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Graduation honorees selected

The founder of Habitat for Humanity will headline this year's commencement ceremony

By ELLIE BAYRD
COPY EDITOR

This year's graduation speakers and recipients of honorary degrees were selected this week. The commencement speaker is Millard Fuller, a self-made millionaire by the age of 29 and founder of Habitat for Humanity.

A crisis changed his focus, however, and he and his wife, Linda, eventually sold their possessions and gave their money to the poor.

They started Habitat for Humanity International, the nonprofit Christian housing ministry based in Americus, Ga in 1976. Since then, Habitat has helped build homes in 1,400 U.S. cities and 56 countries.

Fuller will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters.

Bill Wassmuth will be receiving an honorary doctorate in humane letters as

well. He is stepping down this year as head of the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity, a human rights organization based in Seattle that he helped found.

Wassmuth, a parish priest and national leader in the Catholic Church, began the organization following a hate-inspired firebombing of his Coeur d'Alene, Idaho rectory in 1986. The Coalition encompasses over 200 public agencies and human rights groups in six states with an annual budget of 50,000.

Dr. Mae Jemison will also receive an honorary doctorate in science. On Sept. 12, 1992, aboard the shuttle Endeavor, Jemison became the first African American woman to travel in space.

Afterwards she started The Jemison Group, Inc., an advanced technology com-

pany dedicated to integrating science and technology into our everyday lives—culture, health, environment and education.

Jemison is also a professor in environmental studies and director of the



Millard Fuller, who founded Habitat for Humanity with his wife Linda, will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters when he visits during graduation.

Jemison Institute for Advancing Technology in Developing Countries at Dartmouth College.

The final recipient is Dr. Frank Bash, also receiving an honorary doctorate in science. Bash, who graduated with a bachelor of arts from Willamette in 1959, is the only Willamette alum-

nus to receive an honorary degree this year.

After Willamette, Bash went on to receive a master's degree from Harvard in 1962 and a doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1967. Since 1989, Bash has served as director of the McDonald Observatory, one of the world's foremost astronomical research institutions.

Bash's interest is in large-scale star formation processes in spiral galaxies. Bash is the Frank N. Edmonds Professor of Astronomy at the University of Texas, Austin.

In recognition of his excellence in the classroom, Bash was named to the UT teaching excellence hall of fame in 1984.

President M. Lee Pelton shared his support of these recipients by commenting, "This group captures the message that we want our students to leave with—academic excellence and commitment to service. We are honored to have this distinguished group of national leaders on our commencement stage."

Graduation is on Sunday, May 14.

Korvas to improve national image

PRESS RELEASE

Last week, President M. Lee Pelton announced the appointment of Dr. Ronald J. Korvas as Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations.

Korvas will be responsible for planning and implementing efforts to increase University resources and profile, cultivation and solicitation of prospective donors, alumni affairs, University stewardship and external communications.

Korvas is currently serving as Vice President of University Advancement for Minnesota State University in Mankato.

He brings twenty years of higher education experience to Willamette.

In addition to his service at MSU, Korvas served as Vice President of the WSU Foundation at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington.

He also was the assistant director of development for foundation relations and director of the friends of Harvey Mudd at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif.

During his six years in Mankato, Korvas increased the fundraising of Minnesota State five-fold.

He also helped implement an integrated marketing and communications plan.

This resulted in a 20 percent increase in applications and spearheaded the development of over \$20 million in new campus construction.

In his announcement, Pelton praised Korvas' broad experience, saying, "This is a very significant appointment for Willamette. He comes to Willamette at a time when we are engaged in building a stronger national profile for the institution."

Korvas is enthusiastic about the new position, saying, "I am impressed with the commitment of the staff and students and look forward to increasing collaboratively Willamette's already strong position as one of the nations' top liberal arts colleges."

Korvas is scheduled to begin his term at Willamette on May 15 of this year.

Dancin' on Women's Day



DAVEY DEMARS

Not even the rain could keep these enthusiastic students from celebrating International Women's Day last Wednesday. Pictured from left to right are juniors Lei Panui, and Melissa Van Acker, and senior Trish Yamada. The event, held in Jackson Plaza, tried to raise awareness of issues concerning women around the world as well as celebrate cultural diversity.

Board passes Code

An advisory committee is in the works now to implement the Code.

By MONA LUQMAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees passed the Anti-Sweatshop Code of Conduct last Thursday.

The President of the Willamette Students for Peace and Justice Sita Davis termed it a "huge victory for progressive students on campus and a little victory for sweatshop laborers everywhere."

The Trustees joined President Pelton and the rest of the Willamette community in supporting the Code

and its message.

With the support of the Trustees, the University can move forward in implementing the Code.

An advisory committee is being created to review and recommend changes to the current language in the code.

The passing of the Code is a culmination of several months of work by WSPJ and the Willamette Socialists Union as well as the Administration. It also averted a possible sit-in by both groups in the President's office.

"Members of WSPJ and WSU are overjoyed," said Davis. "We are lucky to have an Administration and student body that seek justice."

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Next Week: *Spring Break!!!!*

I'm so ready for this vacation that I can't even come up with an adequate teaser!

Spring Break mania!

It's our job to cover the issues on everyone's minds, so here's our salute to the annual rite.

By **BELINDA STILLION**
STAFF WRITER

The intermittent pause, the pent-up sigh, the baited release... or you could call it Spring Break- either way, the annual college-kid playtime has arrived.

Traditionally, there are two Spring Break-ish activities: staying or going. Those of us going must make another choice- where to go? Some will hit the run-of-the-mill spots: Mexico, Florida, SoCal; places with the most desirable Spring Break elements like sun, alcohol, and hordes of other panting, half-naked college students in heat.

Others will travel to have the Zen experience of other-Salemness. Local targets like Seattle, San Francisco, and Vancouver will jump-start metropolitan starved Salemites.

Junior Brian Hufft, for example, will romp around the California coast. "I'm taking a quasi-roadtrip, first flying to L.A., then driving to Santa Barbara with some friends from being abroad last semester."

Similarly, freshman Jacob Berg will cross international borders next week. "A bunch of my friends and I are going to



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Back in the olden days, this is what people did on their Spring Breaks. Bearcats are flocking to southern beaches this year, like this one- Mission Beach in San Diego.

Canada for stress relief." Berg says that he will probably value his Spring Break more as an upper-classman when he has entertained more exams and papers.

Senior Yo Aoki will spend his spring break endeavors in Gatke Hall, finishing his senior art project. "I have three paintings I have to finish for an exhibit in April."

Taking elaborate trips may

be overrated, seeing as many students will simply go home and chill with the fam. Free food, free lodging, free cable- why the hell not? But for TUA students, home is not an option. "I'm going to Arizona to get away from classes," says Satoshi Sekimachi.

"I'm going snowboarding and not to class!" says fellow TUA, Masashi Kobori.

Professors have Spring Break too. The question is, what will they do without classes to teach?

By **AARON CAVIN**
STAFF WRITER

Salem, OR - As we all head to various corners of the Earth for Spring Break, some keen students may have remembered that this week off of school is also a break for our professors. But just what do professors do when given time off? To find out, we asked the professors.

History Professor Bill Duvall will spend his vacation reading Western Civ. papers with an unbridled passion. He plans on being "cranky, drinking a whole lot, and returning to Willamette not well-rested at all."

Professor of Philosophy Randall Havas, however, is "traveling to Hong Kong for a refreshing week of "doing Tai Chi and eating veggies." He will study under a renowned Tai Chi master. When asked of his vacation plans, Havas' Airedale, Tango, declined to comment.

On the other hand, Gerry Bowers of the English department plans on staying right at home. He will be "pretty much just mowing the lawn." Not one to overlook the enjoyment of household chores, though, Bowers

composed a haiku to celebrate his spring break plans:

We use the knife
To scare the grass
Into growing

For more professional pursuits, Julie Akers will be going to Seattle and St. Louis to study new plays and keep up with "all the buzz in the theatre world." The professor of Theatre claims she "wants to stay hip."

And as spring ushers in a new season of growth and renewal, it also brings more solemn changes. English Professor Ken Nolley will be in Montana helping his parents move out of their house and into assisted living. "As far as I can tell," Nolley claims, "assisted living is kind of like dorms." Admittedly, the change is "a little sad; but it's good for students to know that teachers have parents, too."



AARON CAVIN

Professors, like Ken Nolley, share Spring Break plans.

Yelena Shevchenko shines

This exchange student shares her thoughts and memories about Willamette life.

By **CARMEN PETERS**
STAFF WRITER

After a long chat with Yelena Shevchenko, I made a wonderful friend, and she had quite a story to tell.

Shevchenko is an exchange student from Tavrida National University in Ukraine, the Crimea.

There, she studied law and foreign languages. As she says, "I can't decide on a major, they both interest me." Aside from that, she is hardly the average student.

Shevchenko can speak four languages: Russian, Ukrainian, English, and German.

Being able to speak four languages did not help her much when she came to Willamette and realized that the English spoken here is not British-English. "I could only understand the main ideas, but none of the details," she said.

That soon changed as her roommates, seniors Lynn Saito and Megan Brittell, took her under their wings. "They intro-

duced me to all of their friends and soon I had a lot of new friends."

In the Ukraine, Shevchenko enjoyed a college life much different than her new life at Willamette: "In my University, people were always outside and everywhere I went, people were friendly and talking, but here when I go out at night, the campus is empty and it seems like everybody died out forever!"

During breaks, Shevchenko would go to cafes downtown, and some nights she could be found clubbing with friends.

After being chosen as the one student "from many, many people" to study at Willamette, she has made the best of every opportunity.

As she says, "I love to talk to new people to find out how they feel about things. Making friends is the best way to integrate into a culture."

She is active in Hall Council, and is on the Dance team. Her most exciting experience was when she and other dancers performed during half time at a Blazer game.

"I came out on the floor and



CARMEN PETERS

Cheerful Yelena Shevchenko.

looked up at the many many people, they were all there watching me dance!" she says.

She is a huge hockey fan: "I went to a Winterhawks game with my friends, and I loved it. I took so many pictures that my friends made fun of me."

It was the first live game I had ever seen."

Shevchenko's excitement carries over into her personality. She smiles constantly and even laughed about her most embarrassing moment.

Within her first week at Willamette, she was recruited to play a friendly game of Ultimate Frisbee.

"I caught the Frisbee with my face and had a black eye for the first two weeks I was here." She laughs and looks on the bright side. "At least nobody knew who I was!"

Shevchenko smiled as she said in closing, "Willamette is a great school with really strong traditions. I hope to come back some day."

Goodbye, Howie!

The Office of Student Activities bids a fond farewell to Avery.

By **CANNON-MARIE GREEN**
STAFF WRITER

On March 10, the Office of Student Activities said farewell to Howie Avery. Avery, who had been with Willamette for nine months, and his wife, Amy, decided to move to Austin, Tex. "We realized we wanted to get back to the big city and closer to our family and friends," Avery commented.

Avery is described as fun and relaxed. "He was the nice, somewhat quiet guy that every one liked to joke with. He always treated students as equals, and was your friend," says junior Brian Hufft, who worked with Avery full time during Opening Days '99.

Avery noted that "being able to interact with a wide variety of students and clubs" was a favorite part of his job. "Howie was sort of the poster boy for the general feel of stu-

dent activities: fun, upbeat, and very friendly," continues Hufft.

Avery, who is originally from Manhattan, attended the University of Tennessee as an undergraduate student and earned a degree in Accounting.

Afterwards, he traveled west to Arizona State University to earn a master's degree in Higher Education. At Willamette, Avery worked with a variety of clubs and activities, like the Women's Center and Parents and Family Weekend. In Texas, he will have a more specialized position, working with the Texas Union Council.

"I've met a lot of really dedicated students-passionate students," says Avery, in a wistful tone as he glances around his office.

He is already missed in Student Activities. "It seems quiet without him," explains Hufft. "No one shoots rubber bands at me anymore."

The best of luck is wished to Howie and Amy Avery in Austin.

The best part of staying in Salem? Portland

For those of you sticking around the greater Portland area, here are a few suggestions for Spring Break outings.

By SARAH MAHAN
STAFF WRITER

It's Spring Break, and for those of us that aren't taking trips to far-off exotic islands, downtown Portland is a nearby oasis possessing enough diversions to help one temporarily forget about all of the homework that the Break

seems to attract. Here are a few suggestions from a native Portlander:

- * Herald in Saint Patrick's Day with a Guinness at Kell's, which is sure to be a teeming hotspot of activity this Friday. The energetic live music will not allow your feet to settle on the floor. Located downtown on Third Avenue.
- * The Crystal Ballroom will host a variety of bands throughout the week. Call (503) 225-0047 x239 for info and tickets, or check their

listing in The Rocket or Willamette Week for listings.

- * Fiona Apple will be performing at the Schnitzer Hall on the 20th, and Tracy Chapman will appear on the 23rd. Call Ticketmaster at (503) 224-4400.
- * Comedy Sportz is a mecca for lovers of live comedy, regardless of age. Watch two teams improvise scenes according to the whims of the audience. Shows on Friday and Saturday night, located at 1963 NW Kearny. \$10, or \$9

with a can of food. Call (503) 236-8888 to make reservations.

- * Before heading to the show, check out NW 23rd Ave., a strip of hip shops, excellent restaurants, and interesting street culture.
- * Or go to the Waterfront and wander beneath the Burnside Bridge, where the Saturday Market is pitched every Saturday and Sunday. Buy some falafel, listen to reggae, and stare at a curb statue until it finally blinks.

Explaining the dust in Africa

Dust. In all third world countries it's the same.

Ethan Knight from Tanzania

ly as the "Eco-tourism" companies advertise. In truth,

Simple variations in quantity and annoyance are the main differences across the board. India has it, Africa has more. To give an idea of it, tans can literally wash off with the simple cleansing motion of a wet rag. Nine hours into a drive to my safari location in the Yaida Valley, I fully realized how much dust could be kept on the human body.

The real body of the question that arises most often is one of conservation...and I'm not talking about conserving dust.

In the States we use the term "conservation" with such liberality that we take its color and meaning away. But in Africa, it's a way of life.

Tourism is the biggest foreign investment here, and agriculture the largest provider of money. But the two don't coexist as peaceful-

the national parks, ones similar to the Yaida Valley, raise many ethical questions.

Here, there are no classes for the locals about what should be done to preserve the animals.

They have to live with them, even though the animals are the destroyers of crops, killers of livestock, and killers of infants.

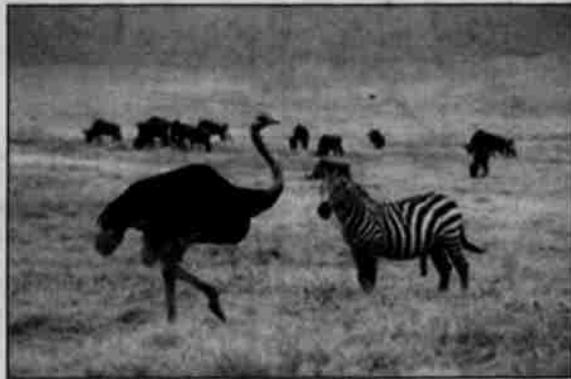
When we were with the Hadza, a hunter-gatherer society, we followed them throughout their daily activities. They offered to sell some of their equipment to us...enter the difficult question of mores. To refuse on the grounds of conservation of their culture was to me somewhat conceited.

It would be dictatorial to their culture to say that they are incapable of managing and choosing their own future.

But to accept their offer would bring with it the knowledge that capitalization of their culture might ensue. Who's to say that is a particularly bad thing?

To be continued...

Ethan Knight is a junior from Portland, Ore.



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Found on the Internet

-From a Southwest Airlines employee....
"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane..."

-As you exit the plane, please make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

-Last one off the plane must clean it."

-Part of a Flight Attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of us here at US Airways."

-After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced: "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

-Another flight Attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."



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Editorials

The sweatshop soapbox

The Board of Trustees should be commended for passing the Anti-Sweatshop Code of Conduct.

Last Thursday the Willamette Board of Trustees made a wise decision when they approved an Anti-Sweatshop Code of Conduct.

The "sweatshop soapbox" has engulfed the campus recently as the Willamette Socialist Union and Willamette Students for Peace and Justice sought an official university condemnation of sweatshop-manufactured clothing.

After months of fine-tuning and negotiations, the code was approved recently by WSU, WSPJ, President Pelton, Dean of Residence Life Jim Bauer and University legal counsel Leroy Tornquist.

The Board of Trustees approved the Code, and an advisory committee will review and recommend final changes in the Code's language.

The approval of the Anti-Sweatshop Code of Conduct represents a victory not just for WSU and WSPJ, but also for the Willamette community as a whole. The code's language clarifies Willamette's belief in principles of international human rights.

Most notable is the code's declaration that "workers in this country and abroad who help produce goods bearing the insignia or name of Willamette University should be treated humanely and fairly and should work under healthy and safe conditions."

In an age of globalization, such rights are easily and frequently trampled on by countries leap-frogging toward economic vitality.

By supporting bold language that attacks labor abuses as violations of human rights, the Board of Trustees recognizes that fair labor practices should take precedence over profit.

The Willamette Board of Trustees should be commended for its approval of the Code of Conduct. Additionally, President Pelton, members of the Willamette administration, and members of WSU and WSPJ deserve recognition for their work and determination.

While the Code will not solve all sweatshop problems, it is a step in the right direction.

A good alternative

Students participating in the Alternative Spring Break program serve others with their free time.

As hundreds of students head home for Spring Break, 24 Willamette and TJUA students will embark on a journey of community service.

After turning in papers and completing midterms, these students will forgo rest to benefit others.

The Alternative Spring Break program, organized by Willamette's Community Outreach Program, gives students the chance to observe inner city social conditions while serving the communities of San Francisco and Vancouver, B.C.

In San Francisco, students will focus on helping AIDS and HIV patients, working in the AIDS/Dimensia ward of a local hospital. They will also contribute to the Names Project (part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt) and serve in residential facilities.

The Vancouver trip will focus on urban poverty issues. Students will serve at

the Union Gospel Mission and the Greater Vancouver Food Bank. Additionally, students will work with the Hardest Project agency, which helps people make the transition off of welfare.

According to the COP office, interest in the Alternative Spring Break program increased this year, making two separate trips necessary.

Students should be commended for volunteering their time to community service during a week which is designed for rest and relaxation. Specifically, the university should extend their thanks to Travis Flynn, Thomas Richards, Kristi Thane and Sterling Yates, the four student coordinators of Alternative Spring Break.

It is admirable that 24 students will shore up energy to serve others during the break. Hopefully even more will serve in the future.



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Letters: Readers speak up

In praise of race issues series in *Collegian*

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the *Collegian* for its insight on race issues at Willamette. I was daunted at Willamette's lack of diversity when I first arrived. As a 'student of color,' it took a little time getting used to being in the minority, especially because I come from Hawaii where I'm considered part of the majority.

We are not titled 'students of color' there, nor do we experience the extent of prejudice that is present in the mainland United States.

Diversity at Willamette University is improving though. I was on a study abroad program last semester and when I came back to campus this semester, I was blown away by the increase in number of 'colored students'. However, improvement does not mean success.

Thanks again *Collegian* for making the university com-

munity aware of the race issues on campus. Improving diversity can only be accomplished when the university community as a whole is aware of these issues.

ROME ACOPAN JR.
Junior

Messy students should grow up

To the Editor:

As a student and a worker at Goudy, I am dismayed and humiliated by the disrespect shown by certain Willamette students who eat dinner. When the students clear out there is a ridiculous mess left behind.

Mary, the woman who has to clean up after these students, begins work at 7:30 every morning and does not need to spend another half-hour cleaning up after rude and lazy people who intentionally leave messes and can't carry their trays all the way up to the dish return.

We are all adults, so grow up. If you are one of the people who are so elitist and full of yourself that you have no regard for a nice woman trying to make a living, stop.

Moreover, other students have an obligation to let people know that are not being cool or funny. Really guys, drop the superiority complex and show a little respect for other people.

KEVIN STOUT
Sophomore

Sweatshop problem is real

To the Editor:

After reading Jeff Golimowski's article ("Activism over the top," Mar. 9), I felt compelled to write a letter in response.

Although Jeff referred to the Willamette Students for Peace and Justice as "misguided" in their attempts to affect change, perhaps he is unaware of the work put into the passing of this code that began in November. More than three months ago the WSPJ began meeting with the administration in their attempt to have this code approved.

Jeff used the words "reactionary" and "ridiculous," which implied that storming the president's office was their first course of action. This is simply not the case.

Yes, there are huge problems in this world and it is easy to become overwhelmed with all the injustice. However, this is not the time to throw up your hands. Activism is lacking in our society and the Willamette community. We cannot solve the problem of world hunger in one day but we can take small steps in that direction.

Sweatshop labor is a problem that affects all of us. Every time you buy something made in a sweatshop you are condoning this deplorable treatment.

PAULA M. EDWARDS
Sophomore

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The Weekly Wullabaloo Symposium

Presented by the Willamette University Philomathean Society, the oldest debating society in the West

This week's question: Should the Irish Republican Army disarm?

Irish President Eamon de Valera once noted that "if there is to be any hope...for this country, it is by reversing that policy which made us simply the kitchen garden for supplying the British with cheap food." While de Valera's hostility towards the British was justified in the 20th century, it is now time for the Irish Republican Army to lay down its dinner knives.

After centuries of turmoil, the 1998 Good Friday Accord provides the best chance of peace for Ireland. Even limited IRA disarmament would build trust between Republicans and the Ulster Unionists, leading to further British concessions.

The Good Friday Accord addressed issues of constitutional, police and judicial reforms. It was approved

overwhelmingly by the Irish people; 94 percent supported the agreement in the South, and 71 percent in the North.

In the Accord, peace talks participants reiterated their commitment to "exclusively democratic and peaceful means" in resolving political disputes.

They also expressed explicit opposition to "any use or threat of force by others for political purpose."

Sinn Fein (considered to be associated with the IRA) also agreed to the Accord. So why would the IRA need arms if both sides have

agreed that violence does not solve Ireland's problems?

The IRA argues that the decommissioning of weapons was not in the Accord. This is true. However, the Accord itself is in jeopardy because the Ulster Unionists do not trust the IRA's commitment to peace.

Thus, even though they are not required to do so, limited disarmament by the IRA would build trust between both sides.

The Good Friday Accord was historic because it set up a framework for self-government in Northern Ireland.

YES



Dustin Buehler

When the Good Friday Agreement was reached almost two years ago, the Irish Times said, "At the end of the day, it all comes back to trust." Today, a lack of trust makes peace seem distant again.

In the section on decommissioning it states, "All participants accordingly reaffirm their commitment to the total disarmament of all paramilitary organizations. They also confirm their intention to continue to work constructively and in good faith with the Independent Commission, and to use any influence they may have, to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary armies within two years..."

The next section of the Agreement focuses on security issues, noting that a

peaceful environment can only be maintained with a normalization of security practices. It explicitly calls on the British to return to normal security arrangements.

It is these two sections that provide the clear answer that the IRA cannot disarm at this time. The IRA has refused to disarm because they themselves are not required to do so and because the British government has not made any progress towards upholding their end of the Agreement.

As Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, pointed out earlier this week, the two Sinn Fein Ministers will "make the

pledge of office committing to "non-violence and exclusively peaceful and democratic means." Under the terms of the Agreement, members of the Executive can be removed from office for failing to uphold this oath.

Stalling the new government from taking over is simply ridiculous when there are mechanisms within it to continue the disarmament process.

The most important issue, however, is this lack of trust on the part of the British. Britain's Northern Ireland secretary has stated that British troops will not pull back from border areas,

For Republicans, this is a golden opportunity that cannot be missed.

However, unless the IRA realizes that trust is the key component in peace negotiations, Northern Ireland will be plagued with violence and British influence for an indefinite period.

It is too bad that the IRA hides behind technicalities, instead of taking the risk of disarmament which would lead to increased autonomy and regional peace.

Unfortunately, the IRA is too busy complaining about British service at the dinner table to notice that the desert of autonomy and peace has already arrived.

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Mona Luqman

which would normalize their security presence. It is a hindrance to the peace process for the British to continue applying force while asking the IRA to disarm. All parts of the Agreement must be upheld simultaneously.

The Irish have been victims too long to quietly put up their hands now. It is the British who must trust in the country that they are responsible for making into what it is today. The newly established government, which included Sinn Fein members, would have worked towards peace and disarmament as they were required to do. However, the refusal of the British to put down their own dinner knives effectively stalled peace once again.

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Sara Mahan

Death and apathy

Two weeks ago, the Willamette community came together like never before.

An unprecedented number of students, families and media members flocked to the Sparks Center for freshman Jason Rowton's underwater escape. This many people aren't usually that excited at our University at once.

That night proved that there is another way to get the Willamette community together. If sitting in darkness and staring at a screen isn't tempting enough, the sacrifice of human life will tantalize the entertainment-hungry hoards.

And what is more thrilling than death? The old Roman Empire could get quite a rowdy group together for their cultural events, and maybe we should follow suit in order to stimulate a sense of community here. I'm sure a few sacrifices are expendable in order to nurture the happiness of the majority.

There are plenty of people that we would all clamor to see tied in chains and dropped in the pool. Faced by

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deep waters, a bunch of politicians might become a lot less moderate and a lot more adamant about the issues at hand. We might witness George W. Bush reverse his stance on the death penalty. If not, we'll find out if politicians float.

During the act, the Willamette Singers would provide dramatic mood music while performing on the flying trapeze, and the debate team could offer lively commentary; any bad notes or stupid jokes might also be basis for a trip to the depths.

Such a glorious orgy of color, drama and motion might tantalize certain fans out of their seats.

Rowton's death-defying feat proved that bringing the student body together requires something just short of magic. In the future, death and spectacle might be the cure for the social lethargy at Willamette.

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Sweatshop abuses need our attention

In his piece on the Willamette Socialist Union and the Willamette Students for Peace and Justice's willingness to occupy the president's office in order to get a Code of Conduct ("Activism over the top," Mar. 9), Jeff Golimowski called our efforts "reactionary and ridiculous." His attacks are utterly unfounded.

He claims that we should focus on "valid causes close to home that need our help even more." There are few places closer to my place of residence than the Campus Bookstore.

The Code of Conduct is about keeping Willamette's policies in accordance with the institution's stated principles.

Furthermore, what is my "home?" John Wesley, founder of the Methodist Church (which founded Willamette) was once told to

stick to his parish. His reply: "The world is my parish."

In a world that is becoming ever more interrelated, I say that the world is my home.

Children in Indonesia are every bit as much my compatriots as the people who live in my residence hall.

Of course, there are "other causes, such as poverty and homelessness in our community."

Both the WSU and WSPJ feel that these are very important issues. They do



IN MY OPINION

Russell Bither-Terry

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not, "continue to go unnoticed."

There are people working on these issues, including members of WSU and WSPJ.

It is impossible for any one person or any one group to work on behalf of every worthy cause. To try to do everything would leave us hopelessly overwhelmed and

ineffective. We chose to concentrate our efforts on a very pertinent issue. Purchasing Willamette apparel from

companies that operate sweatshops supports such practices as child labor, dangerous working conditions, wages below subsistence level, and the sexual and physical abuse of workers.

This issue is every bit as important as the "valid causes close to home that need [our] help even more."

Our tactics were effective. After months of arduous efforts to pass the Code through official channels we reached a point where we were ready to examine other means.

We made it clear to the administration that we were willing to risk arrest and expulsion in our efforts to pass the code, although we hoped it did not come to this. And it worked.

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'Mission' fails to land

Movie: *Mission to Mars*

Starring: Don Cheadle, Gary Sinise, Tim Robbins, Jerry O'Connell, Kim Delaney, Elise Neal
Directed by: Brian De Palma
Verdict: ★ ★ ★ 1/2

By NATE COLE
STAFF WRITER

At its best, *Mission to Mars* is one of the most visually spectacular and intense movies made in recent memory. At its worst, the film is poorly written and struggles to find a message outside of the amazing visual effects.

The story begins in the year 2020 at a barbecue on the day before a four-person mission to the red planet. The first noticeable part of the film is that, twenty years from now, beer does not come in cans.

Instead, the characters

drink beer out of plastic boxes.

The ensuing journey to Mars is successful as the astronauts land and explore the red planet. Soon, they encounter a catastrophic disaster on the planet's surface. Radio contact to Mars is lost and a rescue mission follows in an attempt to retrieve the original crew.

The film shows several dangers faced by the rescue crew on the way to Mars. The scenes during the journey to Mars are dramatic, suspenseful, and seem very realistic.

The action sequences in outerspace are where director Brian De Palma (*Scarface*, *The Untouchables*, *Mission: Impossible*) shines. However, the film is held back by mediocre writing in between the spectacular scenes. Furthermore, the acting, as in many science fiction movies that focus on special effects, is merely adequate.

The movie recovers with another spectacular scene at the end of the film. We are presented with a fascinating theory as to how life on earth originated. But again, the movie does not go any further than its presentation of

spectacular visuals.

This movie reminded me the movie *Contact* which starred Jody Foster. Both films deal with space exploration and have breath-taking scenes and awesome visual effects. *Contact*, though, has much more to say than *Mission to Mars*.

The former is able to express something about human nature and belief along with spectacular science-fiction imagination. Foster's character is transformed by the events in *Contact* and helps us to learn something about our own outlook on life.

Mission to Mars doesn't have much to say about anything without the computer designed effects.

The characters in this picture are simply used to make the action scenes more interesting. Had the characters been better written, the movie could have been clearer about the human implications of what the astronauts discover.

Mission to Mars is memorable and worth watching. But it won't challenge viewers to think as much as it could have.

Tobin's Take: Far from the 'Best Thing'

Movie: *The Next Best Thing*

Starring: Madonna, Rupert Everett
Directed by: John Schlesinger
Verdict: 1/2 star

By TOBIN ADDINGTON
STAFF WRITER

Where to begin? That is the question. Perhaps with the weak storyline. Or maybe with the occasionally atrocious dialogue.

Better yet, how about the sadly self-indulgent performances propped up by unoriginal filmmaking. Did I hate *The Next Best Thing*? No, but I really didn't like it.

Madonna (*Evita*) plays a

ter can still make poor choices.

This movie, along with *Body of Evidence* and her whole "Sex" book period, is one of them.

Gone are the poise and grace of *Evita*. Missing is the icy coolness of *Breathless* Mahoney from *Dick Tracy*. Nowhere in sight is the spunk and surprising ability she displayed in *A League of Their Own*. Here Madonna slips in and out of accents, attempts to look wistful, and simply can't rise above the material.

Everett too, who can be sensationally funny and delightful, is wasted in this project.

Three truly dramatic moments do come from his performance, but they alone couldn't save me from looking at my watch three times in the course of a very long

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Rupert Everett and Madonna star in the new lackluster movie *The Next Best Thing*.

woman just out of yet another bad relationship, and Rupert Everett (*My Best Friend's Wedding*) plays her gay best friend.

He consoles her over countless martinis, and before you can say, "It's a boy," it is. Suddenly the film jumps ahead six years to when the Madonna character meets the man of her dreams.

The movie becomes some kind of messy divorce drama and thinks it is questioning the modern American family and paternal rights.

As this film demonstrates, just because you present issues—important as they may be—does not mean you have anything meaningful to say about them.

Now, I have a great deal of respect for Madonna. She has successfully reinvented herself through several decades, and never lets anyone push her around. Nevertheless, such a charac-

two hour movie.

The script and the direction, however, remain the worst elements of this uninspired piece.

There is an unfortunate homage to musicals that comes off as more pathetic than playful. There is an unexplained shadow that covers Madonna's forehead in every shot.

We don't get to see the kid grow up, which doesn't allow us to feel real connection to Rupert's character when he stakes his claim as the boy's father. This oversight costs the film most of its pseudo-dramatic last third.

Finally, the story wraps itself into so many knots that it strains hard to find a resolution...but never does. It leaves you feeling cheated. And you have been.

Why settle for *The Next Best Thing*, when the best is playing at Salem Cinema? (Read: Go see *American Beauty*.)

Softball team picks up three conference wins

By SHANNAH FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

The softball team's weekend started off almost as dreary as the weather, but as the rain let up, the Bearcats began to shine.

In their first weekend of conference play, Willamette held Pacific University to one run in three games.

"It's where we needed to be," head coach Damian Williams said. "We have to sweep everyone we play; that's our goal."

In the first game against the Boxers, the Bearcats fell behind 1-0 before a 30-minute rain delay in the third inning.

"We weren't playing our best. We went in during the rain delay and said, 'let's go to work.' After that, we went back out and put them away," Williams said of the team's 4-1 victory.

That day, freshman Haley Boston picked up her first college win, allowing only one run on four hits.

Picking up where they left off in the first game, Willamette beat Pacific 8-0 in the second game.

This time, sophomore Shasta Journey led the way on the mound.

"We'll single everyone to death and then steal bases."

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
HEAD COACH

Mabie, Maria Ortiz, and Darcy Hertel. All four women were 2 for 3 from the plate and they each scored a run in the 8-0 win.

"It was another great performance by Shasta and by the whole team," Williams said.

The momentum continued Sunday when Pacific came to Salem for the last game in the three-game series.

Once again, the Bearcats were strong offensively and defensively. Journey picked up her second victory of the season with three innings of scoreless work.

Boston and freshman Franky Stebbins also took the mound for the Bearcats and combined, with Journey, to hold Pacific scoreless on only five hits.

The final score was 8-0 Willamette.

Nearly everyone contributed in the game, but leading the way were Hertel with four hits and senior Jamie Taylor with two doubles.

"We'll single everyone to death and then steal bases. We have 22 stolen bases in five games (4.4/game)," said Williams of his team's speed and ability to get on base.

"Hopefully, we can go into spring break 5-2," Williams said. Spring break competition will be a good test for the Bearcats as they head to Calif. to play in the Sun West Tournament.



FRESHMAN Darcy Hertel slides safely into home.
PHOTO COURTESY OF DAMIAN WILLIAMS

Baseball team wins three of five games in Hawaii

By CANNON-MARIE GREEN
STAFF WRITER

The baseball team returned Monday night from Hawaii with a 7-2 record.

In Hawaii, they played Hawaii Pacific, Occidental, and Claremont.

The Bearcats won three games over the weekend, though they lost twice to Claremont.

"They [Claremont] were a decent team," says catcher Jason Chatterton. "But we handed away both games."

On Friday Willamette faced Claremont in a nine inning game that ended 7-5.

Willamette was scoreless until the fifth inning. Sophomore third baseman Luke Atwood went 1-4.

Senior Bearcat shortstop Garett Luebbert also went 1-4 with an RBI. Sophomore Matt Benjamin went 1-4 as well, with two RBI.

Saturday the Bearcats played Occidental and Hawaii Pacific. Against Occidental, junior Sean Hughes pitched a complete six innings, allowing six runs.

The Bearcats' defense, however, committed three errors and three Occidental runs were unearned.

Junior Nik Lubisch went 2-3 in the game. Atwood

went 2 for 5 and senior Tim Stewart went 2 for 4.

The final score was 13-6, in favor of Willamette. "We were really happy about the win," says Chatterton.

Hours later, the team faced Hawaii Pacific.

In front of a crowd of 604, junior Brad Ferrin pitched seven shut out innings, picking up a 1-0 win for Willamette.

Atwood went 1 for 4, had a stolen base and scored the only run of the game. Lubisch was 2 for 3 with a double in the second half of the double header.

On the last day of the road trip, the Bearcats faced Claremont, losing 11-7.

They turned around, however, to burn Occidental, 21-3.

Claremont scored three runs in the first inning against sophomore pitcher Zach Allen.

Allen pitched four shaky innings, allowing 10 runs.

The Bearcat defense committed four errors and was responsible for four unearned runs.

Willamette freshman Tyler Hunnex took over in the fifth inning, allowing two runs.

Freshman Ira LaSage closed the game. Benjamin went 2-5 with a double and a triple.

Chatterton went 1-4, with 1 RBI. Stewart went 2-5 with an RBI. In the last game of the weekend, Willamette took the field against Occidental.

The Bearcats unleashed on a helpless Occidental team, scoring 21 runs on just 14 hits. Willamette scored two runs in the first inning and never looked back. In fact, the Bearcats scored a run in every inning of the game.

Senior Ryan Hazelbaker went 2 for 5 with 3 RBI. Lubisch pitched 5 innings and allowed only 3 runs,

while going 3 for 4 with 3 RBI and 2 runs. Freshman Cory Mlady came in as a pinch hitter, going 1-1.

Junior Jason Searle added 3 runs and 3 RBI, going 3-3.

Willamette continued to have problems in the field, committing three errors which led to one unearned run.

Over the course of the weekend, Willamette committed 14 errors.

According to Chatterton, the road trip was "a lot of fun. It is a chance for the team to hang out...to get to know the guys."

He also added, "It is a test of endurance."



JUNIOR first baseman Paul Duman lays down a sacrifice bunt last weekend against St. Mary's.
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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: MAR. 6-MAR. 12

BURGLARY

March 9, 10:10 a.m. - (Smullin Hall) An employee reported that an amplifier had been stolen from a basement room.

THEFT

March 6, 6:30 p.m. - (Pi Theta Phi) A student reported that her bicycle had been stolen while it was stored at the sorority house. It was last seen Feb. 1 and she noticed it missing Feb. 29.

March 7, 11:06 a.m. - (Law School) A student reported there had been an attempted theft of a stereo from his vehicle in the lot behind the school.

March 8, 9:39 p.m. - (Olin Science) A student reported that laboratory keys had been taken out of a combination lock on the second floor.

March 8, 11:55 p.m. -

(Mathews Hall) A student reported that his skateboard had been stolen after he had left it in the hallway next to his door.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 7, 2:25 a.m. - (Belknap Hall) Campus Safety received an anonymous tip that a small group of students had damaged a window on the second floor.

March 8, 10:20 p.m. - (Sparks Center) While on patrol, Campus Safety discovered a vehicle with trash bags and a wood pallet placed on the hood. They were later able to contact the owner, who was unaware of any possible suspects.

March 8, 11:51 p.m. - (Hatfield Library) Campus Safety responded to a student's report of smoke coming from a trash can.

There was no fire, but

Campus safety sprayed the can with a nearby extinguisher to prevent further problems.

March 9, 2:35 a.m. - (Mathews Hall) While on patrol, Campus Safety noticed a student jumping on the hood of a vehicle owned by another student. He and two other students involved fled the scene while officers were protecting and documenting evidence of the crime.

March 12, 5:15 p.m. - (Kaneko Hall) An employee reported the wall and some wallpaper had been damaged on the third floor.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

March 7, 5:53 p.m. - (Terra House) Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a call of a student bleeding from a cut received after being thrown

into Mill Stream.

The student was evaluated and transported to Salem Hospital ER.

March 8, 5:45 a.m. - (Winter Street) While on foot patrol, Campus Safety discovered a 66-year-old homeless man. WEMS responded after he was judged to be possibly hypothermic. Since no shelters were available, Campus Safety, in cooperation with Salem Hospital Security, transported the man to the ER.

March 11, 8:11 p.m. - (Baxter Hall) Campus Safety and WEMS responded to a call of a student with a twisted ankle.

WEMS evaluated the injury and treated it with ice.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

March 11, 11:05 p.m. - (Beta Theta Pi) While on

patrol, Campus Safety noticed two students on the roof of the fraternity. The students immediately left the roof and Campus Safety took no further action.

LITTERING

March 12, 1:58 a.m. - (Kappa Sigma) While on patrol, Campus Safety noticed several beer cans in the grass near the fraternity.

FALSE IDENTIFICATION

March 11, 9:25 p.m. - (University Center) While supervising the Uprising party, Campus Safety, with the assistance of student organizers, excluded two students for using false identification and confiscated the cards.

The Campus Safety report is supplied by the Office of Campus Safety

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