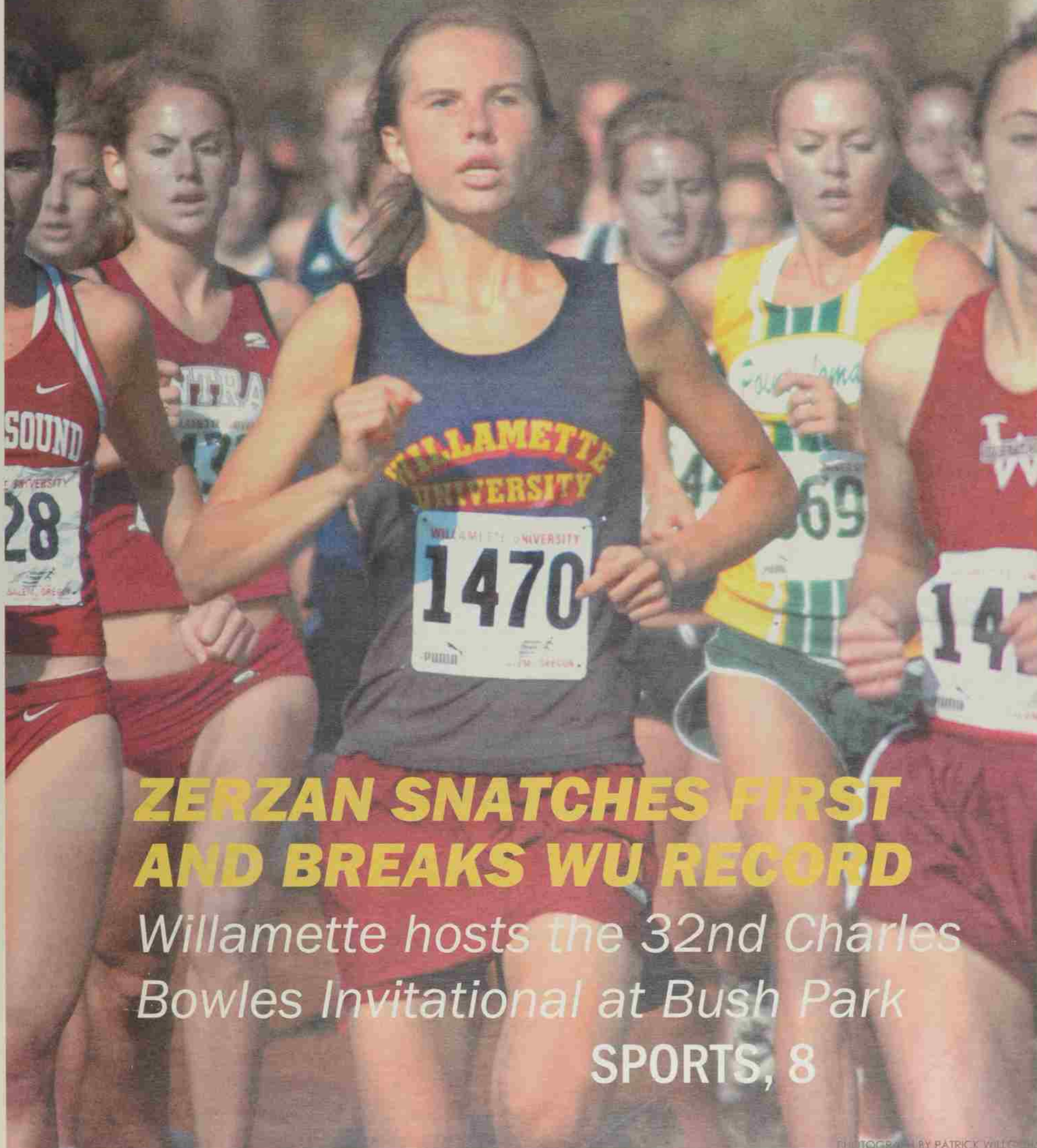


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# Clubs speak out against their budgets

College Democrats and Hip-Hop Congress contest the denial of funds at ASWU senate meeting last Thursday

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The ASWU Senate met last Thursday to approve the ASWU budget for the fall semester.

College Democrats member Logan Will and Hip-Hop Congress member Stephanie Davidson spoke at the senate meeting to contest the amount of funds granted to their respective clubs for the fall finance quarter.

Of the student body fees that Willamette students pay each semester, a portion of the money goes to ASWU, which then sets aside a portion of this fund to give to clubs. According to ASWU Vice President of Finance Jared Rieger, ASWU allotted \$52,000 to clubs on campus this semester.

At the beginning of each school year, ASWU and the Senate held meetings to approve the allocation of funds.

Regarding the annual budget meeting, Rieger said, "The finance board met last weekend and set a budget

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**ANDREW GIBBS**  
SENIOR

based on student club requests from ASWU.”

Once the clubs were notified about the money they were allocated, they had the option of attending the Senate meeting to present possible discrepancies. Representatives from the College Democrats and Hip-Hop Congress attended Thursday's meeting.

ASWU initially denied the College Democrats' request for \$750 for a political speaker during the fall semester.

"The finance board tries to give funding to most, if not all clubs," Rieger said. In the case of the College Democrats, "The language suggested that the funding was for a current political candidate," Rieger said.

However, after appealing the denied funds at the senate meeting, the College Democrats received the \$750 for their guest speaker.

"They hadn't allocated the \$750 because they thought that Jim Hill was a current political candidate," Will said. "He had been the state treasurer and ran in the primary for governor this year, but he isn't currently running."

After explaining this to the Senate, they acknowledged that the speaker did not violate finance rules and the College Democrats were granted the \$750.

This school year, the Finance Board changed its procedure for allocating funds to the on-campus clubs. "Most of expenditures will be occurring this semester because we're allocating only first semester student body fees," Rieger said. Because of this, "first semester requests are given priority over second semester requests."

In the past, ASWU has allocated funds for both the fall and spring quarters at the beginning of the school year. Hip-Hop Congress chapter head Andrew Gibbs said he thinks the change hinders clubs that plan large springtime events.

"We don't know what the budget is going to be for our spring events," Gibbs said. "It's hard to fundraise if you

## ▶ budget facts

- A portion of each student body fee goes to ASWU, who will then set aside amounts for individual clubs
- Unlike previous years, these budgets will be made at the beginning of each semester, as opposed to annually
- There are specific rules, precedents and standards that each club must adhere to in requesting ASWU funds

don't know if you will have matching funds." Hip-Hop Congress puts on Conscious Overdose, an event that educates people about the elements of hip-hop, including MC-ing, DJ-ing and break-dancing.

"Last year the show cost us \$9,000 and ASWU gave us \$3,200. The rest we got through fundraising," Gibbs said. This year, Gibbs said that the show will probably cost \$12,000.

Rieger said that the Finance Board did plan for large second-semester events, but in the case of Hip-Hop Congress' numerous first semester events.

When Hip-Hop Congress representative Stephanie Davidson addressed this issue at Thursday's meeting, no changes were made to the club's budget.

"What we're hoping for is, at the October recycling period, they come up with a new formula," Gibbs said. "That way it will give us four or five months to know how much money we have."

## Needs More Cowbell



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As we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we take a look at our lives and realize, there's no WU left.

We really felt that only Coolio could express how our lives are going at this time. Maggie and Christine are seeing the end (of WU) nearing, and are shakin' in their spaceboots. So we called in our Yoda to help us through. Yes, Bre Stephens is back with vengeance.

For those of you who don't know Bre, crawl out from under your rock. Once a full time NMC writer, she is now our part-time NMC liason to the outside world. And she really lets her hair down in this no-holds-bar interview about what life is really life after WU.

NMC: How ya doing Bre?

BS: Fabulous, now that I'm back with you guys.

NMC: So how's the war in Iraq shaping up to be?

BS: Wait, there's a war? (Chuckles jovially) No, no, no. But in all seriousness, it's quite dusty. A lot dustier than you would think.

NMC: How about this abstract phenomenon known as the "real world"? How "real" is this "real world"? Do you

feel that you're getting a real taste?

BS: I'm not going to lie to you; there's some hullabaloo. But here's what Career Center is not telling you.

Safeway? Not such a happy place for Compass Cards. Would you believe they would not accept it? It kept asking for this Safeway card. So then I tried to swipe my Compass Card at the ATM to put more cash on it, but nothing happened. Until eventually, the machine ate it. I just stood there slandering the machine and sobbing, Why?! WHY!!!!

NMC: (In a hushed tone) That's shocking.

BS: I know.

NMC: How's housing going? Any progress made on the yurt?

BS: Well, the housing lottery for me was not what I predicted it to be. Apparently my parents did not want to participate in this fair, honest and non-discriminatory system.

NMC: So what you are saying is, the real world discriminates?

BS: Yes. That's exactly what I'm saying. The real world does discriminate. And by world, I mean my parents' house.

NMC: We hear the law is different out-

side the walls of Willamette. Can you expand on this theory?

BS: You know it is interesting. You would think that WU would portray an accurate representation of The Man. However, the law is not so forgiving when you are not dealing with our dear friends at Campus Po. Take for instance last weekend, when I was streaking through one of Oregon's many state parks. I was perturbed to discover that the fine was a much more substantial amount than \$50. Not to mention I spent the night in prison with an unlicensed tattoo artist. She had soft hair.

NMC: Well, Bre, that's unfortunate. We'd like to thank you for coming in this weekend. The fans have really missed you. But at least we can all still stalk you on Facebook.

BS: Yes, I have joined a company network, in which my coworkers and I can participate in Facebook and poke each other.

Note to Readers: Sexual harassment is a very serious offense. Not everyone understands Facebook, so please only virtually poke your coworkers.

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# Wheeler Parker and Olympia Vernon speak out against racism

50 years after Emmett Till was killed, people are still telling his story and fighting racism

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Willamette Hallie Ford Chair in Writing, Olympia Vernon said she first saw the picture of 14-year-old Emmett Till's mutilated face when she was 13 years old. She was holding a guitar and still remembers the sound it made when it dropped from her hand and hit the floor. "I'm almost sure that anyone who has ever seen a picture of Emmett, after he was brutally beaten and murdered and shot, remembers what they were doing at that time," Vernon said.

On Sept. 26 in Smith Auditorium, Vernon and Till's cousin, Wheeler Parker, discussed Till's murder. Vernon also read a passage from her new novel *A Killing in this Town*, written after she saw a photo of Claude Neal dangling from a tree. Footage from a 2004 "60 Minutes" described the events.

Parker and Till, who was raised in Chicago, visited family in Mississippi in the summer of 1955. On Aug. 24, Till whistled at Carolyn Bryant, a white woman, after purchasing candy with friends, Parker reported.

In the early hours of Aug. 28, Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam

**“Hate kills the hater. I can't carry animosity.”**

**WHEELER PARKER**  
GUEST SPEAKER

abducted Till from the home of his uncle, Mose Wright, in a small town in the Mississippi Delta. His body was pulled from the Tallahatchie River on Aug. 31.

The "60 Minutes" documentary included an interview given by Till's mother, Mamie Till. She had to fight the Mississippi authorities to get her son's body returned to Chicago so she could identify him. "It looked like someone had taken a meat chopper and chopped [his nose]," she said. She insisted on an open casket funeral with no facial reconstruction so the public could see what had been done to her son.



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Emmett Till, shown here with his mother, was brutally murdered in 1955 by whites in Mississippi after reportedly whistling at a white woman.

The horror of young Till's death was one of the events that sparked the civil rights movement. Parker said that Rosa Parks thought about Emmett Till when she refused to give up her seat, initiating the Montgomery bus boycott.

Parker said there is more work to be done. "Racism is gonna be alive until we die," she said. "It doesn't have to be color, it's gonna be something."

When asked if he harbors animosity towards whites, he said "Hate kills the hater. I can't carry animosity."

Ruth Pitts-London of proposed Gresham branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), attended Tuesday's event and asked the two panelists if people really know, even right now, that there are a lot more Emmett Tills that have lost their lives. Pitts-London said there have been recent killings of unarmed

black males by Portland police that have gone unpunished. "No one was called to justice," she said.

Francis Spann, an audience member, said that in 1993 her daughter was brutally beaten by police after they responded to a call about a break-in. "Two white girls broke into her home," Spann said. When police arrived, they assumed her African-American daughter was the culprit and immediately began to beat her viciously. "She looked like Emmett Till did," Spann said.

Vernon said she agrees racism is a problem everywhere. "People see racism as a Southern problem...but it's something that you shouldn't ignore ... just because you're comfortable," she said. "Any time you get too comfortable, you stop thinking. And anytime you stop thinking you have problems."

## Debate team members sent to the pokey

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Last Friday, four members of Willamette's forensics team, Dani Stevens, Allie Wils, Joana Harboe and Jade Olson, paired-up with four inmates at the Oregon State Penitentiary to debate the resolution "National security measures should take precedent over individual rights."

Willamette students first debated in the Penitentiary in the fall of 2004. The first debates were held between a team of Willamette students and a team of prisoners, but it has evolved into the current format in which students and inmates are paired together as a team. Students who are also involved in the Philomathean Society visit the penitentiary every two to three months.

"The prisoners seemed to really like the debate activity," spectator Anna Levy said. "They were really energetic and engaged while debating and interacting with the Willamette kids."

"I imagine they're really under-stimulated being in a tiny jail cell most of the day and so being able to interact with 'outsiders' was probably a nice break from the monotony of their lives."

Levy said it was good to experience life, even in this way, outside the university. "Why it was worthwhile to us? People at Willamette

are fairly sheltered from the outside world," she said. "It was kind of a breath of fresh air going to the prison, ironic as that might seem, to meet new kinds of people and hear their personal stories."

The penitentiary team, the Capitol Gavel Toastmasters, has won trophies in competitions against other prisons. According to the Toastmasters Team Secretary, an inmate known as Wally, these are typically speech competitions, rather than actual debates.

In addition to the prison debate, Willamette's debate team has just celebrated its 150th anniversary. The Willamette team is traditionally competitive at the national level and last year won first place in the year-long sweepstakes competition, organized by the National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA).

"This is an impressive accomplishment considering hundreds of teams, including almost all of the Ivy League schools, participate in this style," Wils said.

The team competes in three different national tournaments each year, the NPDA tournament and the exclusive NPTE, which is open only to the top 50 teams in the nation.

The team is also involved internationally. They received a grant to start debate in Uganda. In the future, students will enter an exchange program in Uganda and Ugandan students will spend time at school here at Willamette.

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In the midst of a drought, citizens of India are digging deeper into the earth at a rate faster than nature can replenish water. Presently, farmers have switched from growing crops to selling water under their properties at market price. Each plot has several wells, and each well is dug so quickly and deeply that some farmers have reached water at the dinosaur level. Many are pessimistic over the situation, such as farmer Bhanwar Lal Yadav whom said, "However long it runs, we know we will all be ultimately doomed."

**Thailand**

After being appointed on Sept. 19 by the ruling military council, General Surayud Chulanont was sworn in as the Interim Prime Minister in Thailand on Oct. 1. Surayud stated that he will fight for unity in Thailand, balancing the economy and people's needs, unlike his predecessor, Thaksin Shinawatra, who was accused of corruption and deprivation of freedoms. There was apparently little public opposition to Surayud's appointment.

**France**

Former French Prime Minister Lionel Jospin has quit his quest to become the next French president. Jospin stated that if he could not unite the people, he did not want to run for president and divide France. Jospin, who is a former leader of the Socialist Party, ran for president in both 1995 and 2002.

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**WHAT'S GOING ON AT WU?**

WEDNESDAY  
6:30 p.m.

Take a Break information session, The Hatfield Room, Library

7:30 p.m.  
Study abroad info session, Montag Den

THURSDAY  
11:30 a.m.  
University Convocation: What's in your morning cup?; Fumigation, Deforestation and Uncertainty; A Columbian coffee story featuring Rene Chaux, a

Columbian Campesino, Cone Chapel  
4 p.m.  
Anchor Splash water fight, Brown Field

7 p.m.  
Vietnam on the front lines: Film Series, Roger Hull Lecture Hall, Hallie Ford Museum of Art

9 p.m. WEB Movie: The Descent, Smith Auditorium

FRIDAY  
4:30p.m.  
DG Anchor Splash Ultimate Frisbee, Brown Field

6 p.m.  
Delta Gamma's Anchor Splash boat race, Mill Stream

9 p.m. WEB Movie: The Descent, Smith Auditorium  
MONDAY  
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# Alumni and students celebrate the Bistro's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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The Bistro celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary last Friday in the U.C. with free coffee, treats and evening music in the evening, including a performance by WU alumnus Garrett Brennan. Brennan began regular Bistro Open Mic nights in the early 2000s. He performed with his band, the EbOb's.

TU students Natsumi Ogasawara and Haruka Takahashi attended the show Friday night. They said they liked the music and the atmosphere, though Ogasawara said that back in Japan, "this music is not usual. It is kind of for old people."

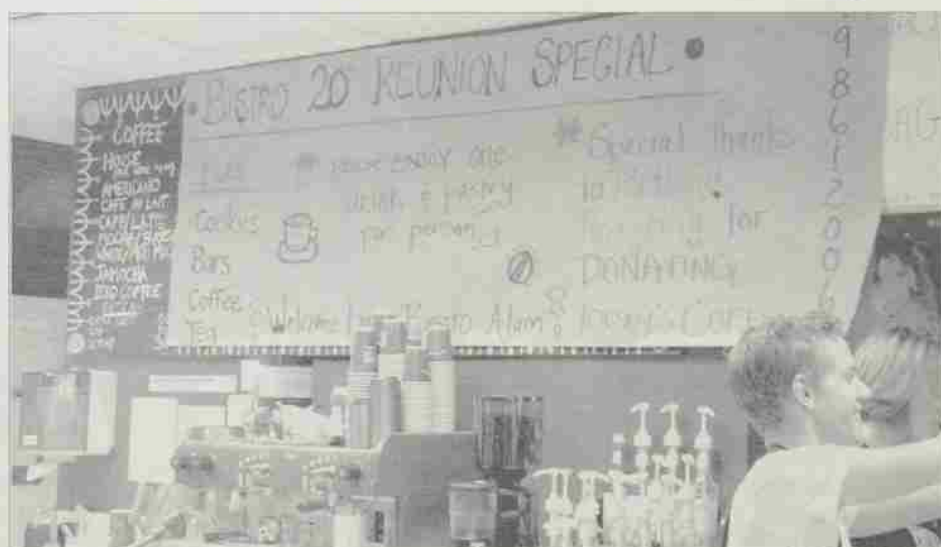
In the afternoon, Bistro founders John Donovan and Eric Friedanwald-Fishman served free food and drinks to the hoards of Bistro supporters. Donovan called the experience "fantastic" and "fun," despite the hectic atmosphere. The entrepreneurial pair was joined by Chris Duncan Didway, who managed the Bistro from '87-'88, and

was one of the 11 hires chosen for the first year of operation. She smiled as she remembered the way things were. "The looks may have changed, but the spirit's still here," Didway said.

Friedanwald-Fishman, who also brought Black Tie to campus, described the atmosphere as "integrated and alive." He described the change from the original '20s theme to a more funky, seventies folk style as an evolution that marks "what the place is about." Donovan shared that sentiment, "The Bistro had to evolve as the students did. It's now bigger, a nice balance between being a real restaurant and being made to feel like what the students want."

Rianne Stephens, Assistant Director of Annual Giving and Bistro Reunion Coordinator, commented on the Bistro's draw as an organization.

"All of the Bistro alumni have a very strong tie to the Bistro, as it was likely one of the best jobs they've ever had and it probably served as a 'home away from home' while they were at college. Bistro



SAGE NUSBAUM

Students and alumni from the past twenty years reunited last Friday to serve free treats and reminisce about their Bistro experiences.

folks have been known to 'live' in the Washington, Indiana, Colorado, Illinois and New Hampshire attended the Stephens said that alumni from California, University Event.

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Whether you like it or not, health trends are here to stay. From trading in tanning beds for SPF 45 and self-tanner to imbibing antioxidant-rich beverages post yoga session, our cultural focus is steadily shifting to attaining beauty from the inside out. The easiest way to jump on the bandwagon is to improve what goes into your body, and the best place in Salem to shop for delicious and healthy food options is Life Source.

Life Source is a smaller health food grocery store than those found in the Portland area, but it still packs a powerful and sustainable punch. Many of the products, including produce and meat items, are from local growers. A favorite of Willamette students is the honey crisp apples, which really do taste like honey.

Those who live in dorms can find tons of easy meal options. Life Source stocks many of its fresh-packaged items like salads, cheeses and even popsicles in single servings, which are perfect for putting together a special non-Goudy meal once in a while. Life Source also has an incredible cracker and chip selection for healthier late-night snacking.

Life Source is also a must for anyone with mild food intolerances to those who are practically allergic to life. One of the benefits of shopping here is that products meant for those

with allergies and intolerances are clearly labeled, and the knowledgeable staff is more than willing to offer assistance.

Wary about trying health food? You can't go wrong with Santa Cruz Organic, which makes a variety of products including juice and apple sauce. This is definitely a brand that packs the health benefits of lower sugar content and organic ingredients without tasting too earthy. The chocolate selection is also fabulous; Life Source stocks a variety of organic, fair trade and highly delicious chocolates from around the world. A personal favorite is Chocolove's orange peel in dark chocolate bar, which boasts a creamy and not too rich 55 percent cocoa content and small pieces of dried orange peel in every bite.

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## MOVIE REVIEW: THE GUARDIAN

### Flick isn't great, but could have been worse

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There's a general rule to life that can also be applied to film-viewing. Always expect the worst and you'll never be disappointed. "The Guardian" may not look too attractive on paper. For starters, it's hard to imagine a more miserable acting match-up than Kevin Costner and Ashton Kutcher. What it amounts to, however, is a more decent film than one might expect.

Costner plays Ben Randall, a veteran Coast Guard rescue swimmer and a legend in his own time who nonetheless faces the probable end of his career after the loss of his crew in a mid-ocean accident. His superior gives him a choice: retire or take a teaching position while he re-acquires his skills. His wife has left him, and he has nothing else in his life except the Coast Guard, so he chooses the latter. At the training academy, he whips a batch of 20-odd recruits into shape. Among them is cocksure high school swimming champ Jake Fischer

(Kutcher), who is out to break the swimming records Randall himself set as a trainee. They clash initially, but Randall gradually develops a grudging respect for Fischer's abilities and character, especially after he discovers a common tragedy in their respective pasts.

The film has relatively few action scenes and therefore avoids being over-dramatic. Granted, the storyline is unimaginative, the inevitable romantic subplot resoundingly dull, and the ending predictable, but the transition of focus between Costner and Kutcher's characters is done well. The dialogue has only as many clichés as one would expect out of a military-oriented film. There's probably a better film playing nearby, but if that one has been seen, don't write this one off just because of the cast.

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- Starring Kevin Costner & Ashton Kutcher

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- 5-21** "Sylvia" presented by the Salem Repertory Theatre at the Cyrus Reed Ballroom, Reed Opera House (189 Liberty St., Salem) Tickets: \$18, \$16 seniors and \$10 students. Shows start 7:30 p.m. and run Oct. 5-7, 12-14 and 19-21.
- 8** Method Man, hip-hop and reggae musician, performs at 9 p.m. at the Roseland Theater (8 NW Sixth Ave., Portland)
- 10** The Who, rock artists, perform at 8 p.m. at the Rose Quarter Memorial Coliseum (1 Center Court, Portland) Tickets: \$50-\$200. Contact (877) 789-7673
- 12-15** "Shoebbox Shakespeare" at the Kresge Theater on campus. Preview 8 p.m. Oct. 12, 8 p.m. Oct. 13-14 and 2 p.m. Oct. 15. To purchase tickets, contact the Box Office at 503-370-6221 or reserve tickets by email at [thrtix@willamette.edu](mailto:thrtix@willamette.edu). Tickets: \$5 for Oct. 12, 14, and 15 performances, and \$7 for opening night on Oct. 13.



# INVITATION ONLY

*It's a party and they're not invited, well at least not officially. Immigration law and political actions send conflicting messages to Mexican citizens. Willamette community members respond*

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**W**hile America does open its doors to many immigrants worldwide, for some it is harder to get into than a "super sweet 16" birthday party without an invitation. If not legally invited into the United States, the next best option for many is to sneak in.

The United States sends Mexicans mixed messages about its immigration policy. On one hand, many states in the U.S. quietly accept thousands of illegal immigrant workers. According to the American Immigration Law Foundation, 30.7 percent of all foreign workers are Mexican. Initially that might not seem like an overwhelming percentage, however this 30.7 percent is spread over many of America's low-skilled jobs. In the U.S., Mexican workers perform 88.8 percent of farming, fishing and forestry, along with 60.2 percent of construction and 51.6 percent of building and grounds keeping. Statistics indicate that Mexican workers are a crucial component of our economy.

On the other hand, America's visa policy does not match up with its economic demand for immigrant labor. There are only two types of visas available for workers without formal training: H2A and H2B. H2A is only applicable for agricultural and is limited 66,000 immigrants annually. H2A provides the worker with only a temporary legal stay in the US, according to the National Immigration Forum.

Sophomore Emilio Solano said he sees the immigration debate from both sides. Solano, who is half Mexican and whose grandparents moved to the United States for work, said that "everyone should go through the proper ways" of becoming a citizen. However, Solano also acknowledged that America is enticing Mexican workers with job opportunities and that "until one side gives they shouldn't blame immigrants for the problem."

The Heritage Foundation reports that 11 million illegal immigrants live in the United States. How should the government respond to this politically-charged reality?

*If [immigrants] qualify for government health care benefits, then that is ultimately cheaper than paying the costs of uninsured people, citizens or not."*

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POLITICS PROFESSOR

► **by the numbers**

56 million jobs will be available in the U.S. between the year 2002-2012. Of those 56 million jobs 75 percent will be filled by employees entering the occupation for the first time. Forty-eight percent of those jobs will be held by those with a high school diploma or less.

-When the U.S. had its largest number of immigrants in the 1990s, unemployment and poverty rates among native-born residents fell.

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► **the comprehensive immigration reform act**

66 million legal immigrants will enter the United States within the next twenty years.

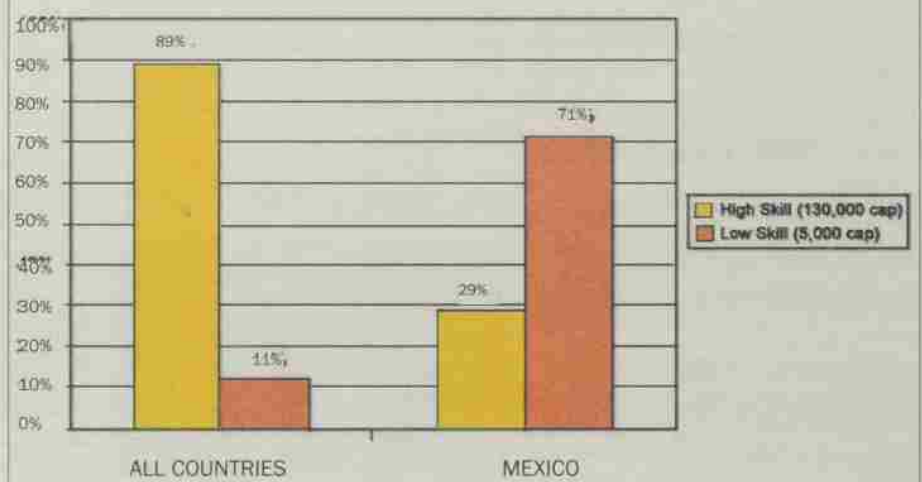
Those who have been in the United States for five years and over will become legal citizens.

Those who been in country two to five years enter into a temporary worker program, which would lead to legalization. In order to become a citizen under the CIRA immigrants must:

- Learn English
- Pay a penalty
- Pay back taxes

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DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT-BASED VISAS FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE, 2001



SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

TREVOR ESSMEIER

MEXICAN SHARE OF FOREIGN BORN LABOR FORCE BY SELECT OCCUPATION, 2003



SOURCE: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

TREVOR ESSMEIER

Last spring, Congress passed the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act. Among many things, the Act set into motion the process of legalizing the illegal immigrants already living in the U.S. and raised the limit of immigrants allowed in each year.

Although CIRA may seem like a promising step in the right direction for many Mexicans, it will be a long process. CNN.com quoted Senator Arlen Specter saying, "The most contentious part of the bill is how to handle the status of the millions of illegal immigrants already in the United States." CIRA is set up to grant citizenship to those who have been in the U.S. for over five years or more, which is about 60 percent of the Mexican immigrant population. Those who have been in the U.S. for two to five years will enter into a "temporary-worker program."

Those opposed to CIRA argue that illegal immigrants already tax our government's resources such as welfare, which is meant for legal citizens.

Melissa Michaux, professor of politics, explained that the 1996 Welfare Reform Act, which she characterizes as "pretty anti-

immigrant," cut-off some legal immigrants from benefits. She said that even though there have been some revisions since 1996, welfare remains difficult for illegal immigrants to access.

While many worry about health care costs going up as illegal immigrants extract benefits without paying into the system, Michaux said, "If [immigrants] qualify for government health care benefits, then that is ultimately cheaper than paying the costs of uninsured people, citizens or not."

In the mean time, before the CIRA comes into effect, the Senate approved construction of a 700-mile long fence between the U.S. and Mexico. According to an article in the Washington Times, the fence will include "cameras, ground sensors and unmanned aerial vehicles." Along with the construction of the fence, Congress called for an increase in boarder patrol agents.

When asked about his views on the approval of the 700 mile long fence, Solano said that "so many people would love to be apart of the U.S., but can't. The U.S. is putting up a barrier between these people's dreams."

STUDY ABROAD: Quito, Ecuador

# Finding more than just Maná

Willamette student explores two very different sides of Ecuadorian society

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Our Willamette group arrived in Ecuador on July 13, and after a few short days spent in Quito getting to know our host families, we boarded a plane headed for the Galápagos Islands. We spent the next week cruising around the Galápagos; visiting a different island every day, observing the wildlife, snorkeling and taking in the sun aboard our boat.

Throughout the week, our wonderful program directors, Fernando and Eugenia Miño, gave us nightly lessons in Ecuadorian survival skills, covering everything from altitude sickness to dealing with "friendly" Latin men. During a talk about culture shock, Fernando emphasized that to avoid homesickness, we shouldn't say things like, "Oh, those strange Ecuadorians, they're always kissing each other on the cheek," but rather, "Hmm, events in Ecuador often start 45-minutes late—what an interesting difference." As an Anthropology major, well-versed in the theory of cultural relativism, I didn't think that applying this "hmm, interesting difference" mentality would be hard. True, most of the cultural differences in Ecuador fascinate me, even if I don't understand them, but there are some differences that are just too hard for me to accept. The biggest of these is the severe level of poverty in the country.

If you walk anywhere in Quito, you are bound to be solicited by a street child, either selling something or offering some sort of

service. In the United States, a begging child would garner extreme pity and concern. However, for most Ecuadorians, street children are seen as pests. When I first arrived here, it broke my heart to see a tiny child selling gum, with an even tinier child strapped to his or her back. I have since hardened somewhat, but my concern for the greater social problem remains.

The problem of street children is circular, beginning and ending with poverty. In 1999, Ecuador experienced a severe economic crisis and as a result, many children were forced to abandon their education to go to work to help support their families. Contrary to popular belief, most street children do live with their families, though in very poor conditions. In Quito, 78 percent of street children's salaries benefit their families, rather than their personal use.

There are lots of little stores around Quito that sell pirated copies of movies and music. I went to one of these stores near my house one day and as I was perusing through the piles of music, I looked around for the shopkeeper. The only other people in the store were a few children, and that's when I realized that the shop was run by children.

I asked one of the little boys if they had anything by the band Maná. He assured me that they did. He kept pulling out CDs at random and studying the covers, and that's when I realized that he couldn't read and was looking for it by matching the pictures as he remembered them. He couldn't find it, so I thanked him and went on my merry way down the sidewalk.

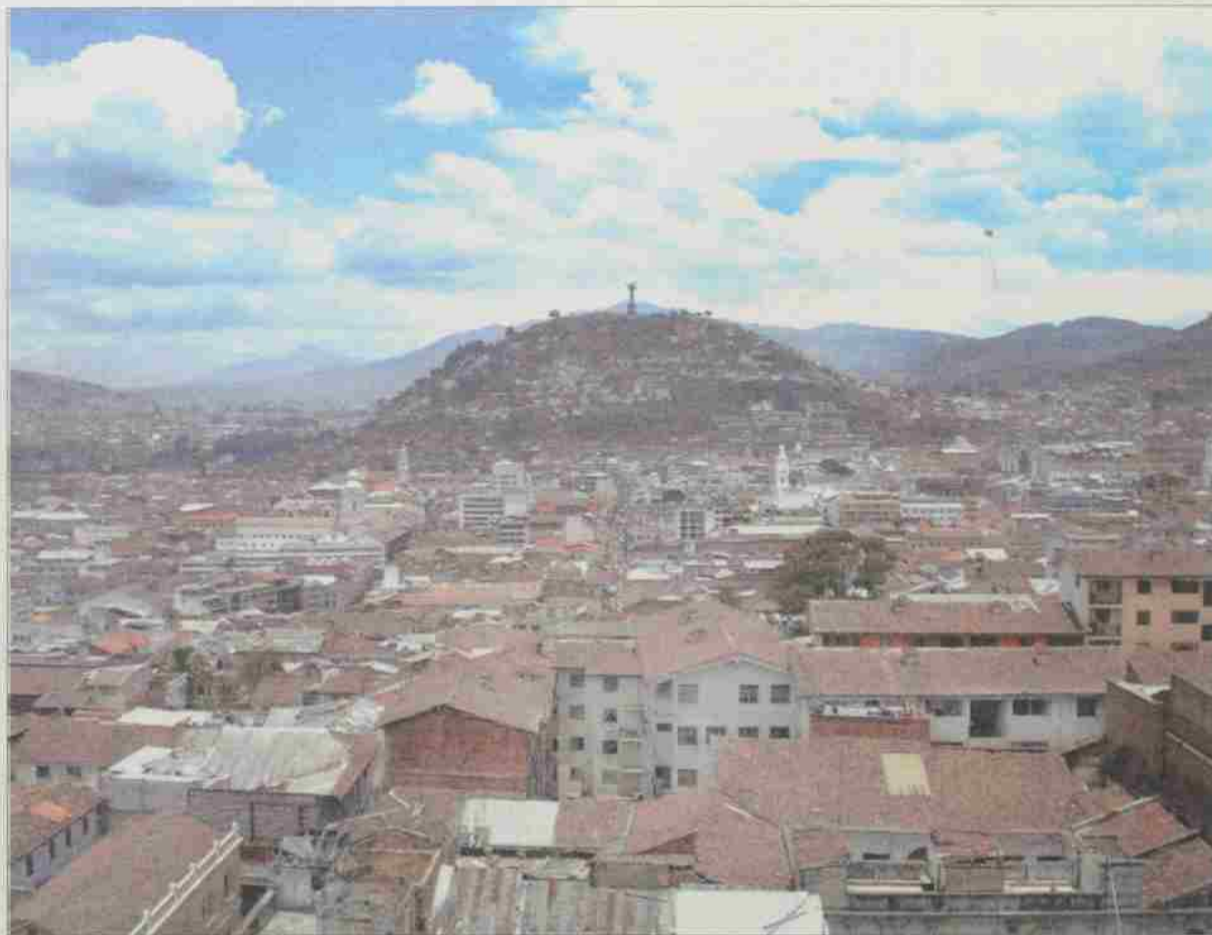
Five minutes later, one of the other little boys came running after me with a huge

smile on his face, crying, "¡Encontré Maná! ¡Encontré Maná!" ("I found Maná! I found Maná!"). I thanked him and he led me back to the shop, where, grinning broadly, he presented me with the CD. I paid him a dollar and walked away, feeling thankful for the little boy's kindness, yet despondent thinking about the life he led. He was forced to drop out of school to work before he learned to read—before he learned any skills applicable to the job market.

When he grows up, he will be forced into a low-wage job and then his children will be forced to work as well, continuing the vicious cycle. It is a cycle I feel helpless in breaking, for I know that if I buy a CD or a bag of oranges, I will help support his family for that day, but that what he really needs is an education—something I know I have no power to give him right now, except to start by bringing the "interesting difference" of his situation to the consciousness of others.

As WU exchange students, we live with middle-to-upper class Ecuadorian family. Our families have maids. They have as many television sets as family members, and they shop at brand-name stores in the huge malls in Quito that put most American malls to shame. Economically, they rank in the top six percent of the country, and the families of our classmates at *Universidad San Francisco de Quito*, in the wealthy suburb of Cumbayá, rank even higher. But this does not mean that we are living in a bubble, for the level of poverty in Ecuador is very, very visible.

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ABOVE: This view of the city was taken from La Basilica and shows the famous statue "La Virgen de Quito."

BELOW Schwarz captures this image of a turtle while on her trip to Santiago Island in the Galapagos.

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## On your next trip to the Galapagos, leave Spot at home

The fragile Galapagos Islands suffer from invasive species and human intrusion.

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The Galapagos Islands lie five-hundred miles off the coast of Ecuador. Charles Darwin first stepped foot on the islands in 1835, and later wrote the famous, "The Origin of Species." One-hundred-seventy-one years later, this fragile environment is threatened by invasive species, illegal fishing, major tourism and climate change.

The first legislation to protect the Galapagos was enacted in 1934, but it wasn't until the 1950s that direct action was taken to protect the native flora and fauna. Non-native

species are choking out indigenous plants and animals. Dogs, cats, pigs and other foreign species destroy bird and turtle nests. Pirates supposedly brought the first alien species when they used the islands as a refuge and supply base from the late 1500s until the early 1700s.

There are several foundations working to curb the problems plaguing the islands. The Galapagos Conservation Trust works to protect the diversity of wildlife and raise awareness of the need to preserve the ecosystem. The Galapagos Conservation Fund supports teacher training in environmental education and develops environmental education centers for local populations. The Charles Darwin Research Station monitors nesting green turtles, and the governmental agency The Galapagos National Park Service also

imposes strict guidelines for island visitors.

The Galapagos Islands are remarkably well-preserved, according to the Galapagos Conservation Fund. There are nearly 300 species of fish in the nearby waters. The archipelago was designated a World Heritage site in 1978. So visit the one-of-a-kind Galapagos before the indigenous species become extinct.

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## CROSS COUNTRY

## Zerzan shatters 20-year long school record in 17:11



PATRICK WILLGOHS

From left, sophomore Maddie Coffman (23rd place), senior Alison Shives, senior Elizabeth Hart (28th place), freshman Ciara Gonzalez and sophomore Edith Polanco (37th place) warm up for a batch of stellar performances at the 32nd Charles Bowles Invitational Saturday at Bush Park.

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Junior Sarah Zerzan proved to be the leader of the pack this past Saturday. Zerzan took a first place victory in the Cardinal Women's 5K Race at the 32nd Annual Charles Bowles Invitational at Bush Park, an event that featured four races with a total of more than 1,000 entries.

Zerzan not only finished first by more than 40 yards, she also outraced her NCAA Division II and III competitors in a school-record time of 17:11.0, breaking the previous 20-year-old record of 17:27.0 set by Kara Crisifulli in 1985. Zerzan's victory contributed to the Bearcat women garnering second place in the Cardinal 5K standings with a final score of 129. The Willamette women finished the race with five runners in the top 40 of the 298 runners that finished the race.

## ► women's results

1, Sarah Zerzan, Junior, 17:11.0; 23, Maddie Coffman, Sophomore, 18:34.05; 28, Elizabeth Hart, Senior, 18:36.6; 37, Edith Polanco, Sophomore, 18:46.5; 40, Jena Winter, Sophomore, 18:52.8; 45, Hanna Vietmeier, Freshman, 18:59.5; 56, Maya Velez, Freshman, 19:13.1.

The Willamette men were led to a sixth-place finish by junior Ian Batch, who finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the Cardinal Men's 8k Race with a time of 24:54.05. In the Cardinal Men's 8K, a race that featured 305 runners, the Bearcat men had three runners place in the top 50 and six in the top 60.

"The Willamette men and women both ran great races," said head cross country coach Matt McGuirk. "We are looking forward to a few more weeks of training as we prepare for the championship portion of the season."

## ► men's results

11, Ian Batch, Junior, 24:54.05; 26, Taylor Roholt, Freshman, 25:22.5; 43, Lucas Nebert, Junior, 25:32.8; 57, Josh Clough, Sophomore, 25:54.15; 58, Tristan Knutson-Lombardo, Sophomore, 25:54.65; 59, Alex Jimenez, Sophomore, 25:56.3; 66, Chris Platano, Freshman, 25:59.7.

Both teams have garnered high rankings for the season. The women reached 12 this week in NCAA Division III Rankings and the men take 15 for the second week in a row.

## ► coming up

The Bearcat runners will hit the trails again on Oct. 14 in Oregon City for the Bob Hodges Invitational at Clackamas Community College.

## MEN'S SOCCER

## Men struggle at home game against Linfield College

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For two weekends in a row, the Willamette men's soccer team has been unable to muster a victory against Northwest Conference opponents. This week's match-up brought Linfield College to Salem to face off against the Bearcats. Unfortunately, the home-field advantage did not count for much as Linfield defeated Willamette 3-0.

Willamette started the game well, and held Linfield scoreless for the first 40 minutes of play. A costly penalty kick with 4:31 left in the first half gave Linfield a 1-0 lead at halftime. Neither team scored in the second half until Linfield tacked another goal on the board during the 72<sup>nd</sup> minute of play.

Linfield's final insurance goal came with about seven minutes left in the game. Linfield improved their record to 5-2-2 overall, and 2-1-2 in Northwest

Conference play. With the loss, Willamette fell to 1-8-1 for the season, with a 0-4-1 record in the Northwest Conference.

In the match, Willamette's offense faced limited scoring opportunities. Linfield dominated the Bearcats in the shots and corner kicks category. Linfield managed to take 24 shots compared to Willamette's seven.

Linfield was awarded nine corner kicks while Willamette was limited to two. Despite the loss, the Bearcats were excited by junior forward Austin Buell's play. He managed to take three shots, including two on goal. Another bright point of play for Willamette was freshman goalkeeper Mark Bennett's six saves.

## ► coming up

The Bearcats hope to end their losing streak against Pacific University, Sat. Oct. 7 on Sparks Field at 2:30 p.m.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

## Women stay undefeated as NW Conf. leaders

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The Willamette Bearcats swept two matches against their Oregon Northwest Conference foes George Fox University and Linfield College this past week, leaving the sixth place women's soccer team in NCAA Division III undefeated (9-0-1) and leading the NWC (6-0-0). The last time the Bearcats were undefeated this late in the season was 2003.

On Wednesday, the Bearcats limited George Fox to one shot on the goal on their way to a 2-0 victory. After a rough first half that led to minimal scoring opportunities for either team, Willamette broke out with 12 shots on goal in the second half. In the 65<sup>th</sup> minute, freshman forward Rachel Janny put back a rebound for her second goal of the season. This came after a shot by senior midfielder Jessica Lammers that knocked off the crossbar. With the game all but over in the 81<sup>st</sup> minute, senior midfielder

Susan Butler fired off a shot from 23 yards out for her sixth goal of the season, corking the victory for the Bearcats.

Against the Wildcats, Willamette recorded its fourth straight shutout and eighth of the season for a 1-0 win against neighboring Linfield. The sole goal of the match came off a set play, concluding with a header from sophomore defender Samantha Post from six yards out. A corner kick from freshman forward Meghan Anderson was received by Lammers, who then crossed the ball to Post for the goal. Assists were given to both Anderson and Lammers, continuing streaks for both players. Anderson has now scored or assisted in six straight games, while Lammers has in four.

## ► coming up

The Bearcats have a week of rest, after which they will take on Pacific University at Forest Grove, on Sat. Oct. 7 at 12 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

# Women inch closer to victory, yet fall to L&C

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Victory was in sight for the Bearcats. In their fifth game on Saturday night against Lewis and Clark, with the score tied 10-10, Willamette came closer to a conference win than they have all season. However, back-to-back kills by Lewis and Clark's top hitter and a service and attack error by the Bearcats left them on the losing side once again, with a final score of 30-22, 28-30, 30-20, 24-30, 15-11.

"We played well, and we had control, but we just couldn't pull it off in the end," said junior setter Jessica Drumm.

On both offense and defense the Bearcats were evenly matched with the Pioneers, with 64 kills and 96 digs, to the Pioneer's 60 kills and 85 digs. Hitters Julie Stutzman and Mary Butler came alive in the second and fourth game and Edyth Lee-Barnes consistently led the way for the Bearcats with 16 kills out of 49 total attacks.

"We did have a few lapses," Drumm said, pointing out that they struggled with receiving the Pioneer's serves. The Pioneers recorded 19 serving aces on Saturday.

"It was a really hard game, which makes it a really tough loss," said Drumm.

The Bearcat's first loss of the week came on Thursday, when they played Linfield for the second time this season (19-30, 16-30, 22-30). The first time in a pre-season match. "We definitely made improvements," said Drumm.

The team is looking forward to meeting George Fox on Friday night. "If we play to our potential, like we know we can, it should be a good game," Drumm said.

▶ coming up

- The Bearcats play George Fox in Cone Fieldhouse on Fri. Oct. 6 at 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

# Second half melt-down dooms WU

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All throughout the Northwest Conference, football programs were hoping this would be the year that someone would end Linfield College's run of dominance. Linfield's all-American quarterback and wide receiver, along with the bulk of the receiving core, were lost to graduation, the Wildcats' coach had departed to Oregon State University, and the most telling sign: the Wildcats lost their first two games, albeit to the number five team in the country and a well respected Division II school.

Last Saturday the Bearcats hoped to be the team to knock off the defending champs. Their attempt imploded in the second half with a final score of 42-14.

Linfield jumped to an early lead, but touchdown runs by senior sweeper Ryan Hernandez and senior running back Kevin Dean, gave the Bearcats an edge going into the second quarter. From there on out, the game got ugly as Linfield managed to tie the score before the half and march to 28 unanswered points in the second.

"We played well in the first half, but we made too many mistakes in the second and just couldn't overcome them," junior tight end Tony Davis said. Davis set his season high with 66-yards receiving.

The last time Willamette defeated Linfield was in 1999, when Willamette last won the Northwest Conference title. Since then, they have fallen seven straight times to the Wildcats, who have won or shared every Norwest Conference title

since then.

The Bearcats were able to hang in with the stronger, faster Wildcats through much of the first half, largely through the efforts of junior quarterback Kevin Whipp. Willamette toned down its signature fly offense for more of a pass-oriented game plan that allowed Whipp to throw for a season-high of 181 yards, even though he was picked off three times.

Many of the problems for Willamette came from a lack of offensive production from the ground as the entire rushing core could only manage 74 total yards.

With the loss to Linfield, the Bearcats look to get the bad taste out of their mouths at the expense of the University of Puget Sound, whom they will face in two weeks.

The Loggers defeated three schools from the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to open the season, but were edged out in their conference opener by league-rival Pacific Lutheran University, 28-32.

"We will use the extra days of practice during the bye-week to get ready for Puget Sound," Davis said. "We will have to continue to improve in order to beat them." Willamette narrowly eked out a win last season against Puget Sound, defeating the Loggers in the final minute of the game.

▶ coming up

- The Bearcats will take on the University of Puget Sound at McCollough Stadium on Sat. Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

## NWC STANDINGS

Football	
Linfield	1-0
Pacific Lutheran	1-0
Willamette	1-1
Whitworth	0-0
Lewis & Clark	0-0
Puget Sound	0-1
Merlo	0-1
Men's Soccer	
Whitworth	3-1-0
Puget Sound	3-0-1
Pacific Lutheran	3-1-0
Linfield	2-1-2
Pacific	2-2-1
Whitman	1-3-2
George Fox	1-3-1
Willamette	0-4-1
Women's Soccer	
Willamette	6-0
Whitworth	4-1-1
Puget Sound	3-1-2
Pacific Lutheran	3-2-1
George Fox	2-3-1
Whitman	1-2-3
Linfield	1-3-2
Lewis & Clark	1-4-1
Pacific	0-5-1
Volleyball:	
Linfield	6-0
Pacific Lutheran	6-0
Puget Sound	4-2
Lewis & Clark	4-2
Whitman	3-3
Whitworth	2-4
George Fox	1-5
Pacific	1-5
Willamette	0-6

# Eating habits contribute to sports performance



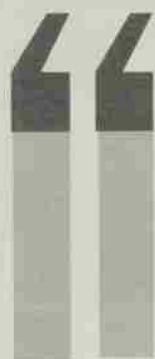
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items with carbohydrates will help prevent fatigue during workouts.

There are three types of foods to avoid as much as possible: sugary, highly-caffeinated and fatty foods. Eating foods that contain high doses of sugar, can cause energy highs and then drastic drops, which is bad for

Every athlete has struggled at some point with an upset stomach due to something they've eaten before exercising. Active people need to eat food that will keep their bodies energized for the workouts ahead. This leads to the question: what are the right foods to eat prior to working out or competing?

It's best to eat between one and four hours prior to exercising. Liquids and drinks are digested easily and can be consumed closer to working. In order to have enough stored energy in your body, you need to eat foods high in carbohydrates. This includes pasta, energy bars, bread and fruit. Food



Try some new eating habits before a workout and see how it feels, but don't try to change your pre-competition eating plan on the day of the big game or a marathon.

exercising. Caffeine is a stimulant that can increase dehydration, while fatty foods don't digest easily and can remain in the stomach for a long time.

Remember: you know yourself the best. Try some new eating habits before a workout and see how it feels, but don't try to change your pre-competition eating plan on the day of the big game or a marathon. This behavior can cause more problems than your normal eating behaviors. Do what's right for your system—whatever helps you to achieve your maximum performance level is the best.

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It's tough being a liberal, especially the bleeding-heart kind. Up until quite recently I would constantly go off on the evils of capitalism, the importance of planting trees, why we should take from the rich and give to the poor and how we need to secure the future for our unborn grandchildren. But as of late, I've found it unusually draining to keep up my let's-hold-hands-and-save-the-world persona. Perhaps this is because I realized that in order to fully embody all of my philosophies I should probably:

- never, ever drive (unless it's an electric car), because I'd be contributing to global warming, which is going to KILL US ALL;
- become a vegetarian (which people always assume I am anyway), because I'd save lots of trees and wouldn't be supporting the abuse and/or consumption of animals;
- stop shoe-shopping, or clothes-shopping, or really shopping in general, because I could certainly get by with what I have now and some people don't have anything;
- give all of my money and time to the endless list of causes which need our attention instead of our apathy;
- only eat organic fruits and veggies or grow them myself, because pesticides are bad and I should support sustainable farming;
- not wear makeup because I should feel good about myself without it and because men shouldn't be attracted to women because of what's on the outside, but what's on the inside (stop the sexism!).

So really, I can't do anything, lest I further contribute to the destruction of the earth or participate in a consumer society that I detest. But this is difficult, because I love road trips and secretly wish I could live in Costco or an overpriced flat in Europe. So where does one draw the line between supporting personal philosophies and no longer being able to truly live life?

From my time at Willamette I've learned that nothing's black or white. There are smart Republicans and smart Democrats, philosophies that are neither right nor wrong and lots of ways to solve problems, but usually none that please everyone. So in order to do something, we can't try to care about/fix everything. Which is why even though I felt guilty, I still ate a burger yesterday. And yes, it was good.

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EDITORIAL

'Collegian' strives to improve itself

To our readers: continue your feedback, but understand our limits

Joining the ranks of Mill Stream birthdays and long lines at Goudy, it has become Willamette tradition to complain, often vociferously, about how bad *The Collegian* is. In fact, many students will never read this article because they have just given up on us. We find this to be distressing, and so we'd like to address some issues and let you know about how you can help us to continue improving.

As *Collegian* staff members, we are passionate about our craft and recognize that there are always opportunities for improvement. Please just remember, we are constantly evaluating ourselves, and it's disheartening to walk down the hallways on Wednesday morning only to hear complaints about how bad a job we're doing. Yes, there are mistakes, and that is disappointing. No one is more frustrated by a typo or a misquote than we are.

It's easy to point out our flaws, but dismayed readers often seem to forget about all the work that goes on in order to produce a paper, about the human element behind the final product. There are writers, copy editors, photographers, section editors, and designers up late into the night working to pull everything together.

At a small college like ours, you would be surprised how many people you know who work for *The Collegian*. As peers, we need both

your constructive criticism and your support.

Something to keep in mind is that we are not the *New York Times*, nor do we claim to be. Our news may not seem that newsy, but this is Willamette. The main goal of *The Collegian*, like with any newspaper, is to deliver the news relating to its target audience. If you want to read more about global or national or even local issues, there are other, more appropriate venues, which we would encourage you to turn to. We fill a different but equally important role of being the voice of the Willamette campus.

Maybe one of the biggest challenges as a *Collegian* editor is shaping the quality and style of the writing. Students and staff often get frustrated when they feel they have been misquoted or misrepresented in an article. Such complaints are ubiquitous even to large professional newspapers, no less to *The Collegian*. Mistakes will occur occasionally because, along with delivering the news, its editors are also dedicated to teaching our staff about journalism, and the learning curve is often a steep one.

*The Collegian* is a working classroom where staffers learn about how journalism works. While some students come in with a background in high school journalism or yearbook, many others do not. *The Collegian* always seeks individ-

uals who can write well, however, many of these good writers may not have experience in journalism. Therefore, the *Collegian* editors must be teachers. The goal is that each week's issue demonstrates progress in areas of content, writing quality and design. The point is, we're learning and we're trying.

So what can you do as readers? At a bare minimum, consider all of these factors when criticizing *The Collegian*. Moreover, give us helpful feedback. Come to our office (3rd floor UC). Tell us when something is incorrect, and we'll print a correction. Give us photo and content suggestions. Write a Letter to the Editor. Write an Opinion article. Or even better, join our ranks as a staff member and design pages, write stories, draw cartoons or take pictures.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'The Kitchen Store' offers more than just novelties for the gourmet chef

I am appalled by Aleta Burchyski's contemptible review of Salem's 'The Kitchen Store' in last week's publication. After reading the piece, one would understand that the store sells cupcake stands, martini shakers and tea. Aleta has an equal understanding of culinary culture as the average student who "consumes a lot of Ramen."

For a cook, the average Ikea grade pots, pans and knives will not suffice. If you are looking for brands like Wusthof or Henckels, 'The Kitchen Store' has professional grade knives for that perfect cut. If you need even heat while pan-cooking your dishes, the store also carries copper and cast-iron pans from makers like Le Creuset. This Mecca is more than just a retailer of frivolous, expensive items. It serves a crucial purpose to those who understand and appreciate culinary culture. Aleta, you forgot, they offer cooking classes right inside their store. Take one, maybe you will learn something.

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Sophomore

E.Coli is not a virus

I appreciated the story regarding Spinach and the E.coli outbreak affecting campuses nationwide that appeared in the Sept. 27 edition of the Collegian. However, the article incorrectly identified E.coli as a virus. It is not a virus, but a bacteria. Encarta Dictionary definition of E.coli is a gut bacteria or "species of bacterium normally inhabiting the intestines of humans and other vertebrates, especially the colon, but commonly causing infection in other parts of the body." It is important a journalist and publication check the information they disseminate, especially when it takes less than a minute to check a dictionary.

GREG SILLIMAN  
Law Student

EDITORIAL: CARTOON:

The Freshman Experience ...



LYDIA BURNETT

Judaism is not a sect of Christianity

As someone who identifies as Jewish but is not fully converted, I was no less shocked ["Gotta Have Faith," Sept. 27, 2006] and disappointed in Ms. Payne's article on faith at Willamette. In this article, while discussing the religious demographic of Willamette, Laura Payne included Judaism in a list of sects of Christianity. There is no reason to say more; when writing an article on religion, the author should understand the basic differences between the major world religions. Especially when writing for a college newspaper.

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STUDENT OPINION:

# Bring racism to forefront of campus minds

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GUEST COLUMNIST



We have all been there. Been in a position where we wanted to speak up, say something that we really want to get out there, but then ended up backing down for whatever reason and just kept our mouth shut. I had one of those moments a week ago, at the university event "The Murder of Emmet Till."

I had never heard about the fate of Emmet Till before I went to Smith Auditorium last Tuesday. The kidnapping, torture and murder of the 14-year-old Till in 1955, and the subsequent acquitting of his two captors, is one of the darkest chapters of the American history of racial oppression. As such, it also became one of the igniting factors of the Civil Rights Movement.

Hearing about the events from the viewpoint of Emmet's close relative who was also a child at the time made the event all the more poignant. I would like

to take this chance to say thank you to Wheeler Parker for sharing with us all, and also to Olympia Vernon, for her readings and for making the event possible.

More than just a story from a dark past, the murder of Emmet Till must also serve as an important reminder about the structures of oppression still with us today in this country. At Willamette, where a majority of students are white, this fact is not stressed enough. In order for the white community to approach the issue of racism, an understanding of the privilege that comes with color is needed; as a white person in America today, you are awarded with a privilege by the system.

I am privileged because of the color of my skin, and I am not even a citizen of this country. To understand what this privilege consists of, you need to do little less than ask a person of color how often they are faced with having to think of their ethnic identity and color of skin during a normal day, something most white persons will hardly ever be faced with during their lifetime.

Racism is more than the Ku Klux

Klan, or crazy individuals with a discontent for people of color. Racism is a structure, a system of oppression. Racism is a structure, a system of oppression, and whether or not we want to be, we are a part of it. As a white male, I am benefited by that system. That I benefit from that oppression makes me a racist. When I chose to not speak that night I acted in accordance with the privilege I have been bestowed. I can hear the truth, but ignore it, and still live on happily.

What I want to convey in this short piece is a plea to everyone who identifies as white on this campus. Learn about your privilege, talk with your friends about it, and act. More than any other group, we have an obligation to work for the obliteration of racism. Realize that by the place you and I have been awarded in this system, we are made racist. It is up to us to change this fact. I learned about my privilege from a person of color. My hope is that a greater number of students will learn about their privilege from a white person. Then we will know that we have at least gotten something started.

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ECONOMICS

# Streaking: the real cost to society

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Economists like the idea of a world where markets work properly. Everyone gets maximum utility from their resources by ensuring that marginal costs and benefits are equal, and widespread fair competition keeps individuals from taking advantage of each other. Sounds great, but the world that economists dream of often resembles the real world about as much as, say, I resemble the chair I'm sitting in right now.

One way that markets fail to work properly is through externalities. An externality is when the costs or benefits of some action or transaction accrue to more than just the individuals directly involved. In other words, society as a whole is helped or harmed by certain actions, but individuals only pay attention to the help or harm given to them, and so too much or too little is done compared to what's socially desirable.

Let's take this out of the abstract. The Willamette community as a whole benefits from students doing crazy stuff in public spaces, in the form of entertainment and general amusement. But when an individual student is trying to decide whether to abandon all sense of shame and make a spectacle of themselves in Jackson plaza, they only consider the costs and benefits to themselves. As a result, all we get is the crazy-masked, dancing guy or the occasional pirate or ninja, while the balance of costs and benefits to the community would call for more.

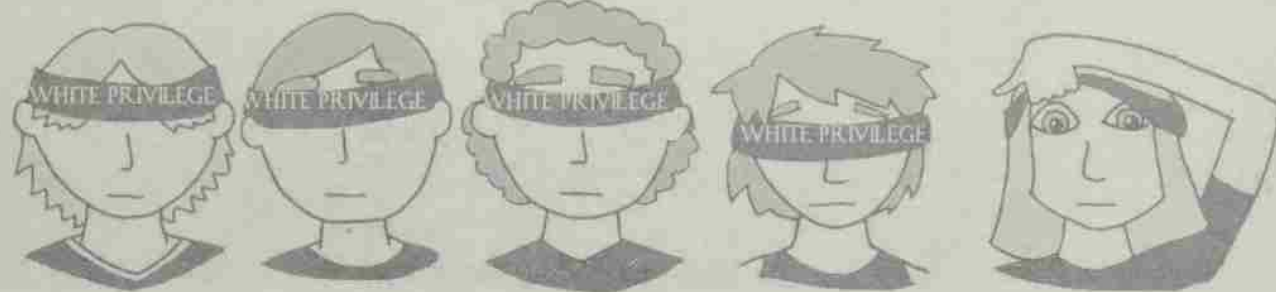
That's what's known as a positive externality. Positive externalities also occur in the markets for education and healthcare, to name a few.

There are also negative externalities, where the costs of something accrue to more than just the individuals involved. When your neighbor turns his speaker system up to full blast and shakes the entire dorm, he's imposing costs on everyone else, but is only considering the minimal costs to himself. So you get more blaring music than is socially optimal. Industrial pollution is a negative externality that has received a lot of attention over time.

So how do we deal with these externalities? The simplest way is to tax negative externalities and subsidize positive ones, thus changing the costs involved and encouraging individuals to make a socially optimal choice. There are more ingenious schemes that those crazy economists have designed over the years, but they all come back to the central theme in economics: incentives matter.

- ▶ **ECONOMISTS CALL IT:** An externality
- ▶ **BY WHICH THEY MEAN:** A situation where the costs or benefits to society are different from the costs and benefits to the individual, causing them to do more or less of something than is desirable for society as a whole.
- ▶ **THEY CARE BECAUSE:** It is a major way that markets break down. Education, health care, pollution, commercial fishing and logging, traffic and e-mail spam all suffer from externalities.

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JADE OLSON

# Parking fine system is inequitable

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Chances are if you are a Willamette student who owns a car, you know the basic campus parking rules: don't park on campus without a permit, park in the lot that your permit goes with and DON'T park in the reserved lots. It seems so straight-forward. But is it really that simple? Unfortunately, the answer is a resounding no.

For starters: warnings. I'm sure many of you have gotten warnings for not having your permit displayed correctly or the like. But, did you know that for your first offense of permit-less parking, you get a warning, while for a first offense for parking in an incorrect lot, you automatically get ticketed?

There is a possible logic to this. After all, most people parking at Willamette without a permit are probably residents of Salem or visitors. We'd come off as pretty unwelcoming if we started ticketing every visitor who drove up, and from the sounds of it, Salem in general already doesn't have that high of an opinion about Willamette.

However, did you know that having last year's permit counts as not having a permit at all, rather than having an invalid permit? As such, if you have last year's permit but not this year's you are treated the same as someone who has no permit at all. So if the reason for not ticketing non-permit people is to avoid

being mean to those who (theoretically) don't know any better, why are those who have a permit from a previous year, and thus really know better, given the one-time free ride? There is no logic to that part of the policy.

Another thing: lot-specific permits. Other than maintenance and other official-type permits, I have seen two different permits, yellow and blue. Yellow tickets, held exclusively by Kaneko residents, are only valid in the softball lot. Blue tickets, for all other students, and are valid in Sparks, Matthews, the University Apartments and...the softball lot. The only people who can receive an "invalid permit" ticket are Kaneko residents parking on main campus. All other students are free to crowd up the softball lot as

much as they choose. How considerate.

I'm not saying that Campus Safety must change their system, though my personal opinion is that these policies don't make much sense. I do think, though, that everyone should know what to expect as far as parking fines go. So anyone who gets an "invalid permit" fine (i.e. a Kaneko who parks on main campus) as a first offense, I strongly encourage you to challenge that ticket, since pretty much everyone else gets a warning the first time.

Whatever you do, don't park in the reserved lots without the proper permit. Ever.

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JADE OLSON

## GOT OPINIONS?

We're always looking to hear from new voices.

If you have an issue that you're passionate about and want to share it with the Willamette community, please contact Lauren Brooks at <lbrooks>.

# CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

Sept. 22 - 29, 2006

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Sept. 23, 12:49 A.M., (Chicken Fountain): A student injured his shin when he attempted to jump from the edge of the fountain to a stone in the middle. The student was subsequently transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.

Sept. 25, 11:51 p.m., (Eaton Hall): An employee was transported to Salem Hospital as he suffered the effects of severe stomach cramps.

Sept. 28, 8:48 a.m. (Doney Hall): A student suffered an injury when her closet door came off of the track and fell on her foot. She was transported to Salem

## POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

Hospital for treatment.  
Sept. 23, 11:44 p.m., (Sigma Chi): A student attempted to gain entrance to a party at Sigma Chi by removing an alarmed screen on a deck of the building. The student, when confronted, gave false statements as to his identi-

fication and was found to be intoxicated. The student, who is under 21 years of age, admitted to drinking alcohol.

Sept. 23, 12:51p.m., (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety responded to a concern of a disruptive student. The student was found to be a minor and

## POLICY VIOLATION

under the influence of alcohol. The student admitted to drinking alcohol.

Sept. 23, 11:10 p.m., (Phi Delta Theta): A student, under the age of 21, was observed to be in possession of a beer. The student, who was cooperative, threw the can of beer away.

Sept. 27, 3:50 p.m., (Lausanne Hall): A

## CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

student, under the age of 21 years, was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Sept. 23, 9:28 p.m., (Baxter Hall): A student was observed to be on the roof of Sigma Chi. The student, upon realizing that he was being observed by Campus

## TRESSPASS WARNINGS

Safety, ran and climbed into his room.

Sept. 27, 1:30 p.m., (University Apartments): An unknown individual damaged an emergency sign by the loca-

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tion's elevator making it unreadable.

Sept. 22, 8:00 a.m., (Mill and Winter streets): A vendor drove his vehicle in a reckless and threatening manner as he harassed a Campus Safety staff member. A trespass warning was issued to the vendor.

Sept. 24, 2:21 p.m., (WISH House): An unknown individual entered a student's room and removed two credit cards from her purse.

Sept. 26, 1:00 p.m., (Law School): A student's locked orange, GT Outpost mountain bike was stolen from in front of the law school.

Sept. 27, 9:22 a.m., (Carnegie Building): An employee reported that 30 feet of

copper tubing that was connected to an air conditioning unit was cut and stolen. The unit was damaged in the process.

Sept. 29, 12:12 a.m., (Goudy Commons): It was reported that an employee took pastries without paying, and without permission.

## VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Sept. 24, 09:05a.m., (State of Oregon Motor Pool): A student, while utilizing a State Of Oregon rental van, struck a pole causing minimal damage to the vehicle.

Sept. 24, 10:35 a.m., (Matthews Parking Lot): A student reported that she left her vehicle in the Matthews Parking. She returned to her vehicle and observed three small dents on the fender and rub marks on the left rear door of her vehicle. No note was left on the vehicle.

If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety at 503.370.6911.

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