

Not so hot in California



Despite a high scoring average and a new offensive scheme, Gordie James' Bearcat hoopsters return from California winless.

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"Within 90 seconds of hitting the ground, I was surrounded by six or seven enemy soldiers, all with AK-47 machine guns. I was out-gunned, out-manned, I couldn't run, and I couldn't escape. I became a POW." For the next four years, Steve Long (class of '66) endured torture and periodic solitary confinement from the North Vietnamese.

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More than acting the part



Three student directors utilize cooperation and creativity as they gain experience from directing their fellow students.

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Leaving plenty behind



ERIC LAM

The swap meet helps the TIUAs by earning money and purging goods too heavy to bring home to Japan, when they depart on Dec. 21.

TIUA students hock possessions before leaving WU in two weeks

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"I am going first to Santa Barbara to spend the Christmas holiday," she said.

"Then, we will go to New York in celebration of the New Year."

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In times of stress, students seek relief

By ISALY JUDD

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With an increase in all-night study sessions, library foot traffic and under-eye circles, it is clear that finals are looming on the Willamette campus.

This semi-annual concentration of all things academic traditionally leads to disrupted sleeping patterns, changes in diet and the subsequent rise in student stress levels.

Although the campus hosts a number of stress-relief resources, students today remain as stressed as ever. According to psychology professor Susan Koger, chronic stress is a common trend within populations of high achievers, such as Willamette.

"There is a cultural attitude that if you're not stressed, you're not really busy. You're nothing," Koger said. "Stress gives some people a sense of purpose."

According to Koger, there are three classes of stressors, environmental, physiological and psychological. Psychological factors tend to be the most common source of stress for students on campus, and can include anything from conflicts with loved ones or roommates, to concerns about grades.

However, Koger also pointed out that, "good things are stressors as well as bad things."

Psychologist Rebecca Miller-Moe cited a number of physical and emotional symptoms that may appear as a result of such

stressors.

Physically, an individual may experience muscle tension, headaches, upset stomach, change in appetite and disruption in sleeping patterns such as trouble falling asleep or sleeping excessively. Emotional symptoms may include feelings of dread or overwhelm, teariness, inability to concentrate and forgetfulness. If stress is allowed to compound, it may turn into anxiety or depression.

Miller-Moe also warned that stress can lead to an increased rate of substance abuse. "Some people may choose poor ways of coping with stress. But when you are drinking to cope with stress you're not addressing the cause of the stress."

Miller-Moe and Koger agree that there are numerous things students can do to curb or relieve their stress. Identification of the source of stress is a key step in alleviation. Exercising, talking with friends, maintaining regular sleep patterns and taking a break from routine are also helpful methods of stress reduction.

However, Koger warns that the goal should not be to completely eradicate stress from life, but

rather to find a positive method of keeping stress at a healthy level. "You can't really avoid it. The key is to figure out how best to cope with it," she said.

Senior psychology major Matt Robbins spent much of the semester investigating methods of stress relief. Robbins used various relaxation techniques including muscle tension and relaxation, deep breathing and visualization to help subjects to de-stress.

"It is similar to meditation based on the effect it has on brain



waves," Robbins said.

Although he has not yet fully analyzed the collected data, both heart rate data and subjective reports from test subjects indicate that the relaxation techniques were successful in stress reduction. "I would recommend it," Robbins said. "I use it for myself."

For students seeking assistance with stress, the campus offers a variety of services. Bishop Wellness Center offers counseling services to students and also has a variety of pamphlets concerning stress and stress management. Scholastic assistance is also available for students with stress stemming from academic concerns.

Regardless of whether it is visualization of a sandy beach and rhythmic waves, a walk in the park or talking with friends, Koger encourages students to incorporating a method of stress relief in their finals schedule. "You can exaggerate and exasperate the effects of stress, or you can deal with them," she said.

10 alternative ways to de-stress:

-pet a puppy

-ride a mechanical bull

-do a head-stand

-go to a batting cage

-workout

-take a bath with Mr. Bubbles

-write a ranting Ops piece

-play mud football

-drive to the coast

-listen to music

Campus groups give back more than backpacks

By CHRIS FOSS

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Janice Youth Program's mission is to help troubled youth find temporary stability; providing access to drug treatment, job resources, and more permanent residence.

Christmas comes early today for homeless youth in Portland as they receive the fruits of Willamette's labor in the second Backpack Project. Between Nov. 3 and Dec. 2, Willamette students, faculty and staff collected school supplies, warm clothes, underwear, sleeping bags and games for Janice Youth Programs, an organization serving 200 street-dependent youths in Portland.

This afternoon, student representatives from Willamette's Community Outreach Program, the Panhellenic Council and

"anyone else who wants to come" will help distribute backpacks full of these supplies to Janice. Janice will in turn distribute them to a chain of shelters called "Outside-In" where they will be delivered to the youths Janice serves. The Willamette students will then tour the shelters and get a first-hand look at conditions faced by homeless in Portland.

This is the second year that Willamette has organized the Backpack Project, which was originally conceived last year by the Community Outreach Program and former Panhellenic Council President Emily Bonisaci.

This year senior President Elly Schoap carries on the budding

tradition. "It was a connection that was established last year, and I felt like it was a good relationship to build on," Schoap said. "The need in Portland with homeless youth is really large right now, so it's a good way to help out."

Schoap's duties included communication with Janice, as well as distributing publicity for the project throughout campus. She advertised with heads of the various departments and offices. Resident Assistants helped organize donations by rallying their residents for the cause. According to Schoap the donation process was highly successful this year. "I think it's been amazing. The project was

incredible," she said.

Schoap added that the volume of this year's donations filled the entire COP office.

The different organizations on campus varied in the creativity of their donations. While the Theatre Department donated \$80, the Residence Life office staff members played a game of "Survivor" in which the person with the most donations won a prize.

Meanwhile, students living in Pi Beta Phi organized an event called "Shirt off Your Back Dinner" on Nov. 20. For donating an item on the backpack list, participants were able to take in a free dinner and a movie.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT: NOV. 29 - DEC. 6, 2003

This week Campus Safety responded to 185 calls for service.

ASSIST OTHER AGENCY

Dec. 6, 7:38 a.m. (Ferry and Cottage): An employee reported a man loitering near cars and acting suspiciously.

An officer contacted him and saw him concealing a tool in his hand. The suspect then lied about the car belonging to a relative.

Salem Police were called and the owner of the vehicle, a student, verified that her car had been damaged during the attempted entry.

The suspect was arrested for criminal mischief and an outstanding arrest warrant.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

Dec. 2, 12:55 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student reported someone had vandalized the men's restroom.

Dec. 3, 11:54 a.m. (Cottage St.): A student

reported that his vehicle's window was broken.

Dec. 6, 10:33 a.m. (14th and Mill): An officer discovered a car with a broken window. The student owner was contacted and has not reported anything stolen at this time.

Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m. (Ferry Street): A student reported that her car window had been broken. No entry had been made into the vehicle.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

Dec. 1, 10:25 a.m. (Lee House): A student reported feeling very ill. WEMS responded and assessed their condition. Follow up at the hospital was suggested but the student chose to remain on campus.

Dec. 2, 3:02 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): A student reported not feeling well and not being able to sleep. WEMS evaluated the student and suggested treatment at

Bishop Wellness in the morning.

Dec. 6, 1:09 a.m. (Lausanne Hall): WEMS responded to a report of an intoxicated student. He was treated on scene. It was determined that he was under 21 years of age.

THEFT

Nov. 30, 8:15 p.m. (Winter Street): A student reported his car window was broken and the car's stereo stolen.

Dec. 1, 8:00 a.m. (Hatfield Library): A student reported his bike stolen after he had left it locked to the bike rack.

Dec. 1, 11:37 a.m. (Sparks Center): A student reported that his bike was stolen after he had locked it to the bike rack.

Dec. 1, 3:00 p.m. (Rogers Music): An employee reported a theft from her office. A student suspect

later admitted taking the item.

Dec. 2, 1:07 p.m. (Campus): A student reported unauthorized use of his WU ID card. He lost the card and reported it missing a few days later. During these few days, someone had made three food purchases on his card.

UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

Dec. 2, 7:19 a.m. (Cottage St.): A student reported that a visitor's car had been stolen while parked near Haseldorf.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT

Dec. 4, 7:30 a.m. (Mill St.): An officer noticed two vehicles parked with bumpers touching. It appeared that the vehicle behind had attempted to parallel park and possibly hit the vehicle in front.

Information was taken from both vehicles and will be given to the drivers.

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THE WEDNESDAY PROFILE



SURVIVING confinement

By MARY ANN ALBRIGHT

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Tap, tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. That's an "S." Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. Tap, tap, tap. That's an "L." In the five-row, five-column tap matrix used among prisoners to covertly communicate, "SL" was his moniker. For the four years Steve Long spent as a prisoner of war in Vietnam, he primarily connected with fellow prisoners by tapping, sweeping and occasionally even coughing messages.

"It was communication that really held us together and allowed us to keep resistance up. We would lift each other's spirits," Long said. Since talking was too dangerous and would result in increased torture from their North Vietnamese captors, prisoners such as Long tapped to comfort each other, forge connections and maintain their sanity.

Long spent 18 of his 49 months as a POW in solitary confinement. "You rely on all your resources," Long said of surviving the ordeal. College was one such resource from which he drew strength.

Long is a member of Willamette's class of 1966. After graduating with a psychology major and math minor, he went directly from Willamette to Air Force Officer Training School. After completing this program, he trained as a pilot for one year.

In 1968, Long was sent to Southeast Asia to fight in the Vietnam War. He was based in Thailand, where he flew a Ford Air Controller finding targets. But neither the United States nor Vietnam acknowledged his real mission.

Long was a part of a team operating in Laos. His task was to intercept supplies that North Vietnam sent through Laos to South Vietnam on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. "The United States had not made it public that we were in Laos. It was kind of a secret little covert war."

One morning in February of

1969, Long and a photographer set out in a plane to coordinate a sensor drop to monitor the enemy's activity. After this, the two planned to take pictures of a road junction the United States had bombed the night before.

Long vividly recalls the event that kept them from ever taking these pictures. "Suddenly, there was an explosion. The plane rocked violently. Two feet came off the left wing. The rocket pods were knocked off. The airplane was coming apart," he said.

North Vietnamese ground forces had shot their plane, according to Long. The photographer parachuted safely to the ground and hid in the jungle. He was rescued later that night. Long did not fare nearly as well.

Long hit his head and knocked himself unconscious. He fell out of the plane and plummeted toward the ground. "The air rushing by me woke me up. I woke up just in time to pull the D-ring of the parachute before I slammed into the ground," he said.

Even with his parachute triggered, Long said he still hit the ground fairly hard—hard enough to break his left femur. "I was oblivious to pain. I guess I was pretty scared. I was a 25-year-old kid whose plane was shot down."

He quickly placed "Mayday" calls and gave his geographical position. He looked for a place to hide, but the barren land, pocked with bomb craters, provided no shelter.

"Within 90 seconds of hitting the ground, I was surrounded by six or seven enemy soldiers, all with AK-47 machine guns. I was out-gunned, out-manned, I couldn't run, and I couldn't escape. I became a POW," Long said.

The Vietnamese kept him in a cave for a few days before transporting him by truck to Hanoi. There were no other Americans with him. Long was all alone.

"My thoughts turned pretty immediately to my family. I

hoped they'd find out what happened to me, and that they'd be all right," he said.

The Vietnamese began seriously interrogating him once he arrived in Hanoi. Long only told them his name, rank, and serial number. According to Long, they retaliated by beating and torturing him.

"They would twist and kick my [broken] leg. My leg became the target of their abuse," he said. "They tied me up from the ceiling and would beat on me. I realized if I didn't get medical treatment, I'd get blood poisoning and gangrene, and I would die."

To appease his torturers, Long said he "told them a lot of lies and stories. I told them things I didn't think would compromise my mission. I denied that any of my family was alive." Long laughed and added, "I didn't tell them I went to Willamette."

This false information satisfied his interrogators enough that they took him to a North Vietnam hospital and repaired his injury. From there, Long was taken to Camp Vegas, which was referred to in America as the Hanoi Hilton.

Throughout his four years as a POW, Long kept his hopes up. "There was always someone who had it worse off," he said. "I convinced myself that this was what I signed on for. I was proud of the opportunity to serve my country."

During these 49 months, Long was moved from prison to prison. Out of the 300 Americans operating in Laos, only six others

besides Long were sent to Hanoi. The other 293 were killed.

His country and his family did not know where he was. His official status was "Missing In Action." Long said his family never gave up hope he was alive.

Working on math problems from his years at Willamette and comparing his prison hardships to the brutal "daily doubles" he endured as a Bearcat football player helped Long stay grounded until the Christmas bombing raids of 1972 brought him the greatest gift ever—freedom.

Vietnam signed peace agreements on Jan. 27, 1972 and began releasing its POWs. At first the Vietnamese refused to include Long and the other six soldiers taken in Laos on their list of captives, he said.

However, released prisoners told debriefing intelligence officers of their existence. The United States threatened to resume bombing unless these seven men were freed.

After returning home, Long chose to continue his career in the air force. "I felt rather obligated. My country had stuck its neck out for me." Long flew planes in Holland, California and Utah before retiring in 1987.

Long said he values the lessons he learned in Vietnam, such as to never feel sorry for himself and to always appreciate the life and freedom Americans enjoy.

"I have no regrets. I wouldn't volunteer to go to prison again. But if I had to, I'd hope I could be as good a role model as my senior officers were for me," he said.



COURTESY OF WALLULAH

Steve Long pictured on the 1965 Willamette football team.

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Public Eye

MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY

The semiannual midnight breakfast will take place in Goudy Commons on Sunday, Dec. 14 from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Willamette Events Board and includes free breakfast food with proof of a Willamette ID card.

STUDENTS FOR CHOICE HOST WALK-A-THON

The Willamette Students for Choice are sponsoring a Student for Choice Walk-a-thon on Saturday, Dec. 13 from 12 to 5 p.m. on the quad. The event is intended to raise awareness of and provide information on freedom of choice. Students for Choice will also be accepting donations to send students to the March for Freedom of Choice in Washington D.C. in April. Tickets for the Jan. 29 Roe vs. Wade Anniversary Celebration will also be on sale at the event.

FILM STAR TO VISIT WILLAMETTE

"Black Cadillac," a 2003 Hollywood Film Festival Award Finalist, will be showing at Willamette in an exclusive premier on Saturday Dec. 13 at 8 p.m. in Smith Auditorium. Josh Hammond, who co-stars in the film with Randy Quaid, will be visiting the Willamette campus to promote the premier of the film. The Montag DVD Rental Center, ASWU and WEB are sponsoring the event.

WILLAMETTE CHOIRS TO APPEAR ON CBS CHRISTMAS EVE SPECIAL

Voce Femenina, Chamber Choir and Male Ensemble will appear on an hour long, nationally televised CBS Christmas special airing Christmas eve. The choirs were taped performing at the First Presbyterian Church. 2.6 million viewers are expected to watch the program, which runs from 11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

TIUA students heading home

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Horimizu expected to make a good deal of money

from both the flea market and the auction, which she intends to spend in New York.

New York seems a common destination for many TIUA students after the program's end. Sophomore Makoto Ishizuka said he plans to spend Christmas and New Year in New York with his friends.

Unlike Horimizu, Ishizuka only expected to make about \$50 from his sales.

According to senior George Hayes, the International Assistant Coordinator for TIUA, low returns are common for the students.

"Our goal is to get rid of things, not to make a profit," he said. "They'd gladly give their stuff away. In fact, after this is over, they'll donate what's left over to charitable organizations."

It is clear that Willamette students are benefiting from their purchases. Freshman Logan Van Ert was very pleased with a large mini fridge he purchased at the auction for \$28.

"I didn't think I would need one," he said. "But this



STACY WEST

TIUA students unloaded bulky dorm supplies to thrifty Willamette students.

was the largest most expensive one, and I'm kind of an impulse shopper. It's a great deal."

Van Ert walked away from the flea market and auction with what he estimated would be about \$225 worth of merchandise.

Although they are happy to sell their things, many of the TIUA students are sad to see their time in the U.S. and at Willamette drawing to a

close. Sophomore Fumi Funagata said she wasn't "that sad," because she intended to enroll at Willamette next year.

Horimizu said she was happy to go home, "but so sad."

"I've had lot's of good experiences here," she said. "I want to come back. Now, my dream is to become a Japanese teacher for people who don't speak Japanese."

More early admissions applications this year

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Although the numbers are still coming in, it appears that Willamette's undergraduate application pool is growing quickly and applying early.

Compared to last year, the Office of Admissions boasts a 48 percent increase in total applications, with 569 early action applicants compared to 452 at this time in 2002.

Willamette's Director of Admissions Teresa Hudkins attributes part of the increase in early action applicants to offering two early action deadlines this year. Instead of only the Dec. 1 early action deadline, Admissions included a Nov. 1 deadline, which is consistent with the early action

deadlines of many of Willamette's competing universities.

"We were thinking there may be some students who were ready to apply by Nov. 1," Hudkins said. "We found out that indeed they were."

Currently, the median grade point average for the first early action group is 3.8 with a median SAT score of 1280. The data for the second early action group has not been calculated, as there are still applications coming in.

While the increase in admissions is promising, the Office of Admissions would like to keep the freshman class of 2004 at 425-450 students. Hudkins commented that the 2003 freshman class was "a little too large. We're thrilled with the class, the

students are wonderful, but we can't manage to keep admitting such large numbers without taxing other departments on campus."

Associate Registrar Diane Crabtree admitted that, although the size of the 2003 freshman class "caught us a little by surprise," the Registrar's Office was able to cope with the unexpected number of freshmen.

Crabtree said that nearly 50 percent of all freshmen got their first-choice classes, and about 87 percent got three of their preferred classes with one alternate class. "When people say that freshmen didn't get any of the classes they wanted, they don't know what they're talking about," Crabtree said. "I would expect that with the incoming class we will meet

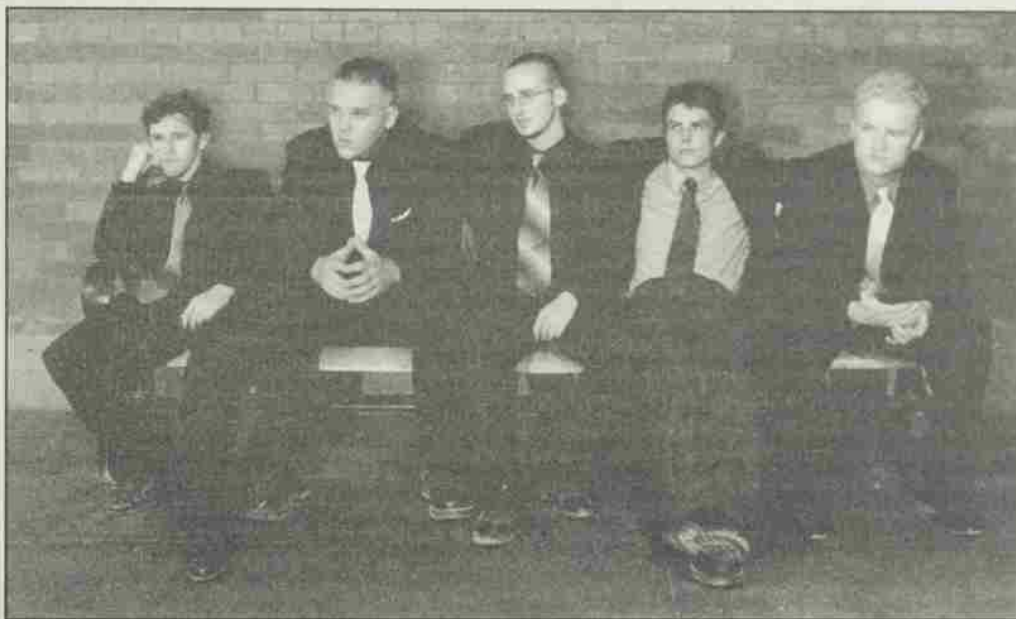
their needs as we always do, but we won't meet everyone's needs 100 percent."

Hudkins believes that numerous factors influenced the increase in applications to Willamette. The Pacific Northwest in general has become an attractive area to students nationwide. While Willamette students have traditionally been from states west of the Rockies, last year the Office of Admissions saw an increase in applicants from northeastern states and pockets of the Midwest.

The Office of Admissions hopes the trend will continue and believes that Willamette's increasing visibility nationwide will contribute to attracting a more regionally diverse student body.

ARTS

MUSICIANS LOOK FORWARD TO RECORDING



COURTESY OF SOMETHING CLEVER

Two members of the above band "Something Clever" attend Willamette.

Putting on the clever

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**Something
Clever:**

**Will Lucas-
vocals:**
sophomore at
WU

**Brad Dexter-
bass: sopho-
more at WU**

**Andy Wilson-
guitar:**
sophomore at
WU

**David
Shunk-
drummer:**
junior at
University of
Portland

**Dan
Sanderma-
lead guitar:**
junior at
Lewis &
Clark College

The music of Dido blares in the background as sophomore Brad Dexter steps through the doors of The Bistro. He greets friend and fellow band mate sophomore Will Lucas. Dexter sits on the yellow sofa near the window.

After adjusting his backwards baseball cap and black hooded sweatshirt, Dexter shuffles through his things and produces a burned CD with the scribbled words in black ink, which reads "Something Clever: Demo. 11-20-03." Dexter leans forward, smiles and says that the CD contains three original tracks.

For Dexter, Lucas and the other three members of Something Clever, it's all about the music. "We are pretty conscience of keeping our music musical," Dexter said. "I think a lot of bands dumb down their music to try to make it louder. We are pretty conscience to not play the same three power chords."

According to Lucas, everyone is involved in the writing process. "We are self-conscience about our music," Lucas said.

High school buddies, Dexter and Lucas had been involved with the band from the beginning. After several artistic changes, the Oregon band has played together for just over a year.

A self-proclaimed "basement band," Something Clever tries to distinguish themselves from other garage bands. After swaying back and forth on the couch adjacent to Dexter's seat, Lucas grins, laughs and says, "We are one of the more highly-educated garage bands around because we all attend private schools."

Something Clever has established a following consisting of friends, family and other music junkies. The group has performed for a Battle of the Bands and recently at the Mr. Willamette competition.

Dexter and Lucas never imagined the positive response from fans as well as from other bands.

Something Clever's Mr. Willamette performance impressed junior Abby Marshall.

"I saw them at Mr. Willamette and I thought they were really talented," Marshall said.

This winter break, the group will practice and work on its demo. "We are trying to get our own stuff, trying to develop a sound," Dexter said.

Dexter and Lucas glance at one another and say that they are just having fun with the whole experience. "If you're doing it for the money, it's the wrong reason," Dexter said. "One of our goals is to be something different and have a good time."

Collaboration vital for student directors

By AUDRA PETRIE

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Many theatre majors see directing in their future and are gaining valuable directing experience here at Willamette. Monday and Tuesday, senior Alyssa Bradac and junior Leah Batt, students in the Directing II class, showcased the one-act plays that they directed. Wednesday and Thursday, senior Jesse Young will present his senior thesis project—performances of "Crave," by Sarah Kane.

Batt, a theatre major with a performance emphasis and an English minor, just completed directing four student actors in "Moonfish," by Barbara Wiechmann.

Batt, who took Directing I last spring with Professor Jonathan Cole, said that although she needs more practical experience, she has "all the tools in her belt" that she needs. Batt wants to eventually pursue a Master of Fine Arts in directing.

"As a director, it's not about you being a dictator over other people," Batt said. She said that some of the best things in a play can be what the actors bring.

Batt admitted that working with her fellow students on projects such as "Moonfish" can sometimes be a challenge, but that her actors have always been respectful of her role as a director.

Senior Allie Saucy, a theatre major with an acting emphasis and a Spanish minor, who acted in Alyssa Bradac's "Giving up the Ghost," also said that respect is vital to a director-actor relationship that can produce great work.

Saucy acted in Bradac's project for Directing I last spring and was in "Giving up the Ghost" for Bradac's Directing II class and she said that Bradac has grown and improved as a director.

"She's much more confident, and she doesn't second guess herself as much and she

makes bold choices," Saucy said.

Bradac directed "Ghost," by Cherri Moraga, with a cast of three student actresses. Bradac, a theatre major with an acting emphasis and an English minor, said that the most important thing that she has learned through her two directing classes is that "collaboration is key."

Bradac said that as an actress she feels that it is easier to help her actors as a director because of her acting experience.

"I think good directors should be good actors to get where they need to go," Bradac said. For that reason, she wants to gain more acting experience after graduating from Willamette before pursuing an MFA in directing later in life.

"There's no substitute for experience and we try to give them as many opportunities as possible," theatre Professor Jonathan Cole said.

Cole teaches Directing I and Directing II, but this semester, Tori Haring-Smith taught Directing II as a guest artist in the department.

"It's rare for a department of our size to offer an advanced directing class at all, so we're lucky to have what we do," Cole said.

Cole is Young's advisor for "Crave," Young's project for his senior thesis.

Young, a theatre major with a performance emphasis, said that the directing classes he has taken and his experiences as an actor have taught him the most important things about being a director.

"You must let the script and the actors create the play," Young said. He said his role as assistant director for "Savage in Limbo" last spring with director Ted DeChatelet was one of his most valuable experiences in directing.

Young said that through "Savage," DeChatelet showed him that patience and trust in the actors pays off.

Talk of the Millstream



ERIC LAM

Campus naturalist Claire Pichette finds a squirrel's nest in a tree between the library and the University Center.

By **CLAIRE PICHETTE**
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Love is in the air this Christmas season. The Star Trees are shining, carolers are singing, and most importantly, the Eastern gray squirrels on campus are mating.

Many species get their groove on during just one season (spring or summer), but these tenacious furballs nest twice — once in December and again in May.

The *Sciurus carolinensis* courting process probably involves gifts of delicious chestnuts wrapped in pink cellophane and witty pick-up lines like, "If I said you had a bushy tail would you hold it against me?" Unfortunately, all we see is a raucous chase.

Males relentlessly pursue females by winding up tree trunks, scrambling through branches, and tight-rope walking along telephone wires like lovesick Kindergarteners on a jungle gym.

You've probably seen this display around campus and wondered who got the squirrels drunk. Now you know: They're just hopped up on lovin'!

Once the mating part is over (I won't bore you with the steamy details), it's time to build a nest. In the winter breeding season here, squirrels tend to build heavy-duty dreys, which are nests of twigs and leaves built high up in trees.

They're easily visible, especially near the Mill Stream by Goudy and on the East end of the UC.

Dreys are quite cozy, and

have an outer layer of interwoven twigs, lined inside with soft moss, leaves, fur, and "found" materials like fabric scraps, newspaper and the occasional Ikea home décor item.

The layering makes dreys virtually waterproof and wind-proof. If you see a squirrel shoveling handfuls of leaves, mud and twigs into its mouth, it is definitely heading for a nest site.

Other lucky individuals nest in tree dens, which are holes in the main trunks of deciduous trees.

Although dens provide better protection from weather and predators than dreys, formation of den cavities requires 8 to 30 years! Dens are ubiquitous in areas of historic squirrel territory, but not here at WU.

Some small mammal enthusiasts have connected web-cams to broadcast the wonder of life from their nest boxes to the world. Check out this site at <http://www.newyorkwild.org/squirrels/squirrels.htm> for a live feed from New York!

About forty days after mating, whether or not the nursery decorating is finished, the female will give birth to a litter of 2-3 hairless, squirming, pink-skinned young.

Don't worry, we'll be gone for break and won't have to see the monstrous things. It takes a month for the little'uns to grow fur and open their eyes, and at two months of age they are ready to face the world on their own.

So this Christmas, remember the squirrels. Just be sure to mate responsibly!

Beta philanthropy collects 800 coats for Union Gospel Mission

By **BRITTON LATULIPPE**
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"We know at the end of the day we collected 800 coats and that's 800 people who will have coats who otherwise wouldn't have been warm this year."

-senior Trevor Newton

The 17th Annual Beta Theta Pi Penny Coat Drive is underway. Hoping to escape the hype and competition involved in fraternity fund raising and volunteer work, the leaders of Beta Theta Pi decided the Penny Coat Drive would be their major winter philanthropy.

They are personally collecting donations and giving them to the Union Gospel Mission. The Union Gospel Mission gives the coats to the needy and the money brought in is divided among soup kitchens and other missions nationwide.

Beta members and their close friends go door-to-door to make collections for the drive. They pick different neighborhoods and post signs and place leaflets in the Statesman Journal to give residents prior notice before asking for donations.

"We are actively involved in the community and it's time intensive, but it is also more tangible," senior Beta Philanthropy Chair

Trevor Newton said.

Also a member of Beta, senior Mike Ross said, "The biggest thing is that it's nice to have a day to go out into the community and interact with Salem residents."

Ross also said that some members of the Salem community were skeptical of Beta's community service due to their preconceived ideas about fraternities. They eventually opened up to Beta members who took the time to talk to them about Willamette, their fraternity and where the coats and money would go.

Beta has collected about 800 coats so far and plans to raise around \$600.

"We know at the end of the day we collected 800 coats and that's 800 people who will have coats who otherwise wouldn't have been warm this year. To us, that is more important than making it a competition or party," Newton said.

Students can donate winter clothing and spare change at the Beta Theta Pi house through Jan. 25.

Call for Tutors - Spring 2004

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BELIEF SYSTEM	HOLIDAY	ORIGIN	DAY/MONTH	CELEBRATION
Christianity	Christmas	3-5 B.C.E	December 25	Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the appearance of the star that represented his birth, and the coming of the three wise men who presented gifts to the baby.
Islam	Ramadan	610 C.E.	Rotates. This year from Oct. 26 - Nov. 24	The month where it is believed the Qur'an was completed. This is a time for mental and physical fasting. It takes place in the eleventh month of the Islamic calendar.
Judaism	Hanukkah	167 B.C.E.	December	Jewish Maccabees defeat the Syrian tyrants, the Jerusalem temple is rebuilt, and the miracle of the menorah flame that burned eight days.
Kwanzaa	Kwanzaa	Dec. 26, 1966	Dec. 26 - Jan. 1	This is a nondenominational celebration of life and oneness, which draws on African traditions. Kwanzaa emphasizes on focus, purpose, sense of direction and goals.



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Students eat from the buffet of Soul Food at the Cat Cavern during the Kwanzaa celebration.

morals and values. "Many people find these in religion, others choose not to follow a religion."

Non-secular spirituality is also celebrated on campus. The Black Student Organization hosted a dinner Dec. 5 to celebrate the non-religious tradition that is Kwanzaa. During the ceremony, chairperson senior Crystal Roberts spoke on the seven principles. Kwanzaa celebrates spirituality: keeping your spirit family oriented and personally healthy. Throughout the seven days, unity, self-determination, work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose and faith are discussed.

"Self determination gives one the power to be happy with oneself, find inner peace and a sense of accomplishment... If one does not control the direction of their life, something else will," Roberts said during her talk.

In the Religious Studies department, Professor David McCreery is one of two non-Methodist professors. However, he stated that the classes are not meant to persuade any students into different beliefs. "In an academic setting, that is not what we are up to. We are trying to open people's eyes to a variety of religious tradition and open their eyes to their own."

In classroom settings, McCreery said, personal beliefs can affect discussions. "People come from different religious traditions, a person's upbringing and belief system have a bearing on how they participate."

However, students' attitudes, not their spirituality, in general have a larger effect on the classroom. "We can have very religious students with strong beliefs that are open to what others believe. (We have others who do not question) for fear their beliefs will be challenged, threatened or shaken," McCreery said.

In other classes, Feldman said that many discussions can be turned into debates that may bring religious beliefs to light. "I don't think they (the beliefs) are limiting, they definitely bring in viewpoints. I do think they can be a little much," she said. Feldman said that students sometimes push issues that persuade instead of inform. Classroom discussions on topics like evolutionism, creationism, abortion, and homosexuality can turn into students arguing without room to compromise.

Despite differences in beliefs, and different upbringings, the Willamette community emphasizes and attempts to be a unified community, especially during the holiday season. "We try to keep a variety of symbols out there. So, if we are going to have a Christmas tree, we would have a menorah. We want to recognize the Kwanzaa celebration, winter solstice, things like that," Wallace said.

"I am just used to (the abundance of Christmas Decorations). I'm used to everyone else celebrating Christmas. I appreciate it when people make an effort to keep things secular," Nelson said.

The Jewish Student Union sponsored a Hanukkah party on Tuesday, December 9, that encouraged the students that did not understand Hanukkah to stop

by and experience the celebration. Campus Ambassadors and Intersivity Christian Fellowship are also organizing their own Christmas parties.

On Campus Activities include numerous musical performances in Hudson Hall, put on by the Music Department, as well as The Oregon Symphony Orchestra. These events are spread throughout Dec. 10-21.

The seven principles of Kwanzaa are: unity, self-determination, work, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose and faith.



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Thabiti Lewis, an English professor, leads the crowd in giving honor to ancestors.

Religion at Willamette

Christian/non-denominational - 231

Roman Catholic - 155

Lutheran - 59

United Methodist - 53

Presbyterian - 39

Protestant - 39

Latter-day Saints - 24

Episcopalian - 20

Baptist - 17

Jewish - 16

Agnostic - 8

Buddhist - 7

Quakers - 4

Muslim - 3

Atheist - 2

Hinduism - 2

Christian Scientist - 1

Greek Orthodox - 1

Russian Orthodox - 1

* Information from undergraduate applications. Only 50 percent of students answered. Only 25 percent of those answered something other than "no preference."

FINDING *faith*

A PLACE FOR

Willamette, though founded as a Methodist school by missionaries and pioneers, pays little attention to its supposed affiliation. Today, it is a heterogeneous mixing pot of traditions, religious and secular.

By KEENA PRESNELL

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Jason Lee, a Methodist settler, founded Willamette on Feb. 1, 1842.

Willamette was founded on Methodist principles, but gradually lost any strong religious affiliation over its 151-year lifespan.

Two of five religious studies professors are non-Methodist.

The white steeple of the First United Methodist Church towers above the trees on the northeastern side of campus. Taller than the gold man, taller than the dome on top of Waller Hall, it stands as a reminder of Willamette's history, a history that has culminated in a heterogeneous sea of students with varying beliefs and traditions, religious and secular.

Founded by Methodist Jason Lee in 1842 and the missionaries who opened the Oregon territory to settlement in the 1830s, Willamette is a born Methodist.

Under such a Methodist blanket, however, lie many students, each holding different beliefs.

On the surface, Willamette possesses many qualities that a Methodist school should possess. There is an active Chaplain's office, occasional Sunday convocations and a well-supported religious studies program.

Willamette's Methodist affiliation provides both monetary benefits, in the form of scholarships, and guidance with the Eli Lilly Program. Without it, "you would not have a chaplain's office. They might pay the salary for a Director of Religious Activities or something like that, but that is more of a bureaucratic thing," Chaplain Charles Wallace said. Wallace is an ordained Methodist Minister.

As we are surrounded by many Salem-area United Methodists, more than just the steeple from



JULIE TOMMELEIN

Sophomore Kari Proud decorates the Christmas tree in Alpha Chi Omega.

the top of the building looks down upon us.

"There were times when there was a huge headline like a Pimps and Hos party or something like that... Our Methodist friends would say, 'What is going on?' and we say, 'We don't like it either,'" Wallace said.

"I think it would be possible to not ever notice that Willamette started as a Methodist school. At this point it seems to have very little effect on campus," freshman Sarah Butler said.

Because Willamette is a private school, it is allowed to be the home for many different student religious organizations.

State schools are allowed to have such clubs, but many are not allowed to meet on campus, and very few provide financial support. The University provides guidance to groups that want to start clubs and, like any other club, funding is provided from ASWU.

"The only way we support religion is through these clubs. (ASWU) won't pay for personal items, political campaigns or issue campaigns," Vice-President of the

Executive senior Kate Rykken said. Each such organization adheres to the same guidelines as secular clubs, such as having a faculty advisor.

Currently, Willamette is home to seven student religious organizations: Campus Ambassadors, Canterbury, Christian Science Organization, Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Jewish Student Union, Latter-Day Saint Student Association and the Newman Club. However, these clubs only represent a few of the varying religious beliefs held by members of the student body.

The student body practices nearly twenty different religions. For the Office of Admissions however, the lack of willingness for students to identify a religious practice, makes them unable to base admittance decisions on religion.

Only 25 percent of students on campus identified a particular religion when they applied.

"This community values the diverse students (Jewish, Muslim), and (the fact that) they can feel comfortable coming to Willamette says a lot," Vice President of

Enrollment Robin Brown said.

There are currently about 15 active members in the Jewish Student Union. "It (JSU) allows Jewish kids to participate in the things they would at home," junior President Susan Feldman said.

Some students do search for a taste of home through these organizations, while others withdraw when they get to college.

"Even people who go to a Methodist church when they are home, when they are here they pull back a little bit... not wanting to affiliate with a religious group," Wallace said.

"I also get the feeling that quite a few people have experienced religion as a negative thing... which is understandable, but depressing. Everyone should be able to feel accepted by a church," Butler said.

There is a difference between religion and spirituality. In fact, a large number of students do not belong or identify themselves with any one religion.

Freshman Ariel Nelson, a Jewish student on campus, said she believes that everyone needs



SAGE NASBAUM

Students gathered to celebrate Kwanzaa on Dec. 5.

OPINIONS

Wake up society, get out of your fantasy

Society maintains a hallucinatory fantasy that water is not polluted by the tons of toxic waste we dump into it, where the dramatic increase of atmospheric



JUSTIN BROWN

gases is not altering the climate and where population growth can be ignored until later.

These notions are dangerously ignorant. According to economist Ted Trainer, "the most common estimates of potentially recoverable energy resources now in use would be exhausted in about 35 years." This figure assumes rich-world levels of consumption, based upon our current lifestyles that ignore irrefutable environmental limitations. Unless science is going to develop a massive scheme to fly

all of the world's inhabitants to Europa (an ice moon of Jupiter) before we have exhausted the limited supply of clean air, fresh water, and environmental resources we have on this planet, society needs to consider how we are treating this planet today and how these decisions will come to affect life for tomorrow's generations.

The good news is that we humans are crafty.

There are ways to dig us out of the environmental hole we have dug for ourselves. Scholars, politicians and community planners have increasingly advocated sustainable use of resources. What exactly do these folks mean by sustainability?

Sustainability is progress as if

survival mattered. It is a lifestyle capable of sustaining the productivity of society indefinitely.

On campus, there are an array of activities highlighting the potential of sustainable technologies. Last week, students emphasized the many options we have in shaping our campus as a

microcosm of the world we wish to live in. Some students addressed

campus pesticide use.

Some are composting in the

Bistro to reduce waste going into landfills and create healthy

additives for soil, while others are trying to find the space to turn the 100+ gallons of Goudy's waste grease a week into fuel for a diesel van and generator. Goudy didn't

give out non-recyclable clamshell containers last week to encourage Tupperware usage, as \$15,000 a year is dedicated to buying this wasted material. A student committee is working to ensure that the residential commons are energy efficient.

Students are also encouraging the University to adopt renewable energy as a standard, which could be funded by efficient choices such as turning off lights in vacant rooms. Is it really necessary to have Olin completely lit at 3 a.m.?

Differences are made in mundane, daily decisions. By consciously choosing as consumers, we can build the world we urgently need. It is no longer enough to be passive. We need to act now to prepare a future that sustains its prosperity while considering its impact on future generations.

If everyone in the U.S. recycled one-tenth of their newsprint we would save an estimated 25 million trees a year.

**courtesy of the Environmental Community Outreach Society*



Don't worry (or plan), be happy, seniors

By HEIDI PETERSON

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Everywhere we turn the questions are fired upon us without mercy—What will you do when you graduate? Do you have a job yet? What is your plan? Ah! Let us seize the day! Let us be!

What is your plan? Nancy Norton, the director of Career Services at Willamette, advises us to be prepared, but not to worry. Simply by virtue of graduating from Willamette, a student proves he or she is intelligent, persevering, and capable of succeeding in almost any career he or she desires. Norton cautioned, "Never self-identify by virtue of your major." There is no need to feel pigeonholed by the major you have chosen. A biologist can be a poet, an anthropologist can be a lawyer.

For those who are, in fact, in the planning mood, there is a computer career guidance program called SIGI+, which is newly available online. SIGI+ is easily accessible through the career services web page at

www.willamette.edu/dept/careers.

Many students, seniors and underclassmen alike, feel pressured to know exactly where we are going—not out to dinner, but in our lives. Corinne Maloney, a Willamette senior, said, "I want to worry about the here and now, not about future plans." Nancy Norton affirmed that there is definitely a concern among students about the direction one should take after graduating. Students feel pressure to choose just the right major and to know where they are going in life. Junior Rob Betscher, a junior who has yet to declare a major, said, "I am envious of people who have a calling in life."

Betscher is not the first to put off declaring until the last minute, but his situation draws attention to the reluctance of many students to nail themselves down to one field.

"I can see why you need to select one field," Betscher said, "but there is definitely too much pressure in making the right choice." The source of this over-

bearing pressure is hard to pinpoint. In fact, Nancy Norton recommends that graduating seniors take at least one year off before jumping into a career. So, why do we feel so pushed?

The pressure seems to come from all around, and perhaps we ourselves are guilty. Betscher said, "My mom is always nagging me about it," and, "in class, during introductions, if I am forced to admit my junior without a major status, the class invariably laughs and the professor acts shocked."

Lisa Oakley is a pre-med, philosophy major. Almost halfway through her senior year, she is among the panicked. "I don't know what I'm doing," she said jokingly, though fear was in her eyes. "Everyone is taking graduate exams and I'm not. What do you do with a philosophy major? Ah!"

Betscher noted, "Some of my friends graduated last year and it doesn't seem like their major has played much of a role in what they are doing." Willamette graduates consistently give thanks to Willamette for their ability to

communicate, give presentations, be leaders, and analyze information. According to Norton, many graduates also say that what they are doing today has very little, if any, direct relevance to their major. A liberal arts education at Willamette allows us the luxury of being flexible. We can do almost anything.

We are not on a timeline that ends when we find our true self, our calling, a place where we can finally rest and say, "I have succeeded in this life. Everything has gone as planned." I love that I have no plan. I want to be 65 and restless, plan-less and pleasantly surprised at every turn my life takes.

So, how do we deal with the third degree? The next time someone tries to get a confession out of you, tell them you have no plan. Tell them the plan is overrated. We will graduate, we will find jobs, and it will not be the end of the world. We might even be amazingly successful.

Heidi Peterson is a senior in the College of Liberal Arts.

In November of 2003 the unemployment rate for college graduates 25 years and older was 3.1 percent. The national rate was 5.9 percent.

**Bureau of Labor Statistics*

EDITORIAL

Sustain sustainability

Like apes to a monolith, the Willamette community was drawn to a pyramid of trash outside the University Center last week. With any luck, the community went away with the same heightened awareness as "2001: A Space Odyssey's" apes.

The trash pyramid was one part of the excellent "Sustainability Week," spearheaded by the ad hoc ASWU Sustainability Task Force subcommittee.

The subcommittee, led by senators senior Jessie Ford and junior Melissa Treichel, executed the project primarily to raise awareness about sustainability, consumption and the environmental problems facing Willamette and spaceship Earth.

The task force achieved its goal admirably. After last week's displays, no one at Willamette remained unaware of the gross over-consumption of resources by this community and others. The week's events included the aforementioned

trash pyramid, a ban on clamshell containers at Goudy and trash clothing modeled by task force members.

To conclude the week, a sustainability fair was held in the University Center. The diversity of the fair demonstrated both the hard work of the task force and the universality of their cause. Representatives from Portland General Electric, the Salem Audubon Society and Marion Polk Solid Waste Management were in attendance. The Dragonfly Coffeehouse donated cider and chocolates, Lifesource contributed apples and Pioneer Organics gave other produce; even Value Village got into the act, making their mugs available for charity.

Students who saw the various displays should take note: no matter how you feel about the environmental movement, sustainability affects Willamette and your tuition dollars. According to Jessie Ford, Willamette spends

\$20,000 removing food waste from campus and Goudy spends \$15,000 annually on the infamous clamshell containers. The message should be loud and clear: the sustainability movement helps everyone.

This year's Sustainability Week should be a model for future activism in general. It promotes positive awareness of extremely salient issues.

In order to bring the sustainability gospel to campus, the task force overcame organizational problems and conflicting schedules.

Despite these setbacks, the program was a resounding success. The task force's biggest challenge for next year is to overcome the graduation and loss of several of its senior members and to retain its activity.

Community participation will be critical to making sustainability week, well, sustainable. If this year's program is any indication, that won't be a problem.

Willamette needs new tradition

Willamette needs better end of year traditions. Over the next few weeks, most students are going to shut themselves off in their room. Slog through their papers and tests, and rush off campus as fast as they can.

Our week without classes should be more than a study session. It should be a time to celebrate surviving the semester, and to create new memories. The year should end with a bang, not a whimper.

Naysayers will claim that nothing happens on campus because students already have too much work, and that no one has time for another activity. Yes, everyone is busy with finals, but it's not as if students are too busy to do anything at

all. Lots of people find time to go to private parties and activities.

The problem is, there is no big, campus-unifying event. A good tradition would give us something to look forward to, and help create more of the "Willamette community" that everyone thinks is lacking on campus.

Such a tradition wouldn't have to be expensive or time consuming. Midnight breakfast is a perfect example of a fun, popular activity that only takes a few hours of our time. Other colleges sponsor events that are similarly cool, but also convenient. At the University of California the freshman class ends their first semester

by ritually burying their textbooks in a mass grave.

There are lots of possible Willamette traditions. There could be an annual polar bear swim in the Mill Stream, or a camp out in the library. There could be a prank night or a costume day. Or Willamette could create something entirely new. Just this weekend, the drama department staged a hilarious 24-hour theater event that would make a perfect annual tradition. Anything would be an improvement over the way we end the year now.

This is a challenge to all clubs, organizations, and individual students:

Start something cool on campus!

Booty Call

Try to picture Willamette's polar opposite. What would it be like? It would have to be a state school. And not just a state school, a big state school, say with about 40,000



KEVIN
BOOTS

students. Its location? Something unlike Salem; perhaps a hustling and bustling metropolis of 13 million people. Let's also say this un-Willamette is in a foreign country on the other side of the world. Then, just to make things really bizarre, add a ton of Chinese people—No, make everyone Chinese. Got it? Good. That's where I'm going next semester.

Peking University is definitely the un-Willamette of the world. That's one of the reasons I'm going there. It's not that I don't like Willamette, but it's time for a change. It's time for the rite of passage that everyone in college should go through: study abroad.

I want to get out of this country and the various circles of insulation: Willamette, Oregon, the Northwest, America. It's not that I don't love this

country, in fact I'm pretty sure I do.

But if there's one thing I've learned at Willamette, if there's one thing that's been

pounded into my brain with a spike of righteousness, it's that I'm incredibly fortunate to be here; I don't doubt it. What will all the new perspective do to me? What will living in the Middle Kingdom for six months do to my head?

Will I become a Yoda-like sage? A white Jackie Chan? Probably not. I plan on scaling the Great Wall, bounding through bamboo forests and visiting Mao's massive mausoleum.

Some things I plan on not doing are joining the Falun Gong movement, possessing opium or agitating for democracy; all of which carry the death sentence or worse. No doubt I'll miss Campus Safety by the time I get back.

So goodbye Willamette. I'm going to another world. Single tear.

♥ KEVIN

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

As the new student representative on the Dean Search Committee, I feel the article in last week's Collegian regarding my position was missing one thing — my voice. I hope the student body knows how pleased, honored and excited I am to be serving on this committee, and I look forward to helping to bring the best possible new dean to Willamette. I have received feedback from the ASWU senate, but as I

head into two heavy days of interviews in Portland next week, I welcome input and questions from the student body. Finding a new dean is an important job, and I want the students to feel they have a say. Please feel free to email me <rsteinfel> and keep an eye out for the visits the finalists will be making to campus at the start of next semester.

Sincerely,
Rebekah Steinfeld

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SPORTS

Not too hot in California

By LINDA AHMED
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Despite shooting almost 50 percent overall in each of their three games and running a new offense the men's basketball team left the Lee Fulmer Memorial Men's Basketball Tournament at the University of the Redlands over the weekend with one win and two losses.

"Each year is an experiment and we have to make some adjustments...We're always trying to push towards improvement and progression on a daily schedule.

This is a very hard working and committed group and progress has been marked, but we still have a ways to go," men's basketball coach Gordy James said.

The Bearcats left the University at 4:45 a.m. on Thursday morning only to make it to the airport and find that their plane would be an hour and a half late. By the time that they finally arrived at Redlands they only had less than an hour to warm up before their first game began.

Taking it all in stride the men's team came away with a 106-100 win in overtime over Cal State Hayward. The high scorer for the game was senior wing Harold Sublett Jr. who had 18 points.

The team made 59.7 percent of their field goal attempts during the game as opposed to CSH's 50.6 percent. The lead changed hands 14 times during the game, and the Willamette bench had 52 of their 106 points.

Even though they shot over 46 percent in their second game of the tournament against Pomona-Pitzer Colleges the men fell 55-68 after suffering the loss of two of their point guards, senior David Force to an ankle injury and freshman Josh Erickson to the flu.

"Our goal this season is to keep everyone healthy, we haven't had everyone together yet this season. We've had seven different starting line ups

Upcoming games:

Dec. 12-13
Ted Wilson
Classic,
Corvallis/
McMinville

Jan. 9
Whitman,
Walla Walla

Jan. 10
Whitworth,
Spokane

Jan. 17
Lewis &
Clark, Home

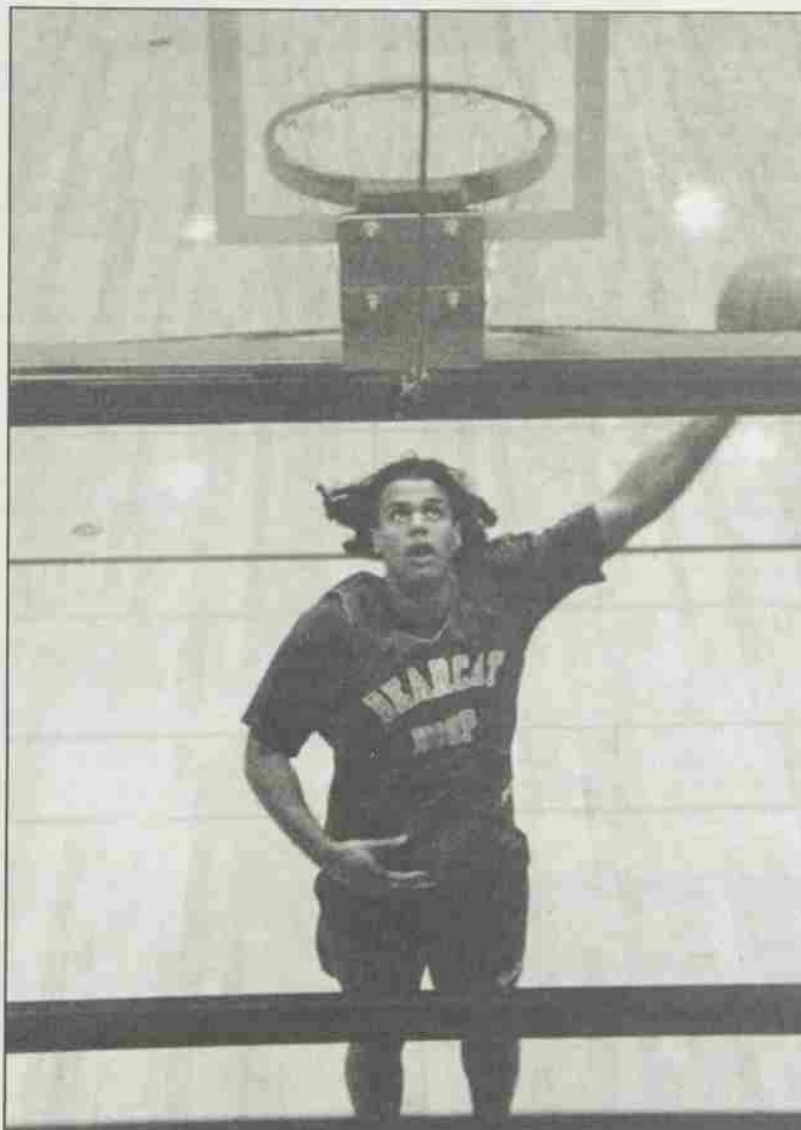
Jan. 20
George Fox,
Newberg

Jan. 23
UPS, Home

Jan. 24
PLU, Home

Jan. 27
Linfield,
McMinville

Jan. 30
Pacific,
Forest Grove



LUCAS HERNANDEZ

Senior Harold Sublett Jr. goes in for a lay-up during practice on Monday. He held the high score in the team's only weekend win.

Men's Basketball

in seven games and moved players around. We're never ones to rationalize and make excuses. We've just got to get it done," said James.

In the third and final game on Saturday the men lost to Chapman University 77-82 despite the fact that WU shot 48.9 percent and had 34 offensive and defensive rebounds to Chapman's 32.

Sophomore wing Henry Greepley lead the team with 19

points. Behind him was senior post player Ryan Rablfs with 14. Sublett had a game high of three assists and sophomore post player Brennan Garrelts had five rebounds.

James pointed out that Sublett and senior post player Miles Sandgathe played exceptionally well during the tournament.

Sandgathe received the All Tournament award for outstanding play.

"To be successful we need to push the ball and get transition baskets."
-senior point guard P.J. McDevitt

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ChalkTalk

BASKETBALL TEAMS' BREAKS SHORTENED TO PREPARE FOR UPCOMING COMPETITION

The men and women of Willamette basketball program will get a much shorter winter break than the rest of us. Tournament play will bring them back to campus after a short break for Christmas and New Year's, the Bearcats hoops squads will hit the road, facing off against the Whitman Missionaries on Jan. 9.

Both teams will then face a big early season challenge on Jan. 10 against the Whitworth Pirates. Whitworth's men started the season at number one in the conference coaches' poll. After finishing third in the conference last year, Whitworth's women have not lost any of the potential, receiving a second-place nod in the coaches' poll.

Both of Willamette's basketball teams will return to Salem to take on the last year's conference champion, the Lewis & Clark Pioneers on Jan. 17.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIM TEAMS MEET UP AGAINST UNDEFEATED TEAMS

Willamette's swim team will also compete on the road in Washington through the middle of January.

The Bearcats will face some stiff competition against another formidable Pirate team from Whitworth, whose men's and women's rosters are so far undefeated in conference dual meets.

The Bearcats will swim against Whitworth on Jan. 16, and then visit Whitman in Spokane the next day.

INTER-SCHOOL INTRAMURAL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Willamette intramural football champions, The Dirty Pikeys, faced off against the Western Oregon University champions last week soundly trouncing them in the first inter-school competition of the year.

REVIEWS

24 Hour theatre makes explosive debut

Senior Kim Crow took 10 hours to write her play "Solid Rock, Steady On."



STACY WEST

Freshman Sarah Hamilton, senior Jill Ashkinos, and sophomore Sam Bailey rehearse "Potential."



STACY WEST

Junior Kurt Conroyd and sophomore Winnie Yong perform in "Solid Rock, Steady On," directed by junior Leah Batt.



STACY WEST

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The idea was like nothing WU Theatre had ever done. No one knew what to expect. At least, no one expected this.

Back in October senior Kim Crow and her friends formed an idea. What would it be like to write, produce, direct, rehearse and have four 20-minute plays ready for performance in 24 hours? "24 hours of our time, to put on something cool," Crow said. "I was the one who said 'Hey let's send out an email'-which means I was selling my soul."

The response was overwhelming. Over 50 people said they wanted to be involved.

Last Friday night at 8 p.m., four writers, junior Ben Nystrom, sophomore Audra Petrie, sophomore Jessica Lynch and Crow were given pictures of actors in costume. They wrote the plays, drawing from the unusual characteristics of the pictured individuals.

The process was remarkable. At 3 a.m. Lynch and

Crow were deep in their scripts, getting stuck and unstuck.

To help one another, they began trading lines. "Up, down, left, right it doesn't matter how you pluck your chicken," Crow said to Lynch.

It was a dare to write that line into the play, and to have it make sense.

At 8 a.m. on Saturday, the scripts were turned over to four directors: Atkinson student John B. Hall, junior Leah Batt, senior Rebekah Stienfeld, and senior Alyssa Bradac.

The casts assembled in costume, learned their parts, and rehearsed while other students hung lights and added technical elements to each play, with everyone surviving on adrenaline and power naps.

At 8 p.m. on Saturday night they performed for a crowd of 120 in the Kresge Theatre. "It was a universally creative process, but confined and open-ended," Crow said.

"It was so much fun. It was crazy and new, and we

pulled it off," Crow said.

"We had to trust everything we were doing so we would have a big explosion in the end. You must be confident that the big explosion will come, and it did," junior Kurt Conroyd, one of the actors, said.

The audience seemed to enjoy it as much as those involved.

For senior Dan Davey, it was the second theatre performance he'd seen at Willamette. "I was amazed. God, that was so funny!" he said.

After the performance the group of students who had pulled it together rallied outside in the lobby.

"We did an amazing thing guys!" Rebekah Stienfeld yelled amongst her peers, who cheered in response.

That kind of explosive creativity isn't something you see often, but you just might get a second chance. The plan is to do the same thing next semester.

With another group of students this talented and dedicated, it is sure to please again.

Steve 'n' Duncan's top 10 Christmas movies of all time

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'Twas the night and two weeks or so before Christmas/with nothing to do/Duncan said, "We'll watch Christmas movies—won't that be grand?"/Steve said, "Sure, I guess.../just let go of my hand."/They watched the 10 best Christmas movies in all of the land./So Steve let Duncan/Keep on holding his hand./And if you wish to join them/The secret's right here:/Films with Jesus or Santa or mention of snow--/Bring them on over!

The list is below.....

1. **Die Hard II: Die Harder**
Some say it is better than

the original. They're right. Terrorists take over an airport on Christmas. How will the planes land safely without runway lights in a blizzard? Will Bruce Willis save Christmas for the second time? Will the terrorists ever learn not to mess with the cowboy? Snowmobile chase included.

2. **A Muppet Christmas Carol**
Any Muppet movie could probably make this list, but this one happens to be about Christmas. Brian Henson's rendition of Charles Dickens' classic is, in our humble opinion, better than Dickens' version. No, neither of us have read Dickens' version. "Dickens'" is kind of fun to say, though.

3. **Die Hard**
German terrorists crash a

company Christmas party. Little do they know that the cute blonde's cop-husband, Bruce Willis, is in the bathroom changing. Lots of explosions and barefoot gun fighting. It's in Los Angeles, so there is no snow.

4. **Ernest Saves Christmas**
This one shouldn't even be in contention. The amazing Ernest P. Whorl deserves our love and respect, if not for being a comic genius then for saving Christmas and effectively saying the line: "Air Brakes." Know what we mean, Vern?

5. **White Christmas**
Bing Crosby and Danny Kay star in "the world is perfect" movie about two old WWII buddies who put on a show in thanks to their former colonel.

It's a musical, but it's really funny in a mid-fifties kind of way.

6. **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation**

Chevy Chase at his finest. If you haven't seen this movie, you probably don't deserve to celebrate Christmas any more. Sorry.

7. **It's a Wonderful Life**
This movie's morals are so heartwarming that cynics tend to get nervous. (1) You are a special person. (2) God loves you and so does everyone else, except for crabby old men who everybody hates anyway. (3) If you have lots of friends you won't go to jail.

8. **Scrooged**
Another version of Dickens' (yes!) Christmas tale, this one

follows Bill Murray as a contemporary Scrooge. This is an especially rare piece, as it is one of the last films Murray made before going into that whole not-funny phase.

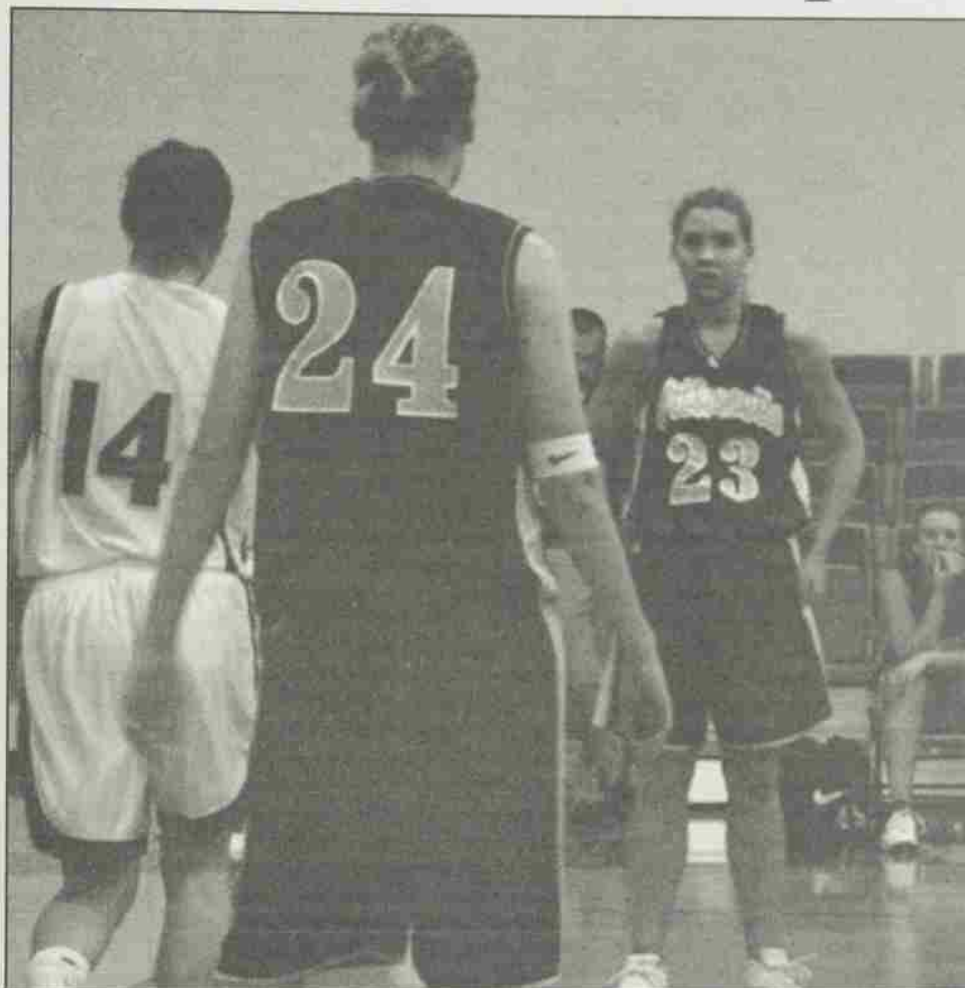
9. **A Christmas Story**
The Christmas shenanigans of Ralphie and family are a prerequisite to opening presents. Of course, one usually doesn't have a choice in the matter, as most major cable networks play it back to back for months leading up to Christmas.

10. **The Ref**
The 1994 film about a burglar who is forced to take a family hostage on Christmas Eve stars Dennis Leary, Kevin Spacey and Judy Davis. He doesn't want to kill them, but they're all so annoying! It's a gem.

Team looks to improve over break

"That wasn't a pretty win. But we sure needed it."
-Coach Tom Steers

Preparing to get the rebound, sophomore Megan West and freshman Lisa Tollenaar talk strategy against Western Baptist last Tuesday.



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Women's Basketball

By BEN RAINVILLE

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With a last-second victory over the visiting Concordia Cavaliers last Friday the Willamette women's basketball team ended the busiest stretch of their season with a positive note.

"That wasn't a pretty win," Bearcat head coach Tom Steers said, "but we sure needed it."

After taking an early lead in the first half, Willamette entered half-time facing a three-point deficit. Riding the hot shooting of senior guard Jammie Muth, the Bearcats were able to stay close throughout the second half.

With eight seconds left in the game and the Bearcats down one, Muth rebounded a missed Cavalier free-throw, drove the length of the court and passed to Bearcat senior guard Simmie Muth, who hit a game-winning three pointer with eight-tenths of a second left on the clock.

"We work on scoring off of rebounds," Steers noted. "That play worked just like we do it in practice."

Before Muth's game-winner, Bearcat senior power forward Deanna Lund scored Willamette's previous five points. Lund scored on an offensive-rebound put-back and made three free-throws in that stretch.

"We had to win that game," Lund said, adding that Bearcat sophomore center Megan Scheelar's 13 rebounds were a big reason the Bearcats came away with a victory.

Friday's game was a dramatic turnaround from the Bearcats' previous game where they were defeated by Western Baptist Warriors 36-60 on Dec. 2. The Western Baptist game was especially frustrating for the Bearcats because they defeated Warriors just a week before, on Nov. 25.

"We were just out of it," Lund said of the second Western Baptist game, which was played at Western Baptist. "It was just one of those games where nothing went right. It was a good wake-up call."

The Bearcats were paced by senior guard Sarah O'Brien's 12 points, but no other Bearcat scored more than six. As a team, the Bearcats shot just 23 percent from the field and were 0-12 from the three-point line. A week earlier, when the Bearcats played the Warriors at home, the Bearcats were able to squeak out a 68-66 victory, lead by freshman forward Kari Woody's 19 points. Woody made a lay-up with less than a second remaining to give the Bearcats the win.

"Kari is a good player, but she's been battling injuries," Steers said. "When she isn't hurt, she's been playing really well."

Simmie Muth added 17 points and five steals for the Bearcats, while Lund contributed 9 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore center Anna McLuen also scored nine points for the Bearcats.

In between the two games against the Warriors, the Bearcats traveled to Claremont, California to play in the Wells Classic.

On Nov. 28, the Bearcats defeated the Sagehens of Pomona-Pitzer by a score of 66-55.

The following day, the Bearcats lost to the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Athenas 59-72. Senior guard Abbie Unick led the Bearcats with 13 points, while Simmie Muth added 11.

Following their busiest stretch of the season, the Bearcats will get some much-deserved rest. Their next game is Dec. 21 at Central Washington, and then they play at home on Dec. 30 against Cascade.

The Collegian wishes students, faculty and staff an enjoyable holiday break.

We extend a friendly reminder to please be safe after all holiday celebrations.

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Making waves in McMinnville

By ALEX COMPTON

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Jan. 16 the men's and women's swim teams face Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash.

The Willamette men and women's swim teams traveled to McMinnville this past weekend to compete in the two-day Northwest Invitational Meet amongst the best of the NWC, including Lewis and Clark, Whitman, PLU and Linfield.

The opening day was one of success for both Bearcat groups, with the women leading in first place and the men in a respectable third.

After the tenth event of day one, the women of Willamette held a 29-point lead over the second place Pioneers of Lewis & Clark.

Freshmen Becca Fischer and Kate Miller finished in first and second, respectively, in the 200 yard freestyle event with a performance that set the mark for the rest of the women's squad.

The two girls, along with senior Nadia Markovchick and sophomore Jessica Lee, also placed first in the 400 medley relay.

Markovchick went on to take second place in the 500-yard freestyle and Lee (3rd), freshman Shanley Roxburgh (5th), and sophomore Elise Tuttle (7th) contributed to the Bearcat

Swimming

win as well with placements in the 200 freestyle.

"With the addition of so many strong freshmen as well as the returning upperclassmen, we have more depth. Everyone is working hard and that enthusiasm is translating into great improvements in times already," said Markovchick.

The men's team was led by freshman Kei Ottawa who scored a second place finish in the 200 freestyle and a third place position from sophomore Eric Swinn in the 50-yard freestyle put the Bearcats near the top rung.

Freshman Cason Schmit ended the race just two spots behind Swinn. Ottawa, Schmit, Swinn, and junior Owen Williams seized the win in the 200 free relay. Junior Avery Robinson, junior Geoff Cruse, Swinn, and Ottawa joined to take the 400 medley relay.

The women's team score for day one totaled 182, placing them in the top spot above Lewis & Clark (2nd) and Whitman (3rd).

The men ranked third with 164.50 points, trailing the leading Linfield Wildcats who held 229.



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

The women's swim team does laps during practice in preparation for their upcoming meet, the fourth of the season.

Day two of the Northwest Invitational pitted the women's side of the Willamette swim team against the Linfield Wildcats in a turn of events that left the Bearcats just four points shy of first place. The men held fast to maintain their third place position behind Lewis and Clark and Pacific Lutheran.

Miller was the only member of the women's team to win a race as she took first place in the 100 -yard breaststroke. Later she would go on to clutch second place in the 200 yard breaststroke as well.

Fischer got second in the 100 freestyle and Marcovchick finished third. Roxburgh demon-

strated her endurance during the 1650-yard freestyle with a third place conclusion to her weekend. Lee would end the day with a fourth place spot in the 200 yard breaststroke.

Willamette men's swim team stole the spotlight as Ottawa and Swinn snatched two wins a piece—Ottawa with the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke and Swinn, the backstroke events of the same distance. The 400 freestyle relay team consisting of Williams, Ottawa, Swinn, and Schmit clocked in at first to give the men another victory.

Schmit would continue his success in the 100-yard freestyle and Robinson was able to pull off a third place finish in the 200 butterfly.

Ottawa was optimistic on the team's performance and has high hopes for the rest of the season.

He said, "This year is the beginning of a new Willamette Swim Team. Although other teams can beat us in quantity, we have the quality to beat the other teams."

Both the men and the women continue competing on Jan.16 when they head to Walla Walla, Washington for a contest with Whitman College.

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Future success requires more team work

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Players and coaches reiterated the point that in order to do well this season the team needs to play hard on defense and use their speed and ability to create plays in order to convert points in the open court. They're looking to effectively utilize their strengths of perimeter shooting, floor speed and the ability of many of the players to penetrate and move towards the basket.

"I like this type of game. That's all I played in high school. It's what I played at home. For us to be successful in the league we need to push the ball...knock down open shots, make sure to get back on "D" and push it every opportunity," said Sublett.

COMICS

By Pat Keys via Prague

Prince Darius

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