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Willamette In-Depth

UC Commons to be Recommended Feb. 24

by Curt Kipp

The President's Food Service Committee shared its recommendation for a \$4 1/2 million conversion of Putnam University Center into a student union building, to include a dining commons, with about 15 student representatives at the second Food Service Forum last Wednesday afternoon in the Alumni Lounge.

The Committee will present its recommendation to the Board of Trustees on February 24 at 11:00 a.m. The Trustees, at their discretion, may or may not take action on the proposal that day. "Will they or won't they take any action? That's the real question," said Frank Meyer, Vice President for Student Affairs, who served on the committee.

The proposal will call for a two-story expansion of the current University Center on three sides, along with a significant renovation of the rest of the building. The dining commons would occupy the second floor and feature a servery concept, including different stations for different kinds of food. "This is the option most likely to improve food quality the most," stated Henry Hewitt, committee chairman and Board of Trustees member.

Under this option, choices in meal plans would become available, and the facility would be open for longer hours than the current satellite dining rooms.

Predictions of how students would respond to the recommendation varied. "I think most students do not understand this issue," stated Martin Taylor, ASWU

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Snowstorm Shuts Down Willamette

by Missy Swenson

For the second year in a row, Willamette was shut down due to poor weather conditions. Snow closed classes and left many of the administrative departments with little or no staff.

President Jerry Hudson notified Ross Stout, head of Campus Safety of his decision to close school, after 7:00 Thursday morning. The decision was based on weather reports, the current conditions and the safety of the roads. A special concern was if faculty and off-campus students could get to school with a minimum of danger.

"It's just not worth it," said Stout of the risk involved, calling the closing a "good decision."

Students were notified through their Resident Directors, and not all of them were happy with the decision.

"I think it's ridiculous that Willamette closes the entire school on the basis of a couple inches of snow," commented student Karl Stüchel.

Some facilities did remain open, such as the library, and activities planned in advance, including the job fair for the State of Oregon, a lecture at the law school, and a discussion on abortion rights.



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Quinn Speaks to WU for Atkinson Series

by Kevin Grossman

Introduced by President Hudson as having graduated Magna Cum Laude from Middlebury College in Vermont, won several awards including an Emmy, in her field, and appeared regularly in Newsweek, Women's Day, and newspapers all over the United States, Journalist/Economist Jane Bryant Quinn made her debut at Willamette University on Monday night as the second speaker in the Atkinson Lecture Series.

Quinn gave her talk on a wide variety of economics-related subjects, ranging from the opening of Eastern Europe to personal finance. Although she had a little trouble pronouncing "Oregon," she got past that obstacle and gave a very informative talk to which she added a little spice by peppering her speech with several amusing anecdotes.

About the current period of change in Eastern Europe, Quinn called it an

"especially fascinating time for our country." She said that the leaders of all countries at this point in time should be viewed as transitional figures, leading their countries toward new political and economic futures that we can only guess at right now.

"Anyone who is not confused [about the conditions in Europe] is simply not thinking," she said.

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Willamette Whiteness Repels Minorities **Collegian**

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The big dump arrived this week, leaving campus covered in white. This really isn't much of a change. Willamette University is famous for being white.

According to our catalog, Willamette attempts to provide an environment

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where students can "develop personal values and interests in an atmosphere of spiritual, racial, ethnic, and cultural freedom." Ideally, four years of college should help us evolve

into socially-conscious citizens. How can this happen on a campus that in no way reflects the real world? We have isolated ourselves from the racial and ethnic groups that populate the rest of the country.

The reason for the lack of minority students is clear. They do not want to come here. Minorities need to feel wanted on this campus. Wanted as individuals, not as quota-fillers. This goes beyond the student body. It's hard for Admissions to convince potential minority students that they will feel comfortable on campus when the professors and administrators are all white. Willamette repels people who aren't white. Does this embarrass anybody?

Sure, we have all kinds of cultural

organizations on campus. These groups need more numbers in order to have any effect on White Willamette. But minority students don't want to be here without other minority students. It's a vicious circle that we are ridiculously far from breaking.

Many people are concerned with this problem, but it's not enough. Reevaluate what kind of university you want this to be, a diverse community or an ivory tower. When you have successfully sweated through four years of college, you should have learned about more than nuclear fission and Watergate. You should have learned that there are other cultures besides your own. You should have learned that this world functions because of other cultures, not in spite of them.

Willamette Errs Ethically and Ethnocentrically

I'm a white male. This confession shouldn't shock anybody. In fact, here next to Salem's finest parking lot, being white and male makes one inordinately mainstream. Our president is white and male. The vast majority of our administration and trustees are white and male. Why?

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Here on campus, we're celebrating Black History Month, and we're Understanding Gender Perspectives. Yet, our collective persona is white and male. Dare I suggest that this may be a contradiction?

If you don't believe me, just look at our curriculum. What is commonly known as World Views presents quite a narrow glimpse into our planet's literature. Freshmen read selections primarily from white Europeans, of whom all but one are male. From this, they are somehow supposed to derive a global perspective.

Our ethnocentricities have claimed

entire departments. American Studies majors must assume that "American" only includes that which lies between Canada and Mexico, and that which has transpired since white man began stealing from the Indians. The department we call Religion should perhaps be renamed Christianity, since that is the

overwhelming focus of study.

I'm not suggesting that Willamette is overtly or intentionally racist or sexist, and I don't wish to discredit the progress that the University has made in the past few years. Inevitably, though, one must question the slow pace of change within the system. Is the resistance to minority recruitment for students, faculty and administration internal or external, and what can be done to overcome these barriers? A Willamette education is no bargain, and the high costs of studying and living here surely present a major obstacle in our recruiting efforts. The University provides scholarship money to attract music, speech and theater students, on the grounds that they enrich the community. By the same justification, couldn't we provide more money for minority student scholarships and faculty fellowships?

Perhaps some financial commitment from the University's gigantic bank account

would create a foundation from which to build a more progressive and diverse community. Throwing money at the problem won't make it go away, but providing funding is a necessary first step if we are sincere about instituting constructive change.

And another thing. Next Tuesday, the CIA will be coming to the jobs fair being held for Willamette students at the University of Portland. Aside from its bloody and subversive interventionist tactics, the CIA is perhaps our nation's most racist and sexist employer.

Campus recruiting should be considered a privilege, rather than a right. If Willamette had ethical standards for campus recruiters, the CIA would clearly not be allowed to participate. We should be embarrassed and outraged that such an iniquitous organization has been given our unknowing nod of approval. It would be a credit to the integrity of our institution if we were to formally protest this quintessence of white male corruption. Not only would we wash some CIA related blood off our hands, but we would demonstrate to the larger community that we are a university progressive in thought, conscientious in action, and committed to more than simply obtaining a Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

by Steve Vanderheiden

Accountability Not ASWU's Strong Suit

There are some things elected officials should be held accountable for, and the way they spend their constituents' money is one of them. Recent ASWU budget activities indicate that perhaps the time has come to tally up the debits and credits and

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evaluate just where those student dollars are going.

Jeff Gilbert, the financial wizard/vice president who handles budgeting for campus entertainment such as ASWU

dances, movies, and Bistro performances, had a little pang of conscience late last fall which prompted him to apologize to the entire student body. You remember the box stuffer; it may have come as a surprise to learn that not only did we elect a guy named

Jeff Gilbert vice president, but that he was also such a self-proclaimed loser in the Willamette political arena.

The cost of a campus-wide box stuffer is about \$90, and according to ASWU treasurer Pete Figueroa, Gilbert paid for his letter from his own pocket. Some skeptics say that simply means Gilbert ran the copies off himself instead of assigning the task to another ASWU officer or staffer.

Those skeptics, and even non-skeptics, remark that not much has changed

since Gilbert's pledge to clean up his political act.

For example, ASWU set aside \$500 a month for Bistro entertainment last semester. Due to irresponsibility of both Bistro staff and ASWU, the Bistro saw not a penny. This semester's Bistro entertainment has gotten off to a rocky start as well; not only did ASWU staffers lose the publicity posters for Timothy Britton, "The Best Young Irish Piper in North America," but said they "did not have time" to post the flyers once they found them, two days before the performance. A Bistro manager and a Willamette associate professor ended up distributing the posters. Gilbert had promised to handle all the publicity for this Bistro event.

And let's not forget this fall's beach
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NEWS BRIEFS

Critiques, Readings Slated at PoetSpeak

PoetSpeak will be held this Saturday, a full day of poetry including a lunch program on "Writing as Revision" with Ingrid Wendt, a program critique with Barbara Drake and a panel on publishing poetry, and open mike reading.

Widely published in periodicals and anthologies, Ingrid Wendt's first book of poems, *Moving the House*, was published in 1980 and chosen in 1981 to tour six cities of the People's Republic of China with the United States National Book Exhibition. Her second volume of poems, *Singing the Mozart Requiem*, was published in 1987, and received the 1988 Oregon Book Award in poetry. Wendt also has been active for more than 14 years in the artists-in-education program, and is the author of *Starting with Little Things: A Guide to Teaching Poetry in the Classroom*.

Wendt is currently an associate editor of *Calyx*, a member of the Eugene Concert Choir, and lives with her husband and daughter in Eugene, Oregon.

Currently an associate professor with tenure at Linfield College, Barbara Drake has been giving readings and writing workshops since 1975, ranging from writer-in-the-schools workshops to poetry readings at the Portland Poetry Festival and numerous colleges nationwide.

Drake's books include a collection of poetry called *What We Say to Strangers*, 1986, and a college textbook *Writing Poetry*.

Poet Speak is this Saturday, February 17, registration is at 9 a.m., Eaton Hall 106.

ASWU & KWU Want to Play Your Song

Dance in the Cat will be Saturday, Feb. 17. The dance will be co-sponsored by KWU and ASWU. KWU will be providing DJs and asking students to bring their favorite music. Not only will KWU be playing the music brought in but will also copy anything that they don't have for their own collection so it can be heard over the radio. A second semester of Assassin will be starting off this night as well. The festivities will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Bistro Holds Raffle to Improve Sound

This week the Bistro is beginning to sell tickets for a raffle. The Grand Prize will be free coffee for a year, claimed to be a \$5 value. Drawings for other prizes and gifts will also be held. All of the proceeds collected will go toward the purchase of a new Bistro stereo which will also be equipped with a compact disc player. Tickets are \$1 at the counter. The drawing will be held Monday, March 6.

Whale Watchers Cruise Saturdays

The Oregon Natural Resources Council is sponsoring whale watching cruises every Saturday and Sunday in March and April.

The cruises depart from Newport, Oregon, at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Costs are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and under. Proceeds from the cruises will benefit ONRC's coastal conservation and education programs.

For more information and reservations, call 223-9012 or 1-800-827-9001.

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dance, the first ASWU-sponsored social activity of the year. Although the sand has long since worked into Brown Field's topsoil, the nearly \$200 in student funds spent to haul it in will never work back into the ASWU budget. Not only was the sand uncomfortable, overpriced, and unsightly, but it cluttered the field and the sidewalk for days after the beach dance because ASWU staffers "couldn't get into the maintenance shed to get shovels to clean it up" over the weekend. One student observed that the Eric Fishman administration would have cleaned up the sand with spoons rather than let it lie there.

But don't stop reading yet! There's more! Most of the student body had probably departed for mid-semester weekend when a crew of spirited students, led by Liz Newcomb, made the rounds of the residence halls and greek houses, dressed in Hawaiian garb despite the October chill and rain. This really happened; aren't you sorry you missed it? Why did you go home for the weekend after all the extensive ASWU publicity about the Homecoming dance? Aren't you glad you contributed to the \$2600 allocated for that event in the Activities budget?

As far as publicity, things have improved slightly since last semester in some

areas. The ASWU movie, *Lethal Weapon II*, (which cost \$675, by the way; much cheaper to watch at home on videotape, isn't it?) was publicized fairly well. Most unfortunate that ASWU thinks "lethal" is spelled "leathal".

Of course, anytime an elected official doesn't perform satisfactorily, his or her constituents are ultimately to blame. In Gilbert's case, the *Collegian* could have been on the ball a little—no, a lot—more, analyzing these events as they happened instead of allowing them to slide by largely unnoticed. Of course, the *Collegian* is financed by ASWU, making a truly free press on this campus impossible.

The moral?

Don't be guilty of complicity. Vote in every election, on campus and off. Demand accountability. Demand to know where your money goes. Willamette has a political system of sorts; so does every state, and so does our country. Don't transfer your political apathy from the confines of campus to the "real world."

And begin by refusing to again elect an ASWU vice-president like Gilbert who, in the words of one student, "has gone to fewer Senate meetings than I have... and I'm not even a member of Senate!"

by Stephanie Nutt

Letters

Numbers Don't Tell Story

To the Editors:

Having read the recent *Collegian* article about Willamette's Phi Beta Kappa application, I feel compelled to correct a factual error regarding the library's holdings. The article reported that "most schools, if they have two copies of something, count them as two items. We only count them as one." This information is incorrect. The library counts its holdings by accepted library standards: 1 copy = 1 volume; 2 copies = 2 volumes; 3 copies = 3 volumes, etc.

Although there are standard practices in counting library holdings, there are variations in interpretations and policy among institutions. For instance, some libraries keep all outdated editions. Willamette does not. Likewise, some libraries count the free government documents, college catalogs, and other "uncataloged" material in their holdings statistics. Willamette does not inflate its holdings with these figures, and neither do most libraries.

What is really at issue is the quality and depth of the library collection and services. The library faces two challenges in developing a quality library collection:

1. Although the library has had an adequate budget in the past 15 years, it had a history of very poor support for many years before the mid 1970s. It is the missing holdings of those years which account for a large gap in both the quantity and quality of the library's holdings. For several years, the library has been purchasing books and periodicals to address this problem.

2. The curricular demands on the library budget are increasingly diverse. Many libraries, such as those at Reed or Whitman, which have library holdings and budgets larger than Willamette, support only an undergraduate liberal arts curriculum. With a smaller budget, Willamette's library also supports the Graduate School of Management

and the new graduate program in education.

The true quality of a library is measured by the depth and breadth of its staff, services, and collections, and by the ongoing financial commitment of its administration. It is not an issue that can be addressed by numbers alone.

Sandra Weronko
University Librarian

Article Erred Factually

To the Editors:

The article about Phi Beta Kappa in the Feb. 2, 1990 issue of the *Collegian* has several major errors of fact. Professor Virginia Bothun and I, with the support of the other Phi Beta Kappa members on the faculty, did apply in 1988 for a chapter at Willamette University. I was notified that we would not be considered. Phi Beta Kappa has never indicated why we will not be considered and the letter states: "Please be assured that a decision against consideration at this time does not reflect an adverse evaluation of the overall merit of any institution." In particular, the letter from Phi Beta Kappa says nothing about the library.

Richard Samuel Hall
Professor of Mathematics

Editors' Note:

The information released in our Phi Beta Kappa article of Feb. 2 was directly quoted or paraphrased from interviews with Dean Julie Carson and President Jerry Hudson. While both stated the reasons given for Willamette's rejection were indeed not included in the letter from Phi Beta Kappa, Hudson stated the information source was "reliable"; "accurate but not from an official Phi Beta Kappa source." Agreed Carson, "There are networks of information that are not official but are nevertheless accurate." We would also like to point out the article's mention of the library was not a statement on the sufficiency or insufficiency of the library, but as Carson stated, a comment on Phi Beta Kappa's system of selection.

WILLAMETTE	SATURDAY Swimming, Sparks, 1p Bball, Cone, W 5:15p M 7:30p ASWU/KWU dance, Assassin II kickoff, Cat, 9p	SUNDAY study.
	MONDAY Drug Awareness Week, ACE Week begin Atlantic Brass Quintet, Smith, 8f	TUESDAY UGP Lausanne, 4p; Faculty Center, 7p M Basketball Cone, 7:30p
	WEDNESDAY EPC Speaker Hazel Henderson, CC, 7p WU chamber & Choir Concert, SA, 8p	FRIDAY Board of Trustees mtg, away Pacific Rim Conf. all day W Bball Cone 4:30 Indiana Jones III SA 8,10pm
	THURSDAY Fred Meyer Pacific Rim Conf, UC, all day	

Prospective Minority Students Tour WU

by Heidi Sinclair

Twenty prospective students, mostly from Oregon, Washington, and Nevada recently gathered at Willamette University for the annual minority student campus preview. The students gathered for speeches, discussion, tours, and entertainment. For the prospective students it was an opportunity to get to know Willamette University. For Willamette University, according to Teresa Hudkins, Director of Admission, it was an opportunity, "to acquaint prospective students with Willamette, and to give them ideas about opportunities here." The preview was held February 10 and 11.

While they were at Willamette a

program was presented to the prospective students by Admissions and the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The program included a presentation by Professor Robert Dash on academics, brief speeches from Willamette Alum Donna Tyner, Cassie Belmodis, and Tina Turner-Morfit, a presentation on the College of Law by Michael Pacheco, a discussion with Willamette student leaders, and a presentation by Admissions and Financial Aid. Hudkins commented, "The speakers were fabulous." She added that the program was interesting as well as informative.

Following the presentation, the prospective students met their student hosts and ate dinner in residence halls. Saturday

evening the students were encouraged to attend either the Women's basketball game, movie night in Shepard, or the Willamette Jazz Festival. The preview ended Sunday morning with brunch in the residence halls, and evaluations of the weekend.

One of the reasons that a minority student campus preview was held was to encourage minority students in particular to attend Willamette. In addition to the minority students campus preview, minority students are also encouraged to attend Willamette through a few special scholarships. The National Achievement Scholarship for black students, and the National Hispanic Merit Scholarship are just a few examples of these special

scholarships. Hudkins added that Willamette is generally very generous to minority students in order to encourage their attendance at Willamette.

Currently, within the Liberal Arts college and the graduate schools there are 16 black students, 15 American Indians, 31 Hispanics, and 50 Asians. In addition, there are 74 members of the Hawaiian club, however some of these members also fall into the aforementioned ethnic groups.

Hudkins added that the student hosts and tour guides were especially helpful with the minority preview weekend and that the whole Willamette community was instrumental in making the minority student campus preview a successful event.

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Quinn Discusses Economy on Personal, Global Level

budget, Quinn had quite a bit to say. "The budget is just a speech—a joke. All honest accounting has vanished from Washington."

Quinn also claimed that there is a part of the deficit "hidden" from the American public by the government. She said that the "true budget deficit" is \$278 billion.

And for those of you who "might

think the deficit is harmless—it isn't," she stated gravely. She went on to cite three main problems caused by our enormous debt: high interest rates, collapsed capital spending, and flat economic growth.

Quinn talked fairly extensively about the future and what it promises for the United States and the global economies.

She is reasonably sure that we

won't have a recession in 1990, '91, or '92.

She is in favor of monetary deregulation. "Money can flow into needed places to keep things going—that's one of the reasons the U.S. economy has kept on growing."

Concerning U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his plan of cutting inflation to 1%, Quinn said that she had "enormous confidence in him . . . [although] interest rates will stay a little higher than you might like."

In the mid-1990s she expects a trend toward more personal savings as baby boomers save more for college for their kids and for their own retirement.

Most significant is what she sees as a trend toward a global economy—the "most significant economic and social event of our times."

Quinn compared the trend to the Industrial Revolution. "What is an American

company any more? It's changed so much." American companies are doing much of their business in foreign companies now. "The future will belong to the people who understand what 'Global Thinking' is."

Toward the end of her talk, Quinn gave a few tips about personal finances. Generally, for long term investments she stressed the importance of investing in the stock market. But for short (2-4 year) investments, she thought stocks too risky and instead preferred treasuries and CDs.

And as for saving for college, Willamette students should forget mutual funds; she likes those only for children "up to about age 14 or 15 . . . after that, the risk is just too great."

She summed up her feelings about the '90s with a funny story and a positive note: "I am generally optimistic about the '90s—the economy is fairly well-structured; although, we are still overspending."

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Student Union Commons to Help Promote Interaction, Offer Better Meal Variety, Quality

President. He added, "So far the informed student response has been positive."

The proposal resulted from a year of meetings by the Food Service Committee, which was formed about a year ago to address the problems with providing food to students on the Willamette campus. "The present system is a disincentive for people dining on campus," Hewitt said.

The committee members speak positively of their accomplishments. "We've really worked through the issues very thoroughly . . . I think they're going to say yes to it," Meyer said. "It's also very likely that a number of questions will be asked."

"When we first started our discussion, largely people didn't know how they felt. In the beginning, the discussions came from every direction," including student, trustee, and faculty perspectives, Meyer said. "We dreaded the idea that we would be a split committee when this got started . . . and we didn't end up split."

"The chair of the committee, Henry Hewitt, did a real good job of

keeping things on track but at the same time giving people a chance to voice their opinions," stated Professor Jim Hanson, who served on the committee. "There was plenty of opportunity to explain oppositions and express reservations."

It was seen as a distinct advantage that the construction of a new facility might draw bids from companies other than the current vendor, Marriott. "Marriott will have to compete to win Willamette's business," Taylor said. At the forum, Meyer compared this advantage of competition to the concept of Perestroika.

Hewitt believed that the student union commons would accomplish five goals: it would retain a "small group identity and focus," promote the interaction of campus groups, offer variety in meal programs, increase food quality and increase dining convenience. He hoped for "a broad buy-in" in terms of campus support for the commons.

"I got the impression that people felt the solution that we came up with was a good one," Hanson said.



scott eastman

Controversy Surrounds Atkinson Resignations

by Duessa Easton

Resignations from two members of Willamette's Atkinson Graduate School of Management administration within the span of a month has left officials searching for a new Dean and a new Director of Admissions this spring.

David Puryear, the Dean of the Atkinson school, gave notice of his resignation in January but plans to stay at Willamette through the end of the year, and may even be back next year if he has not found another job and they have not found his replacement yet.

"I've been in this job for five years, and I'm ready for a new challenge," said Puryear. "I'm not sure what I'll do—I haven't narrowed my options yet. But I gave notice so they can begin looking for my

successor. If they find someone before I find a job I may teach a year. This gives a chance for continuity."

Denying rumors that Puryear resigned under pressure, Willamette University President said, "He didn't receive any pressure from me to resign. I don't think it's appropriate to comment on whether I was totally satisfied [with his performance], partially satisfied, or dissatisfied. But I think it's fair to say he didn't receive any pressure from me to resign."

Puryear lists accomplishments during his time at Atkinson as a growth in the student body and faculty, expanded international offerings, improved computer facilities, and establishment of increased professional development services.

"This is my first job as a Dean and

I've learned a tremendous amount. It's hard for me to imagine a better place to learn," he said. He felt that it's not too soon to move on, since the national average term of a business school dean is three years and he has been here for five.

"I'm sorry to see him go," said Ann Cox, a first-year Atkinson student. "But change is always good, and one thing we learn in this program is how to accept change. We have been bombarded with this, and there have numerous feedback sessions."

The search has begun for a replacement, according to Hudson. "This is not the best time to begin—most searches are ending for next year. We're looking now, and if we're not successful we'll conduct a regular search next fall."

The search has also begun for a

successor to Lori Schmidgall, the Director of Admissions at Atkinson, who also resigned this month.

"She was here three years and is looking for a new job," said Cora Snow, the Admissions assistant. "It shouldn't affect admissions at this point. The whole staff is just taking more responsibility." Schmidgall is in Hawaii vacationing and was not available for comment.

Although these changes in the Atkinson administration were sudden, Hudson said "it was generally a surprise, but not a shock." He hopes that it will not affect the workings or the reputation of the school. "It depends on who replaces both of them, but one can look at this as an opportunity. I don't see a big effect in the short run and certainly none in the long run."

Pacific Rim Conference Offers Insight into Challenges

by Kevin Ray

Willamette's second annual *In the Pacific Interest* Conference, this year with an emphasis on democracy, women and environment, will be held February 22-24. Organizers promise that this year's conference will prove even more rewarding than last year's.

This year's program will feature a number of unprecedentedly authoritative speakers on the subject of the Pacific interest. Ved Nanda of the School of Law, University of Denver, Jaime Bautista, Consulate General of the Philippines and Mamoru Nakamura, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Republic of Palau will be discussing "Implementing Human Rights in the Pacific Interest" Friday at 9 a.m. in Smith Auditorium. The same day, President John Haglegam of the Federated States of Micronesia will speak on self determination in Micronesia at 12:30 in the Cat Cavern.

Other key speakers include Richard Falk of Princeton University, Barbara Molony of Santa Clara University, Carolyn Merchant of the University of California at Berkeley, and three visiting scholars from the People's Republic of China.

New to the program this year will be the presentation of several undergraduate papers on the conference's area of focus. These student participants will present their papers in the smaller group sessions scheduled to supplement the conference's five major presentations.

CLA Dean Julie Carson stated this conference's theme will be a focal point for the future. She believes the issues of democracy, women and environment are "critical to every [Pacific Rim] country, especially with respect to the ways in which they can unite us." She said this year's topics were identified in discussions after last year's conference as issues that are especially

relevant to the future of the international relations that shape the events of the Pacific Rim.

Carson encourages the public to attend the Conference. "It is rare to have so many experts on the Pacific Rim together... I think it's an exceptional opportunity for members of the community to gain insight into the challenges which face Oregon and the entire Pacific Basin."

This year's Pacific Interest conference is the second of a three year series of conferences sponsored by the Fred

Meyer Charitable Trust. One of the stipulations for Fred Meyer's funding of these conferences is the cooperation of the College of Liberal Arts, the Law School and the Graduate School of Management in organizing the conference. As a result, a committee composed of representatives from each of these institutions has been responsible for planning these conferences. Although the Fred Meyer grant was set up to finance only three conferences, there is a possibility that this conference series will continue in years to come.

Safety Committee Formed to Investigate Concerns

by Kevin Grossman

In response to what seems to be a rising number of problems with safety on campus and a growing concern among the Willamette community, Belknap Senator and Speaker of the Senate Seiji Shiratori proposed that a temporary committee be formed to study the general problem of campus safety.

Shiratori said that he got the idea for the committee after the Senate delegation from Matthews wrote a letter they wanted to send to the administration about their concern with the auto break-ins on the east side of campus.

Other problems concerning campus security were also brought up at the Senate meeting, including the inadequacy of Campus Safety's escort service and the computer thefts.

"It seemed like it was going to be a hot topic," Shiratori said. It seemed that a "lot of people wanted to see something done about it... a committee sounded like a good idea to get input."

The Campus Safety Committee will investigate problems with Campus Safety and suggest some solutions to those problems in a report scheduled to be delivered to Senate on March 8. The

committee will then be dissolved.

At the first meeting of the panel, which took place on Wednesday, the five members who came—Seiji Shiratori, John Heller, Dawna Davies, Lisa Goss, and Sonia Engle—brainstormed to come up with eight preliminary questions to begin the investigation:

- 1) How does Campus Safety patrol the campus?
- 2) What is Campus Safety's budget?
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- 7) What is the feasibility of placing magnetic strip locks on residence halls?
- 8) What is the Salem Police Department's interaction with Campus Safety?

The committee will look into these matters and others in the following weeks. In the meantime, Shiratori hopes for "more people... hopefully non-Senate people—so they can give more ideas."

Any student can be a member of the committee. Meetings are on Wednesdays in the Alumni Lounge at 6:30 p.m.

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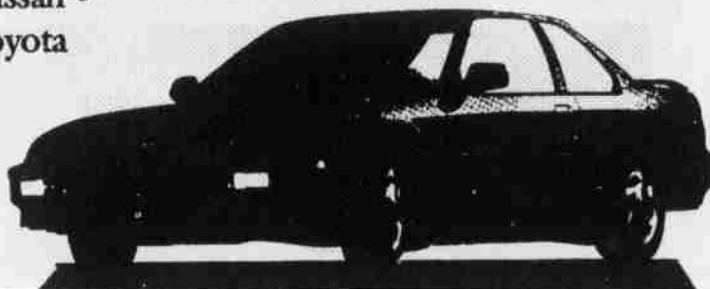
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FEATURE

Webster Lawyer Susman Speaks on Reproductive Choice

The controversy over a woman's right to have an abortion was brought to Willamette Thursday night as Frank Susman spoke on "Abortion Rights: Is the Tide Turning?" as part of the Controversy! lecture series and Gender Perspectives month.

Questions have been raised recently about whether or not a woman has a Constitutional right to an abortion. Susman was the attorney who argued for this right before the U.S. Supreme Court in the *Webster v. Reproductive Health Services* case.

Susman addressed these issues Thursday night, but at the very beginning admitted he was not there to change anyone's mind.

"Abortion is the most divisive and emotional issue to divide the United States today," he said.

Susman briefly traced the history of abortion back to the beginning of history and said it is the most common surgical procedure in the United States today, with the possible exception of circumcision. One out of every three pregnancies in the U.S. today ends in an abortion, below the world average of 40%.

"The United States is the only country... where abortion became legal overnight," Susman noted when speaking on the *Roe vs. Wade* decision in 1973. Supreme Court Justice Harry Blackmun wrote in the majority opinion:

"This right of privacy... is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy," however he qualified this by having it only in the first trimester of pregnancy, when the abortion procedure would be of little danger to the woman.

Susman considers the *Webster vs. Reproductive Health Services* a unique case

because it was the first "Absolute front on *Roe vs. Wade*. Also it was the first time I could not sit there and count votes," in citing the inability to tell how Justice Sandra O'Connor would vote.

O'Connor is cited as the key person on the court in abortion rights issues because of "her personal loyalty to those who put her in office... and her unwillingness to be known as the woman Supreme Court Justice to sell a woman's right to reproduction down the creek," in Susman's view.

Though Webster lost the case, he does not consider it a defeat of abortion rights, noting that the ruling had no practical effect on abortions in the United States, and that it actually benefitted the pro-choice movement by bringing people who have never been involved in the abortion rights movement out of the woodwork.

The serious effect he pointed out was that "It sent a very chilling message that you can no longer depend on the court to protect your reproductive rights."

The issue of abortion will now be sent back to state legislatures, where politicians are unwilling to take sides on a issue Susman terms "a no win situation." But he added that the perception is that the pro-choice movement had the power and momentum and cited two cases, in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, the two most Roman Catholic states in the nation. There, non-binding anti-abortion ballot measures were defeated.

"People are not willing to talk about how they feel about reproductive freedom," he commented on one of the disadvantages of the pro-choice movement, but said that the "anti-choice" activists would be more successful if they worked on making abortions unnecessary.

"I don't know anyone who are pro-abortion, but I know a lot of people who are

pro-choice."

Susman concluded his talk with a question and answer period, during which he fielded questions from the audience. One person asked if the court completely abandoned the trimester decision, to which he

replied no, *Roe v. Wade* was not overruled, "But you don't have to overrule *Roe vs. Wade* to emasculate it." He reminded his listeners that "It's up to all of you to save the pro-choice movement."

by Missy Swenson

Gender Perspectives

Month of Programs in Progress

Learning more about how we perceive ourselves and others is the objective of Gender Perspective month, a series of programs to raise awareness of gender issues.

The month was created by the Women's Program Committee, which met in the fall to discuss what to do for the year. They decided on a series of programs on gender issues, and each student on the committee was chair of a program.

"We wanted to get people interested in other things, but also to meet the needs of people who are interested in these issues," said Cecily Peterson, co-advisor of the committee.

The programs cover a wide range of topics from women poets, dating, violence against women, music, and women involved in political movements.

One program focused on "Growing

Up Male in America," at which Brooke Collins, a counselor at OSU, spoke of the stereotypes men have to live up to. Collins has done a study on how male attitudes develop over the years.

"We agreed that it was very interesting to hear the men's side on how they feel about the socialization and the ways they can change," commented Christal Winesburgh, student, on the program.

Peterson is pleased at the interest in the Gender Perspectives Series, saying that "impressionistically, I see good attendance at all the programs."

Other programs set for the series include a workshop on lesbianism, women in science, ending male domination, and a presentation on abuse of women.

by Missy Swenson

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FEATURE

Tikaram's Sophomore Effort Perplexing but Relaxing

Critics talk quite a bit about the paradox of Tanita Tikaram—that such a seemingly wise and worldly voice can be possessed by someone who is only 20 years

her voice and her music to make her messages understood.

On that basis, Tikaram's new LP, *The Sweet Keeper*, is a mixed success.

People who got to know Tikaram before with last year's hit single "Twist in My Sobriety" from her *Ancient Heart* album won't find a song as immediate or compelling on her sophomore effort. However, Tikaram has retained much of the vocal charm that such listeners found endearing.

The songs, all of which Tikaram wrote herself, rely on gently seductive grooves to snare the listener. Her voice is

deep, and it practically wavers with texture and depth; her delivery is sometimes reminiscent of Bruce Cockburn's. Typically, she starts each song in a subtle manner, then once the tone and melody of the song is established, she varies her vocals, seeming to improvise and eventually outrun the music backing her.

The music on the album comes from a palette of rhythmic guitars, soft trumpets, and other well-employed string and wind instruments.

Her lyrics, despite the quantity and amount of detail, have trouble contributing as much to the songs as the vocals or even the backing music. It takes time to figure out what the images mean, and there are so many of them that it requires an extensive look at the lyric sheet to keep track. Simply, Tikaram makes the listener work too hard to

earn her/his dividends.

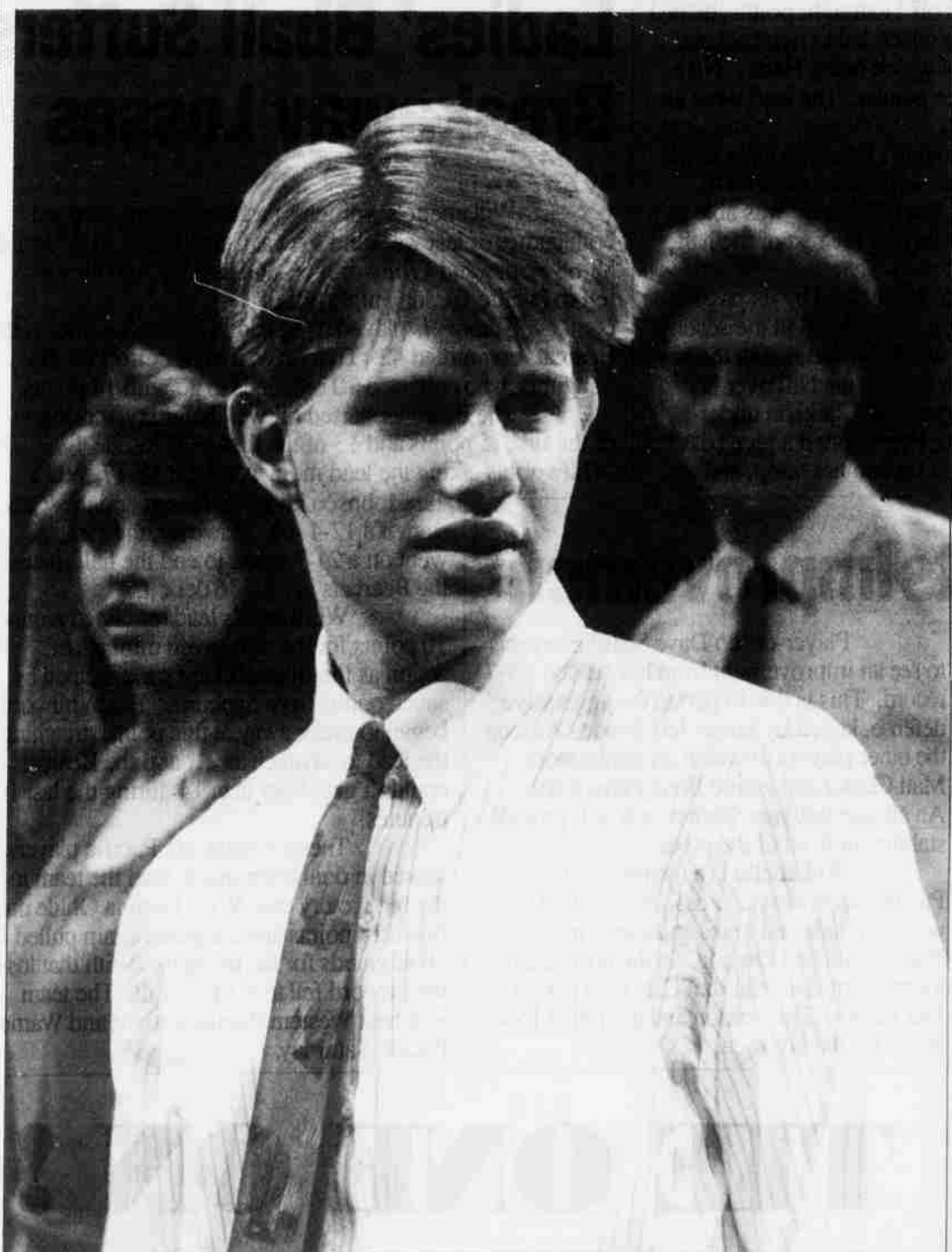
The album title is about Tikaram's mother, as explained in "I Owe All to You." This song follows a general theme that runs through the album—that of keeping secrets and earning trust. This theme appears also on "Once and Not Speak," "Harm in Your Hands" and "We Almost Got It Together," which all discuss romantic relationships, as do "Tuesday's Child" and "Sunset's Arrival."

Overall, *The Sweet Keeper* tries to be a listener's refuge from the torrents of life. "I'll be your favorite thing/ Stand by the river with hard-luck eyes/ And I'll just be open and sings," Tikaram offers in "We Almost Got It Together." Her album is a relaxing one, if not a bit tedious at first, and it can be worth your acquaintance.

by Curt Kipp

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old. But the true test of her music should not be the number of labels she can accumulate, but rather the degree to which she can use



Melanie Kirkpatrick, Brian Weir and Nick Bartholemey rehearse for the show.

Jacques Brel Alive and Well and to be Performed in Kresge

Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris, the latest offering from the Willamette Theatre Department, opens tonight at 8 p.m. Additional performances are February 17, 22, 23, 24, and March 1, 2, and 3 at 8 p.m., and February 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Performances will be in the Willamette Playhouse Arena Theatre.

A cozy cabaret plays a modest background to the songs of the real-life Jacques Brel, a Belgian-born poet and composer. An ensemble of eight performs over twenty of Brel's songs—some serious, some comic, but all passionately emotional about the

Northwest Colleges Calendar Features Willamette Student

Next time you walk across campus you just may run into Miss October — of the 1990 Women of the Small Northwest Colleges calendar, that is. Willamette sophomore Heather Cross didn't even know she had applied until she was selected to be a part of the locally produced calendar.

"My best friend from high school, who is on the cover, sent in both our senior pictures," said Cross. "I didn't even know about it." Applicants from around Oregon, Washington, and Idaho were judged from their pictures and chosen for the calendar.

The purpose is to gain publicity for small schools in the Northwest, and to raise money for charity. "They're all clean-cut, college-type girls," said Cross about the

pictures. "They look like real people, not like models. There weren't any photos, except one, that tried to make them look sexy." Cross is pictured on a bicycle wearing a sweatshirt and biking shorts.

Although flattered by the attention, Cross said it wasn't too important to her. "It wasn't something I chose to do until I found out they already wanted me," she said. "It's not like I'm trying to be a model or anything."

While Cross did get some free clothes from her photo shoot, she didn't get paid. As a speech-communications major, she doesn't think it will be a big help on her resume, either. But she is happy she did it. "It was a cool experience," she said.

by Duessa Easton



Brian Weir sings to Deirdre Atkinson as Melanie Kirkpatrick, Carrie Patterson and Rebecca Zisch look on.

sometimes harsh realities of life.

Admission is \$5 for the general public, and \$4 for students. For reservations or other information, call the box office at 370-6221.

Bearcats Drop Boxers

by Eric Kreis

The Willamette men's basketball team built a 17-6 lead in the first seven minutes of Tuesday's game against Pacific U. and held off a late rush to win 70-67 for its twentieth victory of the season.

The win over the Boxers was the seventh straight win for Willamette; the Boxers haven't beat the Bearcats in more than three years. Willamette went to 20-4 overall, while Pacific dropped to 14-10 overall and 7-3 in West Division play.

The early lead built up when Paul Scott, Russ Sovde and Ted Harris each hit three-point shots in the early going to give the Bearcats, 8-1 in division play, the 11-point margin. Several minutes later, the 'Cats ran off 11 straight points, helped by two steals which led to two baskets, the second of which being Harris' NBA-distance three-pointer. The lead went up to 32-14.

Pacific wouldn't let up, though, as the next 10 points were theirs to close to within eight, but Willamette was able to keep them at bay for the rest of the half, which ended at 41-31.

Willamette was helped by its passing game during a short stretch in the second half. Sovde was being hassled in the key but somehow flipped the ball over his head to an open Erik Clarkson underneath for two; Harris lofted a nice pass inside to Scott for another hoop, and a

two-pass sequence from Sovde, cross-court to Chris Roche and then a bounce pass down low to Clarkson again, and the lead was 58-50 at that point.

The Bearcats seemingly put the game away at 70-62 with just 16 seconds left, but the Boxers hit a three-pointer to close to within five. Then, after a quick turnover by WU, they hit another two with two seconds left, but as the clock ran down, the referees did not award Pacific a time-out, even though it called for one right after the basket, and the Bearcats escaped with the win.

Clarkson and Sovde combined for 38 points to pace Willamette—Clarkson's points coming mostly inside while Sovde's came from outside—Harris chipped in 11 and Scott, 10. Willamette takes on Oregon Tech tonight and Southern Oregon tomorrow in Cone; both games follow the women's games.

Ladies' Bball Suffers Breakaway Losses

by Eric Kreis

Willamette's women's basketball team dropped both games of last weekend's set at Cone, losing to Whitman 53-68 Friday and Whitworth 66-86 Saturday, and they also fell to Pacific Tuesday night, 62-98.

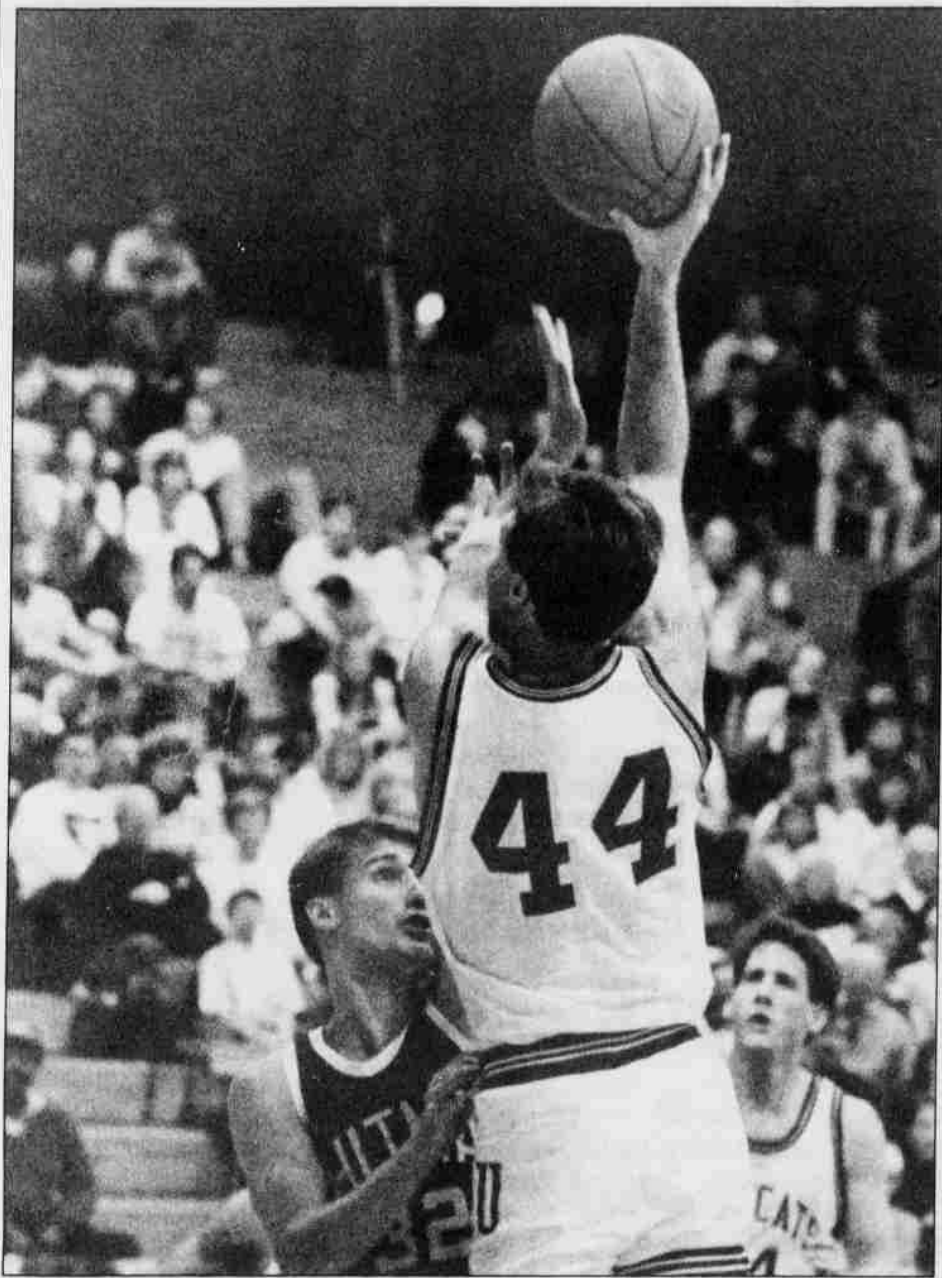
Turnovers played a big part in Friday's game, as the Bearcats committed 42. That offset a strong effort by Tracy Sanguras, who collected 10 rebounds to go with 14 points.

The Bearcats started off well Saturday, scoring 11 of the first 15 points and 13 of the first 19. Despite Whitworth's taking the lead momentarily at 18-17, WU's

Tara Johnson hit an 18-footer, and the 'Cats started a 12-4 run. However, the Pirates went on a 24-7 streak to end the half, putting the Bearcats in a 46-36 deficit.

Whitworth's lead remained around 10 points for the next seven minutes of action as the Bearcats kept pace, helped by seven points from Sanguras. But Whitworth began to break away at this point, stretching the lead to as much as 21, and the Bearcats couldn't get closer than 14 during the last 10 minutes.

Tuesday night, six Pacific players scored in double figures to lead the team to the big victory over WU. Dianna Ohlde put down 14 points and Sanguras again pulled in 10 rebounds for the Bearcats. With that loss, their record fell to 8-13 overall. The team will host Western Baptist tonight and Warner Pacific Saturday.



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Lacrosse Expects Improvement

by Sean Crooke

The Willamette University men's lacrosse club will open its 1990 season with consecutive games against the Eugene lacrosse club and Oregon State Saturday, Feb. 24, and Sunday, Feb. 25. Both games will be played at Wallace Marine Park, the Bearcats' home field.

Although Willamette graduated one all-star starter, the addition of eight new freshmen, all of whom have high school experience, will help fill out a twenty man roster.

Player-coach Dave Schultz expects to see an improvement from last season's 5-7 record. This is due in part to the aggressive defense, keyed by junior Jeff Youde. Among the other players to watch are sophomore Matt Clarke and goalie Brent Farnsworth. An all-star last year, Farnsworth will provide stability in front of the pipes.

Willamette is a member of the Pacific Northwest Lacrosse Association, which includes all clubs and teams in Washington and Oregon. In the post-season tournament last year, the 'Cats won two of four games. This season and the future look bright for the lay-men.

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