

# First "New White Consciousness" seminar held

by Mike Treleven  
COLLEGIAN Managing Editor

"Racism is an unwilling enslavement, with strong social forces working against us losing our racism," Bob Nelson told Willamette faculty and students Tuesday. Nelson spoke in the first session of the "New White Consciousness" seminar on racism.

"The overt bigot is really no problem to anybody. The big thing is when you use different institutions to do your dirty work for you," Nelson said. "We (white Americans) don't worry about our institutions if they keep us happy. We don't worry about their effects on other people, people who are defenseless," Nelson added.

"What we are really talking about is white supremacy," said Nelson. "We must realize that racists are not born, they are made. So we must find a way to free America, and that is the task of the New White."

White Americans should try to "understand themselves in relation to minorities, because we are the ones with the tools to solve problems," said Nelson. The educational process at Willamette, Nelson hopes, will be used by the students to "free themselves, the University as an institution, and the Salem community."

Changes in institutional attitudes, not individual ones are the chief concern of the seminar organizers, Nelson said. Institutional change, Nelson indicated, can be brought about by only a few people, whereas, Leon Johnson said, "you could spend your whole life time



BOB NELSON

trying to change a single person's attitude and not succeed."

Bruce Potocki, College of Law student, felt that it may be hard for Willamette students to commit themselves to change. "A lot of them are not gut level people, it is hard for them to accept their own socioeconomic bias, let alone their other ones. They're floating along on their cloud, everything is going fine for them, they have no reason to change," he said at the afternoon session.

Nelson told the evening session that the question before the University is: "What are you willing to give up here at Willamette to have, say 200 black students living with you. Not living like, just with you. For blacks to come to Willamette from a totally black community can be rather frightening. That's why blacks wanted a black dorm last year."

Nelson thinks that the institutional aspect most needing change at Willamette is "a toss up between the church institution and the educational institution. The church, though small, could be quite a powerful force for change if it wanted to do its job. The educational institution also needs changing because of the great damage it does to peoples' minds."

Nelson's association with Willamette began about a year ago, he said, when he received a call from the administration saying that they were having some trouble with black students, "they couldn't handle them and thought we could." Federal civil rights officers, Nelson said, had been in and had said that federal funds would no longer be available to Willamette unless some blacks became students here.

Nelson started to work with the faculty in 10 sessions in the "Black-White Uplift" program. "I had not been aware of how isolated Willamette's faculty was," Nelson commented.

Though the faculty at first suggested a black studies course, Nelson said, "we decided that what we needed was a survival course for blacks at Willamette as only one black has ever graduated from the university. We thought the situation called for a course in institutional racism, but we decided to call it 'New White Consciousness' to be more salable."

Next semester, said Nelson, the "New White Consciousness" seminar may be offered as a credit course. "We would like to have the graduation requirements include, say, 12 hours in this subject area. And we won't come down next semester unless credit is given for the course because we realize that students cannot be asked to spend this much of their free time on any one subject unless they get some credit for it."

"I've reached the point," Leon Johnson told the afternoon session, "where I am going to hold each person individually responsible for all the problems of minorities. And I am also speaking to blacks who work in white society and never look back from whence they came."

"Decisions are being made somewhere, most of the wealth of this country is controlled by 0.5 per cent of the people. Society respects people with power, only. Whites will not move unless they have some-

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## OSPIRG sets refund schedule

Those students wishing to receive a refund of the \$2.00 OSPIRG fee collected as part of the incidental fees may do so on Wednesday, Sept. 22 and Thursday, Sept. 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the main lobby of the Student Center. Students are requested to bring some positive identification with them; for example, their student body card or their driver's license.

An explanation of the purpose of OSPIRG is offered by Board member Rich Jones:

The Oregon Students Public Interest Research Group (OSPIRG) is a non-profit corporation that was formed last fall with the motivational support of Ralph Nader. The concept behind OSPIRG is a bold effort in directing classroom theory into practical application to the problems of consumer and environmental protection. Although OSPIRG will serve as a vehicle for all citizens to actively participate in maintaining the ecological, social and economic balance necessary for the future of Oregon.

OSPIRG hopes to attain several goals. We will strive to engage in non-partisan research and analysis in the areas of environmental preservation and planning and in the area of consumer protection. We see the organization in the role of a public advocate, in part, helping to ensure that the view points of all Oregonians are considered in the formation of public and private policy. To fulfill this, we will make the results of our research and analysis available to the public and to the decision makers. We hope that by our efforts we will promote cooperation and legal compliance throughout the state, those laws now in existence pertaining to environmental and consumer protection.

The concept of OSPIRG is to hire an interdisciplinary group of professionals who will coordinate the

research on those problems identified, and then acted upon, by the students and the community. OSPIRG offers a unique opportunity for all students to operate in both the laboratory and in the field, applying classroom theories in an effective and practical way to the social problems facing Oregon. We hope that at the outset OSPIRG will develop a working relationship between various academic disciplines and that our efforts at problem solving will also help counteract the increasing isolation of the specialist.

OSPIRG is primarily financed by an incidental fee assessment of two dollars per semester from those students wishing to support and participate in OSPIRG. For those not wishing to participate there will be a voluntary refund during the third week of school.

Unlike any of the other organizations supported by the incidental fees, we feel that the refund is vital to the OSPIRG concept. The refund will serve as a mechanism to insure that OSPIRG will always remain responsive to the needs of the students and the community it serves. The monies will fund the student supported, and most importantly, a student directed professional staff of lawyers, economists and scientists.

There are three levels to OSPIRG's organization. The primary level is the Local Board elected by participating students on each campus. The Local Board serves as a channel for student and community input. The secondary level is the State Board which is comprised of representatives from each school. There is one representative for each 4,000 students from each campus. Finally, there is the professional staff who will provide expertise and continuity to our staff.

The Local Board of Willamette has seven members. The Law School is represented by Keith Bauer and Tom Branford. The undergraduate members are Dixie Elder, Ken Hughes, Avis Atkinson, David Hjelt and Richard Jones. It is essential to OSPIRG's existence that a broad spectrum of students are involved in OSPIRG. Each one of us on the Willamette Board invite and encourage every student to participate.

## Quality first

One of the prerequisites to an experiment is for those conducting that experiment to realize that the end result may be failure and, should it be, to recognize it as such.

It is with that attitude that we have approached expansion of the COLLEGIAN to two issues a week. We have met with several problems, primarily 1) Two papers per week is asking too much of an already overworked and underpaid staff and 2) Student opinion seems to run against two smaller papers as a replacement for a single, larger issue.

With this in mind, we have decided to return to once-a-week publication. Your next issue, 12 pages in size, will be "on your doorstep" Thursday afternoon. From this point, that will be our regular publication date.

You can't substitute quantity for quality, and to perpetuate the two-issues-per-week plan would seem to ask that we do just that.

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## Grads score highest on bar

Willamette Law School graduates have again scored highest in the state on the 1971 Oregon Bar Examination, it was announced this week.

Of 71 Willamette graduates who took the exam, 57 passed for a 80.3% performance. All who took the test from Willamette were taking it for the first time.

The University of Oregon saw 69.4% of its graduates pass, while 61.4% of those taking the test from Lewis and Clark-Northwestern also passed. The average for out of state schools was 67.7%.

This is the second straight year Willamette has topped the list.

## Help needed on musical

CELEBRATION, a new musical by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones, will be presented October 7, 8, and 9 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Open rehearsals are now being held at 7 p.m. Sunday through Friday in the Little Theater or on stage.

Even all parts are cast, there is still a need for help in all areas of production. Any one interested should contact Miss Ramona Searle in the Theater Department. There are openings in the areas of set construction, make-up and costumes.

## Series begins with Macbeth

The Educational Film series will start tomorrow with the Orson Welles production of Macbeth. Welles stars in the title role, wrote the screen play, directed and with Republic Pictures, reproduced this version of William Shakespeare's tragedy.

Macbeth starts at 7 p.m. in the Auzten Senate Chambers. Cost for the showing is 25 cents season tickets for the film series are \$2.00. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Cost for the showing is 25 cents,

thing at stake. The thing to do is to change the institutions and take power from the 0.5 per cent who control those institutions," Johnson said.

"We're not involved in solving problems for black people," Nelson said. "The problem is a white one, not a black one. White liberals like to create problems for people and then go around solving them. Integration is a game white liberals play, but blacks will have nothing to do with it."

"We (whites) have a lot of hang ups and fears of these other people getting the upper hand and then doing the same thing to us as we did to them. But blacks say: 'Hey man, we're not as mean as you guys,' said Nelson.

"In my vocabulary, as well as that of Leon's, a black is a person who says: 'To hell with it, I'm not going to take it any more.' Who says: 'I'm black and you'll have to accept me for what I am.'"

A Negro, said Nelson, is a person "who accommodates himself to the white community because he feels he has to in order to survive. Don't get me wrong, though, I am not putting him down."

Nelson, 52 years old, a member of the American Friends Service Committee, a Portland resident and a white, moderates the "New White Consciousness" classes. Johnson, who is with Portland's Albina Youth Opportunity School, was on the Portland Police department until "he decided he could not be both black and a policeman," Johnson is assisting Nelson in the classes.

"We think Willamette presents an ideal situation to be involved in because there is change going on. This is what we will be telling black students. And students can take part in this change and help direct it," said Nelson.

### Attention Seniors:

Graduating seniors interested in applying for fellowships for graduate study (Danforth, Rhodes, Fulbright-Hays, ect.) should see Prof. Thorsett or Prof. Berczynski IMMEDIATELY!

from an editor

## A study in logic?

What school would ask a track coach with little or no football experience to take over as head football coach? Probably not a one, the idea is ludicrous right? But in effect that is what we are doing here at Willamette in regard to the COLLEGIAN.

Dr. Bill Braden, English professor, has been attempting to fill the position of COLLEGIAN advisor. He has done his best under the circumstances and this is not meant as a cut at Dr. Braden, but an English professor cannot adequately fulfill the task of COLLEGIAN advisor. He himself admits that he has no journalistic experience and is limited in the type of advising he can do.

In this situation not only is Dr. Braden in the awkward position of being advisor to something he has not had much experience with, but the members of the COLLEGIAN staff lose much of the learning experience and journalistic training that working on the COLLEGIAN is supposed to provide.

A far better approach to handling the position of COLLEGIAN advisor would be to obtain the services of a professional journalist on part-time basis. Salem has a number of such persons who could provide the staff with advice, objective criticism of their efforts and serve as a resource person. Such a system would allow a student-run press while providing a means of improving the quality of the COLLEGIAN.

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by "Brook Farm." Admission 50 cents per person,  
75 cents per couple.

Saturday, September 18:

All Day---Bearcat Comeback (former WU athletes return to campus).

1:30 p.m.---Football: Willamette vs. Whitworth at McCulloch Stadium.

7 p.m.---Educational Film Series: 'MacBeth' with Orson Welles, Autzen Senate Chamber. Admission 25 cents or season ticket.

All Day---Oktoberfest continues at Mount Angel.

Sunday, September 19:

10 a.m.---Registration for fraternity rush and continental breakfast for all rushees, Mathews Dining Room.

# calendar

1-5 and 7-10 p.m.---Fraternity rush continues as rushees visit each of Willamette's six fraternities for 45 minutes apiece.

7 p.m.---Cinema Criticism Film Series: 'Throne of Blood' by Akira Kurosawa (Japan). Autzen Senate Chambers, admission \$1 or season ticket.

All Day---Oktoberfest concludes in Mount Angel.

Monday, September 20:

Last day to add classes without petition, Colleges of Liberal Arts and Music.

2:30-4:30 and 6:30-9:30 p.m.---Fraternity rush continues as rushees visit at least four houses for 45 minutes apiece.

9:30 p.m.---Preference drop for fraternity rush-ees (must drop at least two houses, can drop more), Alumni Lounge of the University Center.

Tuesday, September 21:

3 and 8 p.m.---'New White Consciousness' classes for students, University Center.

4 p.m.---University faculty meeting, Law E.

7-10 p.m.---Fraternity rush continues with coffee dates.

Art Exhibit opens in University Center Gallery. Oregon Artists Series presents the work of Willamette's Carl Hall through October 19.

Wednesday, September 22:

10:30 a.m.---Student Senate Meeting, Autzen Senate Chambers. Among discussion topics will be the fate of the school yearbook, the 'Wallulah.'

7-10 p.m.---Fraternity rush continues with coffee dates.

Thursday, September 23:

7-10 p.m.---Fraternity Rush continues with coffee dates.

Friday, September 24:

All Day---Fraternity open house.

9:30 p.m.---Fraternity pledging, Alumni Lounge, University Center.

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# Football hurting

by Doug Coates  
WU Publicity Office

Twenty lettermen and two newcomers will be in the Willamette football lineup tomorrow when the Bearcats host Northwest Conference newcomer Whitworth at 1:30 p.m. at McCulloch Stadium.

Transfer Greg Gilbert of Medford (via Treasure Island JC) will direct the Bearcats' multiple "P" formation at quarterback as the non-letterman in the offensive lineup.

Gilbert's passing ability is expected to balance the rushing attack led by junior Dan Mahle, the NWC's leading rusher last year.

Joining Gilbert and Mahle will be sophomore fullback Mike Carpenter (212) and senior flanker gunnar Guttormsen (193) in the backfield.

Veterans up front include split end Lloyd Merryman (180), tight end Marc Hildebrandt (203), tackles Jerry Todd (216) and Chuck Marshall (215), guards Dave Cook (230) and Mike Ivie (200) and center Gus Arzner (220).

Backing up the probable starters in key positions will be several capable performers, including tailback Gerry Ellibee, a transfer from Spokane CC, split end Mark 'Mercury' Morris, a transfer from Colorado, and freshman quarterback Greg Rowles.

The Bearcat defense took a turn for the worse last week in practice with three probable starters being sidelined with injuries, leaving defensive coach Joe Schaffeld with a juggling job.

Tabbed for duty are ends Chuck White (220) and frosh John Pearson (186) and tackles Dwight Jeffers (207) and Wilfred Okabe (177) up front. Byron Brooks (190), Scott Butterfield (200) and Dennis Danielson (226) are the linebackers, while the deep backs include Joe Parker (176), Steve Bastian (170), Jeff Ives (172) and Hal Stringert (180).

The Pirates boast one of the nation's largest quarterbacks in 6-2, 235 pound sophomore George Perry, a capable passer.

The Pirate-Bearcat rivalry dates back to 1908 and includes 71 games, with Willamette holding a 7-4 edge.

## Hockey team promising

Coach Fran Howard is excited about this year's women's field hockey team. Last year being the first for the sport on Willamette's campus, 8 women of the starting 11 have returned, and are looking good. The returnees are Jane Stilwell (goalie), Jamee Ard (inner), Gail Ross and Theresa oron (wings), Pam Thoits, Cindy Cutter, Diane Farguahr (half-backs), Lillian Soltes (fullback).

Retraining students out for their first year of hockey, and giving balance and strength to the starting lineup are Karen Houser (center forward), Barb Brumme (inner) and Helen Fergusen (fullback). Several freshmen are making strong bids for the team, and will give depth to the team.

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