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Kaneko hit by vandalism over spring break

Total cost to residents exceeds \$1500

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Students returning to Kaneko after spring break found some unexpected problems. A retracting mechanism on a door was smashed, pins were removed from fire extinguishers so that they weren't ready for use and a door was glued shut before break, among other incidents of vandalism.

According to Kaneko Vandalism Chair Ryan Moothart, Kaneko owes "just over \$1500" for the damages. Before spring break total vandalism charges were around \$250.

Moothart said he thought that the worst offense was when someone "remove[d] the letters 'A' 'B' and 'C' on the exterior of each wing (used by the fire department to identify them)." The letters were 10-12 feet off the ground and will cost a total of \$900 to replace.

Kaneko Area Coordinator Ryan Hamachek said that "the things that are most concerning ... are the pranks" that turn out to

be unsafe. His fear was less from a financial standpoint than from a safety one.

"Last semester we did phenomenally," Hamachek said. "The majority of the stuff has happened this semester." Moothart said that before the break it had been pretty quiet.

Hamachek said the recent surge should be seen in a larger context. He said that during the 2005-2006 school year there was about \$2000 worth of damages and that this year Kaneko actually has experienced less vandalism than in previous years, also, the number of residents in Kaneko has risen dramatically. "Percentage-wise, our damage has decreased significantly," Hamachek said.

"Our incoming class has been more responsible," Hamachek said. "Most of the things that have been stolen or broken have been found on our upperclassmen."

Kaneko has been using an honor system where people can take responsibility for what they do and pay for damages instead of having the whole community be charged.

"For the most part," Moothart said, "the honor system has worked." He said that on a database of the charges, it is easy to see when someone steps forward to take responsibility. "A good amount of things have been resolved," Moothart said.

Hamachek said that when the community is told what was damaged, people take responsibility. This year was the first time that a large number of people came forward and admitted what they did.

Though it experienced the most vandalism, Kaneko has not been alone. On April 9, a fire extinguisher was discharged in the basement of Matthews Hall. The incident took house-keeping two hours to clean up and cost \$75.

"More often than not, these acts go unaccounted for," Eastside Area Coordinator



NOAH ZAVES

Signs on the outside of Kaneko Commons denoting wing names were stolen during spring break

Terrie Tran said. "At this moment, I do not have anybody coming forward to accept responsibility." Some students have said they have an idea about who is responsible, but very little progress has been made.

Tran was optimistic. "Some students have stepped up in having those conversations with their peers" in coming forward about vandalism. The hall councils are also beginning to ask questions about vandalism and find those responsible.

"Vandalism occurs during certain times of the year," Tran said. "Some of the things that happened in Matthews can probably be attributed to pent-up stress."

Despite the progress, this recent string of vandalism has been disconcerting to many. A forum about the vandalism in Kaneko will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday in the Kaneko atrium. "We're going to address the vandalism issue and see how we can improve the situa-

tion," Moothart said.

"Everybody makes some dumb decisions, and it's best if they just come forward and take responsibility," Moothart said. "These people aren't bad people. Everybody makes mistakes."

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RYAN MOOTHART
KANEKO VANDALISM
CHAIR

► Acts of vandalism in Kaneko Commons

- Letters were removed identifying each wing for the fire department
- Pins were removed from fire extinguishers
- A card swipe was deliberately broken
- A retracting mechanism on a door was broken
- A stairwell door was glued shut
- A ribbon was tied between two doors, making them hard to open and blocking a hallway.

Athletic activities get helping hand on campus

A new bike shop in the UC and sports equipment rentals in Sparks expand student options

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Two separate services for students, a sports equipment rental center and The Bike Shop, opened recently on campus.

The sports equipment rental center, located in Sparks, started just after spring break. Headed up by senior Jessica Motais de Narbonne and junior Richard Curry, the center rents out equipment such as basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, tennis rackets, racquetball rackets, footballs and ball pumps, among other items. According to Motais de Narbonne, the equipment is currently only available for students to rent, since it was purchased using student body funds.

Motais de Narbonne said that so far, the program has been quite successful. "So far, we have had about 15 pieces of equipment checked out with no damage," she said. "And all of it has been returned." Motais de Narbonne added that the idea of a rental system wasn't new to colleges. "Almost all other schools have a program like this set up," she said.

The checkout process for gear is relatively simple. Borrowers present their Willamette ID card to check out items and receive the card back when they turn the items in. Students are able to check out equipment for one day. "[Students] are



JESSIE ROBERTSON

The new Bike Shop, located in the UC, offers free technical advice and use of tools to help students repair their bicycles, encouraged to be considerate to others who may want to use equipment," Motais de Narbonne said.

The Bike Shop, located on the first floor of the UC, also offers equipment for students as well as tools and technicians for repair.

Services at the Bike Shop regarding advice and use of tools are free, though replacement parts have a fee. The shop is available to all students, faculty and staff.

One of the main concepts behind the Bike Shop is to promote use of and knowledge about bicycles. Senior Lindsay Selser, director and founder of the Bike Shop, said that the technicians at the shop are not there to do repairs for you while you wait. "We want people to learn how to fix their own bike," she said. "You come in and work with a bike tech the first time, and the second time you can come in and maybe fix it yourself." The shop's staff consists of about 20 trained volunteers.

Another goal of the Bike Shop is to promote sustainability. "We want to encourage using alternative forms of transport and less usage of the car," Selser said.

According to Selser, sustainability is very important when considering the issue of climate change. "The less cars, the better. Besides, our parking situation isn't exactly ideal either," she said.

► Equipment rentals

- Located in Sparks
- Use ID card to rent equipment out
- The Bike Shop
- Located on the first floor of the UC
- Use of tools and advice is free
- Open 12:00-5:00 p.m.
- Contact lselser@gmail.com for more info

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WU club brings retired soldier to speak on campus

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Lieutenant Colonel Scott Rutter (ret.) will speak on campus tonight at 7 p.m. in the Montag Den. The College Republicans brought Rutter to campus to expand dialogue about the war in Iraq, as well as commemorate the fall of Baghdad.

Freshman Michael Farage said that the College Republicans are trying to get the perspective of "not only a leader, but a participant" in the Iraq War. According to Farage, Rutter was active on the front lines of battle. Michael Corkery, an embedded reporter for *The Providence Journal*, said "[Rutter] likes to get close to the fight, so close that his soldiers worry about his safety. He insists on traveling into battle with the lead company."

According to the website of the Young America Foundation, a conservative organization which brings speakers to college campuses, Silver Star recipient Rutter began his military career in 1983 as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Campbell

University. He served in the infantry, eventually becoming Battalion Commander of 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division during combat of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Some key battles his battalion participated in were at Al Kindr, Al Naref, Karbala Gap and various battles in Baghdad.

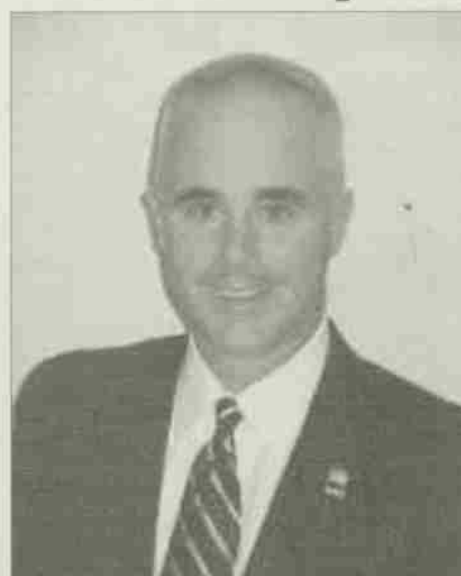
Rutter also serves as a FOX News correspondent, and Farage said, "As a speaker, he is very engaging and very exciting." The College Republicans' main goal in bringing Rutter to campus is to open a dialogue that they feel has not been fully explored. "We aren't trying to be too political," Farage said. "We're not trying to force the view that the war is right. We are trying to offer a perspective that people otherwise wouldn't get."

Senior Andrew Tunall said that the campus would be better served by a panel of soldiers and their families. "The war doesn't affect just its participants," Tunall said. "It also seems like the perspectives of enlisted soldiers would be more meaningful than that of the top brass."

This event marks a new direction for the College Republicans. Their goals are to increase participation at the State Capitol, break away from the narrow stereotype of Republicans that seems prevalent on campus and to make the political environment more inclusive. "Personally, I envision a Willamette where no student is afraid to identify with a party," Farage said.

The College Republicans brought Deroy Murdock to campus this spring, also through the Young America Foundation, but they want to get to the point where they can bring speakers of higher caliber. To this end, they are increasing fundraising efforts. Currently, the College Republicans receive most of their funds from ASWU. Farage said that they are grateful for the funding. However, they would like to expand fundraising to bring bigger speakers in the future.

Farage said he is looking forward to the event. "It should definitely be a lecture that's remembered for a long time just because of his character," he said.



COURTESY OF YOUNG AMERICA FOUNDATION

The College Republicans will host Lt. Colonel Scott Rutter tonight for a reception and a lecture about his experiences in Iraq at 7:00 in the Montag Den.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS Mar. 30 - Apr. 12 2007

BURGLARY

► March 31, 10:32 P.M., (Terra House): A student reported that upon returning from Spring Break she noted that an unknown individual(s) had entered her unlocked room and stole her Macintosh laptop computer from her desk.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

► March 23, 8:46 A.M., (Matthews Hall): An unknown individual buried the corner of a bulletin board that was attached to the door of a resident's room. The reason or objective is unknown at the time of this report.

► March 31, 6:00 A.M., (Matthews Hall): An unknown individual removed a smoke detector from the kitchen area of Matthews Hall. The reason and suspect are unknown.

► April 1, 3:02 A.M., (Waller Hall): It was discovered that an unknown individual spray painted the word "Rights" on a sculpture located on the northeast side of Waller.

► April 1, 4:30 P.M., (Lousanne Hall): An unknown individual tampered and bent the window screen to a resident's room. There was no evidence of entry into the room.

► April 2, 8:25 A.M., (Belknap Hall): An unknown individual spray painted "What needs to be spoken" on the east wall of Belknap Hall.

► April 5, 1:48 P.M., (Phi Delta Theta): A light switch that was vandalized. The switch is located at the first floor stairwell.

► April 9, 7:56 A.M., (Matthews Hall): It was discovered that an unknown individual emptied a fire extinguisher in the basement.

► April 9, 4:20 P.M., (Kaneko Commons): An unknown individual broke the right rear window of a green Mazda.

► April 10, 2:05 P.M., (Collins Science): An unknown individual broke the cover to one of the fire hose connectors located at the southwest corner of the building.

► April 11, 8:08 A.M., (Matthews Hall): An employee reported that someone had spread a red substance on the wall and counter of the women's restroom. Maple syrup was also splashed on the acoustic ceiling tiles.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

► April 2, 1:47 A.M., (Kaneko Commons): A student, possibly suffering from influenza, was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.

► April 9, 8:17 P.M., (Kresge Theatre): A student injured her chin after hitting the trap door on stage. Campus Safety transported the student to Salem Hospital for treatment.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

► April 10, 11:20 A.M., (Kaneko Commons): Campus Safety recovered a tin container that held marijuana and cigarette papers, along with a "grinder" on the arm of a chair in the rainbow lounge.

POLICY / SAFETY VIOLATION

► March 30, 10:22 A.M., (Off Campus): A citizen called in to complain that a Willamette University van was exceeding the speed limit.

► March 30, 2:30 P.M., (Olin Science): Campus Safety, Salem Fire, and the Salem Fire Haz-Mat Team responded to Olin to clean up a mercury spill. It was determined that a large thermometer had been broken in a sink and the mercury from it had accumulated in the drain pipes.

► April 5, 12:44 A.M., (Matthews Hall): Campus Safety recovered eleven candles from a resident's room. The candles showed evidence of prior usage, in violation of the University Manual.

► April 5, 10:03 P.M., (Smith Fine Arts): Campus Safety discovered that four students had been drinking alcoholic beverages in a classroom as they listened to a band play. The containers were confiscated. The concerned students were cooperative.

► April 6, 12:52 A.M., (Olin Science): A student was found to be in the possession of the identification of two other students as she was attempting to gain access to Olin. It was determined that the I.D. cards were loaned to her by friends to facilitate her access to Olin to finish a project. All parties were cooperative after the violation was explained.

► April 6, 1:55 A.M., (Montag Center): An unknown individual(s) left open alcoholic beverage containers in the men's bathroom and lounge area. It was also discovered that someone littered the bathroom and just outside of the bathroom with paper towels.

► April 12, 4:09 A.M., (York House): Four students disobeyed a directive from Campus Safety who was responding to calls of complaint about the students. The students ran from the Officers disappearing into York. Two of the students have been identified. The investigation into this matter is continuing.

THEFT

► April 1, 9:00 P.M., (Matthews Parking Lot): A student reported that someone unlawfully drove his vehicle causing damage to the vehicle's front and rear bumper. The student stated that the only extra key to the vehicle was in the possession of his mother who lives out of State. The vehicle displayed no signs of tampering or forced entry.

► April 5, 1:32 P.M., (Executive Building): A University owned bicycle was stolen from outside of the Executive Building after it had been secured to a railing. The bicycle had a yellow top hat strapped to the front forks and a black briefcase strapped to the rear luggage rack.

► April 9, 4:35 P.M., (Hatfield Library): Campus Safety discovered that someone had stolen the coin box receptacle out of the Xerox copying machine located on the first floor. It is unknown at this time if money was also missing.

► April 9, 4:41 P.M., (Waller Hall): The "candle chimney" was discovered to be missing from the chapel. The piano bench was also found to be broken.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

► April 1, 3:10 A.M., (Sparks Parking Lot): An unknown individual damaged a lamp post located in front of Sparks. The preliminary investigation disclosed that the individual was driving a vehicle at an accelerated rate of speed and probably lost control after hitting the speed bumps near Sparks. This apparently caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle and ultimately severing the light pole. Salem Police is involved in the investigation of the matter.

*If you have any information regarding these incidents, please contact Campus Safety x6911.

Shooting at Virginia Tech

The Collegian staff expresses deep sorrow for and solidarity with the students and staff of Virginia Tech University, as well as those Willamette students and staff with connections to those affected by Monday's shootings.

The Collegian News section will feature coverage in next week's edition of Willamette's connections with the shootings, the university's response and further examination of our emergency policies. If you would like to contribute to this story, please email Collegian News Editor Noah Zaves at nzaves@willamette.edu.

The Opinions page of The Collegian will also be open for readers to respond to the Virginia Tech tragedy in their own words. Please contact Opinions Editor Lauren Brooks at lbrooks@willamette.edu if you are interested in submitting a related letter to the editor (150 word limit) or guest column (500 word limit). Depending on the volume of response received, we may dedicate the entire section to pieces on Virginia Tech.

In addition, the Salem Statesman Journal invites Willamette students, faculty, parents and staff to use the StatesmanJournal.com Opinion pages to discuss the shootings and their concerns and/or ideas about campus safety. Please send related items to Editorial Page Editor Dick Hughes at dhughes@statesmanjournal.com. Items can also be posted directly in the Sound Off forums, through a short registration process at www.StatesmanJournal.com.

President Pelton's E-mail to the Community Regarding Virginia Tech Shooting:

Dear Community Members,

Many of you are reading about the tragic events that took place today on the campus of Virginia Tech. We all share concern and regard for those affected. These events cause us to contemplate how this tragedy could happen in any caring community. Each of us will likely continue to process these horrifying events in the days and weeks ahead.

Virginia Tech was an isolated incident registering loss at historic proportions. This type of event is not a common occurrence. Ideas that may address the risk of occurrence will surely require us to sacrifice the open and accessible community that we treasure. Many of us will begin to wonder how we can respond with action that will increase our campus safety.

For now, I'd like to suggest to you some practical and meaningful things that you can do to keep Willamette safe.

1) Don't prop entrance doors open. Don't allow strangers to enter a secured door.

2) Report suspicious behaviors or activities immediately to Campus Safety. Call x6911 from any campus phone or 503-370-6911 from any outside line or cell phone.

3) Campus Safety and other staff remain vigilant, watching for suspicious behavior and activity. You can assist them, and help make our community less vulnerable to outsiders who present risks, by also remaining vigilant.

4) We announced last month that we will be obtaining a new version of our door access software. This new software will allow us to quickly lock down buildings and notify people on campus immediately should the need arise. Implementation of this software will occur as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,
Lee Pelton

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If you are interested in applying for these positions, please contact Emily Standen at estanden@willamette.edu. Applications are due Wednesday, April 25.

PROFILE: Dave Wallace

The 'D-Man' of Cornerstone moves on

Longtime area coordinator says goodbye to Willamette

“

His openness in our community has truly made Shepard a home where the residents are comfortable in our little family complete with messy rooms, squabbles, laughs, jokes and camaraderie.”

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Dave Wallace, Willamette's Cornerstone Area Coordinator, fraternity area coordinator and advisor to the Willamette University Men Against Violence may be many things to many people, but one thing seemingly everyone knows him to be is a man who cannot resist a one-liner.

When asked what he will miss most about Willamette after spending six years here as an area coordinator, he can't help himself.

"I won't miss the rain," Wallace said.

Wallace, who first joined Residence Life staff as Eastside area coordinator in 2000, will leave at the end of May.

The 30-year old native of Bethalto, Illinois first became interested in Willamette after attending a university administration job fair in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in 2000. Wallace had just graduated from Western Illinois University and was seeking a school that "clicked" with his personality.

At the time, plans for implementing the commons system were beginning to form, and that appealed to him. "With the commons, it felt like a big time of change and transition" for the university, Wallace said. "It's more enjoyable to be part of the group that wants to change something than to be maintaining the status quo."

However, after working on the Eastside and in Kaneko, he left Willamette to work for the Tau Kappa Epsilon national organization. He returned in 2003 for the position of area coordinator in Cornerstone. Cornerstone includes Shepard House, Willamette International Students House (WISH), Lee and York Halls and the University Apartments.

In his year on the Eastside, Wallace had to learn how to develop working and friendly relationships together with his residents and hall council leaders. However, the difficulty of transitioning to a dual community-administrative role made his first year relationships "pretty distant," he said. "I didn't have a whole lot of direct contact with hall councils, as student liaisons (now gone) did more of that at the time."

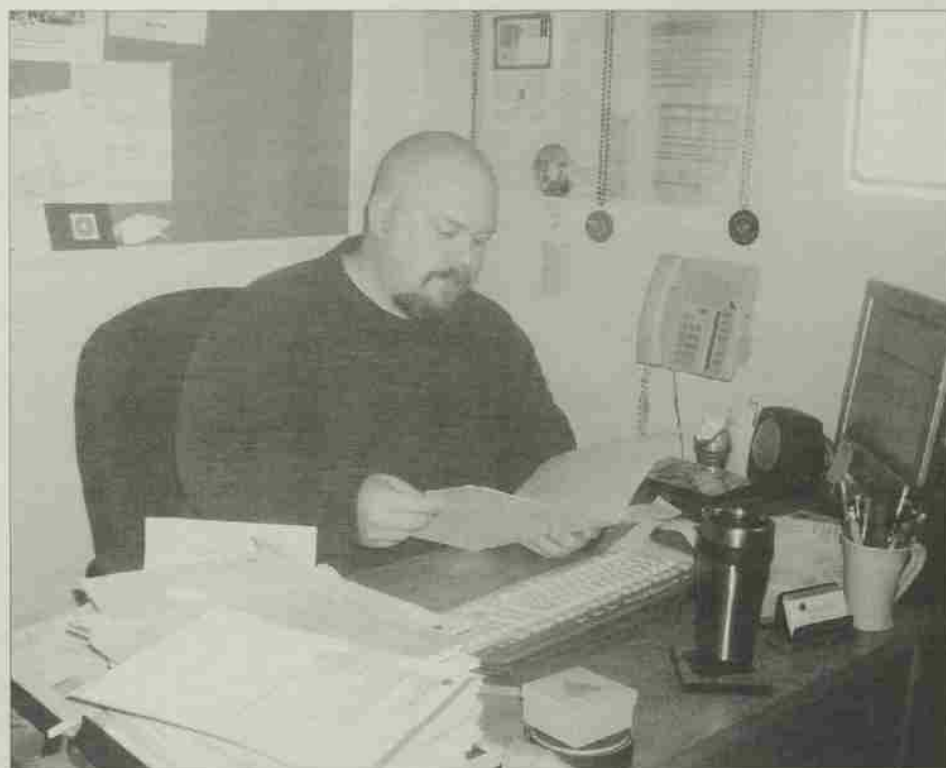
Wallace's move to Cornerstone, coupled with his "second hiring" as the university's fra-

ternity area coordinator, helped him to improve his ability to connect with residents. Wallace was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon at Western Illinois and he has also served as an advisor to the TKE chapter at Oregon State University in Corvallis. "(Greek life) is more than just a hobby or organization," he said. "It's a part of who I am." Wallace said his work with the fraternities was one of the main reasons he stayed at Willamette so long.

In Shepard Hall, where his apartment is located, the D-Man, as many of Wallace's student residents call him, often keeps his Shepard apartment door open for people to come in and relax, play video games or borrow one of his many DVDs. Because the hall lacks a kitchen stove, he frequently lets some residents use his kitchen to bake cookies and other dishes.

Wallace's open-door policy is well regarded by the Shepard community. "Dave Wallace has made these last two years at Willamette truly wonderful for me," sophomore Mari Miyazaki said, a member of Shepard's Hall Council. "He really does try to connect with the students and to build bonds with us... His openness in our community has truly made Shepard a home where the residents are comfortable in our little family complete with messy rooms, squabbles, laughs, jokes and camaraderie."

"There's no one kind of way to break the ice with all students," Wallace said. "You have to put time in. You have to seek them out in their area." His apartment thus became in essence—when the door is open—an extension of the common area, enabling students to be at ease in his space. However, Wallace has found it difficult to take personal time. "You



KAITLIN THACKERY

Cornerstone Area Coordinator Dave Wallace reviews paperwork as he prepares to transition from Willamette to a possible teaching career in his home state of Illinois.

don't want to convey that in a way that ends up hurting students' feelings," he said.

Another challenging part of his role is that his interactions with students are never separated from his duties as a university administrator. "It's tough to have a relationship with another person and realize there's still a boundary there, and that there are some things you can't say or do," Wallace said. "Every time I speak I have to regard it as something that can be seen as the opinion of Residence Life."

Upon completion of his Residence Life commitments, Wallace plans on returning home to Illinois to help his father complete some work around the house and to reconnect with family. He hopes to either obtain a teacher's certificate or enter into a master's program for teaching within a few months, ideally to teach social studies or work in special

education.

While Wallace won't miss the wet weather or difficult times of dealing with crises—student alcohol poisonings, hospital trips, and vandalism, to name a few—he will miss some rewarding aspects of staying here six years. "[I will miss] watching students go on from being a freshman and go on to graduation," he said. "I'll miss watching the RAs we hired this year grow and go on in their student lives. I'll miss watching the Eastside Commons go through what they will go through over the years. I'll miss watching Shepard, Lee/York and WISH evolve and the Greek men getting better year after year."

"I'll miss Oregon, to the extent it doesn't have seasons (like Illinois does)," he said. The rest, he said, he won't know until he has been gone.

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Artistic community showcased in 'Chrysalis' release

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"The Chrysalis" is an annual publication of art and literature showcasing the works of both students and professors. It is student-run, with input from faculty advisor Gretchen Moon. This year community members submitted 233 entries to the literary magazine, following which staff members reduced the number down to the 50 submissions chosen for publication.

"Chrysalis" is a scientific name for the process of a creature's development inside a cocoon. Senior Shannon Lawless, the magazine's editor in chief, related the name to the college experience. "It symbolizes the artistic and literary potential latent in us, that with proper care can emerge as a butterfly - in this

case, an accomplished work of literature or art," she said.

Lawless said that the term also appropriately describes the temporal college life, paused within what she called a "protected stage in which we are growing and preparing for our lives as adults in 'the real world,' where maintenance doesn't come and fix your room if something breaks and where Goudy doesn't do your dishes."

As editor-in-chief, Lawless said the editing process felt a little different for her than it did for the other staff members. The official publication prints the compositions and artwork anonymously, and so the editor-in-chief is the only staff member who can identify the authors.

Lawless said reading submissions was probably the best part. "I love seeing the cre-

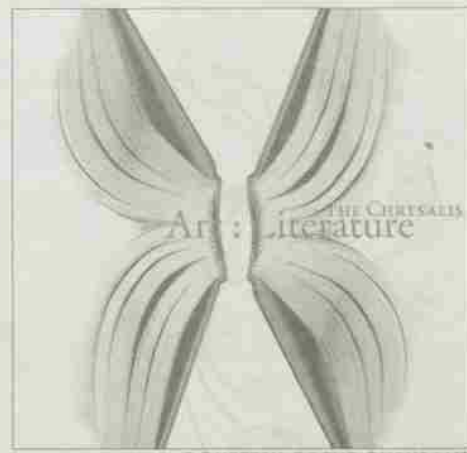
ative talent of my classmates, especially when I didn't even know... that they were writers or artists."

Associate editor Acacia McGuire said that the confidentiality made things easier, so that people can more effectively judge the works.

Associate editor Carlee Kondo encouraged people to apply for positions next year. "It's a lot of fun, because we come together and we get to know Willamette through reading all of its various works," she said. "Try it out, it's a good opportunity!" Applications are available online for The Chrysalis staff positions for next year. Interested applicants can find them at

www.willamette.edu/org/chrysalis

The Chrysalis is hosting a premiere and poetry reading at tonight at 9 p.m. in the Bistro. Free copies will be available.



COURTESY OF THE CHRYSALIS

The magazine's title "Chrysalis" is meant to be a metaphor for college life. It describes the stage of a caterpillar's development inside its protected cocoon.

Alumni indie film 'Lit Up' to screen in Portland

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As the end of another school year fast approaches, seniors and other forward thinkers find themselves asking, "What can I do after college?" Many hope to pursue their passions. 12 alumni and current Willamette students are about to satisfy one such dream with the premiere of their first full-length film, "Lit Up," at Portland's Bagdad Theater this Fri. at 10 p.m.

The film, shot entirely in Portland, tells the story of two slackers trying to make the best of a work-free weekend.

► where to go

"Lit Up" at McMenamin's Bagdad Theater, 3702 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Show starts at 10 p.m., tickets \$4.20.

The film's stars and crew will be available after the film for questions, comments and feedback. DVDs of the film will be available for purchase.

Written by and starring '05 alumnus Breese Pickel, several other alumni involved in the production. The film is directed by '03 alumnus Jesse Blanchard. '05 graduate Duncan Robertson and MBA '05 alumnus John B. Hall were both assistant directors and actors in the film. The film also features '05 graduate Kurt Conroyd.

Since "Lit Up" is self-financed and produced, those involved took on many roles. In addition to directing, Blanchard also served as the film's editor and cinematographer, making a homemade Steadicam using a welded cross and a four-pound weight.

Blanchard jokingly called the homemade unit "Jesus" not just because of its cross-shape but because it "saved my life as a cameraman who is so beyond indie, I'm unfunded," he said.

Emily Barrett, an '02 graduate of Montana State working on the film met many of the Willamette alumni while working in the Portland theater scene.

"[Working on the film] was incredible because each of us was determined to do our best for a different reason, and we managed to come together on a self-funded budget of less than \$1,000 to do it," she said.

"Lit Up" features songs and performances by several Northwest bands. Audience members must be 21 or older to attend the screening.



COURTESY OF EMILY BARRETT

'05 alumni John B. Hall and Jesse Blanchard shoot a scene in S.E. Portland for their independent film, "Lit Up."

CD REVIEW: "We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank"

Album proves Modest Mouse alive, swimming

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Who says Modest Mouse sold out? The band's seventh studio album, released on March 20 and titled "We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank," marked a major shift in the band's direction. That's not to say they don't carry the same unique perspective, perky lyrics and rousing dynamic that's made them a cult favorite for over a decade.

What was once an underground sensation, quirky and introspective, catchy in its own way, yet eccentric enough to maintain its own sound in the face of media celebrated pop, Modest Mouse faced a brand-new dilemma with its most recent release.

After the 2004 semi-hit "Good News For People Who Love Bad News," the band seemed to be on the edge of something huge. Riding the tidal wave buzz created by the hit single "Float On," "Good News" approached the top ten on The Billboard top 200 chart, but fell short of mega-stardom.

Coming up with a follow-up to the band's smash hit certainly wasn't an easy task. Isaac Brock and his band-mates, including former Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr, were given the task of appealing to both new fans yearning for something catchy, and old fans demanding that the band hold true to its roots.

The result was "We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank," an ironically titled but sharply attuned album that does indeed bridge the gap between the new and the old. This proves that the band is still growing, even after a decade of underground alt-indie-rock.

Far from bland or tedious, Brock's band brings the same kind of infectious energy they always have, while this time sounding more accessible than ever before.

In the end, the band seems to be maturing nicely. "We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank" is clearly a step forward, both pushing forward into uncharted waters and stepping back into their indie-rock origins.

CALENDAR OF ART EVENTS

18 Willamette Student Global AIDS Campaign and Kaneko Council show the film "A Closer Walk." The film will show 9-11 p.m. in the Kaneko Atrium, free.

20 "Stop the Stigma: Fashion for Women's Dignity," a fashion show and dessert event raising money and awareness for the plight of women in Third World countries suffering from obstetric fistula. The program will run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on the patio in front of Baxter Hall, or Rogers Rehearsal Hall in case of rain. \$1 donation at the door.

22 Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m. in Hudson Hall, free admission. This concert will feature Male Ensemble Willamette, Voice Feminine, the Willamette University Chamber Choir and guest ensemble La Marimbanda from Bush Elementary School. The Chamber Choir will also feature performances of three senior projects by Michelle Mendoza, Stevie Greenwell and Morgana Williams.

24 "Senior Art Majors Gallery Talk," featuring photographer Elizabeth Helliesen and mixed media artist Sean Rawls. Hallie Ford Museum of Art, 12:30-1:30 p.m., free admission.

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SSRD:

Student Scholarship Recognition Day

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Today is the seventh annual Student Scholarship Recognition Day (SSRD). The event is an all-day academic showcase of inspired students from each department. Organized by a faculty committee led by Humanities & Fine Arts Librarian Doreen Simonsen, the event features a total of more than 90 presentations. Classes are canceled for a full day of academic presentations that begin with oral panels at 9 a.m. and close at midnight with a poetry reading at the Bistro.

Simonsen called the occasion "a rare opportunity [for students] to get the sense of a professional conference at an undergraduate university." The students who present will replicate the intimidating and sometimes terrifying world of professional academia within the safe environment of Willamette. Also, Simonsen said, "It's a chance to get students to teach other students."

Most presenters are seniors who want to share the results of their thesis projects, although there are also quite a few undergraduates—including freshmen—who present a class project or essay. Simonsen said that it is very rare for an aspiring presenter to be turned away.

Distinctive SSRD traditions include the premiere of *The Chrysalis*, individual theater performances, the art major showcase, a Chamber Choir performance starring student directors and a mid-day nature walk: "A Pleasant Stroll with the Campus Naturalists" led by student Stroll Leaders, Mariah Mayfield and Jacquie Grace. New presentations include panels from Tokyo International University of America (TIUA), Take A Break (TAB) and the Study Abroad panel.

A few students received funding for their research projects. Senior Rositsa Atanasova's film "Behind the Veil: A Quest for Identity," is the product of a \$3000 Lilly Grant. Atanasova's topic is centered around the challenges of being a French Muslim woman. "The movie is an exploration of the incompatibility that the 2004 French law on secularity created between Muslim women's commitment to wear the Islamic veil and their identity as French citizens," she said. Atanasova directed and shot the film herself. She focused on a group of girls who wore veils at Sorbonne University and included responses of academics monitoring the issue.

In addition, senior Jonathan Waltner and junior Michael Murray will present a three-part 10-minute musical computer animation called "Cymbeotik," which was made possible by summer research funded by the W. M. Keck Arts and Technology Grant.

Simonsen said there are also some "specialized and localized" projects. Two sociology majors focused on a local case study of Wal-Mart. Adam Poush's presentation is titled "How Working Mothers Make Wal-Mart Work For Them," while senior Drew Herbert presents "Wal-Mart: Creating and Fostering Masculinity Everyday!" Poush said he became interested in his topic after working at Wal-Mart for six weeks.

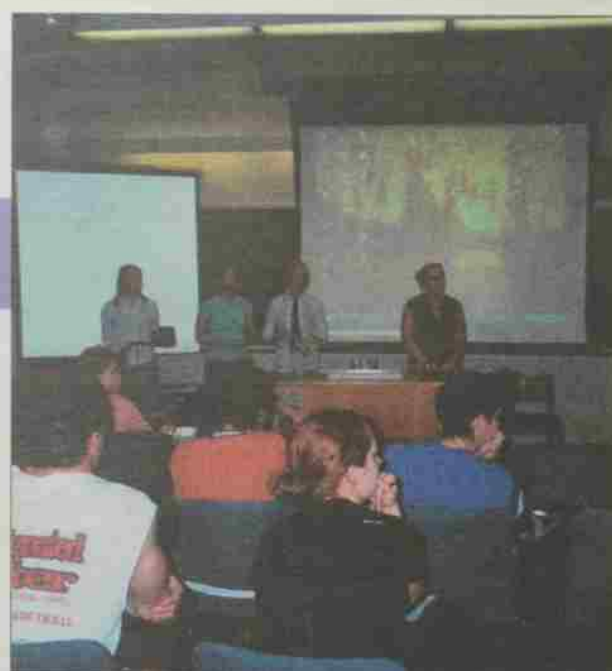
"Working alongside the women who comprise the largest non-governmental workforce in history presented me the opportunity to see more clearly about the current state of American economics and politics and led me to want to understand how the workers are able to make ends meet." Poush interviewed his former coworkers and said he was struck by the survival strategies that these women used to balance their time and money.

Moreover, some presenters are setting records. Senior Jared Rieger will present both his chemistry and economics theses, as well as a just-for-fun project that he did with friend Maia Hoover entitled "Communicable Perspectives: Modern Academia and the Intellectually Transmitted Disease." According to Simonsen, no student has ever done that many SSRD presentations in one day. The Intellectually Transmitted Disease project is a study of whether the rules in academia—specifically the rules of publishing and communication—are helpful or not. The project was modeled to be worthy of Harvard University's Ig-Nobel prize. Ig-Nobel prizes are a parody of Nobel prizes that reward imaginative research and, according to the official Ig-Nobel website, first make people laugh and then make them think.

"[The idea] arose from a late-night conversation," Rieger said. "The whole nature of the project is almost a joke, but not really." The joke is that, as he puts it, "the way that ideas spread is actually very similar to the way diseases spread." Rieger and Hoover aim to prevent this sort of disease-like spread by offering methods of self-protection against bad ideas. "Being aware of a contagious idea is kind of like vaccinating yourself against it," he said.

Senior philosophy major Josh Butler will present his senior thesis "God and Time," which Butler said explores the question, "If there is a God, what is his relationship to time?" In other words, is God a) temporal—that is, existing within time, b) timeless, or existing outside of time or c) a combination of both? It's a baffling question for Butler because, "it seems that if God is timeless, he can't know when now is ... but if he's temporal then he might not be able to know the future." Butler said that the question has far-reaching theological implications for predestination and free will.

Also, senior Spanish major Paul Teicher will present "The



COURTESY OF DOREEN SIMONSEN
Students seen here presenting for SSRD in 2006. This year new student presentation panels include TIUA, TAB and Study Abroad.

Influence of Jazz on the Writings of Julio Cortazar." Specifically, he will be talking about Cortazar's novel "The Pursuer," in which the narrator is unable to access the true meaning of music because he is too distracted by its aesthetic quality. Teicher said the book is about "an understanding of what it is to be human, of self-knowledge."

Why do students take part in SSRD? Simonsen said it is primarily for recognition from peers and professors. However, she said there are also intangible benefits. Students are inducted into the "invisible college," that is, the world of unpublished research. They will learn to organize their thoughts, pursue their own ideas and share with an academic audience.

For a complete schedule of events, visit:
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SOME OF THE PRESENTERS:

Jared Rieger



Communicable Perspectives: Modern Academia and the Intellectually Transmitted Disease

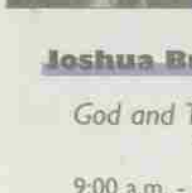
Paul Teicher



The Influence of Jazz on the Writings of Julio Cortazar

11:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Collins 204

Maia Hoover



Joshua Butler

God and Time

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Eaton 307



Behind the Veil: A Quest for Identity (documentary film viewing)

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
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Rositsa Atanasova



STUDY ABROAD: China

WU student explores a modernizing Beijing

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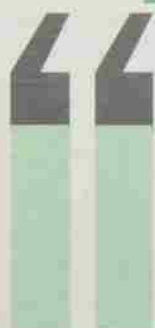
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If I were to describe Beijing in one word, it would have to be "chaotic."

In China's attempts to modernize, it had to reconcile a deep-seated imperial history, the results of its civil war and the legacy of Mao Zedong's Communist Party with the global and interconnected society in which we now live. This is all evident in Beijing – the cultural, political and educational center of China.

Once I arrived in the cultural center of China, the first thing I did was to go sightseeing. My favorite attraction by far is the Great Wall. I took two trips, one to Mutianyu (a scenic, less touristy and restored site) and one to Simatai (many say this is the most beautiful and unique part of the Great Wall). This is an overwhelming experience, especially when peering down the cliff side on which the Simatai Great Wall is perched. Another favorite is the Summer Palace, which was built around an enormous man-made lake and is, in my opinion, the most beautiful park in Beijing. On clear sunny days, you're treated to beautiful views of the mountains to the northwest of Beijing. Another pretty site is Jing Shan, a man-made hill commissioned by one of the Ming Dynasty emperors. As the highest point in the city, it provides a 360-degree view of Beijing.

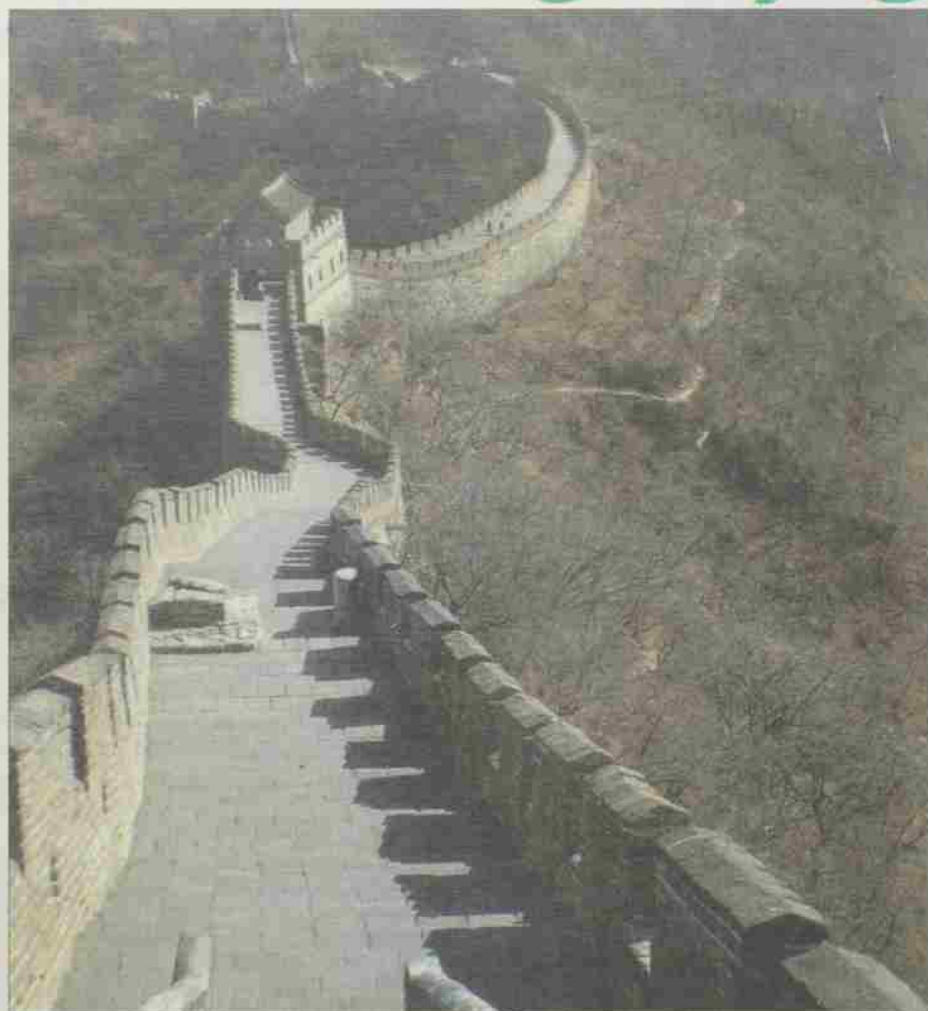
The striking thing about Beijing is that these historical sites exist in the midst of a city that is modernizing at a startling pace. The Beijing Evening Post estimates that by 2020, the population of Beijing will reach 18 million. The city is so big that it takes about an



What is for sure is that we are all witnessing the evolution of a giant. I feel incredibly fortunate to see it firsthand.

hour to get to the opposite corner of the city by taxi, and that's when there's little traffic. One day I found a market listing in my handy guidebook. Seeing that it was in the district just next to Peking University's district, I jumped in a taxi and got ready for some good shopping. Two hours later, I was still in the taxi. Beijing is not a city for those hoping to sightsee on foot.

The city is also abuzz with pride over playing host to the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. A huge Olympic complex is now under construction. I recommend looking up pictures of the planned sports complex, which is architecturally spectacular. The aquatic events center, dubbed "The Water Cube," will have an exterior of recycled Teflon-like plastic mesh, an eco-friendly move that will help insulate the pools and drop energy costs by 30 percent. The stadium across from it is built with a crisscrossed steel frame, which was designed to resemble a bird's nest. I have driven past this stadium many times, and although it is not yet finished, it's larger-than-life and visually stunning. This stadium alone is projected to cost 3.8 billion RMB—roughly \$500 million USD. Glassy high-rise buildings are emerging, especially in the city's business,



COURTESY OF STEPHANIE DAVIDSON

Davidson's favorite attraction in China so far is the Great Wall, which she has visited twice. She said seeing it was "an experience."

luxury and cosmopolitan district of Chao Yang.

This only adds to Beijing's uncoordinated and chaotic feel. Next to an ultra-modern high rise, you will often find bare and undecorated cube-looking buildings. I still find it strange, but have come to accept it as a part of Beijing's unique atmosphere.

In preparation for next year's games, officials have also taken note of "unsavory" cultural practices. Many teen boys in the States "hawk lugies" for fun, or even to gross out their little sisters. In China, everybody does this. Not only is it a sanitation and health hazard, but it is the most unappetizing sound I can think of (I've had people at the next table do it while I took a bite out of my own food I'm eating). One

prominent Chinese committee member said that no matter what other steps are taken to prepare for the Olympics, if this habit is not corrected, many will still regard the Chinese people as uncivilized. The government has fixed this problem in Hong Kong by imposing fines. A first-time offender is liable for a maximum fine of \$5,000 HKD (roughly \$630 USD). Needless to say, on my last trip to Hong Kong I didn't see a single person spitting or hawking in the streets.

Many say China's economy is overheated and cannot sustain such growth. Many others predict that China is on its way to being the world's next superpower. Only time will tell. What is for sure is that we are all witnessing the evolution of a giant. I feel incredibly fortunate to see it firsthand.

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Olympics countdown begins

There is something that the people of Beijing are anxiously anticipating: the 2008 summer Olympics.

China has never hosted the Olympics before, and tickets recently went on sale for up to \$650. There was an initial concern that many Chinese would not be able to afford the tickets, as annual incomes there hover around \$463. Beijing's Olympic Committee wanted to ensure that this did not happen, however, and made ticket prices more affordable.

"The biggest challenge is satisfying the vast public's desire to attend the Olympics," Wang Wei, the executive vice president of the Committee, said. More than seven million tickets are on sale, with 75 percent (over five million) reserved for Chinese sports fans. Beijing is hoping to make around \$140 million off ticket sales, which is only a fraction of

the billions spent on hosting the 29th Olympic Games. Each ticket has a special chip to prevent counterfeits.

The International Olympics Committee said that a Beijing Olympics would leave a "unique legacy to China and to sports." Initially, there was concern about China's human rights violations. Some argued that a country with so many grave abuses should be rejected. However, in the end, China pulled through and embraced the opportunity to be in the world arena. The country chose the slogan "One World, One Dream" for the Games, which are set to take place from August 8-24.

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TENNIS

Tennis triumphs over George Fox, prepares for NW Conference

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With the conclusion of the regular season, both the men and women's tennis teams are gearing up to compete in the Northwest Conference championships. Last weekend was busy for both teams as the women had two matches and the men played three.

The men's team, which finished the season at 9-10 overall and 8-8 in the NWC, started the weekend by defeating George Fox University 9-0. After sweeping the doubles, Willamette won five of the six singles matches in straight sets. "Our win against George Fox was simply a matter of going out and doing what we knew we had to," junior Eric MacMillan said.

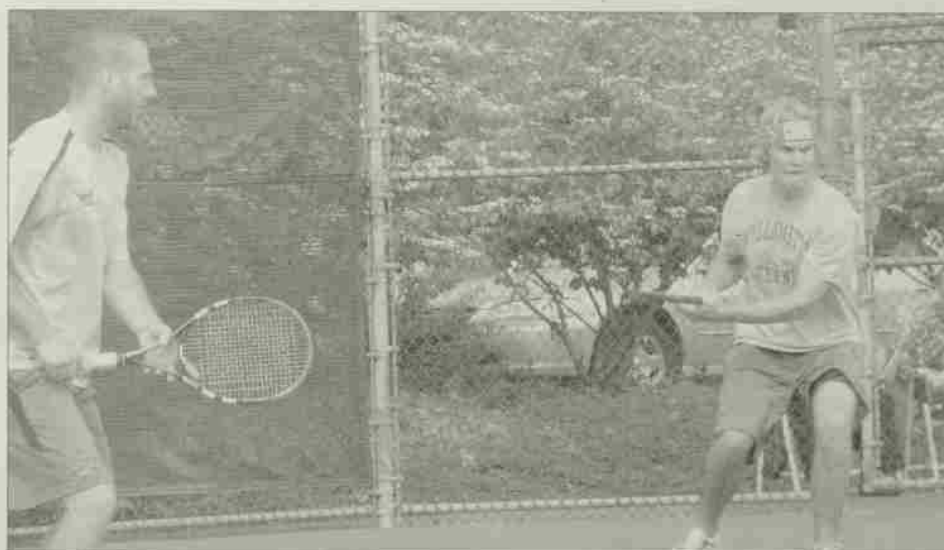
The next day, the men were defeated 5-4 by Puget Sound University. The match was a tough one to swallow as the Bearcats started out strong by winning #1 and #2 doubles, then lost three of the singles matches in the third set. Junior Fitz Pacione and freshman Micah Mack won #3 and #6 singles, respectively, which tied the score at 4-4. Senior Shaun Mihalick then played a heartbreaking match and lost 7-3 in the third set tie-breaker. "The UPS match was a tough loss," said MacMillan. "We knew it would be a good match and it

could have gone either way. It was just a matter of execution down the stretch."

On Sunday, the men lost 6-3 to Linfield College. After winning #2 doubles, freshman Donovan LeDoux won #1 singles and MacMillan defeated his opponent in a super-tie breaker. However, this wasn't enough for the Bearcats, who couldn't quite pull off the win. Despite the loss, Willamette has secured the fifth seed in the conference tournament and will take on UPS in Yakima next Friday, April 20 at 8 a.m.

The women's team is also preparing for the conference tournament in Yakima after placing sixth in the regular season. The team finished with a record of 7-13 overall and 6-10 in the NWC. On Friday, the women had an impressive 8-1 win over George Fox University. "The team as a whole played very strong and consistent," senior Susan Butler said. "As big of a margin of victory it was, it was a tough match and every point and game won was hard work." This was especially true of junior Tiffany Kam who won #1 singles in a second set tie-breaker. The Bearcats took an early lead after sweeping the doubles, and then secured the victory by winning five singles matches, four of which were won in straight sets.

On Saturday, the women lost 3-6 to Puget



LIZ CAULEY

From left: Senior Shaun Mihalick and junior Eric MacMillan battle against Linfield in a doubles match.

Sound University. Junior Alaine Anderson won #3 singles, extending her winning streak in singles to 11 matches. "I think this was a good match to end the season with and prepare us for competition at conference this next weekend in Yakima," Butler said.

"I'm excited for conference because I think we are the black sheep team that is going to

upset a team in conference," said Butler. "We have the skills and the heart to succeed."

► Tennis

Both men's and women's teams will be playing in the NWC tournament on April 21-22 in Yakima, WA all day.

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Iron deficiency and athletic performance

JORDYN SMITH
COLUMNIST



Iron occurs in small quantities in the body, totaling about 1.5-1.75 oz (45g) in the adult. It is required for the manufacture of hemoglobin and myoglobin, substances which bind and transport oxygen in the blood. Oxygen has an essential presence in the mitochondria as it generates chemical energy in the form of ATP, a chemical compound responsible for cell metabolism and our ability to function.

A deficiency in iron decreases the amount of hemoglobin, which therefore reduces the oxygen-transporting capacity of the body and ultimately results in a decrease in physical performance.

Besides decrease in performance, other signs of being iron deficient include fatigue, paleness, cold hands and susceptibility to

infection. Inadequate dietary intake of iron is the primary cause of iron deficiency.

For people between 19-30 years old, the recommended daily allowance (RDA) is 18 mg for females and 8 mg for males. Examples: 3 oz. lean beef: (3.1mg); 3 oz. shrimp: (2.3mg); 1 packet iron-fortified cooked cereal: (4.9mg); 1/2 cup cooked lentils: (3.3mg). Furthermore, vitamin C sources (most fruits & veggies) when eaten along with iron-containing foods, increase iron absorption, while milk, tea, coffee and antacids inhibit the absorption of iron.

Finally, iron supplements consisting of ferrous sulfate also help control iron deficiencies. Determining serum ferritin is the most accurate test of one's iron levels. The ferritin levels measured have a direct correlation with the total amount of iron stored in the body and can guide athletes towards altering their diet as necessary.

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CREW

Women garner 15th ranking

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Last Saturday, the Willamette crew teams competed in the Covered Bridge Regatta, which was held in Eugene and hosted by the University of Oregon. The regatta pitted Willamette against teams from Humboldt State University and Seattle Pacific University both of which compete in NCAA Division II.

Despite the large amount of talent at the regatta, the Bearcats were able to stay competitive. The women's varsity eight and the women's novice four both placed second, directly behind Humboldt State. The women's varsity four came in third after Humboldt State and Seattle Pacific.

Unfortunately, the women's novice eight, a boat that has built them a notable reputation this season, was not able to compete due to the lack of a women's novice eight race.

The men's team also fought their way

to the finish line as the men's varsity eight beat University of Oregon and just missed Seattle Pacific to come in fourth. In addition, the men's junior varsity four finished fourth and the men's varsity four placed fifth.

In other rowing news, the women's varsity crew was recently ranked 15th in NCAA Division III, in the eMax rankings. Other northwest teams to make the top 20 include Lewis & Clark College (11th), Pacific Lutheran University (5th), and University of Puget Sound (3rd).

The Bearcats are 1.7 seconds behind Lewis & Clark and 36.8 seconds behind first place, Williams College. The men's eMax rankings are due to come out sometime this week.

► Crew

Willamette's crew team will be competing in the NW Collegiate Rowing Conference Championships on April 21, at 7 a.m. in Lake Stevens, WA

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TRACK

Throwers excel in second mini-meet

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Willamette track and field athletes seized yet another opportunity to qualify for the upcoming Northwest Conference Championships on Saturday April 14. Despite competing with a partial team following last week's Willamette Invitational and the Northwest Conference Multi-Event Championships, individual events showcased Bearcat talent.

Fans enjoyed a day of strong performances on their home turf, crowned by junior Melinda Fahey's NCAA Division III provisional qualifying discus throw. Fahey won with a distance of 136'10". Fahey also took third place in the hammer throw with a toss of 140'4", trailing two Division I opponents from Portland State University. Teammates and fellow juniors Holly Winter and Emilie Berger took fifth and sixth places in the same event.

Jayson Voght contributed a second-place discus throw, placing with a 119'7".

Sophomore Jake Monroe and freshman Craig Sather also contributed top-placing throws on the men's side. The pair took third and fourth in the hammer throw, with distances of 142'9" and 135'4". Freshman Cliff Leek took third place in the shot put at 41'3"75, closely trailed by senior Brandon Bennett at 41'1.5".

Freshman Andy Meuser placed third in the men's 200-meter run, clocking in at a time of 23.67 seconds. Freshman Tristan Bodding-Long garnered yet another third place finish in the 400-meter event with a time of 52.32 seconds.

In the men's long jump, freshman Dan Pearson placed second at 19'10.25", followed by sophomore John Woodland in fourth at 18'9.75".

► Track

- Willamette track & field will compete at the NWC Championships at the Univ. of Puget Sound in Tacoma, WA, April 20-21 at 2:00 p.m. / 10:30 a.m.



PATRICK WILLGOHS

Junior Dan Pearson earned second place in the long jump on Saturday.

NWC

STANDINGS
Standings as of
Apr. 17, 2007

	W	L
MEN'S TENNIS		
Whitman	16	0
Pacific Lutheran	14	2
Linfield	12	4
Puget Sound	9	7
Willamette	8	8
George Fox	4	12
Whitworth	6	10
Lewis & Clark	3	13
Pacific	0	16

WOMEN'S TENNIS		
Linfield	16	0
Puget Sound	12	4
Pacific Lutheran	11	5
Whitman	12	4
Whitworth	8	8
Lewis & Clark	5	11
Willamette	6	10
George Fox	1	15
Pacific	1	15

BASEBALL		
George Fox	16	5
Puget Sound	13	8
Pacific Lutheran	16	2
Lewis & Clark	8	12
Whitworth	8	10
Linfield	11	7
Willamette	7	13
Pacific	4	14
Whitman	3	15

SOFTBALL		
Whitworth	20	0
Linfield	19	1
Puget Sound	6	14
Pacific Lutheran	6	12
George Fox	3	19
Pacific	12	4
Willamette	10	8
Lewis & Clark	2	20

SOFTBALL

Softball splits doubleheaders with UPS, PLU

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With the regular season winding to a close, the Willamette women's softball team has a respectable 16-11 overall mark with a 10-8 record in the Northwest Conference. Yet what started off as an outstanding season with Willamette climbing to as high as fifth in the country is turning into a fairly average season, marred by injury and the loss of three starters. The team is likely to finish fourth in the Northwest Conference out of eight schools.

During the past weekend, Willamette split doubleheaders with the University of Puget Sound on Saturday and Pacific Lutheran University on Sunday. Sophomore pitcher Nikki Franchi allowed a mere three hits and struck out 10 batters, en route to a 2-0 victory over Puget Sound. In the second game, Puget Sound broke up a 1-1 tie in the sixth inning and went on to a 6-1 win. Senior Willamette third baseman Molly Barnes went 3 for 3 with an RBI.

GOLF

2007 season ends with honors for women's golf

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The women's golf team ended the 2007 season well with many honors and medalists. Last weekend Whitney Ueno tied for second place in the Northwest Conference Championships, held in Sisters at the course at Aspen Lakes. Ueno was in third place standing after the first day with a score of 84. She came back on the second day with a low score of 79, tying the medalist Leslie Wheeler of Linfield for the day.

Willamette claimed fourth place in the title tournament and also fourth place for the overall season point standings. This was a combination of points earned from two previous tournaments including the Fall Championship and the Spring Championship and lastly the recent NWC Championship tournament. Puget Sound ended the season with the women's title.

The Willamette men's team took second place at the Linfield Invitational on Wednesday, April 11. The men's team scored 324 over 18 holes at the Michelbook Country Club in McMinnville, OR. The invitational was an upset as the Linfield team took 1st place and the first six individual score honors. The Wildcat men only relented a little by allowing a three-way tie for sixth place between Ben Bryant

The next day the Bearcats took on the PLU Lutes in another doubleheader. The Bearcats managed to win the first game behind another Franchi shutout, as she allowed a mere five hits while blanking the Lutes.

"(Franchi) has been outstanding this season," said head coach Damian Williams. "She is a big reason for our success."

Willamette's offense was lead by junior Liz Gilgan, who homered and scored the only other run for the Bearcats. It was her second home run of the season. Franchi improved to 9-5 on the season, while holding PLU to no walks and ten strikeouts.

In the second game of the doubleheader, freshman pitcher Leighann Auer managed to get out of several jams but took the loss as the Bearcats split the series. She fell to 4-4 on the season. Pacific Lutheran managed to blank the Bearcats 3-0. It is just the second time that Willamette's prolific offense has been shut out this season, the only other time coming at the hands of then top ranked St. Thomas University of Minnesota. Auer is one of many

freshmen on the Bearcats' roster who have stepped up this season for the Bearcats, as many of their older players have been sidelined.

Willamette's drop-off once league play began can largely be blamed on injury, but also is a testament to the overall strength of the Northwest Conference. "The Northwest Conference is probably the second toughest conference in the nation," said Williams. "After the showing we had in Florida with the Leadoff Classic, it is no surprise that our conference is getting a lot of respect." The Northwest Conference schools combined for an impressive 47-27 mark against the rest of the nation, with six of eight schools posts non-league records over .500. Similarly, six Northwest Conference schools have higher total winning percentages out of league than in league.

► Softball

- Willamette softball will be playing at Whitworth on April 21-22 at 12 p.m. both days will be a doubleheader.

► Golf

- Willamette's Men's Golf will be playing in the NWC Championship on April 22-23 in Blue River, OR at the Tokatee Golf Club at 8 a.m. both days.

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► letters to the editor

-Do not deny VT shooter his humanity

I have spent a great deal of time today watching the news and listening to the radio regarding the shootings at Virginia Tech. There is a great deal of pain and sorrow flowing through our country right now as a result, but I also feel that there should also be a great deal of thought in the minds of men as a result.

Nearly every man that I have spoken to today has called the shooter sick or inhuman, but in my eyes such a response is a defense mechanism. By calling this shooter sick or inhuman all blame and responsibility is dissolved. If the shooter is sick, then it had nothing to do with our culture and more precisely, it had nothing to do with malformed masculinity.

Calling the shooter sick means that he is nothing like us and allows us to completely separate ourselves from him. I am struggling with this concept because I do not understand how we can call this man sick or consider him less than human or consider this incident as isolated in any way when men all over this country are attacking and abusing one another as well as women every day.

I do not understand how we can isolate this man as an anomaly when every state in this country has experienced a school shooting by a male. We must claim him. We must claim him as human if we are to save our own humanity. If we refuse to acknowledge his connection to all other men we only fail to address a growing trend of violent masculinity.

CLIFF LEEK,
Freshman

-Fraternities: get rid of the blinds

I've lived in Salem for over twenty years, and have driven south on 12th Street, past WU's fraternity housing many, many times. My eyes are always drawn to the windows of the building and the view is remarkably similar to what you would see in the slums of any urban area.

The vertical blinds are always askew, and furniture, clothing, whatever, is poking out through the ratty blinds. If opening and closing vertical blinds is something not taught until graduate school, why don't the fellows just take down the crappy blinds and hang up a tasteful sheet?

Image DOES count, especially among alums who are frequently asked to support both the university and their own former living organizations.

BARBARA HALLIDAY,
Class of 1952 alumna and long-time donor.

EDITORIAL

Summer '07: The world is not enough

We're almost finished! There's less than a month left of school before it's time for our summer vacation.

Unfortunately, for a lot of us "summer vacation" is kind of a misnomer. While it may be a vacation from school, it's certainly not a vacation from work. Either way, you have to occupy your summer somehow. "What are you doing after graduation?" and/or "What are you doing this summer?" are probably the most common questions that students get. But you're not alone if you still don't know how to answer. You know you have to do something, but you just don't know what. The Editorial Board would like to make some suggestions about what you could do with your summer and how to find a job.

We'd like to first address the seniors, because they're in a slightly different position from the rest of their classmates. Some may be going off to grad school, others may be joining the Peace Corps, and there are even those who may already have their dream job lined up. However, there are also plenty of seniors who are still trying to figure out what the next step is. Clearly, there are many different directions that one can take. But the most important thing to consider is that you have your whole life to have a career, work a nine-to-five job and pay off your mortgage.

Why not take some time off before then to travel? Why not join Americorps or be an Au Pair? Why not join a traveling band and end up at Burning Man, not because it pays well or because it uses your BA, but because it's a unique opportunity and would be a lot of fun. There's no need to rush into a career and a lifetime of commitment right away. Plenty of adults encourage taking time off to chill, travel and really explore what you want to



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do. Above all, don't think your life has to go in a straight line.

Of course, that doesn't solve the problem of how to pay the bills.

The good news is that there's a smorgasbord of summer job opportunities out there, running the gamut from barista to camp jobs to professionally-oriented internships. They can be in-country or out, paid or volunteer. It all depends on one's interests, skills and creative job search abilities (and, sometimes, family and friend connections).

Career Services Director Nancy Norton is a great resource and can help you root through all of your options and polish up your resume and interview skills so that you get the job you want. She said that the First Avenue Career and Graduate School Fair had a number of recruiters offering summer opportunities and that their website is still up and active at olapcfirstavenue.org.

You can also check out the Willamette career website, summerjobs.com, coolworks.com and studentjobs.gov, to name a few.

In addition to searching online, look up your favorite companies and businesses to see if they're hiring.



But the most important thing to consider is that you have your whole life to have a career, work a nine-to-five job and pay off your mortgage.

It's not too late to find a great summer (or even longer-term) job. Although the process may seem stressful or frustrating, it should ultimately be exciting because this is your chance to do what you want to do. Even if you end up in the same job you had last summer, you can still do something different by volunteering with an organization you're interested in.

You want your summer vacation to be something you can look forward to. And if you still can't figure out what you want to do, ask your friends or your faculty mentors for help. While they won't be able to find a job for you, the ones that do know what they're doing can serve as a good sounding board to help inspire you on your path from spring-time fretting to your dream job.

Needs More Cowbell



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Dear student or professor: If you are sitting quietly in an empty classroom, we have some news to break to you. Classes are cancelled. No, we do not have the power to cancel classes with one wave of the wand, but Pelton does. And he has decided to allow students to present their greatest works to a room of eager listeners. So basically while it is a façade of a day off, it is in fact class taught by someone without a Ph.D.

There is one guarantee when it comes to this special spring

day: alcoholism. While the Willamette powers that be try to convince us that SSRD stands for "Student Scholarship Recognition Day," we know that the more accurate title is "Surely Students R Drunk."

Starting late Tuesday afternoon, there will surely be students lounging by the Mill Stream sipping on their Nalgene's. And in Goudy, there will surely be a few soft drink additives. And finally, on Wednesday there will surely be intoxicated students who—in their drunken stupor—forgot about SSRD and are sitting in a classroom, thinking to themselves, "You're not my professor... or are you? Where am I?"

Wait, this is a falsity. Erroneous on all accounts!

Contrary to what is written in the bathroom stalls, SSRD is not a non-stop party where all people do is consume alcohol, take drugs, listen to country and curse like sailors. It is a day of knowledge, power and constantly proving why we far superior to those state schools we only hear about in the media. If there is one thing Willamette has pumped into us after four years, it is a little ego-inflation, and a pretentious nature.

But enough about us. Back to our random musings on SSRD.

You may not be aware, but some of the students at Willamette are pretty damn incredible. Today is the day the rest of us—the one's who are trying-go and worship at their altar of learning. These students who are presenting are genuinely interested in making the world a better place. Or at least, they are learning how the world could be a better place. We here at NMC do not grasp this concept yet, but we do try to fulfill our quota of one good deed a week. This week, we are promoting SSRD and granting this day of "leisure learning" the NMC Seal of Approval.

So to all of our readers, go forth and learn.

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STUDENT OPINIONS

Registering for classes at Willamette: The four-ring circus

SARAH RIDGEWAY
GUEST COLUMNIST



Step right up! Step right up! It's the moment you've all been waiting for! Willamette registration time! It should be a fantastic show! Hmm, it seems as though quite a few of you have bought tickets for tonight's event. Unfortunately, not everyone gets a seat ...

Around registration time each semester, I have to frequently remind myself that I am in college rather than participating in a fantastic spectacle of daring feats and frightening beasts. For many people, registration can be a very stressful and chaotic time as most of us pose as master contortionists in order to make a working schedule out of whatever classes happen to be offered.

Not to mention all of the hoops to jump through: a prerequisite here, a full class there, the occasional pleading to professors and advisors and a change in major. Also, during this time, it is not all that uncommon to find that close friends may have grown tawny tails or sprouted black and orange stripes, fighting each other as lions and tigers (oh, my!) for that last spot in Creative Writing. The poor professors have to fight us off with chairs.

Why a four ring circus? There is one

ring for each class, youthful freshmen through snazzy seniors. The senior ring is fairly large, where a little bit more spacious accommodations are made for the more seasoned performers. They have many more choices as to what they would like to add to their repertoire.

But as we go along down the line the rings constrict, until at last we see the freshmen squeezed so tight that they are practically popping out of the ring, as if shot out of a cannon, landing in whatever class they might fit into. You see, that's the thing about a circus—I mean registration—you never really know what you're going to get. If you're lucky, you may see the wonders of Cirque du Soleil. Sometimes you're stuck with Dog-Faced Boy.

When the show is about to begin, the masses wait expectantly, pointer fingers poised on the left click. Unfortunately, seating comes in the form of bleachers. Those at the front get a great view. If you're sitting in row 945, its stale popcorn for you. Some get pretty into the show, laughing with glee when that beautiful, blond, hard-to-get Psychology class somersaults to land right in front of them. Others have tomatoes ready to throw at the MOL.

When it's all over, the numerous patrons leave with many different impressions of the show. Some have just seen this show too many times. A few weaker people have fainted after being graced by the fire breathing Organic Chemistry.

In certain instances, a three-hour special



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showing on a Monday night bores the audience to tears, or perhaps to snores.

Some people are just downright offended. Me? I'm just a sad clown who's waiting for my big break. (Please let me in to Research Methods II...)

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Capitalism does not equal equality

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We are all familiar with the equality rhetoric of our postmodern democracy. There is a top-down focus on political correctness and the acceptance of all people regardless of race, religion, gender, etc. Young people have even experienced this rhetoric as a part of their public education, with a focus on multiculturalism and the positive strengths of living within a pluralistic society.

At the same time, however, we have been educated about the evils of socialism and the murderous ways of communists in Cuba, China and the Soviet Union. This argument against socialism is often very similar to the argument in favor of multiculturalism: One can choose to embrace the culture of their ancestors and still be a proud American, or it is not important what one has in between their legs or what skin tone a person is born with.

What really matters is what a person has to offer to society and the quality of their intellect.

We have learned this same argument in opposition to socialism: Capitalism allows for freedom of expression and the freedom to shop at any store we choose.

Socialism is culturally oppressive and only allows for one way of thinking. However, why do we say in the same breath that yes, every American should be accepted and embraced, or treated equally, but economic equality is evil and will harm our "delicate democracy?"

Why aren't we taught that capitalism is responsible for historical inequality in our

country? Have you ever heard of slavery? That was an economic system that exploited African Americans and benefited white European Americans. Or there's the Bracero program, which was another economical system that once again benefited white Americans while using and stealing from impoverished Latinos. This is what our glorious free market capitalist system has produced: racism, sexism and inequality through a government-endorsed economic system.

So why is it that today we assume that the same system will stop practicing sexism and racism to gain more profit and power? Why don't we assume that we can gain equality for all Americans if we support a system that depends on economic inequality and oppression to continue successfully?

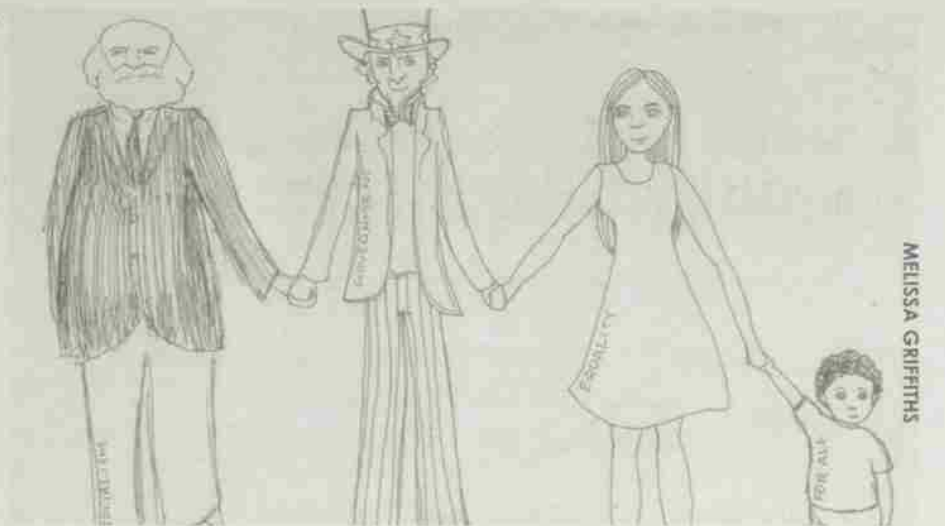
Call me pessimistic if you want, but I believe we will never reach this goal of equality if a corporation has more power than you and the average working

American. I believe people of color and women will never be treated equally by the system that has contributed so greatly to the institutional inequality our country has grown and depended upon.

I believe economic equality will not limit our possibilities for freedom and choice, but rather expand the base of people who are able to choose what kind of life they want to live, which will create a vibrant more lively society than the one we live in today.

So if you support equality, support an economic system that supports equality. Then all Americans can share in the privilege we often refer to as the "American Dream," and one day our rhetoric of equality and freedom can be heard and shared by all who inherit and work the land we proudly call the United States of America.

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HUMOR:

Mysterious disease ravages campus

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COLUMNIST



As the school year ends, a frightening epidemic spreads through the Willamette student body. "FISAO syndrome" is running rampant through our dorms and classrooms. FISAO, of course, stands for F*** It, School's Almost Over. FISAO syndrome manifests itself in situations where students would normally do something, but instead do not do something, because, well, f*** it, school's almost over.

I myself am in the unyielding grip of this serious disease. Why, just the other day, I found that I was out of Kleenex. Now, I could walk four blocks to Safeway and pick up a new box, but instead my first thought was "aw f*** it, school's almost over, I'll just blow my nose into my dirty laundry for a few weeks." My personal hygiene is clearly the hardest hit by my condition. Mere days after I started dumping my excess mucus into my soiled clothing, I noticed that I would soon run out of shampoo. Immediately I thought "there's only like ... twenty-something days of school left; screw it, I can leave my hair as an ill-smelling greasy mass for that long."

My meager shell of a social life is also taking a hit because of my debilitating FISAO syndrome. Hours ago I had the following internal dialogue with myself:

Me: "Hey Tom, we should go out tonight and meet new people, specifically people of the female variety."

Also Me: "Shut up, A-hole."

Me: "No seriously, new people can be downright enjoyable sometimes."

Also Me: "To hell with that. There's only like ... 2.1 million seconds left of school. That's not enough time to forge a meaningful friendship."

Me: "Yeah, you're right, f*** that s***. Let's play some Counter Strike."

Also Me: "Wurd."

It frightens me now to think that FISAO syndrome made me think such thoughts. Yet these are the kind of thoughts that are being thought by myself and my peers on a daily basis.

I can only imagine how the seniors are being affected ... The following account takes place in the author's imagination, but due to the seriousness of this disease, it could totally happen in real life: "Welllll, I could finish my thesis, but f*** it, school's almost over, and pretty soon I'll be off in the real world doing adult-y things like paying taxes and working in a cubicle." Even more frightening is the thought of professors, administrators and Goudy workers succumbing to the onslaught of FISAO syndrome.

Society has been silent about this grave disease for far too long. So in an effort to bring to light the scale of this epidemic, you all should scream "FISAOOOOOOOOO!" at the top of your lungs whenever you feel an outbreak of FISAO syndrome coming on. This way, your friends and loved ones will know that you just shirked potentially vital responsibilities. Unfortunately, it is unlikely that any of your friends and loved ones will give a rat's ass because FISAOOOOOOOOO!

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