embargo was lifted then all this business and money would flood into Cuba and automatically the Cuban people would overthrow Castro and establish democracy. This is not likely.

Instead, multi-national corporations would run into Cuba, exploit the workers, rape the Cuban environment (which under the socialist regime has been protected better than the environment in the US), and virtually impose their will on the Cuban people.

The drastic action of lifting the embargo would cause a tremendous rift in Cuba that would surely result in exploitation of the Cuban people and land while strengthening Castro's grip on the government.

Let us not forget that all the money coming into Cuba

post-embargo would first go to Castro's regime because of socialism. The United States needs to keep the embargo and wait until Castro is gone, while at the same time increasing diplomacy between our people, like we've seen over the past two years. This is the way we can promote democracy abroad.

Lifting the embargo would only make slaves of the Cuban people and fatten the pockets of Fidel Castro and his regime.

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Off the concrete path

Willamette students, come out of your rooms. Step out of the darkness. Stray off the concrete paths. Follow your ears to pleasant sounds.



IN MY OPINION

Andrea Gray

It's okay. You can take a break.

I sat in the Bistro at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday and ate lunch while listening to a live band.

That's right, a live band: a singer, guitars, drums, music and culture.

It was a gorgeous, sunny day, and the doors of the Bistro were thrown open like weary winter eyes finally open to the possibility of spring, music and sandals.

Couches were pushed outside and the usual, laid-back atmosphere of the only student hang-out on campus was still there.

It's always there.

But I'm not just writing about the Bistro. You all know where it is and if you haven't chosen to go there yet then you are missing out.

I'm writing about the countless "liberal arts" students who refuse to take advantage of the programming that Willamette has to offer.

I know many don't, because as I sat in the Bistro listening to a live band with 20 other students (the same students who are there every day), the other 1,000 students walked past on the clean concrete paths glancing nervously, gazing confusedly, or staring ignorantly into the Bistro and what was taking place there.

But they did not come in. Granted, there are not live bands in the Bistro every day at noon. Willamette students are creatures of habit and we like the routine.

But the unique nature of

Wednesday's performance should have been just the thing to pull students in, over the threshold—into a place with art on the walls, non-plastic

chairs, plants with names, friendly workers and a live band.

Although I'll admit that I was once a self-proclaimed Willamette bubble-hater hermit type, I have learned that it may only take five minutes of music, good conversation, or bare feet in the grass to make me feel like there is something beyond my classroom education, something truly valid in the that whole "liberal arts" label.

It just takes a little energy to step out of the mold

"It just takes a little energy to step out of the mold and become a part of a human community, not just an academic one."

to become a part of a human community, not just the academic one.

We all need to take a walk outside of our type-A personalities for a while. Willamette doesn't require us to get sick because of too much responsibility or refusing to relax and appreciate the culture that we live in.

We choose that.

We do have opportunities here at Willamette.

There is a community rich with diversity and culture, and though it seems almost too small to be consequential, it is still there.

And as we pay hard-earned money to be here, we should take full advantage of all the opportunities available.

It's a small campus. You don't have to look far; you just have to walk through the door, follow your ears and step off the paths.

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'And the nominees are . . .'

By TOBIN ADDINGTON
STAFF WRITER

It's Oscar time! And from now until the evening the Academy Awards are telecast, questions, controversies, and political intrigue will surround Hollywood's most publicly prestigious awards show and grace the pages of just about every publication.

It is incredibly difficult for film critics to resist writing about this season: the nominees, the winners, and the excitement—even if we may not agree with the overly competitive, highly political popularity contest within the show. That said, Oscar season is one of my favorite times of the year.

This is not because of who wins or who loses, but because it is a chance to look over the last year in film and recognize outstanding achievement—even if that recognition comes in the form of articles like this because the Academy has not seen fit to do so itself. It is a chance to think back to all those magical moments we've had at the movies this year. So, without further ado, on to the nominees.

Best Actor

Here's a category with an actual surprise this year. Sean Penn's nomination for Woody Allen's *The Sweet and Lowdown* came out of the blue. Also nominated are Richard Farnsworth (*The Straight Story*) and Denzel Washington (*The Hurricane*) who delivered excellent performances under acclaimed directors as well. My money,



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Denzel Washington was nominated for Best Actor this year for his role in *The Hurricane*.

though, is on Kevin Spacey, whose fantastically dead-pan performance in *American Beauty* stands out among a flawless cast. *The Insider's* Russell Crowe has been better in every movie he has ever made, and should never have been in this one ... but I'll get to that later.

Best Actress

This one's up for grabs. Although Annette Bening's (*American Beauty*) career-resurrecting performance is certainly worthy of a statuette, so are most of the others. There's Julianne Moore's (who should have won for *Boogie Nights*) emotional adulteress in *The End of the Affair*, Hilary Swank's one-of-a-kind performance in *Boys*

formance.

Best Supporting Actress

As usual, this category is nearly impossible to predict. Angelina Jolie's flashy turn in *Girl, Interrupted*, and Toni Collette's surprise nod for *The Sixth Sense* come from the most mainstream films. Catherine Keener's role in *Being John Malkovich* and Chloe Sevigny's turn in *Boys Don't Cry* both deal with gender-bending sexuality—and could bring home an award. Samantha Morton's mute character in *The Sweet and Lowdown* is a long shot, but the no-lines angle worked for Holly Hunter (Best Actress Award winner for *The Piano*).

Best Director

I'd place my bets on



DREAMWORKS

Kevin Spacey's Best Actor nomination gives *American Beauty* the edge with eight total nominations.



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The Green Mile was nominated for four Academy awards, including Best Picture.

Don't Cry. Brit Janet McTeer (*Tumbleweeds*) American feature debut, and near-annual nominee Meryl Streep's nod for her role in Wes Craven's *Music of the Heart*.

Best Supporting Actor

Two of my favorite performances of the year received nods in this category. Tom Cruise (*Magnolia*) who strutted his stuff like never before in an unbelievably aggressive role, and Jude Law (*The Talented Mr. Ripley*) who brought to sensuous life an ultimate object of desire. Last year's winner Michael Caine (*The Cider House Rules*) and *The Sixth Sense's* breakout performer Haley Joel Osment play both ends of the age spectrum, and Michael Clarke Duncan rounds out the list with his soft-hearted giant in *The Green Mile*.

I'd bet on Cruise, but that might have more to do with admiration for his gutsy per-

formance. *American Beauty's* Sam Mendes. The brilliant script and superb performances had to be coordinated and realized by someone, and the credit goes to Mendes.

The masterfully gentle direction of *The Cider House Rules* may be too underplayed for Lasse Halstrom to win, and the equally masterful over-the-topness of *Being John Malkovich* might hurt Spike Jonze's chances. M. Night Shyamalan created creepy moments in *The Sixth Sense*, but Best Director? Michael Mann helmed the dreadful *The Insider* and should be kicked out of the guild rather than nominated for an Oscar.

Best Picture

Where the heck did these come from? With the exception of the obvious favorite *American Beauty* and the runner-up *The Cider House Rules*, what was the Academy think-

ing? Sure, *The Sixth Sense* was a good movie, but Best Picture? Come on! In a year as good as this? I see *The Green Mile's* nod as a way of making up for the relative snubbing of Frank Darabont's previous film *The Shawshank Redemption*. And then, the atrocious *The Insider*.

Rarely has a film so sluggish, so pretentious, so misogynistic found its way to a Best Picture nomination. It will be all I can do to hold down my dinner on Oscar night while they make us sit through clips of this. At least none of it matters because *American Beauty* is going to win—as it should.

What was left out

Here are some possible substitutions for the last three Best Picture nominations: *October Sky*, *The Winslow Boy*, *Election*, *Limbo*, *Eyes Wide Shut*, *The Limey*, *Toy Story 2*, *Felicia's Journey*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *Magnolia*, *Cradle Will Rock*, and *The End of the Affair*.

In the Best Actress category, where is Reese Witherspoon's (*Election*) nod? Or Glenn Close (*Cookie's Fortune*)? What about Nicole Kidman, too quickly dismissed for her turn in *Eyes Wide Shut*?

A number of this year's films showcased magnificent direction but failed to net Best Director nominations. Among them are *Magnolia*, *The End of the Affair*, *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, *October Sky*, *Election*, and *Limbo*.

And where is Scorsese's nod for *Bringing Out the Dead*?

Or Nicolas Cage's for the same? The only things at all redeeming about *The Insider* were the performances by Al Pacino and Christopher Plummer, both snubbed. And two of the biggest over-



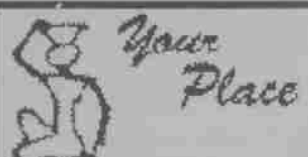
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Reese Witherspoon was not recognized for her standout performance in *Election*.

sights this year include the ultimately unglamorous Cameron Diaz in *Being John Malkovich*, and the unusually dramatic Jim Carrey in *Man on the Moon*.

This year, unlike most, the infuriation comes from what was nominated—for Best Picture anyway—rather than from what wasn't. Don't you just love the Oscars?

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Men's team clinches spot in the conference playoffs

By COURTNEY GREGOIRE
STAFF WRITER

The Willamette men's basketball team spent a good amount of time on the road this past weekend. The Bearcats traveled to Tacoma, Wash. for a Friday night match against the University of Puget Sound, then returned to McMinnville on Saturday to take on Linfield College.

The Bearcats entered the weekend still fighting for a playoff berth. Friday, in Tacoma, the Bearcats took on the UPS Loggers in a tough-fought, low-scoring game. Head Coach Gordie James commented, "Neither team shot very well but Willamette did play well defensively."

The Bearcats headed into the locker room at the close of



FOREST NOBIS

Senior Jason Downey shoots for two in a game against Pacific Lutheran earlier this season.

the first half with a three point lead. Willamette's shooting, however, went cold in the second half as the Bearcats shot only 27% from the field.

The Loggers capitalized on

the Bearcat shooting slump and finished out the second-half strong. The match closed with a 55-53 Willamette loss.

Senior Jason Downey had a solid all-around performance with 14 points and 10

rebounds. Freshman Cogan McCarthy stepped up and added 10 points for the Bearcats. James said, "McCarthy has been showing steady progress throughout the season and it came through Friday night."

Saturday night, the Bearcats returned to Oregon to take on Linfield. At the half, Willamette headed into the locker room ahead by four points. James commented, "Saturday was our best all-around game of the season."

In the second half Willamette continued to build their lead. "The men stepped up big at the right time, and earned themselves a playoff berth. They displayed exceptional team defense and really played well down the stretch," said James. In the last two minutes, the

Bearcats hit eight straight clutch free throws to ice the game at 81 to 69.

Five Bearcats finished in the double digits. Junior Kip Ioane led the Bearcats in scoring with 14 points and freshman Ryan Hepp added 13. Junior Matt Zosel pulled down 11 boards for Willamette.

The Bearcats will take on Lewis and Clark in Portland on Wednesday night in the first round of the NWC playoffs. The winner of the Wednesday night match will face the winner of Pacific and Linfield on Saturday, Feb. 26. The team is excited about their playoff berth. Downey said, "After four long years, it is great to be heading into the post season. We have worked hard for this."

Swim team finishes season

Three school records fell over the weekend.

By SHANNAH FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

Whether it was the freshly shaved heads, legs, and arms, or simply adrenaline, the Willamette swim teams flew through the Linfield pool at the NWC Championships, shattering school and personal records along the way.

The men finished fourth in the conference, while the women took sixth.

"Skip [Kenitzer] and I can't help but be pleased when we have a total team effort," said Head Coach Al Stephenson.

"We finished where we expected, in the middle of the pack, but we showed some great promise."

Freshman Brady Childs broke three school records at the meet and qualified for Nationals. In the 500-Freestyle Childs broke the previous school record of 4:44.6 in the preliminaries (4:40) and then proceeded to top his own record in the finals with a swim of 4:35. Although the time only

placed him second at the meet, it automatically qualified him for Nationals.

Childs also broke the school record in the 400-Individual Medley and the 200-Butterfly. He finished first in the 400-IM and the 200-Free and his time in the 200-Fly was a strong qualifying time for Nationals. He will compete at the national meet March 17-19 at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Seniors Brian Frazzini, A.J. Cahn, Jamey Dennis, Justin Hopkins, and Aaron Parker, swam in the final meet of their college careers.

"The seniors did a super job. As a group they swam well and provided a lot of leadership throughout the season," Stephenson said.

Frazzini performed well in the 100-Breaststroke, and Cahn swam a personal best in the 200-Backstroke.

Stephenson also said seniors Marissa Axell and Lindsay Zettel completed their college swimming careers with excellent performances.

"Marissa swam the 200 Fly and was a key part of the relays," Stephenson said.

"Lindsay competed with only a little training."

Willamette's younger swimmers also contributed to the overall team results. Junior Kari Peterson swam well in the backstroke. Stephenson also praised freshmen Rochelle Kibby and Janice Belknap. Kibby set a personal record in all three of her events.

Freshman Amy Hoang also performed well for the women's team.

"Amy will be a real horse in the future. She gained a lot of confidence and learned to be competitive, to challenge herself and others," Stephenson said.

Other freshman who Stephenson said performed well include B.J. Wright, Bryan Ruttkay, and Alex Fiksdahl.

"B.J. Wright got second in the 50-Free and swam a PR [personal record], swam another PR in the 100-Free, and performed well in the 100-Back. Bryan [Ruttkay] swam the 200-Fly and 100-Fly and we are looking forward to seeing some good things out of Bryan next year," Stephenson said of the two freshman.

Women's team falls to Linfield in overtime

By CANNON GREEN
STAFF WRITER

With a disappointing 12-11 record and only one weekend left this season, the women's basketball team returned from this weekend with dashed hopes.

Friday night, they lost for the second time this season to University of Puget Sound, 62-51 and on Saturday night, they lost in overtime to Linfield, 75-72.

"UPS was a very disappointing and frustrating trip," said Head Coach Paula Petrie. "Nothing went right on Friday night. We were in trouble from the moment we left campus... We did not prepare mentally for the game and it was very evident on the court," said Petrie.

"The only way a loss to UPS can be prevented next year is if the team has its mind set to win the game and not merely go through the motions," said Petrie.

Senior Jamie Davis was the only Bearcat to score in double figures with 11 points. Junior Heather Ludwig, how-

ever, did pick up 12 boards for the Bearcats. The Bearcat women shot just 30 percent from the field and were 0-5 from the three-point line in the first half.

Before Saturday's game, senior Katie Edmonds brought the team together for a talk intended to get the team back on track for the game against Linfield.

"Edmonds and Jamie Davis [both seniors] were the true leaders that night because it was their last away game and they wanted to win," said Petrie. Edmonds contributed 11 points and Davis added nine. Junior Ryan Sanderson chipped in with another 11 points for the Bearcats. Ludwig had a double-double with 14 points and 15 rebounds.

The team is aiming to finish the season 14-11, "which sounds a lot better than 13-12 and a whole lot better than 12-13," said Petrie. The women finish the season this weekend at home against Whitworth and Whitman. Both games have been moved from 6 pm to 7 pm, in the

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Nothhaft selected VP, looks to stabilize office

By DAVELEEN DEMARS
COPY EDITOR

Monday ASWU announced Henry "Hank" Nothhaft, Jr., a junior Business Economics and History double major from Saratoga, Calif., has been appointed as the new Vice President of the Executive. Nothhaft was selected from a pool of candidates by Executive Officers last week to fill the vacant position left by Adam Dines.

Nothhaft looks forward to his new role at Willamette. "Receiving this position is a great honor and I look forward to serving the students of Willamette University," said Nothhaft.

Nothhaft brings with him an impressive list of qualifications and skills.

His experience includes both internships and placements with a large California-based e-business service provider.

In addition, Nothhaft is an active member of campus serving in varying capacities such as IFC Risk Management Officer and Doney Hall Resident Assistant.

Nothhaft believes he brings "experience and stability" to the office. "I've got a fairly extensive and diverse

work history for an undergrad, most of my past experiences lend themselves in some way to this position," said Nothhaft. "In that sense, adapting to the job and becoming a functioning member of the executive team shouldn't take very long, nor prove too difficult."

Becoming VP this late in the year changes the focus and goals of the position.

"Stepping into office this late in the year adds a degree of difficulty to my job," said Nothhaft. "The office has had a rough year already as far as this position is concerned, so my intentions do not revolve

around me becoming a high profile member of the team. I've centered my goals for the remainder of the semester on consistency, stability, and productivity."

Nothhaft is focusing on the near future and getting "the feel" of the office.

"Due to the circumstances of my appointment, it will be necessary for me to feel my way around the position a bit before I start taking on larger projects. My first tasks will be to bring the ASWU website up to date and publish the ASWU news, as neither have been updated since late October."



CARINNA TARVIN

Hank Nothhaft is looking to increase the efficiency of his office as well as deal with technology issues.

Presidential Scholarship offers one semester free

By JEFF GOLIMOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Two members of this year's junior class may get a free semester of college next fall if they are selected as the first participants in the Presidential Senior Scholars Program.

The Academic Grants and Awards office is now requesting applications for President Pelton's new research initiative.

Pelton introduced the new program in his State of the University Address last October. The Presidential Senior Scholars Program is designed to give students the opportunity to complete a major research study or creative project during their senior year. For the inaugural year of the program, up to two scholars may be selected, although the committee can choose not to select any students if no applicant meets the strict criteria of the Program.

Applicants must submit a three-page proposal outlining their proposed area of research in addition to their major, G.P.A., and other personal information. After submitting all necessary materials and obtaining a

faculty advisor for the project (who must also submit a letter of support for the project), applicants will be evaluated on the basis of their academic record of achievement, intellectual caliber, and independence of character.

Projects within the student's major are encouraged, although projects, which extend upon the core subjects of a student's area of concentration, will also be considered.

Virtually all juniors are eligible for selection as Presidential Scholars (only those who have received Carson or Murdoch grants for their senior year are ineligible) and are encouraged to apply.

Successful applicants will receive a full semester's tuition, which may be used at Willamette or as a graduate fellowship. Selected scholars will also receive a \$2,500 personal stipend to facilitate research in the summer preceding the student's senior year.

For more information, students are encouraged to contact the Office of Academic Grants and Awards on the third floor of Waller Hall.

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