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Accomplished freshmen ready to embark on their journey

Yet, enrollment is down for the class of the 2003

By BJØRN SOUTHARD
NEWS EDITOR

It's back to the beginning for Willamette's class of 2003. After years of excellence at their respective high schools, approximately 375 first year students will make the transition from the comforts of home to a new environment. However, this year WU will not see quite as many freshmen as in years past. The class of 2002 had approximately 417 students, thus administrators expected approximately 420 students this year. For reasons still unknown, Willamette will just

have to cope with the almost 50 fewer students than expected.

Dean of Admissions Jim Sumner states that the oddity in the decline in enrollment is that the numbers of students from Oregon are down. He points out that the number of students represented in each of the geographic areas is equal, if not more than, the previous year in all areas except Oregon.

Accompanying this group of first year students are 65 transfer students. A good number of these individuals come from other four-year colleges and universities.

With a nearly equal ratio of women to men, 51% to 49% respectively, the accomplishments behind the first year students are numerable. This



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Opening days leaders rehearse for their opening performance on Thursday.

class brings with them 236 varsity athletes, 171 National Honor Society members, 12

ASB presidents, 4 literary magazine editors, and 1 root beer bottler. Now only time

will tell what more is to come from Willamette's class of 2003.

Dirt, fences, and grazing cows

Willamette University has come far since the frontier era

By GIAO BUI
CONTRIBUTOR

Not a single car could be found in Salem. There were no computers, and electricity was non-existent. Heating was done with wood furnaces. Is this life post Y2K? No, it is life in 1842, when the Oregon Institute, known today as Willamette University, was founded.

Founder Jason Lee grew up in Quebec, Canada, coming to the Northwest from New York in 1833. The Missionary Society of Methodist Episcopal Church chose Lee to establish a mission in the Oregon Country to serve the local inhabitants.

In 1834, he and other Methodist missionaries constructed a mission 10 miles down the Willamette River in present-day Salem. The mission was eventually taken over by the Oregon Institute.

On August 13, 1844, the three-story building of the Oregon Institute housed the

first teacher Chloe Clarke Wilson, and five of her students. This marked the beginning of the University's



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Jason Lee, seen here on his mission to Oregon circa 1834, founded Willamette as a Methodist university.

excellent academic programs. Twenty-four year old Emily J. York, the first graduate, received a degree in English Literature.

Since those early years the University has undergone many changes and additions. In 1867 Waller Hall, then called University Hall, and The Medical College, the first professional school in

the Pacific Northwest, were opened.

The current spelling of Willamette University was used for the first time in 1870. The first Collegian publication was in 1889. Five years later a women's college and a music institute were created. The Medical College moved in that same year to Portland and was eventually integrated into University of Oregon's Medical School. In 1883, the College of Law was established.

Over 50 years later, the College of Law was moved into the old Salem Post office, Gatke Hall. In 1941, the Everall Stanton Collins Science Hall was added to the University. During the early 70s, the George Putnam University Center and the Lestle J. Sparks Athletic Center were added to the campus. After a 12.5 million dollars fund raising campaign ended in 1975, the George H. Atkinson Graduate School of Administration was added.

The change is hardly finished. New students can still expect many more additions during their time at the University.

ASWU radio makes waves

"The Wire", is slated to broadcast in early September

By DANIELLE MATHEY
COPY EDITOR

After a summer of hard work, ASWU has laid ground for a new form of entertainment for Willamette students. In early September, "The Wire," Willamette's new radio station will transmit its first broadcast, not through the airwaves, but the computers of our campus dwellers.

"The Wire" is an Intranet radio station. It is a Resnet broadcast that uses the Ethernet connection, which networks every dorm room as well as the university apartments, in order to send music and programs to students.

All a student needs to access "The Wire" is a connection to the campus network and the RealAudio program, a program that can be found on just about any computer, or downloaded from the internet.

ASWU Radio can be accessed at <http://www.willamette.edu/org/radio>

and will be available between noon and midnight every day.

Because the station is run by students, an advisory board has been established to select a number of directors to run the business side of a radio. The officers will be selected every spring, and applications for DJ's will also be accepted.

According to its founders, Adam Dines, ASWU Vice President of the Executive; Adam Duvander, ASWU Radio Station Director; and Henry Nothhaft, ASWU Radio Director of Finances; this radio station is Willamette's best choice for a number of reasons. First of all, the fact that it is on-campus ensures that there is less delay in the transmission. It also costs less money, and requires less equipment.

The best part, however, is the organization behind the music. ASWU has written the station into its constitution, complete with provisions for programming and maintenance. Thus, "The Wire", unlike Willamette stations of the past, will last for years to come.

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Opening Days: Leaders welcome new students to campus

Student leaders gear up to help new students transition into campus life.

By CARINNA TARVIN
FEATURES EDITOR

A new class of students is ready to march into campus and join the ranks of the mighty Bearcats, and the Opening Days program is ready to greet them with open arms.

The Office of Student Activities, one coordinator, five committee chairs and 52 leaders started preparing for Opening Days in January. They evaluated every aspect of the program and made changes where needed.

This year, training started earlier, leaders were chosen from a much larger applicant pool, and the entire organizational structure was revamped.

A Lead Team of five returning leaders took control of one or two planning committees each.

In addition to coordinating their committees and planning their own portions of Opening Days, they also assisted in the interviewing process during the selection of new leaders.

According to Brian Hufft, OD coordinator, they are the

"unsung heroes of Opening Days."

Junior Chrissey Hanson is in charge of the Welcoming and Opening Program, and led her group in coming up with the 15-20 minute opening extravaganza in which every leader will be incorporated in at least one segment. She is also in charge of the fabulous ice breaking activity, WU-Who.

The Straight Talk and Letting Go productions are under the direction of Junior Jessi Epperly.

They are two series of short skits in which thespian members of the Opening Days staff address real college issues honestly and realistically.

Straight Talk deals with topics like residence hall life, STDs and drinking. Letting Go deals with parent and student transitional issues.

All of the decorations, balloons, banners and registration packets will be designed and assembled by Junior Remy Choi and her Publicity and Registration Committee.

They will also instruct the rest of the OD leaders in how to go about registering the multitude of new students on the first day.

Senior Stephanie Craig led her group in arranging the entertainment portion of Opening Days. This includes the Hoedown and ice cream



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social, which is always a highlight of the year, and Saturday night's big rager.

In order to meet the new goal of contacting each and every incoming student during the summer, Junior Robyn Weber and the Summer Programs committee organized a full-scale attack.

They recruited volunteers

to participate in a huge phone-a-thon for two nights in July, where they reached about half of the new students. They also worked with the Alumni and Parent Relations staff to coordinate nine different receptions in Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho for incoming students.

Hufft raves about this year's OD staff, "The staff is full of energy this year. They have really taken a personal interest in making OD as great as possible and that energy and effort is really showing."

"We did a lot more recruiting this year when we were accepting applications, and doubled the number of applicants from the year before. More applicants mean many more qualified leaders. At the Honors and Awards ceremony, over 30 of the awards went to this year's OD leaders, which is an amazing number considering that this is an all campus ceremony, and there are only 52 leaders on staff."

When asked what part of the program he is most excited about, Hufft replied, "The first day. . . I can't wait to watch the staff have their moment in the sun. It makes all of the work worth it when you talk to happy incoming students."



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Top and Below: Opening Days leaders practice their Welcome and Opening dance Wednesday in Smith Auditorium.

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Movie Review: *Three Seasons* shows compassion and beauty of Vietnam

Film Rating: ★★★★★

By DAN RIVAS
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In one of the most beautiful films of the year, Tony Bui weaves a poetic tapestry as he tells the story of modern day Vietnam through eyes of the people who live it each day.

The first film shot in Vietnam since the war, *Three Seasons* grapples with the people, the struggle to survive amid economic oppression and a changing nation.

To an American audience, the cast of "Three Seasons" is headlined by Harvey Keitel (*Taxi Driver*, *Pulp Fiction*, *The Piano*). But in actuality, Keitel's co-stars bring the focus back to the city of Saigon and the endless toil of the poor.

The film opens with a young woman's arrival via a truck that transports live chickens.

She comes to work for a teacher who grows lotus flowers, but the teacher has not been seen in many years. Each day she goes into the streets of Saigon to sell the lotus flowers.

The woman sells a bundle to a man who drives a cyclo. He is seen pushing the tiny pedals, using all of his weight and all of his might to carry two Americans who laugh and talk in the front seat, oblivious of his pain. He gets out to pull them the rest of the way up the hill, and they do not notice.



The man is the friend of a small boy named Woody who sells trinkets to the rich men who enter the immaculately clean and well air-conditioned hotels.

Woody finds himself on the outside looking in on a foreign land, a world that does not exist except behind glass doors and the backs of doormen.

The cyclo driver also befriends a prostitute though she is not kind to him. He is taken with the woman and waits for her to exit the hotel each night so that he may give her a ride home. Her ambitions bring her to the hotels where men with money want her, and offer the hope of marriage.

She says, "It's a different world in there...the sun rises for people like them."

Amid all the chaos of the city, Keitel's character sits and waits for his daughter to arrive.

He returns to Vietnam because he wants to reunite with the daughter he left behind many years ago.

The pain of life in Saigon leads each character to seek love, David Bui captures this struggle with great empathy and poetic vision.

Each shot is brilliant and shows the complexities that exist in a caotic economy. *Three Seasons* is a subtle journey into the essence of Post War Vietnam which makes a bold statement about the life of everyday people and their search for happiness.



Video Review: *Rushmore*, please no more

Film Rating: ★



By JEFF GOLIMOWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Looking for a good, fresh, and creative movie to rent this Saturday night?

If you want something smart and funny with believable characters and a strong storyline, the newly released video *Rushmore* is not it.

Rarely have I cared so little about the characters or plot of a movie.

I was relieved to see the credits roll - this was one such movie.

The plot of *Rushmore* centers on the trials and tribulations of young Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman), an apparently intelligent young man attending prestigious Rushmore Academy.

He meets and falls in love with (becomes obsessed with) first grade teacher Rosemary Cross (Olivia Williams), and is eventually expelled for breaking ground on a multi-million dollar aquarium complex he

attempts to build in her honor.

Bill Murray plays Herman Blume, an immature and childish tycoon who enhances the plot by competing with Schwartzman for Williams' attention.

Bill Murray turns in a beautiful performance, but even Murray's brilliant comic instincts and deadpan humor can't save this dismal movie.

Rushmore is full of sub-plots and minor characters, but by leaving the

major characters underdeveloped, the minor characters become nothing more than actors hired to utter one-liners.

The blatant attempt to tie up all the loose ends in the final "climactic" scene is insulting to the audience and ineffective.

Don't make the same mistake I did.

Don't waste your time on *Rushmore*.



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Oregon Fairgrounds
\$6 at the door, 378-3247

*Aug. 28: *Styx*
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\$17.50-22.50
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*Aug. 29: *Weird Al Yankovic*
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Rose Garden Arena
\$28.50-45
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*Sept. 1: *Colin Raye*
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*Sept. 4: *Steve Miller Band*
Oregon State Fair
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*Sept. 5: *Last Chance Summer Dance*
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*Sept. 6: *Cherry Poppin Daddies*
Oregon State Fair
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Freshmen: What now?

The greatest asset the class of 2003 will have while at Willamette is their own talents and greatness

As Willamette's class of 2003 gathers for the first time this weekend, the question most likely on the minds of most freshmen is "what now?"

Good question.

It is not shocking that freshmen ask this question. But perhaps it is surprising where they can find the answer.

Ultimately, no Opening Days leader can answer the question of "what now." No professor, coach, administrator or advisor can single-handedly alter the path of the newest members of the Willamette community.

In the end, the question "what now" can only be answered by the freshmen themselves.

The sheer talent and brilliance of the incoming class is amazing. The class of 2003 boasts many talented individuals, including 12 ASB Presidents, 171 members of the National Honor Society, 25 bilingual students and 236 students with varsity let-

ters from their respective high schools.

As these students arrive at Willamette, we wonder what they will do with their talents.

Some freshmen use their talents and skills and get involved at Willamette, contributing to our campus and community. However, some freshmen with incredible talent and potential simply choose to stay in the safety and quietness of anonymity. The greatness that they possess is never shared and appreciated by their fellow students.

Undoubtedly, the legacy of the class of 2003 hinges on how they collectively answer the "what now" question. If many freshmen decide to contribute their talents to campus and community life, the class of 2003 will be remembered as a great one.

Today, as freshmen find their way around their new home, we would like to ask them one simple question:

What now?

Rankings need revision

U.S. News & World Report should voluntarily alter or end its rankings of colleges and universities

Last week *U.S. News and World Report* released their annual list of rankings for American colleges and universities. An annual tradition, the *U.S. News* rankings are well-read by high school seniors.

However, they are also extremely controversial.

Should *U.S. News* continue to release these rankings, despite concerns that the listings are sometimes arbitrary and inaccurate?

We say no. The time has come to either severely alter the rankings, or do away with them altogether.

As Willamette students, we are not speaking from a position of malice. By all accounts, Willamette fared well this year in the rankings, earning a respectable 2nd tier ranking.

That doesn't mean the rankings are any less arbitrary or inaccurate.

Thousands of high school seniors use these rankings as a main indicator of the quality of universities and colleges.

Put simply, the rankings have an enormous amount of power.

Because they have this much power over American students, they have a duty to be accurate. By many accounts they are not.

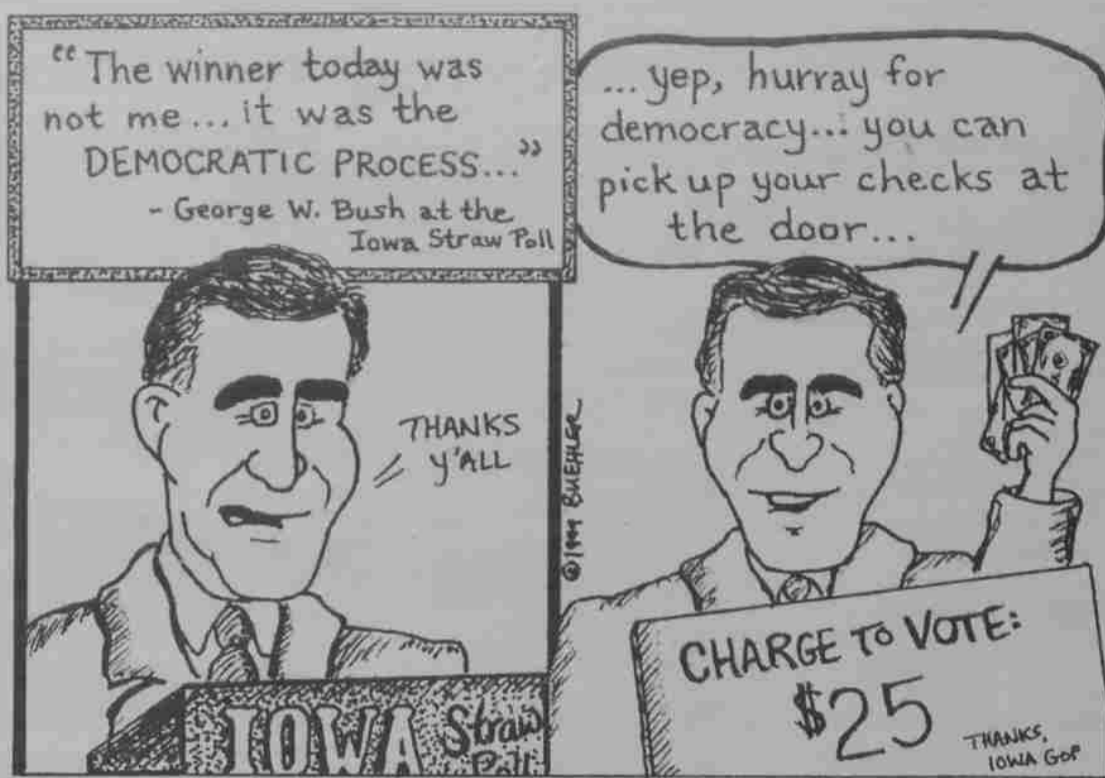
For example, in one of several categories, schools are ranked by the quality of their debate programs.

And yet *U.S. News* only looks at one of several styles of debate that exist on the college level. Many national champion debate programs are not even mentioned.

Additionally, we wonder what relevance lists naming the "weirdest mascots" and other arbitrary subjects have for college-bound seniors seeking a good education.

Today's tuition prices and emphasis on education require students to research universities carefully. The *U.S. News* list is nothing but an easy — and inaccurate — way to bypass this responsibility.

The list should be severely modified or ended.



We should fight the world's fight

As student body president, it is my pleasure to welcome all of you to Willamette University and talk with you about not only opportunities for involvement, but also about the importance of having your voice heard.

Beyond campus politics, university students have a long and proud history of advocating change within society. Student activism has often transcended the university environment to improve the world itself.

I believe that students should take an active role in what happens to a University and the world around it. Places like Tiananmen square and Kent State have changed national policy and affected the way we look at the world.

And these events were carried out by students.

While these types of situations don't arise often, there are many smaller, yet critically important battles being constantly fought. For example, in the 1980s Willamette University students joined other students nationwide and fought long and hard to



PRESIDENT'S POSITION

Erik Van Hagen

persuade their universities to stop investing money in companies which do business in South Africa due to apartheid.

This type of advocacy for positive social change is being recaptured by our generation. Student leaders

"It is our spirit and idealism that older generations look to for guidance and hope."

from different sectors throughout Oregon have joined together to improve access to quality higher education. Students nationwide have been demanding that University bookstores stop selling apparel that is made in sweatshops with substan-

dard labor conditions.

Student activism of this nature must continue.

Most of you will spend time in the classroom, learning about injustices and problems in our society. I hope most of you are willing to take the next step and do something about it.

In a speech at the University of California in 1966 Robert Kennedy told students: "In your hands, not with presidents or leaders, is the future of your world and the fulfillment of the best qualities of your own spirit."

The history of the student movement has taught us that we truly can change things for the better. It is our spirit and idealism that older generations look to for guidance and hope.

I would like to offer my services to help you to organize and mobilize students around your cause.

There is much work to be done, my friends.

Erik Van Hagen is a senior politics major from San Francisco, in his second term as ASWU President.

Letters: Proud golf mom speaks

I just want you to be aware of the fact that your very own Willamette girls golf team took first in the Northwest Conference last spring.

Four of the top 5 finishers were from Willamette. I just wanted to draw them to your attention.

By the way, as a freshman parent, I've enjoyed reading the *Collegian* all year. It keeps

me in touch with my daughter's school. I think its very informative. I appreciate reading about what college kids think and say.

Anyway, I'd be glad to see this neat team of girls get the recognition they deserve.

BETSY ELLINGSON
Gig Harbor, Washington

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The Weekly Wullabaloo Symposium

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This week's question: Should we be worried about Y2K?

YES



Jeff Gollimowski

There is nothing to worry about in terms of computers crashing. But not everyone realizes this. Potentially dangerous cults possessing nuclear or biological weapons could wreck havoc by initiating "doomsday" events because they "foresee" the end of the world.

Cults have been around since the beginning of time. Many modern cults are centered on a belief in the end of the world.

Most of these cult leaders are pretty smart. If I could convince someone the world was going to end and that they should turn over their worldly possessions to me, I could get rich fast—a sort of Millennial Capitalism.

But the problem is that while you and I know that

the world is not going to come to an end in 2000, a great many people believe that January 1, 2000 could be the end.

Why? Because the world's computers are going to shut down.

That's right, we're talking about the Millennium Bug. Doom-and-gloomers are convinced the world is going to come to an end.

The latest craze is for the news media to "allay the fears" of the populace by writing feel-good, all-is-well stories, noting that the governments of the world are preparing for Y2K, and that everything is fine.

But there's a problem. While people who are not worried may be members of a silent majority, the vocal minority is convinced the world is coming to an end.

No big deal, right? If some crazies feel that the world is going to end, why is that a problem?

The answer is simple—if the world doesn't end, certain groups could easily guarantee something does happen.

Want proof? Look at the case of Aum Shinrikyo in Japan.

You remember them. The cult was centered on a belief that the world was coming to an end. They attracted thou-

sands of followers, and to hasten the predicted end, they launched a Sarin gas attack against a Tokyo subway.

The cult possessed the largest chemical weapon arsenal outside Iraq, possessed its own automatic weapon factory, had a rudimentary military laser, and controlled a military attack helicopter, just waiting for the day the world was to end.

"...if the world does not end, certain groups could easily guarantee something does happen."

The United States alone contains more than 400 militia groups, many fixated upon Millennial and New World Order (no, not the wrestlers) paranoia. Also its estimated that there are thousands of doomsday cults.

With recent developments in Russia and other nuclear powers, the possibility that at least one terrorist group or doomsday cult has a nuclear weapon is high.

The idea that such a group would have chemical or bio-

logical weapons (Aum Shinrikyo had made several trips to Africa to obtain samples of the Ebola virus for use as a biological weapon) is a certainty.

Aum Shinrikyo had the ability to bring about destruction on a scale once reserved for belligerent governments. There can be no doubt that more such groups exist—they only await the excuse to act.

The Millennium Bug, by granting the opportunity for widespread communication disruption and civil unrest, could be exactly the sort of excuse they're looking for.

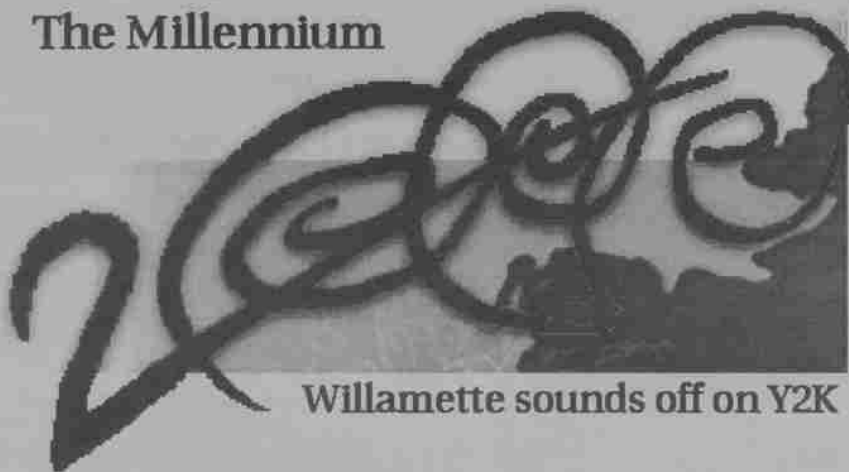
Am I worried about the Millennium Bug? No. If the computers really want to eat the pathetic amount of money I have in my checking account, so be it.

Am I worried about the societal consequences of the Millennium Bug and the public reaction to it?

Let's just say I'm looking for a new house with a bomb shelter.

Jeff Gollimowski is a sophomore history major from Newport, Oregon.

The Millennium



Willamette sounds off on Y2K

NO



Danielle Mathey

There will not be a Y2K panic. People realize that institutions and emergency services are well prepared for the computer bug, and history shows us that panics at the turn of the millennium do not materialize as expected.

In high school, every teacher I had said that 1999 would be a year of fear. I was supposed to watch people begin to hide away, stocking food and supplies for the change of millennium.

This fear was supposed to take over the streets, much like historians thought it did in the year 999, and protesters were supposed to stand on every street corner with signs that said "The end is

near."

Now, I've seen protests over buildings, wars, and the death of Matthew Shepard, but the menace of the Y2K bug has faded away.

This fear seems to take several different forms.

Most fear a computer quirk that can supposedly lose all money in banks, shut down airports, turn off both light and heat in everybody's home, and even launch nuclear weapons.

To solve this problem, computer experts have been working since the early 1990s on new programs that enable a date change to take place. Banks and emergency services such as 911 have already dealt with the bug.

All nuclear weapons have been tested to make sure they will not be launched.

America is safe.

Others fear that while the U.S. may be free of the Y2K bug, other nuclear powers are not. For example, Russia has not been working nearly as hard to correct for the millennium bug.

However, Moscow insists that its weapons are safe for the same reason that the United States' weapons are—you need human verifica-

tion for all launch orders.

The other problems, to Russians, are nominal. Food, water and energy shortages have been a part of life since the breakdown of the Soviet Union.

A smaller group of people fear that cosmic forces, not computers, are going to end

"...when the clock turns, and we don't explode, 'end of the world' paranoia will dissipate..."

the world in the year 2000.

This is the fear that my high school teachers spoke of—the fear that a change in millennium is the signal for the end of the human race.

Yet, historically, even this is not a problem. *U.S. News & World Report* recently featured a number of articles dealing with life in the year 999.

In many ways, the year 999 was much like today. Political systems were undergoing massive change that was leading to new inven-

tions for the working person. Human rights were being ironed out.

And most people were optimistic about their future, similar to the optimism modern society shows towards a booming economy and technological progress.

There were a few, namely Catholic priests and the pope, who felt that the end was coming.

Yet, this fear did not spread throughout their religion, despite the widespread power of the church.

Instead, most did not even notice the change of the millennium.

Similar to that time, few people today are taking notice of the changes that the new millennium may bring.

And when the clock turns, and we don't all explode, "end of the world" paranoia will dissipate, and our daily routines will continue as before.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

President M. Lee Pelton

Welcome home

For those of you that are returning, I am delighted to welcome you back to campus, and, for the many first year students, it is a pleasure to welcome you into our community.

I have already heard a few memorable stories of great summer adventures and I look forward to hearing many more over the next few weeks.

All too often it seems that the beginning of classes signals the end of summer. Of course, the calendar and the climate tell a different story.

As you renew old friendships and begin new ones I encourage you to take advantage of one of the most beautiful seasons on our campus.

We are all fortunate to live, work and play in a small community that cherishes educa-

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tion and opportunity. Despite our size, the breadth of activities and experiences Willamette offers are extraordinary. These activities enhance your academics and enliven our campus.

I encourage you to take this year to try something new, different or challenging. It is taking these risks that will make your education at Willamette most memorable for you and for your classmates.

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The University's motto is "not unto ourselves alone are we born" and it is a standard we are unwilling to compromise.

You are a part of the last academic year of the 1900s and the first in Willamette's third century. I hope you share my excitement and I wish you the best in the coming year.

M. Lee Pelton is in his second year as President of Willamette University. Originally from Wichita, Kansas, President Pelton received a doctorate in English and American Literature and Languages at Harvard University.

Volleyball looks to repeat appearance at national tournament

By DILLON SHEA
SPORTS EDITOR

The Willamette University volleyball team has its sights set on qualifying for the national tournament for the second year in a row. Last year, the Bearcats finished third in the conference behind University of Puget Sound and George Fox.

Despite placing third in the conference, the Bearcats qualified for the West region national tournament, held at UC San Diego.

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MARLENE PIPER
HEAD COACH

The Bearcats beat Linfield in the semi-final match and advanced to the second round, before losing to UC San Diego, the eventual west region champion.

Willamette finished last season with a 14-8 record in conference play.

The Bearcats will return eleven players from last year's team. "I expect it to be a pretty balanced group. We will not be dominated by freshman or seniors," says head coach Marlene Piper.

Piper says she expects this year's team to be led by seniors Tamarah Allen and Devon Bakken. Allen is a right side hitter and Bakken is a left side hitter. Allen, who is six feet tall, had 25 kills last season for the Bearcats.

Bakken played in all 82 games last year, and led the team in five different statistical categories, including hitting percentage, aces, aces per game, digs and digs per game. Bakken had a .226 hitting percentage last year to compliment 26 aces and 373 digs.

Renee Purdy, also a senior, led last year's team with 299 kills and was second to Bakken with 264 digs.

"Our strength this year should be our aggressive serving and passing. Another strength is team play. They are very close and they work hard and play well together. We don't have any one superstar this year," says Piper.

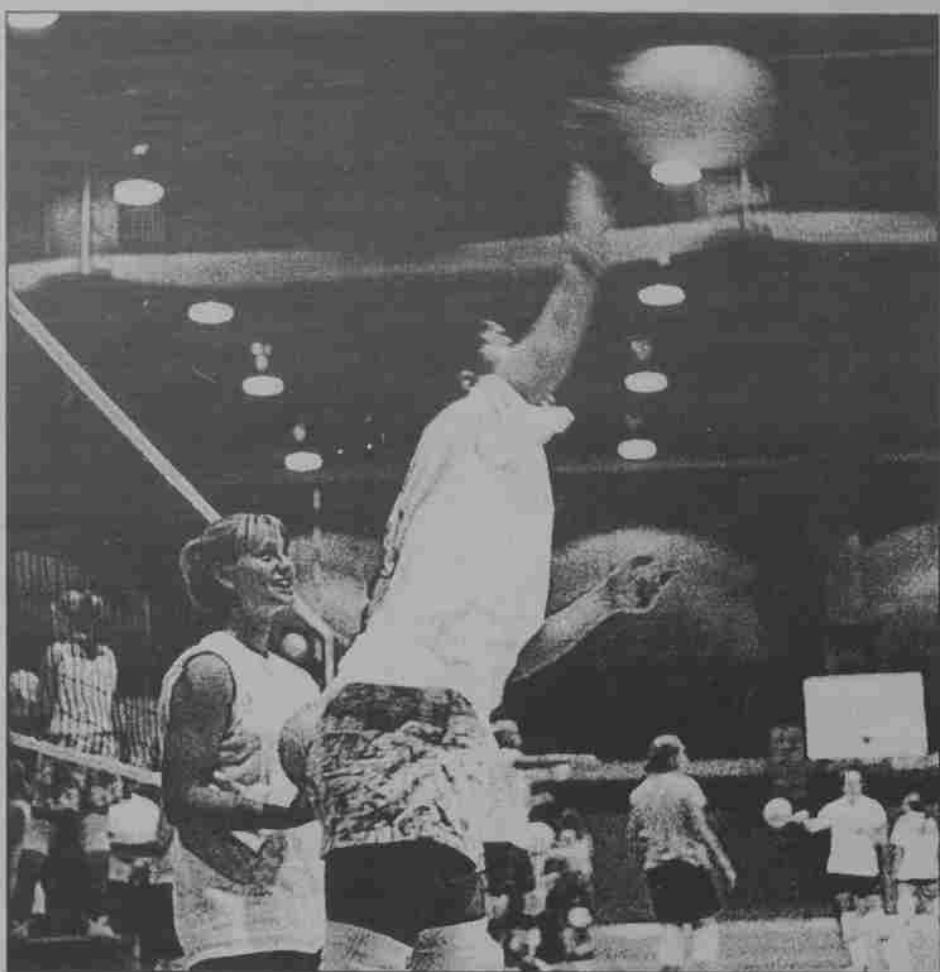
On the flip side, the team's height will be a drawback. "We have always been a little bit short and we have always been known as the short team. We will just have to dig a lot of balls this year," says Piper.

As of press time, twenty-seven players were trying out for the team. "We have thirteen freshman out this year,"

says Piper. "That is awesome. Hopefully those players who don't make the team will train hard over the next year and make a contribution to the team next year." Willamette, however, will not field a junior varsity team this year, because of budget restraints.

"I am sure this team will be trying to win the conference title. They all want to go to the national tournament and compete at that level again," says Piper.

Piper expects George Fox and University of Puget Sound to be the front runners for the conference title this year. Piper also expects Linfield to be a challenger for



JED JORGENSEN

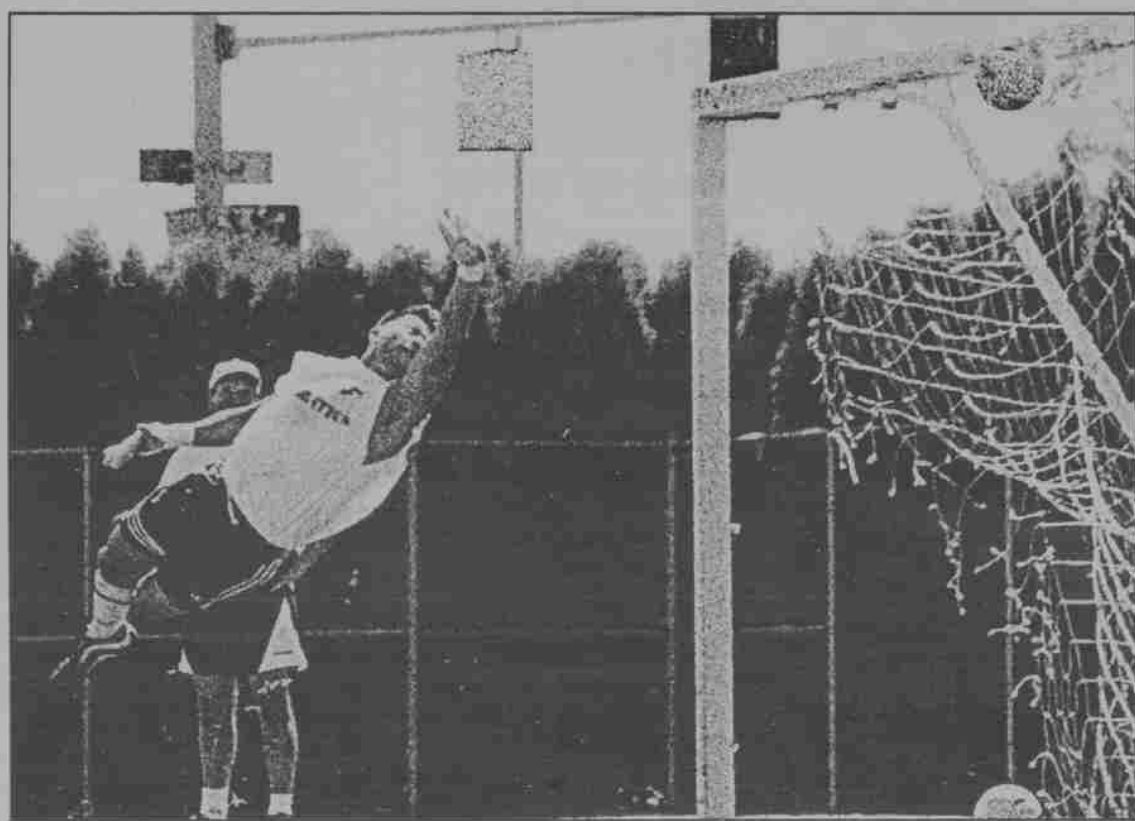
Sukhee So practices hitting while teammate Andrea Cruickshank looks on.

the conference title. "Every year, this conference gets tougher and tougher. On any given night, any team can beat another in this league. I don't think there

will be any any cellar dwelling teams in the league this year," says Piper.

The team will start the season on the road at UC Santa Cruz on September sixth.

Men's soccer has high hopes after graduating only two seniors



JED JORGENSEN

Senior Doug Pham successfully tips a ball away from the net during practice.

Men's soccer team returns eight seniors, twenty lettermen

By DILLON SHEA
SPORTS EDITOR

The Willamette men's soccer team returns ten starters from last year's team. The Bearcats lost only two players, midfielder Mark Flanders

and forward Jeb Haber, from last year's team.

In 1998, the Bearcats took third place in the Northwest conference with a 12-8 record, the best finish for the team since 1991, when they took third place with a 13-6-2 record.

The Bearcats also finished just one win away from qualifying for the national tournament in 1998.

"Basically, the whole team is intact," says head coach Jim Tursi. "Haber and Flanders were quality players, but we can certainly fill the spots. This is my fourth year with the team and I am expecting to have a very good season," says Tursi.

Tursi expects senior strikers Chase Jordan and Trevor Frank to lead the team offensively. "We tend to give up a

few goals, so we will need those two to score some goals this year," says Tursi.

Last year Frank tied for first on the team with 10 goals, he was also second in assists with 5.

Scott Tomlins, who earned honorable mention in the Northwest Conference last year, will also be back for his junior year.

Tomlins and Jordan tied for third best on the team with seven goals each last year. Tomlins also had two assists.

"Right now we are in a position where we can take first in the conference, although Pacific is still the team to beat" says Tursi.

At press time, the team had just begun practice. Tursi says he expects to have around five or six freshman on the team.

"A couple of freshman will hopefully start or, at least, contribute a lot of quality minutes this year," says Tursi. "Defensively, we are

always vulnerable in the back. The system we play causes us to give up some goals," says Tursi.

This year Tursi hopes the freshman will help compensate for the defensive vulnerability by adding speed at the wing positions.

"We have lacked speed out

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JIM TURSI
HEAD COACH

wide for a while. Hopefully, we can address the problem with some of our incoming freshmen," Tursi says.

Tursi has rung up a 27-26-6 record during his tenure at Willamette.

The team will play its first games of the year over Memorial Day weekend in Hawaii.

The Bearcats will play Hawaii Pacific and Brigham Young Hawaii.

**GO
BEARCATS!**

New IM activities planned for Fall

BY JEN HARDING
COPY EDITOR

Most Willamette students have heard of intramural sports, but many remain uncertain about how to join the fun.

Rest assured, Bruce Mace, the Coordinator of Intramural and Recreational Activities, has organized an action-packed fall semester for everyone.

It will begin with league registration on August 31st for outdoor soccer, volleyball, flag football, and 3x3 basketball.

Grab your friends, kids from your hall or house, even your professors and head over to the Office of Student Activities on the 2nd floor of

the UC to get your team into an open slot.

New this year is the Fantasy Football Challenge open to anyone from the WU

Golf Tournament will be September 12th at Oak Knoll.

The tournament format will be two person, best ball. Cost of registration is

\$30.00 per team and registration forms must be turned in by September ninth.

The first WU 2x2 Sand Volleyball Tournament will also be held this fall at the Kaneko Courts.

Registration forms are due September 16th by 5:00

p.m. at the Office of Student Activities.

For a complete list of leagues, schedules and tournaments contact Bruce Mace at bmace@willamette.edu or (503)370-6812.

Intramural Tournaments and Events

Sept. 8	Fantasy Football Draft
Sept. 12	Golf Tournament
Sept. 19	Sand Volleyball Tournament
Oct. 1-3	WU IM Tennis Classic
Oct. 10 & 17	Disk Golf Tournament
Oct. 28-29	Warren Miller Ski Film
Nov. 6-7	Indoor Soccer Tournament
Nov. 1999	Chess, Checkers, Cribbage Nights
Nov. 20	Innertube Basketball Tournament
Dec. 1	Winter IM Registration Begins
Dec. 1-2	Pickleball/Badminton

community.

The draft will kick off at 5:30pm, September 8th in the Alumni Lounge, 3rd floor UC.

If you'd rather play golf, tee time for the intramural

Willamette University Softball Field



DILON SHEA

The Willamette University softball field will be completed September fifth. "It's going to be an awesome place to play. It has a nice minor league park feel to it...The corners down the left field line make it feel a little like Fenway Park," says head softball coach Damian Williams.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Preschool volunteers needed at local church

Volunteers are needed to interact with preschool-aged children in a program designed to prevent child-abuse and neglect within the family circle.

This community-based program, called Family Building Blocks, offers a variety of free classes and services for both children and their parents.

The goal of the program is to strengthen families, so that children may continue

to live and grow safely within their own home. Classroom Aide volunteers will be asked to participate with snacks, meals, stories and clean-up activities.

Volunteers should be willing to both talk and listen to children at eye-level. Class times are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. -12 noon and Monday-Tuesday from 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.. For more information, please call 566-2132.

Mentors needed for afterschool program

The afterschool program at Capitol Park Church is requesting volunteers to interact with gradeschool children. Helpers are needed from 3:15-5:30pm, Monday-Friday. Activities supported by this program include mentoring, crafts, music, woodshop, snack-time, games such as pool,

sports recreation within the gymnasium and reading time in the library created by Willamette's Operation Hope effort of last year.

The church is located on the corner of 19th and Mill, just across the sky bridge. Please contact Linda or Preston at 362-6626 for more information.

Deadlines near for academic awards and grants

On September 15 Fulbright draft proposals are to be submitted to the office of Academic Grants and Awards.

The Rhodes is due on October 9, and the British Marshall needs to be post-marked by October 12.

The University deadline for the Goldwater, Udall, Madison, Datatel, Davies-Jackson, and Pullian grants is on October 18.

Finally the J. William Fulbright applications are to be received in New York on October 25.

WU parking situation improves

But, the problem is far from solved

By **CHERI LESTER**
COPY EDITOR

Although it might take some time to adequately familiarize oneself with the many features of Willamette University, several are immediately recognizable.

Among these are the breathtaking landscape along the millstream, the aged dignity of the brick study halls and the parking problem.

In order to ease the strain, the office of Campus Safety has drawn up several rules of parking etiquette with which the automobile-endowed student should be familiar.

The University has also been working hard to create additional parking lots and spaces. Here is the situation:

At this time, parking permit applications lay waiting in every student mailbox. Permits must be exhibited on all cars parked on campus as soon as September 6, 1999.

While these permits will decrease the students net worth by about \$50 per year, they do not guarantee that on campus parking spaces will be available.

Willamette University wants every student to understand that parking on campus is considered a priv-

ilege (See Selected Policies Manuel p.21).

Once issued, these permits may not be transferred to any other vehicle and must be displayed according to direction in order to be valid.

All freshmen and sophomores with current permits must park in the TIUA lot and in the new area behind the Softball Field between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All freshmen and sophomores with valid permits must park in the TIUA lot and in the new area behind the Softball Field between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The new lot, developed over the summer, has added 100 new spaces for students. Similar to the TIUA lot, the new lot is lit and monitored by a card accessed gate to provide security.

Any vehicle parked in a no parking area, fire lane, reserved space, sidewalk or landscaped area will be cited and subject to immediate

towing at the owners' expense.

In addition, loading zones are for those cars which are actively being loaded or unloaded.

Parking citations may be appealed in writing within five working days of the issue date.

Further improvements Willamette University diligently embraced over the break include the restriping of the Sparks parking lot, which created 22 additional spaces, and the redesign of Winter Street.

The project, which is nearly complete, will provide better access to supplementary lots across the street.

The new plans will also create short-term relief to the parking crunch by the designation of two hour temporary parking spaces within that area.

Although the parking problem has not been eliminated, it has been improved upon since last year, and further improvement can be expected as this year progresses.

If any complaints, questions or suggestions arise regarding Willamette's parking policies or revisions, please consult pages 21-23 of the Willamette University Selected Policies Manual, or contact the Office of Campus Safety.

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