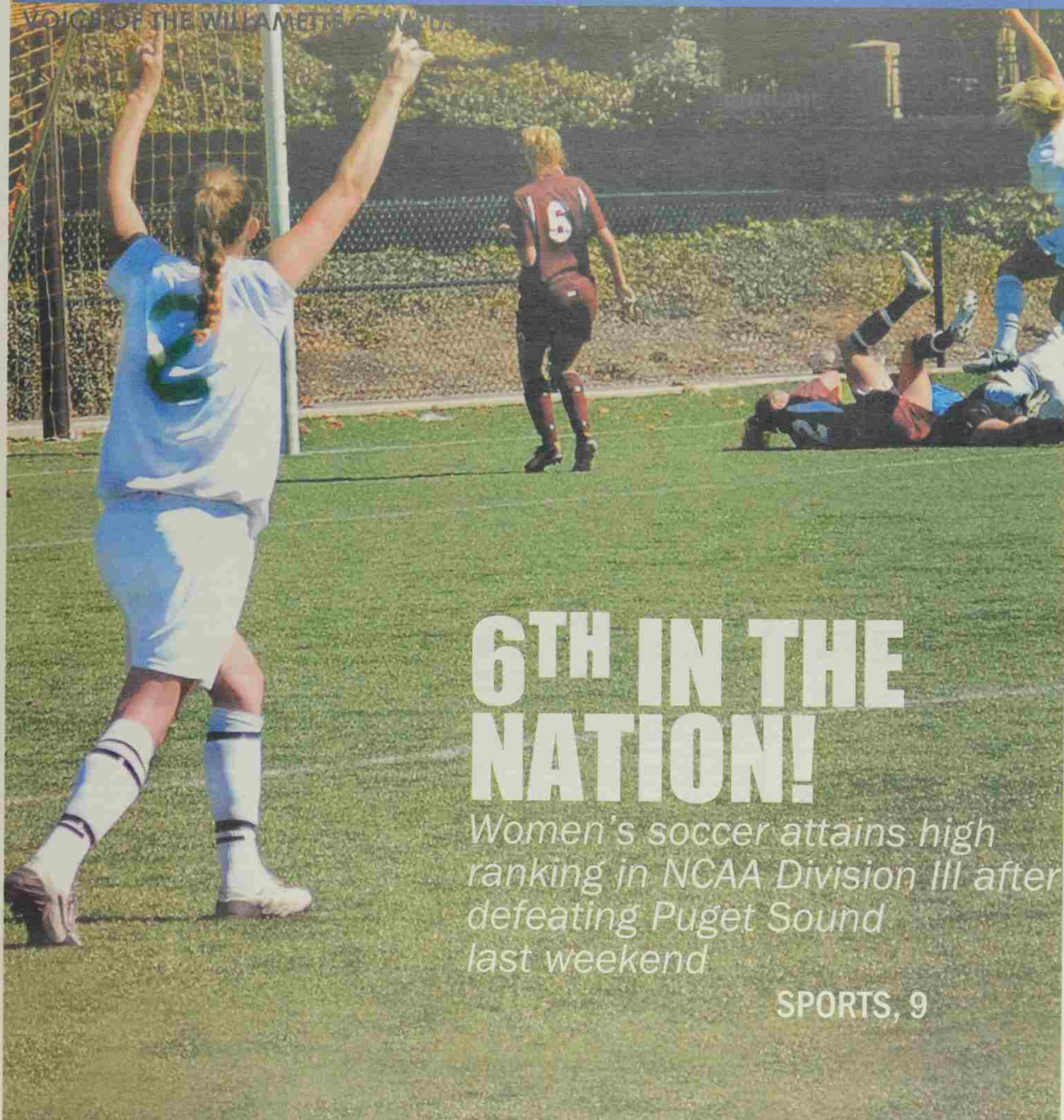


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Class of 1956 marks anniversary with murals, money

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Recently the Willamette Class of 1956 marked their 50th anniversary with a \$1.2 million donation and a series of commemorative murals, commissioning the talent of professional artist and 1956 alumna Marjorie Horton to produce a set of four paintings honoring the class's history at Willamette University. These paintings portray the university and its students as they were half a century ago, in a vivid depiction of Willamette's past.

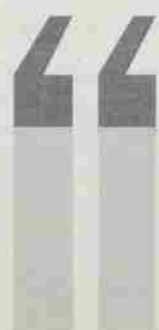
Horton spent nearly a year on the four paintings, often working as many as 12 hours a day.

"What I tried to do is make the paintings feel alive," she said, "and I tried to make them so that people can see them and feel what it was like to live in Salem in the 1950s." Describing the content of the murals, Horton said, "We voted on what we thought were the most memorable experiences of our class, and that is what you'll see in the paintings."

These experiences include many different activities and traditions from Willamette's past, including the Homecoming Bonfire, Freshman Glee and student activities in and around the original Bearcat Cavern. One section also features a number of "lost bets," a tradition

"What I tried to do is make the paintings feel alive."

**MARJORIE HORTON
CLASS OF 1956**



"The figures in the paintings were taken from actual photos, so when people from the 50s look at the paintings, they should be able to recognize the faces of themselves or their classmates."

DAVID AUDLEY

that resulted in everything from live goldfish swallowing to half-naked public musical performances.

Yet these paintings are not simple recreations of the past, according to the Director of Alumni and Parent Relations on campus, David Audley. "The figures in the paintings were taken from actual photos, so when people from the 50s look at the paintings, they should be able to recognize the faces of themselves or their classmates."

A number of current students have expressed their appreciation of this gift and what it represents. Willamette junior Erik Holmstrom first noticed the paintings on his way to the Registrar's Office. "The artist really did a fantastic job," he said. "I would encourage anyone with a couple spare minutes to go and see what past classes experienced at Willamette University."

The class's 1.2 million dollar donation makes them the most giving class in Willamette history. This funding was directed toward the creation of the Dean and Judy Benson Endowed Scholarship Fund, as well as the establishment of the Class of 1956 Endowed Scholarship Fund.

RIGHT • The murals commemorate historical activity at Willamette University. Posters are available for purchase at the Willamette Store



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Needs More Cowbell

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As E.Coli is sweeping the nation and the bird flu looms over us, we begin to ponder our own mortality. The world seems to stop when viruses and diseases run rampant. Much like a student's world stops when they sneeze on campus for the first time, and realize Mama isn't there to hand them a tissue. It's a harsh reality—similar to not having classes canceled on Veterans Day—but it is there. And if it hasn't hit you yet, it will soon.

It hit NMC three days ago, when Christine felt a familiar tickle in her throat. First thought: *Oh, no! I have the E. coli!* She immediately began to plan her own funeral, complete with a small parade down State Street. But when Maggie explained to her how E.Coli actually affects the body, Christine soon realized that she had the common cold.

The common cold may sound mild, but it is a bitch when you do not have Mommy around. When you are in the comfort of your own home, the coughing, headaches, feverishness and nausea

is not that bad. That is because you have 700 bowls of homemade chicken noodle soup, the Kleenex with the lotion infused in it and cable, a.k.a. "Saved by the Bell" reruns.

At Willamette, being sick is not quite the same. The single-ply toilet paper that you stole from the UC causes horrible lacerations when you blow your nose. Not to mention, you are not exactly "bringin' sexy back" when you carry that roll of T.P. to class with you. Speaking of class, it blows having to attend when you are sick, but you drag your tired corpse out of bed and saunter off to class. The situation does not improve once you arrive. Your peers quarantine you to the corner because of the hacking and wheezing. In their eyes, you are the bubonic plague personified. Will you remember anything from that class? No. Will you infect 10 other people? Yes.

We all have our "sick rituals." No, not what you are thinking. We are talking about the things we do when we are sick

that make us feel better. Maggie prefers to sleep, which is not something she normally does. When hindered with an ailment, she tries to get at least eight hours of sleep, instead of the normal four. Christine on the other hand, likes to complain to anyone who will listen. *Pity? Party of one!*

Then there are the comfort rituals: curling up in your bed with a romantic comedy of the Tom Hanks/Meg Ryan genre, followed up by a little Johnny Knoxville or Dane Cook, completed with tea, Teddy Grahams, and trashy tabloids. Being sick never felt so good.

The moral of the story is being sick at Willamette is almost as bad as trying to find a parking spot at 10 a.m. If you have a cold, cough, e. coli, fever, pneumonia, chronic diarrhea, Chlamydia, syphilis, gonorrhea, constant vomiting, color blindness or famine, you are screwed. But if you are lucky enough to contract the bird flu, have no fear: Willamette has a plan and you will be fine!

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E. Coli outbreak affects campus, entire nation

Official cause not yet determined; university officials monitor situation

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Growing concern has been expressed throughout the United States since September 14th, when the FDA issued a warning to consumers regarding a sudden outbreak of the E. coli virus. Since then, the virus has spread to at least twenty-five states, effecting at least 171 reported cases of illness, 92 hospitalizations, and three deaths.

Although the cause of the outbreaks seems to be exclusively attributable to farms in California, the entire nation has been affected by the virus because approximately 74% of all fresh spinach grown in the U.S. comes from California. Willamette and its surrounding areas are no exception, and Margaret Trout from the Bishop Wellness Center on campus said, "There have definitely been cases in Marion County." In fact, on September 14th—the day on which the E. coli alert was officially issued—there had already been five cases of E. coli reported within Marion County.

Of course, every precaution has been taken to ensure that Willamette students are not exposed to the affected spinach, and Bon Appetit has been especially vigilant about keeping spinach out of its dining areas. Marc Marelich, the General Manager for Bon Appetit in Goudy Commons, said that Goudy was promptly notified of the spinach

alert and took action immediately: "As soon as we heard we pulled all the spinach out of the coolers and any other products, including some pesto sauce we had made."

As for the spinach that was eaten on the day of the first outbreaks, before Goudy employees had pulled the spinach problems from the cafeteria, Marelich did not feel that there is any danger for the students. "There may have been a bag [of spinach] in question," he said, "but our products are pretty much Oregon products, not shipped in from California." Because of this, there was never any real danger of the virus being present in Goudy meals, and Marelich said that the absence of spinach from the Bon Appetit products is "really just a comfort thing."

So far, Marelich has received no complaints of any students becoming ill from food eaten in Goudy and doesn't fear the possibility of E. Coli cases developing. Nevertheless, Goudy has been cleansed of all spinach products, including an organic spring salad mix that contained spinach. Spinach products that were already being stored for future consumption have either been thrown out or sent back to their distributors. "Some people worry about our spinach tortillas," Marelich said, "but those are cooked and fully safe. Everything in our power has been done." He said that, if a student were to contract E. coli, it would most likely be traceable not to on-campus food products, but to an outside restaurant or food source.

CASES OF E. COLI OUTBREAKS IN THE UNITED STATES



COURTESY OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

This map shows the number and distribution of E. Coli infections nationwide. The darker states represent higher concentrations of cases. Six people have gotten this strain in Oregon so far.

The one reassuring thing about this particular illness, according to Margaret Trout, is that the E. Coli virus is not contagious and its spread can be prevented through the proper handling of food products. She added that the Bishop Center feels well-prepared to deal with any occurrences of E. Coli that might arise on campus, and that Bishop staff will approach the virus "just like we deal with any other...problems," explaining that she has seen similar cases in students who have gotten parasites or giardia after traveling to other countries.

"When we see people with these symptoms," Trout said, "we do the usual thing, which includes thorough evaluation and proper treatment." For now, the crisis is being handled, and the E. Coli virus is not a serious threat to students on campus. Goudy and other food-service spots on campus will remain spinach-free until the FDA says that spinach is once again safe to eat. In the meantime, Marelich said the hardest part of this situation is simply that "a lot of people are missing their spinach."

Admissions toughens standards for hosting prospective students

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The overnight host system has become much more selective after reports of irresponsible hosting last year, and now makes applicants go through a formal process.

"The new process for being a host consists of filling out a one page application, having your CM or RA fill out a brief evaluation, and having a 10-minute interview with one of the four Overnight Host Coordinators," Student Coordinator Courtney Paine said. "Last year students only were responsible for filling out a one

page application, but because of the multiple drug/alcohol policy violations and consistent problems with hosts not showing up to meet their prospees, we decided to make the process a little more competitive this year."

Student Coordinator Melissa Magaña said the move is due in part to prospective students getting drunk and high last year. "There have also been complaints from prospective students after they stayed the night with a host who was not so good," she said.

Magaña said that being an overnight host is much more than providing a place to sleep. "They want someone to show them around, take them to dinner, introduce

them to campus and make them feel comfortable," she said. "The people that are chosen as hosts are being hired by the admissions department to help create a very pleasant environment for prospective students."

The new application process allows the admission office to choose the best students to represent Willamette, Magaña said. "We can also check with the judicial board to see if applicants have any history with infractions or violations of the rules on campus."

Many organizations on campus request disciplinary information from the Department of Residence Life, according to Director Marilyn Derby. These include the debate team, Greek organizations, the study abroad department, the athletics depart-

ment and now the Office of Admissions. "There's a heightened awareness around campus that they might want to pay attention to what a student's behavior has been, and whether this person is a good candidate to host a prospective student," Derby said.

Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout said that the number of incidents involving prospective students is not available, since no separate checkbox exists on the violation form to indicate that a prospective student was present.

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Iraq/Afghanistan:

The United States military death toll in the War on Terror topped the number of people killed in the 9/11 attacks over the weekend. At the same time, the Iraqi citizen death toll is also reaching an all time high, with 6,599 deaths reported between July and August alone.

India

Health officials have established a ban against Coca Cola and Pepsi products in several Indian states after allegations that both products contained high levels of pesticides. The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) called for government action after the group found that the soft drinks, both bottled locally, were dangerously tainted. Coca Cola and Pepsi defended themselves, maintaining that their products are safe.

Monrovia, Liberia

The Liberian Justice Ministry called for residents to protect themselves by forming vigilante groups after police have failed to gain an advantage on the deadly machete gangs known as the Issaka Boys. Much criticism has been aimed at the United Nations for allegedly not doing enough to fight the gangs over the past 14-year civil war.

Japan

Sony released a statement informing Japanese consumers of a 20 percent price cut on the soon to be released PlayStation 3. Sony's surprise pricing move could deter concerns about the system capabilities, price, and delayed launch. However, the price for the PS3 will remain the same for the U.S. and European games.

China

A panda at the Beijing zoo had an unexpected visitor earlier this week when a drunken tourist climbed into its pen. Unnoticed at first, Zhang Xinyan attempted to hug the sleeping panda, only to be attacked. After being bit twice, Xinyan retaliated by biting the panda on its back. The man was rushed to the hospital but the panda did not suffer any injuries.

Great Britain

Twenty one pictures, possibly by the late Nazi leader Adolf Hitler, sold for £118,000 (\$223,000). The nineteen watercolors and two sketches of country scenes were sold by Jeffreys, a firm of auctioneers who believes that they were created by Hitler in Belgium during his years as a young soldier. Hitler was known for his talent as a painter. Profiting from art by Hitler has been a point of controversy in addition to the lack of authenticity for these paintings.

Sources: Associated Press, BBC

Not for the riches and fame, but for the lifestyle

Junior Jason Gundlach breaks into local hip-hop scene

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"It all starts with a beat."

Jason Gundlach, who is JG on the stage and to his friends, describes how his music evolves. "You listen to the instrumental first, and then you try to mirror it with language."

He has been interested in language his entire life. "With my lyrics I try to orchestrate a sequence of sounds that, independent of their meaning, create beautiful music. I want to convey a message purely through sound as well as with the meaning behind the words. The flow and rhythm of the verse should mirror and magnify the subject matter," JG said.

JG is a second semester junior at Willamette. He transferred here from Chemeketa Community College because after getting high grades while enrolled there he didn't want to sell himself short. He said Willamette was the best opportunity he had and he wanted to take advantage of it.

This love of language has translated into a fledgling career as a hip-hop artist. JG and his best friend Lyndon Hansen, who goes by Middle, formed the hip-hop group "Hot in Pursuit" in eighth grade. They are now in their twenties and have amassed a following in the local music scene.

"It's not the kind of music that makes you rich and famous. I just love the lifestyle," JG said. "We've been broke as fuck, and spent more money on gas and advertising for shows than we've made. But when people put their hands up when I say to, you can't put a price on it."

Hip-hop music has been a part of JG's life as far back as he remembers, and Lyndon has been by his side since they met in eighth grade. "We've spent every waking moment together," JG said.

Middle, with a smirk, recounts

their first meeting. "JG was at the Hoop [a basketball complex] dribbling between his legs, trying to be cool. He was counting and had made it to 1000 something, and I came up and smacked away the ball." When JG inquired as to how their friendship sprang from that encounter, Lyndon looks confused, as if JG asked a stupid question. "I dunno, it just happened. We just started hanging out together."

One of Hot in Pursuit's biggest fans is Jason's little brother, Andrew Gundlach. "I really do look up to him. He does what he has to do to get where he wants in life," the younger Gundlach said. "We were both raised in the same house with the same experiences, but we took really different paths. I ended up in jail, J ended up at Willamette. Throughout it all he's really been there for me." Andrew is paying JG the ultimate compliment: imitation. He starts school at OSU this week.

He even has JG's name tattooed on his back. "It symbolizes eternity," he said. "I'll have the tattoo forever, and J will be with me for my whole life."

JG feels that hip-hop kept him out of trouble. "In high school, I had some home life issues... and I used basketball to escape. Middle and I would play like three hours a day. When I realized I wasn't going to make it to the NBA, I transferred that mentality to hip-hop."

When asked how he feels about the negative image hip-hop often has in the media, JG looks sad. "It's unfortunate that people have a limited definition of hip-hop. It's also really unfortunate that a lot of songs are stereotypical. Not the tip that I'm on," JG said. "On the radio you hear a lot of rap about violence, drugs and objectifying women. We don't really have anything blatant like that in our songs. If there is anything, take it with a wink," JG advised.

But at the same time, JG gives mainstream rappers whose lyrics often include the stereotypes credit for succeeding. "You can't hate



PHOTO COURTESY OF JASON GUNDLACH

Jason Gundlach performs hip-hop at the Ike Box, a local coffee shop in Salem.

on guys like 50 Cent. That's hip-hop. It's entrepreneurial. The hustler turns 15 cents into a dollar. Eminem pimps the music. His new song is the worst I've ever heard. It's just about business."

While they are not in it for the money or fame, rapping does have its benefits. "We call Middle the Monopolizer... he gets all the girls," Jason said.

"Ladies can't resist Middle," Middle added, laughing.

Middle sums up who Jason is as a person: "That first time I met him, when he was dribbling that ball between his legs over and over and over... that's who he is. He applies it with school. He tries to get a 4.0 and feels like a failure if he gets anything less. He'll go

"You can't hate on guys like 50 Cent. That's hip-hop. It's entrepreneurial. The hustler turns 15 cents into a dollar."

JASON GUNDLACH
JUNIOR

down a 100-foot slide at a 37-degree angle on a miniature bike that ends with a four-foot drop-off just cuz I said he couldn't. That's the kind of guy JG is.



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LEFT • Gundlach performs onstage. RIGHT • The album "Beginning of Tradition" was released in January of 2006. Their next album is due out on Oct. 28. It will feature a track with underground hip-hop performer Scarub, of the group Living Legends.



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► additional info

Hot in Pursuit has one CD out so far called "Beginning of Tradition."

Go to myspace.com/hotinpursuit to hear some of their tracks, buy CDs or for other information about the group.

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Arts and Technology presentations showcase student talents

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Last Wed., six Willamette students had the opportunity to present projects featuring a mixture of art and technology completed with the help of a W. M. Keck Arts & Technology Grant. The four projects displayed a use of flash animation, original music and rotoscope animation. The students featured were part of a larger group of students working on grants over the summer as a part of the project.

In 2004, Willamette received a \$500,000 grant from the W. M. Keck Foundation to develop a collaborative interdisciplinary

program in the arts and technology. A portion of the money from the grant goes toward to support research by faculty and students to develop a dialog across disciplines on the integration of technology in the arts.

Cindy Cramer, User Services Consultant of Arts and Technology, explained the value of a grant like this for students.

"The Keck grants provide students the opportunity to work with faculty mentors on creative artistic projects or on research projects exploring the use of technology in the arts. It is an opportunity to experiment, to collaborate, and to gain some understanding of the joys and perils of working outside the framework of class assignments."

For their projects, grant recipients senior Jonathan Waltner and junior Michael Murray created a three-part animation focusing on the topic of urban sprawl and the environment for their project. Combining animation and original music compositions, each of the films explored different ways of working on the project, each taking turns designing their aspect of the project based upon the other's concepts.

"I learned a lot about my own creative process," Murray said. "I really enjoyed working with more traditional instruments, as well as blending them with a more electronic sound. I also rediscovered that leaving my own personal comfort box is always a good thing, in terms of the type of music I was writing."

During their presentation, both Murray and Waltner acknowledged that the biggest challenge of the project was syncing the timing between the visual and audio in the films, especially as the two had to work on the animation and music in sepa-



JEN ASZKLAR

Receiptants of the Arts and Technology Scholarships present their research. Starting next Monday, the works will be on display, rate locations on campus.

"Timing was a pretty tricky issue. The music doesn't always want to change when the animation does, and vice versa," Murray said.

Starting next Monday, Oct. 2, the student works founded by the Keck Project will be on display in the student gallery in the Art Building. The exhibition will run through Oct. 13.

► keck grant info

- Applications for the Keck Grant will be available in January at the start of the term. Information and examples of the student projects can be found at www.willamette.edu/cia/keck

- Faculty involved in the Arts and Technology program this year include: Professors Mike Nord, Alexandra Opie, Ken Nolley, Jenny Orr, James Thompson and John Peel.

- Students with questions may also contact Cindy Cramer at <cramer>

Culinary inspiration abounds at downtown Salem's 'The Kitchen Store'



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College isn't really the period in our lives in which culinary skills are mastered. Sure, there are those who cook meals from scratch in dorm kitchens or in off-campus housing, but let's be honest; Willamette students also consume a lot of ramen. Culinary skill level and motivation to cook aside, The Kitchen Store downtown has a vast array of interesting kitchenware to poke at, and some items worth investing in.

The Kitchen Store has tons of items to inspire those who fantasize about dinner parties and entertaining. One Willamette student fell in love with a metal cupcake stand in the shape of a tree, perfect for holiday parties. Students who are interested in barware will find a selection of durable pieces, such as durable martini shakers that are less leak-prone than their cheaper coun-

terparts. In the spirit of responsible drinking, investing in a hard alcohol pourer that measures precise one ounce shots is definitely worth it.

Willamette students also drink a lot of non-alcoholic beverages, and The Kitchen Store is well stocked with implements and accessories. Those with an addiction to Starbucks might consider investing in a fancy coffee machine; it will be cheaper in the long run. There is also a good selection of mugs- travel and traditional- which make great gifts and provide some variety from the offerings at the student store.

Like tea?

The Kitchen Store has got you covered. Not only are there a variety of teapots, for loose as well as bagged tea, but also a fabulous selection of tea. The Republic of Tea is a fantastic line to try- made with unbleached paper bags, the quality is definitely noticeable in the flavor. Almost the entire line is available, and the white tea line is especially worth trying.

If nothing but the best will do, The Kitchen Store also carries a selection of products from Tea Forte, one of the pricier tea companies.

Although tritely recommended by Oprah, this tea is superior for its coarsely cut herbs and tea leaves housed in an aesthetically pleasing silk diffuser. The line also offers a stunning white porcelain teacup, the recommended brewing vessel for high quality teas.

► the kitchen store

- Location: 333 Chemeketa between Liberty and Commercial.
- Sells a variety of kitchen products for all consumers. These products include: tea pots, barware, and baking supplies.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Momiji Sushi Bar

Momiji offers great service and reasonable prices to sushi goers

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If you like sushi and are willing to accept the fact that no type of cuisine comes close to authentic outside of the country of origin, then Momiji is for you. The modest atmosphere, quick service, and reasonable prices are all reasons to put this place on the Top-5 list.

For starters, I recommend that you go anytime Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. to catch the superb lunch specials. For example, for \$7.95 you can get four pieces of nigiri, a roll, miso and a small cucumber salad.

The other good time to go would be Sunday nights, from 4 p.m. until 9 p.m. when the sushi is a buck apiece.

The restaurant wouldn't win any appearance awards, but some décor is there: colorful kimonos and obis on the walls near a watercolor bamboo painting, a giant swordfish at the entrance and charming, dainty parasols twirling gently from the ceiling. Seating options include tables and action-views at the bar, and the menu is easy to follow.

The artfulness of a typical presentation of a plate is not as nice for the lunch specials, so if you are looking for the take-me-away experience, wait until the evenings, when

things settle down a bit and you can really enjoy the fruits of the chef's labor. No matter when you go, try their specialty: the Salem roll. It is a tempura roll with crab, avocado and cream cheese.

► Momiji Sushi Restaurant

- Location: 2916 Commercial SE.
- Phone Number: 503-763-0320.
- Hours: Mon.-Sat. 11a.m.-2p.m. 5p.m.-9:30p.m.

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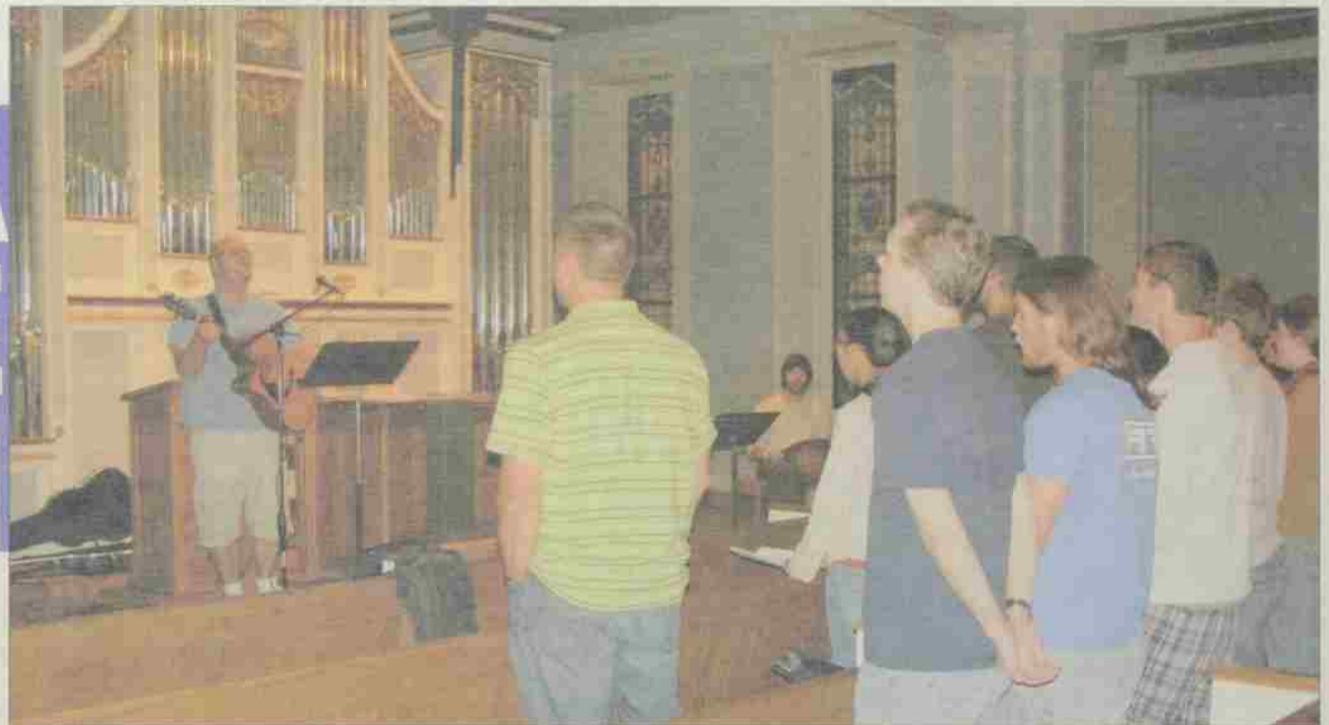
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GOTTA HAVE FAITH

Immersed in a liberal arts lifestyle, students confront their own religious backgrounds



ABOVE: Junior Brandon Adams (pictured playing the drum), sophomores Andrew Miller (dark blue), Andrew Pickard (light blue) and Jordan Aney attend the Koinonia worship service on Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Cone Chapel.

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It is no secret that the Pacific Northwest, religion is a tough sell. The region has the lowest religious affiliation of any region in the United States. Only 35.2 percent of Oregonians affiliate with a religious group, according to authors Patricia O'Connell Killen and Mark Silk of "Pacific Northwest: the none zone." Killen and Silk report the national average is 59.4 percent.

The Office of the Chaplain reported that 40 percent of Willamette students identify as generically Christian (of those students that volunteered the information). Most that list a particular denomination are Catholic, followed by Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Mormon, Baptist and Jewish.

But, how does a northwest liberal arts college interact with a student's previous views on religion?

Charlie Wallace, University Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religious Studies said, "Willamette has a long tradition of religion and learning, of really supporting one another and challenging one another."

Though, while students may affiliate with a specific religion, once in college, many don't practice it regularly. "The difference between religion when living at home and when going to college is that you usually back off of your views," Wallace said. "The idea that your perspective is the only one or the right one comes into question. This is a time for exploration."

Submerged in a new lifestyle and introduced to new belief systems in college, many

students stray from their religious upbringing.

Sophomore Grant Piros transitioned from one religious extreme to another. Until the age of 15, he was a member of the Hutterian Brethren, a community he describes as "a mix between Amish and Mennonites." The community of 400 people lived together and believed in a common pot; there was no individual money. The group's focus was on God and the community. However, when he was 15, Piros' family left the East Coast community and moved to Oregon.

"I've learned a lot about myself and become a lot more independent," he said. "I've found my own way to go about things."

While he is not part of the Hutterian Brethren now, he still holds on to many of the values instilled from his youth. "I still have a lot of my beliefs and still believe in God," he said. "It was good for me to have a basis where I believed in God and had good morals. It helped me get good grades in high school and helped get me into Willamette."

Yet, like so many other Pacific Northwestern residents and students at Willamette, Piros recognizes that religion is not a pertinent part of his life at the moment. "I'm going to find my own way eventually, but I'm not going to church right now," Piros said.

While statistics show that Willamette is not an extremely religious campus, there are still students that actively practice their faith. "There are people whose religious mode continues through their growing-up years, but it's not talked about much on campus," Wallace said.

Sophomore Cody Anthony is a part of

this minority of those active in their faith.

As a Latter-Day Saint (LDS), Anthony attends "Institute" in the mornings twice a week. There, he meets with six or seven other students in order to better understand the gospel. Anthony returned from his mission in South Africa in 2004 and enrolled at Willamette.

"For me it was easier to adjust. I served a mission where probably only one percent of the population was LDS so it wasn't hard to adjust because I was used to it," he said.

As on most college campuses, many Willamette students drink alcohol. While Anthony does not drink, he said "I enjoy hanging out with my friends. I don't have a problem with going to pick them up from a party or going to a bar and being the designated driver."

Similarly, co-president of the Jewish Student Union Allison Gilman is used to being in the minority. She estimated that there are no more than 25 Jewish students in the Union. Jews make up approximately one percent of the Willamette student body.

However, Gilman said that her college experience reinforced her beliefs. "I feel more Jewish here," she said. "At home I go along with all the Jewish things my family is doing, but here, all of a sudden, I feel like I have to embrace it more. I feel a need to represent the Jewish community here." For Gilman, college is a time of sustaining her religious upbringing. For others, it is a time of reevaluating their beliefs on their path to something new. "The college years are a special time in one's religious life," Wallace said. "Wherever the students are in their journey, we try and enrich it."

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WHAT STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY COLLEGE'S EFFECTS ON RELIGION

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STUDY ABROAD: WASHINGTON D.C.

Five years later: D.C. shows respect but lacks vigor

Sept. 11 attacks now a hazy memory, even in the Nation's capital

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When students think "Study Abroad," they do not typically think of Washington, D.C. I'm a senior at Willamette this year, but I am currently studying journalism in the Washington Semester Program at American University. Even though we still speak English, this city is a whole world away from Salem. I've eaten at a phenomenal Lebanese restaurant and an Ethiopian restaurant where all of the food is finger food. I explored Dupont Circle, a prime center of nightlife, with a group of crazy international students. I've seen Judy Garland's ruby slippers and the Hope Diamond. The best part about Washington is that most of the museums are free!

I also participated in a kickball tournament in the shadow of the Washington Monument. After seeing all these sites on the evening news for years, it seems a little unreal to actually be able to reach out and touch them, let alone kick a red rubber ball at them.

The memorials are especially spectacular at night. On a warm evening last weekend, I strolled along the Potomac with two friends. Across the river, the Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument glowed brightly, bathed in spotlights and reflected in the water.

My school routine is different every day, but we stay pretty busy. I've heard from speakers such as Bob Scheiffer of the CBS Evening News, the Senate Press Secretary, Ambassador Joe Wilson and a producer for the new English version of the Aljazeera Network. We've toured Washington's news radio station (WTOP), the NBC studios and the Washington Post newsroom where the whole Watergate Scandal unfolded.

On the days I'm not in class, I take the Red Line Metro to my internship with Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, an organization that takes unused railway easements and turns them into hiking/biking trails. I write for their website and their magazine.

Experiencing Sept. 11 in D.C.

My very first assignment was to report on the commemorations of Sept. 11. Unfortunately, there was not a whole lot going on.

The morning of Sept. 11, 2006 dawned gray and rainy in contrast to the previous weekend of cloudless skies and sunshine. For most of Washington, the morning was business as usual, except for maybe a little extra tension as the rush-hour crowds jostled through the Metro stations on their way to



work. I found this relative calmness rather odd as I wandered around downtown Washington. It was the fifth anniversary of 9-11, in a city that was directly hit, and very few people seemed to be acknowledging it.

Speakers from The Gandhi Institute of Non-Violence attracted a small crowd on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and President Bush addressed the families of the victims at the Pentagon.

As I strolled among the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and the new World War II Memorial, I stopped to photograph tourists and I noticed one little thing that jogged my memory. Fifty flags surround the Washington Monument, and all of them were at half-staff. It was a powerful picture.

Here at American University, one of the most politically active universities in the country, many students gathered together on the quad for a candlelight vigil in memory of those who were killed in the attacks. But there was no single widely-publicized event for the general public to come together in mourning and memory. I was taken aback by the indifference I observed in our nation's capital. The heart and brain of the American military was

attacked here. That's kind of a big deal.

I hope that even back in Oregon, so far removed from the situation, you remember the significance of Sept. 11, 2001. I hope you remember where you were and what you were thinking. America lost its innocence that day in September and there will be repercussions for a long time. I hope that although our country will bounce back, the memory will never fade away into just another day of business as usual.

The biggest lesson I've learned from Washington in general and the apathy towards Sept. 11 in particular is the importance of staying up to date on current events. I'm a history major at Willamette and it is easy for me to focus on events of the past and ignore the daily news. However, I've realized that the journalism of today becomes the history of tomorrow. Dig out the microfilm and read the Washington Post and New York Times from Sept. 12, 2001. It is a powerful thing to read about and experience current events first hand. I must pay attention now so I won't forget later.

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ABOVE: Katie Bruhn (second from right) poses with friends in front of the Washington Monument. FAR ABOVE: Bruhn studies at American University in Washington D.C. near and visited Capitol building as well as free museums in the area.

closer + look

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Five years after Sept. 11, 2001, construction is underway on two projects on the World Trade Center site: a memorial and the Freedom Tower.

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation sponsored a design contest in spring 2003 for a memorial dedicated to the 2,979 people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001. Over 5,000 groups and individuals contributed designs, but

1,776 ft memorial 'Freedom Tower' to be tallest building in United States

"Reflecting Absence," by Michael Arad and Peter Walker, won the bid on Jan. 6, 2004. Most of the memorial is being built about 30 feet below street level, with few features above ground. Although the project has been plagued by a lack of funds and disputes about security and the cost of maintenance, the memorial and museum are scheduled to open on Sept. 11, 2009.

Also, a 1,776 foot tall Freedom Tower of commercial office space will replace the World Trade Center's fallen towers. The distinctive height corresponds to the year of the Declaration of Independence.

The tower will be the tallest building in the United States. According to the Associated Press, New York Governor George Pataki said, "It is going to be a symbol of our freedom and independence."

Sources: <http://www.npr.org>, <http://www.lowermanhattan.info>, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Center_Memorial

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VOLLEYBALL

Young team builds strengths

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Despite holding the lead twice, the Bearcats lost six games in a row to Pacific University and Pacific Lutheran over the weekend. Nearing the midpoint in the season, they are still coveting a conference win. Their overall record remains 3-10.

Friday night, the Bearcats hosted the Pacific Boxers. Last year they managed to beat the Boxers, but this year lost, losing 19-30, 17-30 and 24-30.

Freshman Julie Stutzman recorded five against the Boxers with Jordyn Smith leading the team with eight kills and only one attacking error.

Stutzman said, "We don't have one star player, we all have to contribute in our own way. It's better because we're not depending on anyone. Everyone brings something to the team."

On Saturday, the Bearcats could not match the intensity of the Pacific Lutheran Lutes, who are ranked third in the coaches' poll and have a 4-0 record in the NWC, losing 16-30, 24-30 and 20-30.

Willamette struggled on offense, recording 27 kills with 22 attacking errors, to the Lutes 50 kills and 12 errors.

Junior Jordyn Smith commented on the season, stating, "Three out of four of the last matches we've lost. We have beat ourselves. We are focusing on cutting down on unforced errors and not giving points away."

"We are working our tails off and I know that we will see success as we remain committed to achieving our team goals. Playing our game on game day is key to accomplishing that success," Smith said.

PROFILE

Junior Sarah Zerzan shapes athletic family tradition into her own

Zerzan balances sports and academics like a pro, maintaining a 3.9 GPA in Biochemistry and earning All-American honors

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Raised in San Carlos, Calif., junior Sarah Zerzan hails from a family of runners. Sarah began running in middle school, where she ironically was a sprinter and shot put thrower. In high school, the inspiration from her father's and brother's efforts in distance running triggered her career in cross country. Zerzan said, "It's great to have someone who really knows and understands what I love," however, "running has always been a personal choice."

Zerzan enters this season off a successful 2005-2006 running year. She earned All-American honors (25th place) for cross country; then placed 11th in the 5k for track and field. On Sept. 8, Sarah led the



COURTESY OF SARAH ZERZAN

Third from left, Sarah Zerzan leads the Bearcats into their largest meet of the season, this Saturday, 9 a.m. on our home course at Bush Park.



On Sept. 8, Zerzan led the Willamette University cross country team at the Pier Park Preview by placing third. The team is a small group of talented girls who are ready to defend their Conference title.

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It is apparent that Sarah is a great leader as one of her goals for the season is to encourage and support her teammates. Further, her teammates are a big motivation for her.

"It's a lot easier to train when you know there are 17 girls doing the exact same thing and supporting you," Zerzan said.

In addition, Sarah is a three time Academic All-American in cross coun-

try and track and field. A biochemistry major and a spanish minor, Sarah maintains a 3.9 GPA. She plans on attending medical school after Willamette and to continue training and racing. However, Zerzan is only a junior and still has big goals to accomplish, races to win and records to break as a Bearcat.

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FOOTBALL

Football wins first games with fourth quarter comeback at Menlo

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In 2005, Willamette's football team began the season 0-3 and many skeptics had them pegged for a down year. But the Bearcats managed to prevail and came within a game of the playoffs, falling only to then top-ranked Linfield in the season finale.

This season seemed to begin in similar fashion, with the Bearcats dropping their first three contests before opening league play with Menlo College last Saturday. The Bearcats destroyed the Oaks last season 52-20, but the Oaks program seemed on the rebound this season defeating two of their first three opponents before opening Northwest Conference play.

"We cut back on some offensive plays," said head coach Mark Speckman. "And we were able to execute better and limit our mistakes."

Going into the fourth quarter things did not look good for the Bearcats. Behind for almost the entire game, and trailing by two scores at the start of the fourth, it looked like Willamette was going to fall to the Menlo College Oaks, in their Northwest conference season opener. Yet junior quarterback Kevin Whipps connected with senior wide-out Mike Plank, for a 67-yard touchdown pass and the deficit cut to five.

The Bearcats would get the ball back with just under 10 minutes to play in the game, still trailing by five. This time they would turn to the

ground, as three ball carriers combined for seven plays, 55 yards and another touchdown, giving the Bearcats a 38-35 lead. A subsequent field goal by junior kicker Matt Bicocca sealed the fate of the Oaks and gave the Bearcats their first win of the season.

The Bearcats managed to bully Menlo on the line allowing for the Willamette rushing attack to take over the game. The Bearcat ball carries racked up a season high of 271-yards on the ground. "Offensively, we had great blocking from the line," said senior running back Kevin Dean, who rushed for a career best 164-yards on 11 carries. "We had a lot of third down conversions and some big plays. We had a lot of mistakes in the first few games, but we were able to cut down on a number of them against Menlo."

The win at Menlo was a great also a big personal win for Coach Speckman, as this was the second time he has coached and first time he has won at Menlo, defeating his former Junior College for the second year in a row.

The Bearcats look ahead to league-rival Linfield College, in a game that will have league title implications. The Wildcats are 0-2 on the season, but should no means be taken lightly as they go for their seventh consecutive league title.

► coming up

The Bearcats will play Linfield this Sat. Sept 30 in McMinnville

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Women move up to 6th place in nation

Willamette women's soccer dominates University of Puget Sound Loggers 3-0, nails number one in Northwest Conference and West Region

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Puget Sound versus Willamette: number one in the West Region versus number two. The last time the Northwest Conference Title was held by a team other than UPS or WU was 1992. It was to be a clash of the titans of the NWC. Both teams came in undefeated and ranked nationally: UPS ranked third and Willamette ranked 18th in the NCAA Division III poll conducted by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Yet, the women's soccer team out-chucked and dominated the Loggers 3-0 at home Sunday, Sept. 24 to grab first in the NWC. They remain undefeated at 7-0-1.

The Bearcats also defeated Lewis and Clark on Saturday, Sept. 23 by the same margin, 3-0,



JESSE ROBERTSON

Sophomore Selena Levy heads the ball away from her Puget Sound opponent.



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led by two scores by freshman forward Meghan Anderson.

Against the Loggers, Willamette kept the ball on the opposite end of the field for most of the game, leading to limited scoring chances for UPS. The NWC Defensive Player of the Week senior goalkeeper Kari Woody had yet another shutout, and has only allowed one goal in the last 380 minutes of play. Great defensive play by the back line, anchored by sophomore back Kelsey Rogel, culminated in the Bearcat's ability to limit the Loggers to four shots on goal.

Offensively, senior midfielder Susan Butler added to her team-leading statistics with five goals and four assists. Butler scored the first goal in the 29th minute, after a free kick from senior midfielder Jessica Lammers crossed the pitch to Anderson, who redirected the ball to Butler, who booted it past UPS goalkeeper Kallie Wolfer. Willamette added two more scores in the second half: One in the 56th minute when a shot by senior midfielder Michelle Gregoire squeaked through the legs of Wolfer, and one in the 78th minute by sophomore forward Emily Gross off a corner kick.

In Portland on Saturday, Willamette got off to a quick start with Anderson's goal in the third minute, setting the tempo early for what



JESSE ROBERTSON

Senior Susan Butler scored the first goal in the 29th minute adding to her team-leading statistics of five goals and four assists

turned to be a blowout. Anderson is second on the team with four goals. Lammers added another score shortly before halftime in the 42nd minute. Near the end of the game in the 82nd minute Anderson put through an insurance goal to seal the victory.

▶ coming up

- Home stand starting against George Fox University on Wed., Sept. 27 at 7 p.m., and finishing with weekend games against Linfield College on Sept. 1 and Pacific University on Sept. 7, both at 12 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

Bearcats struggle against 8th-ranked Puget Sound

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Last Friday, Willamette was defeated 5-0 in a very one-sided game that was dominated by a University of Puget Sound team ranked 22nd in the country going into the game. The Bearcats were unable to recover their composure after an early goal by Puget Sound. The Loggers increased their lead to 3-0 just before the end of the first half, and managed to score two more goals in the second half. Puget Sound outshot Willamette 13-5, and scored on five of their six shots on goal. Willamette goalkeeper Mark Bennett recorded one save in the game, and was replaced by back-up goalkeeper Alek Schilbach with 13:37 left in the game. Schilbach was unable to record a save during his short time on the field. Willamette was able to take two shots on goal, but neither

went in. The two shots were taken by junior midfielder Ben Ward and sophomore forward Forrest Donoho. In addition to being outshot, Willamette struggled to earn corner kicks, creating only one opportunity. Puget Sound, on the other hand, was able to take six corner kicks.

Willamette fell to 1-6-1 for the season and 0-2-1 in Northwest Conference play. UPS improved their record to 5-0 overall and 2-0 in Northwest Conference matchups. The Bearcats will have a rematch with the University of Puget Sound on Oct. 24 in Tacoma, Washington.

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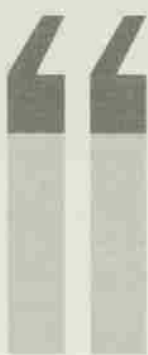
- Linfield College on Saturday, Sept. 30 and Pacific University on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Pregame rituals essential to performances



ANNETTE HULBERT

Even the most successful athletes are vulnerable to failure. Perhaps that's the reason for the pre-game ritual—a certain routine, snack or signal that helps each competitor feel mentally and physically prepared for victory. Common rituals include praying, listening to a favorite song, eating a favorite dish. Or sacrificing a live chicken. Ranging from the mundane to the utterly ridiculous, the pre-game ritual highlights an element of absurdity in every level of athletics.



Many of the most successful competitors swear by the short time specifically designated to become mentally and physically prepared for a victory.

Take Howard Smith's lucky pair of socks, for instance—name changed to protect the innocent. In high school, he was so convinced of their almighty power that he wore them in every soccer game of his senior season. Unfortunately for his teammates, though, Howard believed that the lucky socks might lose their potency in the wash. He might not have sacrificed a game, but he certainly lost any friends who possessed a sense of smell.

As silly as it seems, those who indulge in such behaviors have method to their madness. Many coaches instruct their athletes to take several minutes to themselves before competition, in order to rid their minds of stressful factors. Many of the most successful competitors swear by the short time specifically designated to become mentally and physically prepared for a victory.

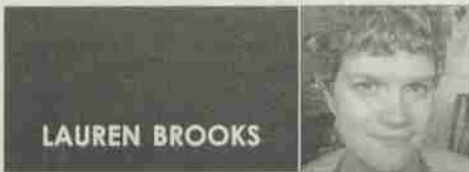
Of course, I have my own reasons to believe that pre-game rituals are worth the few extra seconds before a big match. At least that's what I told myself every time I triple-knotted the laces on my spikes, took only two bites of a chocolate PowerBar and squeezed my stuffed tiger for luck!

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CORRECTIONS:

- In the Sept. 20 edition, the story "Men tie Whitman 1-1, fall to Whitworth 4-1," stated that "Willamette scored eight goals while limiting Whitman to only five." The sentence should have read, "Willamette had eight shots on goal while limiting Whitman to only five." The Collegian strives for accuracy and sincerely regrets the error.

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LAUREN BROOKS

Definition: To postpone until another day; to put off from day to day; to defer, delay. Or, my personal favorite: to be dilatory.

Most of you are probably very familiar with the word I'm defining. It is the bane of millions of students' existence: our best friend and our worst enemy. It is a word that our parents never used and that doesn't translate into many other languages. It is *procrastination*.

The problem with the Oxford English Dictionary definition of my middle name is that it is one-dimensional. It neglects the implications and subtle nuances behind the word.

When one procrastinates, they are doing more than just being dilatory. They are purposely neglecting what should be done because they'd rather have fun now and be stressed out later than be responsible and follow the suggested behavior/reward model.

Unfortunately, this leads to all sorts of problems. I know I usually end up so frustrated that I promise to never procrastinate again. So I can't help but wonder: with all the unpleasantness that procrastination creates, what is it that keeps us coming back?

I used to think that I somehow produced better work under pressure. But now, years into my addiction, I find this explanation to be mostly a bunch of BS. The real answer is that procrastinating is just easier. Or, more crudely put: "Procrastination is like masturbation. At first it feels good, but in the end you're only screwing yourself."

So what are we to do? First off, recognize that we have a problem and learn from a generation that didn't. My mother told me that she never went out on Friday nights while in college, instead staying in and doing her homework so she could go out Saturdays.

Initially I thought this was crazy, until one weekend I did just that. Do you have any idea how gratifying it is to be done with everything before Sunday roles around? Everyone's scrambling to go to the library and you're all, "Oh yeah, I've had all my stuff done for days."

So kudos to those of you who never wait until the last minute, and a word to the wise to those of you who always do. The best way to get something done is to begin it. The longer you wait, the worse it gets. Or, as George Claude Lorimer put it (don't ask, I found him on the internet): "Putting off an easy thing makes it hard. Putting off a hard thing makes it impossible."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We invite you to submit letters to the editor. Letters can be sent by postal mail, email (cfoss@willamette.edu), campus mail or fax.

Letters are limited to 150 words, must include your name and phone number and must be submitted by noon Monday, the week of intended publication. The Collegian reserves the right to edit letters for length and clarity.

EDITORIAL:

Parental notification of abortion unsafe for minors

This Nov. 7, a ballot measure will be put before Oregon voters that threatens the ability of 15- to 17-year-old girls to obtain an abortion. Measure 43 would require doctors treating these women to send a notification letter to their parents no fewer than 48 hours before an abortion. Current Oregon law does not require such notification, although it does offer doctors the option of sending notification if they decide it is needed.

According to the pro-measure lobbyist group Protect Our Teen Daughters, Oregon is one of only six states which has not passed some form of a parental involvement law for teen abortions. POTD argues that the measure will force greater parental involvement in the abortion process. It claims "the majority of pregnant teens do not tell their parents when they are contemplating an abortion," and "89% consulted their boyfriend about the abortion instead."

Many Oregon health professionals disagree with the measure, however. As obstetrician and gynecologist Elizabeth Pirruccello Newhall wrote in an opinion piece in the Sept. 13

edition of *The Oregonian*: "Measure 43 is naive at best and dangerous at worst....If making abortion illegal failed as a deterrent, is it likely this measure will really inspire better communication than we already have?"

Newhall said that both the Oregon Medical Association and the Oregon Nurses Association are opposed to Measure 43. Her argument combines statistical and common-sense evidence to demonstrate the foolhardiness of this measure, similar to one that which was rejected by Oregon voters in 1990.

Perhaps the greatest threat Measure 43 presents is not the loss of a teen's choice to have an abortion, but her potential endangerment as a result of having to inform her parents. A recent OPB Radio program debating Measure 43 interviewed a Texas woman who claimed her father beat her when she obtained an abortion at the age of 18. Newhall said that in 1989 she was supposed to treat an Idaho girl named Spring Adams who was shot dead by her father when he learned that she was going to Portland to have an abortion.

WHICH OF THESE TOOLS SHOULD BE USED ON YOUNG OREGONIANS?



JADE OLSON

Proponents of Measure 43 argue that the inclusion of a bypass in the law would allow an administrative judge to intervene and convene a confidential hearing for the teen. This would thus ensure her safety from angry parents liable to turn abusive. However, this bypass could place the fate of a teen's potential abortion in the hands of judges with no experience in medical procedures or psychological counseling. Teens facing an abortion desperately need this kind of support when making their decision.

It should be noted that a "no" vote is not necessarily a vote against family involvement in the case of abortion. Both Newhall and NARAL Pro-

Choice Oregon believe that ideally all pregnant teens should consult their parents before the decision is made to abort. This measure is not necessary for the majority of teen girls who are able to consult their parents safely before an abortion. But not every teenage girl lives with a supportive, non-abusive family. In fact, if the girl was aborting due to domestic rape, Measure 43 might put her in serious peril similar to that of Spring Adams.

When it comes to the decision of Oregon residents who attend or work at Willamette, the choice should be obvious on Nov. 7—vote no on Measure 43.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I wanted to briefly address the article by Laura Payne ("Textbook shortage hinders students' class performance," Sept. 20).

I disagree with some of the judgments and opinions expressed in the article, and I believe that a reasonable person would find that the situation was much more complicated than the article would have one believe. I did appreciate the opportunity to point to some of the factors that can lead to shortages.

We work very hard to provide the best possible prices and the best service, and we try to be flexible and proactive in order to quickly take care of situations that arise, such as the one described in the article. We respond quickly, and we ask affected students to do the same by simply filling out a "special order" form in such cases, which reserves a copy of the book that has been reordered.

I would like to invite anyone who would like to learn more about how the textbook buying process works to come in and chat—I'll buy you a bag of popcorn!

Melinda Hochendoner
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR of the WILLAMETTE STORE

The feature story on high energy costs ("Dealing in Liquid Currency," Sept. 20) reported that the university spends almost one million dollars annually on electricity. The article opined that our energy hungry lifestyle is to blame for this overuse. I blame mismanagement.

I like to study in places where there is nothing to distract me. Recently, I chose to study in an empty classroom on the third floor of Smullin. In that particular classroom, the air conditioner was running the entire three hours that I was working. This upset me because it was a Sunday afternoon and was a perfect 79 degrees outside. I could surmise that many classrooms were being air-conditioned twenty four hours a day, even on weekends. I therefore call upon every member of the Willamette community to demand that the management put our dollars to better use than keeping chairs and desks cold over the weekend. I am personally going to be emailing facility managers about this problem. If you care about the environment, global warming or your tuition dollars, please do the same.

Max Roth
SOPHOMORE

Kaneko Commons better than recent criticism suggests



BROOKE IVY

In light of the recent editorial attacks on the Kaneko Commons, I must express surprise and disappointment. As a student who has been actively involved in the commons project for over three years, and witnessed the countless hours invested by many to turn this idea into reality, the quick jump by some to negative conclusions is disheartening.

First of all, even though we may reside in the bubble that is Willamette, we are still part of the real world, and it is by no means perfect. While the move-in period of the Kaneko Commons was a "smooth success" for most, a handful of rooms did face significant snags.

Those who have been around construction their whole lives as I have know that new buildings of this magnitude seldom open without a hitch. Additionally, Willamette staff has been the first to admit to hiccups along the way. If you had asked those students who were actually inconvenienced during move-in, they would have likely told you that the university and general contractor made every effort to minimize any disruptions they faced.

Aside from move-in complications, there was also complaint about the facilities and the on-going construction. True, the atrium and walkways are not finished; but they will be by January. And for those worried about a lack of common space, let me remind you of the four lounges in the A wing - including new adjacent

community kitchens and laundry.

Taking into account that serious construction on the Commons did not actually begin until last October, what has been accomplished structurally is nothing short of impressive. In less than a year, the new Kaneko has become livable space, just as the university promised.

So why didn't they wait for completion? Some claim the unfinished commons is a sign of poor planning, but those involved know that after seven years of preparation, the university didn't want to deprive another generation of students the ability to bring the Commons to life.

Students have been involved in this vision every step of the way, most knowing they would never get a chance to enjoy the finished product. They saw the long-term benefits the system could bring to Willamette, and they put in their time. Now it's our turn; not only Kanekans, but all of Willamette.

So, for those living in Kaneko, I encourage you to remember that a building doesn't make a community. You do. Don't wait for programming or a walkway to do it for you. Get involved and help us shape our community within, while joining the community without. For those living outside Kaneko, we need your support. At least give us a chance to get our programming and community off the ground.

And if you want to start a commons of your own, do it! Get a group together and start the process; and if you need us, we (your peers) are happy to share our ideas with you. Remember, this is the first step, and it's up to all of us to make it happen.

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POLITICS COLUMN:

Gerrymandering threatens Democrats in 2006 election



NICK ROBINSON

If you slept through civics class in high school, you might not know one of the key words in the upcoming elections: gerrymandering.

The term dates back to 1812, when Massachusetts Governor Elbridge Gerry drew a congressional district in the shape of a salamander. It's not clear whether old Elbridge was trying to elect more Republicans from Massachusetts, or if he just had a thing for amphibians, but the gerrymander was born either way.

Republicans and Democrats both redesign congressional districts just about every chance they get, but Republicans have gotten more press about it lately. Most recently, Texas Republicans redrew their districts to eliminate Democratic strongholds. One Texas district is now larger than the entire state of Ohio, and another stretches about 800 miles from Austin all the way to the Gulf of Mexico.

Gerrymandering has always been a slap in the face to democracy. It turns tight races into safe seats, leaving Congress members of both parties with a 95 percent chance of reelection.

But the problem has gotten a lot worse in the last few years. The advent of redistricting software enables politicians to divide up dis-

tricts so carefully they can design seven or eight safe seats instead of just two or three. The Texas Republicans, for example, managed to replace six Democrats in 2004.

The results of all this gerrymandering are most disturbing at the national level. During the 1994 elections over 100 house seats were considered in play, and the Republicans turned 54 seats in Congress to their side.

This year, poll numbers would suggest the same kind of switch for the Democrats. About the same number of people say the country is "on the wrong track" as did in 1994, and only 25 percent of Americans say Congress is doing a "good job," again about the same as in 1994.

But by most counts, only 24 seats are even competitive this year. Redistricting is now so prevalent and so effective that only a handful of seats might switch, even when the incumbent party is wildly unpopular.

This issue threatens democracy. It makes our representatives unaccountable to the people and corruption scandals all the more likely. This year, it means Democrats have a much lower chance of taking back the house than they probably should. Ten years from now, if the problem isn't fixed, it might mean exactly the opposite. Either way, redistricting is making our government immune to the will of the people.

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Our great challenge: global warming/climate change



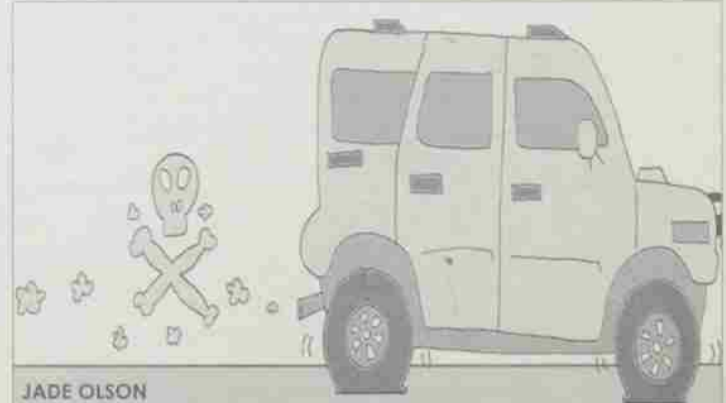
WYATT BOYD

While in the halls of Congress, our representatives continue a very scrappy sort of political fight about the merits of global climate change science, the world continues to emit billions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere every year. If the U.S. (holder of 22 percent of annual global carbon emissions; double the per capita rate of Europe) and rapidly developing nations continue down this path of least short-term resistance, we will have made our choice about global climate change.

We will be the generation that committed the world to triple the CO2 levels in our atmosphere by the end of this century. The last time CO2 levels were that high was about 50 million years ago during the Eocene, when crocodiles roved the earth's poles and oceans were 30 feet higher.

Despite the buzz over renewable energy, investment in research and development in this sector have plummeted over 50 percent over the last 25 years. Wind, the most cost-competitive alternative energy, provides a modest half-percent of world energy demand today.

Even if current double-digit growth rates in alternatives continued for the next 25 years, they would still provide less than one percent of future world energy demand. Former ExxonMobil CEO Lee Raymond pointed this out while making the rounds at congressional hearings last year,



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gladly explaining why his company would pursue the other 99 percent.

When you consider that China and India will add a large (1,500 MW) coal-fired power plant (pound for pound the greatest CO2 source) to their electricity infrastructures every four days or so for the next 30 years, while the U.S. will tack on an additional 1,200 coal plants of its own over this same horizon under the National Energy Plan, you see how quickly clean energies become marginally effective.

The challenge of our generation is to balance economic and sustainable development. Legislation recently approved in California (which mandates a 25 percent drop in CO2 levels by 2020 and may fall into question by the Supreme Court) is a prime example. It is forecasted to net 80,000 jobs and \$4 billion to the state economy. These are benefits, despite what I think to be the inferior approach of adopting direct mandates in lieu of bolstering clean market incentives.

The world has not yet demonstrated that it can cut its emissions by decree. For example, the optimistic emissions goals of BP, the

European Union or the U.N. Kyoto Protocol are all on track to miss their targets - and not by a little.

Climate change acts on a significant lag (CO2 stays in the atmosphere for over 100 years), has several unpredictable positive feedback systems and alters global phenomena like the Gulf Stream in such fundamental ways that they will not return to equilibrium in human lifetimes. It is also paradoxical in that it can increase rainfall while precipitating devastating droughts (like the ones now in Sudan or Brazil or Australia or...).

Churchill is often quoted for his remarks during the quick ascent of the National Socialist Party, declaring, "We are entering a period of consequence." While we should be optimistic about climate change, as we already have the resources to address it, we should also realize that today, Churchill would need to be corrected: we have already arrived in our own period of consequence.

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

September 15, 9:55 A.M., (Smullin Hall): A student, suffering from the effects of a seizure, was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.
September 16, 1:33 P.M., (Kaneko Commons): Two students were transported to Salem Hospital for treatment. One student was suffering from swelling on the right side of his face and the other student was making a return visit for an ankle injury.
September 24, 5:17 P.M., (The Quad): A student was transported to Salem Hospital for an ankle injury. This injury was a repeat of an injury received a week ago.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

September 15, 7:32 P.M., (Matthews Hall): Two students under the age of 21 were found to be in possession of two 30 packs and one six pack of beer.
September 15, 10:10 P.M., (Smullin Hall): Four students were discovered in a classroom, each drinking a 12oz bottle of beer.
September 19, 12:06 A.M., (Denny Hall): After smelling the odor of burning marijuana, it was concluded that two students had smoked marijuana in a residential room.
September 20, 4:50 P.M., (Matthews Hall): A student was found to be in possession of marijuana, paraphernalia, and unknown prescription tablets and capsules.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

September 19, 8:56 P.M., (Hayfield Library): A male subject with bushy hair and beard, was observed to leave the Library activating the alarm sensors. The individual refused a request from the Librarian to stop and he quickly left the area. It is unknown at the time of this report what items were being carried by the individual activated the alarm.

HARASSMENT

September 18, 8:00 A.M., (Denny Hall): A female student reports that she has received harassing emails and telephone calls from her ex-boyfriend. After interviewing both parties the matter seems to be resolved.
September 17, 1:00 P.M., (Carnegie Building): A male subject was observed checking vehicles for valuables in the Qwest parking lot. The suspect was restrained and instructed not to return to the campus.

TRESPASSING

September 18, 11:06 A.M., (Kaneko Commons): The same male subject in the previous incident was observed to be intoxicated and in violation of the trespass warning that he was given the day before. The subject was placed under arrest and Salem Police was notified.
September 18, 1:30 P.M., (Garke Hall): A male subject was issued a trespass warning after he was observed wandering around in Garke with no apparent reason to be there.

THEFT

September 15, 11:35 A.M., (Law School): A suspect was detained by a student after he entered the Law computer room and stole a laptop computer. The suspect left the location with the computer but was apprehended by the owner and a fellow law student. Salem Police were contacted.
September 15, 12:14 P.M., (Cloudy Commons): It was reported that a student routinely ordered food items during meal times, an other food items while waiting for his order, and then left Cloudy without paying for the items that he ate while waiting for his order. He was referred to the Campus Judicial Office.
September 19, 8:00 P.M., (Walton Hall): A student reports that he left his Apple iPod in a classroom, that it was subsequently placed in the lost and found at Walton. A check of the Lost and Found System failed to uncover the student's property.
September 20, 12:29 P.M., (Jackson Plaza): A student placed her bicycle in the bike rack at Jackson Plaza. The bicycle, a red "Pacific Legend" model, was not locked when she left it and had been stolen upon when she returned to retrieve it.
September 20, 1:00 P.M., (Sparks Parking Lot): The victim parked her vehicle in Sparks parking lot. Upon her return, she discovered that someone had broken her driver's window, entered her car and stole her CD player from the dashboard along with a number of CDs.
September 21, 8:30 A.M., (Sparks Parking Lot): The victim parked his vehicle and discovered that someone had entered his car and stole his AM/FM stereo cassette player from the dashboard.
If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety.

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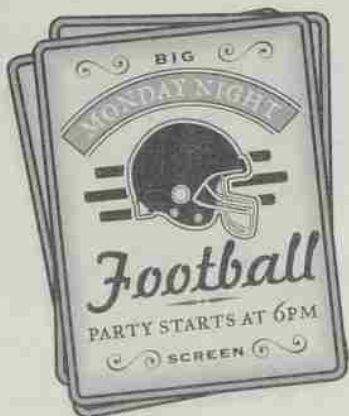
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