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Architect delivers Master Plan

By BEN NYSTROM
STAFF WRITER

Willamette students were able to catch a glimpse of the future of the university campus at a presentation Tuesday night in Hudson Hall.

The presentation, which started at 7 p.m. and lasted for over an hour, was put on by the University Facilities Committee and ASWU.

Paddy Tillett, the Director of Planning for the architecture firm of Zimmer, Gunsul and Frasca, was the main speaker at the presentation.

He covered such aspects of campus change as housing developments, expansion of the university into Salem, reconstruction of the theater, and the breaking up of large, conspicuous parking lots.

The committee's plan, called the Draft Campus Facilities Master Plan, was presented to the board of trustees on Oct. 19, 2001.

The plan concentrated on five main goals: improving academic excellence, strengthening campus diversity, getting better use of technology and innovation, improving campus life, and strengthening university visi-

bility in Salem.

Tillett said that the most important part of the overall plan was implementing these five main goals, which he referred to as "a zen embodiment of the whole plan."

The most noticeable

changes will be in the areas of parking, housing, expansion, and aesthetic values.

To improve parking, two side-by-side soccer fields would be created over an underground parking lot. More parking would be locat-

ed on Church Street, and the Matthews parking lot would be removed.

Tillett said the new parking would be located more around campus rather than on it, and more opportunities for alternative modes of

transportation would become available.

The main housing changes would involve moving the fraternities into a Greek 'quad', much like the present day sorority arrangement. Suites and apartments would be added to existing dorms, and the Matthews / Belknap / Baxter area would become a freshman housing complex.

An attempt to integrate the university into the community fully would be made by moving some of the existing buildings downtown and constructing others.

A new performing arts center would be built on the northwest side of campus and new classrooms would be added near Atkinson.

The overall face of the campus would also change according to the new plan. Footpaths would be extended farther into the city and a new running path would be created alongside the Mill Stream.

The falls of the Mill Stream would be moved upstream to create a larger, slower-moving creek near Atkinson.



ERIC LAM

Freshmen Katie Harrie, Kelsey Soma and Lisa Smith look at models of the future Willamette.

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Cool running



ERIC LAM

Freshman Tessa Shamborg rides a block of ice in the quad during Tuesday's Mini-Olympics, which were held to celebrate the passing of the Olympic torch.

Olympic Torch lights up Salem

By STEPHANIE SOARES
STAFF WRITER

The Salem community gathered in the streets and on the steps of the Capitol to await the arrival of the Olympic torch as it made its way through Salem en route to Salt Lake City for this year's winter Olympics.

Holding flags that read in bold letters, "I saw the flame" students, faculty members and residents of Salem awaited the arrival of the flame with excitement as Blitz the Bearcat ran holding his own Olympic flag.

The torch's delayed arrival did not hinder the excitement and uproar of cheers that passed as it made its way to the steps of the Capitol.

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JACOB BERG

16-year-old Katie Costic lights the Olympic cauldron with the torch, Tuesday in front of the capitol. A Salem resident, she recently overcame a rare form of leukemia.

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Many underclassmen means crowded classes

By ERIK de BIE
COPY EDITOR

Willamette students may have noticed some increases (or decreases) in class sizes this semester over last. According to Associate Dean of CLA and Professor of Economics Don Negri, this is simply a natural consequence of scheduling second semester classes.

It can, however, produce some unusual results.

Some classes are more full than others. In particular, the Creative Writing course filled to capacity and had a waiting list of 56, while a section of Spanish 232 contains fewer than five students enrolled.

Many classes are, on the average, a couple students larger than capacity should allow.

"The overall number of students is about average," Negri said. "It's just the distribution among the classes that's different from in the past."

Negri blames the variation on the difference in sizes of the freshman and sophomore classes compared to the junior and senior classes.

The overloaded classes often fall into categories of lower-level general education courses.

English, Philosophy, and Creating in the Arts MOI courses were in high demand this semester.

The scheduling staff added classes in areas to match those classes with large waiting lists.

"It's relatively easy to add courses in departments like language for students," Negri said. "It's hard, though, to predict student preference."

Also, it is often a futile struggle to get students to change classes after they are done scheduling — either they are content with their schedules as they are, or by moving they would set up conflicts with their other courses.

After all, as Negri explained, it would not be fair to give the students who walked in the door first exactly what they wanted, as there would be nothing left for later students.

As it is, with the freshmen selecting classes in blocks of two, each student gets a chance to obtain at least some of the desired classes.

The scheduling does, however, contribute to the generation of what Negri calls "bottlenecks," classes filled to capacity with large waiting lists.

"Most classes closed at what they called capacity, and then some professors took other students out of the goodness of their hearts," Negri said.

Sometimes, however, students were not able to get into classes they wanted, so new classes in those areas were added.

Negri expects next year's freshman class to be smaller — a moderate size — which will reduce the phenomenon of individual classes being of unusual size come spring semester.

Fewer rush, more recruited

By BRIANNE KENNEDY
STAFF WRITER

Although it has continued to uphold many of the long-standing traditions equated with Greek life both on and beyond the Willamette campus, the process used to recruit new members to Willamette's fraternities and sororities experienced several changes this year.

For the first time, said Assistant Director of Student Activities Derek Morgan, freshmen men rushing for fraternities were required to register with the Office of Student Activities, as potential sorority members have for years.

According to Director of Student Activities Lisa Jones Holliday, this was the first year that the sororities offered activity nights in the fall.

"Rather than not being able to enter the houses, the activity nights gave them the chance see what it was like before recruitment," senior Alpha Chi Omega member Kristen Smith said. "It made

it less mysterious."

Other differences in the process had to do with the number of students participating.

One hundred twenty-four women signed up to participate in sorority recruitment this year, which is 30 more than signed up to participate last year, said Jones Holliday.

Also, each of the three sororities had room for roughly 33 new members, compared with having just 22 spaces available last year. At the end of recruitment, 34 women joined Alpha Chi Omega, 34 joined Pi Beta Phi, and 32 joined Delta Gamma.

A total of 115 men registered for the fraternity rush this year and, although there is not really a way of knowing whether that is more or fewer men than participated last year, "A lot of people feel

like the numbers are lower," Morgan said.

Morgan added that last year at this point in the fraternity rush 75 to 80 men had submitted pledges to join particular fraternities. Thus far, 55 to 60 have signed.

Duncan Libby, president of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, said, "Across the board, fraternities are experiencing less interest (compared to last year)."

Morgan said that the fraternity rush process has not completely ended, and that so far it has gone well despite the possible lag in interest among students.

"I thought it went really well," he said, noting that there was good attendance at all the events.

Both Jones Holliday and Morgan said they did not notice any major changes in the types of students who were involved in the rush process.

Still, Jones Holliday said that she was surprised by the sudden increase in the number of legacies, women who have a family tie to a house, that participated.

"I am very happy how recruitment went this year. We had record recruitment numbers and a record number of women that joined all the houses. All the chapters are full," senior Pi Beta Phi member Sabrina Andrus said. "It allows as many women as possible to join a house and affords them the opportunity to be involved on campus."

"We had record recruitment numbers and a record number of women who joined."

SABRINA ANDRUS
SENIOR PI BETA PHI



MIKE KIEFER

Potential sorority members get downtime in between activities.

Martin Luther King, Jr. honored with day of events

By JENNY ANDREWS
MANAGING EDITOR

Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day schedule gave many students the opportunity to attend afternoon festivities.

Salem community members and professors joined students to take part in the celebration of King's birthday.

Events like the ASWU Speech-a-Thon and Johnny Lake's lecture "Power to the People" were popular with students.

Freshman Will Fargo thought the words of King, read from the second floor UC balcony all afternoon, gave listeners a sense of actually attending one of King's addresses.

"It was cool to listen to it, to see what it would have been like to hear it," he said.

Sophomore Pat Everitt was one of many to attend Lake's lecture.

"It was a good speech," he said. "There were a ton of people."

Other events were well

attended in the afternoon because of shortened classes, which were not as popular.

"There was not enough time to get anything done," Everitt said.

Fargo agreed the 30-minute classes may not have been worthwhile, with less than average attendance.

Still, he thought there was some value to the half-day of classes to bring off-campus students to campus for the afternoon events.

"I can see where the university was coming from," sophomore Abby Kahl said.

Kahl thought it would be good to continue with the abbreviated classes next year to bring wide campus participation in the afternoon events.

"It is a really important holiday," she said, adding that Monday's events were well-attended.

"I wasn't expecting a lot of participation. It was really cool."

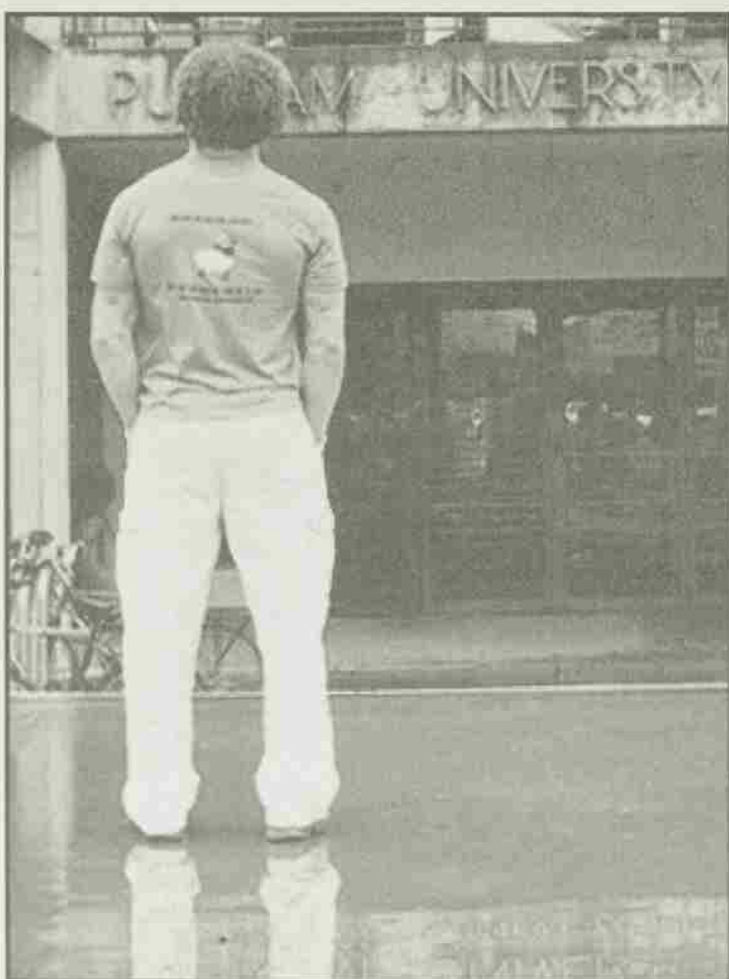
Kahl also suggested increasing publicity for

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in 2003 in order to make events more visible.

Everitt thought that classes could be left out next year, but that the events should still happen.

"It's good stuff," he said.

For more coverage of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, see Features, page 3



JOHN VOLLMER

Freshman Calvin Keyser-Allen listens to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Speech-A-Thon, sponsored by ASWU.

CORRECTIONS

"SAE party prompts anti-sexism resolution" (December 6, 2001)

Three senators voted in favor of "The Call for Civility Resolution."

"The Call for Civility Resolution" was a resolution, not a bill.

Bryan Ruttkay is Interfraternity Council president, not president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

"ASWU resolution does 'not go far enough'" (December 6, 2001)

"During class in September" should have read "In class the other day."

Expanding Curriculum

Ethnic studies on the horizon

Applicants for the leadership role in the new department have begun.

By LORENZO LAMBERTINO
STAFF WRITER

Reaching out to expand and strengthen its academic horizons, Willamette University is in the process of implementing an American Ethnic Studies program.

Focusing on the issues and realities of minorities in the United States, the program would provide an interdisciplinary look at the influence of ethnic cultures in American history and culture.

Implemented within an existing WU department, the program is expected to eventually become an academic major of its own.

WU is now interviewing candidates for the professorship and guidance of such a program.

Last week, Professor Mario Gonzales from Southwestern University in Texas was at Willamette presenting his

vision for the Ethnic Studies program.

Mr. Gonzales presented a program organized into a "minor" of five credits. Students interested in the American Ethnic Studies minor would begin by taking "Intro to Ethnic Studies," a broad overview of the tenets of ethnic study as centered around race, immigration, and nationality.

Students would move on to classes such as "comparative minorities," history, art history, sociology, and politics.

"This country is changing, and how can you claim to offer a full education without giving some insight into this American reality, this need to diversify?"

MARIO GONZALES
CANDIDATE FOR
AMERICAN ETHNIC STUDIES
DEPARTMENT POSITION

Mr. Gonzales emphasized the fact that there has to be a common thread running through the whole program, common themes that are explored through the coursework and through four or five years at local service groups.

"A commitment to a community of color is integral to an ethnic studies program," Gonzales said about the internships in the later section of the curriculum.

He takes race, immigration, and nationality as examples of such unifying concepts.

"Immigration is so much a part of the legacy that Latinos, Afro-Americans, and Asian Americans experience," Gonzales said, stressing the enormous impact immigration has had for ethnic groups in America.

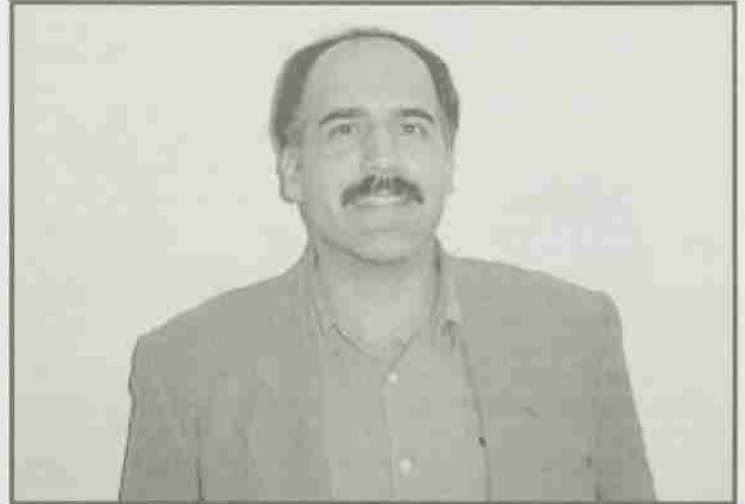
Commenting on the importance of ethnic studies as a discipline, Mr. Gonzales said, "This country is changing, and how can you claim to offer a full education without giving some insight into this American reality, this need to diversify?"

In addition to teaching and directing the program, the Ethnic Studies professor would be expected to work closely with the minority student population on campus.

"Inevitably, the person holding the position will be looked to for leadership by the student community of color," Chaplain Charlie Wallace said.

Gonzales, after speaking with students and faculty over lunch and in meetings, believes Willamette is fertile ground for the creation of the department.

He said he recognizes a level of support in the admin-



MIKE KIEFER

Professor Mario Gonzalez from Southwestern University in Texas is the first to apply for the coming Ethnic Studies position at Willamette.

istration that is necessary for establishing such a course load.

Wallace is the contact for the hopeful applicants, and is directing the search for this new addition to Willamette's faculty.

Stephanie Fryberg is currently visiting campus for the position, with degrees from Kenyon and Stanford Universities.

Yesterday, she met with students for lunch and gave a public research presentation.

Her research interests include the social nature of

identity, cultural variation in the self, and the way that racial identity influences student performance in school. She will be on campus for the rest of today.

Candidates for the program will be visiting our campus throughout the semester until someone is hired.

Students are encouraged to take action and be a part of the real workings of Willamette University.

Contact the Collegian or Chaplain Wallace for more information about the upcoming applicants.

Student Activism

Nonviolence workshop celebrates King, Jr.

A workshop on civil disobedience and confrontation without violence honors King's teachings in the American tradition of activism.

By JON SHEA
STAFF WRITER

In commemoration and celebration of the life and works of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,

Willamette Students for Peace and Justice and the Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation (OFOR) sponsored a workshop on non-violent civil disobedience on Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Jr. in the Cat Cavern.

Mathematics Professor Sam Hall led the variety of activities at the workshop.

The participants divided themselves into groups and were asked to rate activities, ranging from being a vegetarian to the death penalty, into

categories of violent and non-violent and positive or negative for society.

Hall also lectured on the roots of civil disobedience, citing author Leo Tolstoy as one of the founders the ideals of the movement.

Hall also spoke about Gandhi's meeting with Tolstoy, which inspired him to start a nonviolent civil rights movement in India.

The group then watched part of a PBS series entitled "A Force More Powerful."

"Nonviolent resolution can be applied at the personal, community, and global levels."

DONNA FRAZIER
OREGON FELLOWSHIP
OF RECONCILIATION
REPRESENTATIVE

The film documented the beginnings of the Civil Rights Movement in Nashville Tenn. and the involvement of Fisk University students.

The Willamette Students for Peace and Justice is a small student club dedicated to altruistic efforts at the local, national and international level.

The group succeeded in getting the Willamette Store to agree not to carry any sweatshop-manufactured products and is currently working to ensure that all

full-time Willamette employees receive a living wage.

OFOR is the Oregon Branch of the national human rights organization, Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR).

FOR, of which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a member, has been involved in non-violent conflict resolution and peacekeeping in the Gulf area and Central America.

"We just want people to get involved," junior Matt Lindley said, one of the organizers of this workshop.

"College is a good time to get involved in something that you care about," he added.

"It's like the saying 'if you are not working for something, then you are working against something,'" Hannah Bingham said, a senior and organizer of the workshop.

She hoped people would gain a better sense of nonviolent conflict resolution and its effectiveness from the workshop.

"There is no way to peace, peace is the way." FOR's slogan, was a recurrent theme



JOHN VOLLMER

Freshman Jen Heidt and sophomore Nancee Jaffe participate with community members in the nonviolence workshop in the Cat Cavern on Monday afternoon.

during the workshop. Donna

"There is no way to peace, peace is the way."

MOTTO OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION

Frazier, a representative of OFOR, emphasized FOR's message.

"Nonviolent resolution can be applied at the personal, community, and global levels," said Frazier.

to economic inequalities as an important issue.

"Having the right to sit and order in any restaurant is great, but if you don't have the money to buy anything then where does that leave us?"

For more information on Willamette Students for Peace and Justice contact president Russell Bither-Terry at <rbithert>.

The Salem chapter of OFOR meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. in the basement of the First Congregational Church in downtown Salem.

Scenes from outside the Willamette Bubble: Give the past the 'kiss' off

Dripping with nostalgia, this week's journey takes us back in time to a simpler place, where children played and Hostess Cupcakes were plentiful.



By BEN KESSLER
COLUMNIST

Whatever happened to the good old days? Yeah, I know I'm only 21, but sometimes I really miss grade school.

To begin with, in kindergarten we had the "kissing girls." These girls would chase us boys around the playground in hopes of catching us and planting a wet kiss on our cheeks.

Being 5-years-old, we were petrified of the kissing girls. They had cooties, man. When the kissing girls puckered up, we ran the other way.

What the heck were we

thinking?

And more importantly, where have the kissing girls gone? I can't find you anywhere, no matter how hard I try. So if you happen to be a kissing girl reading this, please feel free to do your thing when you see me around campus. I won't run.

In the primary grades we had nap-time worked into our daily schedule.

This, of course, was completely unnecessary because all of us had been in bed at 8:00 the night before.

Sadly, Willamette has yet to adopt this nap-time policy, but I'm staging a protest by falling asleep in all my classes.

Feel free to join me in my civil disobedience.

We used words like "rad" and brought our binders filled with baseball cards for trading.

"Dude, that Upper Deck Ken Griffey, Jr. rookie card is so RAD! I'll trade you my Topps Mark McGwire rookie

card for it."

Tragically, almost nobody says "RAD" anymore, and we bring boring lined paper in our binders instead of baseball cards.

And then there was recess. I miss recess. We would gobble down our lunches and run to play kickball or baseball.

"Dude, that Upper Deck Ken Griffey, Jr. rookie card is so RAD! I'll trade you my Topps Mark McGwire rookie card for it."

VOICE OF LOST
YOUTH

es of celery stalks, carrot sticks, and tofu. My buddies were getting Cheetos, Hostess Cupcakes, and the deliciously pink Sno-Balls.

I was infatuated with Hostess Sno-Balls. Come to think of it, they were my first crush. I'm sure you've seen them at finer supermarkets and gas stations. They're usually near the Twinkies, looking like pink tennis balls com-

ing in packs of two.

My mom took one look at them and said, "There is no way my son will eat that tooth-rotting junk food."

So I was resigned to celery stalks, maybe with a little organic peanut butter if I had been good.

Girls took awhile to warm to me. You see, my mother was not the best fashion advisor and I was always hopelessly behind the grade school fashions.

I wanted Reebok Pumps or Nike Airs desperately, but my mom insisted on buying me the cheaper Velcro Keds.

I never could peg my jeans like the cool kids, so I cuffed them instead, making me the only guy wearing Capris.

Hey, if we went on any clam-digging field trips I'd be ready.

I suppose girls finally came on the scene around fourth grade. All I can remember of Mrs. Goodman's class was Jennifer. Picture Britney Spears as a ten year-old and you've got Jennifer.

I would gaze at her through every class, neglecting my multiplication tables. No wonder my grades that

year were all checks instead of pluses.

Of course I could never speak to her. My voice box slipped down my throat whenever she looked at me. One day she turned to me, tossed her blonde hair to the side, and smiled with big blue eyes.

"Ben, you're drooling on your desk!"

It was okay though. My time would come in the sixth grade. Katie and I had been holding hands for a long time, and now that we were alone watching a movie it was time to make my big move. The first kiss.

I took a deep breath, snapped my lips over to Katie and planted a peck squarely on her right eyelid.

Thinking back on the impact, I'm lucky I didn't leave her with a black eye.

Well, maybe it is for the best that the old days remain a distant memory, brought back any time I hear a track from M.C. Hammer's totally RAD album, "Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em."

But if the kissing girls come back, I won't run this time.

Ben Kessler is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

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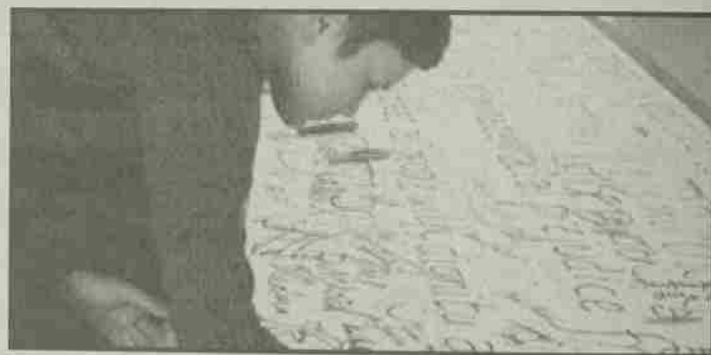
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Signing the Birmingham Pledge: above, sophomore Alexis Gardner; below, Dean of Campus Life Bob Hawkinson and senior Laura Leineweber.

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Question of the Week:

What did you think about rush week?



"I think everybody should go through it because it gives you a first hand perspective with the sororities."

-Freshman Nicole Lindquist

"I didn't go because it just didn't interest me. It wasn't my cup of tea."

-Sophomore Aaron Van Matre



"I think it makes some people think too highly of themselves, and crushes others self-esteem."

-Freshman Kaitlin Marousis



"Food was good."

-Freshman Jon Higa

"I couldn't imagine doing 3 hours of extracurricular events a day with the workload I have."

- Freshman Jenelle Woodlief



Compiled by Eric Lam

Feel the rhythm



NAOMI CORWIN

Hawaiian club members (top) and Taiko drummers (center) perform in the Montag center as part of Monday's Martin Luther King, Jr. festivities. Included later in the campus celebrations were performances by Fisk Jubilee Singers and Danny Glover.

**Basketball Double Header:
Sparks Saturday, January 26**

- *NCAA Mascot J.J. Jumper
- *Free T-shirts to first 200 fans

Community Outreach

Serving spring break

By STEPHANIE SOARES
STAFF WRITER

While most students will be enjoying a week of vacation in the spring, a group of individuals will dedicate their time to working with the community in various areas.

The alternate spring break program, promoted by the Community Outreach Program, will be taking students to Tacoma, Wash. and San Francisco where they will be volunteering their time to work in homeless shelters, community gardens, and other areas where they are needed.

Scheduled to take place from March 16 to the 23, the program seeks to promote working with and for those in need.

Students will be dedicating their breaks to "hard work for others," Director of Community Service Learning Mari Morando said.

"Students will live in community with their peers and the people they are serving."

Junior Robbie Zumajit-Hanson is one of the leaders participating in the program in Tacoma.

Approximately 11 students will be staying in the Guadalupe House, a homeless shelter in Tacoma, which is situated in high crime rate areas.

They will also be staying in youth hostels as well.

"We're going to visit and work in local homes for homeless people," Zumajit-Hanson said.

"It is an excellent opportunity to raise my own awareness and do something about it and jump in there with my hands and help."

ROBBIE ZUMAJIT-HANSON
TRIP LEADER

The alternate spring break program's greatest expense lies in transportation and lodging, according to Morando.

Participants will be staying with those they work with. They have done a variety of letter-writing campaigns to assist in financing the trip; however, the Community Outreach Program will be funding the program as well.

"The ultimate goal is that our participants will not have to worry about paying for it."

"When we go to Tacoma, we'll be staying at a hostel or we'll be sleeping on the floors in the homeless shelter."

"We're staying with the people we work with," Zumajit-Hanson said.

The community service experience has proved to be a life-changing time for those involved.

Zumajit-Hanson spoke of those whom participants will be assisting.

"Their day, their week, their month, their lives are better because of a few moments that you could spend with them."

Participants will have much to gain as well.

"You get that warm, fuzzy feeling that feeling you get knowing that you helped somebody else and you created," Zumajit-Hanson said.

Participants will be doing various presentations of their experiences as well as keeping a journal throughout the week for reflection purposes.

The number of participants increased from four last year to 20 this year.

"There are people from all different residence halls, different organizations, Greeks, and independents," said Zumajit-Hanson.

"We'll reach a large group of people."

For more information contact the Community Outreach office on the second floor of the UC. You can also reach them by calling 370-6807.

Editorials

No more one day stands

Monday, Willamette broke the bubble — students, staff and community members joined together to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Though the controversial truncated classes did not prove to be effective for typical course work they served a much more important purpose — bring off-campus students to campus to participate in the events of the afternoon.

It is a well-known phenomenon that once a student moves off campus he or she rarely comes to campus when he or she does not have class.

The probability that off-campus students would have ventured to campus solely to take part in the celebration if

there had not been classes is not high.

For this reason, the shortened class schedule proved a very important role in getting students to participate in the festivities.

Shortened classes also gave professors and students the rare opportunity to discuss course topics not just in the theoretical but in the practical context of social activism. However, the day has passed and things have returned to normal. We cannot let this happen. It is time to seize the moment of social awareness and not just let it pass by. Don't allow the bubble to close yet again around the Willamette campus. Keep social activism alive year round, not just one day of the year.

Winning the international lottery

The actions of nations in relation to international aid never cease to amaze. If 17 million people in an area have died from one disease alone, the international community will not donate. If the children in your country are starving because their parents do not earn enough to feed them, it will not donate. If it used your country as a sandlot, riddling it with landmines that your relatives and friends unexpectedly find under their feet, it will not donate.

But if they completely annihilate the oppressive regime that has been controlling your country, free you from the theocratic dictatorship that has subjected your women, enslaved your people, and denied you even the most basic freedoms, CONGRATULATIONS, your country has just won the international lottery.

Last week, representatives from Afghanistan walked away from an international meeting nations with \$4.5 billion in international aid. Now, Afghanistan deserved every penny of that money. They were the world's sandbox, twice. They had to face the perils of food packages dis-

guised as cluster bombs, or was it cluster bombs disguised as food packages? But Afghanistan, before this meeting, was in better shape politically and socially than it has been since the Soviet Union invaded.

We look to the poor and the dying in Africa, to the developing countries in Latin and South America and ask, "Where is their aid?" Does the international community have to invade those countries before they get the money they need to build infrastructure and pull themselves out of poverty and disease? Why were the coffers of the international players so dry a month, a year, two years ago for them and then all of a sudden when war hits, they unload capital on Afghanistan? Something about this system is not right.

Why does Afghanistan have the advantage over the 25 million Africans infected with the HIV/AIDS virus that can't afford medication? Does a possible oil pipeline from the Caspian Sea fields to the Persian Gulf have anything to do with it? Maybe, maybe not. But the situation needs to be watched carefully, for there is more going on here than meets the eye.

Time to rethink the Bush tax cut

Hear ye, hear ye, the United States economy is now in recession. Hold up! I thought the Bush tax cut was supposed to jump start the economy?

No silly, the tax cut has now transformed into the means that will pull us out of the recession. Why can't we just use the budget surplus to fund community development programs and create jobs?

Haven't you heard? The budget surplus was "invested" into the trillion dollar tax cut to save the economy. So what are we going to do if the old tax cut doesn't work? We're going to have new tax cuts, of course!

Do voodoo economics make your head spin? They should. The United States is entering into another phase of budget deficits and many people are asking where all our money went.

Budget numbers published by the Congressional Budget Office and inde-

pendent Republican and Democrat consultants are all pointing to the Bush tax cut as our budget surplus thief. But there's a catch.

A large portion of the tax plan passed by Congress and signed by the President has yet to come into being.

Many of the tax cuts do not take effect until 2005, 2006 or 2010. That means more congressional dipping into the Social Security Trust Fund in the coming years.

Now is the time for responsible fiscal management, not wishful thinking. Congress should seriously rethink its back-loaded tax plan.

If our political leaders really want to keep America rolling they should start extending unemployment benefits and health care coverage to help those currently struggling to survive instead of calmly pointing us to the nearest shopping mall.

Letters to the Editor

"Shameful treatment of POWs"

Wake up. Most of these prisoners will sacrifice their lives to kill just one American citizen each, soldier or not.

If we didn't "forcefully" sedate them, they would take every opportunity and chance, regardless of how small or futile, to kill our young men out there trying to protect you and me. Think the shackles, hoods, and sedation are too much? Why don't you read what happened on Nov. 26, when approximately 400 Taliban prisoners went on a little killing spree during their uprising? People died, on both sides. It could have been avoided by some of the very methods you oppose so deeply.

A sweet and lax prison stay will accomplish nothing save more bloodshed. But I guess 800 bruised wrists are worse than 40 deaths, huh?

SENIOR JON OAKDALE

While I can appreciate the worth of a good objection to military policies and actions I think appropriate, knowledge has to be had to

write an article like this. I also believe that a unified policy toward human rights needs to be more extensively observed in the U.S. Military. This issue is still being written about from one point of view. It is very easy to judge an organization when you have such a firm hold on your own freedoms.

Would you presume to think that these precautions are taken to make these people suffer? They are taken to preserve American life. The characterizations that were put forward of the American military are one sided and unfair.

I suggest you talk to a US serviceman/woman and ask him/her how he/she would feel if he/she got killed because someone would rather terrorists have a good window than have them be uncomfortable for 12 hours

FRESHMAN SPC PETER LUNDBLAD

Imagine having to leave Afghanistan in the dead of winter on an all-expenses-paid flight to the Caribbean, where they have good food and health care. How cruel.

DONNA DANIELS
CLASS OF 1958

Quotation of the Week

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."
-W.B. Yeats

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No candidate character

I went to the gubernatorial debates the other day. Boy, what a disappointment.

Sitting down in Smith Auditorium, I was presented with the six boring candidates, three Democrats, three

Republicans. The Republicans looked like a three-headed monster — three middle-aged white guys with the same vacant expression on their three faces. Each spoke in the same unexciting manner (with occasional humor) and spent at least a couple of minutes bashing our current governor, Democrat John Kitzhaber.

On the Democratic side, we had what appeared to be a blatant attempt at candidate equality: a white female and a black male accompanying the necessary middle-aged white male.

As for the debates themselves, I don't remember much, which is exactly the problem. Sure, I took some notes, but the candidates were all so bland, uniform, and lifeless that I found myself wondering if I would be able to tell them apart if I couldn't physically watch them speak. Each of the six had clearly bought into the Bill Clinton straight-down-the-middle-of-the-road political system, attempting to appeal to everyone while saying nothing. Their policies? I have no clue. Which brings me to the next problem: the



RICH SCHMIDT
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questions.

For one thing, having six candidates and a two-minute time limit (rarely observed) for answering each question meant only a select few questions were asked,

some of which the candidates asked each other. This meant no questions from the audience and I know I, along with surely countless others, had good questions for the candidates. Like, "How come you can't just answer a 'yes-or-no' question with 'yes' or 'no'?" The questions that were asked, though, evoked no special answers, particularly at the end when they came from random newspaper people at random newspapers. These were so localized ("What do you think of Baker City?") as they left me wondering why I should care.

For those keeping score, it looks like it will be Ted Kulongoski as the favored Democrat, with Jim Hill and Beverly Stein as also-rans. On the Republican side, Jack Roberts seemed to be the strongest of the three heads, with Kevin Mannix running in second and Ron Saxton as the dark horse (translation: no chance).

The election is ten months away.

Perhaps by then some candidate will have discovered a personality.

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Snood: Satan's Brood

There is a new favored past time taking its place in the common places of Willamette campus, one with the insidious purpose of undermining the entire educational process. Yes, friends, that is the hobby of video gaming.

Got a few hours to spend between classes? It's possible to get in a few games in the time. Really angry at that annoying guy in your class? Waste a little time killing people with automatic assault weapons over the internet. Girlfriend broke up with you? The simulation games understand, and they never judge.

Video games may be a welcome addition to your computer software — they are relatively harmless, easy, simple ways to waste your time, from solitaire to strategy simulators to first person shooters. However, they are deceptively innocent and extremely dangerous in precisely this fashion — they encourage you to waste your time.

When one has access to video games, often it is the case that time spent on reports doubles. Studying sessions expand to encompass the entire weekend, not just a couple hours after din-



ERIK de BIE
COPY EDITOR

ner, Sunday night. Some even write about a sentence of an essay and then punctuate the time — between that and the next sentence — with nearly fifteen minutes of game play. And

that's even when one doesn't have a snowball's chance in hell of getting a high score. Quite certainly, this is not the best way to do work.

And then there is the content to be considered. While some games are simple and innocent — to rearrange cards or score points by making the little space-invader-like creatures fall from the ceiling — some are violent and disturbing — bloody shoot-'em-ups and games where you are encouraged to trample innocent people for points.

Perhaps video games do not desensitize people to violence, but when your life becomes about killing people — even virtual people — you have a problem.

Video games may be good for wasting a little time, but their danger cannot be discounted. Plus, if you want to get A's in your classes, you might want to put away your software collection for at least a bit.

Erik De Bie is a freshman in the College of Liberal Arts.

Recruitment: Join the herd

It's amazing how one can go through her life, all the while growing older and wiser, gaining respect and recognition along the way, and then suddenly, out of the clear blue she realizes she has been swiftly sent back to second grade. All of a sudden she's sitting quietly in her seat and someone is telling her to put her little nametag on and get into a single file line. Before you know it, a woman, who was her peer yesterday, parades this line outside so that passers-by can stare in sheer awe at the spectacle of college women playing an incomprehensible game of follow the leader. The whole process is so belittling it makes one wonder, why all the rules?

Sorority recruitment, I honestly believe, is well intended in theory, but completely nonsensical in practice. The secret identity of the "Rho Chis," or recruitment counselors, not allowing freshmen women into the houses until recruitment activities, and then the myriad topics that sorority sis-



HANNAH MEISEN-VEHRS
CONTRIBUTOR

ters and recruits are not allowed to discuss create such a mystical, eerie shadow over the simple act of joining or not joining a Greek house. Any institution that demands that its prospective members not even enter its doors until an allotted time half-way through the year, and THEN proceed to be judged and considered for membership, nearly forces their judgments to be based on looks, immediate first impressions, and stereotypes. Such an institution not only hinders the prospective members' ability to project their true personalities, it absolutely ties its own hands and compels itself to make decisions that can only be called

capricious.

Furthermore, sorority recruitment is, in and of itself, an elitist, dehumanizing, archaic tradition. One cannot march herself around all night, competing for some elusive acceptance and leave without the feeling that she is something less than human. If the feeling doesn't quite set in at that time, then rest assured that she will feel it the next day as she climbs the stairs of the UC to find out if she "survived" the cut. Call it what you will, sorority invitations are an elitist slap in the face to the women who truly want to be a part of a chapter. Women come away with these little invitations crying, actually crying over which houses they were asked not to return to. I haven't seen this much drama since my high school's last homecoming queen elections.

Come on ladies, high school homecoming queen elections? Please.

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Renewable energy plan excellent

Last week my roommates and I had an important conversation about our electricity bill. This was not the usual finger pointing about who left the lights on all night or another jab at the one who accidentally left the heat on during winter break.

The meeting consisted of one question.

"Renewable energy: for or against?" senior Colleen Pinckney asked the esteemed members of the "Court House."

We all laughed. The answer was obvious. Though our winter electricity bill will rise \$8-10 per month, there was never a question in anyone's mind. "If it will help the environment, let's do it," senior Amelia Williams said.

Oregon's electricity restructuring law, passed in 1999 and scheduled to go into effect March 1, 2002, gives energy customers the opportunity to choose cleaner energy sources for their homes.

Currently, the Basic Service option offered by Portland Gas and Electric draws nearly 60 percent of its energy from non-renewable resources or nuclear generation and 39 percent from hydroelectric dams. Only three-tenths of a percent is generated by wind and no energy is produced from photovoltaic or geothermal generation systems.

The new law stipulates that PG&E must now offer alternative energy options. In compliance with the new law, two plans are now available to customers.

The Fixed Renewable plan reduces all the above production percentages by



DAN RIVAS
CONTRIBUTOR

10 percent except in wind generation, which supplies 10.3 percent of the electricity produced under this plan.

The Renewable Usage option goes further, drawing 85 percent of its energy from geo-thermal and 15 percent from wind generators.

The new Oregon law is just one of many examples of America's growing interest in creative energy solutions. Last year's energy crisis sparked concerns about supply, cost, efficiency and the quality of energy Americans use and some are making bold and exciting moves toward cleaner, more efficient energy.

San Francisco voters passed Proposition B last November, a measure allowing the city to issue a \$100 million revenue bond to finance solar production on city and county government buildings.

The measure will make San Francisco the nation's largest solar energy producer.

An even larger movement is afoot toward cleaner, more efficient automobiles.

GM CEO Rick Wagoner called hydrogen fuel cells the "Holy Grail" Monday, not only for environmentally-minded consumers, but also for "the whole economy."

Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham recently

announced Freedom CAR, the U.S.'s long-term development plan for hydrogen-powered automobiles, arguably the cleanest automotive energy source currently available, as the primary bi-product is water.

However, like the grail, energy solutions from Washington are elusive.

The new plan scraps the previous project that sought to improve fuel economy, and serves as a warning against easy infatuation with the latest energy news.

This year's American automobiles get the worst gas mileage in the past 21 years.

While hybrid cars — autos that use both electrical and combustion engines — are beginning to catch on, Freedom CAR serves as a warning against undue praise for governmental and corporate advances in energy.

The same PG&E that offers renewable energy also fought bitterly in San Francisco against the above-mentioned solar initiative, and some San Francisco voters are alleging fraud in related Bay Area energy elections.

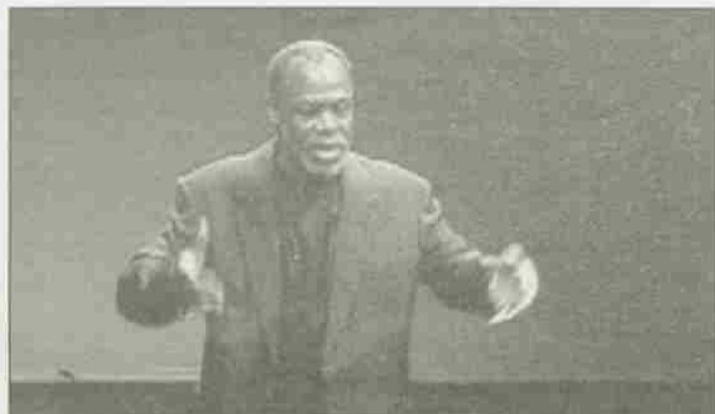
Moreover, at this moment there is no push from Washington toward fuel economy. SUVs continue to be manufactured and marketed as the all-purpose family vehicle.

Recent developments are encouraging, but lawmakers and corporate pollsters continue to ask the question, "Renewable energy: for or against?"

The answer, we can only hope, is obvious.

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Glover acts along



RA JOHNSON

Far above: Danny Glover gives a master class on Monday during his visit to the Willamette campus.

Above: Glover works with Nick Williams, a senior theatre major, on a monologue from the upcoming "All My Sons."

Gender-bending 'funk'

Angles puts a spin on the traditional dance with GenderFunk - party-goers dress in drag.

By BEN NYSTROM
STAFF WRITER

Grab your wigs and hitch up your stockings, ladies and gentlemen, because on Saturday, Angles will present the stereotype-smashing GenderFunk dance.

The event will start at 9 p.m. and last until 1 a.m., and will be held in the Cat Cavern on the second floor of the UC.

The idea for GenderFunk, a dance where participants come dressed in drag, had been tossed around Angles since last year, according to sophomore Renatta Watson, co-president of Angles.

The problem, though, was that the organization had neither the time nor the help to put it on.

But thanks to dedicated veteran members and

enthusiastic new ones, GenderFunk was proposed and approved.

Watson said that Angles "didn't have any opposition" to the idea of a drag dance, and that GenderFunk was "pretty well respected."

Angles felt the idea of a drag dance would be well received by the Willamette community because of the

existence of drag in other school activities, such as Mr. Willamette, said Watson.

"We're hoping people will look at this as something fun and playful, not just a political statement," Watson said.

"It's really more about having fun."

Angles co-president Lorenzo Lambertino, who helped organize the dance, says that GenderFunk is a way to create "an environment that is deliberately

non-hostile towards gender-bending activities."

"We want to provide an opportunity for Willamette students to come and hang out with us 'queer folk,' and shatter a few stereotypes while they are at it," Lambertino said.

Lambertino wants "to show that doing drag doesn't have to be a 'gay' thing."

The dance will feature music from the Rocky Horror Picture Show, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, ABBA, as well as more popular party music.

A drag king and queen will be crowned at the dance, along with a prize for best couple.

"The thing that pulls us together is precisely this, the chance to get together and have fun in an accepting way," Lambertino said.

"Come help us unhide the rigid gender roles in our society."

Admission is free.

What: GenderFunk

When: Sat., 9 p.m.

Where: Cat Cavern

CREATIVE CORNER:

"Post from Mr. Van Gogh"

By BEN NYSTROM

Why thank you, Sir, for noticing my dress.
It is new. Do you like it?
Have you any news from Mother?
You haven't brought me a letter in a long time.
I get so lonely...
What's this? A package!
Lovely.
But, oh...
it's from Vincent.
Yes, Vincent. I've told you of him.
He's a painter.
Well, yes, I suppose he's talented.
He painted a lovely picture once--
sunflowers.
I left him, though. So irresponsible!!
But...
I do think he loved me, though. And I him, I suppose.
What a nut! And so unpredictable!! Dear.
But...
He had a sweet smile. I can still remember his smile.
Perhaps...
yes! Perhaps I was too hard on poor Vincent.
Rushing out on him like I did.
No explanation.
No goodbye.
And he still sends me packages--see?
Oh, Vincent,
I am so sorry!
I'm going to see him right away.
Apologize.
Repent.
Beg for mercy.
I'm going to see him right away.
That is, after I open this package.

'Amélie' a creative old theme

Independent film has a new way of expressing the little things.

By STEVE DUMAN
STAFF WRITER

First, just pretend that this film didn't come out a year ago in France.

Last summer fed the doubts of all those individuals who were already losing faith in the filmmaking industry.

We were subjected to the mindblowingly complex gems of "Evolution" and "Planet of the Apes."

I remember going to the theatre for each movie I saw thinking, "Gee, this movie has a lot of potential."

I then remember leaving the theatre thinking, "Gee, that movie had a lot of potential."

Leave it to the French to reach that potential.

Jean-Pierre Jeunet is helping in the "thanks for making it through the summer" film movement of late with his hilarious, beautiful picture "Amélie."

The vibrant colors and camera directions of "Amélie" give it a feel unlike any film I've ever seen.

The story is incredibly unique while capturing the comfort of a 1950s romantic comedy.

"Amélie" embraces all the quirkiness that we see in the characters around us and all the quirkiness in ourselves that we might normally overlook.

Played by the loveable Audrey Tatou, the title character brings home the fleeting thought of contemporary minds: it's the small things that really matter.

The story strategically takes place at the time of the tragic death of Princess Diana.

The movie emphasizes the importance the media placed on the accident, allowing people to think of little else.

What: "Amélie"

Directed by: Jean- Pierre Jeunet

Where: Salem Cinema

Amélie's life, on the other hand, is affected more by the discovery of a boy's childhood treasures than the media hype.

From this moment on, Amélie devotes herself to the task of bringing other people happiness with the simplest of things, all of which most of us might never think of.

Amélie's internal conflict exists in her own inability to help herself. Despite her own fascination with helping (or avenging) others, her anti-social and generally bizarre childhood seems to prevent her from giving herself the same happiness.

At the root of this is her father, who never lived out his life-long dream of travel due to Amélie's "heart condition."

Thrown into the mix is romantic interest Nino (Mathieu Kassovitz), a man odd enough to match Amélie's unconventional ways.

Nino's hobby is collecting torn photographs at picture booths and reassembling them into a photo album. It's a match made in heaven, if only Amélie can do something for herself.

The most beautiful aspect of this film is the way in which it is told, through the eyes of Amélie.

It is rare for a film to take on the task of seeing the world through a feminine perspective, and Tatou takes on the challenge like a champ.

Jeunet doesn't stop here, however, as the entire feel of the film gives the viewer the impression that most everything is seen through Amélie's overactive imagination in the form of a teddy bear cloud or a pig lamp turning himself off.

This film defines "feel-good movie."

I loved it, and my favorite movies typically involve the lead characters dying in some fatalistic, depressing way.

So a thumbs up from me for a romantic comedy is saying a lot (unless you disagree, in which case you would think it doesn't mean a lot, in which case I forgive you).

"Amélie" reminds us that the world can be changed one small step at a time, and magic is occurring every second tous les jours.

We're loving the submissions to the

Creative Corner.

Don't be shy!

Email your poetry, play or movie scenes, music compositions, photography, or short stories to Julie at <jstefan>.

Ambiance blooms at 'Orchid'

By **JESSE GOLDBERG**
STAFF WRITER

I was a little shocked when I came back to Willamette this semester to find the Sweet River Grill a thing of the past. Honestly, how could my life continue without the walls filled with crazy and somewhat tacky street signs and wacky knickknacks?

Miraculously I found the strength to carry on and instead of the themed restaurant, I was pleasantly surprised with its replacement, the Thai Orchid.

Located downtown in Liberty Plaza, the Thai Orchid is a growing chain, stretching across Oregon and southern Washington.

Claiming fresh, flavorful and healthy food, the restaurants have won several awards ranging from Thailand's "Shell Chuan Chim" award, to *The Oregonian* "Critic's Choice" award to the Willamette Weeks' "Best Bites" award.

They even have their own website (www.thaiorchidrestaurant.com), with a list of restaurants, awards and yes, even several typos. Despite my aversion to error-filled websites, I must admit that for the most part, this restaurant did live up to its claims.

Ambiance is a key element to a positive dining experience. Although the decorations were somewhat lacking, the giant purple orchid and orange-gold lamps did add a nice mood to the place.

However, due to the spaciousness of the rooms I couldn't help but feel a little exposed. There is something to say for the smaller, more authentic-feeling places like the single-room Thai Restaurant across the street.

I went with a fairly large group of friends. This can

both excite servers desiring a big tip and befuddle them with the amount of work accompanying picky university students.

Right away our server introduced himself and treated us with all imaginable kindness. We were in a slight hurry and he brought out the food quickly and in an orderly manner.

Although he admittedly knew neither the meaning of the Thai words nor their pronunciation, a fact that dismissed a degree of authenticity from the restaurant, he was extremely helpful with our orders and was willing to



ERIC LAM

At the Thai Orchid, the ambiance is great, but it still has characteristics of a chain restaurant.

offer suggestions.

The meals were also very diverse. There were over ninety dinner options, with several choices for those of us who don't enjoy burning our tongues with spicy food.

We ordered several dishes, ranging from the Pad Nam Prik Phao, a dish consisting of a choice of meat, chili jam, eggplant, bell peppers, onions and sweet basil leaves, to the dish with my favorite name, Evil Jungle Noodles, a spicy dish on a bed of cabbage, rice noodles, and bean sprouts topped with curry sauce and choice of vegetari-

an or meat.

Of course we also order Pad Thai and Thai Iced Teas as well.

The presentation of each plate was pleasing to the eye.

Our waiter placed several dishes on the table at once, each slightly sizzling and beautiful. We were all impressed with the tiny sauce spoons in each little cup and the dishes themselves tasted good.

One of my friends remarked that the Pad Thai was one of the best she had ever had, while others said the noodles were slightly undercooked.

The Thai Iced Teas were larger than the ones served across the street at Thai Restaurant, but slightly more expensive. Meals ranged in price from eight to sixteen dollars. Although this is stretching the usual starving-college-student's budget,

the meal was enjoyable and left all of us satisfied and stuffed.

I would rate the overall dining experience as a high B+. The food was good, though not excellent, and despite the wonderful service, the place could not escape the feeling of a chain.

Although chains can promise a degree of security for the customer, they also tend to lose the family-focused, homestyle feeling that smaller restaurants produce.

The Thai Orchid is located on 285 Liberty NE, upstairs from Starbucks and is available for dine-in or take-away orders.

Their phone number is (503) 293-2930 and when you go in for some good food, tell them Jesse sent you.

Globes not golden



By **JACOB BERG**
COLUMNIST

News flash! "A Beautiful Mind" and "Moulin Rouge" are great movies! Both exemplify what we as movie viewers sought in the year 2001.

Last year was a great one for movies, which any critic could have told you, only by pointing out that the year took its name from a Stanley Kubrick film with the same title. That was also a great movie, easily observed by big monoliths and dozens, if not scores, of imitations.

To be perfectly honest, I have not seen "A Beautiful Mind," "Moulin Rouge," or "2001: A Space Odyssey." And thanks to my spell check, I have also realized that I cannot spell any one of those titles correctly, but you the reader will see them as correct while I get the fun red squiggle.

Time for questions! What do these have to do with each other? What does this have to do with anything? Aren't you supposed to be doing a food review or something? Do I look fat in this?

Okay, one at a time. My misspelling and poor grammar are a reflection of what you see versus what exists in my plane of sight. This is akin to what I see in movie reviews or by who wins a Golden Globe - a reflection of what really was seen.

I just wanted to throw something deep in to prove that I am not a complete moron, only mostly a moron.

I am not doing a food review this week, but I am sure that anywhere you go is good. I give anywhere 4 out of 5 somethings. Enjoy!

No you do not look fat. I hate loaded questions.

I watched the Golden Globes on Sunday. That's where all the stars come out or something like that. They also say it's a good predictor of what will happen in the Oscars!

I don't know about you, but my life revolves around obsessing over award shows. I love the thank you speeches and especially the commemorations that last half an hour. Sometimes I feel a tear of sorrow run down my cheek for the poor actor who has been nominated 5 times but has never won. Then I remember that they make millions of dollars for becoming famous, and I turn off the TV.

In case you missed it, "A Beautiful Mind" took best dramatic picture and "Moulin Rouge" took best musical or comedy. "Jurassic Park III" pulled away with best picture filmed without a script and "Planet of the Apes" won the best picture of a remake that sucked.

To be honest, I saw those last two movies. Again, in an honest moment, I thought "Planet of the Apes" was OK until that last scene.

I wanted Marky Mark to see the Statue of Liberty and break down in tears. It would have been so emotional. Then the Funky Bunch could have come in and they all could have fought off the apes by singing "Good Vibrations" over and over.

It's a good song, but nothing compares to "Are You Jimmy Ray?" Where was I?

That's right, nowhere. I was lost in the glamour and glitz of the Golden Globes. Next month, I will be better able to tell you what movies are good thanks to the Oscars. But, of course, no one will be able to truly designate the "good movies" until the MTV Movie Awards.

Until then, I'll be writing the script for a remake of "Casablanca" starring Vanilla Ice and Debbie Gibson.

This time the movie will have a good ending, unlike this column.

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Ducks give Bearcats taste of division one basketball

By SHANNAH FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

A Division III school plays a Pac-10 powerhouse and only loses by 23 points. All in all, it was a good day for Willamette.

Still, the University of Oregon Ducks had no trouble beating the Willamette University Bearcats 71-48.

The Willamette men's basketball team got a taste of Division I basketball last Tuesday night when they traveled to McArthur Court in Eugene.

In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the court, the two teams faced off in what turned out to be an exciting, if lopsided, game featuring the nationally-ranked Division I Ducks and the Division III Bearcats.

Despite the loss, the Bearcats put up a respectable fight led by junior B.J. Dobrkovsky.

Unintimidated by the faster, bigger and more athletic Ducks, Dobrkovsky drew two charges and scored 13 points.

"We just wanted to play well and rebound from our loss to Lewis and Clark," Dobrkovsky said. "We held a team that scores 88 points a

game to only 71."

The defensive effort against the Ducks was impressive as the Bearcats limited the Ducks' 7 foot 2 inch center to only two points.

Even though the Bearcats were down 32-15 after 20 minutes, the first half was highlighted by a period of almost three minutes during which Willamette had a 6-4 lead.

Oregon finally tied the score on two free throws and took off on a 16-0 run.

Dobrkovsky ended the scoring drought for the Bearcats with a basket off a baseline cut with 4:30 remaining. By then, the Ducks had built a 23-8 lead.

"I think we were really relaxed because we knew what to expect," said junior Marques Johnson. "Coach wanted us to play like we do against any other team."

Oregon was not like "any other team," nor was McArthur Court like any other court.

The crowd of more than 8,000 people, including former players from both teams, was emotionally charged throughout the 40 minutes.

At one point early in the

game, the Oregon students began shouting, "It's all over."

Undaunted by the loud cheers and first half score, the Bearcats came out hard in the second half.

Willamette impressively kept pace with the Ducks, only getting outscored 39-33 in the final 20 minutes.

Second half highlights included a tomahawk dunk by Oregon's Freddie Jones and a couple of steals by Dobrkovsky.

Junior Ryan Hepp also settled into the game, driving to the hoop and hitting a three-point shot. "We played hard and it was a good experience," Hepp said.

Although the Bearcats could not extend their winning streak against the Ducks to two games, past and present Willamette players and fans felt a strong sense of pride.

"It was a great event for everyone," Willamette Athletic Director Mark Majeski said.

"Willamette represented itself very well and the University of Oregon was a gracious host. We are very proud of the basketball program and the players on the team."

Men in a four-way tie for first place



ERIC LAM

Junior Ryan Hepp passes in the game against Puget Sound.

By SHANNAH FIELDS
STAFF WRITER

Finishing up a grueling week of games, the Willamette men's basketball team took the court on Friday against the University of Puget Sound.

Sharp-shooting, aggressive moves to the basket and a solid game by junior Marques Johnson propelled the Bearcats to the 100-84 victory.

Johnson struggled to find his shooting touch in the first half, but grabbed eight boards to help his team build a 48-32 halftime lead.

As the Loggers closed the gap, the junior stepped up his game and finished with 19 points and 20 rebounds.

"Marques showed his mental maturity," Coach Gordie James said.

"He didn't let a few misses early affect his game."

Juniors Ryan Hepp and B.J. Dobrkovsky also contributed with 22 points and 23 points, respectively.

Dobrkovsky, fresh off a 13-point performance against the Ducks, continued to knock down shots and grab rebounds in the early minutes of the game.

Sophomore Miles Sandgathe finished with 20 points on 10-of-13 shooting from the free throw line.

Perhaps still on an emotional high from their game against the University of Oregon, the Bearcats opened the game with a 16-4 run that was highlighted by quick first steps to the hoop and completely breaking down the Loggers' full-court pressure.

"Their press gives opponents the opportunity to get easy shots," James said.

The Bearcats built a 36-21 lead with seven minutes to go in the first half and cruised into halftime ahead 48-32.

During the opening half, Hepp poured in 15 points and dished out four assists as the Bearcats shot .545 from the field.

Dobrkovsky and Johnson combined for 14 rebounds as the Bearcats held the rebounding edge 22-15.

Puget Sound did not give in to Willamette, though. The Loggers went on a 9-0 run to open the second half and pull within seven, 48-41.

Unlike the first half, when the Bearcats had no trouble breaking the press, Willamette came out in the second half and repeatedly turned over the ball.

Puget Sound got within one at the 11-minute mark before the Bearcats finally got going again.

"Early in the second half, we didn't adapt to the changes they made on defense and we tried to dribble through their press," James said.

"The good thing was that when they made their run, we played with tremendous poise and were patient against their press. We made some adjustments and then found the gaps and got great shots."

In the final ten minutes, the Bearcats outscored the Loggers 42-27. The win over Puget Sound improves Willamette's record to 6-2 in the Northwest Conference and concludes the first half of conference play.

"There are four of us tied for first place, so it's going to be a dog fight," James said of the remainder of the regular season.

Willamette begins the second round of games on Friday when they play at Pacific University and on Saturday at home against Linfield College.

The Saturday game will also feature an appearance by the NCAA Mascot J.J. Jumper.

Women upset UPS 60-57

By BEN STAFFORD
SPORTS EDITOR

The Bearcats rode their defense to victory on Friday night, defeating University of Puget Sound 60-57.

The Bearcats came up with 13 steals, while forcing the Loggers into 21 turnovers.

It was a game of runs, as both teams grabbed the lead only to see the other team roar back.

Willamette jumped out to a 38-32 halftime lead, only to see Puget Sound storm back in the second half.

UPS held Willamette scoreless for the first seven and a half minutes of the second half, seizing a 45-38 lead.

The Bearcats responded with a 13-1 run of their own, taking a 51-49 lead on sophomore Wenchi Liu's lay-up.

Liu hit a three-pointer to give the Bearcats a 58-51 lead, and junior Kasey Sorenson seemingly sealed the game with a lay-up for a 60-51 lead.

But Puget Sound had one last run in them, closing to 60-57. UPS had a chance to tie the game, but missed a long three-pointer with 3.3 seconds left in the game.

Willamette was led by the hot shooting of Liu, who put up 14 points. Junior Nancy



ERIC LAM

Freshman Danielle Page (right) and junior Nancy Weyler (left) try to prevent the shot by Puget Sound.

Weyler chipped in 14 points.

Junior Rosie Contrie chipped in a double-double, with 12 points, 12 rebounds, and five assists. It was her fifth double-double this season.

The win pulled the Bearcats within one game of .500 at 8-9, and are now 3-5

in conference.

The loss was only the third of the season for the Loggers, who are currently fourth in the NWC.

On Friday, Willamette travels to take on the Boxers. On Saturday, the Bearcats return home to take on Linfield at 6 p.m.

Swimming in Spokane

By BEN STAFFORD
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a mixed weekend for the Bearcat swim team. This past weekend, the team traveled up to eastern Washington for meets against Whitman and Whitworth.

On Friday, the Bearcats took on Whitman. The men won 81-76, while the women fell 110-81.

On Saturday, the Bearcats were swept by the powerhouse Whitworth team. The men lost 108-45, the women fell 116-54.

On Friday, the Bearcat men found themselves locked into an unexpectedly fierce battle with the Missionaries.

"It was a tough meet because it was right after winter training. We weren't in our best form," junior Alex Fiksdal said.

On Saturday, the Bearcats traveled to Spokane, the site of this year's conference championships, to take on powerhouse Whitworth.

"You pretty much know they're going to win, so we just focused on swimming well and getting used to the

pool. We just tried to race as well as we could against those guys," junior Brian Ruttkay said.

Sophomore Nadia Markovichick won the 1000 free, 50 fly, and 100 fly against Whitman, and won the 200 free and 500 free against Whitworth.

She was named an honorable mention for NWC swimmer of the week. "Nadia always does well," Fiksdal said.

The Bearcats take on Pacific Lutheran University on Saturday at the Sparks Pool.

Bearcat Box Scores

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Puget Sound	3	0	5	2
Whitworth	4	1	4	4
PLU	2	1	4	3
Whitman	2	2	3	2
Linfield	2	2	3	3
Willamette	0	3	0	5
Lewis & Clark	0	4	1	4

Last Week

Whitman def. WU 110-81, Whitworth def. WU 116-54

Next Week

Jan. 26
PLU
1 p.m.

MEN'S SWIMMING

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Whitworth	5	0	6	2
PLU	2	1	4	1
UPS	2	1	2	5
Linfield	2	2	3	2
Willamette	1	2	3	3
Whitman	1	3	2	4
Lewis & Clark	0	4	1	4

Last Week

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Next Week

Jan. 26
PLU
1 p.m.

WOMEN'S B-BALL

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
PLU	6	1	12	2
G. Fox	6	1	15	2
Whitworth	6	2	11	6
UPS	3	3	11	4
Pacific	4	4	8	8
Linfield	3	4	7	9
Willamette	3	5	8	9
Whitman	1	6	7	9
Lewis & Clark	1	6	5	10

Last Week

WU def. UPS 60-57

Next Week

Jan. 25
at Pacific
6 p.m.
Jan. 26
Linfield
6 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

	NWC		ALL	
	W	L	W	L
Lewis & Clark	6	2	13	4
Whitworth	6	2	13	4
Willamette	6	2	12	5
Linfield	5	2	11	6
UPS	3	3	7	8
Pacific	2	5	7	8
Whitman	3	5	7	10
PLU	2	5	9	7
George Fox	0	8	3	13

Last Week

WU def. UPS 100-84

Next Week

Jan. 25
at Pacific
8 p.m.
Jan. 26
Linfield
8 p.m.

All standings current as of January 24.

Bearcat sports in brief

Bearcat Honors

Sophomore Anne Merten was recently named to the 2001 Verizon Women's Soccer College Division Academic All-District VIII team.

She was one of 11 players selected from the West Coast who will now be forwarded to the national ballot.

Merten, who has a 3.91GPA, finished 2nd in the NWC in points (35), points per game (1.75), goals (14), and goals per game (.70).

Senior Matt Benjamin was named to the 2001 Little All Northwest Team.

Benjamin led the NWC in interceptions. He was also named first team All-NWC.

NCAA Events

NCAA t-shirts will be given out to the first 200 WU students who arrive at Cone Fieldhouse for Friday's Bearcat basketball games.

In addition, NCAA mascot J.J. Jumper will be in attendance with promotional giveaways. He will perform during the games.

Coed Indoor Flag Football Tournament Saturday Feb. 2 Sparks Gym

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CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: JANUARY 14 - 20, 2002

Campus Safety responded to 163 requests for service last week, including the following:

ASSIST OUTSIDE AGENCY SALEM POLICE

Jan. 18, 3:55 p.m. (School of Education) - A student reported that she had been assaulted by an unknown male subject.

Campus Safety officers responded to the call and located the subject in an adjacent office area.

After an initial investigation, the Salem Police Department was notified and asked to respond.

Salem Police placed the subject under arrest after confirming his identity with Campus Safety.

The subject was transported to Marion County Jail.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Jan. 16, 2:25 a.m. (Collins Science Bldg.) - An employee reported that unknown students broke an overhead projector and furniture in a classroom.

The students were also apparently drinking beer in the room and adjoining study area.

The damage was estimated at \$460.

POLICY VIOLATION

Jan. 19, 2:14 a.m. (Beta Theta Pi) - Campus Safety contacted three underage students who appeared to have consumed a large amount of alcohol.

THEFT

Jan. 17, 5:10 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot) - A student

reported that during the day, unknown subjects broke into her vehicle.

The subjects stole the stereo and speakers, valued at \$550.

Jan. 19, 3:30 p.m. (Montag Center) - A student reported that while he was visiting the Montag Center, unknown subjects stole his jacket and passport while he was talking to friends around the pool table.

WRITTEN TRESPASS

Jan. 18, 1:23 p.m. (University Center) - Campus Safety contacted a subject who had been reported by a number of students as soliciting money in the area of the UC.

The subject was warned not to return and issued a written trespass warning.

Master Plan covers 20 years

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With the building of the new performing arts center, Smith Auditorium would be removed, allowing for a larger quad area and a wider Mill Stream.

Though most of these changes won't take place for a good 10 years, Dean Bob Hawkinson said that the first area that will be addressed is parking.

"Ideas are being brought up to come up with an alternative to what there is available now," Hawkinson said, claiming that whatever the plan brings, it will "help people become aware of how valuable parking is."

Though student reactions to the plan were varied, many demonstrated an optimistic point of view.

"Besides the overall plan, I really like Smith being taken out of the picture and campus really being opened up," sophomore Celeste

Brooks said.

"I wish I was about 10 years younger so I could come to this school when all the plans are done, but I'm excited just to be a part of it."

Freshman Duncan Robertson said his favorite part of the plan was the preservation of footpaths and the way the campus will be more centralized.

"I imagine we'll have even smaller class sizes," Robertson said.

Hawkinson says that as the plans get closer and closer to reality, presentations like the one Tuesday night will be more and more common.

He emphasized the role students have in this project.

Brooks agreed. "I hope people will come out and get involved," she said.

"This is their chance to contribute something significant to their school."

Torchbearer from area

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The torch lit the Olympic cauldron, which rested in the center of a stage surrounded by hundreds of community members.

In the courtyard, parents danced with their children to various songs including one with the lyrics, "Been so proud to be in the USA."

"I was excited when I saw the light," freshman Nick Winn said. "I think the pride will not only be in America. It's pride around the world."

Many individuals had the opportunity to pass on the flame.

Gary Rains of Salem served as a support runner in Eugene where he ran alongside three different torchbearers on their way up to Salem.

According to Rains, approximately 200,000 individuals applied to be torchbearers and support runners. Of that, 11,500 became bearers and 4,000 became support runners.

As a support runner, it was Rains' job to run alongside the torchbearer in case he or she needed assistance.

Rains was able to hold the flame for a while, and "it was fun," he said.

Runners from Portland, Salem, Corvallis and Bend, Oregon carried the torch through Eugene.

In light of the recent events including Sept. 11, "people are more patriotic and have a lot more spirit," Rains said.

James Dunne, an Olympic torchbearer, car-

ried the flame through Riverfront Park.

He and Amy Wilks paired up to pass the torch in Salem and were reminded of a time they ran together to raise money for Koryn Keck, a local cancer victim.

"It is excellent timing," Dunne said of the winter Olympics. "It has been long enough (since the tragedy) and now is the right time."

The runner to light the Olympic cauldron near the steps of the Capitol was Salem's own Katie Costic.

A junior at South Salem High School, Costic, 16, was nominated by her tutor and parents after her battle with cancer.

Diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia in 2000, Costic underwent chemotherapy and arsenic treatments and is now in remission though she will continue checkups every few months for the next ten years.

Costic, bearing the torch and the opportunity to carry a piece of the winter Olympics to Salem, said that her part of the journey "was awesome."

As if she wasn't running fast enough, Costic was encouraged to pick up the pace to get the torch to the Capitol.

"We had to build up our nerves, run faster and do as much as we could handle," Costic said.

The torch remained briefly in Salem and was escorted through the crowds of Salem residents on its way to Salt Lake City, Utah where the games will begin on Feb. 8.

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