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Inaugural festivities

This year Black Tie Affair will be put on in conjunction with the Inaugural Ball at the State Capitol

By GIAO BUI
Editor

The Willamette community has seen many changes within the last year. These changes include the construction of a new music building, the grand opening of a new museum and the nomination of a new President.

President Pelton was nominated in January and has been working since July. His inauguration is planned for the week of February the fifteenth. The Inaugural festivities will start on February seventeenth, a Wednesday, with an Atkinson Series Lecture at Smith Auditorium.

The following day there will be a University Symposium on the "New Roles for Liberal Education," which will also be at Smith Auditorium. Willamette University's twenty-second president will be inaugurated on February nineteenth at Lestle J. Sparks Center, Cone Field House. The keynote speaker will be James O. Freedman, President Emeritus of Dartmouth College.

Later that night, the Black Tie Affair and the Inaugural Ball will be held at the Oregon State Capitol in the Rotunda.

The inaugural week will conclude with a Jazz concert featuring alto saxophonist Phil Woods. This event will be on Saturday in Smith Auditorium.

Invitations have already been sent out through campus mail, and a reply is requested by January nineteenth. For more information contact Kevin Neely in the President's office at x6031.

Opening Days is almost here again!



Students sitting in front of Goudy take a short break from the activities of Opening Days



Students intently listening



Parents and new students are entertained by a skit put on by the OD staff

Preparations for Opening Days are already underway. Last December, Brian Huftt was selected as the new Opening Days Coordinator for 1999. The OD Coordinator will work closely with the Student Activities staff and OD student staff in order to plan for a successful Opening Days, which will take place dur-

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ing the summer. There are many activities that have been planned for the incoming students. The activities include Hoedown, Straight Talk and WU-who. The Opening Days activities are geared towards providing new students with information

about Willamette, and to help ease the incoming students into college life. The OD staff is currently looking for motivated and outgoing students who are willing to share their Willamette perspective with incoming stu-

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Job opportunities through network

Alumni Career Network can be a valuable resource for students who seek to gain summer internships or career opportunities

By GIAO BUI
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What is every college student's worst nightmare? Most would say that it is not being able to find a job or finding one that is not fulfilling. Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for a college student to be working at a fast food restaurant after graduation. Nowadays, there is a lot of competition for high paying professional jobs.

Employers prefer students who have work experience and can demonstrate the ability to work and thrive outside of the academic setting. Thus, internships and summer jobs have become critical components in the process of finding employment after graduation.

Most internships and career opportunities should be sought out during the start of the winter season.

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations maintains a list of approximately 2,900 alumni and alumnae who are willing to share information regarding their vocations, the prerequisite skills and background and the availability of jobs in their field. In addition to providing information, many alumni and alumnae are able to facilitate student internships in various fields.

For more information contact the office of Career Services and Alumni & Parent Relations at (503) 370-6213 and (800) 551-6794, respectively. Students can also find more information on the web at <http://www.willamette.edu/alumni>.

These are a some of the resources available to students who are looking to open the doors of success.

TIUA honors 88 students last December

Many people from the Willamette Community including students and professors were sad that TIUA students had to leave

Tokyo International University of America (TIUA) honored eighty-eight students during its tenth closing ceremony on Friday, Dec. 18, 1998.

There was a certificate presentation ceremony at 5 P.M. in the TIUA

Auditorium, followed by the closing banquet at 6 P.M..

The ceremonies are the culmination of a year of intense study of English and American Studies courses taught by TIUA and Willamette University faculty members.

Attending the ceremony from Tokyo International University in Kawagoe, Japan, is Professor Haruo Tamura and Professor Shigeru Inazumi, both from the School of Business and Commerce.

Other guests that attended in-

clude: the Consul General from Japan, Gunkatsu Kano, Consul Toshie Tanaka; Vice consul Tetsuo Kuroiwa; President Lee Pelton from Willamette University; Salem Mayor Mike Swain and his wife; numerous Willamette University Faculty members; and many Salem residents who participated in the TIUA "Tomodachi: (friendship family) program.

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Curious Willamette student tries internet dating

"Single female, 21 years of age, enjoys rafting, climbing mountains, canoeing and quite lunches." So read "Sara's" profile, prompting me to chat with her on-line.

I was curious as to what the world of computer dating was all about.

Since my luck seemed to be hitting a rather big dry spell with normal avenues such as school, class or the gym, I decided to embark on a search for a date: 90's style.

To get started I signed up with an internet server, created a profile, (since deleted), and started my search for love.

There are many match making computer services on the internet. "Matchmaker.Com" is one of the most popular.

However, there are many sites that post personals for free. In addition, there are numerous chat rooms available should you want to talk to others with your like interests. I advise you to limit your interests to sex, clothes and sex.

It does not appear many people in chat rooms that deal with dating have anything much else to talk about.

I decided on America On Line, probably the most popular service in America today, to start my search for a date.

There were literally hundreds of chat rooms available, from "Horny Suburban Mothers," to "Grandma's

in Heat", hence one has a wide menu to choose from. After putting in a search for "females around my age and in my area," the system gave me nearly 250 profiles to choose from. It seems most profiles have these set guidelines.

Everyone writes they work-out, they like to have fun, whatever that means, and are "enjoying life." Apparently, vagueness is the key when deciding upon an on-line identity.

After reading through a dozen or so profiles, I decided then to enter a chat room.

I picked "Portland, OR" to see what was cooking in there.

It was there I started chatting with "Sara." She described herself as "fun, and active, she also said she enjoyed rafting, swimming, hiking and having fun times." Sara also listed her height as 5'5" and her

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weight as 125 pounds.

She was one of the few who did not also include her sexual habits in her profile so that was a bonus. AF-

e-mails, and even talked on the telephone. Her voice sounded like she was a normal, stable individual.

Sara and I had spoken nearly a month before we decided to meet in person.

I decided it was best to meet here a Willamette, at the chicken fountain. I would have gone to a coffee shop off campus, but since we met at noon, I did not want to give up my prized parking spot.

So there I sat at the fountain looking for a 5'5", 125 pound, brown haired and blue eyed girl.

Well, let me tell you, the Sara I met on line, was not the Sara that appeared before me that day. We went to the Bistro for coffee, and I do not believe I had the chance to get one word in that hour we spent together.

I heard tales of old boyfriends, divorced parents, and prior drug ad-

dictions and I was particularly surprised when she had to go at 1 pm to pick up her child from day care.

Sara had forgotten to mention she was a mom. I guess it is easy to forget you have children, since we all lead such busy lives in the 90's.

Also, her hair was more red than brown and her eyes were brown than blue. She was also mistaken about her height by about five inches.

And just to let you know, my definition of 125 pounds is obviously not Sara's definition of 125 pounds. So, my date was a bust. Back to drawing board.

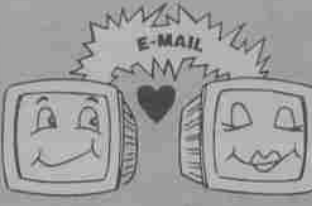
I was not discouraged from my on-line dating experience. However, I did learn a few things.

I realized that when a person writes "fun, active and intelligent" in their profile it really means "crazy, boring and I barely passed ninth grade."

Also, when they say they weigh 125 pounds, it really means they weigh 125 kilograms, an easy mistake to make.

Further, when you read the individual is "seeking someone who is stable and drug free" it really means, "I just got out of prison for drug offenses and I am so glad that I got a new tattoo yesterday."

So I am not against on-line dating, I just want you to know, be careful the next time you hear the words, "You've got mail," it could be your next nightmare.



A few points to remember when searching for love on line:

1. Visit your physician so that you have an accurate height and weight measurement.
2. If you send a picture, make sure the picture you send, is actually you, not your neighbor or friend
3. Don't send out nude pictures of yourself unless you plan on meeting that way.
4. The description of "successful" does not mean you won your sixth grade spelling be and you are 20 now.
5. Don't talk about past relationships or other traumas.



Your Cosmic Connection for the new Year by Madame Sitara



"The voice of the Rising Star"

With the new year just around the corner, it is time to do a little cleansing of the soul. Take some time to reflect on the events of this past year and let go of bad feelings. Enter 1999 with a light heart and a positive spirit.



Scorpio (Oct 24- Nov 22) Be careful not to lash out at innocent bystanders. If you are angry about something, it is best to explain the situation to your friends so that they better understand your current situation. Sometimes talking about your problems releases undue stress you carry around on your shoulders.



Sagittarius (Nov 23- Dec 21) Opportunities are right around the corner. A recent experience gives you better insight into your future. Keep your mind open to new ideas and hold onto them. Advice you receive will help you focus on your goals and help you understand your own desires.



Capricorn (Dec 22- Jan 20) Pay close attention to who is telling you what. Don't listen to unreliable sources. Before you take action, be sure to weigh the consequences. There are some things that you value highly. Make sure you aren't jeopardizing anything that you might miss in the long run, like credibility.



Aquarius (Jan 21- Feb 19) If something is leaving you yearning for more, think about recapturing something you have lost. A piece of your heart was left behind somewhere. It is time to go and retrieve it. Either try and fix a broken relationship or move on. In either case, you will feel better when things have closure.



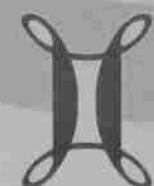
Pisces (Feb 20- Mar 20) Money is on your mind lately. Try not to get too anxious about your tight financial situation. Maybe it is time to try and cash in on an old loan you made. If that doesn't work, relax. Money may rule the world, but you don't have to let it ruin all your fun. Concentrate on more pressing issues at home.



Aries (Mar 21- Apr 20) Crisis is in the air around you, but you don't have to make it your problem. Try and keep your outlook positive despite the air of tension. Don't let doubts cloud your gut instinct about things. Romance may seem a side-thought right now, but don't dismiss it all together.



Taurus (Apr 21- May 21) You are looking for a change. Try a change within your living quarters. Rearrange some things and see if it gives you a new perspective on life. If it isn't enough, go out on the town. You need a change of pace. When life is racing by you, sometimes you have to make the effort to slow it down.



Gemini (May 22- June 21) Someone has you walking on sunshine. Keep their positive words in mind as you face your daily anxieties. Your good mood can help others. Take the time to say hi to friends and acquaintances. If you can keep your spirits high, you will be greatly rewarded by the change you will see in others around you.



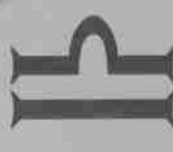
Cancer (June 22- July 22) It is time for a little adventure in your life. Stop avoiding risks and take a chance on something of which you have been hesitant. Let your mind take a little vacation and put your heart on the line. You will never know unless you try. You could be pleasantly surprised.



Leo (July 23- Aug 22) Keep an eye out for new opportunities. If you are in a relationship that is growing stale, maybe it is time to take a break and expand your horizons. You have been feeling like something is holding you back lately. Now is your chance to take hold of your own destiny.



Virgo (Aug 23- Sept. 23) Stop stressing. Living in a constant state of tension is not good for your body, your soul, or those around you. Don't worry about things you can't change. Instead, take things in stride and deal with things one at a time. Eventually, things will settle down and you will be able to move on with your life.



Libra (Sept. 24- Oct 23) You are starting to feel comfortable with someone new in your life. Keep learning about them and making efforts to make them more comfortable. If you can build a friendship of comfort, you will maintain a fruitful relationship. Be careful not to insult people with your well-meaning remarks.



EXTREME CONDITIONS DURING A WARREN MILLER FILM SHOOT

MOST SNOWFALL: 105 in. in 7 days at Jackson Hole, Wyoming
TALLEST MOUNTAIN: Chacaltaya, Bolivia at 21,435 ft.
STEEPEST MOUNTAIN: Chugash Range in Alaska at 65 degrees
COLDEST TEMPERATURE: -45 degrees in Denali, Alaska
WARMEST TEMPERATURE: 93 degrees in Maui, Hawaii
DEEPEST POWDER: Chimbuk in Kazakstan
MOST RAINFALL: Scotland where it rained for 13 days

INTERESTING FACTS

Most expensive lift ticket: Aspen, Colorado, \$59
 Least expensive lift ticket: Chacaltaya, Bolivia, \$3.25
 Amount of insurance carried in 1949: None
 Amount of insurance carried today: \$2 million
 Most unusual skis: handmade wooden slats found in India



Sports Editorial



Why should skiing be for the rich?

Warren Miller is the God of American skiing. His films have inspired countless millions of wealthy white people to take to the slopes. His films have also inspired about ten minorities to pick up the sport. And while opening up the realm of winter sports to minorities and the poor may be desirable, it is not an idea espoused by Warren Miller.

I have been going to see his incredible ski flicks every year since I was 10. His films give the average person such an adrenaline rush that heart murmurs below with rage and people with epileptic ancestry flail and twitch until the ushers drag their splayed and contorted bodies to the lobby.

However, I have never seen anyone other than a white person ski in one of his movies.

They all have last names like Sheistumfreur or Egan, never a Akmar-al-shabaz, or even a Golstein. Must skiing always be the domain of the rich here in America? I say that it doesn't. There are two way to make skiing a national sport instead of a sport for the rich. First, Warren Miller, as the figurehead of the establishment, must do what he can to find a broader spectrum of skiers for his films. Warren Miller has only had male stars in his films. The only exceptions to this rule has been the "Amazing Women Skiers" segment of his later films where, for five minutes, three beautiful ski bunnies are allowed to cruise down

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 Contributor

light angled slopes in Greece or some fancy East Coast Resort like Sugarloaf. The women obviously have enough skill to cut it down a black diamond, but they never get to ski down a steep because Steep's are man-country. Also, when Warren sent a film crew to Japan, the cameramen filmed three snowboarders from Toronto carving up the Japanese mountain.

However, the cameraman somehow seemed to miss the three thousand Japanese people who were skiing there. The only Japanese person filmed was the lift operator who closed the Gondola hood for the good Canadian-Americans.

The point is clear, Warren Miller's Films are perpetuating the rather embarrassing myth that only Rich White males know how to really ski. Warren must make the change. The second thing which must be done is for skiing to be opened up to the whole public. As the price of a ski weekend spirals into the hundreds, the only people who can afford to ski are the rich or the devoted. Skiing at a resort costs around 45 dollar while even owning a new pair of skis costs around 400 dollars.

There is an economic caste system at the mountains. There are the haves, people with Gortex who have skied for years because they can afford it, and the have-nots, who have skied once or twice in their

lives.

Ski resorts must lower their prices and promote skiing in different neighborhoods. There is plenty of room in the mountains for people to enjoy the outdoors.

Warren Miller is getting old, I have read his latest book and believe me, it is not good. Warren does the narrating and his son Kurt, does the managing. It is important to make it clear to them that change is needed in their film. If they effect a change, then the others will fall in line. It should not be necessary for independent groups to create films like this year's, "No Man's Land" which featured only women skiers as a protest against the male dominated studios. Some may argue that capitalism should not be trifled with and that men should do what they want with their movie companies and their ski resorts. But they would be wrong, because skiing is something that everyone should get a chance to try, not just the rich.

So check out this web site www.WarrenMiller.com and www.MountainZone.com and send in a complaint. Do what you have to do sparing voodoo and homicide to shake things up. p.s. Yes I know that Warren has put snow boarders into his films, but if you ask me, there is a bigger issue between men and women, white and minority, than there is between boarders and two planker wankers.



LETTERS

No such thing as free money!

Over the past few weeks, and even last year, I have heard all sorts of different complaints about allowing the Military onto the Willamette campus. But all the anger and disgust towards the Federal Government over the Solomon Amendment is wasted effort. The hard facts of life are that all money has strings attached and there is no such thing as free money. With all the focus on the discrimination of the Military, there are several issues being overlooked in the whole affair. As Willamette students, I'd like to think we are educated enough to decide for ourselves whether or not the Armed Forces are right for us. The University's policy on not allowing any group, which discriminates, to recruit on campus at first appears to be a good one. But at this highly academic university, can't we decide for ourselves?

This policy seems to be another one of those sheltering policies here at Willamette, the students are treated as babies who can't think for themselves. The argument can be made that education and Military recruitment have nothing in common, but they do. Where does education funding come from? It comes from the Federal Government! Who runs the Military? The Federal Government runs the military! So there is a link between education and the Military. Going back to my first point, there is no such thing as free money, you can see why the military wants to recruit on campus. Let us dig further into the issue. The money the government spends on education is an investment in the common wealth of the public.

At the same time, the fact that Willamette gets money at all is a blessing. Here at the University of Abercrombie and Fitch or J. Crew College, or whatever you want to call it, the major of students are in the upper class of family income. Sure, I want all the Federal aid they will give me, but are we the people who need it most? No! The money sent to students here could go to other students who are more deserving than Willamette students.

So all of this whining makes the University ungrateful. The way the Federal Government sees it is this: they give thousands of dollars to a University full of fairly well off students, who in turn tell them they cannot go onto the campus because they disapprove of the Military. They see Willamette as ungrateful and figure they should just keep their money. In the end, it's time to realize there is no such thing as free money, but more importantly, it is time to let Willamette students decide things for themselves.

- Mike Benkoski

Where are all the sandbags?

The music building has been under construction for about a year. During that time, the concrete walkway connecting Smullin and the library has disappeared. Willamette is an excellent school, but there is one thing that can be greatly improved. Any student who has negotiated the walkway can testify to how shoddy it is. Undoubtedly, that walkway has muddied the shoes of more than a few students. Many types of walkways have been put up, but none of them have been very effective. The only thing that comes close to working are the two rows of sandbags that are out there now. Why are there only two lanes? The university is expanding its facilities, so why not expand the walkway to eight lanes? This would make students very happy.

- Giao Bui

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A lot of hype in protest against government

Among the many ridiculous arguments being made in desperation by the defenders of Bill Clinton are that the polls shows that "the American people don't want him impeached" and that only "partisanship" can explain why republicans are voting for impeachment anyway. Some even call it a "coup d'etat" when an elected president is removed from office. Let's go back to Civics 1. We have a representative form of government for a reason: The people themselves cannot govern.

Many of the very liberals who act as if polls should dictate what Congress does have been complaining for years about ballot initiatives in places like California, where the voters can legislate directly. Many of the things that Californians vote on are things you would need expertise to have any realistic understanding of what should be done. About 40% of the American public doesn't even know what impeachment is. They think it is the removal

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Contributor

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from office, when in fact it is nothing more than sending the case to the Senate for trial.

When much of the public does not understand something as basic as this, does anyone seriously believe that people being polled have read all boxes of evidence the house Judiciary Committee has? Most people have probably not even read the special prosecutor's report. We

elect members to Congress to represent us, not messengers to carry out orders or statisticians to add up poll numbers.

If the public is bored with the Clinton scandals, then the public can tune out. But congress cannot shrug off its duty, even if the people in Congress are just as bored and disgusted as the public.

That is the other reason for representative government. Otherwise, we are going to have government by poles, which means government by sound bite, emotional outbursts and snap judgements. No society can survive if its government is just the Oprah Winfrey show writ large.

We don't do our own surgery or dentistry, and most of us don't even fix our own automobile engines. Why in the world would anyone want to act as if we could carry out the complex duties of Congress? We have a right to choose who goes to Congress, but micro-managing them after they get there makes no sense.

Government agencies reckless in child abuse investigations

Being a columnist has taught me that there is massive injustice in America. I don't mean injustice in the way liberals and the political left mean it -- "unfair" income distribution and a preponderance of white males in executive suites and professions. I mean injustice in the true sense -- the prosecution of innocents. As a result of my columns about the frame-ups of 26 parents on child sex-abuse charges in Wenatchee, Wash., I have received hundreds of letters from anguished people stunned at the ease with which their families were destroyed with similar false charges of child abuse. Even if I had the resources to investigate all the cases, and even if editors and readers permitted me to write about nothing else, it would be years before I worked my way through the documents already in my possession.

And, of course, each new column would bring more letters. At the same time, I feel a responsibility to do what I can to share these stories -- if only to forewarn those of you who are next in line.

The problem in general is this: For three decades "child advocates" have been propagandizing political elites, judges, prosecutors and newspaper editors that the family is the main source of child abuse.

This propaganda resulted in the passage of laws that have endowed government departments

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS
Contributor

"Children have learned in school that they can retaliate against parents by making child abuse accusations."

such as Human Services (DHS) and Child Protective Services (CPS) with essentially unaccountable powers. These powers are routinely abused for all the reasons that excessive power is always abused and because a federal subsidy is paid to CPS for every child that is removed from a home.

CPS child seizure feeds a network of foster homes and adoption services. Many parents lose their children and are sent to prison for doing nothing more than parenting.

For example, in an Arlington, Va., case that I investigated, a father ended up in prison because he attempted to break up a lesbian relationship between his underage daughter and an older woman -- the true child abuser in this case. To protect her sex relationship, the daughter accused her father, who was falsely prosecuted.

Children have learned in school that they can retaliate against parents by making child abuse accusations. Speaking to your children

about their grades, drug use, undesirable associations or punishment or restrictions of any kind can result in an accusation.

Parents need to understand that false accusations are just as dangerous as true ones. There are two reasons for this.

One is that it carries no weight when the child realizes what he or she has done and recants.

The other is that more often than not, the charge is not investigated but used as evidence in the case against the parent.

In May 1996, Wayne Pierce in Houlton, Maine, expressed his concern to his 9-year old son about his grades. The boy responded by alleging sexual molestation.

A detective and a state mental health official tried to produce incriminating evidence against Mr. Pierce, to no avail.

The boy recanted, and there was no physical evidence.

Nevertheless, the state has kept the child, who is not even permitted to see his mother.

In most cases, CPS uses charges against one parent to break up the marriage.

The non-accused parent cannot get the child back from CPS without deserting, and testifying against, the accused spouse.

Until the public wakes up, no parent, scoutmaster, teacher or day care provider is safe.



Is Iraq a real threat to the US?

It is a tradition among Americans that when the guns fire, we rally behind our fighting men and commander in chief.

Yet even this tradition seems to have fallen victim to this president. Three days after his disastrous grand jury testimony and speech to the nation on Aug. 17, Bill Clinton launched an attack on a "poison gas" factory in Sudan, a factory oddly unguarded, since it was said to be a site that produced the most awful of outlawed weapons. Now, hours before his impeachment vote, the missiles have flown again. No one can know what is in a man's heart, but it is hard to believe that Bill Clinton's political crisis did not figure in the timing of that attack. And who among us did not wonder, on hearing that U.S. cruise missiles were winging toward Baghdad, whether the president might be cynically exploiting America's patriotism? All the trust is gone; even the president knows it. Twice on Wednesday, he was compelled to assure us the strikes were "the unanimous decision of my national security team."

The smug youth who wrote that the best and brightest of his generation "loathed" the military now depends on its credibility, as he retains almost none of his own. But if we have a failed president, it is also time to ask if U.S. policy toward Iraq is not also deeply flawed. Clinton declared on Wednesday that he is acting to protect the "people throughout the Middle East and around the world." How does Saddam threaten "the world?" If we "fail to respond," said Clinton, Saddam "will make

By PATRICK BUCHANAN
Contributor

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strikes again at his neighbors ... make war on his own people (and) develop weapons of mass destruction, deploy them, and he will use them." Let's deconstruct that. Yes, Saddam makes "war on his own people," but who inflicts the greater suffering -- Saddam or a U.S.-led embargo that has claimed the lives of 239,000 children, 5 years old and under, since 1990?

Michael Powell writes in The Washington Post, "That (239,000) is the latest -- and most conservative -- independent estimate of the number of Iraqi children who have died of malnutrition, wasting and dysentery since sanctions were imposed." If sanctions have failed to topple Saddam and have snuffed out the lives of a quarter million children, can such a policy be moral? Where is the proportionality?

Indeed, the embargo, not the strikes on military targets, appears the immoral element of our Iraqi policy. "You can't lay that guilt trip on me," snapped Secretary of State Madeleine Albright when asked about the embargo and the children. OK, but who do we lay it on?

Without America, there would be

no sanctions, no 25,000 Iraqi kids 5 and under dying each year of deprivation. Clinton said we are protecting Iraq's "neighbors." But Iran is larger and more powerful than Iraq, is building weapons of mass destruction, and has been cited more times for supporting terrorism. And why should we defend Iran?

Iraq killed scores of Americans; we killed thousands of Iraqis. Yes, Iraq was an enemy, but Hanoi killed 58,000 Americans and turned South Vietnam into a Stalinist hell that makes Iraq look like Vermont. Yet we have normalized relations with Hanoi. China is responsible for the deaths of tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers in Korea. Its regime has on its hands the blood of tens of millions of Chinese and is targeting U.S. cities with ICBMs.

Yet China is now our "strategic partner." Is Iraq, with no air force, no navy, no ICBMs and an economy not 1 percent of ours, the greater threat? If constructive engagement was the right policy for the Evil Empire, why is there no other way with Iraq than total sanctions? If deterrence held the Red Army at bay in Europe, can it not hold Saddam?

Can we not contain him and deny him his worst weapons -- without denying Iraq's people the necessities of life? Again, it is not the U.S. policy of containment of Iraq, or even of air strikes on missile or military bases, that raises questions of morality. It is a sanctions regime that is killing the Iraqi people in body and spirit. Surely, a humane republic can devise a wiser and more moral policy than this.

The public needs to support troops fighting overseas

During the last year, I have heard many students complain about the Military. Many students criticize the Military for policies such as the Solomon Amendment and actions such as the recent bombing of Iraq.

Although, I am not a proponent for discrimination or indiscriminate aggression, I do not believe that many of the problems Willamette students have issues with are the fault of the Military.

The Military has the main responsibility of protecting and defending American values and beliefs through the use of force. However, the Military does not have the power to make policies or to declare war.

The Military can not decide for or against attacking Iraq. Nor can the Military set up recruiting restrictions based on gender, race, sexual-

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Editor

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ity or any other discriminatory behavior or characteristic. It is the politicians who decide on policies and declare war.

Thus, students should not direct complaints towards the Military. The complaints and protests should be directed towards the politicians.

It is reasonable to assume that there are those in the Military who do not agree with discrimination,

the Solomon Amendment or the attack on Iraq. Yet, they are still adamant supporters of the Military.

I also believe there are American soldiers in Iraq who do not think that using force is justified. Yet, they are still committed to their duty and to America.

The bottom line is that the Military is comprised of Americans who believe in preserving America's greatness. They are willing to sacrifice their lives for freedom, justice, and democracy. They are willing to sacrifice their lives for us.

It is their sacrifice and commitment that allow us the freedom to protest and complain. In the least, we should respect their dedication.

Supporting the Military is not the same as supporting destruction and discrimination. Americans can still support the Military and protest against war and hatred.

LETTERS

Being a WU student isn't all that bad!

Ever dreamed of being a model? Can you picture yourself on the cover of GQ or Vogue? Is there a hidden Kate Moss or Cindy Crawford right here at Willamette?

To see what the world of modeling is all about, this reporter heard the call and decided to investigate.

Recently, advertisements on the radio broadcasted that Model Search America would be coming to Salem in search of models. The open call would be held at the Quality Inn (Good hint already this was going to be a low budget affair), where everyone and anyone could try out to be a model.

So how did I get ready for my shot at the big time? Well, I headed to the Gap, bought a dark turtleneck sweater, took a shower, combed my hair and smiled in my dorm room mirror, just for practice.

The advertisement said that one had to be at the "Salem Quality Inn Convention Center" at 7 o'clock sharp. I arrived promptly and found a ballroom full of people hoping that they possessed the right look to be the next Elle cover model.

Each applicant had to fill out a piece of paper asking for their age, sex, waist size and height. I sat in the back, observing my competition. At the end of the room there was a small television set playing a video flashing models across the screen with top forty dance music playing in the background. Ever little bit you would hear, "Model Search America, is this you?" By this time I was thinking, "No" but I was still undaunted.

Eventually, the room was filled with people ranging in age from six months to 40. Suddenly, as though arriving like a star, came the presenter for Model Search America.

I believe he said his name was Enrique, but he went on to say, "I am a model and I am here to help you to become one too!"

Enrique, I suppose, looked like a model. Each person would line up and meet the "model scouts," telling their name and you had to smile while doing so. I thought, this sounds easy enough.

If you made it, they would tell you right then and there. However, before Enrique started the model search, he gave the room full of hopefuls some biographical information. "Mr. Model" said he has traveled all over the world and worked with the most famous people in the business. Enrique said he knows Cindy, Claudia and Naomi.

I wonder though if they would still think he was as fancy if they knew he was in Salem Oregon at the Quality Inn Convention Center. He said he was in high demand, key word "was" and he knew Gianni Versace personally, primary thing to remember there: not alive anymore. Enrique said that he never wanted to be a model, his mother forced him into the business.

After this, I wondered if he was practicing his Academy Award speech for modeling, if there is one. After the biographical information was given, the model cattle call started.

Lined up, as though waiting to go to prison, person after person said their name and each smiled for the model scout. I was thinking while standing in line, I am sure glad no one knows me here.

Enrique was right, this was going fast. The oddest thing about the evening was the fact several families came as a group, as if in the hopes that one of the group would be the meal ticket for all. It was interesting to note also why people were there.

I interview several individuals, and the primary reason was money, glamour, and fame. Then came my time. I said my name, Enrique asked me if I was in school, "Yes," I replied and then he told me to smile. That was it. My chance at fame and glamour ended as it started, rather quickly.

After being seated, Enrique announced to the entire group of three hundred people, if your name is called that means you are dismissed. In plain terms, Enrique was saying, "You are not qualified to be a model based on my judgment."

I did not expect to be picked as the next Model Search American success story. But my name was called first! Talk about harsh. But I was not alone.

Yes I saw a few people who I thought were model potential. Everyone in the row I was sitting had their name called out. There we sat, like rejected applicants for a job that never really had a description. And then, just as fast as Enrique arrived in the room with his one man entourage, the model call ended.

I left the Quality Inn Convention Center, as if wondering, what are the requirements to be a model? Enrique never told us, he was too busy explaining his rise and in my opinion, fall as a model. The Model Search America visits, according to Enrique, three hundred cities across America every year.

He said that he enjoys every minute of it, this exciting arm of the fashion world! Funny though, the following week, People magazine had the cover story titled, "Supermodel Meltdown: Models in Crisis." So I guess being a student at WU isn't so bad after all.

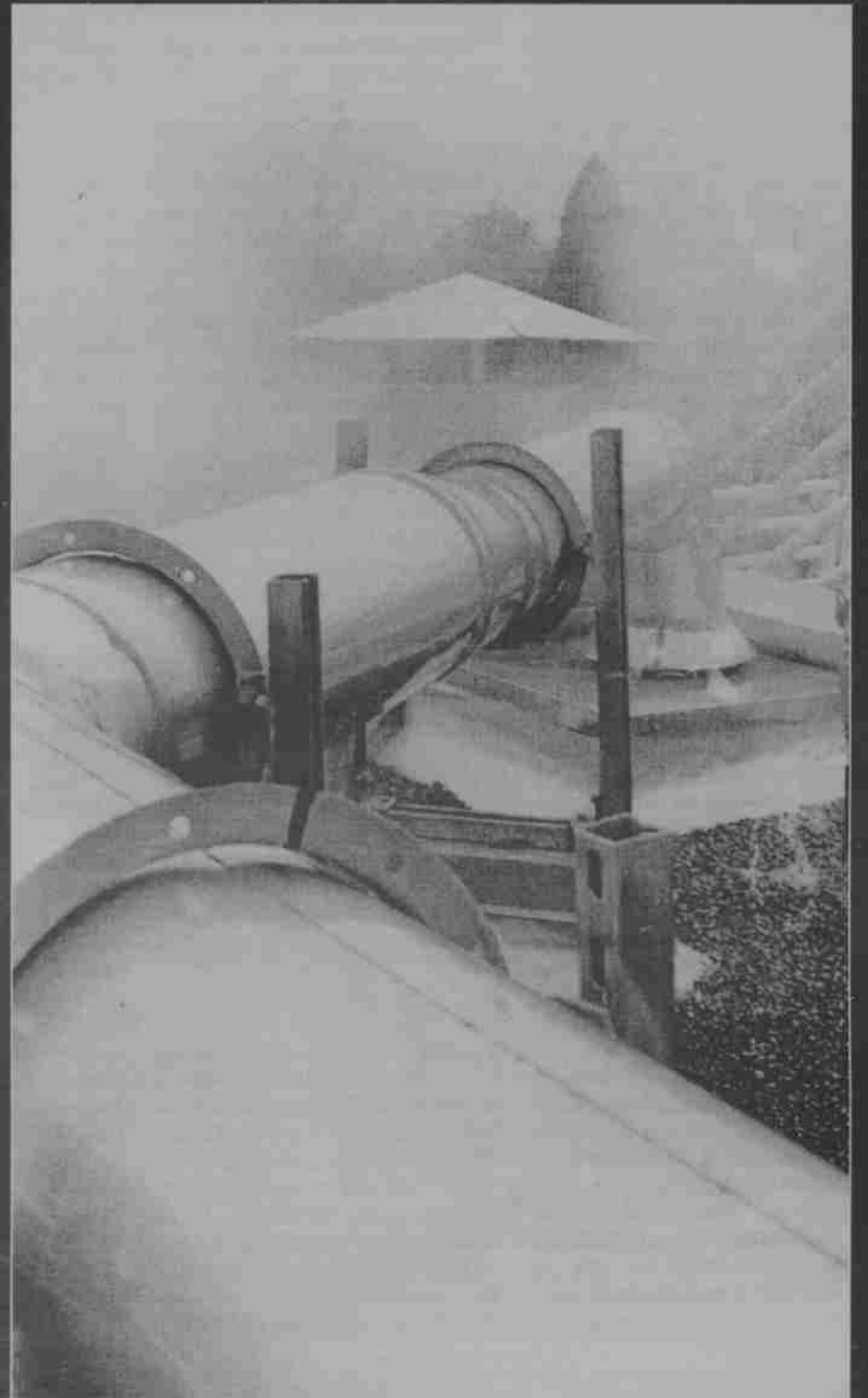
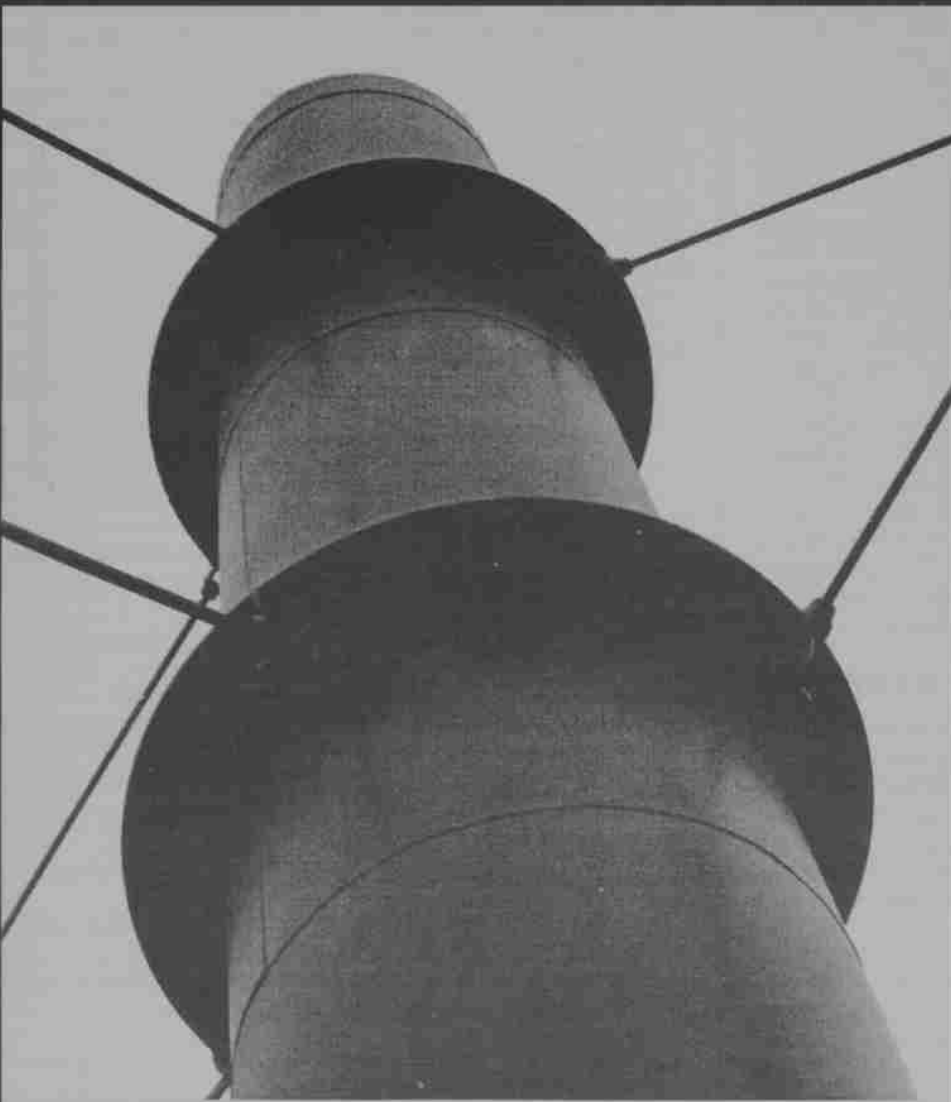
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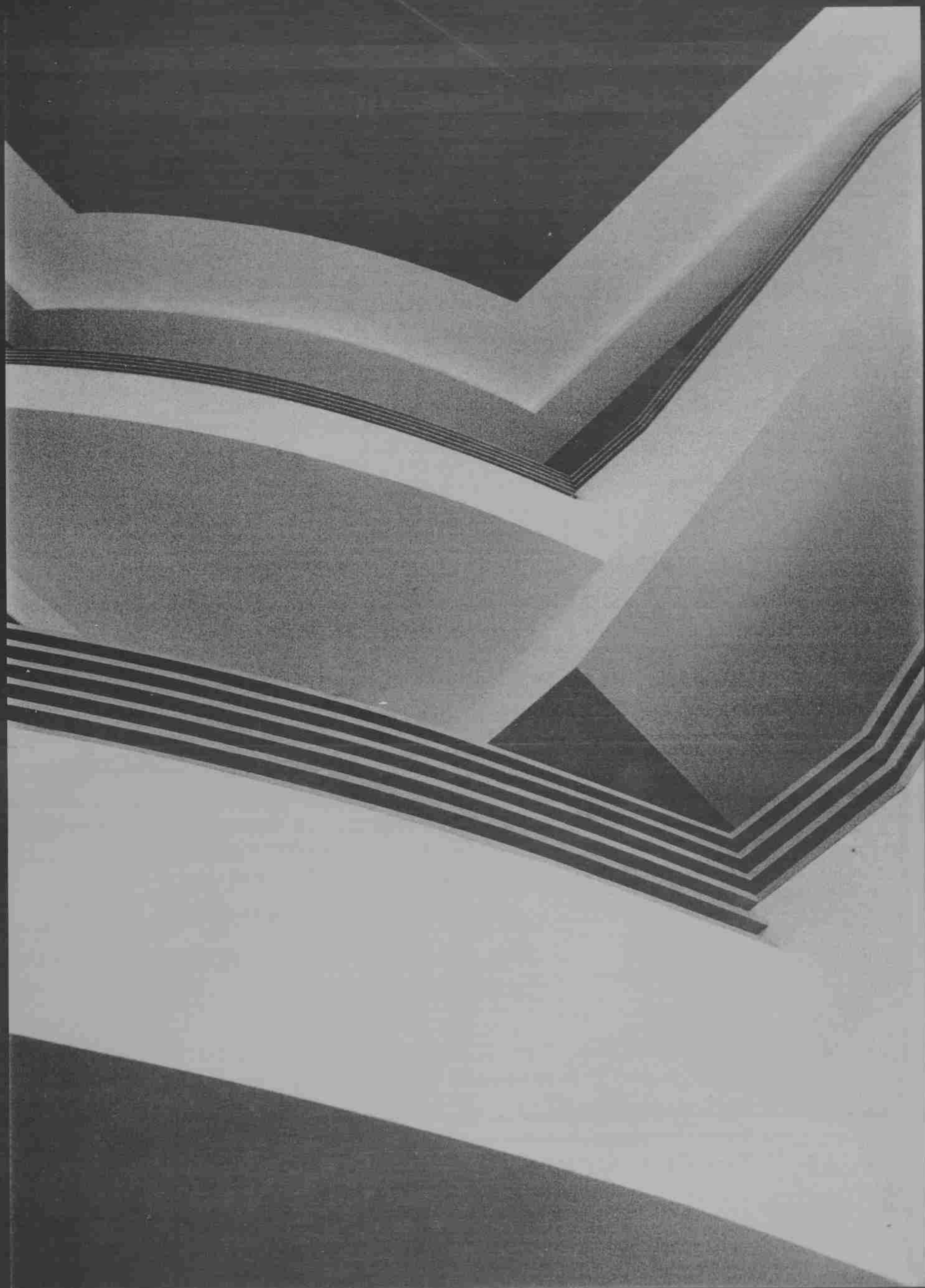
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O n t h e R o o f o f O l i n



On top of Olin there lies a wonderland of sorts. Gaining access with the help of a friendly maintenance man, I was allowed to meander around this puzzling piece of architecture with a camera in hand. It is astounding how interesting a roof can be. From inside a pseudo-maze structure a close up view of a towering tube billowing smoke is available, while out at the edge of the roof, looking west, one is allowed a birds-eye view of Salem. The view toward campus was also quite unique, though a bit dizzying when one looks straight down. So, take a look some time and see the campus as only a maintenance man truly can. by Ryan A. Bruss



I n s i d e o f O l i n

Inside of Olin, like on the roof, there is an intriguing array of structural designs. Straight geometrical shapes are prominent creating a perfect abstract atmosphere that goes unnoticed by many. The photo above is aparent as one walks into the building and is an example of the simple abstract beauty within. These images abound, creating a feel of modern elegance on a campus dominated by antiquated archetecture. by Ryan Bruss

OPENING DAYS

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dents. Each Opening Day leader will be compensated with \$100, meals and lodging from Aug 22-Aug 29 and spring training meals.

All leaders must be available from Aug 22 through September 1 of 1999. Training will be provided by the Office of Student Activities and will include six sessions. The sessions start on February 24 and

conclude on April the 7, and are on Wednesdays from 5-6:30 P.M.

The OD leader will collaborate with World views faculty and peer tutors to successfully implement World Views curriculum and program. The OD leader will also work closely with 15-18 new students, and assist them with academic advising, registration and preparing class schedules. For more information about Opening Days or the OD leader position contact the Office of Student Activities at x6463.

Ann Nicgorski will travel to Washington D.C.

Ann Nicgorski, assistant professor of art history, and senior classics major Joey Lillywhite, will travel to the 100th Annual Meeting of the Archeological Institute of America in Washington D.C., in late December.

They will represent the Salem Society at the AIA Board Meeting. Nicgorski, who is assistant director of the Greek-American Excavations

at Mochlos, will also attend the managing committee meeting of the Institute for Aegean Prehistory's Study Center for East Crete.

She will also present a paper entitled "Two New Poppy-Shaped Rhyta from the LMIII Cemetery at two funerary vessels from her excavations that shed light on the bronze Age Opium trade in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean

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Sea, as well as on the use of these motifs in later Greek literature. As a two-time Fulbright grant recipient, she (together with David McCreery) will also be featured in a display honoring Senator William Fulbright, who will be represented with a special award.

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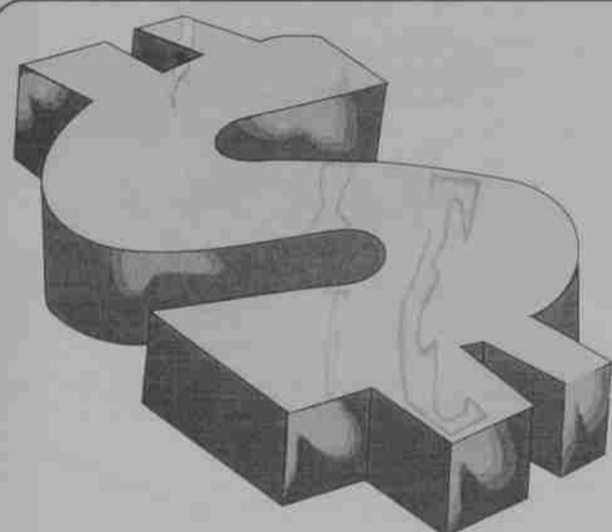


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