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## ASWU campaign starts



ASWU Candidates (from top left), Angela Smith, Jeremiah Patterson, Erik Van Hagen, Nathan Springer, Tim Beggs, LaKisha Clark (from bottom left), Adam Brown, Erik Larson, Dustin Buehler, and Erik Fast participated in a campaign forum Wednesday night in Baxter.

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## Commencement speaker decided

**Congressman Bob Smith will send the class of 1998 into the "real world," but some are not pleased.**

by Sarah Slothower  
Staff Writer

The administration decided this week that Republican Congressman Robert Smith will speak at this year's commencement. Smith, a 1953 graduate of Willamette, has more than three decades of political experience.

In 1960, he was elected to the Oregon State House of Representatives, then, in 1973, to the Oregon State Senate. Smith was selected Senate Republican Leader in 1977, and then elected to Congress in 1982 to represent Oregon's second congressional district. Currently, Smith serves as Chairman of the House

Committee on Agriculture.

Some seniors have voiced concerns about this year's selection. Brooke Borders, senior, complained that, "It's ludicrous that students aren't involved in the selection process."

Borders says that over the last four years speakers have been getting progressively worse. "Smith doesn't represent the views of Willamette students or most Oregonians."

Smith's voting record reflects Eastern Oregon's conservatism. As Chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Smith works to protect America's agricultural-based economy. Smith believes that environmental protection should be balanced with the need for jobs,

roads, and housing. He has concentrated on finding a solution to Oregon's timber debate which he feels continues to threaten the livelihood of thousands of Oregonians.

Bob Smith is a self-proclaimed outdoorsman from the high desert region of Eastern Oregon. As a businessman and successful cattle rancher, he maintains homes in Medford and Burns.

For being the commencement speaker, Bob Smith will receive an honorary degree from the University.



Past speakers have included a former president of AT&T, the conductor of the Oregon Symphony, Jerry Hudson (1997), John Kitzhaber, and, most notably, author Ken Kesey.

## McPherson: "Was Blood Thicker Than Water?"

**James McPherson examines the ethnic and civil conflicts within the bloodiest war ever fought on American soil.**

by Chrissy Wade  
Staff Writer

Approximately 800 people filled Smith Auditorium on Monday evening to listen to renowned historian and Civil War expert James McPherson. The lecture, entitled "Was Blood Thicker than Water? Ethnic vs. Civil Nationalism in the Civil War," focused on the underlying conflicts between the Union and the Confederacy.

McPherson was introduced by President Johnston as "a man who knows what he likes and sticks to it." McPherson began his speech with the question that faced Lincoln - which nation should the government support?

McPherson discussed the two sides to the conflict, and the supporters of each side. He said that there were two types of nationalisms present during the civil war that still play a role in society today: ethnic nationalism and civic nationalism. He went on to define each term, and discuss how each applied to the Civil War.

McPherson said that ethnic, not civic, nationalism was the

greatest factor in the war. He quoted a Civil War era magazine from the South which said that the South was seceding due to "irreconcilable ethnic differences between the North and South." McPherson also showed how the terms "Yankee," "trader," and "rebel" became ethnic slurs during the war.

Finally, McPherson gave examples of civic nationalism from the war, and discussed how they played a role in the fight. He said that the Gettysburg Address given by Lincoln was the "best show of civic nationalism." The speech called people to "dedicate themselves" and to ensure that a government "for the people, by the people" would not perish.

McPherson ended noting that the fight between civic and ethnic nationalism is still going. He cited ensuing battles such as the break up of Yugoslavia, the fighting in Bosnia, and the struggles in Poland.

McPherson's knowledge on the war was evident. McPherson received his B.A. in 1958, graduating magna cum laude, and his Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University in 1963, with highest distinction.

He wrote the Pulitzer Prize winning book *Battle Cry of Freedom* in 1988, and is also the author of over 80 reviews in various professional journals, including the *New York Times Book Review* and *Atlantic Monthly*.

McPherson is currently the George Henry Davis Professor of American History at Princeton University, where he has taught since 1962.

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## Safety Watch

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### Burglary

April 1, 10:20 a.m. (Doney Hall) - A student reported that someone stole the microwave from the third floor kitchenette.

### Criminal Mischief

March 30, 7:20 a.m. (Japanese Garden) - While on patrol an officer noticed that someone spray painted graffiti on the wall next to the bench.

March 30, 11:25 a.m. (Executive Building) - Campus Safety received a report of BB holes in some of the windows in the building. An officer responded to investigate and found three windows to have been damaged by what was apparently a BB gun.

March 31, 3:00 p.m. (Kappa Sigma) - Campus Safety received a report that a window screen on the lower floor of the building had been damaged. An officer investigated and found that the screen had been peeled back from the frame.

April 3, 2:15 a.m. (Smullin Hall) - Campus Safety received a call regarding damage to a wall near room 129. Officers responded and spoke to an employee who reported that two males had thrown chairs and a table, damaging the wall. The employee was unable to identify either subject.

April 4, 1:14 a.m. (Matthews Hall) - A student reported that someone had discharged a fire extinguisher on the second floor of the hall. Officers investigated and found extinguisher residue on the entire floor. Officers questioned students on the floor and in the area but were unable to determine who was to blame for the incident.

### Criminal Trespass

April 3, 11:28 p.m. (Sparks Lot) - While on patrol officers noticed an individual walking through campus. Officers contacted the individual and advised him to exit campus immediately. The individual received a written trespass warning from the officers and was told that he would be arrested if he returned.

April 2, 11:27 a.m. (Matthews

Lot) - While on patrol an officer observed an individual who had banned from campus. The officer attempted to contact the individual who tried to leave the area. The officer was forced to pepper spray the individual so the arrest could be made.

### Emergency Medical Aid

April 1, 4:52 p.m. (University Center) - Campus Safety received a call for medical aid for a student who had injured her hand. An officer dispatched WEMS, who also responded to the scene. The student was treated and released after being evaluated.

### Theft

March 29, 2:40 p.m. (Lausanne Hall) - A student reported that his seat and front wheel had been stolen from his bicycle. The bike had been locked in the basement of the building.

April 1, 3:30 p.m. (Sparks Center) - A student reported that he left his bicycle in a hallway in the building and when he returned the bike was stolen.

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## Graduation Workers

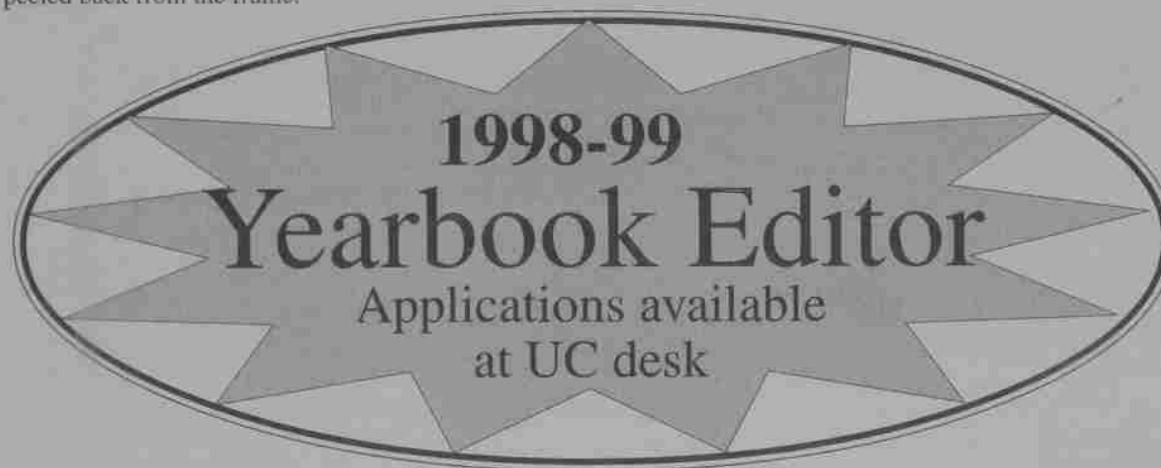
Starting immediately, Tony Noble is hiring students to work at commencement (May 13-17). Some positions will be responsible for setup as early as the 13th. The pay is \$6/hr and is one of the few ways students (not seniors) can stay in their room on campus after finals. Students interested in working should contact Tony Noble at tnoble or 6070 or in the UC.

## Class advising begins

The academic advising period for Fall '98 will run from the 6-15 of April. The Registrars office is trying a new technique this year to try to ensure that enough classes are available to students. The registrars office will have ten days to collect the registration card attachments and decide whether to open new course sections. Complaints have arisen in the past when faculty was caught with less than half the available classes from student interest. Registration will start at 8am Saturday April 25th.

## Kiddie Easter egg hunt

On Sunday April 12th, ASWU has invited local children to an Easter egg hunt on campus. Other events will include face painting, Origami, magic, and games. Please don't pick up Easter eggs if you have passed elementary school. To help out, contact the ASWU office.



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# National Day of Silence promotes awareness

**Participants wanted to shock people out of their comfort zones, yet some thought the event was too tame.**

by Autumn Bracamonte  
Staff Writer



The National Day of Silence, sponsored by the Willamette gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender alliance, was held Wednesday from 8AM to 5PM. Participants in the event wore buttons signifying their support of the event and took a vow of silence for the length of the event.

Instead of communicating by mouth, participants passed out cards that read "Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights. People who are silent today believe that laws and attitudes should be inclusive of people of all sexual orientations. The Day of Silence is to draw attention to those who have been silenced by hatred, oppression, and prejudice. Think about the voices you are not hearing. What can we do to end the silence?"

This is the first year the National Day of Silence has been held at Willamette. The purpose of the

event is to create awareness about homophobia and discrimination in society and, hopefully, to cause people to think about these issues.

Willamette decided to bring the event to campus after members of the alliance spotted facts about the National Day of Silence on the internet early last semester. The Day of Silence was started by Maria Pulzetti and Jessie Gilliam, students of the University of Virginia.

The event was a huge success. This year, 174 colleges nationwide

participated. It is the largest national youth-organized lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender awareness event. Willamette is hoping for the same success in order to make the National Day of Silence a tradition on campus.

At the finish of the vow of silence taken by participants, there was a reading of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender authors in the Bistro, called "Breaking the Silence."

The reading featured three stu-

dent readers who read pieces of their choice about the silence experienced by homophobia. Kristina Hujak, one student reader, chose a piece by Marie Howe entitled "Practicing." Hujak enjoyed her experience while participating in the 9 hour silence, and her selected reading reflected her feelings.

"This day proved a point. The vow of silence gave me a chance to feel the frustration of not being able to say what you want, to keep secrets," said Hujak. "I chose to read

"Practicing" because it emphasizes how underground and hushed the experience of discovering one's sexuality can be."

Other spectators of Breaking the Silence were a little disappointed in the event. Two law students, who were not even aware of the event, suggested a few improvements.

"I was an under grad at the University of Arizona. Our school covered up all the art on campus and spray painted "National Day of Silence" across the art," said one law student. "It was a visual aspect to trigger curiosity."

Another law student thought that the students of Willamette University are crying out to do something more dramatic. She suggested holding an event during lunch involving homosexuals and heterosexuals holding hands and showing affection in public.

As for the overall success of the National Day of Silence, student Brian Kennedy was just happy that no one was throwing bottles, and he hoped the event did open a few eyes on the issue.

"I think it was a good chance for things to be heard that aren't commonly heard on this campus," said Kennedy. "I hope people were offended because it is too easy to stay in your comfort zone here. It's good for people to get shocked now and then."

## Bureau of Consular Affairs warns students studying abroad

by Dan Rivas  
Staff Writer

**Be careful when traveling abroad says a recent press release aimed at curbing overseas arrests.**

In a recent press release issued by the US Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs, officials warned students who are going overseas to be careful and to keep their noses clean.

According to recent statistics, 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad each year. One-third of those arrests are drug re-

lated, and in some of those cases, the person had less than a third of an ounce of marijuana in his or her possession.

The Department of State offers this sobering warning, "Unlike the United States, few countries believe 'you are innocent until proven guilty.' The truth is that Americans suspected of drug violations can face severe penalties, even the death penalty, in some foreign countries."

The press release goes on to say, "Once you leave US soil, US laws and constitutional right no longer apply. US consular officers can visit jailed Americans to see that they are being fairly and humanely treated, but cannot get them out of jail or intervene in a foreign country's legal system on their behalf."

So what does the Department of State recommend students

abroad do? First of all, and obviously, don't bring drugs into other countries.

Second, many students are arrested for unruly behavior after consuming alcohol. Students have and will be arrested for disturbing the peace, public drunkenness or any other destructive behavior associated with alcohol.

Also, the statement warns students not to do favors for a stranger. Some common examples are taking a suitcase or driving a car across a border. Often foreigners are used to smuggle drugs across the border.

In short, the Bureau of Consular Affairs reminds students that there are consequences for illegal actions and the United States Government can't protect them.



Floyd Phillips, comedian, tells jokes and makes fun of racial differences at last Friday's Celebration of Color



## The Profiled Professor

### Sharon Rose

by Alexandra Drexler  
Staff Writer

At 6 am, a time most of us rarely see, there is a lone runner striding through Minto Brown Island Park in Salem.

This runner, Professor Sharon Rose, is a biology professor in the Olin Science Center.

She has been a runner since 1969, when women's running shoes were virtually nonexistent and the rare woman runner was forced to buy boys shoes.

Her love for running has helped her find a love for Salem and Oregon because it has so many nice places in which to run.

Rose received her undergraduate degree from California State University at Long Beach in Biology, and went on to get her masters in the same subject from CSU Humboldt.

She then moved to Corvallis where she received her Ph.D. in

Soil Microbiology from OSU.

After a two year Post-Doctorate research effort, she moved to Fort Collins Colorado and Colorado State University where she taught microbiology for three years.

In 1988, Rose returned to Oregon and began teaching for WU. Her love for Oregon stems from the simple fact that, "it is not LA," where she was born, raised, and lived for 25 years.

During the past ten years at Willamette, she has seen many things change. The Olin Science Center was built and is a much better facility than Collins for both students and faculty.

Also, over the past ten years, the number of biology majors has

steadily increased.

Rose believes that her most recent students are a lot stronger than those of the past. "What I enjoy here is the cooperation of students. I enjoy personally being a part of that," she commented.

Her future goals at Willamette include being part of the implementation of the Bachelor of Arts degree in CLA.

This past year she was the chair of the Academic Council and will fill that position again next year.

Besides her Willamette life and her running, Professor Rose is also an avid reader; she loves literature about World War I.

She also enjoys gardening in her

yard and being outdoors.

To her, Willamette is a great place, and she has wonderful colleagues. Willamette fits her well and she plans stay.

Rose wishes Willamette students would all take more time to explore other disciplines and to take advantage of all opportunities given to us while we are at Willamette.

Freshman

Jason Niedermeyer remarked, "Professor Rose is a phenomenal lady and teacher. She knows more about biology than Bill Clinton does about



Sharon Rose is a biology professor, a runner and a chair of the Academic Council. She has seen many changes in Willamette's biology program and it's students in her time here.

philandering. Sometimes I wonder if I would learn any more from Charles Darwin himself."

## Nicaragua's people and policy: a spring break experience

**Freshman Colleen Chrisinger, who spent her spring break in Nicaragua, shares her experience**

by Colleen Chrisinger  
Contributor

What do meetings with activists and clergy, learning about the devastating policies of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF), milking cows and making tortillas have in common? My trip to Nicaragua during Spring Break.

I went to Nicaragua as a short term delegate for an organization called Witness for Peace, which seeks to promote economic justice and human rights in Central America and the Caribbean by influencing the policies of the U.S. government.

I spent four days in Managua in meetings and orientation sessions to learn about the current crisis in Nicaragua.

Although the war of the past decade is over and most people no longer fear ambushes and bullets, they now find themselves in a more subtle, economic struggle for basic needs such as food, shelter, and health care.

The country has a tremendous national debt, so high that many experts consider it unpayable.

The World Bank and IMF also forced Nicaragua to undergo a program of structural adjustment, which prompted the government to reduce spending on health care and education and to reduce protective tariffs on exports.

The goal is to bring more money to the country so it can repay its loans, but the result is an increase in the number of workers employed in sweat shops and coffee plantations, which has terrible consequences for workers rights and the environment.

Since other developing nations are also seeking to attract transnational corporations, much of Central America is sacrificing environmental and labor standards in a race to the bottom.

Knowing all of that, my group

set off for a small town called El Aguacate, where we were assigned in pairs to live with a family for five days.

The community members were not concerned with sweat shops or environmental regulations, but they were painfully aware of limitations in education and health care.

One person told me that the government did essentially nothing for the community, and that the only real help they received was from a religious organization called CEPAD.

Residents said that if someone in El Aguacate contracts a serious illness, it is very likely that he or she will die.

The community's ability to cope with such a dire situation impressed me.

Even though they had not had a good harvest in several years and some were not likely to send their children

even to high school, they were still willing to hope, to smile, and to open their homes to guests from one of the countries that oppress Nicaragua the most.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to spend my Spring Break in Nicaragua and would highly recommend this type of trip to anyone considering it.

Furthermore, I encourage you to participate in the global struggle for peace and justice in any way you can.

A good way to begin is by writ-

ing to members of Congress or by reading about the work of Witness for Peace on their web site at [www.w4peace.org/wfp](http://www.w4peace.org/wfp).

Finally, remember to be grateful for all that you have, to know that much of our wealth comes from people in third world nations, and to use your power to the fullest to stand up for those who have less influence over their governments than you do.



A meeting with members of the women's group in El Aguacate. The group was supported and trained by CEPAD.



# West side story gets mixed reviews

by Lissy Galton, Alexandra  
Drexler and Ellie Bayrd  
Staff Writers

The Willamette University Musical Theatre presented West Side Story to the students and members of the Salem community last weekend.

The production was held in Smith Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Attendance for the event totaled over 1,800 for student tickets, and 2,000 for adult/miscellaneous tickets.

The event was produced and

"With the little time the students had to prepare for the play, including sets, choreography and working with actors, I'd have to say everyone made a positive effort"

"I think they could have spiced up the accents a little and the choreography could have used a little more practice."

"There were a lot of talented performers out on stage."

"The excellent costumes and the exciting choreography made for an overall enjoyable experience"

"The second night was better than the first. It was as if one night of 'practice' performance prepared them for Saturday."

"Doc scared me."

"I think it kicked\*▲\*."

-Salem resident Keith Neff.

-Freshman Sara Brown.

-Freshman Lyndsay Wolf

-Sophomore Michael Nelson.

-Roxana Orlando of Kaiser

-Freshman Kris Solberg

-Sophomore Nick Eby.

Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks was played by freshman Alejandro Gutierrez. The leader of the Jets, Riff, was played by junior Scott Mahon.

The production, in concept, was not unlike the movie by Jerome Robbins. The cast members opted for a 50's attitude and some adopted Puerto Rican accents.

The dances and songs closely resembled those from the movie as well.

The set was very simple. One side contained a representative portion of a bridal shop and Maria's room, and the other side showed Doc's, the hangout.

The pit band, directed by Daniel Rouslin, played all the beloved tunes written by Leonard Bernstein.

Many audience members left happy, singing the well known tunes from the production: "America," "Tonight," and "I feel pretty."

directed by Valerie McIntosh, and it was choreographed by Rebekah Ann

Kaleiouluihi Stewart.

The musical is a parallel to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, but set in the 1950s with gangs replacing the feuding families of Shakespeare's classic.

The story still follows the star-crossed lovers, however. West Side Story's two lovers with ties to rival

gangs, Tony and Maria, were played by J.J. McKenna and Marika Paez.

Tony and Maria cannot be together because of the rivalry between their gangs, the Jets and Sharks.

The play focuses on this rivalry in the first half as the leaders prepare for a 'rumble.'



Dan Rouslin (left) conducts the pit orchestra through Bernstein's challenging music. Jets and Sharks dance to the Mambo (right). Willamette's talented actors, actresses, singers and dancers joined force to form the production West Side Story last weekend



## Outdoors club offers spring adventures

by Eddy Abel  
Staff Writer

At a school like Willamette, it often becomes important for students to schedule homework-free time for themselves, allowing them to get away from the many stresses of student life for a while.

The Willamette Outdoors Club here at Willamette focuses on these kind of study-free escapes by offering a plethora of different opportunities to students who are interested in getting out into the great wide open beyond 'The Bubble.'

This month, the student club is planning weekend trips including rock climbing at Smith Rock

in eastern Oregon, bike riding in the Salem area, a day hike at the Columbia Gorge, and a few other short weekend outings for day hikes and bike riding. Their goal: to try and get a variety of people off campus and into the outdoors.

Judging from the membership numbers, they have been successful. Ken Duncan, a junior at Willamette and the Outdoors Club Trip Coordinator and President, said that participation this year has 'really picked up.' "Last year we had a bit of trouble, because we had only about 60 members, but this year we have close to 200."

He added that the number of people participating in different trips this year also increased, and

now they send groups out almost every weekend.

He sees it as "a good way to get off-campus if you don't have a car. You can't stay in all the time. I'd go nuts."

The increase in participants this year could be due to a slight structural reorganization that took place before the 1997-98 school year, which resulted in the addition of a part-time, paid administrator for the club.

Jason Ashley, who also is currently in charge of the intramural program at Willamette, took the place of Bruce Arnold, also WU faculty, who had volunteered his time for the Outdoors Club in the past. Now they are able to plan and execute a higher number of



Outdoors club members doing something outdoorsy.

weekend trips.

The trips, however, are administered and run by individual members of the club who are able to lead their own outings based

on experience in that area. Trips in the past have included a 120 mile bike ride to Lincoln City and back, many trips to the Columbia

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## Editorials

### Open Season

The change of the clock, the chirps of birds, the sun fighting the clouds, and the overly aggressive squirrels all mean spring is here once again.

Spring brings new life to nature, including a new flock of ducklings to the Mill Stream. It looks as though Willamette students were not the only ones busy over spring break. There are two new flocks of young ducklings paddling around the stream and struggling to stay with mama duck. One is a huge flock of around 18, although many have counted a different number, and the other group is about 5. The two flocks are the popular attraction on Willamette campus, and have caused quite a stir. Many at Goudy use their time to watch nature's best.

So watch your step, and beware of little ducklings crossing the path.

### Use the Force

On Monday and Tuesday, the student polls will be open. You will have the power to elect the ASWU Cabinet and decide if three Amendments are passed.

Use your right as a student to vote, but first get informed.

Yes, voting is important, but voting just to vote doesn't do much good.

Learn about the candidates and the Amendments and use your knowledge to make the right decision.

Use your power to vote, but don't make a hap hazard vote, make an intelligent one.

## Shut the students up

In an age where the term "user friendly" has become the bible of business and industry, Willamette has nobly withstood such revolutionary ideas like 24 hour service, student empowerment, open communication, and campus diversity.

The most recent form of ridiculous student idealism has pronounced itself in an outcry for "community." A section of campus, suffering from the same drug induced hallucination, have claimed that college should be and once was a community of students, faculty and staff, who shared and debated ideas and opinions in an environment that promoted respect, knowledge, and communication. Obviously, what these students actually want is a place where they can do whatever drugs and acts of perversion they wish without being scolded. This isn't the '60's but some college hippies still think they can smoke marijuana while describing how awesome Hendrix sounds and call it education.

Well this isn't the summer of love! It's 1998 and about high time students realized what the real world is all about: work and loneliness. In the "real world," people are expected to work overtime, eat, and sleep. College should differ from this as little as possible. Bosses don't discuss ideas or listen to worker input. Professors and administrators shouldn't either. Assignments should be handed to students collected and graded, in truest bureaucratic form. Administra-

tive policy should be handed down like the Ten Commandments.

Let's forget this babying of students by the faculty. Helping students with material only makes the students dependant on the faculty, and they lose any ability to complete projects on their own. Meetings and discussions with students outside class are a waste of student time that would be better served in the library. Office hours should be kept to the minimum to avoid any unnecessary feedback. Faculty shouldn't have to dine with students, or greet students on campus. Student should bow down to faculty as they pass, like Romans kneeling to Caesar as he approaches. These overdosed students seem to forget

#### Staff Editorial

Dan  
that they are here for the professors, to help them in labs, to be subjects for research studies, and to practice doctorate presentations on.

Willamette administrators, luckily, have held up better to the subversive activities of this liberal counter-culture. They have delt stealthily and outsmarted the foolish students begging for input and co-operative decision making. A quick promise of the latest buzz word and the rabble is sedated. The fickle 20 year olds lose track of ideas faster than they can create them out of acid trips. Students don't have the intelligence to make administrative de-

cisions. If they did, they'd have a degree like WU's staff. For example, the frat boys were all too drunk to remember that they were promised a hand in choosing their own University Representatives. Residence Life brilliantly bypassed the problem by appointing U.R.s without even notifying the drunken slob until the decisions were final.

Still more brilliant has been the ability to turn the rabble against each other. An enemy divided is far easier to control and coquer. Students now face their peers as their own prosecutors. Not even RA's are a match for squeemish students, created by an environment without open communication, reporting their neighbors for violations. The University wisely placed substance free dorms in the middle four fraternities. It has created an environment of fear, the stereo-types of the drunken partiers and religious zealots keeps either side from talking to each other in social situations.

Still, some idealists are trying to promote this "community" after all of the universities tireless work to suppress such foolish notions. Now is the time to stike back, to vote against ASWU candidates with idealistic notions—or would voting be an act of community?

### Letters to the Editor



### Campus Safety

To the Editor:

This year, there have been several commentaries published in The Collegian on the quality of service that Campus Safety provides and the nature and behaviour of the officers. It seems to me that most, if not all of the pieces that I have read, have been negative and critical. I believe that some of the writers criticizing Campus Safety and/or the officers have good reason to be upset, but I do not think that the campus as a whole gives Campus Safety enough credit for the good that they perform.

The officers of Campus

Safety carry out numerous duties each day and night that ensure the tranquility of our community. They are responsible for items as serious as removing dangerous and mentally ill people from our campus, just as they must deal with minor issues such as ticketing cars. On a given day, the two Campus Safety officers on duty must take care of emergencies that go completely unnoticed by the majority of campus (i.e. fire alarms, thefts, sick or injured students or professors, stalkers, and suspicious individuals), as well as the small problems that we bring to their attention (i.e. parking tickets, room lock-outs, and lost possessions). It is unfortunate that some students and professors are so self-absorbed that they will not stop for one minute to think of the good that is brought about by Campus Safety. It is also sad that so many people in the Willamette community consider their problems to be number one priority when they do not think

about how many serious incidents could and do occur in one day. We must also remember that officers are on duty 24/7, but that there are only two of them on duty at once. There are over 1,600 of us.

My advice to those students and others who have problems with Campus Safety is this: If you have a problem, be patient. The officers tend to be more friendly to those who do so. If you get caught doing something you should not be doing, don't talk back or pretend that it wasn't your fault; all that will do is get you into more trouble. Besides, you are the only one who can choose your activities and you are responsible for those choices.

The officers are generally nice people who care about the W.U. community. I am not saying that the officers are always going to be nice, or that they are never out of line, but it is necessary for us to take responsibility for our own behaviours and not blame the offi-

ers for the things that we choose to do that get us in trouble. If we want the officers of Campus Safety to spend most of their time watching over our cars or taking care of our problems, we must be responsible enough to adhere to the policies and standards of conduct expected of us. The more time the officers have to spend baby-sitting us, the less time they have to patrol the parking lots and deal with our daily qualms.

Piper Gump

### Thanks SAE

Mrs. Maddy's third graders at Bush School would like to thank the men of Sigma Alpha Epsilon for the generous donation of money and time to them this year.

The SAEs rented the YWCA

pool for an hour each month and provided chaperones so the students who met their reading goal for the month (in our "Take the Plunge" read at home program) were rewarded with a recreational swim. The men also donated their time as math and reading tutors in our "Partners in Literacy" program, providing one on one assistance for our young learners.

Additionally, they have assisted in chaperoning trips to the Oregon Youth Symphony and the Bush Barn Elementary Art Show.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon has shown great community spirit by their commitment to my third graders. Thank you, SAE, for not caring where are children come from, but where they are going. You've been great role models.

Linda Maddy



# Students say Mr. Smith should stay in Washington

Without any input from graduating seniors, President Johnston, his cohort of Vice-Presidents, and the Deans chose Rep. Bob Smith to be the 1998 Commencement speaker. You know, the Bob Smith who gave us Wes Cooley and the Salvage Rider.

Bob Smith, the congressman who supports censorship of the arts. Bob Smith, the chair of the agricultural committee who gets most of his campaign funds from agri-business and the forest products industry. The man who got a 6% rating by the League of Conservation Voters. The man who voted to move most of the county's nuclear waste to underground storage over the largest aquifer in Nevada. The man who wants to allow corporations from foreign countries to commercially extract resources from tax-payer owned land at our expense.

Needless to say, Smith does not represent the interests of a cross section of graduating Willamette seniors. Which is

really not surprising, since no graduating seniors were asked to be involved with the selection process.

The administration at Willamette has demonstrated a pattern of categorically ignoring student input on the most important issues. So, it is fitting that in the moment of climax of our participation within the so-called Willamette "community" that the commencement speaker, representing the oppressive establishment, speak to a group of motivated and idealistic iconoclasts.

Ken Nolly, an Assistant to the President, listed reasons why that Smith was selected. First, because he is on the Board of Trustees. Oh, you mean that rich, arrogant, homophobic, fascist, controlling old boy's club? You think that we want to hear from Heritage Foundation types who have ripped their positions of power and influence from the destruction of the ancient forests, from polluting rivers and ground water, from eroding the most productive topsoil in the world, from busting la-

bor unions fighting for decent working conditions?

Nolly's second reason was that Smith has been prominent in politics in Oregon, and since this is his final year in the House of Representatives, a commencement address would be a fitting swan song. Ah, Mr. Nolly, Mr. Tennen, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Hardin, and others, I'm sure that is exactly how Smith is thinking about this opportunity. However, I can promise you that the graduating seniors will not afford him this chance. If

you counted on the tradition of apathy within the student body to acquiesce to this choice, you have pressed your luck. Smith will not feel welcome here and by the time he leaves, the only thought in his dizzied, whiplashed mind will be that he wished that he had not come.

Willamette's promise to me when I came here was that I would be prompted to become a critically thinking human being. And in spite of an institution that stifles creativity and pro-

motes students to emulate elitists like Smith. I like to believe that I have. Nolly's other major argument for inviting Smith to speak was that he is an alumni. So was Alex Mandel, a rapacious business man who spoke at the 1996 graduation. Mandel was responsible for firing 40,000 employees of AT&T and for covering up environmental disasters when he was the CEO of a railroad company. These are the alumni to which Willamette wants us to aspire?

It is my feeling, and the feelings of many within the graduating class, that Smith, Hatfield, Packwood, and Mandel represent a Willamette tradition of which we have worked hard to distance ourselves. We certainly don't want Smith to be the keynote speaker at OUR celebration of our dedication and struggle. We will do everything within our power to prevent Smith from speaking. If he does take the stage, it will be to a hostile audience with a few tricks up its collective sleeve.

## Young Guns

"Family values." Mostly a phrase that right wing politicians use in campaigns to garner support from people who want to return to the way things were when everybody had two kids and a golden retriever. Family values comes to mind recently as a result of the massacre in Arkansas. Such a thing. Kids killing, not because of a gang grudge or a racial tension, not that these are acceptable reasons, but because they didn't like some girls. Just didn't like them. Now five are dead and how many wounded? A pregnant teacher jumped in the line of fire and was killed. My God.

Could this be a not-so-subtle sign that something is missing in the lives of the young? Although crime has decreased in general in the United States, violent crimes have not. In addition, violent crimes among people under eighteen years of age has skyrocketed. Why? I suggest it is a result not of a lack of family values, rather a lack of role models of value. The day of the nuclear family has vanished almost at the same time the nuclear age has been ushered in. Divorce is common. Sometimes kids have two parents of the same sex. Sometimes one parent. This is not bad, as long as the role model is a good one. The nineties have been turbulent, and the ones feeling it hardest are the children. Guns in schools. Growing gang membership.

The solution is not a harkening back to the days of the Cleavers, but an approach outside of a family unit that more often than not isn't getting it done. The nineties, and soon the beginning of the new millennium, is the time of the youth programs. Sports is already a way kids can find solace from whatever stresses exist in an increasingly unfriendly world, but they aren't enough. Organizations like 4H, Campfire, Boy and

Girl Scouts, Outward Bound, and religious youth groups are also fighting the good fight, but it is obvious that their significant contribution is also not quite fulfilling the increasing need. What is it then? Volunteers? That will do neither. Most of the organizations above exist mainly as a result of volunteer support, and though every one of those volunteers deserves our hearty thanks, there are still children aiming guns at other children. We can't just tell parents to be better parents. Unless we start having parenting classes and begin issuing parent licenses, which by the way, is a good idea. Why do you need a license to drive, but not to be in charge of a new life for eighteen years? The argument would be that you affect others when you drive. If you don't think shaky upbringings affect others, talk to the husband of the dead pregnant woman.

It is clear that support has to come from the governmental level. Funding for children and programs dealing with children needs to be doubled. Tripled. Community centers, outdoor programs, funding for schools, basically anything that helps kids needs more help. I recently attended the OLAPC job fair. The organizations in the public sector, especially those nonprofit based were manned by haggard, underpaid careworn people offering pittance for hard work. The private corporations were populated by clean cut yuppies in power suits offering sometimes forty grand for entry-level positions. Anyone want to do the math?

Everyone from Clinton on down needs to recognize that the Arkansas massacres were not done by someone like the unbomber. That was a twelve-year-old with a rifle. He was born in 1986. He was TWELVE. That kid and his friend took lives. This is a signal flare from this nation's youth. They need help in a big way, or next time it will be a seven year old with a grenade, and it will be twenty killed. It is clear.

Help the children. Help them.

### Blind sided

Josh Holland

### Capt. Sargasso's Log

Jeremy Hall

## Vote yes to revise the Constitution

Last week the ASWU Senate approved legislation that will enhance the student government. This legislation will now be passed on to the student body, via referendum, for approval. I urge the students of Willamette to vote YES for this legislation. The ASWU President, the Speaker of Senate, and several senators representing many aspects of campus spent several months creating these Constitutional revisions for your approval and benefit.

Senate Bill 979815 is legislation that will revise the current student body constitution and promote efficient student government. If passed by the student body during next week's ASWU elections, the following changes will occur:

1. The ASWU executive offices will be restructured and enhanced to include the new office of Vice President of the Executive. Currently the Vice President is responsible for organizing and conducting programming activities on campus. In the current Constitution, the VP (in charge of activities) would become President in the absence of the President. The current VP is elected for his/her programming abilities, not student representative duties. If the revisions to the Constitution are approved, the addition of the office of the Vice President of the Executive will alleviate this problem and assume the office of President if the President is incapacitated to fulfill his or her duties.
2. The current office of VP will be renamed Vice President of Programming.
3. The current office of Secretary will be renamed Vice President of Administration.
4. The current office of Treas-

### Staff Opinion

Gar Willoughby

urer will be renamed Vice President of Finances. The office of President will remain relatively unchanged. The offices of Vice President of Programming, Administration, and Finances will also remain relatively unchanged with the exception of name changes.

The newly created office of Vice President to the Executive will work with the President to assume the duties of the President in his/her temporary absence, be responsible for any duties that

the President deems necessary, oversee all ASWU ad-hoc committees, and serve as the liaison between the Ex-

ecutive and Legislative branches of ASWU, working in conjunction with the Speaker of the Senate.

The newly formed office of Vice President of the Executive will benefit Willamette students by further enhancing the ability of the Executive Officers to perform their assigned tasks, and it is believed the new office of Vice President to the Executive will promote "party-ticket" elections among those running for office.

There are other revisions to the Constitution that have not been mentioned in this article. It is highly suggested that students read the proposed ASWU bill at the election tables next week before voting or read page 12 of last week's Collegian for a complete listing of Constitutional changes.

# Micro-brewery

Beer basics

Most of you have already pegged me for a beer snob, so I'm not afraid to stand up and verify the rest of the stereotype, too: I'm also a sport-utility-driving, khaki-wearing, fly-fishing, dog-owning, backpacking, son-of-a-genuine-yuppy-couple kid.

I figure if the waders fit, wear them... With that confession made, here's this week's review.

Last summer, my dad, my best friend and I load up the Trooper with fishing gear, tents, great food and good beer and headed east from our southern Idaho home toward Ennis, Montana and the beautiful big bends of the Madison River.

Out there, it's trout country, and when the stonefly hatch is on, it's a fly fisher's paradise. We set up camp next to a nice tributary stream and sank the beer. That

night, we kicked back by the fire and cracked open a couple of bottles of Spanish Peaks Black Dog Ale.

The brewing company takes its name from the Spanish Peaks range near its home base in Bozeman, Montana; the beer takes its name from the brewing company mascot, a black lab named "Chug." All very trendy, all very Northwesty, but a surprisingly good beer none the less.

So there I was, excited again in the stores last week to see some new bottled brews from Spanish Peaks on the shelf. I thought I'd give one a try, and since I've always been a fan of darker beers, their new porter was an obvious choice.

The beer poured with a rich, caramel-colored head and a black, nearly opaque body.

Though surprisingly dark for a porter (which generally have more of a red hue), it definitely had the

light hop bouquet with hints of a rich chocolate aroma that is typical of the style.

The medium body was almost overpowered with too much carbonation, and the initial bitterness of the dark roasted hops gave the beer a very dry feel before the swallow. An exceptionally robust aftertaste of chocolate and caramel seemed to round the beer out well, though.

Overall, this was a nice, hearty beer that would be better on a quiet, cool evening than in the afternoon sun.

If you're a fan of porters, this one might even give the ever-popular Black Butte Porter, from Deschutes Brewing Co. in Bend, a decent run for the local craft brew market share.

Drop by the store and give this

Beer	Spanish Peaks Porter
Brewery	Spanish Peaks Brewing (Bozeman, Montana)
Style	London Porter
Appearance	(0-3) 2.5
Aroma	(0-4) 3
Taste	(0-10) 8.5
Overall	(1-3) 3
Total	(20) 17

one a try while spring is still trying to bump its way into the local scene, or stop in at the brewery sometime soon--the stonefly hatch should be on in late June! Prosit!

-by Ryan Deibert

## VOICES



Campus Opinion

What did you think about the Day of Silence?



"It probably didn't affect the people it was directed at. Regardless, it raised consciousness a little bit."

Erin Kenney, sophomore



"It wasn't very effective because everyone I saw [participating] was talking."

Kevin Rohrig, sophomore



"I couldn't handle the silence for more than an hour."

Sterling Yates, sophomore



## CD

MARK COHN

### CD: *Burning the Daze*

You might have heard of Marc Cohn. He had an enormous hit in the early nineties with the song "Walkin' In Memphis."

Although "Memphis" put him on the musical map, he has not had similar commercial success recently. However, he has garnered a following of devoted fans throughout four albums.

Songs such as "True Companion," "Perfect Love," "Paper Walls," and "Dig Down Deep" have been a continuing testament to the qualities that made Cohn

successful in the first place: captivating, aching vocals; simple, honest lyrics; poignant piano and guitar work; and a consistent artistic presence.

He has just recently played Portland on a west coast tour to promote his new album, *Burning the Daze*. His performance was quite possibly one of the most impressive musical shows I have witnessed. Not too flashy, it centered around Cohn's ability to play a crowd.

After a few opening acts, Cohn played nearly a three hour set without a break. It seemed like he was having more fun than the crowd. He played all the favorites that people had paid to see, as well as mixing

in new material.

*Burning the Daze* follows the thread of his other albums, maintaining a musical presence that persists in the work of the truly good artists, and is absent with one-hit-wonders.

A few tracks that stand out start with "Healing Hands." A piece that returns to Cohn's mastery of the piano, it is a lullaby-like ballad that invokes the tenderness and fearless transparency that makes Cohn's music so enjoyable. This is probably my favorite song since "Dig Down Deep."

Another standout is "Turn On Your Radio," a bluesy reminder of Peter Gabriel's "Washing of the

Water." It's not quite as sad, but none the less meaningful.

The final track on the album, "Ellis Island," is also excellent. A throwback to "Walking in Memphis," it is an introspective story of a journey. Instead of exposing the creole soul of Memphis, it is a trip through a deserted Ellis Island, exploring the memories of the thousands who flocked there seeking freedom.

The magic is still there. If you want a refreshing change from the top forty crapola that plagues our country these days, look into *Burning the Daze*. It will not disappoint.

-by Josh Holland



## Movie

MERCURY RISING

Director: Harold Becker  
Starring: Bruce Willis, Alec Baldwin

As a tireless supporter of the Bruce Willis *Die Hard* saga, I felt compelled to go see his new action flick *Mercury Rising*.

In this drama he plays an un-

dercover FBI agent named Art Jefferies who is on probation after having angered some high ranking officials.

The plot revolves around a young autistic savant named Simon, Miko Hughes (Kindergarten Cop), who's parents were killed after he uncovers a NSA supercode named Mercury in a puzzle book.

After the NSA tracks him down

they murder his family and try to cover up their blunder.

The movie is full of repetitive scenes where the child is in danger and (to none's surprise) saved by Art.

Though the movie feels a little unsuspenseful, I found it was worth my while. The main thing that bothered me was the ending. I felt that the director focused too much on

Alec Baldwin as the evil Lt. Colonel Kudrow and left out the more interesting hit man character.

Overall I would say this isn't Willis's finest movie, but it is entertaining. If you like Bruce Willis and action movies you will probably love this movie.

-by Ellie Bayrd



## Bearcats keep rolling along

### Baseball Wrap-Up

Commentary by  
Sean Bevington



The Pacific University Boxers came into last weekend's series with Willamette in first place in the Northwest Conference with a perfect 6-0 record. On Sunday, the Boxers retreated to Forest Grove in third place after suffering three blow-out losses to the team that has now taken hold of first place in the league.

After dropping their first league contest to the Linfield Wildcats four weeks ago, the Bearcat Baseball club has won eight league games in a row and now sits atop the Northwest Conference with an 8-1 record. In the series against the previously undefeated Boxers, something clicked for the Bearcats and they displayed the immense offensive potential that this team possesses.

The Bearcats traveled to Forest Grove on Saturday and embarrassed the Boxers in front of their home crowd, beating them 19-2 in the first game and 18-1 in the second. Junior right hander Mike Corey increased his record to 4-1 while working the first game, giving up a single earned run and scattering six hits. Corey's Earned Run Average (ERA) now stands at a stingy 1.01. Senior Matt Kosderka turned in another impressive performance in the second game, going the distance and allowing only a single run. "Kos" is the Bearcat team leader in wins with six (6-1) and was rewarded for his performance when he was named the Northwest Conference Pitcher of the Week. This marks the second time in Kosderka's career that he has been awarded this honor. The complete game win helped to lower Matt's ERA to a very solid 2.58.

The series moved down south for the third game, but it was more of the same for the Bearcats. Willamette jumped out to a quick lead, and Senior Abe Cohen coasted through much of the game to record his fourth win (4-2) of the season with a score of 9-4. Cohen gave up only one earned run in 8 and 2/3 innings, lowering his ERA to 4.09. Kevin Scharer, appearing in his second game as a pitcher, came in to get the last out of the game.

All told, the Bearcats amassed a total of 46 runs on 50 hits during the three games against Pacific. Interestingly enough, Brad Cox's homer on Sunday was the only dinger of the series — amazing considering the number of runs

Willamette scored. The weekend also marked the first hit in Sophomore Shortstop Garrett Luebert's collegiate career when he hit a double in the fourth inning of Sunday's game. Luebert is now 1 for 28 on the season.

The Bearcats got what could be a regional play-off preview when they played highly touted Albertson College in a non-league contest on Sunday afternoon. Albertson, a team that regularly plays in the NAIA National Championships, handed the Bearcats a quick 3-9 loss and looked quite impressive. Don't be surprised if Willamette ends up seeing Albertson again some where down the road this season.

Next up for the Bearcats is the University of Puget Sound this weekend. The series opens on Saturday here at John Lewis Field at 1:00 and then moves up to Tacoma for the single game on Sunday. Willamette has already easily defeated UPS twice this year in a pre-season tournament, so they shouldn't have many problems with the Loggers tomorrow. If they hit like they did against Pacific, the Bearcats shouldn't have many problems with anybody.

#### Did You Know?

The team is now a little more than half-way through its forty game schedule, here are some statistics:

Conference record: 8-1 (first place) Overall record: 17-6

Individual Offensive Statistical Leaders

Batting Average- .363 Jason Kelly

Runs Scored- 18 Brad Cox  
Hits- 29 Jason Kelly

Doubles- 10 Jason Kelly  
Home Runs- 3 Ryan Flynn  
and Bryan T. Hall

Runs Batted In- 22 Brad Cox

On Base Percentage- .475  
Ryan Hazelbaker

next week: Pitching and  
Defensive Statistics

## Hard work pays off for the crew teams

### Bearcat Crew

Coverage by Ryan

A week after dominating a dual regatta with the University of Puget Sound, Bearcat crews put on another strong performance this weekend. While the novice crews put on a show in Montlake Cut in Seattle, the varsity crews flew to San Diego to compete in the Crew Classic for the first time ever.

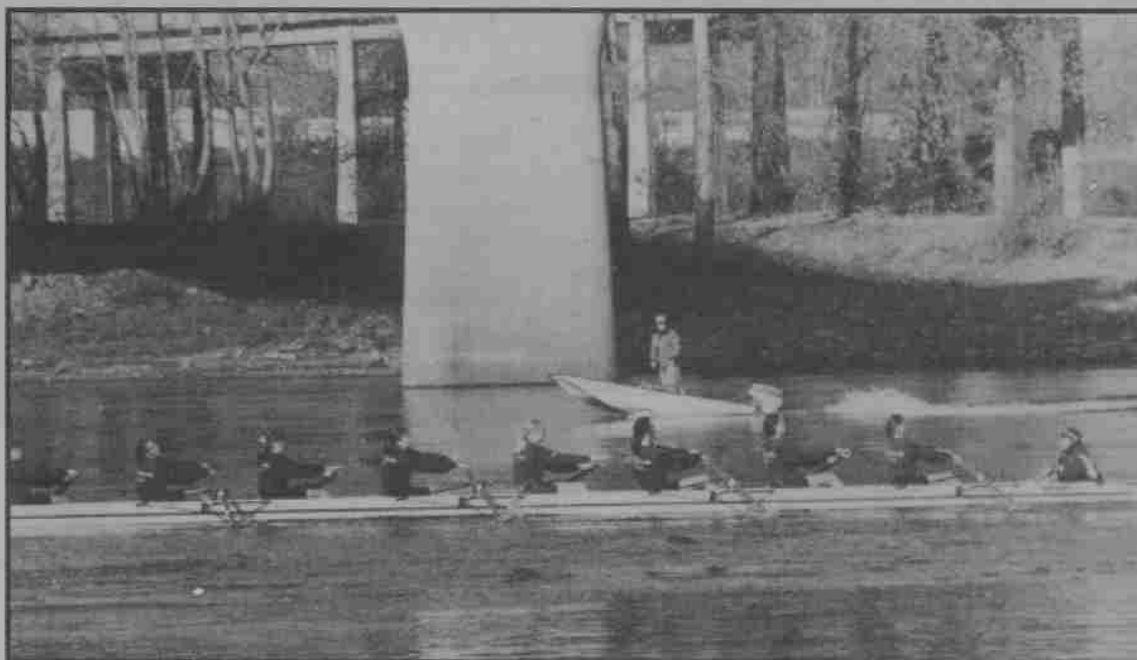
Good weather greeted rowers at one of the country's premiere crew events in San Diego, and the Bearcats rowed well. The California Cup competition saw the women's varsity eight finish fifth, ahead of Colorado and Mills College. The men's varsity eight also finished fifth, ahead of Colorado and Loyola Marymount, in the process of earning themselves a spot in the petit finals on Sunday, where

they finished fourth, beating Colorado and Seattle Pacific. Though the crews did not finish as well as they would have liked, head coach Rod Mott was encouraged. "Hopefully the women will rebound, and row with a sense of urgency," he said. Mott was also pleased with the men's performance. "They improved their time by 12 seconds in the petit's in slightly worse conditions, and narrowed the gap with UC Irvine to 1 second, finishing just 9 seconds out of first."

Meanwhile, far to the north, Bearcat novice crews owned Montlake Cut. In the shadows of the University of Washington's football stadium, Willamette came away from the Husky Invitational with two first place and three second place finishes. Strong performances were turned in by all those who rowed in Seattle, and were highlighted by the novice women's lightweight eight, and novice women's four. The novice men, short a man, did an admirable job, rowing their novice four to a second place finish, and look forward to getting back in the eight for upcoming competitions. The novice women's four crew: Suzie Sendelbach, Sophie Little, Lindsay Scott, and Mara Ongman were particularly dominating, finishing several boat lengths of open water ahead of their nearest competitors. "I was very pleased with the performances of all crews," said novice coach Zack Page.

Racing season continues as the Bearcats all travel to Dexter Reservoir outside of Eugene this Saturday to compete in the Covered Bridge Regatta hosted by the University of Oregon.

DON'T FORGET! The Governor's Cup Regatta comes up Saturday April 18 vs. Lewis & Clark and Seattle Pacific University. The only home regatta of the spring season takes place in Riverfront Park and includes a pancake breakfast beginning at 9:00 AM. Races are at 10:00 AM.



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## Bearcats cruising on 11 game conference winning streak

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Season coverage by  
Matt Kosderka



It would have been so easy for the Northwest Conference leading Bearcat baseball team to come out flat last weekend in their three game series with conference cellar dweller Whitman. But it took just one inning to see that the Bearcats were not about to let down their guard.

Sophomore shortstop Garet Luebbert, just the second batter in the first of the three games, belted his second home run of the season into a stiff wind, to get the Bearcats on the board. When he added his third home run, with a grand slam an inning later, all hope was lost for the Missionaries.

Seven Bearcats had hits in their

10-0 victory, highlighted by Luebbert's 3-for-4, six RBI performance. Sophomore first baseman Ryan Hazelbaker was the only other Bearcat with multiple hits, finishing the game 2-for-3.

As it turned out, the Bearcats only needed one run, thanks to a spectacular outing by Senior Mike Corey. The right-hander threw a two-hit complete game shutout, and struck out five. He needed just 64 pitches in six innings of work, as he improved his record to 4-1.

While the Bearcats were not quite as quick to jump on the Missionaries in game two, they never trailed, and put the game out of reach by the fourth inning, in a 14-3 blowout.

Junior designated hitter Burke Eathorne, whose .431 batting average leads the team, led the offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with a double and solo home run, which was his fourth this season. Senior

third baseman Robin Heath was 2-for-5 with a double, his team-leading sixth home run and four RBI.

Luebbert continued his hot streak, going 2-for-5 with a double and two RBI, while Hazelbaker added his first homer of the season and three RBI.

Sophomore outfielder Jordan Zavislak's first collegiate home run, a solo shot in the eighth inning, was the last of the Bearcats' 18 hits in the game.

Senior Matt Kosderka notched his third complete game of the season and struck out seven, moving his record to 5-0 on the season.

The Bearcats continued to feast on the Missionary pitchers in game three, pounding out 11 hits to wrap up the series with an 11-3 victory.

Sophomore second baseman Kyle Carlson went 3-for-5, while Luebbert and Heath were both 2-for-5 on the day. Hazelbaker knocked in three runs, and Heath

had a pair of RBI.

Junior Nick Hunter worked seven innings, striking out seven, and upping his record to 4-0. Freshman Nik Lubisich closed out the game, striking out three in two innings.

The three game sweep over Whitman improved the Bearcats' record to 19-4 overall, and 11-1 in the Northwest Conference. They are currently on an 11 game conference winning streak, and due to losses by Linfield and George Fox over the weekend, have strengthened their position atop the conference standings.

Willamette headed to Forest Grove on Wednesday, in hopes of extending their conference winning streak with a single nine inning contest with Pacific.

On Thursday, they departed for Lewiston, Id., where they will play in the Lewis-Clark State Invitational. They were scheduled for a

single game with No. 9 Lewis-Clark St. last night and they will play single games with Lewis-Clark St. and St. Martins today and tomorrow.

The Bearcats will return to conference action on Tuesday, completing the three game series with Pacific at John Lewis Field. The double-header, whose first pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m., will be the first home game for the Bearcats in over two weeks, after nine straight games on the road.

Willamette will then round out the week with a three game series against Pacific Lutheran next weekend in Tacoma. They will play a double-header on Saturday, and round out the series with a single nine inning game the following day.

## A glance at the National League

Sports  
Zone

Editorial by  
Sean Bevington



### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**Eastern Division-** The Braves bring back their four-headed monster of a starting rotation that has easily been the best in the Majors for the last, what, century? Maddux, Glavine and Denny Neagle will have to wait a little while for fireballer John Smoltz to recover from surgery but should be excellent even without him. First baseman Andres Galaragga comes over from the Rockies, to prove that his big seasons in Denver weren't solely the result of playing in thin air, adding to an above average line-up that never seems to be under any pressure to score runs anyway. Atlanta will run away with this division again. The Mets were surprising last season, finishing 88-74, and should be right about there again this year. The Marlins could be classified as the "other" expansion team this season, and the Expos and Phillies are talented, but just too young to matter.

**Central Division-** Last year's award winner for Worst Division in Baseball should be better this year, with the Astros and Cardinals both poised to make concerted runs at the flag. Both teams feature decent starting

pitching coupled with line-ups filled with players who play to win. The left sides of these two infields, Bagwell and Biggio in Houston and McGwire and DeShields in St. Louis are actually very comparable. The Cubs are going to be okay, but as usual they couldn't pitch their way out of a paper bag, and having to wear those ridiculous Harry Carey patches on their sleeves isn't going to help matters. The Reds traded their opening day starter, Dave Burba, to the Indians about 32 hours before he was slated to pitch their first game.

I've never heard of that before, and it says a lot about the state of Marge Schott's franchise. The Pirates, after "shocking" the world last year and finishing only two games below .500, will probably be worse this year.

**Western Division-** Same old story, the Dodgers have the pitching depth, the offense and the multi-culturalism necessary to walk away with this division again, but the question remains as to whether they have the desire. If they don't win, then look for manager Bill Russell to start to

clean out his office come October. Their pitching staff, with Dominican Republic native Ramon Martinez, up and coming Korean flamethrower Chan Ho Park, Mexico City product Ishmael Valdes and Japanese forkballer Hideo Nomo, is second only to the Braves in terms of depth and talent and certainly leaves catcher Mike Piazza grateful that he only needs to

communicate with hand signals behind the plate. The Padres, whose main newcomer is the often untouchable Kevin Brown, will garner the wild-card spot in the NL, just edging out the Rockies, who actually managed

to entice a front-line starter, Darryl Kile, to give pitching in Coors Field a chance. Kile goes from the cavernous Astrodome to a park where routine fly balls become home runs in a hurry, look for him to be shaky at first while he gets used to his new digs. The Giants will fall back down to earth after their pleasant surprise last year and the Diamondbacks, who do have a great young hitter in Travis Lee, will fruitlessly give it their all and bring up the rear. Welcome to the Majors!





## Bearcats make strong showing at WU OPEN

### Track & Field

Coverage by  
Henry Nothhaft

Salem- The weather was perfect, the field of athletes was competitive, and the Bearcats looked great. Last weekend, the Willamette University track team hosted one of the largest and most competitive meets in the NCIC this season. The Bearcats not only welcomed twenty-five schools and several open and professionally sponsored athletes, but they offered up some heavy competition too.

Both the men's and women's squads looked impressive as the season nears its peak. Top performers on the women's side include Sara Davis, Beth Fitzgerald, Jami Mickelson, and Tonya Sanders. Davis took top honors in the shot put with a heave of 38'01.5". Fitzgerald looked impressive as she ran to second place in the 800 meters in a time of 2:11.0. Not only did Fitzgerald nearly match her

school record, but she also handily defeated several professionally sponsored runners in the process. In her debut 10,000 meter run, Jami Mickelson romped to victory in a time of 42:10.19. Tonya Sanders also took home a win in the 3000 meter run, as she dominated the field in a time of 10:44.66 to defeat her nearest rival by nine seconds.

Other key performances from the Bearcat women were produced by Brooke Dille who sprinted to fifth in the 100 meters in a time of 13.02. Emily Williams jumped to a fourth place finish in the high jump clearing the height of 5'02". A leap of 16'06" propelled Monica Scott to a fifth place in the long jump. In the discus, Willamette's Gina Pieretti took fifth with a throw of 120'01".

The men's performances were equally as impressive as the women's were. Jeremy Senn continued his hot streak with strong performances in both the 100 meters and 200 meters. Senn took fifth in the 100 meters in a time of 11.09 and third in the 200 meters with a 22:39. Jimmy Watts returned to

competition with a victory in the high jump with a leap of 6'08". Adam Dittman's throw of 45'04.5" was good enough for a victory in the discus.

David Denardo ran a 50.21 in the 400 meters for a third place finish. In the 110 meter high hurdles, Paul Colby ran a 15.79 for third place finish. Andy Miguel tripled jumped to a conference qualifier and a third place finish with a 40'11.5".

Stephen Cruise worked to a fourth place finish in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:03.55. Forest Norris returned to action in the pole vault with a third place finish by clearing a height of 13'00". Adam Schmidt hurled the javelin 177'05" for a fourth place finish. In his debut steeplechase, Andy Forester ran to a fifth place finish in a time of 10:13.46.

The Bearcats carry their momentum into this weekend for the final NCIC meet of the regular season. The four-way meet will be staged in Spokane, Washington, and will include George Fox, Whitman, Whitworth, and Willamette.

## Lacrosse team loses two tough games but play is improved

### men's Lacrosse

by Spencer  
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Thanks to the good weather, the Willamette lacrosse club was able to play a pair of games this past weekend. Though the team lost both games, there was a dramatic increase in the level of play by the Bearcats, and a victory for the young team now seems to be within a stick-length.

Saturday, the lax team traveled to Linfield for what was expected to be a really tight game between two of the younger and less experienced teams in the league. From the first faceoff, Willamette looked sluggish on defense and Linfield proceeded to score five goals in the first quarter. "We just came out flat. That along with the fact that we had a substitute goalie with no experience in the goal added to our predicament", said team leader Josh Robbins of the Bearcats slow start. However, the game was far from over.

Starting in the second quarter, Willamette staged a comeback that

saw them put three goals in the net before halftime. When the intermediate whistle blew, Willamette was faced with a 5-3 deficit and prospects for a comeback were looking up. Though they played well and numerous players scored goals, the five goal first quarter deficit was too much to overcome. At the final whistle, the Bearcats were down four and the scoreboard read 10-6 in favor of Linfield. "We really picked it up after the first quarter, but missed a few key opportunities to come back," said Robbins. Though they lost another game in their discouraging first season in the league, the team gained a lot of confidence. "We really played a lot better. I mean, we put a bad first quarter behind us and played our butts off. Our offense and individual skills are coming together. We just need to work on team defense," said first string rookie midfielder Eric Scott.

Sunday, the Bearcat lax had a game at home on the soccer field against a tough University of Washington team. The game started out well for the Bearcats with a few goals early on, but they then cooled off while UW pumped in a few of their own. At halftime, Willamette was still very much in the game.

Willamette came out strong in the second half, but succumbed to the more experienced UW team in the fourth quarter losing 16-7. Willamette players Damion Madden, Corey Boudreau, Ben Flint each scored a goal, and Noah Zabel and Mike Benedict added two more each.

"We played pretty well," said Robbins. "We made a few adjustments from Saturday's game that worked well. They were just a better team. Overall, we were satisfied with how we played, and we know what we need to work on."

The Bearcat lacrosse players have a bye-week before their next pair of games to fix some of their defensive problems. "Defense is very hard. There is a lot going on and defensemen never really get the credit they deserve because they are not scoring," said Dan Bair.

However, Willamette is looking forward to a double header at home the weekend of April 18th and 19th. Saturday, they play #1 ranked Western Washington, and, on Sunday, they face Lewis & Clark which could be an opportunity for their first win. Maybe I am a bit over-confident and biased, but I guarantee you they win against Lewis & Clark. I'm not stopping playing until we do.

## Bearcat Box Scores



### MENS' Baseball

#### Standings

	NCIC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Willamette	11	1	19	4
Linfield	8	2	15	7
George Fox	10	3	17	10
PLU	5	5	16	11
UPS	4	6	8	17
Lewis & Clark	3	6	10	13
Whitworth	5	8	7	13
Pacific	4	5	8	13
Whitman	0	11	2	19



### WOMENS' Softball

#### Standings

	NCIC		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
PLU	12	0	22	3
Pacific	4	1	12	7
Lewis & Clark	7	4	7	13
UPS	6	4	11	15
Linfield	5	3	11	13
George Fox	4	6	9	12
Whitworth	3	9	7	18
Seattle U.	1	11	4	15
Willamette	1	9	2	20



### Tennis

#### Men

#### Scores

April 7	George Fox 6, Linfield 1
April 6	Willamette 6, George Fox 1
April 2	Lewis-Clark St 4, PLU 3
April 1	George Fox 7, Pacific 0
Women	
April 5	Seattle U. 4, Willamette 3
April 4	Seattle U. 4, Albertson 3
April 3	Lewis-Clark St. 7, Seattle U. 2

### Lacrosse

	W	L
Simon Frazier	10	0
Western	8	1
Whitman	5	2
WSU	5	2
UofO	5	3
UW	3	4
Linfield	2	4
Willamette	0	6

## Caution: feathered friends afoot



Spring has sprung, and baby ducklings are everywhere. Be careful while hiking across campus!

## Outdoors Club plans spring trips to Gorge and Mount Rainier

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Gorge, and a trip to Mt. Rainier, which was in cooperation with the ISAT program last year.

Usually the weekend trips do not travel very far due to time constraints and gas expenses, but they are hoping to expand in the future.

One of the more interesting excursions planned for this month is a

visit to the MacDonald Forest near Corvallis on April 12, which will be the location of the Mudslinger Mountain Bike Race.

If membership numbers continue

climbing (no pun intended), the Outdoors Club may be able to purchase a van for the club. Other plans for expansion include an extension of the climbing wall in Sparks, which will take place in the next few months.

The club will be adding several new holds on the current surface, and add an entirely new section to the wall which will include an overhang.

Outdoors Club has also brought a few well-known guest speakers to the Willamette campus in the past, such as Dave Briggs, a climber sponsored by North Face, who spoke last semester.

They plan to continue this trend next year, and have already planned a speech from Lou Wittaker, another sponsored

climber, in Smith Auditorium for fall semester.

If you are interested in joining Outdoors Club, contact Jason Ashley in the student activities office, or

sign-up on one of the sheets at the UC Information Desk for the individual trips.

The cost to join is \$5, which contributes to purchasing equipment and supplies for the club.

Each individual expedition usually requires an additional cost of \$5-10, depending on the number of participants, which goes towards gas and van rental costs.

## The race is on for ASWU

by Scott Mahon  
Editor in Chief

Almost twice the candidates threw themselves into the ASWU campaign as last year, including a four way race for President.

Tim Beggs, Erik Larson, Jeremiah Patterson, and Erik Van Hagen are all competing for the Presidency. Adam Brown and LaKisha Clark, both assistants to the VP this year, are eying the Vice-Presidency. Dustin Buehler and Erik Fast, two of the younger candidates, will square off for secretary. The money position of treasurer will be fought between Angela Smith and Nate Springer.

The candidate forum held Wednesday night in Baxter gave ASWU hopefuls their first chance to speak out about their platforms. Instead, candidates took the opportunity to express their concerns in ASWU's past and their formulas for

changing ASWU structure to be, as Van Hagen said, "the only total voice of the students."

Communication got its fair share of publicity as candidates reported their desires to increase communication between students and administrators. Patterson expressed his desire to stay in touch with a student body he felt close to. Other candidates expressed their concern that ASWU had lost touch with students and wanted to change that. Buehler said, "If I'm going to give ASWU a swift kick in the ass, it would be to make every student feel ASWU is their government."

The VP candidates focused on publicity. Brown expressed his devotion to follow through and complete projects. Clark suggested restructuring VP committees like programming board and publicity committee.

Communication ideas like an ASWU web page and Greek support were shared by all.

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