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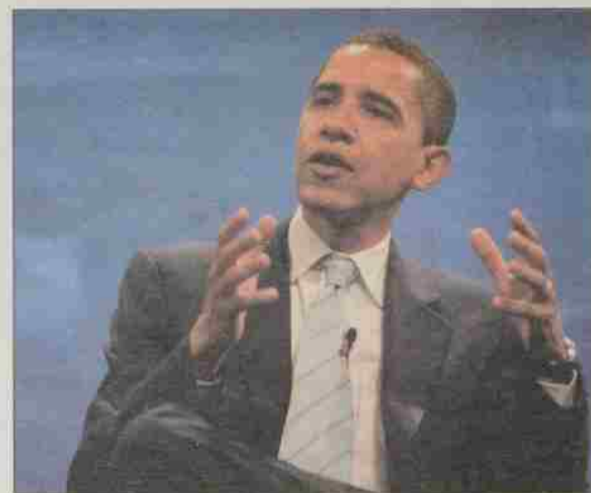
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# Taking the Willamette Pledge

## An exercise in understanding privilege and diversity

BEHZOD SIRJANI  
CONTRIBUTOR

While many students, staff and faculty visit the second floor of the University Center every day, the Willamette University Pledge provided the community with a special purpose for their visits last week. The pledge, co-sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Office of the Chaplains, was an attempt to foster a more understanding, respectful and inclusive campus community. The pledge was changed from the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Pledge in order to take on more significance for the university community and help further Dr. King's dream.

On Thursday and Friday of last week, the second floor foyer of the UC was covered with written statements about privilege for students and community members to read. "We [had] signs up with one statement of privilege on each sign and people walked through and read each one and if that was something they identified with in their own life, then they took a little slip of paper that had that privilege on it," Associate Director of the Lilly Project Jeani Bragg said. "So, by the end they may have a handful of privilege[s] so that everybody can recognize how that fits in to their own life. It also is way to get people to think before they sign [the Pledge]."

Students, staff, faculty and families alike came to participate in the walk. "We want to get people to think about it outside of what Gordy [Toyama] calls the drive-by signing," Joshua Bilbrew, Administrative and Academic Coordinator for Willamette Academy, said. "We thought that perhaps some people might choose not to sign it, but they would have to think about why not to sign it, so at least they are thinking about it."

The walk took about ten minutes to complete, with statements of privileges relating to race, gender, sexual orientation and economic status among others. Students said that it opened their eyes to others' struggles. "There are a lot of privileges that I never thought of as privileges before," freshman RoseAnn Glade said. "The [statements] about water and showering really stood out to me. I did not even realize how much privilege I have since I usually consider myself lower-middle class."

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To read the pledge and responses from the Willamette community, visit: <http://blog.willamette.edu/dept/oma/mlk/pledge/>

New ASWU President Larkin Smith said that the walk gave her a closer and more meaningful connection to the pledge. "The walk was the most crucial part of the pledge for me this year. I spent a good 20 minutes thinking about the various aspects of my identity, like sexuality, race, financial freedoms, access to education, etc., before I even got to the pledge," Smith said. "That short activity allowed me to come to the pledge from a place of personal investment and engagement in a way that I haven't in the past."

The Willamette University Pledge is a revised form of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Pledge, modified by a committee of students, faculty and administrators. "Every year committee members edit it to fit the times and community. ... When Willamette University decided to make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a major event, the committee looked at other pledges and asked, 'who do

we want to be? How do we want to be? What kind of community do we want to be?'" Bragg said.

Bilbrew said that the purpose of making the pledge more than just an MLK Pledge was to keep it on the minds of the university community all year long. "We wanted to make it more of a call to action, he said, "to have some 'meat on the bones' instead of foggy vagueness."

Smith remarked that issues of race, social class and inequality continue to be important ones in our society. "These issues are not comfortable, they aren't easy, they aren't going to be fixed by a conversation," Smith said. "We need to take risks and throw our culture of nice to the side, and we need to question and challenge our institutions, our ideologies, our dominant cultures, and our participation in maintaining the status quo."

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Junior Cliff Leek signed the Willamette University Pledge on the second floor of the UC last week.

BEHZOD SIRJANI

# Why the ASWU President resigned

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Last Friday, Willamette students discovered that senior Richard de Sam Lazaro resigned from his position as ASWU president. Lazaro, who was elected last March and served nine months of his term, spoke with the Collegian to offer a fuller explanation of his decision to step down.

"The reasons are really personal," Lazaro said, but the students "deserve an actual explanation."



*It's really a strange transition because we had a great relationship, and Richard and I are still good friends. I feel like we will continue to be in touch through the process, but it's going to be really strange not having him around."*

LARKIN SMITH  
NEW ASWU PRESIDENT

Lazaro said that his family is going through a difficult time. "What that means for me is that I'm going to be needing to spend a lot of time in Olympia," he said, and traveling back and forth.

That time commitment, combined with the rigors of his final semester, would prevent him from giving ASWU the time it deserves. "I just cannot commit myself to the ASWU presidency with any kind of integrity, or any real expectation of being effective," Lazaro said, "in the way that I think [successor] Larkin ... will be able to."

Former Executive V.P. Larkin Smith, who will replace Lazaro as president, said that her new position is starting off slow. "My biggest concern right now is making sure that the V.P. Exec position is taken care of," she said, "and I'm totally confident that that's going to happen."

Lazaro said that he plans to stay involved during the transition. He's met with both Smith and Doug Rice, who will replace Smith as Executive V.P., about their jobs and about Lazaro's plans for ASWU.

Rice was chosen by the remaining ASWU executives, per constitutional procedure, because he has experience as a senator, according to Smith. "We ultimately felt comfortable with him taking on the position," Smith said, because of his previous position as senator pro-tem.

Lazaro said that he plans to stay involved in ASWU, even though he's no longer an elected official. "I ran for the position because there are things I want to see happen on campus," he said, "and that doesn't go away just because I'm not in the position."

Lazaro's initiatives, including those regarding composting, water bottles, and a school-wide honor code, will be kept alive by Smith, she said, along with her own projects from her previous position.

According to Smith, students outside the ASWU Senate will not see any big changes. "We're trying to make it as seamless as possible for the rest of campus," she said. "We're going to make sure that the same jobs get done. It's just a matter of who's doing them."

Personally, Smith said, she's excited about her new position. "It's really a strange transition because we had a great relationship," she said, "and Richard and I are still good friends." She said they will continue to collaborate for the rest of the semester.

Lazaro's biggest hope for ASWU's future: That students from outside ASWU will start coming to meetings to voice concerns. "I hope that ASWU government continues to be an active voice," Lazaro said. "This has been my hope all year, [that] students at large start coming to ASWU."

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# A different college experience

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Lorinda Duncanson is a 36-year-old mother of four (one of whom has special needs) who resides in Keizer, Oregon and recently transferred to Willamette from Chemeketa Community College after receiving a generous Ford Restart scholarship. Duncanson, a sophomore sociology major, talked to the Collegian about her educational situation, her family, and what it is like to interact with younger college students.

**What resources does Willamette as a school offer you to aid your success in your college career, seeing that you have such a unique situation?**

I have to say that last semester Willamette really let me down. To get the tutoring help I needed for Spanish, I had to go to two different deans and fill out papers that never were really responded to, and it took until the last three weeks of the semester to finally get the help that I needed. I would have done a lot better in that class if the help had been given to me ... sooner. And I think as a non-traditional student, meeting with an advisor before I met with the registrar to find out what classes I needed to take ... would have made my first semester experience a much better experience than it was ... I think Willamette has a lot of potential to be able to help non-traditional students, I just don't think that they're as set up as they claim to be. I think that's something that, after my experience last semester in talking to the various people that I had to talk to because I was so frustrated, I think that hopefully that will open their eyes to that and they can start working on that better ... Nobody should leave a class in tears. I did that on multiple occasions last semester in at least two of my classes, and that's not okay.

**Does that make you wish that you had just jumped right into a university first without going to a community college, or do you still feel like you made the right choice with going to a community college first?**

You know, I've actually pondered that and I think that if I had started in the university, I probably would have quit by now ... Being out of school for so many years, starting at Chemeketa got me into the groove ... Their expectations were high for me just walking in the door after being out of school since 1990. I think that it was a good choice for me to start there because I was able to do a lot in that time and I was able to get my self-esteem to the point of 'you know what, I can really do this.' I think if I had started here or even at Western ... I think I would have been educationally battered ... Knowing that I could handle it with ... all the issues I have with having four kids, it gave me more of a [feeling of] 'If I can make it work there, I can make it work here.' I wouldn't have known that there are

people out there that would work with me because I have four children. ... Going into college I didn't really know how instructors were going to look at me as a student. ... If I had a child issue and I couldn't come to class, how is that going to work? Playing that out like I did in the lower-division college, I kind of got a feel for how people look at a non-traditional mom of four, to where if I just jumped in to a university with all the younger generation students, I would have felt like I have no way around anything; I would have felt trapped. Now I can say, 'I'm a mom of four, one of my kids is sick, I can't come to class, so what can I do to make it up?' I wouldn't have necessarily felt comfortable doing that.

**Kind of along those lines, how do you manage to care for four children while you're attending college?**

I have a lot of support. My husband is a huge support piece and I have several friends that have been really front and center for me. And my kids absolutely love that their mom is in college. The opportunity wasn't given to me when I came out of high school because I was in foster care, so I wanted my kids to know that you don't have to get out of high school and go straight to work and not lengthen your education. Getting more education under you is better, and getting a degree to help you in the work force is the way to go. I wanted them to see that if I can do it, they can do it. And it is difficult; there are days when I'm thinking, 'Why did I ever think I could do this?' ... but I have a lot of a support.

**What are your goals for after you graduate?**

I want to become a special needs teacher or do something within the education world that encircles special needs children and helping them and their families get the help they need to insure that the child is getting the education they need to make it in the real world. Right now, there's a huge deficit ... there's not enough people to go around. I'm kind of concerned with the economy crisis we're in, since they're looking at cutting budgets and staff and I [wonder] if I made the right choice in going into the teaching world. But they can only cut so many people, even in the education world, because they have to have teachers. This too shall pass.

**How do you feel about interacting with primarily younger students?**

Overall, it doesn't bother me. There are days though, depending on who's in my class, I'm thinking 'Just grow up already!' Or someone's having a fit because there's an assignment due and they don't have all this time and I'm just like, 'If you want to think about time, try doing this



MOLLY CARVER  
Lorinda Duncanson is a mother of four who is continuing her education as a transfer student from Chemeketa Community College.

with four kids' and they kind of look at me. I tend to kind of end up as the group mom [in group projects] ... I do find sometimes I am doing more work than I should have to in groups because I like to get things done now. I want to get things started ... so if something comes up, it's almost done. A lot of the younger students, it's the last minute ... That doesn't work for me so much. The priorities overall are the same ... but how we get to the end result is different.

**Do you have any words of wisdom for other transfer students, student parents, or anyone who's in a unique educational situation?**

I think if I were to say anything it would be, make sure that before you sign up for classes, you've met with an advisor. Make sure ... you make time to still do the things that you like to do. Last semester all I could focus on was school, because I was drowning. I didn't do my scrapbooking, I didn't do as many fun things with my kids ... Try to make sure that your load school-wise is really the load that you think that you're taking.

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## Students help repair homes of Katrina victims

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Ten students and two staff members traveled to New Orleans on Jan. 7 - 16 for Take-A-Break (TaB). TaB, a service-learning opportunity that organizes volunteer excursions to locations in and out of Oregon, usually facilitates trips during spring break. In the years since Hurricane Katrina, TaB has sponsored a winter break trip to New Orleans to help with the rebuilding efforts.

This year's group worked in St. Bernard Parish, an area hit hard by the hurricane, according to trip advisor and Campus Safety Administrative Assistant Vanessa Lamers. The group stayed at a Methodist church in a nearby parish and worked with the organization United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

UMCOR arranged for the group to put up insulation and drywall in the home of a disabled woman. "[Her property] had been completely demolished by the hurricane," Lamers said. "We put up all the insulation in the house including the ceiling. It was really hard, dirty, sweaty, disgusting work." The group spent two days installing insulation and four days putting up drywall. They also had a day to tour different parts of New Orleans and learn about the history of the area.

According to Lamers, New Orleans residents could submit an application

for relief aid from UMCOR. "They only picked people who had used all of their ... federal money," Lamers said. The organization also chose people who had little of their own financial resources and whose properties were damaged the most. The owner of the home worked on by the TaB group met these criteria and also had the misfortune of having her home looted after the hurricane.

Lamers said that the benefit of working in the St. Bernard Parish area was giving aid to those that seemed to be struggling the most. "They have the French Quarter and the tourist areas ... those were fixed up immediately ... But then, as soon as you go out of downtown ... it's just nothing but ghost towns and poverty, especially St. Bernard Parish," she said.

She noted that the area the TaB group worked in was primarily black and lower-income neighborhoods. "That's why TaB goes there. It's a really big social justice issue ..." Lamers said. "The people that are economically disadvantaged are not getting the help and they're not getting their houses rebuilt."

Overall, the group seemed pleased with its accomplishment. "The TaB trip to New Orleans was an amazing experience on more than one level ... There was never a dull moment. There was a huge

feeling of satisfaction building the house, as well," freshman and TaB Participant Kristin Light said. "Overall, the trip was highly gratifying."

Future plans are in place for another winter TaB trip to New Orleans. "The organization [UMCOR] really likes us. A lot of

the feedback that we've gotten is that we're hard workers and they enjoy our general spirit," senior and TaB Program Director Dan Cathcart said. "Everyone really seems to appreciate having our help down there."

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DVD REVIEW: "My Best Friend's Girl"

# Don't bring Dane Cook home with "Girl" on DVD



Jason Biggs and Dane Cook fail to enliven stale material in "My Best Friend's Girl."

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REVIEWS EDITOR

Happy New Year, faithful readers. I closed out 2008 with my list of the worst movies I'd seen over the past year. While it was enjoyable (to write, not to watch the things), I knew it wasn't complete. I can only review a certain number of movies a year, and sometimes that means that I miss the opportunity to see complete train wrecks on the big screen, which I truly regret. However, due to the magic of these new-fangled Digital Video Disc players, I can now finally delve into one of the least promising comedies of last year, "My Best Friend's Girl." Lucky me.

The story (not likely to be acknowledged

come Oscar season) centers around Sherman "Tank" Turner (Dane Cook), who works by day selling purifiers while running a side business at night where he helps men win back their girlfriends by taking the ladies out himself. He succeeds in repulsing them to such an extent that they run back into the arms of their significant others. His latest client is his step-cousin, Dustin (Jason Biggs), who wants to make it with his co-worker Alexis (Kate Hudson) but is too weak-willed to do anything about it. Tank begins his "game" with the woman, but soon finds himself conflicted with new feelings of attraction towards Alexis that threaten to derail his plans.

I could write a longer plot summary,

sure, but it would make neither you nor me any happier. It's a bizarrely cynical story for a romantic comedy, nearly matching "Failure to Launch" in its gallingly low estimation of how people behave towards one another. Dane Cook fits his part like a glove since all it requires him to do is to deadpan a few jokes and to try to act sad at some parts. Also, the stand-up comedian has the unusual benefit of his personal filmography. After making a movie like "Good Luck Chuck", any film appearance after that looks brilliant by comparison. That said, Cook must be given credit for what funny bits are in this movie, since apparently the crappy script was ditched whenever possible in favor of letting the comic improvise, and his stuff's not half-bad.

The same cannot be said about the movie's depiction of women, however. People complain about the Judd Apatow movies favoring the "slacker dude" and portraying women as uptight, but those flicks have nothing on "My Best Friend's Girl." In this movie's world, women can be manipulated with almost no effort at all, and are all either easily offended prissy girls or foul-mouthed women who drop words like "gangbang" like it they was going out of business (if you liked Lizzy Caplan in "Mean Girls," you'll cringe at what they do with her here). Kate Hudson's character straddles the line between the two over the course of the movie, and only gets out of the movie alive through sheer acting talent that almost makes you think she's a real person.

And let's not forget Jason Biggs. He essentially gets demoted to sidekick over its two hour running time by having him drop out for such long periods of time. Biggs, the awkward star of the highly overrated teen gross-out film "American Pie" and its sequels, seems to have managed to keep his career alive solely by having been in a Woody Allen movie some years back (and that sucked, too).

Ultimately, "My Best Friend's Girl" is populated with a good cast but failed by the creators behind the camera. Namely writer Jordan Cahan (who, surprise, has never written another thing in his life) and director Howard Deutch, who somehow managed to slide from "Pretty in Pink" to "Grumpier Old Men" to this in just two short decades. Amazing. But speaking of that good cast, the film's saving grace is Alec Baldwin as Tank's father, appearing in full Jack Donaghy mode but with a bit more of a sailor mouth. His character's misogyny is no different than any of the others', but Baldwin actually makes his character's flaws believable (and funny) rather than merely being the result of a novice's bad script. If you want good comedy... well, go watch "30 Rock," but if you insist on catching this movie, then at least with Baldwin you'll have a few chuckle-worthy scenes. That's better than "Made of Honor," anyway.

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MOVIE REVIEW: "The Unborn" and "My Bloody Valentine 3D" | PG-13, R

## 3D or PG-13: Both are pretty scary choices this week

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"The Unborn" follows the slew of unusual events happening around Casey Beldon (Odette Yustman), a young and, until recently, normal college student. At first, it was only her nightly dreams that haunted Casey but after a creepy encounter while babysitting, things get worse. Soon a series of strange hallucinations haunt her and Casey's eyes begin to turn from brown to blue. As more and more secrets begin to unravel, Casey's situation becomes progressively more dangerous. She entreats the help of Rabbi Sendak (Gary

Oldman) and decides to face her otherworldly tormenter in order to break a terrifying curse. Will Casey live to tell the tale?

"The Unborn" is exactly what you get when filmmakers are far too focused on keeping the rating under R. Complete with a muddle mystery and mild scariness, "The Unborn" does not attempt to stray from the PG-13 horror stereotype. The film is everything a PG-13 horror movie should be which probably led right to its downfall. The plot is not only far from exciting but the supposed mystery isn't very much of a mystery at all. Just like any proper PG-13 horror, it steers clear of excessive violence.

Instead, the gore that is typical of horror movies is replaced with odd and rather disturbing images. Granted, some of the images are very unsettling and rather creepy. However, they had no relation to the plot of the movie. As the audience waits and waits for an explanation to some of the movie's events, it becomes clear that they're never going to be answered. Trust me, end credits never looked so good.

"My Bloody Valentine 3D," on the other hand, follows the good ol' R-rated horror rules. The movie begins with news of a mining accident. As the bodies are recovered along with the sole survivor of

the cave-in, it's discovered that the cave-in wasn't the cause of death. Rather, madman Harry Warden (Richard Walters) decided to kill the rest of the miners with a pickax in order to keep the remaining air to himself. Harry is dragged out of the wreckage in a coma and is supposed to stay that way. Like any proper horror movie, this is not the case. Harry wakes up on Valentine's Day and goes on a killing spree. He makes his way back to the mine and finds a bunch of rowdy teenagers. Needless to say, he teaches them never to play in mines. This is where we find our main characters, as they escape a horrible fate and live to tell the tale. Ten years later, survivor Tom Hanniger (Jensen Ackles) moves back to the small mining town and the slaughtering soon begins again. Could it be Harry Warden is back to finish what he started?

"My Bloody Valentine 3D" is the result of filmmakers who already know the movie's going to be slapped with an R-rating. Why not go all out? It's a remake, of course, and is extraordinarily campy. Even though this movie might be just a little bit of fun for any horror buff, it's still pretty stereotypical aside from the whole 3D aspect. Why 3D? Well, for one thing blood spray looks better in the third dimension and a severed jawbone flying at your face is, at the very least, a little startling. As expected, "My Bloody Valentine 3D" features gore to the max, sex, nudity, language, disembowelment, really anything that could be dubbed potentially offensive. It wastes very little time on a back-story or plot and just heads straight for the carnage. About ten minutes into the movie, an entire hospital has been slaughtered and you're already ready chucking. You'll find yourself wondering if the laughter is at the truly god-awful dialogue or that human heart in the candy box...but I don't see how the two are mutually exclusive.

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ARTS EDITOR

## Kate Moss, poop machines and manhandled Monets

2008 was a rollercoaster of a year. I am sure I was not the only one who got misty-eyed on New Year's Eve. We did, after all, have a lot of things to celebrate (oh how I won't miss you, President Bush) and mourn (great American artist Robert Rauschenberg passed). Since I think it's very important for us cultured liberal arts students to be on top of events in the art world, I have done you all a grand favor

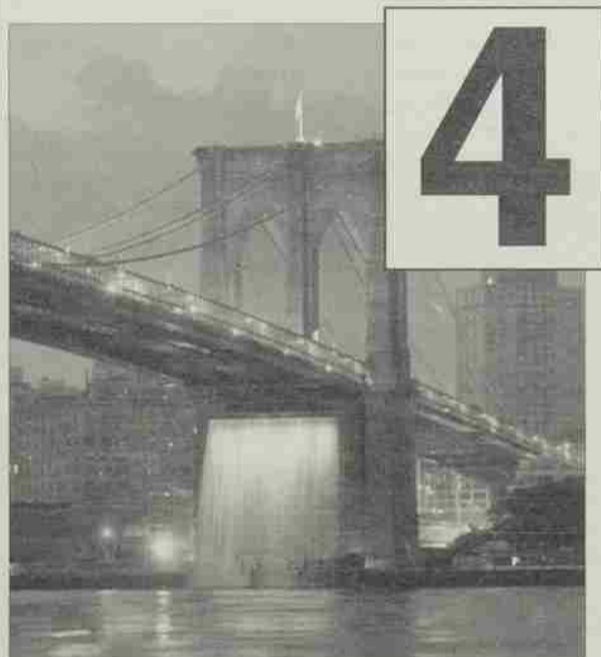
and summed up some of the year's happenings into one tidy little list. I know you are immensely grateful, and you can all thank me later. Just so you know, I love Bombay Sapphire, and my campus mailbox is F328.

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**5. Artists love celebrities, artists are celebrities.** Artists using celebrities in their work isn't necessarily a new thing (think Warhol and his Marilyn and Elvis pieces), but in this age of shitty reality TV and celebrity idolization it's no wonder artists often choose to use familiar faces. I suppose Kate Moss is the new Marilyn (ha) because images of her keep popping up ad nauseam; even Lucian Freud, often hailed as the greatest living painter, spent almost a year working on a painting of pregnant Kate. Now artists are stepping into the limelight as interesting characters themselves; pop artist Jeff Koons had a small role in the new movie "Milk" and Damien Hirst has become notorious for being a very vocal (and shocking) artist.



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**4. Don't go chasing waterfalls, just get an Icelandic man to make them for you.** Icelandic artist Olafur Eliasson was commissioned to install the largest public art installation since Jean-Claude and Christo's "The Gates" graced Central Park in 2005. The result was four stunning man-made waterfalls in New York City's East River. Lit up at night, these waterfalls were turned off in October but provided a fine addition to the landscape over the summer. There is nothing I love more than art that interacts with the environment and isn't totally shut inside the walls of a museum. Tours were offered to the public, and there were several viewpoints from which to see these magnificent waterfalls.



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**3. "Put the Monets in the trunk."** Why do people steal famous art? Seriously, do you really think no one is going to recognize that Monet when you try and pawn it off, or the Cezanne hanging in your kitchen? Plus, taking art away from its adoring public for your own selfish reasons means some bad art karma is coming your way. In Zurich, three men walked into the E.G Buehrle Collection and stole four Impressionist paintings, worth about \$163 million, put them into the trunk of their car, and drove away. Stealing famous art happens all the time, and the works are usually found (these were), but nothing makes me angrier than people manhandling my truest loves.



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**2. Rock out with your shock art.** Well, it's said that there is nothing new in art, and in a sense, that's true. Artists have always loved to shock their audiences, and when Marcel Duchamp turned a urinal on its side in 1917 and wrote "R.Mutt" people were pretty were pretty pissed off (look at me, I'm so punny) that it was being called art. 2008 was full of pretty ludicrous art; pickled animals, a poop machine, a jar of piss with a crucifix in it, the Virgin Mary painted with elephant dung (what is up with all the excrement art? Is this the last frontier? It sounds stinky) and a self-portrait sculpted out of the artist's blood. Have our attention spans waned so extremely that a painting no longer suffices? I suppose artists these days just have to go to crazier and stranger lengths to catch the eye of viewers and critics everywhere.



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**1. Starving artists starve some more.** As I wrote about in an earlier article, the art world is not recession-proof. Paintings at auction were just not selling or either selling for way less than normal. While I hate to keep mentioning Damien Hirst, he is one of the world's most expensive artists, and even he had to lay off approximately half of the artists that work for him. I guess that \$100 million diamond skull he sold couldn't pay the bills. The Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art faced some serious financial trouble and needed to raise \$15 million dollars in funds (to match the other \$15 million which was to be given to them by a private donor as a bailout) in order to avoid a impending shutdown. So sad. Seriously, the MOCA is one of the best contemporary art institutions in America. If they can't keep their doors open, what's next?

I do hate to end the list on a sad note, but the truth hurts. I would like to be optimistic about the future of the art world, so I hope 2009 will be nicer to it. Maybe this year will be like marriage counseling; they can work out whatever problems they have, cry a little, have make-up sex and eventually end up staying together for us kids. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

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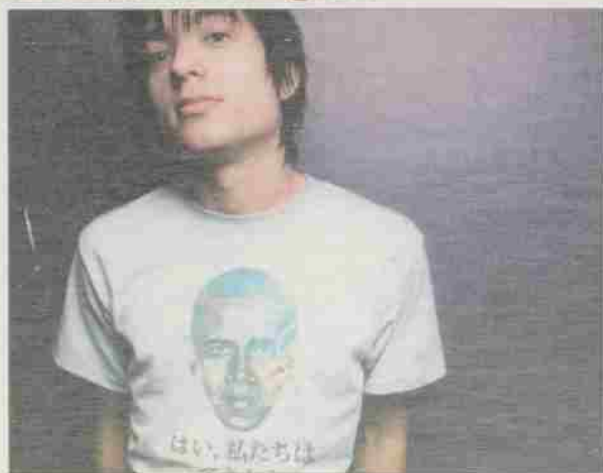
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# OBAMA FEVER

## Has the rest of the world caught it too?

WU students share observations about Obama's reception abroad

LIS WAGNER  
FEATURE EDITOR

Over the course of the last eight years, Willamette alumnus Duncan Robertson — who now works as a travel agent in Portland — has occasionally pretended to be Canadian when traveling outside the U.S. to avoid altercation. Like many liberal, educated Americans, Robertson has found it wise to keep his Americanness to himself while abroad. But at the end of a sleepless November night in Morocco, as he watched Barack Hussein Obama become elected to America's presidential office, Robertson experienced an emergence of newfound American pride.

In the U.S., it has been impossible in the last five months to turn on the TV or walk down a grocery store magazine aisle without seeing President Barack Obama's face. His ubiquity reflects the excitement that is energizing hopeful Americans in anticipation of change.

Of course, many Americans do not share these sentiments; many find fault in Obama for his lack of experience, many do not agree with his politics, many worry that he will not be able to achieve the lofty goals that he has so articulately promised, and some merely wait for action before giving themselves up to hope. Yet the fact remains that this election mobilized the country in an unprecedented manner. Hope and change have become the new buzzwords of our generation.

The insights from a few Willamette students currently studying abroad suggest that America's newfound love affair with hope and change extends far beyond the U.S. Junior Tom Brounstein, who is studying in Galway, Ireland, said that Obama is visibly important to a large portion of Irish citizens. One Irish graduate student he spoke to even said that he followed the American election more closely than Ireland's elections.

Brounstein commented on bookstores lined with Obama's face, where Irish citizens ranging in age seemed to

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For a more personal look at international impressions of President Barack Obama, visit the Willamette World News weblog at <http://blog.willamette.edu/centers/ilc/worldnews/>. Willamette international students share their takes on climates of opinion following the November election in France, Czech Republic, Russia, Germany, Latin America, China and Japan.

For more current discussion on the topic, scan the Willamette Abroad Talk group blog site at <http://www.willamette.edu/wits/ilc/abroad/>.

share a generally favorable view of the new American president: "I heard a mother ask her daughter 'who is that?' The little girl responded proudly 'Obama!' The mom smiled and said 'very good!' This seems to happen everywhere [in Galway]," Brounstein said. Not surprisingly, he described a university-owned bar as being packed with Irish students on inauguration night.

A consensus of optimism also seems to be evident in Granada, Spain, where junior Alex Ninneman is studying for the semester. Discussion of President Obama's race may be more prevalent in Granada than in Galway, and seems to generate much positive attention: "The fact that America has elected an African American President has Spain buzzing. ... They are all excited and impressed and seem to focus a lot of attention on that," Ninneman said.

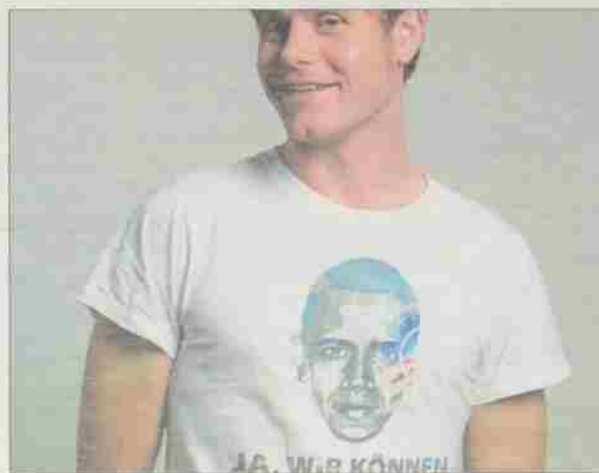
Yet her experiences thus far illuminate strong feelings of incredulity alongside those of hope; opinions run strong in Granada, and indifference is hard to come by. Ninneman has spoken to some Spanish students who believe that Obama will be the same as Bush or McCain, or who think that his actions will not live up to his promises, especially in light of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Religion's place in American politics has also been an issue eliciting fervent opinion in Granada. Ninneman said that one of her professors made a point of criticizing the strong religious presence in the inauguration: "For [the Spanish], religion and politics are very much a separate thing, and having the president swear over a bible during a ceremony such as this one was unusual for many Spaniards," Ninneman said.

Senior Yuki Sugisawa, who transferred to Willamette after studying as a TIUA student, commented on a line of thinking that mirrors Ninneman's observations. According to Sugisawa, many young Japanese are impressed by Obama's articulate and pragmatic nature, but are careful to assume that his words will translate into actions. Rather than focusing much attention on Obama's inauguration speech, Sugisawa claimed to speak on behalf of many of his fellow Japanese citizens, saying that, "we are hoping that

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JUNIOR



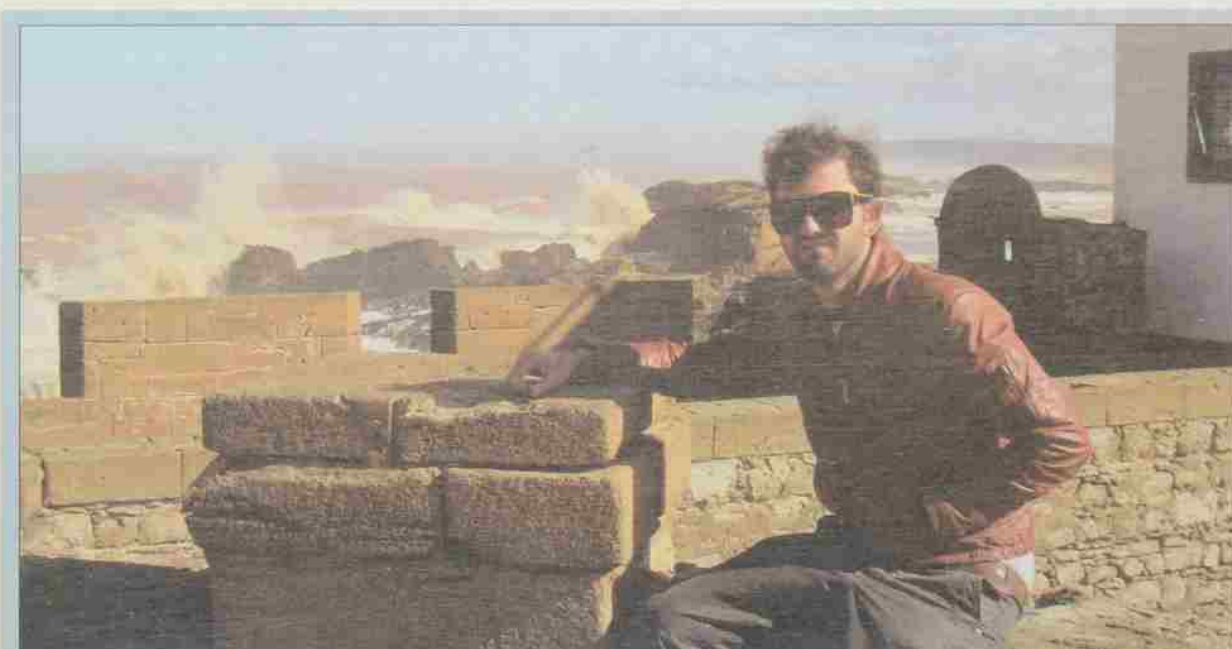
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DUNCAN ROBERTSON  
WU ALUM, '05



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'05 alum Robertson in Essaouira, located about three hours west of Marrakech in Morocco.

his actions will evaluate him through his achievement.”

Junior Kaitley Bunch's perspective reveals how influential socioeconomic class can be on political awareness, especially in newly-industrialized countries. Bunch recently began her second semester abroad in Quito, Ecuador and described her university — Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ) — as the most westernized university in Ecuador. She stated that a large amount of international students attend the school, and the majority of native Ecuadorian students who attend are wealthy and have studied in Europe or the U.S.

From her experiences living with a host family last semester, Bunch got the feeling that most middle- and upper-class Ecuadorians viewed November's election as an important event for the whole world. "I cannot count the number of times my host dad talked about Obama and ... Bush. He felt very passionately about the election. ... One of the first questions that many of my host parents' friends would ask me when they came to our house and learned that I was from the U.S. was who I was going to vote for. When I would tell them that I was planning on voting for Obama they would kind of sigh in relief and state their agreement," Bunch said.

Yet, this political awareness is not necessarily widespread in Quito. Bunch's boyfriend, a native Ecuadorian, goes to an institute for technology whose majority of students are middle-class native Ecuadorians. Among students at his university, Bunch said that "a few people knew about [the inauguration] but others who he asked didn't have any idea that [it was] going on and did not seem to care that much."

These students' perspectives give a small taste of varying political opinion in a world awaiting tremendous change. Time will tell whether traveling Americans will continue to hold their heads high. According to Director of International Education Kris Lou, students abroad seem to be experiencing increased confidence in the U.S.'s ability to reestablish foreign policy based on mutual benefit and respect, rather than American hegemony. "It's too early to say what impact [Obama's] presidency will have on our students' experiences, but we can say the negativity has been replaced with positive expectations and enthusiasm," Lou said.

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...in Russian

## Election night in Morocco

DUNCAN ROBERTSON  
GUEST WRITER

"Obama? McCain?" the dark woman asked, holding out her hand. Either sick or feigning sickness, she looked wearily away and did not swipe the flies from her son's face. I had learned to calmly ignore their desperate pleas, as almost all western travelers do, but scenes like this notch my memory of this election.

The hotel in Marrakech had little of the grandeur it had once had. Overstaffed and crumbling a bit at the edges, it was not surprising that the shower coughed a cold trickle. The lobby was like most other establishments in Marrakech. A constant bustle permeated the place and rip-offs abounded. A billiard table lurked under fluorescent lights offering a game for 20 dirham (\$3). Three bartenders poured greenish liquor out of a bottle marked "martini" for 45 dirham (double the cost of a meal on the street).

But I was here and I was going to enjoy the small respite it offered. After two weeks of trekking across Morocco during record rainfall, these last two days were for me to work on a tan, do some shopping and watch history happen on the cable news.

Of course, the election had come up before, but mostly my fellow travelers were young-at-heart, left-leaning and Australian. In no time, Election '08 was off our lips and far across the Atlantic.

It was Ahmed, a Berber guide in the Mid-Atlas that brought it home again. Berber people, whose name means "free men," dot the Atlas landscape with dugout homes and tended flocks. "You are not fat like the ones from yesterday," he told us when we kept up. He knew more about the Obama/McCain campaigns than many Americans I could name, and all he had to go on was the radio news and the occasional opinionated tourist. He preferred the radio; "less lying," he said. It is also for this reason that he supported Obama. "Most people here, they like Obama. They think Obama is Muslim. He is not Muslim. I am Muslim. McCain is a liar. Why tell this lie?"

He asked what I would do if McCain were elected. "I'd leave," I said. "Move to Australia, I guess." He understood, but he looked right ahead. "Why not here?"

A week later in Marrakech, I had my answer. I'd been defecated on by a snake-charmer's python, shook down by a cabbie, was repeatedly approached by sketchy dealers, and was forced to snap at kids in angry French to keep them from tagging along as my "guide" for a fee, of course. Always for a fee. I was back to chain-smoking in no time. I had perfected a severe look of disinterest.

I was cynical and apprehensive on election night. Some travel buddies had stayed up to calm my anxiety, but they diffused early as they "were happy to awake to the news,"

being Aussies. I cuddled my vodka tonic and settled in as the international news media carved my country into blue and red.

Shortly after midnight, the staff changed at the hotel. A few minutes later a man moved to the TV and turned it off unceremoniously. I asked him what he was doing and he declared the lobby closed. I was furious and had been practicing my meanest French all day. He locked the remote controls in a safe. I was livid.

Naturally, I returned to the big screen to fiddle with the cable box manually. Al Jazeera came clearly, so I plopped down on an ottoman one foot from the big screen. No night man was going to keep me from this while beggars on the street in his very city were asking "Obama? McCain?" to win my change.

In a word, it was lonely. Having spent the Kerry election abroad didn't help things either. I didn't even know of a place to take my imminent jubilation/defeat.

After a few more state results and visits from the attendant (each time putting on an increasingly ignorant facade) I dozed off. My cigarette was still alight when he woke me with an angry bark and chased me from the lobby in a hail of insults.

Light shown in the sky again around 6 a.m. I leapt from bed and down the five floors to re-match the cable box. A flash and blip of our president-elect came sliding into view on BBC and my hopes were confirmed. I did my best to stifle my early-morning squeals as I hopped around, both hands insulating my joy.

I went in this buoyant state to the medina. Among the orange and dates stands, I heard whispers of Arabic punctuated with the three syllables "O-ba-ma." The news was making its way through the corridors. I felt my "severe look of disinterest" crack as I heard it, choking down every time I've lied and said I was a Canadian.

There is a pride that all people feel for where they are from. It's undeniably potent. I became overcome with this pride watching the footage that morning. It's what sent me to the square.

I saw it in Ahmed when we entered the village after our hike. The hills drop quickly as we traced a path through covered passageways to the river. He stopped suddenly at an intersection of walkways as if something had occurred to him.

"This hallway is older than your country," he said to us. He was right on all counts: Australia, Canada, U.S.A. We touched the cool walls with our flesh as if to feel the thousand-year history on our palms.

We are so young, America. We forget this. We have not been here very long. Yet the fate of our country is disproportionately weighted. Let's not let that justify forgetting about everybody else. They have homes too.

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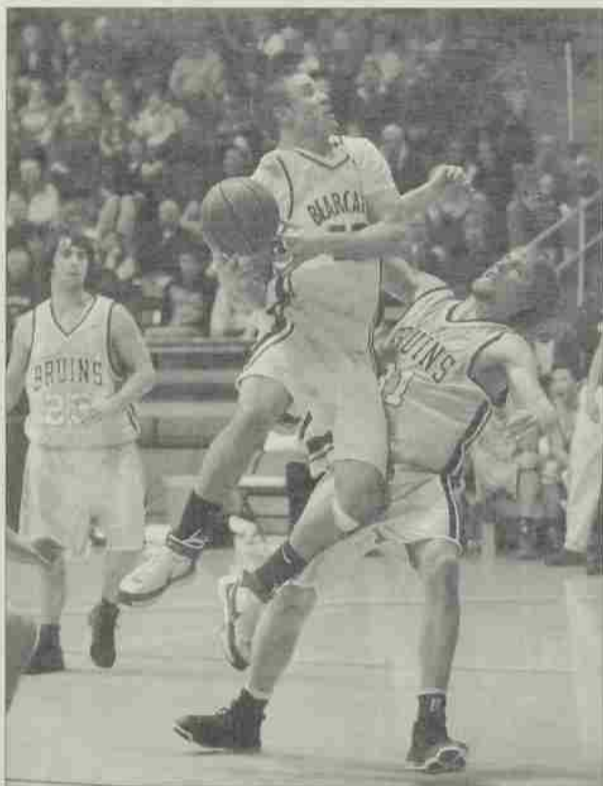
## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Bearcats on ropes following winless weekend

TIM WALSH  
STAFF WRITER

If the Northwest Conference men's basketball season could be likened to a round-robin boxing tournament (with Willamette University as a boxer), chances are that after two bouts last weekend, the Bearcats would be flat on their backs - with the referee starting the count.

Surprised 75-70 by a conference lightweight George Fox



COLBY TAKEDA

Junior post Cameron Mitchell goes up for a layup against George Fox post Alex Stockner in a home loss on Saturday.

on Friday night, Willamette is in definite danger of suffering a technical knockout at the hands of heavyweight Puget Sound, who pounded the Bearcats 100-62 on Saturday.

"Everyone was really disappointed [on the bus ride back]," junior post Cameron Mitchell said. "That's about the best way I can describe it."

The 38-point defeat was Willamette's worst since the opening game of the 2006-07 season. The Bearcats, who took the Loggers to double overtime last year in Tacoma, started off strong, taking an early 14-13 lead. The Loggers, however, responded with an 11-3 run to break open a 25-17 advantage. Willamette failed to capitalize on several opportunities to bring the score closer, eventually trailing by 11 at halftime.

But out of the break UPS (15-2, 8-0 NWC) made six of their first seven shots from the field to key a 16-2 run, and by the time the score reached 70-40, both teams began clearing their benches. For the game, Willamette shot only 40.3 percent from the field, while UPS hit on 59 percent of their attempts. On three-pointers, Willamette was just 1-11 (9.1 percent), and made only 11 of 28 (39.3 percent) free throws. The Bearcats also committed 19 turnovers against the Loggers' press defense.

"I think we came out soft," Mitchell, who led the team with 13 points and six rebounds, said. "We committed too many turnovers; our defense was poor... that might be the most disappointing, embarrassing game of my life."

As embarrassing as the loss to UPS was, the loss at home to a mediocre George Fox team might have been even more so. Playing in front of a raucous student crowd for the first time in over a month, the Bearcats came out flat against the last-place Bruins. As George Fox (6-11, 2-6) took advantage of open look after open look, eventually building a 20-9 lead, the Bearcats struggled to find an answer.

The answer came in senior post Tyler McClary, who for long stretches single-handedly kept Willamette in the game, nailing back-to-back threes to pull the Bearcats within five at 20-15. Another George Fox run pushed the team's advantage back to 35-25, but another three from McClary and one from Tain Cantrell pulled Willamette within four at halftime.

In a harbinger of what was to come, the Bearcats were yet again sluggish starting the second period, and the Bruins built a lead back to double digits. But senior point guard Josh Erickson countered with an ankle-breaking crossover that led to an easy lay-up and a three-pointer to cut the lead to four. Still, George Fox answered every Bearcat run, pushing the lead back to 59-51.

McClary, the lone Bearcat in double figures, poured in 30 points on 11-17 shooting, and pulled Willamette within one at 71-70 on another pair of back-to-back threes with just over a minute left. After a critical defensive stop gave Willamette the ball back with under 30 seconds left, consecutive turnovers sealed the team's fate. "It shouldn't have come down to that. We're better than that," Mitchell said.

In an eerie statistical irony, Willamette shot exactly 40.3 percent against the Bruins as well, and a nearly identical 38.5 percent (5-13) from the foul line. By contrast, George Fox showed remarkable poise, nailing 10-11 free throws in the second half. The Bearcats only committed 13 turnovers in the game, but they came at crucial times.

Somewhat remarkably, if the playoffs were to begin today, Willamette (8-7, 4-4) would still make the four-team NWC tournament. It has been an up and down season for the Bearcats, who put together a fantastic run of play over winter break - winning eight of their previous ten games before last weekend's debacle. Still, with fifth place Linfield (6-11, 4-4) and sixth place Pacific Lutheran (8-8, 2-5) looming this week and the playoffs on the line, in every contest the Bearcats need to pick themselves off the hardwood immediately - before the referee counts to ten.

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## next up

Bearcats v. Pacific Lutheran @ Cone Fieldhouse Jan. 30 at 8:00p.m.

## MEN'S ROWING

# Crew team looks to build on 'phenomenal' fall season

TYLER THOMPSON  
SPORTS EDITOR

Imagine flying down the Charles River in Boston, MA at 11 knots, shooting under seven bridges, the crisp morning air biting at your face. An estimated 300,000 people cheer you on as your boat glides smoothly

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across the water. The president of your university flew some five hours just to watch you and to revel in your success.

That's what it felt like to be a part of Willamette University's Crew Team this fall. Having been invited for the second consecutive year to the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston, MA the team

sent three boats to compete against some of the world's most accomplished rowing talents, including Olympians and national champions alike.

"It's tough to get into and a privilege to get to go," Head Coach Susan Parkman said.

According to Parkman, the team has

come a long way in the last couple of years. "Last year we almost tripled our roster," Parkman said. "It seems like we're attracting hard working and competitive athletes. Everyone's having a good time and reaping the benefits of hard work."

Senior Andrew Clark agrees. "When I got here, the team was very much led by the seniors," Clark said. "Now we're very young and at the tipping point to leading this conference. It's an extremely big deal."

Both the men's and women's teams have made large strides in the last couple of seasons, culminating in a "phenomenal regatta" to close out the fall season. In October, the team sent six boats to compete in the Charlie Brown Regatta in Portland. Four of the six boats won their respective events, and no boat finished lower than second.

"We have a euphoric high to accomplish things," captain sophomore Nathan Keffer said. "If you're not pulling your weight, you won't be accepted as part of this team."

Both Clark and Keffer stressed the importance of teamwork on a squad that can certainly be competitive at times, with only so many spots available in each racing boat. "We now have the ability to compete with each other and to support one another," Clark said.

Expectations remain high for a team that will begin hunting for conference championships in the spring. "Our goals are to compete and to win NCRCA, our conference, and take all we have and destroy things," Keffer said. "We're only at the beginning."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Women falter twice in conference play

CAMERON MITCHELL  
STAFF WRITER

No one said the Northwest Conference schedule was going to be easy. The Bearcat basketball teams found that out the hard way over the weekend, as the two teams combined for a 0-4 record. The women's basketball squad had its hands full on both nights, hosting tenth-ranked George Fox on Friday, followed by the always solid Puget Sound Loggers on Saturday night.

After a three and a half hour bus ride to Tacoma, Washington, the Bearcats faltered against the Loggers, losing 71-57. The two teams played a fairly even first half, as the Bearcats were down only seven at the break. UPS pulled away early in the second half, however, and held a constant point advantage for the remainder of the contest.

The Loggers' tough defensive presence, recording 12 steals, forced the Bearcats into 19 turnovers. Senior forward Molly Fillion recorded her league-leading sixth double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Fillion also picked up two blocks, a steal and an assist for Willamette, who fell to 1-13 overall and 0-8 in conference play.

Sophomore point guard Alex Zennan was the only other

“ We were trying to do too much and were making passes that weren't open.”

Molly Fillion  
GUARD

Bearcat to score in double figures, finishing with 18 points, including a perfect four of four from the free throw line. “We made a lot of bad turnovers on Saturday,” Fillion said. “We were trying to do too much and were making passes that weren't open.”

Friday night the Bearcats were at home in Cone Fieldhouse for a match-up against powerhouse George Fox. The Bruins are undefeated on the year and continue to climb in the national rankings. Despite all of the hype surrounding the Bruins, Willamette came out of the gates ready to play.

With seven minutes remaining in the first half, the teams were tied at 14 apiece and it looked as if Willamette could muster an upset. George Fox answered with a 8-0 run, but the Bearcats finished the first half with a run of their own to cut the lead to three. A jumper by Junior Nicki Cloudsley gave the Bearcats a 26-25 lead early in the second half, but it would prove to be Willamette's last lead of the night.

The Bruins size and strength overpowered Willamette and the team broke open a large lead that would last until the end of the game, bearing the Bearcats 70-55. Fillion and her sister Jenny Fillion combined for 29 of the Bearcats 55 points. Molly led the way with 18, while Jenny contributed 11 points and hauled down seven rebounds.

Freshman post Kaileigh Westermann continued her solid play for Willamette. Westermann, along with fellow posts Cloudsley and Molly Fillion had the arduous task of guarding Kristen Shielee, who stands at 6 foot 4 inches. The Bearcats did all they could to contain Shielee, but the post finished with 17 points and 8 rebounds.

While the Bearcats remain winless in conference, the team is a good second half away from competing in league play. Willamette has played teams close in the first half, but other NWC teams have been able to separate themselves from the Bearcats in the second half. “Other teams tend to play a full 40 minutes,” Fillion said. “If we take breaks, teams jump on us and we have to play catch up.”

Next up for the Bearcats are the Lutes of Pacific Lutheran University. The two teams played a close game earlier in Tacoma, but the Lutes were victorious 62-52. With a much-needed home crowd, the Bearcats look to break their winless streak and start the second half of conference play strong.

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Bearcats v. Pacific Lutheran @ Cone Fieldhouse Friday, Jan. 30 at 6:00p.m.



BEHZOD SIRJANI

Sophomore guard Erin Barclay dribbles downcourt against George Fox guard B.B. Gardner in a 70-55 loss at Cone Fieldhouse on Friday.

FITNESS

# Working off that holiday jiggly-jam

Tips for achieving perfect abs



STEPHAN GARRETT

COLUMNIST

The abdominal muscles are one of the most popular muscle groups in the world when it comes to physical appearances. Everyone wants a six-pack; no one wants a keg. You spend hours working to get them at the gym. You hide in your bathroom ten minutes after you've turned off the shower, flexing and unflexing, looking for that Usher muscle you know is down there somewhere. You wait by the mailbox day after day for your AB-DOer Xtreme to arrive and your \$19.99 (plus shipping and handling) to finally pay off.

Swimsuit months are slowly coming and Valentines Day is just around the corner, but I am here to tell you that there is no easy way to get that ripped core that everyone desires. That being said, people fail to realize that there are certain things they do that actually hurt their abdominal regions. So, without further ado, here are my tips for a healthier, more defined mid-section:

**Tip 1: Put the fork down.** I know you probably just got back from having your mom's delicious cooking and overate. It happens. But now is the time to get back on a healthier

diet in an attempt to lose a couple pounds. You might have the most ripped abs in the world, but there's no reason to have healthy, sexy abs if there's a little piece of pear-shaped jiggly-jam riding on top.

**Tip 2: Constantly be working on your abs.** Bored in class? Well instead of twirling a pen or doodling in your notebook, try working on your abs. Try sliding low on your chair and holding your back straight with your abdominal muscles or try continuously clenching your stomach. Try to do this for an entire class period, or better yet, your entire school day. Your participation in class may suffer, but boy will your body improve.

**Tip 3: Vary your workout plan.** Don't just do a million crunches, do a million crunches plus a million V-ups, plus a million criss-crosses and a million hovers. More is better when it comes to working out, and always remember, whatever you are doing, it's never enough.

**Tip 4: Don't be discouraged.** No one ever said that perfection was easy, and so your goal for perfect abs is probably going to be impossibly difficult. Chances are, you're probably stuck being ugly. Don't give up on it though; just keep escalating your workout routine until you are spending literally every second of the day clenching your abs. You might not look like Brad Pitt or Jennifer Garner, but at least you might have scaled down on your jiggly-jam.

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SWIMMING

# Talented squad prepares for conference push

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BEHZOD SIRJANI

Sophomore Gwen Schultze competes in the 200-yard butterfly Friday night in Cone Natatorium.

Although the team's records may not be indicative, both the men's and women's swim seasons have been positive and successful. The squads are currently sitting on records of 1-5 (1-4 Northwest Conference) and 2-5 (0-5) respectively.

However, success is not always solely based on winning and losing. In many instances, production is the basis of success, and this can be seen with the Willamette swim team. “The team has actually been having a pretty good season so far,” junior Coral Sorenson said. “We've had a lot of best times and great races.”

The only problem Sorenson could see associated with the team was depth, but she believes the team has been extremely successful considering the size of the team is still fairly small.

Although depth may be an issue, talent is in no way lacking. Sophomore Hanna Connert and junior Gwen Schultze are said to be among the fastest and strongest women on the team, as well as junior Jenna Larrow in the distance events. Some of the strongest men on the team include up and coming freshman Michael McGeehan as well as juniors Kevin Tangeman and Matt Tanigawa, alongside senior James Huang.

Huang, the captain for the men, along with Larrow and Sorenson, the women's co-captains, will lead the teams into the final two meets of the season before the Northwest Conference Championships during the weekend of February 13-15.

This weekend, the teams were met with mixed results. The women delivered the College of Idaho a decisive 104-82 defeat on Friday while the men fell 109-74. Connert and Larrow swam well for the Bearcats, each taking two victories from the visiting Yotes. On the men's side, Willamette scored two well-earned wins in the relay events.

On Saturday, the teams were back in the pool, this time visiting Linfield for a short-format meet. Though the teams came away winless, Larrow improved upon her weekend by winning two more distance races with Connert and Schultze also picking up wins. As for the men, McGeehan took the 100-yard freestyle and sophomore John Schmidbauer won the 200-yard freestyle holding off a Linfield challenger.

Willamette will wrap up the regular season with meets against Pacific University (Men 1-5, Women 3-4) and Pacific Lutheran University (Men and Women 5-2), both of which will be held at home. “We might be able to give Pacific a run for their money, but PLU will be tough for us,” Sorenson said about the upcoming events. The PLU men and women have each won five meets straight and may pose a very difficult challenge, but Willamette will not be intimidated.

As the season winds down, the Willamette swim team will look to gain some confidence heading into the Conference Championships and attempt to make a surprising run at the title.

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▼ next up

Bearcats v. Pacific @ Cone Natatorium Friday, Jan. 30 at 6:00p.m.



Colleen,  
Cornered

## An unlikely friendship



Colleen  
Martin

OPINIONS EDITOR

Over winter break, my dad called me into our den so I could catch an uplifting news story (always a rare occurrence). It featured a sanctuary in Tennessee that was primarily home to retired circus elephants. It talked about how the elephants tend to form pairs, each one having a buddy to spend time with and relate to. However, Tara the elephant made an unlikely friend: Bella, a dog that also lives on the sanctuary. Despite their obvious differences, the two are incredible friends with nothing but love and trust for each other. Bella lets Tara rub her belly with her giant foot, and Tara kept vigil over Bella when she had an injury. It's a great story, and I urge you to look it up on YouTube to see for yourselves.

Seeing these two friends immediately reminded me of my friendship with my freshman year roommate, Carolyn. I am not saying that we resemble a dog or an elephant, though the height difference is similar (she's about nine inches taller than I am without the heels she normally wears). However, to most, our friendship may seem just as improbable as Bella and Tara's.

To this day, we're pretty sure that we were only put in the same room because we have the same initials. Aside from that and a few overlapping interests, our habits and personalities are almost complete opposites. Carolyn is bubbly and optimistic, while I am mellow and an eternal pessimist. She is open and trusts most people; I am cautious and trust few. Carolyn falls asleep at the drop of a hat despite all attempts to stay conscious, whereas I am an insomniac and can't seem to fall asleep even when I'm dead tired. These few examples are only a glimpse at how drastically incompatible the two of us appear.

Despite this, Carolyn and I bonded immediately, and she remains one of my closest confidantes. We never had major problems while living together, and spent many nights talking instead of doing homework. Nonetheless, I have been asked a few times how we can possibly be friends. Though I usually laugh, I sometimes do wonder if we would have even introduced ourselves had we not been put in the same room.

I think people often put too much emphasis on finding commonalities in order to strike up a friendship. Though I have found many great friends in this manner, it is easy to forget that it's not the only way.

We often disregard those who seem to be too dissimilar from ourselves. I myself have been guilty of this numerous times. It is because of this that I am most grateful to Res Life for putting me in a room with Carolyn. She is a constant reminder to me that you don't need to share identical passions to have a strong connection. In fact, I find that she challenges me to find different perspectives on things because she sees the world in a way that I never would have in her absence. In the end, it is the core elements that matter: trustworthiness, a caring nature, reliability. Tara, Bella, and Carolyn all have these qualities in common.

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### EDITORIAL

## The Editorial is officially under construction

We, the Editorial Board, have made a decision to revise the format and content of the editorial in order to make it more effective, interesting and fun to read. In order to do so, we are calling on you, the readers, for help! Please write in and tell us what you want to see, read and discuss in the new editorial. What can we do to improve? What would make you more inclined to read it?

In addition to our reformatting, the Editorial Board is looking for new members. We're looking for anyone interested in joining: all levels of experience, all areas of campus, all grades welcome.

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We look forward to your e-mails!

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### TOM'S THOUGHTS:

## Hey man, how was your break?



T O M  
ACKERMAN

COLUMNIST

Well, here we are, at the start of another new semester, and I don't know about you readers, but I'm crazy busy. Between my super intense classes, my award winning humor column, my WUPAT duties and my new blog ([tomsmagicalmusings.blogspot.com](http://tomsmagicalmusings.blogspot.com)), I just don't have much free time anymore. I certainly don't have time to hear long, drawn out accounts of how all of my acquaintances spent their winter breaks. I want to know how everyone's holidays were, but I simply don't have the time, and I'm willing to bet that you don't either.

Thus, I have created the "Tom Ackerman Winter Break Enjoyment Scale" (TAWBES). Simply answer these questions once and tally up your score, then when somebody asks you how your winter break was, you can respond simply with a number and the asking party will immediately know exactly how awesome or awful your winter break was.

The TAWBES is scientifically calibrated so that a score of zero is considered to represent the average level of winter break enjoyment. Thus higher positive scores

means you had a mega-sweet break experience while very negative numbers indicate that you had a really crappy break and are probably already taking steps to ensure that your spring break is more enjoyable.

Okay, here we go. Add a point to your TAWBES score if you: baked a batch of cookies (add a point for each batch you baked), made a snowman, went on a trip out of the country, gave money to charity, made a blog (like mine at [tomsmagicalmusings.blogspot.com](http://tomsmagicalmusings.blogspot.com)), avoided seeing certain unsavory members of your extended family (it's a time honored tradition), saw old friends from high school, drank egg nog, read a book (add an additional point for each book you read for pleasure over break), saw "Slumdog Millionaire" in theaters, or gained weight (yes, you're supposed to gain weight over winter break, if you didn't that means you WEREN'T HAVING ENOUGH FUN). Give yourself a point for every episode of "Ninja Warrior" that you watched, and for every gift you gave to someone that made them cry with joy. Finally add two points if you spoke openly with your immediate family about your hopes and dreams for the future, or received a Playstation 3 at some point over break.

At this point you're probably feeling

pretty good about your TAWBES score, but now comes the painful part. Remove a point if you: saw "The Spirit" in theaters, think cookies are gross, think blogging is silly, stole money from a charity, took a trip to Ohio, made a joke about Hanukkah (just because we all do it sometimes, doesn't make it cool), or were forced to have a long conversation with the mentally unstable member of your extended family. Also, take a point off if you "hooked up" with one of your ex's while you were home for the holidays (for those especially promiscuous people, remove a point for every ex you canoodled with). Subtract a point if you uttered the word "humbug" un-ironically, were ever trapped at the Portland airport, or watched an episode of "The Smurfs" (-10 points if you Tivo'd an episode of "The Smurfs"). Finally, subtract two points if you weren't saddened by the death of Ricardo Montalban (if you don't know who Ricardo Montalban is, then you had a very grim winter break indeed).

Well, there you have it. I hope the TAWBES helps everyone save some time.

Oh, one more thing... did I mention my blog?

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### OPINION

## How Thoreau screwed over environmentalism

### Forget about saving the whales; worry about saving the humans

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I have a dirty secret that I'm now announcing to the world: I want to live in the country. Preferably in a small house with a garden, a field enormous enough to keep a horse and a big dog, and an orchard.

I say it's a dirty secret because it is, literally, dirty — a half-ton of carbon emissions annually (not to mention sulfur, ozone, and particulates), to be precise. The sad fact is that living the simple rural life extolled by so many tree huggers is one of the worst things I could possibly inflict on the environment. And this is the root of the problem with environmentalism today. There's a war between hippies and science.

Let's get a few facts straight: nuclear power is probably a net plus for the environment, not some force destined to turn us into Hulks and fish creatures. Moving to the city is not only healthier for the earth, it's healthier for you (city dwellers live longer on average), and, with the advent of social networking and urban renewal, unlikely to damage your psyche. Farms are a big part of the problem of global warming. Forests are healthiest when managed by undergrowth removal. And, quite frankly, wilderness does a lot better when people leave

it alone than when they commune with it in the form of Walden-esque cabins.

Climate change, deforestation, pollution and everything else we inflict on the environment are not, as Al Gore likes to claim, spiritual crises. They are fundamentally economic and scientific crises. It is not that a willingness to destroy the environment has replaced an ancestral tie to the earth (a tie I suspect never existed as imagined by today's environmental romantics); it is that our capacity to destroy has outpaced our capacity to restore. We are no longer stewards of ancient forests like the Iroquois were. Not because we lack their nobility, but because they lacked our backhoes and chainsaws.

Who is to blame for this? Some would blame the environmental romantics like Thoreau and Grey Owl or those who would derive a moral responsibility to protect the earth from scripture. They deserve blame, yes, for giving birth to such ridiculous notions. But I am more prone to look at my community, the community of scientists, when assigning responsibility. Otherwise sober tracts on deforestation by respectable botanists talk of spiritual connections to forests. Accounts of the urgent need to protect biodiversity speak of a moral duty

to protect a species of bird or beetle.

Forgive me, but I see no need to appeal to spirituality or moral duty to call for an end to environmental destruction. (More-over, how can there be a moral duty to protect a particular species when extinction is a normal ecological event?) It doesn't seem to work, for one thing: despite pleas from the likes of Alice Walker to return to an ancestral earth worship, we still pollute at record levels and destroy more acres of rainforest every year than ever before. Only when everyday life has been affected do we see change, as in the case of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The truth is that only a rational argument seems to convince anyone that society must change. Try this one on: despite all our efforts to the contrary, life will survive. It's survived eruptions, ice ages, and meteors. On the other hand, we never have. There are animals and plants who will thrive in a world we've destroyed, who will give rise to new species to replace those we've killed. But we won't. We're a fragile species, not well suited to drought after drought. Forget about saving the whales. Worry about saving the humans.

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**IF I HAD A HAMMER:**

**Vacation: blind privilege on a beach chair**



**KAELEY PRUITT-HAMM**

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Vacations have always made me uneasy. Taking a break, kicking back and relaxing for me is about as natural as sitting in a dentist's chair with the "tilt factor" on "high." In my slightly unhealthy mind, there will always be something to do, somewhere to be, some application to fill out or project to finish that will be leftover after the second-to-last item on the "To Do" list is checked off. I always find something.

Beyond the barriers in the way of me simply putting the books down and hanging out at home, I have a different set of issues with breaks that involve "trips." The type of vacation I have been most uncomfortable with is the lay-in-the-sun-on-a-tourist-infested-straight-from-a-travel-magazine-beach vacation.

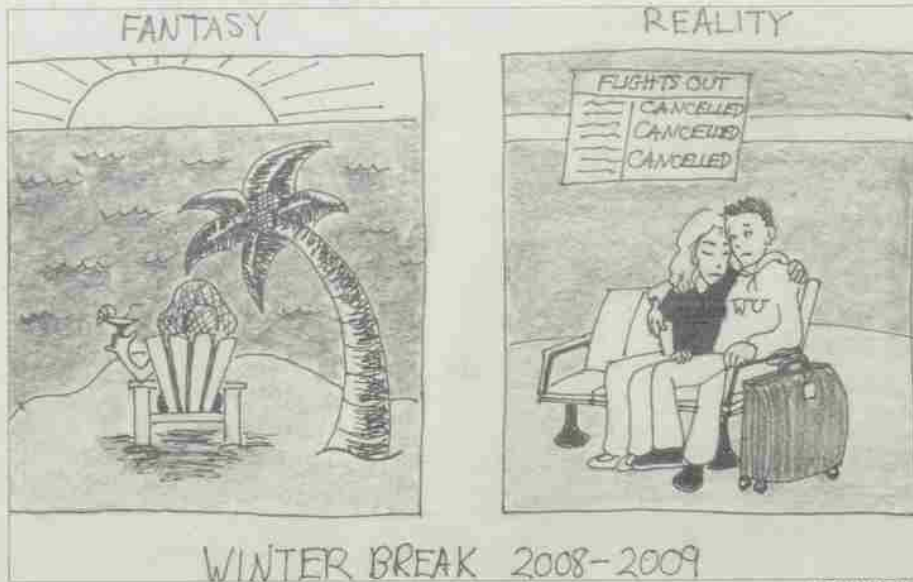
Every time my friends or family have copied the Expedia.com commercials and suggested a cruise to the Cayman Islands or a "condo in Mexico" week with a whimsical smile, I have cringed. Call me crazy, but if I were going to use hard-earned airline miles and fossil fuel to spend my non-working hours away from home, I would have seen Obama sworn in as President in D.C. or Sigur Ros perform in Iceland before I

would sunbathe.

I have problems with classic tourist vacations because I have a hard time taking a break at all without doing something educational. My reservations also come from my fear of blind privilege. It feels wrong to be able to eat at a fancy restaurant in a country where the majority of the population is malnourished, to be treated like a star while visiting foreign lands when immigrants in our own country are often treated like peasants, and to be able to travel to a country thousands of miles outside the home state with a keychain and shot glass to replace cultural and political knowledge as souvenirs.

That is why, when I stood in a gift shop in the Dallas airport en route to Liberia, Costa Rica, watching TV news coverage of the violence in the Middle East these last weeks, I thought, "What am I doing here? I shouldn't be buying postcards. I should be protesting in San Francisco or ... something!" My discomfort and guilt continued throughout the week my family stayed at our friend's condo for free in Playa Hermosa this winter break, even though I enjoyed spending time bonding with my sister and brother-in-law and walking through the rainforest.

Should I feel guilty? After all, even President Obama, whose "To Do" list is extremely long and public, took a break in Hawaii



this winter with his wife and kids (we all saw those beach-bound presidential pectorals on PBS). I suppose it is necessary to wind down before one's nerves are wound up again, especially if the tasks that lie ahead include making foreign policy decisions and turning around a global economic crisis - or surviving another semester of college.

Doing fun yet potentially "unproductive" activities like road trips or river rafting

in the Nile with people you love shouldn't be illegal and I'll work on my stigma against beaches. However, even though taking a breather is a necessity of life, it doesn't mean you shouldn't make sure that you aren't sitting on top of the world class system that suffocates the rights of others by sitting on that beach chair.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Israel/Hamas Conflict**

I hope I can bring to light a different perspective on Israel's actions, and some understanding for their objectives. Hamas is designated as a terrorist organization by the United States and the European Union, and one of their stated aims is to destroy the state of Israel. Hamas has been firing Katyusha rockets into Israeli border towns such as Sderot and Ashkelon for several years now. You can imagine the physical and psychological toll it takes to have to run to the bomb shelter several times daily, among other effects of these attacks. This war started after Hamas broke a short ceasefire it had negotiated with Israel. Amidst extreme domestic political pressure to stop these rocket attacks, the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) began its recent military operation.

Although I regret deeply the loss of civilian life in the Gaza Strip (and in Israel), this is the result of a strategy of Hamas. They often conduct their operations amidst civilians, using them as human shields, using mosques, hospitals and schools to store weapons. This is why there are many civilian casualties. While it is tragic, the loss of life is a direct result of the situation Hamas strategically created. Hamas consistently targets civilians in their quest to disrupt and dismantle Israeli society.

For me, I am truly saddened by the many innocent people caught in the crossfire on both sides. I hope that this conflict ends soon, and that Israel is able to achieve their security objectives, either militarily or politically, and end the rocket fire in southern Israel. I would also hope that, after the dust has cleared, Israel and its Palestinian partners can re-engage the beleaguered peace process.

This more involved operation is the culmination of several years of attacks, and nothing else has worked so far. Israel has tried previous military action, tried to shut off the transport of weapons (although Iran continues to fund and assist Hamas in their efforts), and there has been much outcry among Israeli citizens for something to be done about the continued assault.

So, I would say that before making judgment about what Israel is doing, take a minute to consider my argument. On a more personal note, it is impossible to understand the true effects of terrorism until you've experienced it. Especially after my time in the country, I can see why Israel would go to great lengths to make sure their citizens are safe. Many Israelis see it as a struggle for their very existence. I strongly believe that security is the only lasting path to peace.

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**Israel/Hamas Conflict**

The three-week Israeli offensive into Gaza is dying down, but the humanitarian situation remains dire. Congress must act quickly to supply necessary food and medical aid, stop weapons shipments to Israel, and pressure the Israeli government to end its stranglehold on Gaza. The United Nations Web site states that 1,340 Palestinians have died, including 460 children. Comparatively, only four Israelis have been killed by rocket fire, and 13 overall. Israel's systematic and continuing use of collective punishment in the occupied territories needs to end.

The International Criminal Court needs to consider prosecuting top Israeli officials for war crimes committed in Gaza. Even if the Israeli allegations of militants hiding among civilians are taken at face value, the bombing of refugee camps (including those operated by the United Nations) is still illegal. Israel is in violation of Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention, which states: "No protected person may be punished for an offense he or she has not personally committed. Collective penalties and likewise all measures of intimidation or of terrorism are prohibited."

Committing violence against a large group of people when only a few of them are criminals is a war crime according to international law. Israel, which refuses to recognize the Geneva Conventions as applying to the Palestinians, is claiming an exclusive right to practice collective penalties while harping about their own human rights being violated. But the Fourth Geneva Convention does apply to Palestinians in the occupied territories, as was upheld by the World Court in 2004.

Israel must be held accountable for its crimes, but any criticism of Israel needs to be accompanied by an indictment of the United States for supplying the military technology and political cover that allows Israel to practice such disproportionate use of force. So there is hope. If President Obama puts pressure on Israel to renounce violence and accept a Palestinian state along the internationally recognized pre-1967 borders (pursuant to, most recently, UN resolution

A/RES/63/96), there may be progress towards a two state solution. That would go a long way towards ending violence in the Middle East.

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Krugman is well known for his work in international economics, including trade theory, economic geography and international finance. The lecturer earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Yale University in 1974 and his doctorate from MIT in 1977. From 1982-83 he worked at the Reagan White House as a staff member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

Krugman taught at Yale, MIT, UC Berkeley, the London School of Economics and Stanford University before joining the faculty of Princeton University in 2000.

*Tickets for students, faculty and staff are available at the Information Desk in the University Center beginning Jan. 19. The first ticket is free with a University ID; the second ticket is \$15 (non-refundable). Limit of two tickets per ID.*

**CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT**

JANUARY 1 - JANUARY 22, 2009  
Information provided by Campus Safety

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF / PROPERTY DAMAGE**

▶ Jan 16, 11:11 pm, (Haseldorf Apartments): A student threw a beer bottle through the front glass door of Haseldorf for an unknown reason.

▶ Jan 19, 1:10 pm, (Sparks Lot): A student reported that an unknown individual damaged the face plate to his car's stereo in an apparent attempt to steal it. The student noted that one of the car's doors was unlocked and that someone had apparently smoked cigarettes in the car.

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID**

▶ Jan 10, 12:20 pm, (Smullin Hall): A student suffered an ankle injury after she fell on the steps of Smullin.

▶ Jan 12, 2:50 pm, (Walton Hall): Campus Safety transported an employee to Salem Hospital for treatment after he fell and sustained an injury to his head while riding his bicycle to work.

▶ Jan 18, 5:17 am, (Lausanne Hall): Campus Safety transported a student to Salem Hospital who was suffering from nausea and an extreme headache.

▶ Jan 22, 10:33 pm, (University Apartments): A student was transported to the emergency room after he cut his finger while cutting apples.

**POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE / POLICY VIOLATIONS**

▶ Jan 6, 11:27 am, (Kaneko Hall): It was discovered that two students had two swords, a Bowie knife, and a glass pipe containing marijuana residue in their room during the Winter break. The items were confiscated and the students were notified.

▶ Jan 12, 2:48 pm, (Terra House): It was discovered that two students were residing in a residence, without permission from Res-

idential Services, during the Winter break.

▶ Jan 13, 6:38 pm, (Terra House): A student was detained after he ignored a trespass warning and broke into a residential hall during Winter Break.

▶ Jan 14, 11:18 am, (University Center): While inspecting a room for water damage it was discovered that the occupants had covered the smoke detector with a plastic bag in an apparent attempt to mask the smoke of a "hookah" that was located in the room.

▶ Jan 15, 12:03 am, (Olin Science): Housekeeping alerted Campus Safety to alcohol containers in a room in Olin Science. Campus Safety's investigation revealed that students had entered Olin at the approximate time that the evidence was discovered.

**THEFT/BURGLARY**

▶ Jan 8, 1:20 pm, (Sparks Center): An unknown individual broke into lockers and stole the possessions of two individuals that were utilizing the facilities at Sparks.

▶ Jan 9, 10:30 am, (Montag Store): An unknown individual stole approximately \$250.00 of food items from the store during Winter Break. The investigation is continuing.

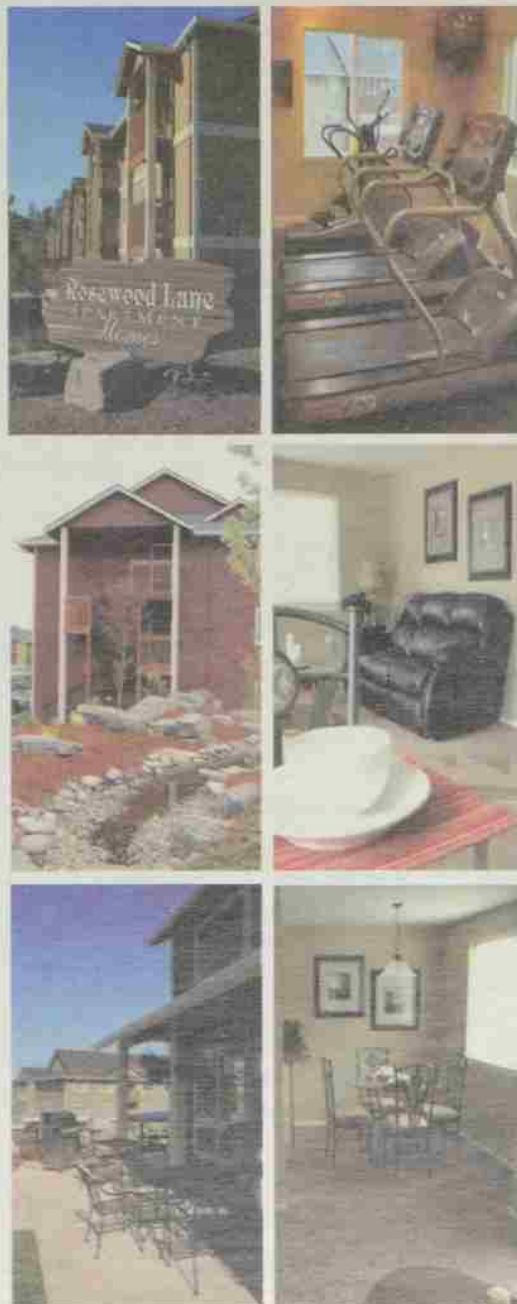
▶ Jan 14, 5:00 pm, (Matthews Hall): A student, upon returning from Winter Break, discovered that an unknown individual had stripped her bicycle that was parked at Matthews Hall.

▶ Jan 21, 6:30 pm, (Goudy Commons): It was discovered that a male student stole food from the servery.

**VEHICLE ACCIDENT**

▶ Jan 21, 2:10 pm, (Sparks Lot): An employee reported that she observed a small dent to the left front fender of her car that had not been there before. She believes that the damage occurred while her car was parked in the Sparks lot.

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