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# Recent attacks raise safety concerns

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Two recent occurrences of suspicious activity and crime on campus, coupled with the college shooting in Montreal last Wednesday, have brought students' safety to the forefront across Willamette.

One night on the weekend of Sept. 8-10, a female student was walking from the Delta Gamma House back to her apartment at Haseldorf when an unknown male tried to take her purse in front of the Willamette College of Law. According to Willamette Director of Campus Safety Ross Stout, the student was able to fend off the assailant with her cell phone and ran back to Haseldorf upset but not seriously harmed. She then called Campus Safety to report the incident, and an officer was sent to her apartment to make sure the student was all right.

The incident near Haseldorf was not the only unusual student safety disturbance of the weekend. On Friday, Sept. 8, a student let two unknown subjects, a male and female under the influence of either drugs or alcohol, into Matthews Hall after they asked to use the bathroom.

Soon after, some students encountered the male walking around the complex and asked him to leave. He became belligerent

and said his girlfriend was passed out downstairs.

Freshman Ted Richardson said, "We thought she might've just been a girl he'd given a roofie, but once she woke up I knew she was another meth head."

At one point, the situation became so tense between the subjects and students that Richardson stepped in between them but was then punched and slapped by the female below his left eye. "I knew if I fought back it would only worsen, so I just stood my ground and didn't touch her," Richardson said. Soon after, the RA on duty and Campus Safety officers arrived to trespass the persons from the area.

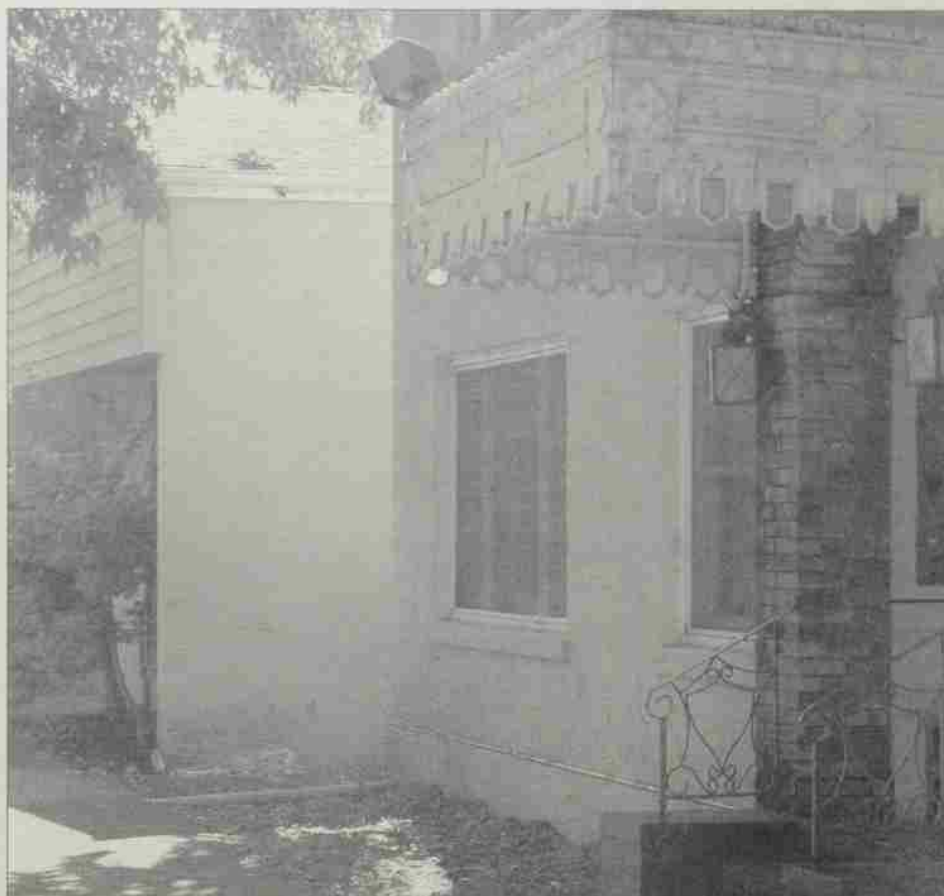
While these local incidents happened at night, the Montreal shooting occurred in the middle of the day. On Sept. 13, 20-year-old Kimveer Gill started shooting outside the campus atrium of Dawson College. 19 people were wounded and one woman was killed before police took down Gill with lethal force.

Stout said the university has procedures to deal with such a crisis.

"Essentially, [the plan] involves calling 9-1-1, evacuating people in a safe manner and coordinating our efforts with Salem emergency responders," he said. "We have done this on campus a few times, most recently with a bomb scare." Stout said that the university has not experienced a serious assault since 1984.

According to Stout, Campus Safety has one officer on duty 24 hours a day throughout the calendar year and two officers most of the time between 4 p.m. and 4 a.m. to respond to calls and patrol as needed, but patrols are random. However, Stout said officers focus on areas "where there have been recent problems."

In light of what occurred at Matthews Hall, Eastside Area Coordinator Terrie



JESSIE ROBERTSON

Haseldorf Apartments, shown here, was the final destination of the female student who was attacked on her way home from Delta Gamma two weekends ago.

Tran said students need to exercise more responsibility in keeping their residences and themselves safe.

"We all have this tendency to want to be nice and hold the door open for people, but since we all have access to buildings we need to understand that it's not rude not to do that and recognize that these card swipes are here for a purpose," she said. Tran added

that Eastside RAs have recognized a more cautious behavior displayed by residents as they travel campus since the incident.

However, Richardson said he feels secure at Willamette. "I still feel safe on campus, and I never felt really endangered during the incident," he said. "It is an eye-opener to being in college, but I still feel safe."

## ► campus safety facts

- Campus Safety officers are required to have at least two years of security experience
- The six officers currently employed have an average of about 17 years of experience.

## Needs More Cowbell



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Last week marked a triumph for the Needs More Cowbell team: we received our first fan mail. Now do not get us wrong, we have gotten mail before. A little piece of hate mail clouded our inboxes after our debut article last year. Apparently, some departments on campus do not like being referred to as "a-holes." But we apologized, cleaned up our act and are now receiving fan mail! Shout out to Professor Wogan!

With this mail came the realization that we are slowly ascending the Willamette social ladder. Yes, our egos are still slightly inflated, but just go with it. Picture, if you will, Willamette as The World. This may not be very difficult for some of you. In this 'world' reside different social classes. You have everyone from the Brangelinas to those who think it is nuclear winter and never come out of their room.

At Willamette, we consider ourselves B-list celebrities. We are known to many with our abundance of activities and weekly 500 words of wisdom, but no one is rolling out the red carpet when we walk past the Mill Stream. If only we could train the squirrels to do something useful...

The most famous 'celebrity' in the WU world is without a doubt President Pelton. He shoots to A-status during Opening Days, with the fancy introductions, pressed suit, and firm handshake. Because he is such an icon, we laugh politely at the joke about someone taking his parking spot—the same joke he has told the past four years.

It's okay, Mr. President; it gets funnier every time!

When there is a Pelton-sighting on campus, the reaction is critical. Do you smile? Do you say hello? Do you tackle and ask for an autograph? Or do you just stare awkwardly? Just smile, and remember that it is important to prove to him that you belong on Willamette's campus. Do not trip or fall off the elliptical trainer because he can fire you like Donald Trump, and you will no longer be a Bearcat.

Every now and then, if you are lucky, you can catch a Hawk sighting in the Bistro. And let us tell you, it is riveting when you order your mocha-latte right after Dean Hawkinson has ordered his. It does not matter that you have never had that drink; what matters is that for one second, you have something in common with a dean.

Lastly, there is the Phantom Celebrity of WU's campus, the bearer of emails, if you will. If this were Harry Potter, she'd be a very tired owl. Yes, we're speaking of Nancy Norton, who—Christine was surprised to find out—is an actual person and not some made-up illusion. Meeting the legend behind the myth is not easy, but worth the wait. She is WU's Oprah; with a few inspirational phrases and life coaching, you will be feeling better about your future in minutes.

We are still trying to find our A-list celebrity student, someone of the Mary-Kate/Ashley sort. Except without the cocaine. Hugs, not drugs.

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# WU faculty, staff prepare for possible avian flu pandemic

A recent convocation explores the options available if the avian flu affects Willamette's campus



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Willamette has an agreement with Salem Hospital, which allows the hospital to use the Sparks Athletic Center as a facility overload during an emergency.

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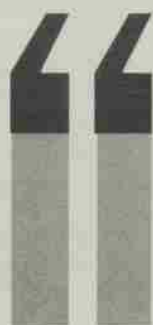
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Most students worry about grades and deadlines, not about a flu outbreak with the potential to kill millions. Willamette University administration, staff and faculty saw the threat of a new flu pandemic as serious enough to send a letter home to parents, and a preparedness Convocation for students.

The four-person panel at Thursday's convocation was composed of Willamette Associate Professor of Biology David Craig, Assistant Professor of Anthropology Joyce Millen, Professor of Biology Sharon Rose and Director of Student Health Services Margaret Trout.

Currently the virus has affected few human beings. Rose said there have been about 180 human fatalities worldwide. So far the virus is only transferred bird-to-bird or bird-to-human. According to Craig, the self-proclaimed "bird-man," it is indeed birds, not humans, that should be worried.

However, Rose said the fear down the road is that "the viruses that are circulating right now might mutate... and a more lethal form of the



*"If this one comes to be, it promises to be quite lethal."*

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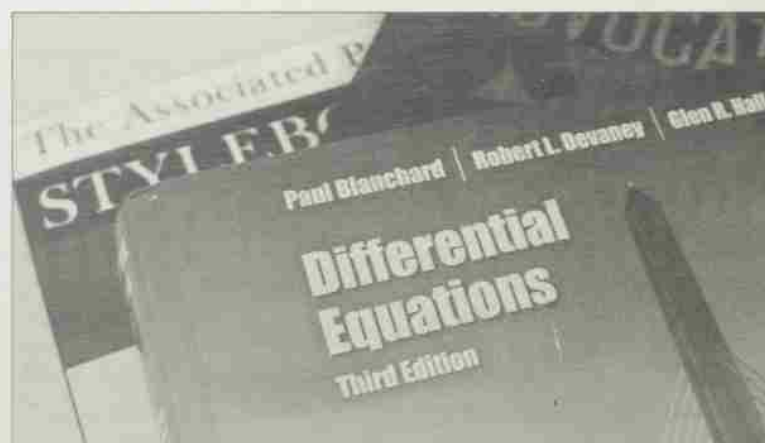
Millen said that flu pandemics have plagued the world since at least the 1500s. "If this one comes to be, it promises to be quite lethal," she said.

Trout said avian flu has caused a stir in the media and in the medical community primarily because of its similarity to what scientists were seeing before the flu pandemic of 1918 that killed over 20 million people globally.

"If they had the technology and the resources to look at things like we are now...they would be seeing birds dying and could [take] the virus from the birds" to study, Trout said, and see what we are seeing with the avian flu today. "In 1918 the usual victims of the flu, the very young and very old, were not the victims...of the pandemic...it was 18-60 year olds," she said.

Trout provided a snapshot of what a pandemic would look like here at Willamette. Group activities would be cancelled. The Salem Hospital would be flooded with patients and the "worried well" who would probably outnumber the sick. 25 percent of the work force would be home ill, while another 15 percent would stay home out of fear or to care for the sick. Transportation could be disrupted, including air travel, and facilities such as banks and stores would be left with no one to run them. Willamette would not and could not close as it is a place where people live. Thus, Willamette is preparing for the worst by stocking up on supplies now.

In the event of an emergency that stretches the limits of the Salem Hospital's resources, Willamette has a long-standing agreement that the hospital can use the Sparks building on campus as needed. Willamette has also prepared counselors to deal with the psychological effects of the grief associated with potential deaths.



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The Willamette Store frequently runs out of textbooks for high-demand classes.

## Textbook shortage hinders students' class performance

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Many Willamette students have found themselves empty-handed when it comes to textbooks required for their courses.

With necessary texts sold out at the Willamette Store, and a long delivery period for those who order online, students find that they are unable to keep up with the homework and course material in their classes.

Four weeks into classes, sophomore Richard de Sam Lazaro still does not have the necessary texts for his Hispanic Civilization class. "I was waitlisted for the class and I got into it," he said, "and by the time I went to the bookstore to get my texts, even though it was before the add/drop deadline, they were sold out."

Forced to find other means of purchasing the text, de Sam Lazaro ordered the text online. After 10 days, it still had not arrived.

Being without the text has hindered his ability to learn the class material. "It makes it more difficult to participate in discussion and I have to constantly look at other people's books," he said.

Melinda Hochendoner, the Assistant Director and book division manager of the bookstore said that several signs posted throughout the textbook area ask students to play a special order if a text is sold out. "If Mr. de Sam Lazaro has done so," she said, "he would have had his book." Hochendoner said the store did not change its procedure for ordering books this semester, but that textbook shortages occur for several different reasons.

She said one of the reasons is that "several classes added sections this year and no one bothered to tell me. When departments add sections, they just don't think about informing the bookstore."

Spanish Department secretary Pamela Smith suggested a reason that the Spanish textbooks in the bookstore might have been scarce this semester. "One of the issues with the language textbooks is that they are usually brought in from out of the country," she said.

A textbook shortage may also result from a community interest in the texts. "There are a lot of academic auditors that aren't registered for classes," Smith said. "People in the community come in to the bookstore and buy the books."

If the textbooks needed for class are sold out, students can special-order them at the bookstore. However, at this point in the semester, delivery time is approximately two weeks.

### CORRECTIONS:

The following corrections pertain to the Sept. 13 story "WU to increase technology budget":

- Information was mistakenly attributed to Executive Administrative Assistant to the President Wendy Gleason. Gleason was not interviewed for the story and did not make any statements on this subject. Additionally, the statement mistakenly attributed to Gleason is incorrect. The Collegian sincerely apologizes to Gleason for these errors.
- The Commission on Academic Excellence does not address Willamette's technology budget and the reference to it in the story was incorrect.
- The use of the graph titled "Campaign Priorities" was incomplete because a second set of data explaining the departmental breakdown of the campaign was mistakenly omitted.

The Collegian strives to be accurate in its content and sincerely regrets these errors. If you see an error in the paper, please feel free to report it to us at 503-370-6053, or e-mail to [collegian@willamette.edu](mailto:collegian@willamette.edu).

### ► did you know?

- According to Professor David Craig, after stress, the common flu is the number one grade reducer.
- Willamette provides flu shots every season.
- The 1918 flu pandemic affected 25 percent of the population, according to Health Services Director Margaret Trout, often killing its victims within three to five days.
- Thus far, those infected with the new strain of avian flu have a 50 percent mortality rate, compared to 2.5 percent in 1918, according to Craig.

For a more detailed list of things one can do and what Willamette is doing to prepare for a worst case scenario, visit:

<http://www.willamette.edu/dept/safety/emergency/avianflu/>



# Alumnus rises high in military but makes time to enjoy life

*Brigadier General Tom Hemingway makes every minute count*

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United States Air Force Brigadier General Tom Hemingway, a graduate of the Willamette Class of 1962, is the oldest General Officer on active duty in the history of that branch of the armed services, although this is not a distinction that the modest man is quick to boast.

Hemingway defines himself as someone who has spent his entire adult life in uniform, a lifestyle that began with his 1962 commission and graduation from the Air Force ROTC program. He began his active service in 1965, after graduating from Willamette's law school with a JD. His first base was in Tucson, Arizona, where he was stationed as a judge advocate for four years.

After that he journeyed out of the country for the first time, volunteering to serve during the Vietnam War in both Vietnam and Thailand.

During this time, he was assigned to travel to remote rice-farming villages to financially compensate their inhabitants for war damages. Often, he was the first caucasian the villagers had ever met. When asked if he was ever shot at, Hemingway shrugged and said, "not very often," remembering also that he was fortunate enough to have plumbing in his quarters, unlike a lot of the country's native residents.

After his time in Vietnam, Hemingway returned to the United States and spent time at March Air Force Base in Riverside, CA before transferring to Colorado Springs, CO to teach as a member of the law faculty at the Air Force Academy. He stayed in one place for more than three years. He was soon stationed in Washington and then Germany. He then reentered the U.S. to take a position working in the Pentagon as chief of criminal justice, supervising 650 lawyers.

After three years he was back in Germany, where he was no longer simply supervising multiple lawyers. He was now supervising the legal activity of multiple countries, from Norway and England to Turkey.

By 1990, Hemingway had made yet another transatlantic flight and was back at the Pentagon. In 1991 he was promoted from Colonel to Brigadier General.

As seems to be his nature, Hemingway is not emphatic about the significance of this promotion. However, Bob Hisel, his classmate, fraternity brother and greatly admiring friend, doesn't hesitate to elaborate on its importance. The chances of becoming a General Officer in the Air Force, Hisel explained, are about one in 12,000. Here are

only five positions available in the entire Air Force, and Hemingway was chosen from a pool of approximately 6,000 other lawyers. But out of every one serving in the Air Force, Hisel said that

**"The key word for a military person is service, and it's service above self. When somebody says 'Will you serve?' there's only one answer."**

**TOM HEMINGWAY**  
WILLAMETTE ALUMNUS

he "just knew that [Hemingway] was the right person for the job."

Hisel added that, even back when they were both undergraduates living in the Sigma Chi fraternity house, he knew that Hemingway would be something special. His work ethic made him unique—he was always the first to show up and the last to leave.

In 1996, after five years as brigadier general, Hemingway retired in order to spend more time doing what he calls "being on the water and fooling around in boats" (boats being a 33-foot express cruiser). And even in recreation, Hisel said that Hemingway applied the same intensity he applied to all other aspects of his life. His boat was always the best-looking and best-maintained on the water. But the boat was abandoned in 2003 when Hemingway was recalled into service—the first ever retired general to be recalled into active duty because he was needed to help supervise



COURTESY OF TOM HEMINGWAY

activity in preparation for the war crime trials in Guantanamo Bay.

Three years later Hemingway is still working on the assignment, and wants to stay with it until he has finished what he started, or at least until the project is on stable footing. "The key word for a military person is service and it's service above self," Hemingway said. "When somebody says, 'Will you serve?' there's only one answer."

When asked how he feels about President Bush and his policies, Hemingway did not express personal opinions but said simply, "We [in the service] do what our country calls us to do, whether we agree with it or not." He added, "Nothing is more satisfying than saying that I represent the United States of America."

When not working on official government business, Hemingway spends time with his wife and four children, and he tries to read at least one book a week. "You never quit learning," Hemingway said. "No matter what, you never, ever quit learning. My only frustration is I've got to sleep."

## ► dates of promotion

- Second Lieutenant Jun 3, 1962
- First Lieutenant Jun 3, 1965
- Captain Jan 27, 1967
- Major Sep 1, 1973
- Lieutenant Colonel Feb 1, 1979
- Colonel Aug 1, 1983
- Brigadier General May 1, 1992

## WORLD NEWS BRIEF

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### United States:

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) released a statement Monday warning consumers to avoid eating raw spinach. Officially, 109 people nationwide have become sick after eating spinach tainted with the E. Coli virus. 19 of those have suffered complete kidney failure.

"This is a significant outbreak," Dr. David Archeson of the FDA said. Dr. David Archeson of the FDA The E. Coli has been traced to tainted water at a farm in Wisconsin.

### Russia:

Anousah Ansari, a Iranian-born American telecasting entrepreneur, became the first female space tourist on Monday, joining the crew of a Soyuz TMA-9 capsule. Ansari, who is paying her own way, is the first person of Iranian heritage to ever enter space.

It is estimated that Ansari is paying around \$20 million for her 10-day visit to the International space station, following an intensive six-month training program in Russia.

### Mexico:

The Mexican Left has declared candidate Andre Manuel Lopez Obrador "the legitimate President." Lopez Obrador barely lost to conservative candidate Felipe

Calderon on July 2. The election has caused sharp division and unrest among Mexican citizens. There are plans to "sweat-in" Obrador at a ceremony November 20. Lopez Obrador plans to use his influence to continue civil resistance campaigning.

### Australia

At least 10 stingrays have been found dead in Australian waters near Queensland, according to Australian authorities Sunday. Most appear to have been cruelly slaughtered and two had their tails hacked off.

The deaths appear to be a public response to the death of wildlife celebrity Steve Irwin, killed by a stingray in a filming accident last week. Authorities have urged the public to grieve the death of Irwin in a manner that doesn't harm wildlife.

Sources: bbc.com, cnn.com



# Carson Grant gives voice to Holocaust refugee

*"Ludwig Salzer: Man of Letters" combines Holocaust history, art and a personal story of perseverance*

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"Ludwig Salzer: Man of Letters" presents a story of the Holocaust, but one that goes relatively unheard. The exhibit is the story of Ludwig Salzer's journey alone to Shanghai, China, leaving his family behind in Vienna and his life there as a refugee. Told through personal letters, journals, and the mixed media art of Lauren Pressler, granddaughter of Salzer, the story becomes something more; educational, relatable and deeply personal.

When Pressler started thinking about applying for a Carson Grant, she had half a dozen ideas in mind. But in discussions with her advisor, Professor James Thompson, she kept turning to her grandfather and her family's history. "It is what I am passionate about," Pressler said.

When it came to telling her grandfather's story, Pressler knew she needed as much information as possible.

"I started, hitting the ground running, with the proposal. But I hadn't translated anything yet," Pressler said.

She wrote to Salzer's friends and read books on Holocaust refugees in Shanghai. Translating was done by Tatjana Taubert, a student at the Willamette School of Law.

With a greater understanding of Salzer's experience, she began creating the art.

"Every piece of artwork is a response to some kind of writing- journals, letters or books," Pressler said.

The resulting exhibit is a fusion of history and art. Framed letters and journal entries line the walls, interspersed with the visuals created as a response by Pressler.

"It is not your typical exhibit of the Holocaust, it's one very personal story. It's



*"Every piece of artwork is a response to some kind of writing- journals, letters or books."*

LAUREN PRESSLER  
JUNIOR

not about a hero; it's about someone with faults and weaknesses. I want people to see a different view of the Holocaust experience, and yet come away with a sense of perseverance; that you can make it through. It's important that we don't forget. The exhibit is giving voice to people that would have otherwise been silenced. I want people



SAGE NUSBAUM

Junior Lauren Pressler displays her artwork inspired by her grandfather's letters and journals.

to leave the exhibit with a unique narrative of the Holocaust."

The personal nature of the exhibit was especially evident to Nicole French, another Willamette graduate student.

"It's so personal, and at the same time so relatable," she said. The art adds a lot of depth; it puts the story in a modern context. I like that it's about someone growing up that wasn't in a concentration camp. He's not a hero, he's more accessible."

Taubert also found the work accessible and less graphic than the average Holocaust exhibit.

## ► suggested reading:

- "Shanghai Diary" by Ursula Bacon
- "Assignment Shanghai" photographed by Jack Birns
- "Shanghai Refuge" by Ernest Hellpner

## ► additional information:

The exhibit runs through Sept. 29, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the first floor gallery in the art building.

## MOVIE REVIEW: "The Last Kiss"

### Realism both helps and hurts Braff's "The Last Kiss"

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Zach Braff has been a favorite actor of mine since I first watched "Scrubs" on Resnet. His turn as director/screenwriter extraordinaire in 2004's "Garden State" left me even surer of his talent and wisdom in choosing roles. That is why, when I saw he had a new movie coming out that was written by Paul Haggis (co-screenwriter of "Crash"), I was giddy with anticipation. Unfortunately, I left the the-

ater feeling let-down.

In "The Last Kiss," Braff plays Michael, a self-absorbed man in his late 20's whose life seems perfect. He has a great job, he's still best friends with the guys he grew up with and his girlfriend, Jenna, is the kind of girl most guys only dream about. But Michael's life is progressing toward the reality of adulthood, and that scares the hell out of him.

Essentially, Braff is playing the same character he did in "Garden State," with the addition of a few years.

Enter Kim (Rachel Bilson of TV's "The O.C."), the cute college co-ed he meets at a friend's wedding. Michael's perfect world comes crashing down. The film also features several other deteriorating relationships, including Jenna's seemingly stable parents and Michael's friend Chris and his wife who recently had a baby.

The movie is heartbreaking in its portrayal of the fall-out from Michael's crisis. "Kiss" is well acted and all of the actors give a refreshing sense of realism to the film.

While the performances are wonderful, the progression of the plot stalls and falters, making the film seem much longer than it actually is.

Braff is just as brilliant as his costars in the movie, but his performance left me questioning his ability to stretch himself as an actor. He has proven himself talented, but the movie felt "done before." That's what disappointed me most. "The Last Kiss" had the potential to be unique and insightful, and somewhere along the way, it lost it.

## CD REVIEW: JOHN MAYER - "CONTINUUM"

### John Mayer's newest has timeless quality



MATT RASMUSSEN

John Mayer's third and newest album, Continuum, was released Sept. 12.

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Ladies, get ready!

John Mayer is back again with his most recent solo album, after the wildly popular Room for Squares and Heavier Things. Room for Squares featured the anthem "No Such Thing" and the sexy "Wonderland" that kindled sensations that made every girl melt and consequently compelled every guy to add the song to his "hook-up" mix on iTunes. I wasn't sure what to expect from the shaggy-haired crooner, but it definitely wasn't the soulful-infused masterpiece that is Continuum. Mayer's music has really matured since his earlier albums and his genuine bluesy voice, poetic lyrics, and flawless guitar work make Continuum his most complete album to date. This is the kind of album I could pop into my CD player in five to ten years and still take advice from. It exudes a

timelessness that ensures its longevity.

"Stop This Train" is a song about time marching on, and how one may beg to go back and change things in their life, but there's no stopping time and so all you can do is keep on rolling and fight the good fight. He tackles the tricky topic of different people's viewpoints in "Belief" and pulls it off masterfully. "Heart of Life" acknowledges that although life is hard and trying at times, the end result is still worth it. Mayer explores mature themes that belie his youthful 28 years. But fear not, there are still plenty of tunes to get the sensual juices flowing. "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room," for example, emits a heat and sexual urgency perfect for any steamy situation.

So even if you have been a long-time fan of John Mayer, or a new recruit after just a few radio songs, let Continuum spin and carry you away.

## CORRECTION:

In the Aug. 30 issue of *The Collegian*, it was inaccurately reported that the "It's Salem...And We Dance!" event held every Tuesday from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in the Trinity Ballroom of the Reed Opera House features a discounted price for students. The event, which includes dance lessons and an opportunity to dance afterwards, has a cover charge of \$8. The Collegian regrets this error.

## CALENDAR OF ART EVENTS

sept 20 - 26

- 20 Silent film "Son of Sheik" shown at the Elsinore Theater, Salem. Film starts at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$5. Address: 170 High St. SE.
- 21 Musical artists Rock Kills Kid perform at the Hawthorne Theatre, Portland. Tickets: \$10, available at TicketsWest. Show starts at 9 p.m.
- 22 Comedian Carlos Mencia performs at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland. Tickets: \$34-38, available through Ticketmaster. Show starts at 7 p.m.
- 23 Mixed media artist Ross Palmer Beecher demonstrates how she makes traditional quilts and flags from various objects at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. In conjunction with Recycled Art Exhibition, on display until Nov. 4. Free. Noon-4 p.m.
- 24 Musical artists John Mayer and Sheryl Crow perform at the Clark County Amphitheater, Vancouver WA. Tickets: \$27.50-66, available through Ticketmaster. Show starts at 6:30 p.m.



## WHOSE GAS PRICES ARE THE HIGHEST?

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# DEALING IN LI

*Some do a bit more peddling, others do a bit less. As summer's high gas prices*



LEFT •

Freshman and Baxter resident Katie Martin rides her bike through Jackson Plaza.

OPPOSITE •

Toyota.com estimates that this blue Prius, parked in Sparks, gets 60 mpg in the city and 51 mpg on the highway.

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OPPOSITE •

The Arco gas station on State St. and 17th St. reflects the dropping gas prices in the past few weeks, although they still hover above \$2.50 per gallon.

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**E**ach morning as the sun creeps over the horizon, it begins, slowly at first, but rapidly gaining momentum: a cacophony of thousands of "on" switches being flipped, coffee pots starting their lethargic drip and keys turning in ignitions as the students of Willamette University stir to life. In recent years, the cost of this orchestra has risen dramatically, forcing our nation to sit up and take notice of energy, a resource that once seemed infinite, unfailing and affordable.

Perhaps in its most blatant form, this concern manifested in soaring gas prices. According to [www.eia.doe.gov](http://www.eia.doe.gov), retail prices for gasoline hit record highs this July, selling at a national average of over \$3.00 a gallon. In recent weeks this figure has been dropping, in part due to the end of the summer "driving season," Iran's promise to halt its enrichment of uranium and a calmer-than-predicted hurricane season.

Still, paying \$2.62 (the national average per gallon as of Sept. 11, 2006) to fill up your Honda can take quite a chunk out of your budget, and has forced some students to make lifestyle changes. "[Prices] make me upset, but that's not going to make me drive

less. I just don't drive my truck anymore. I actually rode my motorized scooter to work and saved about \$50.00 on gas," junior Brendon Gallant said.

Some students see high prices as a positive development. "I feel it's a healthy deterrent to the wasting of our utilities," junior Jamal Raad said. "I feel the higher the prices, the more people are aware of how much they use and consume in everyday situations. It's not that hard to walk to school ... I hear people talking about driving around about 20 minutes to find a parking space, when it took me that long to walk here."

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*Last winter my house had a heating bill that was over \$150 ... It's not fun being cold and miserable, but I guess that's just a fact of life in college."*

BONNI SILVER  
SENIOR



# LIQUID CURRENCY

ers a bit more grumbling

s persist, students and facilities seek routines to cut down on costs



SASHA KEENER

## ► the future of driving?

Zipcar is a company that offers car insurance and gasoline to subscribers for a package price. Individuals rent one of the company's vehicles, which is parked in an arranged spot, then returned to that spot at the end of their driving period.

According to the company's website, [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com), the service could potentially cut millions of cars from the roads. Over 40 percent of their subscribers decide against buying their own car. This in turn cuts down individual car usage (among other environmental benefits), lowering fuel consumption and creating less traffic on freeways.

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Senior Lexi Fish, who studied abroad in Spain for all of her junior year, sees the upset caused by the rise in energy cost as a way to reflect on our American values. "When I was in Europe, I really became conscious of how much we waste . . . [it] made me realize that even conscious Americans use a lot more energy than all other countries," she said. "Cultural differences definitely play into it. I didn't even use a car as a means of transportation for 11 months because there is effective public transportation, and I felt safe walking any place day or night."

It's easy for students to be concerned about their fuel tanks. However, for students living off campus and for the administrators of Willamette, a new set of worries looms in the distance. As cold, dark weather sets in, so does the reality of heating and electric bills.

"Last winter my house had a heating bill that was over \$150," senior Bonni Silver said. "It's not fun being cold and miserable, but I guess that's just a fact of life in college. I try to be conscious of it anyway because [utilities] drain our natural resources."

Conservation does seem to be a way to keep these bills down, and many students are committed to saving both money and the environment. "We don't use any heat or air conditioning in the house, try to keep things unplugged when not using them, try not to run laptops all day," Raad said.

Similarly junior Louis Pappas said, "I always conserve



JESSICA SMITH

*"I just don't drive my truck anymore. I actually rode my motorize scooter to work and saved about \$50 on gas."*

**BRENDON GALLANT**  
JUNIOR

energy by turning off lights when not in use . . . and taking public transportation all summer. I don't think [energy] is that expensive, I think we're just spoiled."

If higher energy prices seem overwhelming for students, it similarly affects university operations. Over the course of the last fiscal year, Willamette used 14,243,043 kilowatt hours of electricity, totaling \$954,787, and 870,826.7 therms of natural gas, totaling \$744,834.

Manager of Operations and Facility Services Gary Grimm said, "Our usage has gone up 10 percent for electricity and 21 percent for gas over the last fiscal year, [and] our cost has gone up 4 percent for electricity and 23 percent for gas over the last fiscal year." Last year the use of electricity went up 8.5 percent, while the total cost of natural gas went up 22 percent for WU. While some of the increase can be attributed to the addition of new buildings on campus, rising energy prices don't help.

The university does what it can to cope with high energy use and cost. "We have been proactive in energy conservation since 1985," Grimm said.

Energy efficient windows were installed in Waller, Lee and York, while variable frequency drives were installed in Goudy, the College of Law and Hatfield Library. When

buildings are re-roofed, Facilities adds extra insulation, cutting the use of natural gas. Just walk past Smullin and you can see this practice in action. Additionally, the university will install energy-efficient lighting in the gym over winter break, a move that will save \$11,000 per year.

Heating and utility bills are not the university's only concern. High gas prices have also taken their toll on the motor pool budget, but this is also not without its own solution. "We are looking at replacing our van fleet with smaller 12-passenger vans, and maybe a couple of mini vans or hybrid/flex-fueled vehicles. Of course WU encourages students and staff to take the bus using its free rider-ship program, carpool or ride bikes to work," said Grimm.

Professor Joe Bowersox, chair of the Willamette Sustainability Council, said student effort at quelling energy consumption is simple. "It is all about behavioral change—from taking shorter showers to closing windows and turning off lights in classrooms when you notice they are unoccupied," he said.

Joining the Sustainability Council is also a way for students to take action. "On a more collective level, the Sustainability Council would love for concerned students to get involved—come to our meetings, and volunteer to help us with energy awareness," Bowersox said. "We had an energy task force last year, and we are looking for some student leadership in this area for this year."

The Council's next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Alumni Lounge from 11:30 p.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.willamette.edu/about/sustainability](http://www.willamette.edu/about/sustainability).

## ► what can you do to help save energy?

Following these simple guidelines might save you money.

- Walk, bike, skate, longboard or roller blade everywhere you can.
- Make the most of your WU ID and

take the bus for free! Not only will you save money and energy, you'll meet a lot of cool people with cool stories.

- Jackrabbit starts WASTE GAS. Gently accelerate when driving and coast as much as you can.

- Use fans instead of air conditioners.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Keep the air filter on your furnace clean; dust makes the blower inside work harder, wasting energy and money.

- Replace regular light bulbs with high-efficiency fluorescent bulbs; they use less energy.
- Don't spend a half-hour looking through the stuff in your fridge. Find what you want, get in and out quickly.



# Women start strong, but let fifth game slide

*Volleyball focuses on improving serves, avoiding unforced errors*

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After breaking into conference with two tough losses, the Bearcat women's volleyball team is still out to prove that they are a winning team.

"We just need to win, instead of waiting for the other team to lose," sophomore Kelley Lindstrom said.

After being swept by fourth-ranked Whitman (24-30, 25-30, 20-30) on Friday night, the Bearcats came out strong against Whitworth, winning both the first and third game with scores of 30-24. However, the Pirates battled back to win a forced fifth game, 4-15.

"The fifth game is going to stick out because it shouldn't have even happened," Lindstrom said. "We should have capitalized in the fourth game when we had the opportunity."

"The most frustrating things are serving errors and unforced errors, and those are our two main focuses," Lindstrom said. In the game against Whitworth the Bearcats had 20 serving errors, the most they have all season. Thom with 13 and Brooke Smith with 10.

"Our biggest challenge is trusting on the court, believing that on any given day an upset is going to happen," head coach Tricia Wright said.

"We're more focused on being a team this year," Wright added. This team spirit and team chemistry that Wright stressed is visible and audible at the games. "It's a game of momentum, so staying positive and celebrating is huge," Lindstrom said. "The crowd shouldn't know if we're winning or losing."

Next week, they play Pacific University at home on Friday, which was their only conference win last year. "Fan support is definitely an advantage, and we're hoping



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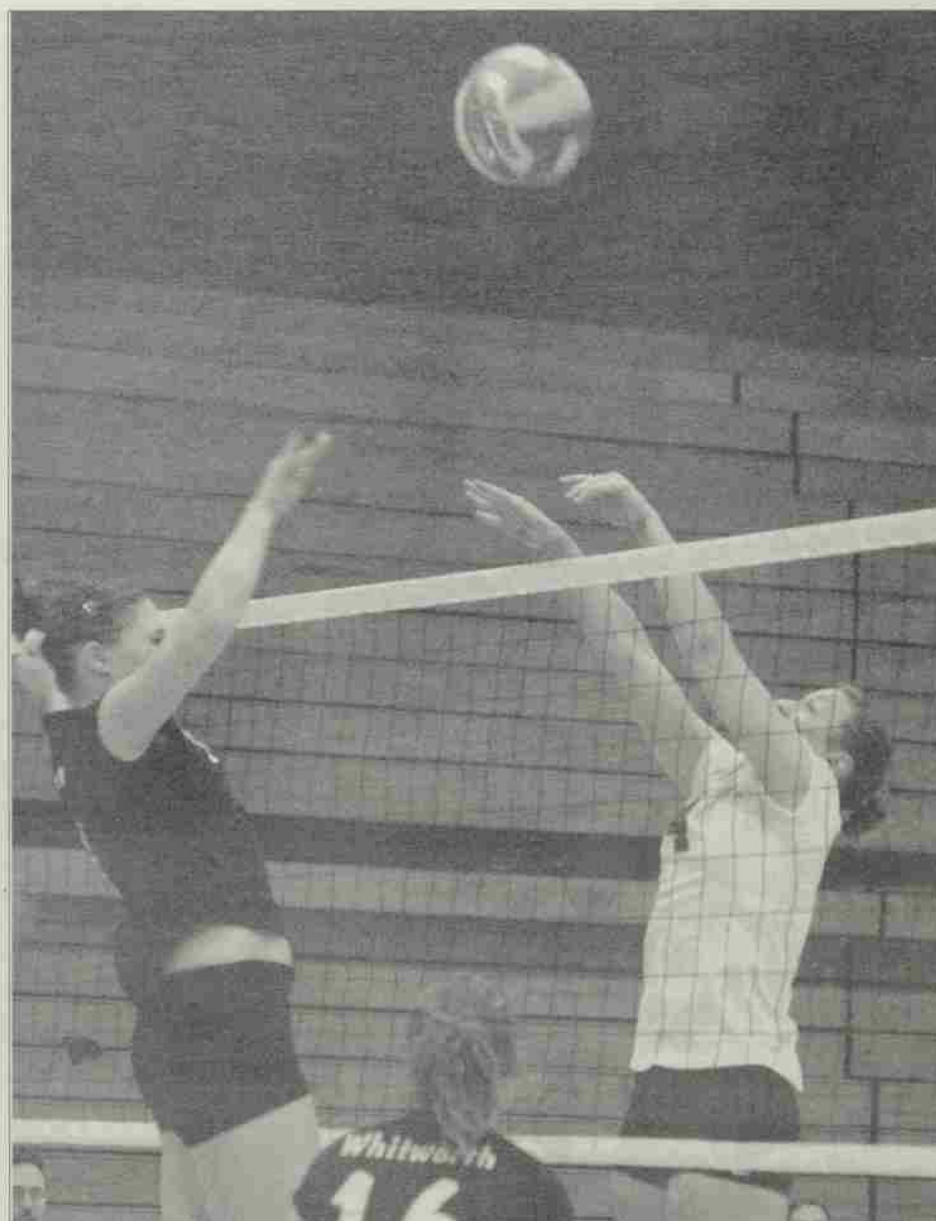
## VOLLEYBALL

to get even more of it," Lindstrom said. They travel to Pacific Lutheran next Saturday to play the third-ranked Lutes.

"We're obviously the underdog, so we need to play with a nothing-to-lose mentality," Lindstrom said.

### ► coming up:

The women play Pacific University at home on Friday and travel to Pacific Lutheran University on Saturday.



PATRICK WILLGOHS

LEFT • Christine Dion, sophomore defensive specialist, gets ready to make a pass.  
ABOVE • Junior setter, Jess Drumm, blocks her Whitman opponent. Drumm contributed 47 assists, 10 digs and five kills.

# Women steal wins from Washington competitors

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After Wednesday's battle to a 0-0 tie with University of California-Santa Cruz, Willamette led off their Northwest Conference matches with a 1-0 win over Whitman College and a 3-1 victory over Whitworth. Willamette has allowed just two goals in six games this season and is now 5-0-1 and 2-0-0 in league play. This is the first time since 2001 that the women's team has to beat both Whitman and Whitworth in the same season.

Powered by a shutout and three saves by senior goalkeeper Kari Woody, the Bearcats held strong against perennial power Santa Cruz, holding them scoreless in regulation and two overtimes. The Banana Slugs entered the game ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation in this week's NSCAA/Adidas Poll for NCAA Division III.

Great defense by both sides limited scoring chances, leading to the scoreless tie. Late drives by both teams showed promise, but in the end were unsuccessful, including a header by Willamette senior midfielder Susan Butler in the 82<sup>nd</sup> minute that was blocked and a shot by Annick Lamb of

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

UCSC that clanked off the crossbar with 43 seconds left in regulation. The match left both teams undefeated going into league play.

In Walla Walla, the Bearcats used a similarly tenacious defense, once again led by Woody's eight saves and shutout, to stop the Missionary's offensive attack. Butler provided the match's sole goal in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute on an assist from freshman forward Meghan Anderson. Butler's fourth goal of the year, makes her Willamette's top scorer.

On Sunday against potential division rival Whitworth, the Bearcats overcame an early score to beat the 22<sup>nd</sup> ranked Division III team in the nation. Anderson led the way with the assist on the winning goal and an insurance score later in the game.

### ► coming up:

The team will have its third consecutive road game at Lewis and Clark on Saturday, Sept. 23, going for their fifth win in two and a half years against the Pioneers.

# Men tie Whitman 1-1, fall to Whitworth 4-1

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## MEN'S SOCCER

started the game off with a goal from junior midfielder Trevor Jones, assisted by junior midfielder Austin Buell.

The Bearcats took a 1-1 tie into the half, and then gave up three unanswered goals in the second half. Whitworth out-shot the Bearcats 26-2, with an 11-2 advantage in shots on the goal. Within the first five minutes, Whitworth scored their three goals of the second half. With the loss, Willamette fell to 1-4-1 overall, and 0-1-1 in conference play.

### ► coming up:

Up next for the Bearcats is a four-game home stand starting Friday, Sept. 22 against the University of Puget Sound. Their run of games at home will conclude with a match against Pacific University on Oct. 7. The Bearcats will hope to use this home stand to win some conference games and gain momentum going into the middle of the season.

The Bearcats traveled up to Washington last weekend to play Northwest Conference foes Whitman and Whitworth. They ended with a tie with Whitman and a 4-1 loss to Whitworth.

According to sophomore forward, Nick Forbes, the team played very well. "We did not make any mental mistakes, and it was a very solid team performance," he said.

The only regret Forbes had from the game was that Willamette was unable to capitalize on their scoring chances. According to Forbes, "Willamette's killer instinct just wasn't there." In the match, Willamette scored eight goals while limiting Whitman to only five. Freshman goalkeeper Mark Bennett recorded five saves in the game, and has shut out two of the last three opponents.

On Sunday, the Bearcats traveled from Walla Walla to Spokane to face the Whitworth Pirates. Willamette



# Bearcats lose third straight to Cal Lutheran University

## FOOTBALL

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The Willamette football season has not gotten off to the start many Bearcat enthusiasts had hoped for.

The team first dropped the season opener against Division II team, Western Oregon, and then fell to the relatively unknown Gustavus Adolphus. Things did not look much better this last weekend against California Lutheran University, a hungry program from the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Kingsmen were looking to make the post-season after having been snubbed from the playoff last year, despite an 8-1 record. Cal Lutheran looked to improve their schedule this season by playing the traditionally strong Pacific Lutheran and Willamette. After beating PLU in week one, they took on Willamette in the Bearcat's final game before they begin Northwest Conference play.

The Bearcats played by far their best game of the season. Despite playing what was arguably their toughest opponent, the score was a more competitive 26-16. Trailing 3-0 going into the second quarter, junior quarterback Kevin Whipps connected with senior sweeper Ryan Hernandez for the Bearcats' first offensive touchdown of the season. On the next drive, Whipps and the Bearcats would engineer a six-play 75-yard drive culminating in a one-yard run by senior running back Kevin Dean, followed by another 11-play, 70-yard drive ending in a Matt Biccoca field goal to put the Bearcats up 16-3 going to the half.

The second half, however, saw the Bearcats doomed as a poor field position and a goose egg by the offense, lead to four unanswered scores by Cal Lutheran, and another loss. "We had a much more focused week of practice," Whipps said. "And we were much better prepared than for the first two games. We really saw what we were capable of in the first half, but we weren't able to make some of the adjustments in the second."

The Bearcats take on Menlo College next Saturday, a must-win if the Bearcats are to go to the postseason. One of the telling differences was the effectiveness of Hernandez and Willamette trademark fly sweep offense. Hernandez had a season high 83 yards and lead the Bearcats to a season high in rushing yards as well, while Whipps threw for a season high of 151 yards. While there is still a lot of work to be done if the Bearcats hope to have a successful season, Menlo should be as good a team as any to retool against, as the Bearcats dismantled the Oaks last season 52-20.

### ► coming up:

The team travels to Menlo College this Saturday to compete against the Oaks.s.

# Pack running successful at Pier Park

Runners prep for first home meet of new season

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The Bearcats laced up and hit the paths at the Pier Park Preview in Portland on Friday, Sept. 8, to mark the start of the 2006 cross-country season.

Although the team had tough competition in the form of NCAA Division I powers University of Oregon and University of Portland, the WU men and women focused on their strategy of running together in packs throughout the women's 5k and men's four-mile race, a strategy that the teams hope to employ throughout the season.

Junior Sarah Zerzan led the women with a third-place finish in a time of 18:24, and received support from freshman Hannah Vietmeier, who placed seventh in her first collegiate race. Sophomore Maddie Coffman, junior Elizabeth Hart and sophomore Edith Polanco finished the Pier Park Preview in 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Junior Ian Batch, placed 18<sup>th</sup> to lead the Bearcat men with a time of 20:53. Closely following Batch were teammates junior Lucas Nebert, who placed 19<sup>th</sup> with a time of 20:55 and freshman Taylor Roholt, who placed 20<sup>th</sup> with a time of 20:58. In 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> place were sophomore Alex Jimenez, junior Steven Millard and freshman Chris Platano.

"This meet was an encouraging opener for our young men and women," head coach Matt McGuirk said. "It was nice to see some strong leadership from our returning runners, as well as some new faces near the front."

According to McGuirk, this year's cross

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country team will draw strength from tradition and strong leadership in the pursuit to defend the Northwest Conference and NCAA West Regional titles, with the ultimate goal of qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

While in pursuit of these goals, McGuirk says that Willamette cross-country will find its toughest competition in Linfield, University of Puget Sound, Whitman and Lewis and Clark College.

Zerzan is optimistic for the upcoming season. She said, "Despite the potential weakness of having a small women's team, the female Bearcats are very close-knit and determined."

"We have a great group of seniors returning who are sure to be excellent leaders," Zerzan said. "Plus [we have] several very solid underclassmen who are going to contribute a lot to the program."

For the men's team, Batch identified a "lack of experience" as the potential weakness, but said that the men will compensate for this weakness with depth and a realization that the team will have to "step it up."

"Team unity is our biggest strength," Batch said. "Having 27 guys on the same page is hard to do, but I feel really confident with the group of guys this year."

### ► coming up:

With the first meet of the season out of the way, the team will continue to train for their next meet, the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Charles Bowles Willamette Invitational, at Bush Park on Sept. 30.

# Dehydration: the 'other' competitor

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This summer in Oregon, we were bombarded with record-high temperatures. For athletes and active people, the temperature plays a crucial role in working out safely. With these recent hot and humid days, the topic of dehydration comes to mind.

Encarta Dictionary defines dehydration as being "a dangerous lack of water in the body resulting from inadequate intake of fluids or excessive loss through sweat." When the body's fluid level drops merely two percent below normal, a person is considered dehydrated. For active people it is very easy to lose those two percentage points when the temperature is high and they begin to sweat sooner

than normal.

Some of the results of dehydration are fatigue, headaches, general weakness, cramping muscles, dizziness and lack of concentration. To prevent dehydration, drink before you get thirsty rather than waiting for your body to tell you that you need water. By that point, your body is already dehydrated.

Even as the hot summer days slowly become obsolete, hydration should still be on the minds of all active people. During the winter when it does get colder, some people forget that their body still needs water and other liquids to keep it functioning properly. To remain at your highest, healthiest level, remember to constantly be replacing the fluids lost due to exercise. So go ahead and grab your favorite sports drink or just some good ol' fashioned H<sub>2</sub>O, and drink up.

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"Nice longboard," he said.  
"Thanks," I replied.  
"That's very f\*\*\*ing trendy of you, don't you think?"

Maybe. But that's not why I got it. Welllll, maybe a little. It's true that after seeing countless Willamette students cruising by on their longboards last year, and looking pretty damn cool while doing so, I knew I had to hop on the train. Or board. Whatever.

So far I've had no regrets that I shelled out over \$100 for something I originally had no idea what to do with. I must confess that I always envied the skater kids in high school. So finally, in my senior year of college, I'm making the transition from bike to board.

I do wish I had taught myself before school started though, that way I wouldn't have had to take those embarrassing beginner spills on the way to class. The key to survival is learning how to laugh at yourself, and fast.

Now, I'm not going to claim to be on the same plain as those of you who have been boarding for years. I can't do tricks, and I occasionally still fall. But I have gone down the box derby hill in Bush Park several times, and I did learn the hard way that you should never jump off your board when it's going faster than you can run. All in all, I'm pretty proud of myself.

So what I would like everyone to know is that longboarding really isn't as hard as you might think it is. And if you have even an inkling that you might enjoy it, give it a try. You can't be afraid of falling though, and make sure you have some Neosporin handy. But frankly, I think it's sad that I probably haven't had a skinned knee between two weeks ago and elementary school. Life is much more interesting when you occasionally trip up a little.

Besides, longboarding is an extremely effective way to get to class on time. And you don't have to worry about it getting stolen, because you'll always have it with you. Nothing feels better than just cruising along, occasionally pushing every once and a while or carving around a corner. It's really just like a moving sidewalk, only way more fun.

And if people look like they think they're a badass when they're riding on by, maybe it's because they are. It's hard not to feel that way on a longboard. So don't blame 'em, join 'em.

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### EDITORIAL:

# Bush plan for war crime tribunals highly questionable

President George W. Bush and his allies in Congress have long claimed national security as their strongest issue. However, in light of the administration's recent mishandling of the 14 top Al-Qaeda terrorists in US custody, that claim seems much less credible.

In his address to the nation on Sept. 6, President Bush acknowledged that the CIA had held the 14 terror suspects, including a mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks, for months in secret prisons. The President also revealed that the suspects were subjected to special methods of interrogation, although he insisted that those methods did not constitute torture.

Now, the administration has decided to bring the suspects to Guantanamo Bay and begin a process for trying and punishing them. However, it is very unclear what this trial process will look like. Because of the treatment in the secret prisons, much of the evidence against the terror suspects would be inadmissible in a regular court of law.

As a result, the President supports military tribunals to try the suspects. Because of a recent Supreme Court ruling stating that such tribunals had no basis in US law, the President is pushing Congress to authorize legislation allowing them. Under his proposal, the tribunals would deny defendants the right to see the evidence presented against them, while allowing hearsay as evidence and coerced confessions as admissible.

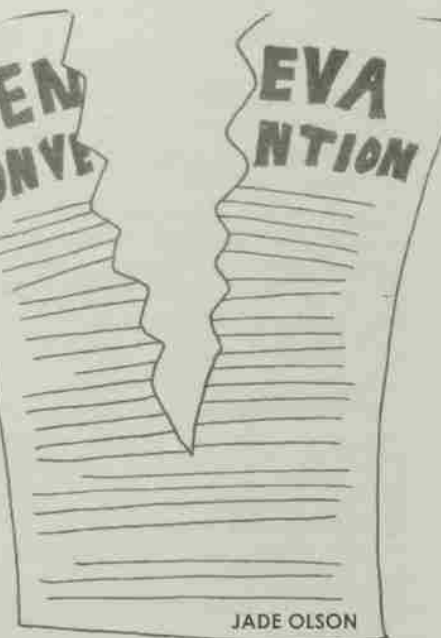
Despite the President's assertions that these tribunals are necessary to prosecute the war on terror, there are a number of serious problems with them. First, they violate the Geneva Convention, which defines torture much more broadly than does the Bush Administration and which

guarantees certain procedural rights to foreign detainees. This violation not only reflects poorly on the moral leadership of the United States, but it also threatens to endanger our fighting men and women abroad.

Former Army Generals Colin Powell and John Vessey, both of whom formerly held the post of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, oppose the President's proposal. They fear it can hurt US military personnel who may be captured in the future. Top legal officials in the Armed Forces have testified to Congress that ignoring the Geneva Convention may cause Americans to be unfairly prosecuted or even tortured by other nations.

Members of military leadership, along with human rights groups, see the provisions in the tribunal proposal as violating the basic moral values that underlie American and international law. General Vessey argues that the measure "would undermine the moral basis which has generally guided our conduct in war throughout our history." General Powell added that the tribunals would cause more people to

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JADE OLSON

"doubt the moral basis of our fight against terrorism" and it would "put our own troops at risk."

Clearly, the Bush Administration has failed in its commitment to prosecute those responsible for the terrible attacks against our nation. Their overzealous actions have left the United States searching for a viable means by which to try these terror suspects. Fortunately, Republican senators John McCain, John Warner and Lindsay Graham have broken with the President to present an alternative solution. They propose military trials, but ones that keep most procedural protections for the defendant in place and that prohibits treatment that violates the Geneva Convention.

This idea has the support of many Senate Democrats and presents a viable option to prosecute these terror suspects without abandoning our troops or our values.

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# New credit transfer system a bummer for study abroad



JOEL HENDERSON

*Tá mé tugtha don chraic!* That's a little phrase I picked up while studying abroad in Galway, Ireland. It roughly translates to "I'm addicted to craic (fun in Irish)." We had some good craic in Ireland. Good craic, indeed. But studying abroad did not come without an unexpected price.

Upon our group's return to the states, we discovered that we were only awarded partial credit for most of the classes we had taken in Ireland. So I went to the Registrar's Office to work this quandary out.

As explained to me, the National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG) operates under a different credit system than Willamette, and a newly updated conversion factor is set to award one Willamette credit for every eight conferred by NUIG. Thirty-two Irish credits would then equal a full, four credit Willamette class load.

This information was nothing but news to us. And herein lies the difficulty: the classes for full time Irish students are worth five to six credits under their system, and as visiting students we were only allowed to take four total classes.

Out of the four classes we could take, Willamette itself predetermined two: one taught by our accompanying Willamette professor and the other by Irish professors. This Irish class was set at six NUIG credits, combining will all other factors to make it nearly impossible to earn thirty-two credits. Hence, we



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were all at a loss.

Luckily, the International Education Office stepped in and persuaded the Registrar's Office to grant us full credit for our classes taken in Ireland. But only for us. For years to come, the Registrar's Office wants to continue using this new eight-to-one conversion system.

Rhetorically, Willamette emphatically encourages students to study abroad. But, realistically, this system of credit transfers makes the decision a much more disappointing one, especially because it pertains to other European study-abroad programs as well.

Now it will be harder to receive full credit if you decide to study abroad, which bears unappealing financial implications since you would be paying the

same tuition to get less credit. It also has the potential to set graduation off an extra semester, discouraging academically-minded students from using study abroad to enrich their educational experience.

The Registrar's Office, in conjunction with the International Education Office, needs to do a better job explaining this system to study abroad perspectives, as well as preparing them for its consequences. Even better, they could reexamine the practicality of this credit-transfer system in order to better exemplify the university's commitment to encouraging students to study abroad. *Eireann go bragh!*

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## Give Greeks a chance, you might be surprised



AMANDA ROSE

Two words: Elle Woods. If you've ever seen the movie "Legally Blonde," you would recognize this name as that of the main character, a Delta Nu who makes her way into Harvard Law School.

This blond-haired, blue-eyed, perfectly perky and beautiful girl is the kind of person that fits the stereotype of a sorority girl. If you are in a sorority, you must enjoy socializing, being perfect, exercising, not eating and discussing important issues like the latest Vogue fashions and the hot guys you met at last night's party.

If you think I am serious, then get your brain checked, open your eyes and look around.

Don't place sorority girls into boxes, because there aren't enough boxes in the world to classify the diverse group at Willamette. I know I don't appear to be that perfect sorority type, nor did I think I would join a sorority when I applied to colleges; however, I am a sorority girl and proud of it.

Checking out the Greek scene is something I encourage everyone to do. Whenever there is an event at a Greek house that you can attend, go. When formal recruitment comes around, ladies, give it a shot. You might be surprised when you step beyond the threshold and realize that life isn't bad on the other side.

You will find people from different backgrounds and life

stories, with different interests all over campus and you might be surprised when you find yourself actually having fun. The girls in all three houses are fantastic people involved in other organizations like Bearcat Bench, SHE, Angles, WEB, ASWU, the Collegian, Cheer and Dance teams, Campus Ambassadors, Hawaii Club and countless others.

Being in a sorority offers skills that you can use later in life, such as how to manage groups, how to be a good leader and role model, how to correspond with your peers and your elders and many others things. You are also a member of a national organization that gives you lifetime possibilities, such as career connections, places to stay across the country and career options within the organization itself.

You become a part of something that is rich in historical significance, making a change in the world - big or small - and bond with people that share your similar interests. You join a support group of people who push you to the best of your abilities, wish you good luck when you go abroad and console you when the world seems against you. It is a group to laugh with, cry with, share secrets with - a place to call home even when you've been away for 50 years.

So the next time you see someone wearing their letters, take notice: see what they're involved in and doing with their life and you'll see that we aren't all like Elle Woods. Although, she did graduate at the top of her class from Harvard Law School while wearing tons of pink and adorable stiletto shoes.

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JADE OLSON

### ECONOMICS:

## You could win a MILLION dollars by reading this column



RYAN SANDLER

How much does a year at Willamette cost? No, don't go looking at the financial aid website; that's not the real cost. How much does it cost to get drunk on a Thursday night with free beer? If you answered "free," you aren't thinking like an economist.

Perhaps the most basic yet least understood concept in economics is opportunity cost. The idea is that the true cost of anything is not how much money, time or other resources you spend on it, but the benefit that you could have received from the next-best thing you could have acquired with your resources.

So the true cost of your education at Willamette is not the \$39,000 your parents shelled out for you to be here, but the value of what else you could have gotten with the \$39,000 and 8 months of time. The cost of spending an hour doing your homework is not an hour of time, but the benefits you could have gained from spending that hour enjoying yourself or otherwise procrastinating. With economic thinking, if the benefit of going to Willamette or doing your homework is less than the true opportunity cost, then you shouldn't do it.

Of course, opportunity cost isn't fixed, the way a price tag is. It depends on tastes and how much you value your alternatives. For instance, the opportunity cost of getting drunk on a Thursday night is whatever you could have otherwise done with your beer money, and avoiding a hangover for Friday classes.

But suppose that instead of being at Willamette, you're at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where the weekend effectively starts on Thursday. Then the opportunity cost of not getting drunk is missing out on whatever drunken parties are going on. If you're into such things, as many UCSB students are, then that cost is higher than the benefit of being at your best in class.

Calculating opportunity cost may sound complicated or contrived, but it can be a good way to work out sticky problems. You won't necessarily be happy with the results—sometimes there are no good alternatives. But next time you have to choose between two activities or whether to shell out some money or where to do something, ask yourself "What are my options?" and see if the result isn't just a little bit clearer.

**ECONOMISTS CALL IT:** Opportunity cost

**BY WHICH THEY MEAN:** The cost of giving up the next best alternative

**THEY CARE BECAUSE:** It explains specialization in trade, why the environment can only be protected so much, and many other ways where we must choose where to assign resources.

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# CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

Sept. 8 - 14, 2006

## CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Sept. 11, (Gatka Hall): Unknown individuals damaged a tree, phone box, and light pole by shooting numerous green paint balls at the objects.

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

- Sept. 6, 12:08 a.m. (Matthews Hall): A student, suffering from a seizure, was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.
- Sept. 12, 10:32 p.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student struck her head on a wall near the elevator. She was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.
- Sept. 13, 8:12 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): A student struck his head on a kitchen counter when he bent down to pick up something that he dropped. He was transported to Salem Hospital for treatment.
- Sept. 14, 7:40 p.m. (Hatfield Library): A student fell off a bicycle causing a small laceration to the elbow, hands and upper lip. The student was given first aid by Campus Safety.

## POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

- Sept. 14, 11:03 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Marijuana smoke was emitting from a room. Campus Safety subsequently seized the marijuana from the room.
- Sept. 11, 8:30 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): Two unknown males approached a female student as she sat on a bench near Lausanne. The individuals handed her what they claimed to be a marijuana cigarette, and then walked away from the location.

## TRESPASSING

- Sept. 8, 10:35 p.m. (Matthews Hall): A male and female suspect drove onto campus and gained access to Matthews by asking a student to allow them to use the restroom. Other students in the building encountered them and told them to leave. They became belligerent and the female suspect slapped a male student in the face. They left the building and

attempted to elude campus safety officers who were attempting to talk to them. The suspects' vehicle was cited and towed as an abandoned vehicle and they left campus by foot.

- Sept. 11, 7:45 p.m. (Law School): A suspicious person was observed to be loitering in the Law Library. When confronted he said that he was waiting for a friend because he had the friend's keys. His story could not be corroborated. The suspect then left the location heading north on Winter.

## SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

- Sept. 10, 12:39 a.m. (Law School): A student was followed from Delta Gamma to near the Law School where a male subject attempted to steal her purse. The student hit the suspect on the nose with her purse. The suspect ran down Ferry Street towards downtown.
- Sept. 15, 12:29 a.m. (Carnegie Building): Campus Safety issued a trespass warning to a transient who was found in the garden area of the Carnegie Building, naked, sitting on a sleeping bag.

## THEFT

- Sept. 8, 11:56 a.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): A student's locked blue Rock Hopper brand mountain bike was stolen on the south side of Matthews Hall.
- Sept. 9, 7:00 p.m. (Law School): A student had his Bianchi brand bicycle stolen from the racks in front of the law school.
- Sept. 9, 3:30 p.m. (McCulloch Stadium): A student had his wallet stolen from a locker during a football game.
- Sept. 14, 12:55 p.m. (York House): A student's blue Schwinn bicycle was taken from in the bike rack at the west side of York.
- Sept. 13, 2:01 p.m. (WISH House): Two copper water downspouts were stolen from the west side of WISH.
- Sept. 13, 12:50 p.m. (1300 Mill Street): A student's car was broken into, and the CD player was stolen.

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

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