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Tuition costs increase over 900% since 1973

By ALEXANDRA DREXLER
Editor

Over the past twenty-five years, the tuition at Willamette has risen (not accounting for inflation) from \$970 per semester to \$10,500. The current tuition is eleven times more than the amount in 1973.

Some of the reasons for the

increase can be attributed to expanding services provided by the University.

Like many other universities across the nation, WU has invested in new computers and computer related services in order to update its computer labs.

WITS, an invaluable department on campus, did not exist prior to 1990. WITS maintains and ser-

vices all computers on campus, and is free to WU departments. The annual budget for WITS is over \$1,000,000. This budget reflects new computers and salaries for faculty.

Traditionally salaries at WU have been lower than the national average. In an attempt to increase the quality of education at Willamette, the university has raised

the salaries of its faculty and professors.

The size of classes have also been reduced. The student to professor ratio in most classes is 15:1. In some upper level classes the ratio is even lower.

Besides lowering class

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New President on Campus



President Lee Pelton

By GIAO BUI
Editor

This upcoming school year will be an exciting and historical moment for Willamette and its student body. One of the newest additions to the Salem community is Lee Pelton. He was nominated as Willamette's president in January and started work in July.

He has been the dean of students at Colgate University in New York, and has also been dean of Dartmouth.

President Pelton graduated Magna Cum Laude from Wichita State University with a degree in English and a minor in Psychology. Later on he earned his Ph.D. in English Literature at Harvard.

President Pelton was attracted to Willamette University because of an appreciation for the intellectual life and the sense of community between students and professors within the campus.

He feels that being president will differ from being dean in that the prior position will require more public relations whereas the latter required more attention to details. At WU, he will have a staff to help

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\$8,400,000 new building

By MONA LUQMAN
Editor

It has been one year since construction began and Willamette University's newest building, the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center, is nearing completion. The music building is slated to reach usable completion in January 1999, with the official opening scheduled for early March.

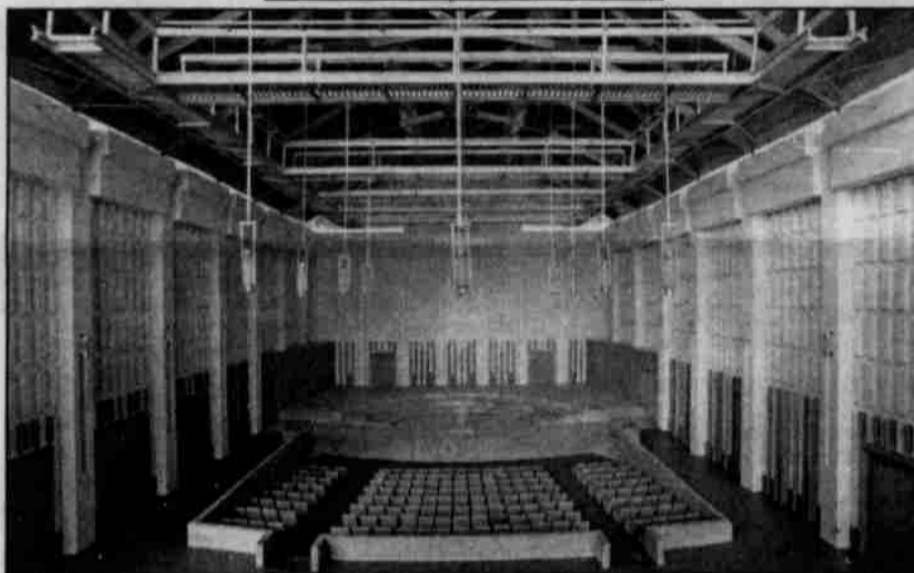
Construction began in summer 1997 after the existing Bishop Hall was torn down.

Since then, the gray brick building in the center of campus has slowly, but surely, begun to take shape. Although rain and extreme heat slowed construction for several weeks in the spring and summer, Dr. Wallace Long, Chair of the Music Department, stated that by the time students returned for the fall semester, the exterior will be completed and the crew will be ready to begin work inside the building.

Completely funded by outside donors such as the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation, the \$8.4 million music center will meet the university's increasing need for a smaller-sized venue for events as well as more space for music classes and practice studios.

The music center is being named after the mother of John S. Rogers who is the president of the Foundation and a 1963 graduate

Inside WU's new music building



The main auditorium can seat 450, and will be used for performances, world views and speakers



Late spring construction



Early summer construction



Completed construction

of Willamette.

The music center will feature a 450 seat concert hall that will house not only regular performances by members of Willamette's music department, but also such as events as World Views lectures and other speakers. Long stated that Smith Au-

ditoriums hall, with a capacity of 1,250, proved to be too large for such events, especially World Views lectures where about 450 seats would suffice.

The Music Center will also have state-of-the-art rehearsal rooms as well as studios for the nine

full time faculty members and 20 adjunct faculty. Practice rooms and a computer studio will round out the building.

Smith will primarily be used

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Political riders threaten conservation effort

By SACHA CRITTENDEN and DOUG ISRAEL
Contributors

An environmental siege is occurring in Congress. The legislative overhaul that is passing through Congress this summer threatens to negate years of protection for clean water, clean air, endangered species and pristine areas. This is all happening without adequate discussion or debate and minimal public awareness.

Representatives from across the country have attached nearly

twenty anti-environmental riders to this year's Appropriations bills. With the loss of the line-item veto, Clinton has threatened to veto the entire spending bills because of these tactics.

Some of these riders include representatives from the Northwest. The Alaskan delegation of Senators Ted Stevens (R), Frank Murkowski (R), and Representative Don Young (R), have all written in legislation they know will not pass standing

alone. In particular, Section 126 of the Interior Appropriations bill, sponsored by Senator Stevens, provides funding for a 28-mile "medical emergency" road to connect the town of King Cove to that of Cold Bay.

Ten miles of this \$30 million dollar road would cut through the Izembek Wilderness, disturbing the habitat and numerous wildlife species that have to live on and migrate

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EDITORIALS

The benefits of having student fees

As students get settled into Willamette life, they will eventually hear about the issue of student fees being increased. Many will adamantly resist and choose to vote down any attempts by ASWU to raise the fees. However, many of the groups and activities on campus are funded entirely on student fees. Currently, groups on campus have to go in front of ASWU's financial board in order to ask for funding. Due to the limited availability of funds, ASWU is unable to give all the money that these groups request. Increasing fees would allow ASWU to fund more groups on campus.

More money will also allow ASWU to sponsor more events. Events like Black Tie and Wullapalooza could be bigger and better. ASWU also pays for movies, dances, and entertainers. Even big name bands would be more likely to perform on campus if ASWU had enough money to pay them.

Another down side to low fees is that students will have to pay for some of the events that are sponsored by ASWU. Last year, the 600 students attending the luau each had to pay \$10. The cost to participate in these events are used to cover expenses. Thus, another benefit of student fees would be more free activities.

Students should not hastily vote down student fee increases in order to save money. The increase in fees would only be a minor inconvenience to students. The increase would most likely be \$5-\$10, which is less than the price of a medium pizza. It is clear that the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

The best place to go to college

Many of the students who are new to Willamette are about to go on a very exciting journey. The journey will take four years, and there will never be one like it again. College is a time when students find out about themselves and what they want to do with their lives in order to make the world a better place. Fortunately, Willamette does an excellent job at preparing students for the real world.

Students who graduate from Willamette are extremely well rounded, talented and very articulate. Unlike many of their state school counterparts, WU students are very knowledgeable about issues that are unrelated to their area of study.

They are involved in a host of extracurricular activities. WU are very outspoken about issue they feel strongly about, and will not hesitate to take action. Consequently, students at WU are very active within the community.

Willamette is able to provide a well rounded education because it has excellent resources and can provide. The administrators are focused on issues that deal with students.

The professors care for the students, and do not treat them as numbers in a class. The faculty are helpful and friendly. The student body is open minded and very accepting of diversity. All of these things go a long way, and will help mold and shape an extremely gifted student.

However, a student must realize his or her potential and work hard. WU is not a cure all for laziness or complacency. Incoming freshmen should consider getting involved with on campus or community activities. Willamette will provide the opportunities, but the student has to take action.

There are many organizations on and around campus and within the community that can give students valuable experience. All they have to do is show a little motivation and initiative.



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The irony of American Justice

One nation under God with liberty and justice for all, is a quote that many Americans learned while they were in elementary school.

What does the word justice mean? A more important question is whom should justice serve?

In an attempt to make justice universal for everyone, our society incorrectly implements justice.

According to our constitution, everyone is deserving of justice, but should this be extended to those who would violate the same laws that give them the right to justice?

Only those who desire justice and are willing to work for it should be able to enjoy its benefits.

In terms of liberties, a person has two choices. They can either exercise their natural liberties or their civil liberties. The prior being bound by nothing, and the former being bound by justice.

If someone decides to exercise the type of natural liberties that are detrimental to others, then they are no longer considered citizens. They become criminals and should not be allowed justice.

However, our society often grants criminals and perpetrators of civil liberties entitlements to justice. Some examples of this can be seen in the prison system.

Criminals are allowed unpre-

By GIAO BUI
Editor

cedented rights in prison. In many situations prisoners have rights, which far exceed those that exist outside of prison.

A decision by the Supreme Court allows prisoners access to law books and libraries, which are maintained by taxpayer's money, while they are in prison.

Many times a prisoner will earn a law degree in prison at the expense of the taxpayers.

All of this is happening while the government is cutting back federal aid to deserving college students because there are not enough funds.

Some prisoners have even become millionaires by writing books about their misdeeds.

One such criminal has since gotten out of jail and now has a family. He was convicted of killing a police officer, who was a husband and a father of three. How does this do justice for the slain officer?

Since then, there have been laws passed to ensure that criminals can not benefit from their crimes.

Some prisoners live in luxury with full course meals while a hard working college student has to live off Ramen Noodles in order to save money for school.

Other prisoners have access to

work out equipment that is state of the art. Some of the workout equipment for prisoners are better than those that are used by students in high school.

This is extremely ridiculous! Sadly, there are many groups that are proponents of these criminals.

They are watchdog groups that ensure the "rights" of criminals are not trampled on (how idiotic!).

How about watching out for our high school and college students? Countless millions of dollars are wasted on criminals, as our society attempts to exercise "liberty and justice for all."

Is this how justice should be implemented in the US? Justice should only be available to moral and law abiding citizens. When society gives justice to a criminal, they are in fact doing an injustice to the victim. How does our society preserve liberty and justice for its members by giving justice to criminals?

Justice should preserve civil liberties and not undermine it. Justice will only be preserved when given to those who are deserving.

People who wish to relinquish their citizenship by committing crimes as a result of exercising their natural liberties should not be allowed justice. These criminals should be treated as the refuse of society!

Clinton's not the only one guilty

The largest problem with the recent developments in the Clinton scandal is that no media venue can avoid covering it.

Well, that wouldn't be a large problem if the coverage of the scandal were going to have a significant impact on our lives.

But, as has been proven, we will not be surprised no matter what President Clinton does.

Nor will our desire for more scandal be quenched. When the first allegations came out of possible sexual misconduct on President Clinton's part the American people should have been outraged. Instead, we were intrigued.

When more allegations surfaced from different women we probably should have impeached President Clinton.

Instead, we let him grow in popularity. As we know we should have taken these allegations more seriously.

More than President Clinton's infidelity or his perjury we must

By MICHAEL MANGAN
Editor

consider the damage that has been done to the women involved.

As in most sexual harassment cases the women were treated like criminals, and the criminal like a victim. Worse, every American was involved in the process. Making us all guilty. Again the problem we are facing is that even with this information we will not change. We refuse to change.

We refuse to see the damage we have already done to these women, and others in similar circumstances less publicized.

This refusal to see is how President Clinton became so popular in the face of charges of this gravity. In my fear that a republican would be elected, like many other democrats I voted for President Clinton. My fear of being wrong made it easier to brush aside the allegations that arose.

Like many liberals, I felt Clinton had fought too hard for

many of the things I believed in to turn my back on him. I heard some of my conservative friends say that they respected Clinton because we should respect a man's privacy (whatever that means).

Now I, along with all of you, have created one of the most popular Presidents in history. And I don't think he can be stopped. Though he certainly should be.

Back to the problem at hand. The media's coverage scandal has not improved the moral state of Americans.

Instead, it seems to have desensitized us to moral turpitude. President Clinton will not be impeached, nor will he be found guilty of perjury.

These things are true even though we all know he is guilty. Its true because we have all invested so much in this scandal that to find him guilty is to find ourselves guilty. And we would never want that.

All joking aside though I must repeat, even if it is unheard, we are all guilty in this one.

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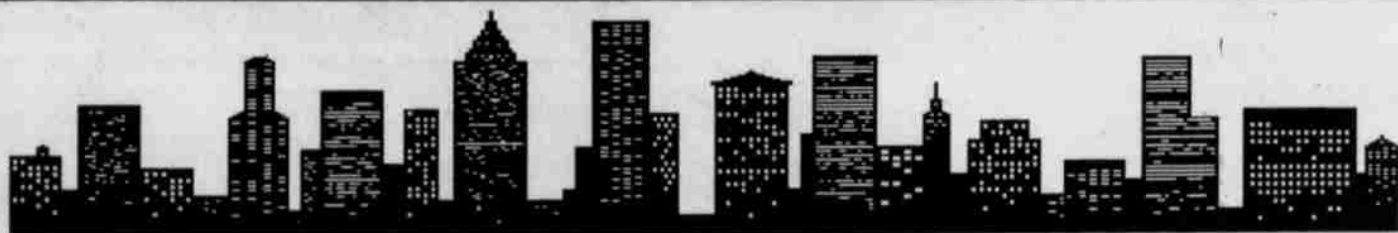
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Exploring Salem: the campus and Beyond

Shopping, playing and sightseeing can be an adventure, or at least a good way to escape your room

By LYDIA ALEXANDER
Contributor

SHOPPING :



DOWNTOWN SALEM

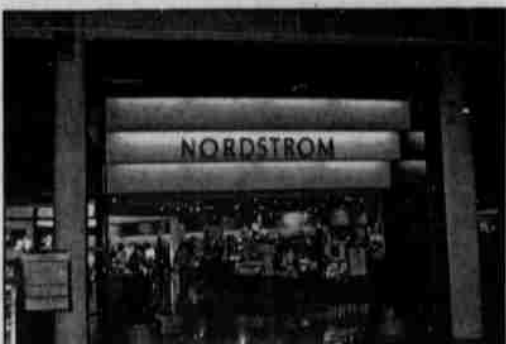
Although the frenzy of Opening Days activities may seem all-encompassing at times, it is inevitable that a few hours of unoccupied time will eventually arrive. This time can be spent in lots of ways, such as rearranging desk drawers or vacuuming the room until the carpet is bare. Instead of scaring everyone with your excessive cleanliness, take the



THE BOOK BIN

opportunity to explore Salem and the Campus. Willamette is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Salem, which has many activities that await those who are willing to journey forth. Undoubtedly, you will need to do some shopping, whether to pick up essentials, gifts, or food. You should start your shopping spree by visiting the small shops downtown. Stores like Ranch Records and the Book Bin will offer CDs and books at bargain prices. Next you should head towards Pringle Plaza on Liberty St. This complex has a small bookstore, a wig store and a post office. It also contains the Salem Cinema, which shows foreign and domestic films in an intimate setting. Many of these stores offer unique trinkets and souvenirs that can't be purchased at a department store.

Afterwards you should head towards the Salem center, which is located on High St., to do some major shopping. The Salem center comes complete with skybridges, food courts, and AC. Inside the mall, clothing stores such as the



NORDSTROM IN THE SALEM CENTER

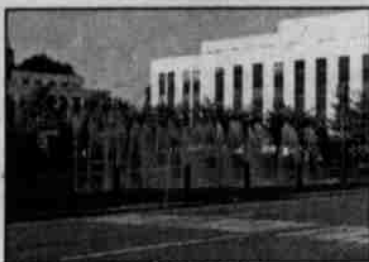
SIGHT-SEEING:



OREGON STATE CAPITOL

Gap, Eddie Bauer, and Nordstrom abound. This is where you can go to create a new school wardrobe with the latest in hipp summer fashions. Nothing beats homesickness better than a new outfit!

If shopping gets to hectic for you, then take a breather in the Salem center Movieland. It has seven screens all show-



FOUNTAINS GALORE

ing the latest blockbuster movies.

After you have shopped away your parents credit card or cash, then try to find other less expensive alternatives for fun and excitement.

Within sight is the serene and pleasant Oregon Capitol, located beneath the gold statue of the lumberjack. Behind the main capitol building is a series of fountains, which are perfect for running through on a hot day.

Next you should venture into majestic Bush Park on North and Winter Street. Bush's acres of green open and wooded areas contain playground equipment, trails, and a



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EXPLORING THE CAMPUS:



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baseball diamond. Visit Bush House, a Victorian-era house containing original furniture and belongings of an early Salem banker and newspaper publisher. This is a perfect place to go for a jog and smell the fresh air.

If all that gallivanting about does not appeal to you, then stay closer to home and check out the campus. Take a book, go under the star trees, and have a peaceful time reading.

Do not forget that WU also has a Japanese botanical garden behind the art building.

If you like the Japanese garden, then perhaps you will also like the Martha Springer Garden. This garden is located behind the Sparks athletic center.

The new Hallie Brown Ford Museum on State St. next to the YMCA should provide at least a couple hours of entertainment.

If you get sleepy and don't want to be stuffed in your room, then take a cozy nap on one of the many couches in the UC. The Bistro also has couches, which are perfect for a short or long snooze.

After spending a couple hours exploring the wonders of the campus and the surrounding community, you should consider yourself as on the way to being a true resident of the Salem community. Next prepare yourself for another Opening Day, and an exciting year at WU.



STAR TREES



MARTHA SPRINGER GARDEN

How to survive the long distance relationship blues

By **CARRIE CARLSON**
Editor

A new school year has begun, and is your mind focused attentively on your classes and college life? No?

Is that summer romance still distracting you as you push your way through the bookstore or the cafeteria line?

As you stare out our dorm room window thinking about all of the summer's blissful moments, maybe you should also start thinking of all the ways you are going to survive this school year without your Romeo or Juliet by your side. Yes!

Your hunk of burning love is no longer just a jog away. They are more likely a plane ride away. It seems as if that summer fling has stolen your heart.

Well, you aren't the only one facing the long distance blues. I've survived the strain and stress of liv-

ing 800 miles from my sweetie.

First of all, you have to face reality. Life is rough and nothing short of moving or inventing a time machine will make that aspect of your life any easier, so quit daydreaming.

You have your own life to live now, at least for the next nine months. Now you need to start thinking about all the ways you can keep in touch with your loved one. You need to improvise and use the resources available to you.

May I suggest weekly phone calls. Many places sell pre-paid calling cards that can give you a fairly inexpensive rate.

If you are living on campus, then ethernet is good. E-mail is the quickest and the cheapest form of communication. However, this only works if your love bug has access

Tips for surviving the blues

- Have fun and a life while at WU
- Do not let heartache linger
- Call each other on the weekends
- E-mail one another frequently
- Send surprise letters "sealed with a kiss."
- Be patient and wait for a summer revival

to e-mail. E-mail is great because it can be written in your own style.

You can make little code words that say, "I love you" or send smiley faces to cheer your dumpling's day (maybe this is more of a girl thing!).

You can also send mail the good old fashion way: snail mail.

Yes, it could take forever and could become victim to a disgruntled postman's rage, but nothing says I love you like a little surprise card or letter.

If you are especially adventurous, then send some flowers and

presents because they will always bring out a smile.

Okay, so now that you have the basics of communication, it is time to make a choice.

Are you going to make the most of your col-

lege years, or are you going to live phone call by phone call or letter by letter? After all, it seems like a waste to spend \$30,000 a year on time spent holed up in your dorm room (GET A LIFE!).

The best way to make time fly is to have fun! It is okay to have fun without your love dove.

Make new friends and get involved in school activities.

Get involved with life around you, and your heart will feel less heavy. Make your own good times and share them with your honey when the both of you communicate.

Being miles apart from your boyfriend or girlfriend can be tough. There will be ups and downs, and even breakups.

Take it from me, I rode that roller coaster last year and it looks like I am in it again this year.

Make the best of your time at Willamette. You are more likely to be at Willamette longer than you will be with your current love.

By second semester, even if your long distance love is still in your heart, you will have found that it isn't so bad being miles apart.

If the two of you are committed and it was meant to be, then grin and bear it.

Enjoy those late night phone calls, cute e-mails, and surprise packages. Be patient because summer does wonders for reviving a romance.

Now I am up for the challenge of another year of being physically apart from my honey, but emotionally attached. Miles have yet to control the beatings of this heart!

Culinary delights around campus and downtown Salem

Eating out: where to go in Salem

Eating in: Where to go on campus

By **CHARLOTTE JONES**
Contributor

Many new students have not been on campus long enough to know about the notorious reputation of the various dining facilities on campus.

Not all places on campus are equal when it comes to the quality of food and ambience. If students find campus dining unsavory, then perhaps a stroll or drive into the surrounding Salem community will offer more delectable alternatives.

For casual lunches and dinners within walking distance of WU, Venti's Bentos on Liberty & Court is most convenient. This small restaurant is neither fancy nor glitzy. Whatever it lacks in sophistication, it makes up for in price, speed and taste.

A little further down the street from Venti's Bentos is the Indian Palace. This restaurant is pricier than Bentos, but it offers a more exotic atmosphere and a wider selection of food.

The best time to go is during the lunch hours because that is when the buffet is all-you-can-eat.

The best place that is within walking distance has to be the Macedonian. This restaurant is on the second floor above Venti's Bentos.

The entire restaurant consists of a doughnut-shaped balcony with dining tables.

The view overlooks the shops below on the inside and downtown Salem on the outside. The atmosphere is very pleasant, and the food is great.

Those students who find themselves high school sick, will be right at home in the teenybopper hangout capitol of Salem, Red Robin.

This place is located on Center St. across from the Lancaster Mall. The teriyaki burger and fries are immaculate. The best time to go would be at night, preferably after 9:00pm on the weekends. This is when the teenyboppers come out in swarms.

Students who do not enjoy the rowdy atmosphere of Red Robin may prefer

to go to the Olive Garden on Lancaster Dr. The Olive Garden offers one of the finest selections of Italian food in Salem.

The Tiramisu is pure ecstasy! The waiters and waitresses are always very sociable and friendly.

These are only a few of the alternatives available to the inquisitive student. Knowledge of places to eat other than the eateries on campus will undoubtedly help the new student to better adjust to college.



Another summer turns to fall and above the sound of construction and excited freshmen rings the distinct sound of exuberant chefs preparing Willamette's three eateries. Goudy Commons, the Cat Cavern and Keneko Hall are all heating up, so read on for a complete guide to the best meals on campus.

Though it may be the butt of many jokes, Goudy Commons has some saving graces.

The central dining area of Willamette strives to accommodate as many students as possible with its grill pizza counter and salad bar. Lunchtime choices can usually be counted on for a larger and more varied selection than all-you-can-eat dinners.

Ice cream is available to those who are willing to wait in line for the sticky scooper. Occasionally, a batch of brownies may appear.

Beware of the frosted brownies, however, as it is always difficult to gauge how fresh they really are. This is where a majority of students on campus go to eat their daily meals.

Lunch and breakfast at the Cat Cavern is similar to what Goudy serves up at its grill area, with more grilled foods to choose from. The cat also has sack lunch-type items such as fruit, yogurt and bottle

drinks.

There may be fewer choices to drool over, but at the right times the Cat allows students to escape the feeling that one must earn lunch by fighting off hordes of fellow students. The lines are often shorter, and the atmosphere more tranquil and conducive to conversation.

Across the skybridge, in the gut of Tokyo International University of America, dwells Keneko Dining Complex. Though it is the official eatery of Keneko hall, ID cards from all WU students are accepted.

Some of Keneko's merits include terrific rice that doesn't clump, a salad bar with green lettuce (whoa!) and great desserts. Lately, Dunkin' Donuts has staked out its own spot on the dessert table of Keneko for breakfast, and sometimes even for dinner.

A fourth dining option on campus exists within the three-sorority houses, which adorn Willamette's south side.

To gain entry to this dining paradise, however, one must be a member, a pledge, a houseboy or be someone invited by one of these.

These girls' houses hire their own cook, so these are the only places on campus that will come close to mom's home cooking.

These are all of the available options for eateries on campus. They will eventually become a staple for many WU students.

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cock tail *n* [prob. fr. *cock* + *tail*]

- 1 a:** an iced drink of distilled liquor mixed with flavoring ingredients
- b:** something resembling or suggesting such a drink; esp: a mixture of diverse elements
- c:** what the server is about to ask if you would like
- d:** the truly American way to unwind, celebrate, do business and to just plain relax

Alcohol served to 21 and over only

Campus Politics

By **BOB REINHARDT**
Contributor

Willamette University has a reputation for political involvement. Situated right next to the capitol building, WU students have a rare opportunity to take part in the political process. Indeed, many students utilize this opportunity and seek out positions as interns for legislators. We even had one of Oregon's most experienced senators, Mark Hatfield, teaching a class last spring. This unique chance to be so close to the workings of a state government has drawn more than a few students to Willamette.

Yet for all this opportunity, the WU clubs representing America's major political parties have been rather quiet in recent times. Few returning WU students will be able to recall the last College Republican event, and the Campus Democrats made hardly a sound last year. The right and conventional "left" were practically non-existent last year. Instead, a non-traditional political club led the way last year: The Willamette Socialist Union.

Progressive

Under the leadership of '98 grad Brian Kennedy, the Willamette Socialist Union (WSU) became the most consistent and active political party on campus. WSU met throughout the year, pushed for voter registration, and sponsored a number of convocation speakers. Their coup d'état, however, was helping WU history professor and OSP co-chair Bill Smaldone win the election bid for the Salem City Council position in his district. The WSU assisted in sign construction and canvassed Smaldone's district with flyers and voter registration cards. Mike Swaim, a fellow progressive, was re-elected Mayor of Salem with the help of the WSU, as a number of WSU members passed out flyers and discussed the merits of Mr. Swaim with the citizens of Salem. On a grander scale, the WSU was quite active with the OSP, sending delegates to the state convention and assisting in other progressive events.

Although WSU president Brian Kennedy graduated last spring, the WSU has no plans of slowing down. Under the leadership of new co-presidents Lysha Wasser (former president of the Campus Democrats) and Bob Reinhardt, the WSU intends to increase its involvement in political affairs on and off campus.

Wasser and Reinhardt plan to continue WSU meetings, and are hoping to sponsor on-campus election drives during the fall. This election year also holds considerable potential for off-campus political activity in the WSU, as the Oregon Socialist Party is sponsoring candidates for governor and the state legislature. Why so much drive on the part of the WSU? Those involved in WSU are disenchanted about the Democratic and Republican parties.

Democrat

Returning Willamette students may remember that the Campus Democrats were rather active during the 1996-97 election year.

Under the leadership of now-WSU-president Lysha Wasser, the Campus Democrats were the most vocal political party on the WU campus in '96-97.

The Campus Democrats sponsored a number of debates, brought Democrat senators to campus, and even sponsored a trip up to Portland to see an election rally for President Clinton.

After Clinton's re-election, however, the Campus Democrats lost momentum, and its motivational drive. Partly from lack of political interest during a non-election year, the Campus Democrats virtually disappeared in 97-98.

This is also partly due to the loss of its leadership, as president Lysha Wasser went abroad to Spain and advisor David Douglass went on sabbatical.

Without strong leadership and organization, the Campus Democrats joined the ranks of Willamette's politically apathetic.

And the Campus Democrats have no known plans for this election year; advisor Douglass hasn't heard from the group, and without any known leadership structure, the Campus Democrats will more than likely remain silent.

Republican

Silence is a word that all too well describes the College Republicans.

Ask most Willamette students about the College Republicans, and you will probably be met with a puzzled look.

This is hardly surprising, as no one seems to be willing to associate themselves with the group.

The Willamette Student Handbook reports that Professor James Frew is the advisor of the organization, yet he has been trying to remove his name from the Handbook for a number of years.

It's been eight years since Frew last heard from the College Republicans, and to his knowledge the group is no longer active. The last known contact for the College Republicans was Valerie Walston, who at seems to have transferred to a college in Virginia, leaving only a bad e-mail address and an answering machine that isn't checked.

It seems the president of the College Republicans has checked out of Willamette, taking WU's conservative party representation with her.

This is no surprise because Willamette has a long tradition of being very liberal. Though tolerated at Willamette, conservative ideas are not very popular.

What's in store for 1998-99

So what's the story, morning glory? Where have all the Democrats and Republicans gone? Other than the glorious state of Virginia, it's hard to say exactly where conventional party representation has disappeared to. Certainly there are a number of individuals who are active in politics, and the political department, with guest teachers such as Mark Hatfield, does its best to keep Willamette involved with politics. And organizations that are not "political" by definition still play a major role in the Willamette Community—the Womyn's Center is a particularly active organization that tackles a number of political issues.

So it seems that political involvement has been "left to the left," for the progressives in the Willamette Socialist Union and other liberal organizations. It is possible that the Democrats and Republicans could show themselves this year, but it will take a lot of dedication

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What words of wisdom can you impart to the incoming freshmen?



"Domino's is our friend."
ERIK FAST
Sophomore



"Napping is done best in class with a drool."
SHANNON PUN
Sophomore



"In the next three months don't be surprised if you forget more than you learned in the previous twelve years!"
DUSTIN BUEHLER
Junior

Willamette University fall sports schedule for Sept 1998

Football

Head coach: Mark Speckman
Home facility: McCulloch Stadium

Ogdahl Field

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Colorado College
Colorado Springs 1:30
- 19 Humbolt State
Arcata California 2:00
- 26 Central Washington (H)
Salem 1:30

Cross Country

Head coach: Kelly Sullivan
Home course: Bush's Pasture Park

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Big Cross Invitational
Pasco, Washington 10:00

Volleyball

Head coach: Marlene Piper
Home Court: Cone Field

AUGUST

- 27 Chemeketa CC
Salem (WU) 5:00

SEPTEMBER

- 4-5 UC-Santa Cruz Invitational
Santa Cruz, Calif. all day
- 9 Linfield*
McMinnville 7:00
- 16 Puget Sound*
Tacoma, Washington .. 7:00
- 18 Whitworth*
Salem 7:00
- 19 Whitman*
Salem 2:00
- 23 Lewis & Clark*
Portland 7:00
- 25 CSU-Hayward
McMinnville 5:00
- 26 George Fox*
Newberg 7:00
- 30 Pacific*
Salem 7:00

* Conference games
(H) Home games
NAIA playoff game
NAIA championship game

Bearcats charge into new season

By EDDIE ABEL
Sports writer

After completing the most successful season ever in Willamette football history, and finishing with a 13-1 record and a trip to the NAIA title game last year, the Bearcats football team has a very tough act to follow this fall.

The loss of many starters on both sides of the ball, including star quarterback Chuck Pinkerton, and some major changes in the coaching staff have raised questions among many WU football fans.

The members of the Willamette football program, however, do not seem to be worried. "Every year is a new challenge," said new football coach Mark Speckman, who is replacing Coach Dan Hawkins beginning this year.

"We all start at 0-0, and go from there. It doesn't matter what happened last season." With six games on the road, a rearranged coaching staff, and only a handful of returning starters, the challenges facing this year's team may seem overwhelming. Rebuilding will be necessary in areas on both sides of the ball. Offensively, Willamette's powerful backfield trio, which included quarterback Chuck Pinkerton, fullback/tailback Rich Rideout, and tailback/flanker Danny Osborne, all graduated in the fall, leaving some crucial positions open.

Willamette's defense was so heavily damaged by graduation when they lost twelve seniors, five of which were starters for the bearcats. Probably the most detrimental loss for Willamette's defen-



Coach Mark Speckman

sive threat was the loss of Jackson Baures, Kevin Dix and Rodney Wood, its three senior defensive tackles. Coach Speckman was confident that they would find people to fill in where the team lost some of its stronger players.

"We had a lot of good players, but every year we get some and lose some. It's part of the game. This year, we really have talented players returning." Aside from all of the personnel changes and organizational adversity this season, the biggest problem the Bearcats will counter this year will probably be the psychological elements they must face throughout the season. Speckman worries that people may expect no less than a repeat of last year's outstanding performance.

It's tougher to stay on top than it is to get there. Whether people think so or not, we'll still be entering this year as underdogs." He

added that the team has to "rally and intensify this season, and make sure everyone is on the same page" in order to stay where they ended up last winter. The bearcats have been training during the off-season, and begin two-a-day practices on Aug 24. Three weeks later, they will go into their first game, which puts them at a slight disadvantage to the other teams.

Most of the other teams will already have more than a month of training. The first game will take place on September 12 in a non-conference match versus Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

The team's first home game will be the homecoming game on September 26 against Washington at McCulloch Stadium.

Willamette ended last season with a number two ranking in the NAIA standings, and winning 15 straight regular season games and 11 straight home games in the past two seasons, and holds a combined record of 22-3 record.

Last year's defensive squad was the best at Willamette since 1974, allowing only 11.9 points average per game.

Last year the Bearcats outscored opponents 470 to 167, and allowed only 13 points all year in the first quarter of play. Overall, the team rushed for 3940 yards scoring 49 touchdowns versus 1369 rushing yards.

They passed for 1862 yards to score 15 touchdowns, finishing the year with a total offensive threat of 5802 yards, while at the same time giving up only 3265 yards on the offensive side of the ball.

1997 football season review

1997 Results

WU OPPONENT	OP
42 Humbolt State	14
40 @Chapman	6
34 Central WA	21
13 Eastern OR	7
34 @Lewis & Clark*	14
27 Linfield*	0
41 Southern OR	27
54 @Puget Sound*	0
43 Pacific Lutheran*	6
47 @Whitworth*	7
26 Western OR # (OT)	20
50 Montana Tech #	24
(Parker stadium, Corvallis)	
17 Sioux Falls SD #	7
(Civic Stadium, Portland)	
7 Findley Ohio ##	14
(Carroll Stadium, TN)	
470	167

Scoring by quarters

	1	2	3	4	OT	TOT
OPP	13	58	49	47	0	167
WU	107	150	81	126	6	470

1997 NWC standings

	W	L	T
WILLAMETTE (13-1)	5	0	0
Linfield (6-3)	4	1	0
Pacific Lutheran (7-2)	3	2	0
Lewis & Clark (3-6)	2	3	0
Whitworth (2-7)	1	4	0
Puget Sound (2-7)	0	5	0

NAIA QUARTERFINAL
WU 50, Montana Tech 24
On the artificial turf at parker stadium, the bearcats had a field day, rushing for a record 554 yards

NAIA SEMIFINAL
WU 17, Sioux Fall 7
strong, chilling winds kept this game primarily on the ground, and the bearcats out-muscled the physical Cougars in total yards, 315-257. Shortly after Pinkerton was knocked out of the game in the second quarter with a broken leg, seldom-used running back Stephen Person tossed a 44-yard TD pass to Blair to end the scoring with 3:13 remaining in the first half.

NAIA CHAMPIONSHIP
WU 7, Lindlay 14
The top-ranked Oilers prevailed in a classic national championship game, breaking a 7-7 tie late in the third quarter when Quarterback Bo Hurley scored on a 60-yard run over the right side. Blair had tied the game with 72-yard sprint

Women's Soccer

Head coach: Jim Tursi
Home field: Sparks Field (12th & Bellevue st.)

SEPTEMBER

- 7 UC-Santa Cruz
Salem 11:00
- 9 Linfield*
Salem 5:00
- 12 Chapman
Thousand oaks, Calif. . 1:00
- 13 Cal Lutheran
Thousand oaks, Calif. . 1:00
- 16 George Fox*
Salem 5:00
- 19 Seattle*
Salem noon
- 20 Puget Sound*
Salem noon
- 23 Pacific*
Forest Grove 5:00
- 25 Trinity (Texas)
Salem 4:00
- 27 Pacific Lutheran* (H)
Salem noon

Men's Soccer

Head coach: Jim Tursi
Home Field: Sparks Field (12th & Bellevue St.)

SEPTEMBER

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Salem 1:00
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- 8/30/98
The Hoedown
Sparks Center (parking lot)
9:00-11:00

- Sparkstacular
Sparks Center, 11:00-1:00

- 9/1/98
Rumi Khouri
journalist, Jordanian times
author of
"Petra and the Nabacans"
Hatfield Room, 7:30pm

- 9/28/98
Mary Schlick
independent scholar
author of "
Native Basokry of
the Columbia Plateau"
Cone Chapel, 7:00pm
(with tour of Hallie
Ford Museum following)

- 8/31/98
New student registration

- 9/1/98
FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

- 9/4/98
Last day to add classes

- 9/7/98
Labor day (no classes)

- 10/9,10, & 11/98
Parents & Family weekend

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President

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help him with the details. One of the short-term goals he wants to achieve is to permanently fill the vacant positions of VP for student affairs and VP for administration. In the future, President Pelton wants to see the endowment fund enlarged.

He feels that in order to maintain a good student body the University has to make sure that students can afford an education at Willamette.

Another issue he will be working on is the diversity of Willamette. President Pelton wants to diversify the campus because "diversity is important to institutions not in and of itself but because students and all of us learn from others that come from different backgrounds and cultures."

Eventually when all these goals are met he will be able to give Willamette greater national prominence. For now, President Pelton seems happy just settling into his new job and learning about Willamette and the surrounding Salem community.

Riders

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through the refuge. This intrusion into federal wilderness area would proceed despite present environmental laws and would set a precedent for new and permanent roads through established wilderness areas. Stevens claims that the road is needed for emergency medical evacuation for the people of King Cove. Rep. Jim Greenwood (R), co-chair of the House East-West Environmental Task Force, visited the site and claims that the road is unnecessary and that there are safer, more viable and less expensive forms of emergency evacuation out of King Cove.

Senator Slade Gorton (R) of Washington proposed another rider. His proposition, Section 343, would abrogate state and federal environmental protections for the Columbia River watershed if efforts were made to modify existing commercial use of the river such as hydro-power, state water rights, irrigation, water storage and flood control.

This would make efforts to restore endangered and threatened Pacific salmon and steelhead runs more difficult.

Section 343 would likewise block river restoration efforts and water quality improvements that are currently underway or being planned.

Other anti-environmental riders include efforts to increase logging in the Tongass National forest, allow the Bureau of Land Management to reauthorize grazing permits without proper environmental review, and prohibit Fish and Wildlife Department from reintroducing the Grizzly Bear into Idaho and Montana.

The trend of tagging riders on to Appropriations Bills seems to be increasing due to the fact that special interest groups play a role in the political system.

These appropriation bills are sometimes passed even with the undesired riders in an attempt to prevent a government shutdown like the one a few years ago.

Many of the legislation that public officials are trying to pass will directly affect the Northwest.

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ratios, the university also tries to provide its students with extracurricular activities outside of the classroom in the form of student groups.

Groups like ASWU and the Collegian are funded entirely on student body fees.

ASWU's annual budget is a little over \$100,000, and is extremely small compared to other schools in Oregon.

This money is in turn used by ASWU to fund other student groups and organizations on campus.

Music

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for classes, private lessons, practice rooms and large-scale university music events. The music center is timely addition to Willamette say Long. He stated that about 745 students were associated with the Music Department in the spring of 1999 in some way or another.

He expects that number to grow in the coming years as incoming students are having to deal with new graduation requirements that can be fulfilled with music classes.

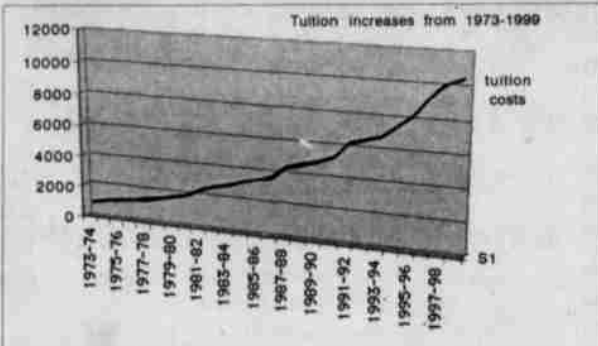
While Long expects the building to be ready for use by January, the official opening will begin March 7, 1999 with a series of concerts. The gala week, as Long calls it, will be eight days of performances by almost every member of Willamette's Music Department, from faculty to students.

Due to the smaller space in the Music Center concert hall, free but limited tickets will be available for the concerts. More information will be available in the spring through the Music Department. In the meantime, students are anxiously awaiting the completion of the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center.

Long believes that returning students will see a marked difference in the building since May: "It is gorgeous. Everyone will be blown away when they see how much is done."

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The Collegian is WU's official student publication, and its yearly budget is close to \$30,000, which is small compared to \$439,000 for OSU's Barometer. As it stands, the Collegian still needs more funds in order to update their ailing computers.

All of these services require an extensive amount of funding. Unfortunately Willamette University is privately-funded and does not receive as much federal aid as some other public schools.

If state schools were not subsidized by taxpayer's money, then the tuition for OSU and U of O would probably be comparable to private liberal arts colleges like WU and Lewis & Clark.

These are only a few of the major services provided by the University, which has contributed to the soaring cost of higher education. This trend seems to be ongoing.

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