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Opening Days are here

By BETH SWEENEY
COPY EDITOR

Excitement is in the air. New Willamette University students are piling out of cars, vans, trains, and planes to reach the open doors of their new dorm rooms.

Many are away from home for the first time in their lives. New roommates, challenging classes, incredible friends, countless hours spent at Goudy, and four years of lessons they will never forget await them in the wings.

The new students carry with them, in addition to piles of luggage, a wide

variety of experiences that will bring a breath of fresh air into campus life.

Freshmen firefighters will meet transfer ski instructors on this campus, where each student's personal talents will be discovered, reinvented, and pursued.

Large numbers and a strong profile make these entering freshmen and transfer students stand out, according to Tom Morlan, Willamette's Assistant Director for Enrollment Communications.

Overall, the size of the student body is increasing, with the added presence of

475 freshmen this year. This trend was also visible in the pre-orientation programs.

Vonnie Martin, Administrative Assistant of Student Activities, said that NSOCO and Steppin' Out reached full capacity, and Ohana was not far behind.

These new students walk through Willamette University's doors with an impressive collective resume that features 56 high school valedictorians and a median G.P.A. of 3.862.

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JOSH HEUMANN

Marv Heibert works with students in NSOCO, the New Student Orientation for Community Outreach, Monday.

Montag Recreation Center nearly done

By ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES
NEWS EDITOR

After several delays, the 2.65 million dollar Montag Recreation Center is expected to open on Sept. 14.

The Montag Center is intended to assuage Willamette's need for a student center.

It will provide a recreational space to the student body as well as key leisure services such as a snack bar, video store, and arcade.

The Montag Center was funded by a \$2 million grant from Tom Montag of Tokyo, Japan, in honor of his parents, as well as a \$650,000 gift from the Collins Foundation of Portland.

While the center will open to the student body in September, the official dedication will not occur until a year from October, due to the difficulty in scheduling time for the Montag family to travel from Japan.

The Montag Center is also expected to solve a significant

University problem by providing more large meeting space on campus.

Bob Hawkinson, Dean of Campus Life, explained that the Cat Cavern is very popular with students, staff, and campus organizations as a meeting space and that the Montag Center has a ballroom/conference room space of a simi-

lar size available for campus use.

Last spring, Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer told the Collegian that he expected the Montag Center to open before Opening Days of this year.

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JOHN VOLLMER

The Montag Center is scheduled to open on September 14.

New Dean has big plans

By ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES
NEWS EDITOR

Since her arrival in mid-July, Willamette's new Dean of the College of Liberal Arts has been nothing but busy.

Tori Haring-Smith, who was appointed last April, comes to Willamette following a stint as the Executive Director of the Watson Foundation.

Upon her arrival, Dean Haring-Smith met with sixty-three different faculty members, each time for an hour or more.

She asked questions about the state of the uni-

versity and what the faculty feels must be done to improve Willamette.

She asked each faculty member how they felt Willamette had changed during their time on campus; almost overwhelmingly, she said, they responded that WU is now bigger and better.



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Tori Haring-Smith is the new CLA Dean.

Dean Haring-Smith also asked the

faculty about their concerns with the University.

Many faculty, she said, were worried that as workloads increase, they will have less time to spend with students.

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Opening Days in the making

By MIKE KIEFER
COPY EDITOR

Each year as the bright-eyed and bushy-tailed incoming students arrive at Willamette, equally bright-eyed and bushy-tailed Opening Days leaders are on hand to guide them through the first half week of their college experience. These enthusiastic volunteers arrive five days ahead of the new students for a rigorous schedule of meetings and program training. This year's senior Student Coordinator, Beth Carlascio, and a Lead Team of returning OD leaders from previous years have been drilling this year's Opening Days Staff since Sunday night and they are prepared to take control of things Thursday morning when the campus is overrun by the incoming class.

"This year's staff is the most enthusiastic out of the last few years," said junior Cory Mlady, one of the Lead Team members in charge of training the new OD leaders, "so far everything is going great. They will be ready on Thursday."

The 63 trainees chosen from last year's applicant pool of 110, the largest in three years, do not shy away from the 12-hour days they are donating all of this week to make sure orientation goes off without a hitch.

"Actually, it has been a lot of fun," said junior Devon McComb, who was catching lunch after meetings and before dance rehearsal. OD leaders like Devon split their time between inspirational speakers, staff meetings, activity rehearsals and name card and button-making sessions.

Before the summer training, OD leaders also sacrifice five of their Wednesday nights during the previous spring semester for dinner meetings. For all of this work the OD leaders are only compensated with 100 dollars in pay, but no one is involved for money.

"It would have been nice to have a little more summer," said junior Miriam Schatz, "but I don't feel shortchanged. This is worth it." Each two-person group is in charge of 17 incoming students, including freshman, transfer and international students. They lead them through activities, tours of the campus facilities and get to know them personally from Wednesday to Sunday, when they are cut loose to fend for themselves.

This year's orientation schedule boasts a couple changes and new programs in addition to the classic Hoedown, WU-WHO and grass volleyball. A dinner has been organized for each OD group at the house of a local alumnus. Also Salem Night-Out, another off-campus event, when local vendors would remain open after hours to allow touring students a view of the town, has been changed to a daylight event.

"I think it is a really good idea to get the new students off-campus," said Sophomore OD Leader Ian Lindsay, "it will give them more of a feeling for the community."

With all the preparation and planning, this year's OD Leaders hope to give the incoming students a warm welcome as they arrive at Willamette, but look out for those dance moves come Thursday.



JOSIE HEUMANN

Senior Beth Gilmore and the other Opening Days leaders practice their dance steps. They have spent four days preparing for the new students' arrival.

Hawkinson: Montag Center opening soon

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Dean Hawkinson said that the delay was caused by slow-drying cement that postponed some rooms from being carpeted.

He noted that the cement still hasn't dried to the appropriate degree, but that the University decided to spend more money to put down a protective coating on top of the cement to expedite the Center's opening.

While the Montag Center is nearing completion, Dean Hawkinson mentioned that some of the administrative preparations are just beginning.

He envisions the Montag Center being governed by a student advisory board, which may or may not also include faculty.

This board has yet to be formed; however, talks began last week with ASWU President Tommy Ziemer on the subject.

Part of the original Montag Center plan was to expand upon Willamette's ID card system to allow WU students to use their cards in more ways.

The improved ID cards would be linked to a student account available for laundry, conveniences at the Willamette Store and the Montag snack bar, the video store, and other Willamette

locations.

Originally, the new ID card functions were to be initiated simultaneously with the Montag Center.

Dean Hawkinson said that students will not see the system until next fall.

"We're working on it," Hawkinson said. "We don't have it for this year... it didn't make it into this past year's budget."

Even without the ID cards, however, the Montag Center will open soon.

Its planners are confident that the Montag Center's presence will positively affect the Willamette campus.

New students arrive

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Fifty-five percent of the students were in the top 10 percent of their graduating high school classes. 96 percent were in the top half. Their SAT scores reflect those statistics, with a median score of 1240.

This year's incoming freshman class has the strongest academic profile of any class in Willamette's history, reported the Office of Communications.

In addition to academic prowess, the students bring with them a background of athletic participation and excellence, community outreach, and jobs and interests that are as varied as the places from which they come.

Willamette welcomes 25 newspaper editors, 94 student body/club officers, 186 musicians, 210 varsity athletes, and 113 student volunteers in the Class of 2005.

Students are also arriving at Willamette from eight countries other than the United States, including Ecuador, Denmark, and Thailand.

In addition, the administration will be making an effort to recruit students from states outside of the Pacific Northwest in the upcoming years. 73 percent of the 2001-2002 freshman class is from Oregon, Washington or California.

Willamette is working hard to attract a more diverse group of students - a benefi-

cial step for the entire campus. Multi-cultural students make up 17 percent of this year's entering freshman class.

Friends are here to be made, fun is to be had, studying is to be done, and life is to be lived.

Incoming freshman Tyler D. Baker of Klamath Falls, Oregon, put it eloquently:

"Making new friends is one of the exciting aspects of college. A friendly environment promotes quality friendships that last throughout one's college years. Willamette creates the right atmosphere by accepting only the best. Life is too short to waste... I want to make the best of it by attending Willamette University."

Haring-Smith's plans

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From her discussions with faculty, Dean Haring-Smith has outlined a four-point general agenda for the CLA. First, she says, she wants to foster the strong community here at Willamette.

"We have a really strong community here," she said, "it is so strong that it encourages lively debate." Dean Haring-Smith wants to nurture this sort of community while at the same time increasing intellectual discourse.

"To question an idea," she said, "is not to question a person," and she explained that the questioning of ideas creates the academic community she wants to see.

Her second goal is to recruit and retain the best faculty and students possible,

especially by focusing on student research.

She intends to encourage joint research with professors, insert students into academic conferences, and help provide opportunities for research and professional academic discourse.

In an anecdote, she said that if a student came to her asking for money to go to a conference with a professor, she would sell the books on her walls before telling the student he couldn't attend the event.

Her third goal, she said, is to increase diversity. To do this, she plans to work closely with Dean of Campus Life Bob Hawkinson to increase participation in on-campus diversity organizations. She also intends to vigorously pursue the search for a Professor of Ethnic Studies.

Dean Haring-Smith's final agenda goal is to increase WU outreach into the larger community. She says that she aims to encourage internships, increase service outreach, and work to build ties with the Salem area. Her intention, she says, is that Willamette be well-connected with the world graduates will be entering into after their time here.

In achieving her goals, our new Dean expects to work closely with faculty.

A strong advocate of faculty government, she described her own role as "guiding and coordinating the effort of a team."

Her attitude as a whole is community-based, and her plans for Willamette are to connect the university's diverse elements, creating a cohesive whole.

OD leaders get jazzed



PICTURES BY JOSH HEUMANN AND JENNY ANDREWS

Above: The 2001-2002 Opening Days Staff.

Left: Junior Ally McNeary and seniors Erin Winterrowd, Beth Gilmore.

Below: OD Leaders rehearse the dance routine.



New students get a *Jump Start*

NSOCO and *Steppin' Out* engage active learning

By JENNY ANDREWS
MANAGING EDITOR

Kitchen Volunteers ladle tomato soup into bowls at the Union Gospel Mission in downtown Salem, and the smell permeates the air.

Men and women are standing in line to receive a hot meal or a donation of clothes.

Service workers run back and forth everywhere you look. And in the middle of it all, a group of new Willamette Students are on a tour of the mission for the sake of service learning.

Before these 12 freshmen and 1 transfer begin opening days, they spent four days doing service learning and volunteer projects around the Salem community.

It's all part of New Student Orientation to Community Outreach, or NSOCO, one of three Jump Start pre-orientation programs.

NSOCO was organized by the Community Outreach Program.

In addition to the 13 new students, two TIUA students participated in the program.

NSOCO was designed to orient new students to volunteer opportunities in the Salem area, with the hope that they will continue with community outreach and leadership throughout their Willamette career.

Each day was packed with activity.

Monday morning, the group volunteered

at Simunka House, a shelter for women in transition.

Later Monday they had lunch at the Union Gospel Mission, followed by a tour of UGM's kitchen, chapel, donation center, library and education center.

"You're welcome any time to volunteer here," Marv Heibert, the men's director of UGM said after the tour.

The group then went to play soccer at Shelton Village Apartments as part of the Family Stabilization program, and also sorted and packaged school supplies at Northgate Village Apartments.

These school supplies will be given to low-income children.

All this was just Monday's itinerary.

Each day, the group was just as occupied with trips to the Humane society, the Salem Outreach Shelter and the Youth Resource Center in Salem, among other locations.

"Everything has gone perfectly," sophomore NSOCO leader Mark Molitor said.

Freshmen Jean Pierre Hill got started volunteering with children at his local YMCA.

"I like feeling like I've accomplished something," he said.

Hill added that he definitely plans on participating in volunteer programs at Willamette in the future.

The students' "home base" was the 4-H recreation center in West Salem, where they

prepared dinner every night together.

At the 4-H center, NSOCO participants had the opportunity to meet other incoming freshmen in Steppin' Out and OHANA, the outdoor and minority Jump Start groups.

Steppin' Out participants spent Monday and Tuesday hiking and exploring Oregon on day trips. Monday, the group went on a 12-mile hike north of Cannon Beach at Ecola State Park near Tillamook.

They also had the option of a 12-mile hike at Eagle Creek in the Columbia River Gorge.

A third trail option was available on Wednesday on the McKenzie River at Scott Mountain.

This hike was 8-miles long.

Each evening, NSOCO and Steppin' Out joined *Ohana* at the 4-H center to eat, sleep and hang out.

The Center offered canoeing, swimming, nature trails and an adventure course for the students.

Wednesday evening, the *Ohana* group hosted a dinner for all of the Jump Start participants.

Freshmen, transfers and TIUA students were able to get acquainted with campus and a few of their fellow students before Opening Days.

Each group did a lot of hard work, and had some fun, too.

Ohana welcomes its new family members

By BETH SWEENEY
COPY EDITOR

Seventeen new Willamette students arrived on Monday to meet the group that has become their "family away from home."

Ohana, Hawaiian for "family," is a three-day pre-orientation program created for multicultural students who are new to the Willamette community.

Directed by LaKisha Clark and five student leaders, *Ohana* featured get-to-know-you activities, a service project, and outdoor fun.

Ohana focused on transitions to Willamette life, student clubs, ways to get involved on campus, and on developing a sense of community between the participants.

According to student leader Nichelle Lilly-Baylor, who participated in *Ohana* last year, being a leader is a way to "pass on the fun and meet new people. *Ohana* was a positive,

helpful experience -- I wanted to get involved again and help out."

The leaders have the opportunity to share and reflect on their experiences at Willamette, and help the new students with issues they may face.

Cheryl Anderson, a leader for this year's *Ohana* program, said "It's a big shock for multicultural students arriving at Willamette during Opening Days. *Ohana* helps them to not get lost in the shuffle."

Student leader Nabor Pina says that *Ohana* is a great way for students of color to meet other students of color.

Cal Cruz returned to lead the program with an obvious respect for *Ohana* participants.

He says the group will discuss why they decided to step out of their comfort zones, while encouraging them and complimenting them on their choice to become integral and influential parts of the Willamette community.

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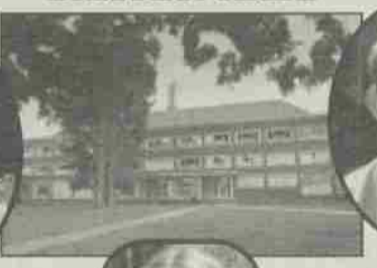




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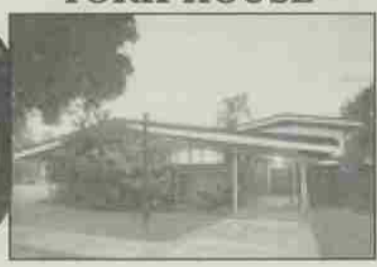


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Editorials

Focus on students, not flowers

Last year the Oregonian published an article on Oregon's private universities and colleges, giving credit for their successes. Some successes were more impressive than others. Reed College, for instance, was congratulated on its number of Rhodes scholars. Willamette University, conversely, was complimented on the beauty of its campus, which could rival any East Coast university's.

Willamette University spends a tremendous amount of money on the upkeep of its grounds. While having pampered foliage definitely adds to the aesthetic appeal of the university, the money spent on the maintenance of shrubbery is coming at the expense of programs desperately needed by the student body.

Last year's release of the Macguire Survey identified several key areas of concern among the student body, ranging from lack of university sponsored social activities to the very real phenomenon of the "sophomore slump."

The University has yet to take seriously the

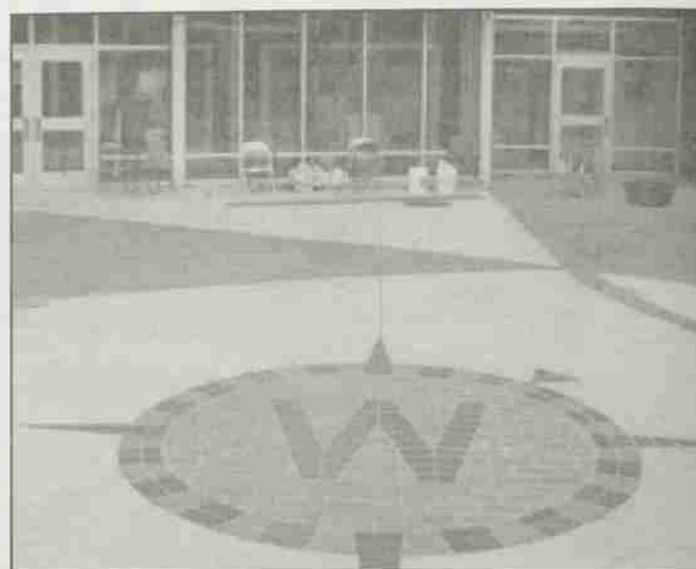
students' concerns which were brought up over a year ago.

It is time the University looked at ways to improve the Willamette experience before we again see a large number of freshmen and sophomores leave Willamette for not necessarily greener pastures, but pastures where their needs are met. The University, using its own funding, must display initiative and develop programs and opportunities for students that no other university can provide.

Increased sponsorship of social events, cultural fairs, student body trips, and encouragement of academic departments to establish their own lecture series and visiting professorships are all ways to create a more cohesive Willamette community.

Willamette does not have the endowment that many other first-tier schools possess; therefore, the University must prioritize its limited funding. It seems more important to foster the growth of the student body over the growth of grass.

Ben's Briefs



JOHN VOLLMER

The Montag Center awaits completion, students.

Montag Center: Friend or Foe?

By BEN KRUPICKA
OPINIONS EDITOR

Eventually the Montag Center will be finished and the east side of campus will finally have its own place to congregate.

According to a Willamette University press release, "The Montag Center will be a hub of student activity and will include: pool tables, video games, laundry facilities, late-night deli/cafe, movie rentals, student meeting rooms, volleyball courts, barbecue pits and a ballroom."

This new center is supposed to be a major recreational center that will attract students like moths to light. I mean, who can resist spending all of your laundry money for 30 seconds of pure bliss blowing away aliens or humans or pink fuzzy bunnies on an arcade machine? And I know I'm really going to enjoy hauling all of my laundry to and from the west side of campus.

Yes, I am skeptical of the new Montag Center. It is undeniable that there is a need for a place for students to go and interact. The University Center just isn't

big enough or designed in such a way that students feel comfortable hanging out there. But I am curious whether the architects and designers of the recreation center are learning from what Willamette University has already shown them.

Now I could be wrong. The Center could open and truly help alleviate the boredom and social division present within the Willamette community.

But while this new building is a great opportunity for improvement, it also has the potential to increase division and become a disastrous time-suck for Willamette's students.

The Montag Center will boast being able to serve 40% of Willamette's on-campus student population, but one must not forget about those students living in areas where the Center's services will be less than accessible. I doubt that the attraction of pool tables and video games will entice those students on the west side of campus to make the trek to Montag when they already have the Bistro and their dormmates to chat with.

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An emphatic call for us to serve

Not unto ourselves alone are we born, says the Willamette motto. This statement is supposed to represent and reflect the strong ties between Willamette University students and the greater community.

One would expect, then, that the ideals of volunteerism and public service must flourish within our ranks. Sadly, they do not.

The service hours put in by Willamette students as a whole are appalling. There are magnificent opportunities in the surrounding community for service, and there are strongly established and well-led service organizations on campus that can find a service project for anyone, including the under-accessed Office of Community Outreach.

A minority of Willamette students provide for the majority of total service hours. This situation is unacceptable for an institution of higher education that has as its motto a statement meant to reflect a strong tradition of

helping others.

The need is there, the opportunities are there, but the students are not. It is odd. There are not a lot of other things to do in Salem.

The Willamette motto needs to evolve from mere pretty words into action and the Willamette students' mindset must include a genuine recognition of the importance of service to others.

Service groups must raise awareness, and students must make the effort to give time helping others. Faculty need to give credit for and/or require for credit special service projects.

There are elementary schools that need mentors, houses to build, parks to clean, intramural sports teams to coach. The challenge has been made. Now it is time for Willamette students, new and old, to answer the call.

Kiss Social Security goodbye

Yesterday, the White House Office of Management and Budget released revised budget numbers showing this year's federal budget surplus to be significantly smaller than earlier projected, down to roughly \$160 billion from the \$284 billion April estimate.

To add insult to injury, the remaining surplus consists mainly of Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes, a funding source that both the President and Congress have pledged not to touch.

Without significant alterations to the 13 budget appropriation bills being taken up by Congress after its summer recess and without a tremendous cut in either Bush's education package or his military funding request of \$39 billion dollars above Congress' current appropriation, the Social Security trust fund will once again become a federal piggy-bank, virtually ensuring the end of Social Security in the near future.

While the Bush administration and Congressional Republicans continue to assure the American public that they can fund all of

their priorities without tapping Social Security, expected numbers from the Congressional Budget Office at the end of this month threaten to burst their bubble.

A fiscally irresponsible tax cut combined with a Legislature that has continually failed to tighten its belt has left the future of younger Americans in jeopardy. Right now, 12.4% of our paychecks are earmarked for the Social Security trust fund and unless the Social Security system is overhauled immediately, we will never see a penny of this hard-earned money.

Add to this America's dangerously low amount of savings and it is not hard to understand why the baby-boomers' children are seeing their "golden years" fall victim to rust.

It is time for President Bush to sacrifice his flawed missile defense system and military build up in favor of "leaving no child behind." Likewise, Congress, upon its return, must decide to seriously revisit its appropriations bills so that it will not risk draining the one funding source that is not its to spend.

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Taking out the trash

By JENNY ANDREWS
MANAGING EDITOR

Environmental initiative may be just around the corner for the Willamette campus.

I offer this community a starting point for the fall: paper recycling.

Willamette generates upwards of 15-17,000 pounds of "dry" waste every week. This does not include "wet" food waste, which is collected separately from the dumpsters behind Goudy.

Facilities Support Supervisor James Berndt estimates that 60% of dry waste is recyclable, including 55% paper waste.

Imagine eliminating over HALF of Willamette's dry waste. Amazingly, the means to achieve this objective are already in place.

Recycling Services can potentially accommodate ANY paper waste in the marked bins around campus.

This includes white and colored paper, newspapers, magazines and the illusive "office pack," which is everything else.

Paper clips and staples? No problem.

Cardboard?

Bins are currently located in three locations to collect your moving boxes; in front of Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Chi, behind the

sororities and between Lausanne and Doney.

Members of Facility Services or custodial staff collect paper recycling every other day. Willamette has no excuse not to recycle each and every piece of paper.

Yet I offer you another reason on top of convenience.

Willamette's recycled goods end up at Garden Foundation Recycling Company, a non-profit organization that offers employment opportunities and training for people with disabilities.

The "office pack" that you throw into the bin is eventually sorted, packed and shipped to the recycling center by paid employees, whose physical impairments may have prevented them from being otherwise employed. Paper is a hot commodity, fetching \$30-\$200 per ton in the recycling market. Willamette's paper is picked up free of charge because it is, in essence, a valuable donation.

Recycling that last five percent (non-paper waste in trash bins) is a much more difficult battle.

Consider this example: Goudy and the Cat go through 2,500 clear, plastic "to-go" trays every week.

These trays are #6 polystyrene (look on the bottom of each tray), which is not a commonly recycled plastic.

The Willamette recycling program does not have the manpower or the space to collect or sort these contain-

ers. So 2,500 get thrown away. Every week.

Moreover, plastics are not nearly as valuable on the market as paper. In fact, the university has to pay a fee to have #6 (and other plastics) hauled away for recycling.

Thus, it is cheaper for Willamette to throw away the containers than to recycle them.

Garden Recycling accepts this type of plastic. Garden representative John Matthews affirms that the market is there for #6.

In order for Willamette to begin recycling #6 polystyrene, student and faculty volunteers would be required to supplement the manpower available in the facilities department (currently one full-time staff member in the recycling program).

It gets more complicated. All food waste must be cleaned from inside the containers for sanitation reasons.

A large receptacle would be required for the trays; they would have to be hosed down, bagged, and delivered to the recycling center by these volunteers.

The gas used to drive the 10 plus miles to Garden in North Salem may not even be worth the several pounds of plastic in the delivery.

Not quite as simple as paper, huh?

Still, it is feasible. John Matthews suggests that Willamette "piggyback" this program with the regular plastic and paper deliveries so that gas usage is minimized.

With 10 or 20 committed members of the university community on board, cleaning and bagging these containers could become a reality.

As the volume of goods recycled by student and faculty increases, the university will have no choice but to provide the funding to expand the space in the recycling shed and hire more full-time staff to head recycling programs.

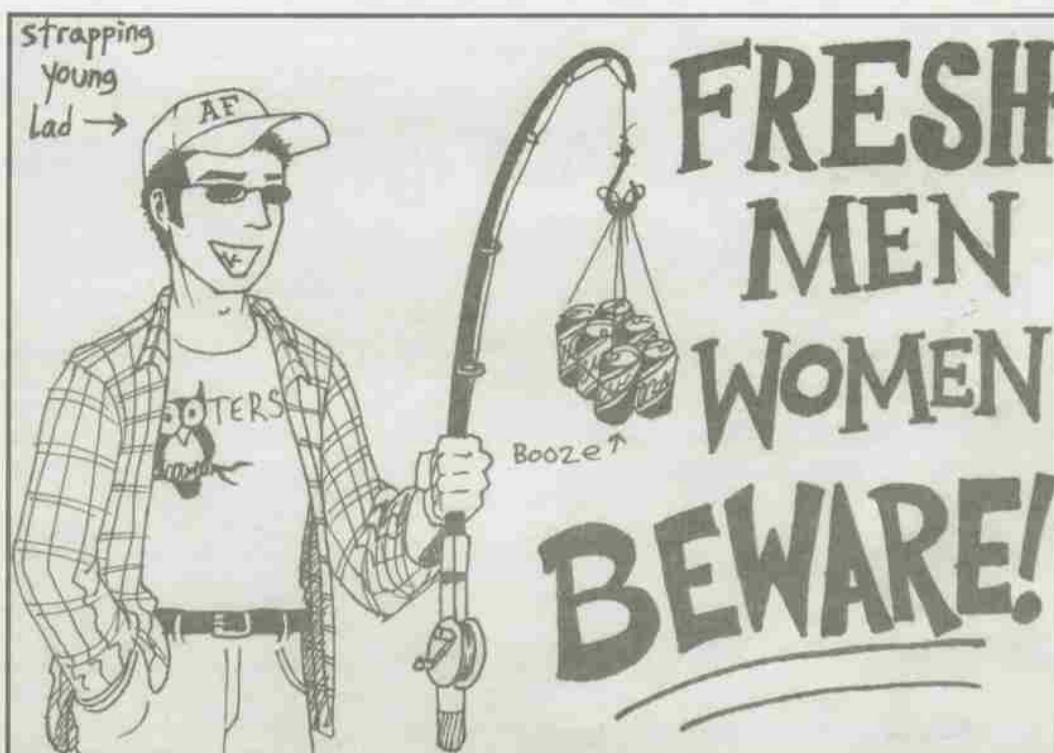
Until then, take advantage of the convenient benefits of Willamette's paper recycling program.

Buy recycled paper this fall for your binders and notebooks. It is available at the Willamette Store in the UC.

Your demand for recycled paper is what drives the accessibility and convenience of paper recycling services like those we have on campus.

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KATIE MOODY

Montag: The Freshman Fifteen

continued from page 6

If the reasoning for the placement of the Montag Center was to better serve the needs of the entire Willamette community, then why did they once again place a communal building nowhere near the geographic center of the university?

Furthermore, depending on the floor plan and the arrangement of furniture in the lobbies of the Center, it may or may not be what the students are looking for.

I would say that students are not looking for small isolated spaces, like the ones provided in the UC, but would rather have a great hall type arrangement where they can go to do work or converse with friends. Personal space is preserved while a "community feel" resonates throughout the room.

So perhaps it is a blessing that the Montag Center is not yet finished because it gives students the opportunity to comment on and improve the insides of the new building that is being erected specifically for them.

15 tips for freshman

1. Quarters are gold
2. Get used to PB&J and rice
3. Avoid the Mill Stream on your birthday
4. Mean people suck
5. USE SANDALS IN THE SHOWER!!!
6. Be nice to your housekeepers
7. RAs may be over 21, but alas, they cannot buy you beer
8. Beware the Goudy gnomes
9. Willamette students do actually live in Kaneko
10. Brands of clothing other than Abercrombie do exist
11. Be a fan of two-ply
12. Sleep is not as vital as you think
13. Eating is more vital than you think
14. Going to class is a good thing
15. You have no chance scoring with your Opening Days leaders

Quotation of the Week:

"Things come to those who wait, but only those things left behind by the people who hustle."

-Abraham Lincoln

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Calendar O' Fun

SALEM

Toby Keith - Oregon State Fair, Aug. 24

Eve 6 and Better Than Ezra - Oregon State Fair, Aug. 26

OTown - Oregon State Fair, Aug. 30

Jo Dee Messina - Oregon State Fair, Sept. 3

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Pentacle Theatre, Aug. 24 - Sept. 15

Lincoln Center Jazz, Wynton Marsalis - Elsinore Theatre, Sept. 18

Incubus - Salem Armory, Nov. 15

PORTLAND

Poe - Cobalt Lounge, Aug. 24

Shamir - Roseland Grill, Aug. 24

Cake - Roseland Theater, Aug. 31

Sonic Boom - Satyricon, Aug. 31

The Black Crowes - Roseland Theater, Sept. 2

Taj Mahal - Roseland Theater, Sept. 5

Megadeth - Roseland Theater, Sept. 9

Buckcherry - Berpatis Pan, Sept. 10

Belle and Sebastian - Roseland Theater, Sept. 11

311 - Roseland Theater, Sept. 15

Trisha Yearwood - Schnitzer Concert Hall, Sept. 18

Peter, Paul & Mary - Schnitzer Concert Hall, Sept. 21

Laser Spectacular - Roseland Theater, Sept. 29

Tim Reynolds - Dante's, Oct. 6

Ben Folds - Roseland Theater, Oct. 11

Aladdin - Winnigstad Theatre, Nov. 9 - 25

Planet doesn't deliver

By **ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES**
NEWS EDITOR

Director Tim Burton (*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*) is no stranger to the reinvention of an old story. On several occasions, such as his excellent *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, he has started with traditional material and ended with imaginatively new brilliance.

He doesn't do this with *Planet of the Apes*.

Perhaps it would be best to begin with a little bit of history. In the middle of the last century, science fiction was an excellent vehicle for social commentary, a medium in which a writer or director could make his point without offending any group. Pierre Boulle's novel *The Planet of the Apes* and Franklin Schaffner's excellent 1968 film that sprung from it were clever pieces of social commentary about race relations in America as well as the general state of the human condition and the cold war tension of the period.

Where Schaffner directed a morality play, however, Burton instead created an entirely stereotypical action movie. This is my first problem the 2001 version. Philosophically, one remakes a movie because the remake is intended to revisit, reinterpret, or improve the original film. In this case, however, the newest version is merely the dumbshow, suitable only for the groundlings.

Planet of the Apes isn't even a very good dumbshow, at that. When judging an action movie, it is unfair to expect complex plot development, good writing, or three-dimensional characters. It's good we hold such low expectations, I might

Movie: *The Planet of the Apes*

Director: *Tim Burton*

Playing at: *Santiam 11*

add, as *Planet of the Apes* has none of the three - but we do at least expect some climactic battle sequences and some special effects.

On the special effects scale, this movie rates a five or so - nothing at all spectacular. Considering that so much of the effects were digital, the viewer has to wonder why they didn't make things a little more spectacular - after all, *Planet of the Apes* is fantasy, and we might as well fill it with explosions and anti-gravity martial arts. Instead, we get a ship blowing up, once, with the same pizzazz as the Death Star in the original *Star Wars* - an incredible feat for 1977, but not much to look at in 2001.

Even worse are the climactic battles I mentioned above. The first time there might be a fight, the heroes instead grab horses and run away. While, perhaps, the smart thing to do, and, in the right circumstances, even the heroic thing to do, it isn't really the action-oriented

thing to do.

The final battle has all the makings of a good fight - two great armies lined up on a trampled field, destiny of people riding on the outcome, even two powerful warriors and their powerful sidekicks on each side. As is expected, the sidekicks duel, and while the fight is fun to watch, it is awfully short. That's all right, because coming up we've got the granddaddy of all battles between Leo (Mark Wahlberg) and the evil General Thade (Tim Roth).

Without giving away too much, I will say that the Leo-Thade deathmatch didn't deliver. As far as endings go, Burton's seems to draw more from Disney than from *Die Hard*. The viewer is left with a lacking feeling - instead of a nice afterglow and a cigarette, wondering whether or not that was really supposed to be a climax at all.

No one can discuss either *Planet of the Apes* without mentioning their surprise endings. The ending of the first *Planet of the Apes* was incredible: while not precisely foreshadowed, the audience dreads it enough to build that terrible, exciting anticipation - while still retaining its surprise. The ending of the newer film is also surprising, but surprising in a "Isn't-this-totally-unrelated-and-illogical" sort of way. At the end of the show, the audience just doesn't care what's happened to Leo - all they want to know is when the house lights go up.

Salem Theatre Guide

Looking to see a movie during Opening Days? And even after? Here is your guide to 4 locations, 23 screens, and some rockin' good times.

Salem Cinema
445 High St.
503-378-7676

Directions from Campus (On Foot): From State and Winter, take Winter St. parallel to campus. Turn right on Ferry St. and proceed until you hit High St. Turn left on High. The Theatre is tucked in Pringle Park Plaza on the first floor, on the corner of Trade and High St. (By Car): Put your keys in your pocket and enjoy the three-minute stroll to the theatre.

Salem Center Movieland 7
501 Marion St. NE
Corner of Marion and High Streets
503-371-3456

Directions from Campus (On Foot): Go West on State St. to High St. Turn right on

High St., and proceed four blocks to Marion St. The theatre is on the corner. (By Car): From State St., go East to 12th St. and turn left. Go North on 12th until you reach Marion. Turn left on Marion. Continue on Marion until you reach Cottage St. The theatre entrance is a block further, but you may want to park in the Marion Parkade on Marion St. at Cottage St.

Santiam 11
365 Lancaster Dr. SE
503-371-3456

Directions from Campus: From State St. go East for 3-4 miles, passing I-5. Turn right on Lancaster Blvd. at the Seven-Eleven. Go South on Lancaster Blvd., then turn right just past the South Salem drive-in sign. The theatre has a large parking lot in front.

Lancaster Mall Cinema
365 Lancaster Dr.
503-371-3456

Directions from Campus: From State St. go East to 12th

St. and turn left. Proceed on 12th St. and turn right on Center St. at the Safeway. Go East on Center, crossing over I-5. The Lancaster Mall is directly on the left after the overpass. The theatre is on the North side of the mall.

The Collegian Recommends:

The Salem Cinema is the town's gem for independent, art and foreign film. They have one screen currently showing the British thriller *Sexy Beast* - it's worth a look.

For the more main stream viewer, the Santiam 11 is worth the drive for the largest and newest facility, with the best variety of shows and showtimes.

If you're on foot, the Salem Center 7 is a good bet (and has the best candy selection).

The Lancaster Mall quad is an older theatre, and is preferable if your group is looking to have the whole theatre to itself. One final tip: the mall isn't the best place to hang out after a late-night showing.

Happy movie watching!

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Do you need some excellent eats? Here are the Collegian favorites, in no particular order...

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<i>Muchas Gracias</i>
1412 Capitol St NE | Best Ethnic
<i>Macedonia</i>
189 Liberty NE |
| Best Place For A Date
<i>Thailand Restaurant</i>
176 Liberty NE | Best Sandwiches
<i>Croissant & Co.</i>
190 High SE |
| Best Family Place
<i>Olive Garden</i>
1302 Lancaster NE | Best Breakfast
<i>Cafe Today</i>
1244 State St |
| Best Vegetarian
<i>The Soup Cellar</i>
189 Liberty NE | Best Joint Within Walking Distance
<i>Thailand Restaurant</i>
176 Liberty NE |
| Best Coffee Shop
<i>Coffeehouse Cafe</i>
135 Liberty NE
and
<i>Governor's Cup</i>
471 Court NE | Best Dessert
<i>Konditorei</i>
310 Kearney St |
| Best Deal for Your Money
the lunch buffet at <i>India Palace</i>
377 Court NE | Best Steakhouse
<i>Outback Steakhouse</i>
2265 Lancaster NE |
| Best Place to Have a Party
<i>Red Robin</i>
3760 Center St NE | Salem's Best-kept Secret
<i>Off Center Cafe</i>
1741 Center NE |
| Best Atmosphere
<i>Straight From New York Pizza</i>
233 Liberty NE | Best Procrastination Destination
<i>Muchas Gracias</i>
1412 Capitol St NE |
| Best Fine Dining
<i>Davinci's</i>
180 High St SE | <i>Coffeehouse Cafe</i>
135 Liberty NE |
- Check your student handbook for more restaurant listings.*

'Good People' good writing

Thisbe Nissen's second publication is a universal story in an unique character.

By JULIE STEFAN
A&E EDITOR

I first found a book by Thisbe Nissen at Powell's in Portland. (Which is the most wonderful book store - I could spend all day there.) *Out of the Girls' Room and Into the Night* caught my attention and I loved it.

The second time I came across Thisbe Nissen's name was last spring. A poster in Eaton informed me that she would be reading at Reed College.

I showed up and talked to her afterwards, and was given a ton of advice about graduate programs and about writing itself.

How could I not buy her next novel, *The Good People of New York*, as soon as it came to Powell's?

The novel opens with Roz Rosenzweig and Edwin Anderson, a mismatched couple who quickly marry and have a daughter, Miranda.

As Miranda gets older, the narration shifts from Roz and becomes more focused on Miranda's life. We hear more of her voice as she explores one-sided and taboo relationships, friendships, and constantly fights Roz's fierce love for her.

What impresses me so much about Nissen's work is that it's senti-

mental without being cheesy, and her situations are familiar without being boring.

enough to make the connection, but not so much that it dominates her own creativity.

Nissen's timing is also perfect. She presents things in the story that become significant as soon as you forget them, and right when you should remember.

I don't like to try to figure out what happens in a story and would rather just let it unravel in front of me.

No guessing. I went right where Nissen wanted me to go.

Another cool thing about *The Good People of New York* is the breadth of time that is covered. We witness the family from Roz and Edwin's courtship through Miranda's first year of college.

Nissen was successful, though, in that we don't feel like we've missed anything.

The Anderson family isn't particularly unusual - there's divorce and mother/daughter clashing - but Miranda's voice is unique and Nissen is talented enough to make the voice effective.

Title: *The Good People of New York*

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Bearcats focused, ready

BY MIKE KIEFER
COPY EDITOR

With their first game against the Western Oregon Mountaineers just around the corner on Sept. 1, the Willamette Football Bearcats arrived to camp a week earlier than usual to prepare for their grueling schedule.

Coaches, players, and fans alike hope that the extra practice time and the new recruits will prove fruitful coming off last year's dismal 0-5 in-conference record, 3-7 overall record.

"We have had an excellent camp," said head Coach Mark Speckman, at the McCulloch Stadium on Monday. "We don't usually get a full week to concentrate on football without distractions from Opening Days. The preparation time is valuable for team chemistry."

In addition, the Bearcats' coaching staff said they see not only a smaller, more disciplined squad than they had last year at this time, but more energy and excitement in the players.

"They are hungry for opening day," Speckman said,

"there is no complacency or lack of focus in the team this year."

In these sweaty pre-season days of practice, the players also recognize a greater sense of purpose and direction in this year's camp.

Even the new recruits believe they have found themselves a place on the team.

"I feel welcome here. All of us were big shots in high school," said freshman linebacker Shaun Lavery on his way to practice Monday. "Now we are just one of the guys. But everyone contributes at practice and the leadership has been a big help."

A lot of that leadership comes from the skill positions and from senior Bucky Rivera, who returns for his second year at quarterback in 2001.

Despite a good year of recruiting at the position, Coach Speckman will leave last year's quarterback controversies behind the team.

"Bucky is the man with the most experience. He has taken the most snaps and he is the most comfortable in the

position," Speckman said. This year's recruiting was directed at the position in an effort to secure a replacement for when Rivera graduates this spring.

Junior Jason Rowton and sophomore Tyler Gaspard are in reserve if there is an injury.

Replacing the irreplaceable Andy Miguel, who graduated last year as the league leader in rushing, will be a host of backs and receivers with junior Greg Reed as the

standout at flanker.

Senior Damon Foreman will platoon with him at the position, and Coach Speckman believes they are prepared to step into Miguel's agile shoes.

Of course only time will tell whether this year's recruiting efforts and the extra time on the practice field will have an impact on the team's record this year.

Coach Speckman is the first to admit that the road

ahead will be rough if the team suffers the same losses to injury that it did last year.

He remains hopeful, but realistic.

"I don't know of any other team in the division that faces a tougher schedule than us," Speckman said.

"We are deeper than we were last year, but I have guys still healing from knee problems. There is no way to prepare for injuries. All you can do is hope for the best."



MIKE KIEFER

The Bearcat Football team prepares for the 2001 campaign at McCulloch Stadium.

FOOTBALL INFO

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

1	EASTERN OREGON	LA GRANDE, OR	1:30
8	CENTRAL WASHINGTON	HOME	1:30
15	WISCONSIN-STOUT	MENOMONIE, WIS	7:00
22	PUGET SOUND	TACOMA, WA	1:30
29	CHAPMAN	HOME	1:30

PRESEASON NWC COACHES' POLL

RANK	TEAM	(2000) OVERALL	(2000) NWC
1.	LINFIELD	9-1	5-0
2.	PACIFIC LUTHERAN	9-2	4-1
3.	WHITWORTH	6-3	3-2
4.	WILLAMETTE	3-7	0-5
5.	PUGET SOUND	5-4	2-3
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In upcoming weeks, we will preview the Bearcat Soccer and Cross Country teams, as well providing an informational guide on fall intramural athletics.

Volleyball gears up for season play

BY BEN STAFFORD
SPORTS EDITOR

Last year, a young Bearcat volleyball team finished sixth out of eight in the Northwest Conference, with a final record of 10-14.

This year, the Bearcats have been selected to again finish sixth in the preseason coaches' poll.

However, there are some key differences from last year's team.

In 2000, the Bearcats began the season with only two seniors on the seventeen-person roster.

The lack of experience hurt the team over the course of the year, as they faced some seasoned teams in the NWC.

Though the team again returns only two seniors, this is a much more veteran squad than last year's, retaining five juniors and seven sophomores.

The Bearcats return a talented middle, as well more experienced setters.

In addition, there are twelve new players trying out this season, a talented group that could have a huge impact on the team's fortune.

"We have a transfer who could turn the team around," Kelli Truax says, referring to junior Crystal DeMello.

Coach Marlene Piper

describes DeMello as an excellent right side player who possesses great confidence and a strong focus on teamwork.

Other players to watch for are freshmen setters Jodi Zaffino and Hannah Meisen-Vehrs, as well as freshman Kristin Halleck, a strong outside player.

The Salem high school volleyball community is apparently a good one, as both Halleck and DeMello are from in town.

The team hopes to continue utilizing this local pipeline of talent in years to come.

Senior Blair Hanson, who showed off a wicked spike at tryouts, brings an experienced presence to the team.

She and fellow senior Kelli Truax should provide good leadership for the younger players.

This combination of experience and young talent has the team very confident.

Coach Piper said that this is probably the best tryout she has seen in her eight years at Willamette, both in terms of energy and skill level.

Though the team is not yet in midseason form, practice has featured several long rallies and several impressive displays of athleticism.

Once final cuts are com-

pleted and team chemistry develops, this should be a very dangerous unit.

Despite all the positives for the Bearcats, they still face an uphill battle against some tough competition in the NWC.

Heading up the pack is the always-strong UPS, who finished last season 25-1 (16-0 in conference), eventually losing in the NCAA quarterfinals.

UPS returns 2000 NWC Player of the Year Karen

Elmgren.

Whitworth, which finished last season tied for second, returns all six of its starters.

Pacific Lutheran and Linfield round out the top four in the coaches' poll.

Yet the Bearcats believe they can compete at a higher level than their preseason ranking suggests.

"The goal is to win league and make it to regionals," Truax said.

Coach Piper added,

"Anything is possible at the start of the season."

Though the road will be long and difficult, the Bearcats believe their young, energetic team can challenge the best that the NWC has to offer.

"I think we'll surprise some teams," Truax said.

The Bearcats play in Cone Fieldhouse at the Sparks Center, and would love the support of a loud and enthusiastic home crowd.



BEN STAFFORD

Seniors Kelli Truax (left front) and Blair Hanson (right front) anchor a young team.

VOLLEYBALL			
AUGUST SCHEDULE			
31	EASTERN OREGON	HOME	7:00
SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE			
12	CSU-HAYWARD	HOME	7:00
14	WHITWORTH	HOME	7:00
15	WHITMAN	HOME	2:00
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5.	WHITMAN	17-10	8-8
6.	WILLAMETTE	10-14	7-9
7.	GEORGE FOX	7-15	5-11
8.	LEWIS & CLARK	2-18	2-14
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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: WHAT DOES CAMPUS SAFETY DO?

Each week, *Campus Safety and the Collegian* present the *Campus Safety Report*, which summarizes *Campus Safety's* weekly activities. This week, the *Collegian* instead presents a report on *Campus Safety services*.

By **ROBERT VENEMAN-HUGHES**
NEWS EDITOR

Incoming freshmen often have problems looking past the stereotypes of *Campus Safety*. Indeed the average freshman's only contact with *Campus Safety* in the first few weeks of school is at the breakup of one of the many back-to-school parties on campus.

However, the red-clad *Campus Safety* officers do a lot more than just enforce Willamette's disciplinary policies.

David Sasser, *Campus Safety's* new *Safety*

Information Coordinator, explained that *Campus Safety's* mission is reflected in its name: *Campus Safety* makes keeping the members of the *Willamette Community* safe its first priority.

"You can replace stuff," Sasser said, "but you can't replace people."

One important but often overlooked *Campus Safety* service is to provide student escorts after dark or in potentially dangerous situations.

When a student calls *Campus Safety* at x6911 and requests an escort, a *Campus Safety* officer will respond and transport the student safely to his or her destination.

Many students aren't aware that the escort service, which is normally available on campus after dark, will be extended during the day or off-campus if the student feels threatened.

In general, Sasser explained, *Campus Safety* is willing to do whatever it can to protect the stu-

dent body.

Another important safety service provided by *Campus Safety* are welfare checks.

A welfare check is initiated when a parent or student is concerned about a member of the campus community, such as when a roommate has disappeared or a student has not shown up for an appointment. When the concern is registered with *Campus Safety*, officers then begin a search for the student to ascertain their health and safety.

Finally, *Campus Safety* coordinates with WEMS, or *Willamette Emergency Medical Services*, to respond to emergency medical situations.

All *Campus Safety* officers are CPR and First Aid certified, and Senior Officer Steve Tuthill is also EMT trained.

Campus Safety can be reached at any time by calling x6911; during the day, there is at least one officer on duty, and after dark, at least two.

Campus Safety Services

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- ♦ unlocking vehicles
- ♦ medical emergency with WEMS
- ♦ alarm response
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