

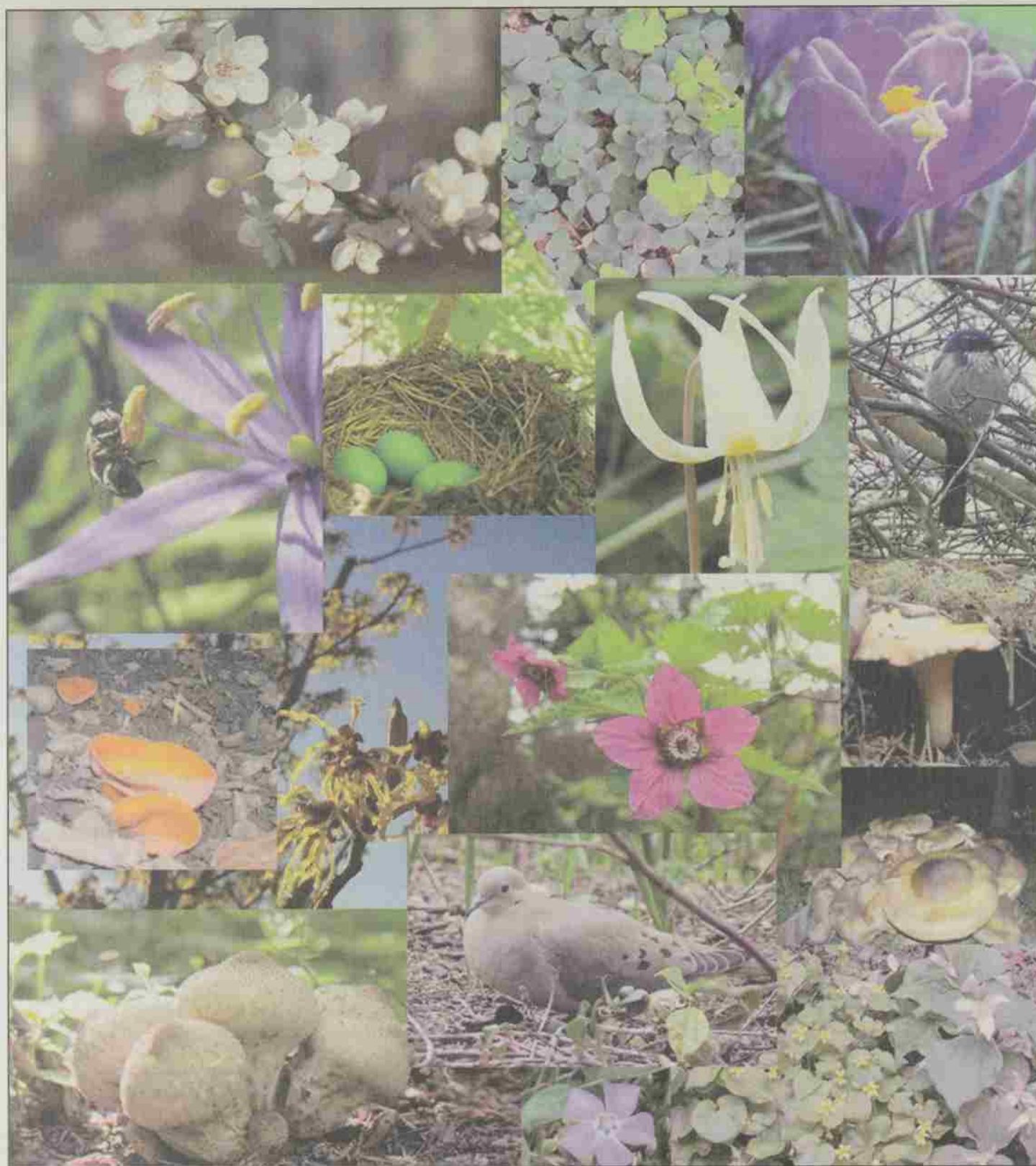
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Safety officer pepper-sprays student

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Last Monday, Campus Safety Officers used pepper spray on a student outside the UC. The incident began with a conflict at the Mail Center where senior Josh Krakower was picking up a package. Krakower was parked in the driveway behind the Mail Center, which is reserved specifically for vehicles making deliveries.

This is a common occurrence, according to Mail Center supervisor Connie Ames. "It happens all the time, on an almost daily basis," Ames said. "We'll tell them that we'd be happy to help them as soon as they move their car."

An argument ensued between Krakower and a Mail Center employee. "I was rude, I ran my lip. I wasn't physically threatening to anybody. I broke a pen cord at the desk there," said Krakower. The Mail Center was unable to comment on the specific incident due to issues of legality and privacy.

Krakower then moved his vehicle from the driveway and returned to the Mail Center. Campus Safety had been called and two officers had arrived on the scene. "I've been working here for 12 years, and I can only think of one other incident where we've had to call Campus Safety," Ames said.

The officers confronted Krakower and he requested that they step outside the UC. At this point he was put on the ground, handcuffed and pepper sprayed. Campus Safety was not able to comment on the specific incident because there was a student involved and federal law protects the disclosure of such records.

"Senior Annie Brown was walking past after the incident. "He wasn't resisting physically," Brown said. "He



KEVIN BOOTS

Krakower after being sprayed by Campus Safety officers.

wasn't real happy, either. I didn't get the impression he was being attacked, though. I didn't know what was happening really."

Campus Safety Director Ross Stout did say that pepper spray is used "to subdue someone so that they discontinue their aggression. It is very painful, but there are no long lasting effects and it doesn't require medical attention."

Salem Police Department was called, as is Campus Safety protocol, and an officer arrived on the scene shortly thereafter. Krakower was informed that he had been cited for criminal mischief and was released. The situation dissolved.

Krakower now faces an arraignment on the 18th of this month and is considering legal action. "There's a question as to whether or not the Campus Safety officers abused their authority," he said.

Sororities hesitant about changing location

By AVI KATZ

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Though thousands of women have called them home, the future of Willamette's three sorority buildings remains uncertain. As the university moves forward with the implementation of the Residential Commons System, there are no definite plans as to whether sororities will be placed in new residential facilities or be allowed to remain in their existing structures.

"We have had several discussion in PHC (Panhellenic Council) about this issue," senior Brenna Robertson said. "Our members are concerned because they don't want to lose their respective houses."

Built in 1967, Willamette's three sorority houses each include commons areas, kitchen and dining facilities, individual study rooms and a sleeping porch. A house corporation that provides a weekday chef and live-in house director manages the sororities.

New facilities could see the possible elimination of sleeping porches as well as the operational management of the sorority by housing corporations. The Residential Commons Steering Committee will review sorority housing in the upcoming years before making a final decision.

"The implementation of the Residential Commons System is a fluid process and nothing is set in stone," Dean of Campus Life Robert Hawkinson said. "We have yet to make a decision regarding the future of sorority housing and we will be discussing the matter with members of Panhellenic Council and each of the three chapters."

In contrast to the uncertainty surrounding sorority houses, there are definite plans for construction of new buildings for Willamette's

five fraternities. The Master Plan for Willamette calls for the development of a Greek Commons with each chapter receiving a new house with updated amenities. The Greek Commons is currently planned for the southwest corner of campus near Lee and York with construction of the commons set to begin within a 10 to 15 year time frame.

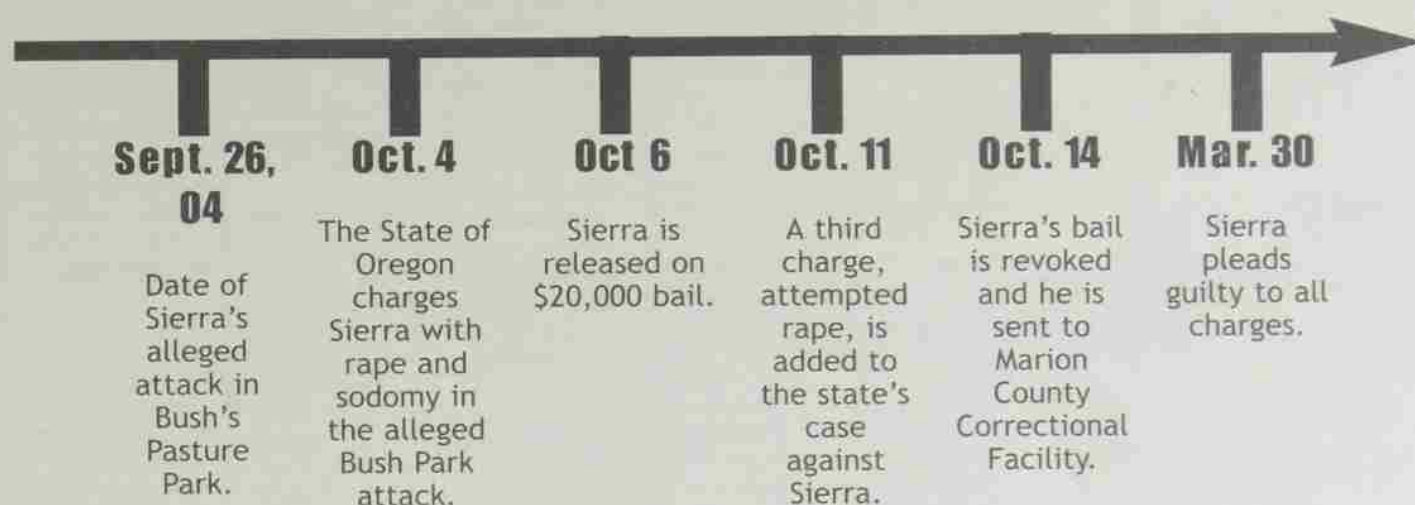
"...it is a matter of balancing the tradition of the past with the opportunities in the future."

DAVE WALLACE
res life area coordinator

"For Greek members, whenever there is change in a housing situation, it is a matter of balancing the tradition of the past with the opportunities in the future," Residence Life Area Coordinator Dave Wallace said. "There are several Greek alumni who don't want to lose the memories of the place where they spent their undergraduate years and that might happen if the old sorority houses are taken apart."

Sierra pleads guilty of rape charges

TIMELINE OF THE SIERRA CASE



By CHRIS FOSS
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Former Willamette student Scott Sierra pled guilty to charges of first-degree rape and sodomy and attempted rape on March 30. Sierra, who is currently being held at the Marion County jail, is scheduled to be sentenced at 1:30 p.m. on April 13 at Marion County Circuit Court.

Sierra is accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year old woman Sept. 26 in Bush's Pasture Park. The rape and sodomy charges stem from that

incident.

The attempted rape charge related to an alleged attack by Sierra between August and December of 2003 involving another woman. Marion County Circuit Court records indicate that this attack was "connected with, or constituting part of the same scheme or plan as alleged" in the rape and sodomy charges.

With the guilty plea, Sierra faces a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$375,000 fine or both for the rape and sodomy charges. He also

faces a maximum sentence of 10 years imprisonment, \$250,000 fine or both for the attempted rape charge.

The Salem Statesman Journal reported last week that Walter Todd, one of Sierra's attorneys, said that there is a plea agreement in the case, under which he and co-attorney Jeffrey Jones were free to argue for Sierra to serve 100 months in jail. He also said that prosecuting attorney Jodie Bureta agreed to ask for a 130-month sentence for Sierra under those terms.

Two thieves caught after successful sting operation

By ISALY JUDD
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Two newspaper delivery women were arrested yesterday morning for attempted theft at the Sigma Chi fraternity house. The two women were caught on video rifling through a backpack and stealing a watch and a one-dollar bill during a sting operation organized by the Office of Campus Safety.

The two females are sisters Melissa and Mary Heitmann, who gained access to the fraternity by delivering newspapers through the Collegiate Readership Program. According to Randy White, Home Delivery Manager of the Statesman Journal, the two were not contracted delivery staff members, but

rather were helping a contracted deliveryman with campus distribution. The contracted delivery employee has not been implicated in the crimes.

Tuthill and members of the Office of Campus Safety organized the sting in response to reports of theft in the Beta Theta Pi fraternity in late February. Additional reports from students regarding suspicious activity from newspaper delivery staff contributed to the idea. Campus Safety mistook Sigma Chi for Beta Theta Pi yesterday morning, however the sting worked regardless of the location.

To initiate the sting operation, Tuthill planted a backpack containing the watch and money, along with video equipment inside the fratern-

ity house early yesterday morning. At around 6:05 a.m. officers witnessed the Heirmanns remove the items from the backpack.

"One took the items and went out the door, while the other turned back into the house, probably to look for other items," Campus Safety Officer Steve Woodward said. "When Officer Tuthill approached her she asked for directions to the restroom."

After apprehending the suspects, the Office of Campus Safety contacted the Salem Police Department. However, prior to the arrival of the Salem PD the Heirmanns succumbed to Campus Safety interrogations, admitting that they had taken several thousand dollars worth of equipment

from the campus, including two laptops, a PDA and other electronic devices.

Sophomore Bob Heck lost his PDA, MP3 player and numerous other items to the thieves, but is pleased with Campus Safety's efforts in the matter. "I'm just really impressed that this actually happened and that we will be getting out stuff back," Heck said. "After the thefts the house went into lockdown and people started locking their doors for the first time this year. It will be nice not to have to worry about it."

Although a police report had not yet been filed at press time, Woodward reported that burglary and felony theft are the potential charges to be levied against the pair.

Public Eye

CHIONO RECEIVES UDALL HONOR

Willamette junior Anton Chiono is one of 80 students across the nation to be chosen for the 2005 Morris K. Udall Scholarship. The \$5000 scholarship is awarded annually to sophomores and juniors who display academic excellence and a commitment to national environmental policy. Chiono, an Oregon native, is an environmental science major and biology minor at Willamette. He intends to seek a Master's degree in forestry following completion of his undergraduate studies. Junior Kate D'Ambrosio was also honored as an Udall Scholarship Honorable Mention recipient.

D'AMBROSIO NAMED TRUMAN SCHOLAR

Willamette junior Kate D'Ambrosio was recently named as one of 75 Truman Scholars across the nation. D'Ambrosio was one of four Willamette finalist, who were selected to proceed to the interview phase of the Truman Scholarship process. She was selected as a winner from her home state of Montana. The Truman Scholarship awards recipients a grant up to \$30,000 to help them pursue graduate degrees in preparation for careers in public service.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR \$100?

The Second Annual What Would You Do for \$100 competition is scheduled to take place tomorrow from 9 to 11 p.m. in the Bistro. The campus community member who completes the most outrageous task as determined by a panel of judges will receive a \$100 reward. Additional challenges will also be presented throughout the night for a chance to win \$10 and \$20 prizes. Last year's winner, senior Rene Tripp earned the \$100 prize by consuming the pubic hairs of a fellow Willamette student.

Talk of the Millstream



AMY RATHKE AND ISALY JUDD
news editors

At the risk of seeming horribly out of date and behind the times, this week we have an important issue up for discussion. Yes, it was just a few years ago that The Collegian's opinions pages were filled with rants about the unfortunate occurrence of a student's cell phone ringing during class and people talking obnoxiously loud to their like, best friend, on their cells in the library.

These days, most of the events described above are accepted by Willamette society. No one bats an eye when they walk through Jackson Plaza and every person in sight is busy talking into their little silver flip phones. And somehow, it seems appropriate that millions of mourners have chosen to capture the late Pope's visage on their camera phones.

We here at the TOMS desk come from a simpler time. Much like the phones displayed in Eugene's phone museum (see story to the right), Amy's cell phone is nearly as big as her head.

Friends and co-workers gasp in disbelief when she pulls her blue Nokia out of her bag, her wrist nearly buckling under its massive weight. "How do you use a cell phone that old?" they ask. "It doesn't have a camera! Or internet capabilities! Good God woman, how do you live?"

To these naysayers, Amy replies, "Well, can you use your phone as a hammer?"

Isaly's cell phone is equally archaic. It doesn't play music when it rings and it barely sends text messages. It also suspiciously resembles a tin can, and Amy's

starting to wonder why Isaly's always got a really long string following her everywhere.

The real point of this column, though, is the recent rash of Cell Phone Brain Damage Stories that have been circulating like mad—mostly from concerned fathers to their cell phone using daughters.

For example, while Amy was home on spring break, her dad made her read a story in the University of Washington's alumni magazine, *Columns*. The story outlined the saga of a researcher who discovered that radiation comparable to that put out by cell phones caused DNA in rats' brains to mutate. "The hardest part is getting the rats to use really tiny phones," he said.

As soon as his findings indicated that cell phone use might be damaging, funding for his project became mysteriously scarce. Then today, we here at the TOMS desk were forwarded an email (from a friend whose dad had forwarded it to her, surprise!) calling out the cell phone industry as the next Big Tobacco.

Perhaps the health center should begin offering free "Quit Cell Phoning" kits, including rolls of quarters, envelopes and stamps and a Morse code translation sheet.

At least there's a bright side to having a really, really old phone. We're usually so embarrassed to be talking into these contraptions that our brains are getting minimal exposure to the radiation.

Yeah, your phone may be cute and little, but hey—we're not getting cancer.

A museum out of the ordinary

By MOLLY BRADY
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Eugene's Telephone Pioneer Museum, a muddled treasury of the most eclectic variety, provides an informative and entertaining opportunity to learn about communication before the days of cell phones, caller ID and text messaging. Located downtown on the first floor of the 77-year-old Qwest Building, this archive of telephones and related memorabilia displays, among many things, a replica of Alexander Graham Bell's original 1878 invention.

"Once you get into this, you get swept up. It's great stuff," said the proprietor of the museum, Fred Wiechmann, clad in his blue Pacific Phone jumpsuit. This 80-year-old's whole career has been spent working for phone companies in one facet or another. He started as a janitor in 1949, moving up to lineman and eventually his current position as provider of random but fascinating phone facts. Wiechmann retired from official duty at Pacific Phone in 1978, but pulled the old jumpsuit out of mothballs and took this position running the museum two years ago, after, he said, he began driving his wife crazy around the house.

He pointed out some of the museum's eclectic artifacts: cross-sections of phone poles that squirrels has stuffed with acorns, a tickertape machine and two German Army Field Phones captured during World

War II. Wally Donnelly, also a former lineman, opened the museum 22 years ago and has acquired many more antiques than there is space to display.

"Couple weeks ago, this woman walks in and I think she's going give me something for the museum. I walk up to her and she pulls out of a bag this Coke-a-Cola phone," said Wiechman, pointing to his newest acquisition: a bottle-shaped phone that has a touchtone pad on the bottom and two holes on the side for conversing.

This piece nicely complimented the multitude of other phones displayed at the museum—pink phones, yellow phones and phones one might refer to as taupe. There was a charred phone that perhaps was once red before it suffered through a 1983 Chicago fire. There were candlestick phones, a hefty "Saved By The Bell"-era cell phone and a phone in a retractable plastic tube. But perhaps the most unique of them all was the neon yellow packman phone. "You open its mouth to talk. It looks kind of like its eating your ear," said Dennis Wagner, a first-time visitor to the museum.

Lisa Lawton, Director of Community Relations for the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, said, "The museum is not very publicized and kind of quirky, but it has so much history. It's so unique and worth seeing."



MEGAN MEIDINGER

Sophomore Sara Colling appreciates the advances of cellular technology.

MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS

◆ Ringing machine-made different ring tones for people using party lines so they could tell who the call was for.

◆ The museum houses a mahogany phone booth that has a sticker stating (jokingly): "In memory of the 37 college students who died cramming into this phone booth."

◆ Magnito Phones - operated by turning the magnito crank to wake the operator who then placed the call.

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JUST ADD SUDS A LESSON IN THE FLEXIBILITY OF A LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE

By JEFF CARLSON

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When it comes to having a plan for life, Tim Ledford does not display any ambiguity. "My ultimate goal is to retire when I'm 30; to be financially independent when I'm 30, so I won't have to work unless I want to," he said.

Ledford, the owner and operator of S.L.A.B. Handcrafted Soap, located downstairs in the Reed Opera House on Liberty Street, graduated from Willamette in 2001 with a degree in biology. At 25, he has set out on a mission to make his company very profitable in a short amount of time.

However, his short tenure in the entrepreneurial world has already met challenges. Ledford was not the original proprietor of the S.L.A.B. He acquired the business after the former owner left without much warning. Ledford, who had been marketing the soaps to possible customers, had to make a decision. "I had a choice: do I shut down shop because I can't make soap, or do I figure it out?" he said. "And for me, I was all about this business."

He stayed in business, and it seems to be doing well. According to Ledford, the business sales over the past month are 60 percent higher than the previous month. "I wouldn't say it's booming," he said, "but things are good."

Soap-making, according to Ledford, is somewhat of a varied process. "First you've got to decide what kind of soap you want, what qualities you want it to have," he said. "If it is going to be hard or soft, if it is going to lather with light and fluffy bubbles or small and heavy bubbles, if it will condition your skin more—all these traits determine what gets put into the mix."

With all the ingredients at hand, making soap doesn't take much time. "I can make three batches in one hour," he said. Each batch contains nearly 30 pounds of soap, which gets cut into about 81 bars.

Though he entered his education with few lofty aspirations, Ledford said



CHRISTINE NGUYEN

Willamette grad Tim Ledford is the owner of S.L.A.B. Handcrafted Soap.

he gained a lot of his business skills while attending Willamette, which many of his relatives attended. "When I first came to Willamette, my original intention was to play football there," he said. "And it's a tough school. They keep you accountable. Coming out of high school, acing everything, I knew that's not the way the world works."

After considering economics, art history, and computer science, the Medford, Ore. native decided to major in biology. "I realized I liked knowing how things operate," Ledford said. "That major teaches you how to research and understand functioning systems."

The most important thing Ledford learned at Willamette, however, was not directly taught in the classrooms. "The biggest thing I learned in college was initiative," he said. "You can do anything you want to do, but you've got to research it and put in the energy to do it."

Ledford admits, however, that he wasn't the most attentive student. "I was a C student, kind of by choice," he said. "I made decisions to do some things and not do others." He called his senior year his "catch-up" year because he focused on social activities for the first three years. "I was pretty wild in school, though I never lost my head," he said. "I had my run-ins with campus safety."

"That is a good thing about liberal arts," Ledford said. "You've got so many different angles that you're learning from that you've just got to enjoy learning, and break it down, ask 'how does this affect this?' They taught me how to learn and how to fend for myself."

However, he believes that a good work ethic and other acquired skills can be enough for somebody without a college education. "Honestly, not

SOME SUDSY FACTS

- ◆ Ingredients generally include: palm oil, olive oil, corn oil and lye.
- ◆ Ledford makes many scented soaps, including cedar, almond, jasmine, chocolate mint, green tea and others
- ◆ For complete product list, and other soap details, see www.slabssoap.com

everyone needs to go to college," he said. "As long as you do the research for what you (want) to do, you'll make it. And when the future is on the line, you care more."

So when Ledford graduated college, he got to work. Right out of college, he went to work selling insurance and earning commissions. "Those years were rough," he said. From there, he got into door-to-door marketing, which eventually brought him to his current business now demanding most of his attention. He is confident about his business and his own future. "This is kind of a hell-or-high-water thing," Ledford said. "People ask me 'What if this doesn't go [well]?' and it's like there's no other option. It has to go [well]."

"I have a choice of stressing out for ten years to get something up and running, to never have to work another day in my life or just bag that, find some mediocre job to do for 45 years. Then I'll suffer for another 20 because I didn't make the right call earlier on," he said.

The main inspiration for his entrepreneurialism is family, particularly his mother and father, who he wants to help retire so they can "go enjoy life."

"You've got to have a big picture marked out with milestones," he said.

"When you go down your path and do what you want to do, keep in mind that you're going to go through some serious shit, and that it is ok, and that you're going to see it through."

"My family is a big part of my life. I don't think we're put on this planet just to work and not spend time (with loved ones).

"You don't have much time to waste in life," he said. "Before you know it, you're going to be done (with college) and then you're going to ask yourself 'What now? Do I go to grad

school or do I find a job?' Most of the time, people go find a job, without finding out why they got the job in the first place."

Ledford frankly provides some advice to those entering the working world after college graduation. "When you go down your path and do what you want to do, keep in mind that you're going to go through some serious shit, and that it is ok, and that you're going to see it through," he said.

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Coup d'Coop

I want to take a little break from the whole journalistic integrity thing and plug something that I really want you to hear about, because it may very well save my life, and yours: Craig's List.

Many of you Internet aficionados already know about this little vocational oasis, but I think it is very necessary to inform the world of my beautiful discovery, like Magellan with a mouse. Craig's list is kind of an informal classified ad center that features job offers world-wide.

As a future free lance writer and extra in "Save the Children" commercials (free food if you can wrench it from Sally Struthers' grasp at commercial shoots) I was pleased to find that I can review dog merchandise for "Dog-O-Phile" magazine. Theoretically, I'd have to have some knowledge of dogs in order to write about merchandise. But a magazine asking me to write about "dog love" and "dog love accessories" sounds too good to be true. My little cockapoo at home has a black studded harness already, so I think I'm more than qualified for this position. (Cockapoo = Cocker Spaniel/Poodle mix, you deviants.)

Additionally, I found out that I can help with the co-writing of a novel called *The Memory of Today*. I'm looking forward to contributing to more half-assed attempts at paradoxical titles, like *Rover, Supreme Chancellor of Cats* and *Michael Jackson: The Man*.

But, far be it from me to be so self-centered. There are lots of jobs on there that you can check out, and not a bunch of pop-up windows to irritate you. I highly recommend it over boxcars and studded harnesses.



EVAN COOPER

I was very surprised to read Talk of the Millstream the week before Spring Break. It raised an issue that I think is very important: the monopolization of the weight room by football players. The fact that a class, staffed by football coaches (not trainers or exercise science teachers) and populated by almost 100 percent male football players, commandeers the weight room during what would be its peak hours, 4-5 pm, flouts the rights of students and the principles of Willamette. Many students chose Willamette because it is a Division III school. No sport should be given an hour, especially during peak use. The tennis team politely comes in and lifts at three, without kicking anyone out. I would be perfectly willing to share the weight room with the football players like I do with the tennis players anytime in the day.

Frederick Engel
Sophomore

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The sorry state of Sparks Fitness Center

Willamette markets itself to prospective students as a place that strives to offer a well-rounded, complete undergraduate experience. In most facets, Willamette comes through with those promises.

Classes are generally small, the grounds are clean and living on campus usually proves to be a positive experience. However, the opportunities for indoor fitness are not up to par.

The Sparks Fitness Center is not accessible at some peak hours or late at night, the equipment is either missing or in a sorry state and there is simply not enough equipment for a gym that is used by potentially 2,000 people. Updating and improving Sparks to an acceptable state will take some effort and thinking, however it is not impossible.

First, Sparks needs to be open for a longer time with no closures for exclusive use by a class or athletic team. Opening an hour earlier or closing an hour later would allow more time for working out and an option for those to workout who are trying to avoid the peak times.

Another unacceptable practice at Sparks is closing the weight room for classes, especially during peak hours, such as nine am and four pm.

Secondly, broken or damaged equipment should be repaired promptly, not only for the sake of being able to use it, but also for safety concerns. Many of the machines could use a facelift, as handles and benches are being worn away and ripping, or certain weight settings cannot be used. Maintaining quality equipment will promote respect of the equipment by the patrons.

Finally, more machines, cardio equipment and weights need to be added. With 2,000 prospective users, the Sparks Fitness Center is grossly undersized and lacks the amount of equipment to support a population of that size.

For instance, it would be great to have four lower weight dumbbells because currently they are almost always being used, which means long waits.

Finally, in the long term a new fitness center needs to be built (or Sparks expanded) with enough weight and cardio machines and free weights to support the Willamette community.

As part of the 30 year plan its been suggested that a new fitness center be built where Smith currently stands. This is a step in the right direction, but this needs to be put on the fast track; 30 years is too far off. Perhaps the existing center could be turned into a varsity athlete only center, with more sport specific machines.

This is not a one sided battle, however. Patrons can facilitate the above changes by respecting what we do have right now. Proper weight room etiquette needs to be stressed. Please remember to remove your weights when done with the machine. Wear proper workout attire, specifically clothing with no metal rivets or buttons. These buttons can easily pierce the covering of the pad, ruining the machine.

Also, as a courtesy to other users, please wipe sweat off of any pads or cardio machines. With some effort from both sides, Sparks can be a place students are proud to use and Willamette is proud to promote to prospective students.

Learning to appreciate Willamette events

There are too many under-recognized student organizations on campus. One of these, possibly the most ubiquitous is also one of the most unrecognized. The Willamette Events Board (W.E.B.), which plans and executes nearly all the major campus events for the student body, deserves a great big thank you from the campus for a year well done. The planning and logistics process is enormously arduous and time consuming. An event, such as Black Tie, which occurs over the space of a few hours on a single night, takes months and months of planning. W.E.B. planners, who are also full time students, devote hundreds of hours to making sure that Willamette has a fun, safe time at its events. This year has been a great one for Willamette events and W.E.B. deserves our thanks.

Most recently, W.E.B. pulled off an enormously successful senior social. This is not an easy feat. When a bunch of seniors get together, it is not generally a particularly manageable gathering; especially when you throw free alcohol into the mix. Some highlights of last year's senior social included pot smoking on school subsidized buses, vomiting (on the buses and elsewhere) from alco-

hol poisoning, nudity, property damage and other forms of debauchery which would probably be inappropriate to name on this page. Now, to some, this might sound like good fun, but that type of behavior is totally inappropriate at a university sponsored event. In comparison, this year's social went remarkably well. Planners used the lessons of last year to make a better, safer and ultimately happier event. The only exception was a few disrespectful cigarette smokers in the men's restroom. Hopefully this can be planned around in the future by allowing seniors to briefly exit the party and be readmitted. Otherwise Thursday's social at the Grand Vine Ballroom went swimmingly.

This was due to the careful planning and time spent by W.E.B. members on the event. Students can help W.E.B. by being respectful and well behaved at events. Given W.E.B.'s excellent management this year, it seems like Willamette events will continue to be great fun. Just remember that fun comes at the price of a lot of hard work for W.E.B. members. So the next time you see a W.E.B. member take them aside, slap them on the back and say, "thanks for the great time."

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When do independent athletes get time in the weight room?



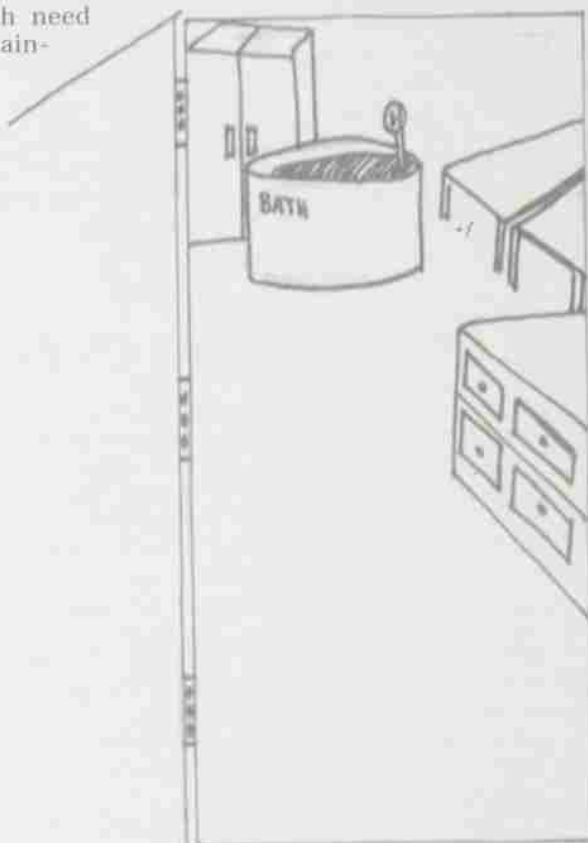
JOHN
SHEA

In response to the most recent TOMS article, I would like to speak a word for independent athletes.

First, I would like to make it clear that I have no problems with varsity athletics at this school. They are organizations which allow students to explore areas of knowledge, values and hard work outside of the classroom.

Obviously varsity athletics are not open to everyone on campus but equally not just anybody can join any one of the various academic honor organizations on campus either. There are standards and expectations which need to main-

**VARSETY
TRAINING**



GRAPHIC
BY JAY
OOST

recognize and support these teams as part of the Willamette experience so denying them access to training resources is akin to denying students access to the library.

Varsity athletics do still however have an incredible amount of resources available even if the weight room isn't. However, varsity athletes really aren't what I want to talk about, independent athletes are.

For the most part, they have no teams, no coaches and their access to some athletic resources on campus, the weight rooms and trainers for instance, are regulated as if they were not athletes at all.

I want to call attention to the fact that there are people on campus, probably more than anyone is aware of, who train, compete and achieve in athletic venues who have seriously limited access to training resources.

Yet how does one define an independent athlete? Is it just a person who is looking to stay fit, or is it someone who is competitively involved in some activity? Aren't there club teams? Why not start another? The lacrosse, Frisbee and climbing clubs are good examples of this.

However, with all the other clubs there are on campus and the limited funds for those clubs, resources are still really limited.

Also, do these club athletes have access to trainers when injured? It seems that club sports even more so than independent athletes I support would have valid claims to resources like this. They are at

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ported, focused competitive group.

Still these clubs do receive some funding and still benefit from the team mentality.

There are a lot of hard working athletes on campus who, although they don't have nearly the access that more traditional athletes do, continue to push themselves and achieve some pretty incredible things.

Maybe we should start thinking about how we can recognize these athletes, support them in their pursuits and create some community between them and are other athletic groups.

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A Bi-Weekly Political Analysis

Social Security Part III



PAUL
CRISALLI

For those that have forgotten over the long break, my last two articles have focused on the problems and proposed solutions to social security.

After dispelling many of the articulated "benefits" of privatizing social security, it appears, to me at least, that the best and simplest solution would be to eliminate the wage cap.

As noted in a previous article, the government currently only taxes the first \$90,000 of an individual's income. So, this proposal would eliminate that cap and tax all income.

Now, one of the main concerns about eliminating the cap is that businesses would be overly taxed and have an incentive to move out of the United States.

For that reason, if the cap remained on businesses, but was eliminated on individuals' income, the best of both worlds can be achieved.

First, this idea will solve social security concerns.

Some economists, in fact, have reasoned that just raising the cap to \$138,000 would make social security solvent for seventy-five years. Eliminating the cap entirely can not only ensure solvency, but it may also lead to either cutting of taxes or better benefits for the recipients.

Second, lifting the cap would create better parity amongst tax brackets. For example, in 1980, under the wage cap, 90% of all income in the United States was able to be taxed for social security.

Today, only 85% of all income is taxable for social security. Raising the cap lifts that amount to even more so that it is not just the poor and middle classes that are supporting the system.

More importantly, however, eliminating the cap would eliminate a bias in the tax statutes towards the rich.

Some opponents to this plan have argued that this idea creates taxes. I do not believe that eliminating the cap raises taxes; it just subjects all income, amongst all demographics to taxes.

Moreover, this proposal also has quite a bit of support in Congress. President Bush has expressed a willingness to raise or eliminate the cap; Democrats and even a few Republicans support the idea.

The problem is, however, that a few Republicans believe that the proposal raises taxes. Only through pressure by senior citizens, our parents, and even our generation can this proposal become a reality and privatization will become a fad.

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But Do They Have Oil?

weekly random foreign affairs column

No child left behind, no teacher left unarmed



JACEN GREENE-POWELL

Following the terrifying and saddening Red Lake school shooting, a leader of the National Rifle Association has suggested that we give guns to teachers. This is the sort of helpful suggestion I have come to expect from an organization that seems to think the world of Road Warrior is not

just a movie, but a goal to work towards.

I suppose we could have bake sales to pay for teacher's guns, or maybe just have a gun drive. Why not ask community members to donate old guns to the school? Of course, shot-guns would be unacceptable, because it would be too hard to hit only the target, and not other children nearby.

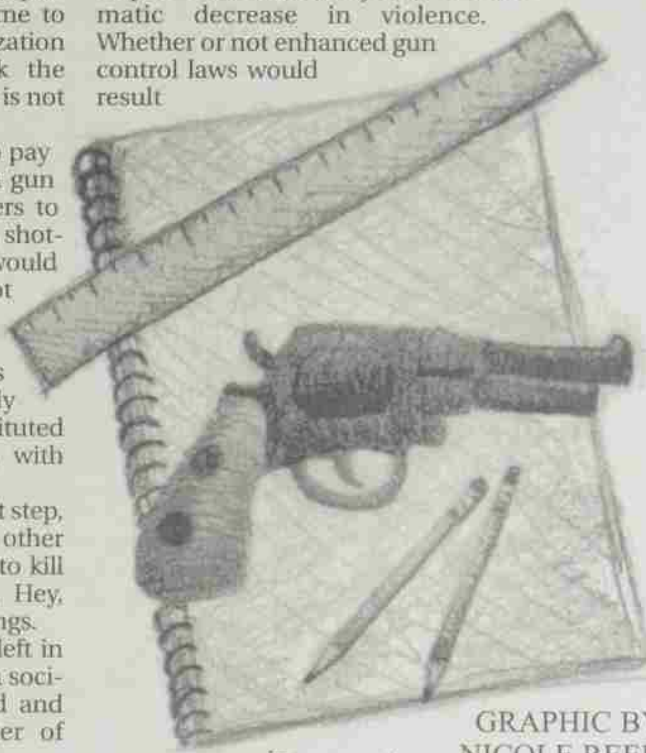
Probably only handguns would work, or maybe assault rifles for those teachers with slightly better aim and upper body strength. I think Somalia has already instituted the very policy suggested by the NRA, with mixed results.

They also arm children, the logical next step, although this is not to protect them from other kids, but rather to enhance their ability to kill the enemies of their warlord masters. Hey, whatever works to prevent school shootings.

Of course, there aren't many schools left in Somalia, but it's a small price to pay for a society in which almost everyone is armed and dangerous. Somalia: proud supporter of Second Amendment rights!

Now, being liberal, I tend to be a knee-jerk supporter of gun control. Unfortunately for my beliefs, after a short and lazy internet research session I discovered that violent crime did not

decrease in Great Britain following the ban on handguns. Tougher gun control in Australia and Canada had the same lack of effect. It's hard to tell what the long term effects would be, but some gun advocates may have a point in claiming that restricting gun ownership will not necessarily lead to a dramatic decrease in violence. Whether or not enhanced gun control laws would result



GRAPHIC BY NICOLE REED

in a decrease in the drunken shooting of road signs is still up for debate.

Even if banning or registering handguns might not reduce gun violence in the United

States, I don't think it would hurt to place a few more common sense restrictions on purchasing and owning firearms.

Just for the sake of argument, why not make it illegal for terrorists to buy guns?

According to a recent Congressional investigation reported in the New York Times, it is now legal for terrorist suspects on government watch lists to buy guns in America. As a matter of fact, 47 out of 58 applications from terror suspects to purchase firearms in the United States last year were approved.

The FBI argues that bills passed by the gun lobby, such as a law enacted last year that mandates the destruction of gun sale records in 24 hours, prevents the government from monitoring purchases by terrorists. Thank you, NRA lobbyists, for helping terrorism!

The more progress you make in arming America, the more people like me consider buying a gun, so I guess the strategy works.

Oddly enough, the Bush administration argues that terror suspects should be able to be held indefinitely without trial or representation, but at the same time is unwilling to restrict their right to bear arms.

Following the 9/11 attacks, former Attorney General John Ashcroft even blocked the FBI from trying to match gun purchase records with suspects on terrorist watch lists. I feel a lot safer knowing that the Justice Department has been fighting for the rights of terrorists to buy guns in America.

After all, if we're going to arm everyone, we sure wouldn't want to discriminate against criminals and terrorists. Just make sure the teachers get their guns first.

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Walking the 5K walk for cancer treatment



WILL PATTON

I am writing this to get the word out about a cause that is very dear to myself, and one that should be to all of you as well. This Saturday, April 9 the Kappa Sigma Fraternity will be hosting the 20th Annual Tracy Hoffman Memorial 5K Run/Walk at Bush Park at Noon.

Whether you walk or run through the course you will help us raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Oregon, and help fund research for those diseases.

You may be bored with this article so far, and may be wondering why you should care. There is a very alarming reason you should care: Hodgkin's disease, a form of lymphoma, is the most common cancer in males between the ages of 16 and 32. This type of lymphoma spreads throughout

the endocrine system and later spreads into the spleen, liver, and lungs if not treated.

Still not worried? I was diagnosed with Stage III Hodgkin's disease on Christmas Eve of 2001. Not a nice Christmas present at all. I went through intensive chemotherapy for seven months, large portions of which I spent in bed or vomiting from the nausea caused by the drugs.

After the seven months, I started a month of radiation treatment throughout my upper body. I finished treatment the first week of August 2002. I was on a football field starting for my high school team three weeks later.

Without the great advancements in chemotherapy and radiation treatments, this would never have been possible.

The new chemotherapy drugs I was given reduced the tumors present throughout my chest and neck in two thirds the time the old drugs

would have. This is thanks to people coming together for important fund raisers like the Tracy Hoffman Run. This research allows everyday children, students, athletes, brothers, sisters, and parents like all of us to get back to our everyday lives sooner and with less discomfort than before. With your help we can continue the fight against cancer.

I beg you, not only as a member of Kappa Sigma, not only as a student at Willamette University, but as a cancer survivor to please come out and donate your time or goodwill to our effort to find better treatments for lymphoma and leukemia patients.

Your help can make all the difference in the world, it might even help me get my hair to grow back!

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An abbreviated field guide to Willamette

Willamette's campus is home to more than humans. This week, Joel Shinn – Willamette's official campus naturalist – leads a guided tour of the flora, fauna and animal life inhabiting campus. We will explore the secret lives of plants, and delve into the mating habits of our beloved ducks. On your next cross-campus trek, enjoy knowing the inside scoop on all things feathery and flowering.

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DANIELLE BENNETT

Western Scrub jay

Fauna:

Western Scrub jay - *Aphelocoma californica*

General Description: The "blue jay" on campus. The jay is about 10 inches in length with a blue head and tail, and a grayish-brown back, throat and undercarriage.

Notes: The Western Scrub jay is a clever bird. Tests have shown its intellectual ability and cognitive skills are comparable to those of a Baboon. They have also demonstrated that the Scrub jay has a fairly complex sense of self, and that they think of ways to trick each other. The jay's interesting nature and large number on campus make them a common subject for Biology major's senior theses.

Eastern Grey squirrel - *Sciurus carolinensis*

General Description: Squirrels with greyish brown fur covering the majority of their bodies, with the exception of their white stomachs. The Eastern Grey is by far the most common breed of squirrel on campus.

Notes: The Eastern Grey Squirrel is native to the East Coast, but was brought to Salem in 1921 by the new governor. After he introduced one or two dozen to the capital grounds, the Eastern Grey quickly became the dominant squirrel in the area. Eastern Greys breed only twice a year (from January - February and June - July), with the females remaining fertile for a mere 24 hours or less. Maybe that's why the squirrels here are so feisty.



NATURALIST ARCHIVES

A Eastern Grey squirrel.



DANIELLE BENNETT

Mourning dove

Mourning dove - *Zenaidura macroura*

General Description: A medium-sized bird with a light brown head, breast and undercarriage, a medium brown back and medium brown wings tipped in black. Its tail is dark brown with white tips, the neck is marked with a black mark on the lower section.

Notes: Last year a Mourning dove, a rather rare find on campus, chose to nest in a student's dorm room in Baxter. The student chose to let the bird reside in their room, keeping their window open so the bird could come and go as it pleased.



JOEL SHINN

Nest of a Bushtit

Cooper's hawk - *Accipiter cooperii*

General Description: A medium sized hawk with a 28-inch wingspan. At maturity, the Cooper's hawk has a primarily gray body barred with black bands, and a white breast, stomach, and underwings. The hawk has either red (adult) or yellow (adolescent) eyes.

Notes: This species of hawk, along with the Sharp-shinned Hawk and the Red Tail Hawk, nest on top of the roof of Sparks near the Martha Springer garden. Remains of the hawk's prey, such as pigeon carcasses, can often be found in the foliage below.



JOEL SHINN

Professor Dave Craig holds a Cooper's hawk.

Bushtits - *Psaltriparus minimus*

General Description: Extremely small, dusty-grayish brown birds. Bushtits have black legs, with dark brown wings and tail.

Notes: The bushtit's miniscule size makes it allusive to the naked eye. Its hive-like nest, crafted out of leaves, paper, plastic and other bits of litter, however, can be found in many trees throughout campus (see photo).



Flora:

Juniper - *Juniperus Communis*

General Description: A shrubby tree with needle-like, prickly, dark-green to white leaves and bluish-black berries. Usually found in very dry areas.

Campus Location: There is only one Juniper tree on campus, located at the south end of Lausanne.

Notes: Juniper was used by Native Americans to treat urinary tract infections. Juniper berries are used to add spice to soups and are one of the primary ingredients used to make gin.

Kinnikinnick, a.k.a. Bearberry - *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*

General Description: A trailing plant with shiny, leathery, oval-shaped, dark-green leaves. Flowers are small, pinkish-white, and tear-drop shaped. Berries are bright-red and edible, but pulpy and tasteless.

Campus Location: Kinnikinnick can be found throughout campus, specifically outside the west side of Olin.

Notes: "Kinnikinnick" (Algonquian for "smoking mixture"), was smoked by Native coastal groups until tobacco made its way to the West Coast. Even then, some people would mix it in with their tobacco to prolong their stash.

Western Trillium - *Trillium ovatum*

General Description: A white or purple flower with three petals and green triangular-oval leaves.

Campus Location: Western Trillium can be found in the Martha Springer garden or along the banks of the mill stream by the library.

Notes: Trillium flowers turn from white to purple in order to alert bees to the fact they've already been fertilized.

Red Flowering Currant - *Ribes sanguineum*

General Description: Tall, stalk-like plants with 5-lobed green leaves and pale-pink to rose colored flowers, which are usually clustered in groups of 10 - 20.

Campus Location: Red flowering currant grows in the Martha Springer garden and between Olin and Collins.

Notes: Anna's hummingbirds, the only hummingbird to winter in Oregon, are attracted to the vibrant blossoms of the plant and are often seen feeding from them.

Paper Birch - *Betula papyrifera*

General Description: Tree with smooth white to copper bark peeling in papery strips. Leaves are dull green and oval-shaped with a sharp point at the tip of the leaf.

Campus Location: Paper birch trees grow along the banks of the mill stream near Goudy.

Notes: The bark of the paper birch is waterproof. Native Americans often used it to make items such as baskets and canoes, and chewed the resin of the tree like gum. Today the gum is sold in Finland as a natural tooth cleaner.



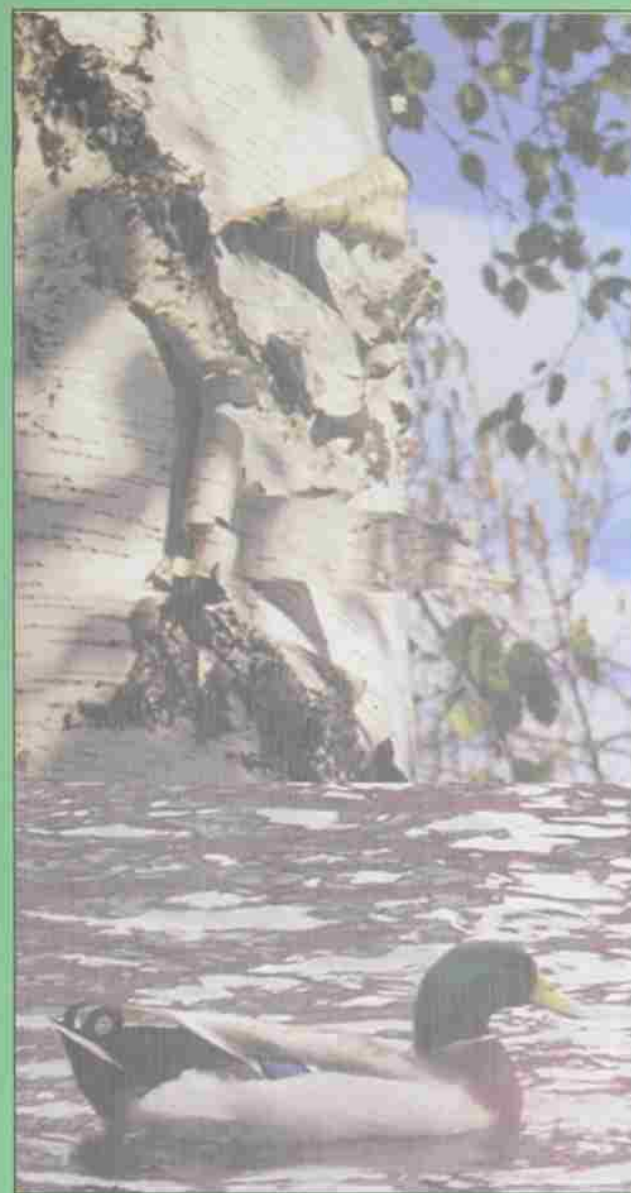
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Western Trillium



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Red-Flowering Currant



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Paper birch (top) Mallard duck (bottom)

Here come the ducklings:

It's one of the true signs of spring at Willamette: the arrival of a new flock of ducklings. A hen will have two to three broods of ducklings every year, depending on her incubation period. Each spring, an average of about 24 ducklings are born at Willamette. This year's first brood is expected to appear any day now, according to the Biology department, who have been observing a nesting hen since February. Average incubation periods last , placing the earliest hatching date on April 6.

For more information on Willamette wildlife, visit:

<http://www.willamette.edu/cla/biology/naturalist/>

The page is under construction, but will be completed soon.

Flicks & Quips

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RESTAURANT REVIEWS:

FREE TERIYAKI SAUCE

Located just north of the Cherriot's bus station downtown, in between a christian bookstore and Exit: Real World is a brightly lit and happy teriyaki joint called Young's Teriyaki. And yes, Young does work there. He is the cook. He likes chocolate, and damn, his cooking is good.

Too boot, there are those classic ketchup containers on every table, but they aren't filled with ketchup. No sir, those bottles contain 100 percent teriyaki sauce. I was obliged to cover my plate with the luscious hangover condiment, and I suggest you do the same.

One special bonus perk is that the restaurant's proximity to the Cherriot's bus station makes it possible to view the train-wreck of a crowd that hangs out there if you choose to dine al fresco (which is French for "al outside of the restaurant at little tables").

ICE LUGES AND "THE GREY AREA"

It has come to my attention that many of you out there have not heard of an ice luge, and have not had the pleasure of imbibing in one's presance. Well, this just can't be. An ice luge, my fellow students, is a utensil used by persons over 21 in the basements and garages across this fine nation.

It is created by melting a groove in a long block of ice and then tipping said ice at an angle fit for sippers. It produces an effect I like to call "the grey area" because of the inability for those present to recall the events including the ice luge. Furthermore, most actions, ethical or otherwise recede into the grey area. It's kind of like the congress, except more fun, and without investigations.

Dramatic vocal arts brings mostly "Comedy Tonight"

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SELECTED SONGS:

♦ "Modern Major General"--
Pirates of Penzance

♦ "Comedy Tonight"--
A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

♦ "I Wish I Could Go Back to College"--
Avenue Q

I walked into the newly named Dramatic Vocal Arts performance Sunday afternoon not knowing what to expect. The class had a new name, new professor and "gasp" actual actors instead of just singers. Could they actually bring "comedy tonight" (or that afternoon)? For the most part, yes. I was impressed about the different levels of comedy presented. It wasn't just an hour and half of slap-stick; there was irony, wit, cuteness, and an inside joke or two. The show was designed to emulate the auditions or a rehearsal of a show and therein the performers were essentially making fun of themselves. Many scenes were stolen by the percussion section members who would be periodically drinking from a flask through out the show.

Before the show I was told that the ensemble's favorite piece was "I wish I could go back to college" from the musical Avenue Q. Without that prior knowledge, anyone would have understood that through their performance. For that one piece the entire cast's sound changed and was incredible. I was blown away and wished that that tone and quality had stayed for the entire show.

There were elements that took away from the show. There were many occasions when you couldn't hear or understand someone and therefore the jokes were lost. More than one person walked away from the performance scratching their heads about the piece "Send in the Clowns". Although it was beautifully sung, what did such a sad song have to do the comedic theme of the show? And I'm still wondering what the clown was doing the entire time wandering around the stage. It kind of looked

like she was stalking the singer. As confusing as that was, I would say the biggest flop of the show was "Cell Block Tango". It did have some sassy choreography but in light of all the hype of the recent movie, I would say it didn't have a chance. Out of all of the songs in the show it got the least amount of laughs.

On a rating of 1-5, I would give the show a 3.75. It was an entertaining way to spend my Sunday afternoon but it's not to a point yet where I would spend money on a ticket for it. The show did show a lot of growth from previous years and I will be curious so see what they will produce next semester.



KRYSTA DRECHSLER

Cast accepts applause from gracious crowd.

Film review: Calcutta's red light in the spotlight

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Born into Brothels, this year's winner of best documentary feature at this year's Oscars is now playing at Salem Cinema. It is a wonderfully crafted documentary that juxtaposes amazing visual imagery and a rare pragmatism.

The camera is held by Zana Briski, an English photographer who has discovered herself in Calcutta, teaching local children how to take pictures.

We then begin seeing the world through the children's eyes by way of their cameras. It becomes clear that the lives of these children are not easy. We watch as they are objects of ridicule and neglect. All of them are disenchanted, and the young girls are expected to become prostitutes.

The future is not bright, so Briski begins a crusade to get these kids out of that district

using their photography. We watch as the kids see the world beyond the red light district open up. Briski recognizes that this could be her students' only hope for a better life.

Mainly, the film follows their struggle to enroll in boarding schools.

While Briski's intentions are good, it is hard not to notice that these kids are only a handful of the many neglected youths of the district. She loads all opportunities and all this potentially false hope on a relatively small group of students.

Although Briski is quick to tell us that she is no teacher, neither a social worker, one wonders why she filmed the experience so thoroughly and where the profits from the film we are watching are going, especially if her involvement with the children ends when the film is completed.

However, those questions are up to debate. All we know is that she is trying to do some good. In

this way, the film is a challenge to apathy.

In the meantime, we are privy to these kids' lives, hearing their dreams and worries, and getting to know them not only through their words, but through their pictures. Each one of them develops a particular style and charm.

For those of you who have only seen documentaries by Michael Moore or Ken Burns, this is a shining example of what documentary film can be like.

Born into Brothels is never boring, never cold or stand-offish. It is neither "in your face," offensive, or incendiary. Don't get me wrong, the film is not easy or light. It captures the viewer in bold colors, sharp editing, and constant movement. The life of the images seems to spring from the screen.

As the film ended, I was sad to watch it fade to black. My bleeding heart bled and I felt guilty and satisfied.

WHERE CAN YOU GO TO SEE IT?

Salem Cinema
445 High St.
503-378-7676

WEEKEND MOVIE TIMES:

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Sunday
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Senior Art Show:

Four years of hard work on display

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ART STUDIO SENIORS:

- ◆Tyson Patterson
- ◆Naomi Corwin
- ◆Sean Gyshen
- ◆Maria Olivares
- ◆Lauren Skinner
- ◆Bethany Johnson
- ◆Mariana Sandness
- ◆Jason Oost

ART HISTORY SENIORS:

- ◆Stephanie Donovan
- ◆Sarah Dill
- ◆Janeen Powell
- ◆Susan Feldman

Last Friday evening, when the 2005 senior art showcase opened in the Hallie Ford Museum, Willamette's twelve senior Art and Art History majors breathed a collective sigh of relief. Hats off to all of them – they're finally finished! The museum was crowded Friday evening with students, parents, and faculty, all anxious to see these students' most important artistic endeavors to date.

This year's senior Art History majors are Stephanie Donovan, Sarah Dill, Janeen Powell, and Susan Feldman, and the Art Studio majors are Tyson Patterson, Naomi Corwin, Sean Gyshen, Maria Olivares, Lauren Skinner, Bethany Johnson, Mariana Sandness, and Jason Oost.

The art showcase was a culmination of four long years worth of effort for these twelve students, and their hard work definitely showed. The four Art History majors had their theses on display, and the eight Art Studio majors displayed their senior projects.

This year's collection is quite a diverse one; mediums include photography, digital prints, etch-

ing, and stoneware, not to mention several others. Many of the seniors' pieces were priced for sale, and a few of them were purchased immediately by the university.

The show contained many unique ideas. Tyson Patterson created a series of paintings on metal lunchboxes, hoping to "capture the lightheartedness of everyday life through popular imagery." In response to Measure 36, Sean Gyshen presented a more controversial series, combining traditional images of Saints such as Martin de Porres, patron saint of those seeking social justice, with life-sized black-and-white portraits of several gay and lesbian Willamette students.

I was able to speak to several of the seniors at the show, and while some have definite post-Willamette plans and others don't, they all agreed that they were very happy to be finished.

Susan Feldman plans to attend NYU next year to pursue a master's degree in art administration. Naomi Corwin, who displayed a photo series at the show, said that eventually she might like to teach art to elementary school students.

Lauren Skinner, whose final



SEAN GYSHEN

Viewers at the Senior Art Show opening take in the pieces showcased that evening.

project consisted of a series of digital prints depicting fairytale heroines, isn't quite sure what she wants to do with her BFA. "As of now, I'm planning to go home to the Bay Area to try to get my art out there," Lauren said. "I've also been talking with a friend of mine about possibly starting an independent comic – I might even use some of the characters from this fairytale series."

If you only make one trip to the Hallie Ford Museum this year, it ought to be for this. You will be amazed at the artistic knowledge and talent we have here at WU. The 2005 senior show will be on display for the remainder of the semester, so be sure to go over to the museum and check it out.



SEAN GYSHEN

The Hallie Ford Museum of Art displays the senior art pieces this past Friday night.



SEAN GYSHEN

The show will be open thru graduation.

A brush with Moroccan law

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I am a lover of familiarity. My sense of adventure, while present, is sometimes overwhelmed by the comfort of predictability. This is why the semester I spent in Spain was such a terrific chance for me to step away from my comfort zone and explore the unfamiliar.

Then again, I did not expect exploring the "unknown" to involve having my passport confiscated by three machine-gun-brandishing guards screaming in Arabic after getting off a boat in Morocco.

I was studying in Sevilla, which is in the south of Spain. One weekend in November, a few friends and I decided to hop on a bus, travel south and spend the night in Tarifa, a little town on the coast. From there, the African city of Tangier was only a 35-minute ferry ride across the Strait of Gibraltar.

My friends and I spent most of the boat ride on the back deck. We leaned over the railing, feeling the spray of the churning salt water mist our faces, and surveyed the landscape. As we cruised

toward Africa, we could see three countries. The Spanish coast was quickly becoming veiled in haze. To our right, the huge rock of Gibraltar loomed, marking the chunk of English territory on the tip of Spain. And when we turned around to face the front of the boat, we saw the craggy Moroccan coastline emerge slowly. There was a storm moving in, and the billowing smoke-colored clouds cast a shadow over Africa, leaving the ocean and the Spanish coast still bathed in filmy autumn sunlight.

Not that I believe in ominous signs or anything.

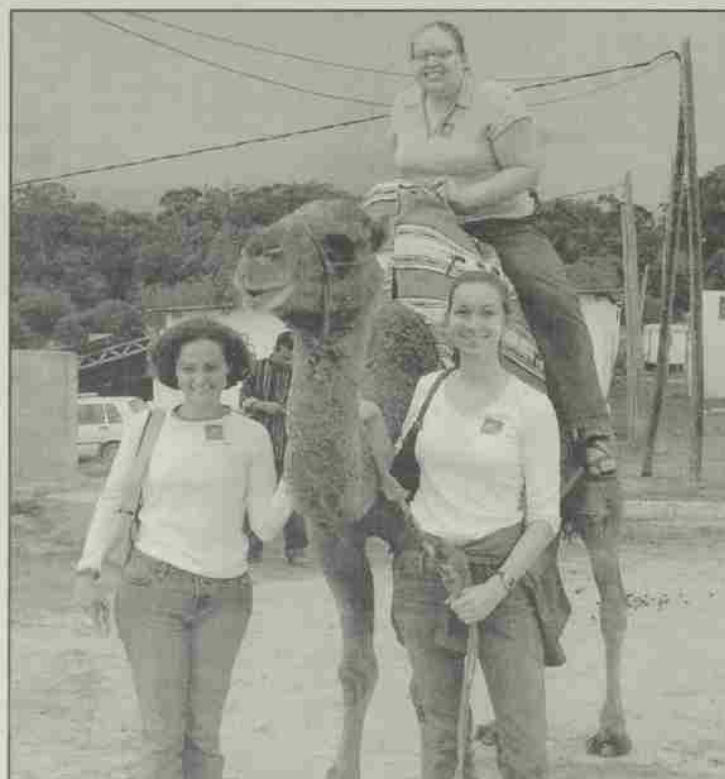
We finally pulled into port, disembarked, and obediently got in line to have our tickets and passports checked. While we were boarding the boat in Spain, my three friends and I had apparently all neglected to join, let alone see, the queue of our fellow passengers waiting to have their tickets checked and stamped. This meant that when the guards at the Tangier port took our stampless ticket, they were not very happy.

Does this sound enough like a "naïve American tourists wielding insufficient documents and vacant grins"

story yet?

At any rate, we were pulled off to the side while the other passengers were allowed to go through. We somehow kept our hapless smiles as the officials (presumably) demanded some sort of explanation in Arabic. In reality, however, I was having a major panic attack. I was completely convinced that we were going to be labeled illegal aliens and shipped off to some Moroccan prison (have I mentioned that I'm also rational and level-headed?) Finally, a messenger from the boat showed up, interrupting our attempt to demonstrate our good will with frantic hand gestures. He handed us new tickets, the guards waved us on, and we pushed through the crowd to our tour group.

For an Oregon-bred girl like me, Tangier was a shocking study in contrasts. First, we took a bus tour up to the hills of the city. It was incredibly soothing to drive through groves of trees and survey the hundreds of little white dwellings that filled the valley of the city down to the water. Along the way, we passed the entrance of the summer home of the king of Morocco.



COURTESY OF KRISTEN IVERSON

Kristen Iverson rides a camel with fellow Willamette students Emily Leeding and Jessica Shuler.

All we could see of it was an ornate entry path guarded by men waving berets and holding machine guns.

Finally we descended into the hub of the old city for a walking tour. I have never experienced such complete sensory overload. We were hustled up and down tiny curving streets and narrow alleyways, all the while being followed by vendors who continually shoved things in our faces, trying to get us to buy something. At one point, the hovering storm broke and it began to rain.

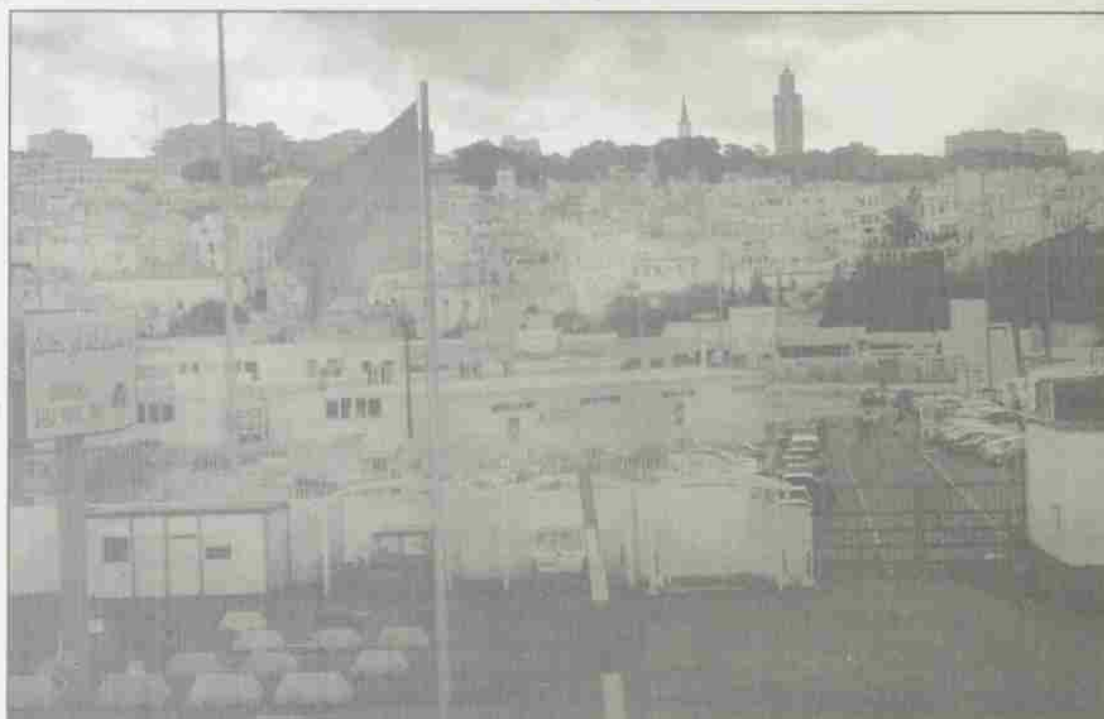
Immediately, the vendors opened new bags and tried to sell us umbrellas. We saw women swathed in fabric from head to toe with only their soulful brown eyes visible. We passed merchants selling vegetables from blankets on the streets and snake charmers begging for money. As I looked around, I could not stop thinking about the mansions we had seen in the hills of the city, and I had a sudden appreciation for the concept of a middle class.

Around midday, we noticed that the streets, once teeming with people and movement, were practically empty. Then we heard a tinny recording of a chant in

Arabic – it was the Muslim call to prayer, which takes place five times a day in predominantly Muslim countries like Morocco. We were subsequently ushered into a fairly ritzy restaurant, where we had a three-course lunch complete with tourist-friendly "African entertainment" – music and belly dancing.

My day in Morocco came to an end with no further brushes with the law (though my friends and I did get lost for a couple of harrowing minutes). Still, I came away from the trip with an unsettled feeling. I had been to Morocco, but instead of feeling more familiar with the country, its people and its customs, I had more questions about the area than before I went.

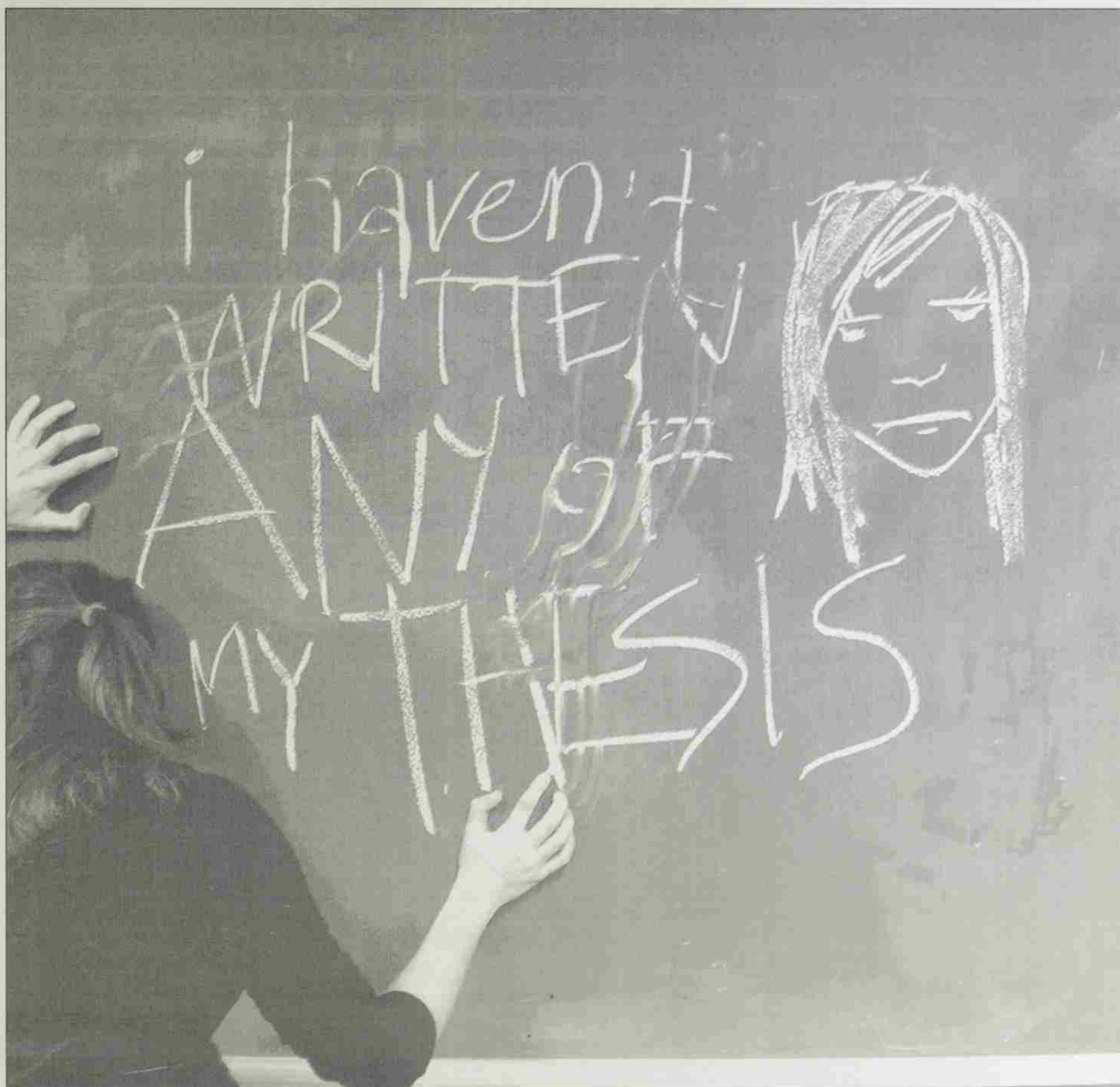
After being abroad for four months, however, I realized that sense of incompleteness is part of the experience of traveling. When we explore new places, we lose stereotypes and replace them with concrete experiences. At the same time, we realize that traveling is a lifelong experience that provides as many new questions as answers. In any event, having stamped tickets always helps.



COURTESY OF KRISTEN IVERSON

A view of Morocco from a nearby hill.

Confessions



SEAN GYSHEN

Three losses for Bearcat baseball last weekend

By JULIE TOMMELEIN
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The Willamette Bearcats struggled to overcome this past weekend after they endured a three game loss to the Linfield Wildcats. The Bearcats were defeated 9-3 and 13-1 in Saturday's double-header and 9-4 on Sunday at John Lewis field.

In the first game, Linfield scored four runs in the second inning. Linfield's yr position, David Moore, made four out of five hits with three RBIs and two runs scored leading to the Wildcats' first win of the day. It looked like there might be hope for the Bearcats after Willamette came back with three runs in the bottom of the third when sophomore right-fielder Kelly Gilmore knocked one out over the right field fence driving in Yr short stop Matt Rasmussen, and freshman center-fielder Sean Anderson. However, the Wildcats came back with single runs in the fifth, sixth

Baseball

and seventh innings, then raked in two more runs in the ninth just for good measure. Senior pitcher Zach VandeGriend took the loss for Willamette, dropping his record to 3-4.

Later Saturday, Linfield's yr designated hitter John Dailey sent the ball out of the park twice and drove in five runs clinching the second win. Linfield held a 7-0 lead before Willamette scored once in the third inning when Anderson scored on junior second-baseman Matt Johnson's grounder. Anderson was four for five at the plate in the second game. Sophomore third baseman Steve Johnson put in two hits adding to the Bearcats total seven hits of the game. However, Linfield sent out 18 hits in the second game.

The teams reunited Sunday for game three, which started late due to

rain delay. The game got off to a rocky start when Linfield's John Dailey and yr first baseman Brian Baker drove two over the fence for a Linfield home run. Even though the Bearcats tried to overcome the Wildcats with junior second baseman Matt Johnson went four for four at the plate, and senior catcher Ken Halpin went one for three with three runs Linfield out-hit Willamette 14-6. Senior pitcher Jeff Jensen picked up Sunday's loss for the Bearcats, dropping his record to 4-3.

Though the weekend seemed rather disappointing for the Willamette, head coach Matt Allison felt the team was as prepared for the series against Linfield as they were for any other team this year. Reflecting on the Bearcats' season so far coach Allison said, "It was what we expected. We want to be a top tier program, and to do so we have to play the best schools. One quarter of the schedule this season is



MEGAN MEIDINGER

Senior outfielder Brian Gilmore in the game against Linfield.

against teams who are among the top 25 in the nation. We could have played teams of lesser caliber and won, but that doesn't prepare us to be a better team."

After the losses, the Bearcats lowered their

record to 10-14 overall and 6-9 in the Northwest Conference. Linfield improved to 20-5 overall and 10-2 NWC.

Willamette returns Tuesday, April 5, for a 3pm start against Western Baptist College.

Bearcats beat Pacific for fourth straight win



COLLEGIAN ARCHIVES

The team defeated George Fox yesterday night.

By BRIAN BEST
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Last week the Willamette University Women's softball team had two games against the Pacific University Boxers.

In the first game against Pacific, the Boxers rallied to an early lead, up 0-5 by the top of the third.

However, a three batter three outs defensive inning by Willamette allowed for the Bearcats to retaliate against the Boxers.

Freshman Marianne Ward led the comeback by smashing a single hit followed by two doubles by sophomore Molly Barnes and senior Lindsey Braun. With two runs on the board for the Bearcats, Willamette had the fuel to launch an offensive run of their own against Pacific.

By the bottom of the seventh, Willamette was down only two runs to Pacific until sophomore Cari Schrueth was walked and then scored off a hit from Marianne Ward, bringing the

Softball

Bearcats to within one.

Kelsey Stolz, already on base, managed to steal home on an overthrown ball later in the inning tying the game 5-5.

Marianne Ward on third was driven in on a double by Braun ending the game with a Willamette victory of 6-5 over Pacific.

In the second game, Willamette held Pacific to a scoreless and hitless game while also scoring two in the bottom of the fourth and two more in the bottom of the sixth.

The win was Willamette's fourth straight victory, putting them at 11-1 in conference and tied for first with rival Linfield. Junior pitcher Brittany Dearing broke a school record when she led Willamette to their seventh victory of the season.

The scheduled games against George Fox on Sunday were rained out and will be played on April 5 in Salem.

SCHEDULE

Apr. 9, noon,
v. Puget
Sound

Apr. 10, noon,
v. Pacific
Lutheran

Apr. 23-24,
noon, v.
Linfield

Strong showing for track team at WU Invite last weekend

By STEVE FIALA

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With tough competition from over 1000 student athletes, six WU track and field athletes braved their opponents to garner first-place finishes at the Willamette University Invitational last Friday and Saturday.

Junior Nick Symmonds, a three-time national champion in the 1500 and 800 meters, led the pack of Willamette winners with a first-place finish in the 1500 with a time of 3:47.04, an automatic qualifying time for the national championships. Symmonds finished the race six seconds ahead of his nearest competitor.

"I was a little disappointed with the time, but still pleased with my effort," Symmonds said. "I went out faster than I normally do, but was still able to hold on for the win."

Currently, Symmonds is focusing on building strength through interval training, as well as speed tuning for the 400 meter race that he will run at U of O this weekend and the 800 meter race he will run in two weeks. One of Symmonds' goals for the season is to win the 800 meter and 1500 meter races at Nationals.

"I think I am well on my way to that (winning nationals in the 800 and 1500)," Symmonds said. "I also want to break the school record in the 400 meters, which I'm going to try and do this weekend."

Senior Shannon McGrane, who ran



SAGE NUSBAUM

Two willamette pole vaulters tied for fifth place at the meet.



SAGE NUSBAUM

Junior Nick Symmonds won the men's 1500 meter run with a time of 3:47.04

Track

the 100 hurdles, 400 hurdles, and the 4x400 relay, chalked up another Bearcat win in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:02.78. Freshman Jordyn Smith placed second.

"I was very happy with the meet," McGrane said. "My 400 hurdles race felt very smooth and strong. At WU there are three of us in this race which makes for great training at practice, and we are our only competition."

At the moment McGrane is not only preparing to work on her speed, but also getting a brief overview of the shotput, javelin, high jump and long jump, as she will be competing in the conference heptathlon, coming up on Apr. 11-12.

"My goals for the season are to place in the top four at nationals in the 400 hurdles and run in the 60.0 range," McGrane said. "I would also like our 4x400 to make the finals at nationals."

Senior Nate Matlock, who competed in the hammer throw, shotput and discus, picked up a win in the shotput with a personal best of 50'5 1/2", beating out his nearest competitor by an inch. Matlock also finished second in the hammer throw.

"I was happy with my win, but my discus and hammer did not go so well," Matlock said. "I am really focusing on my strength level right now, which has been steadily improving."

Matlock's goal for the season is to qualify nationally in all three of his throwing events, which he states he is on track to do as long as he keeps improving.

Freshman Ashley Sharratt won in the 3000 meter steeplechase with a time on 12:13.52. Rounding out the Willamette wins is the women's 4x400 relay team composed of McGrane, Smith, sophomore Carly Killam and senior Alicia Andrews. The women bested their competition with a time of 3:53.99.

"Our 4x400 was amazing, as we ran a 3:53.99 this weekend. Last year we didn't get that low until after conference," McGrane said. "It is really exciting to be running those times right now so early in the season."

According to head track and field coach Matt McGuirk, the team's focus over the next few weeks is to stay healthy and sharpen up for the Northwest Conference Championship meet on Apr. 22-23.

"The first team goal is to defend our men's and women's NWC titles. From there we want to qualify as many people as possible for the NCAA Championships and see where we fare in the team race at that meet."

The track team's next race is in Eugene for the Oregon Mini Meet Apr. 9. Then the Bearcats will head to PEU for the NWC Multi-Event Championships Apr. 11 and 12.

ChalkTalk

WOMEN'S TENNIS LOSES ONE, WINS ONE SUNDAY AND MONDAY

The University women's tennis team defeated Whitworth College 9-0 Apr. 4 at noon. The Bearcats swept all doubles and singles matches, and only lost two on the day. Willamette is now 4-4 in the Northwest Conference.

The doubles winners were partners freshman Alaine Anderson and senior Ashley Layton, sophomores Susan Butler and Hannah Johnson and seniors Melody Kerber and Alison Nunamaker.

The team lost by only one against Whitman Apr. 3 with a score of 4-5. Butler and Johnson were Willamette's only doubles win. According to the athletics website Johnson, Nunamaker and Kerber, picked up three wins for the Bearcats in singles.

On Apr. 2 the women's tennis team didn't sweep Northwest Conference opponents Pacific University 9-0 here in Salem. They only lost eight games throughout the entire match. The women next travel to George Fox University on Apr. 7.

MEN'S TENNIS FALLS SHORT IN WEEKEND PLAY

The Willamette men's tennis team lost both matches over the weekend against opponents Whitworth Apr. 2 1-6 and Whitman Apr. 3 1-6. The only winner from the Willamette team on Saturday was freshman Eric MacMillan over Scott Donnell 6-4, 6-1. On Sunday the only win again came from MacMillan. This time he defeated James Truitt 7-5, 6-3.

WILLAMETTE MEN'S GOLF TEAM FINISHES THIRD AT PACIFIC INVITATIONAL

The golf team finished third with a score of 324 just one stroke ahead of the fourth place finisher Puget Sound at the Pacific Invitational last Monday at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains. Junior Dave Eaton finished tied for fifth shooting a 79.

The tournament was cut from 36 to 18 holes due to poor weather conditions. According to the athletics website seniors Rio Kuteira and Kris Hunt each shot 81, freshman Baylor Falk shot 83 and senior Cord Jonson an 84.

Standings

BASEBALL

PLU	(11-1)	(16-8)
George Fox	(13-2)	(20-6)
Linfield	(10-2)	(20-5)
Pacific	(9-6)	(14-9)
Whitworth	(6-6)	(11-9)
Willamette	(6-9)	(10-14)
Puget Sound	(4-8)	(11-11)
Whitman	(1-14)	(3-19)
Lewis & Clark	(0-11)	(8-15-1)

SOFTBALL

Linfield	(13-1)	(20-4-1)
Willamette	(11-1)	(13-5)
PLU	(9-5)	(16-3)
Whitworth	(8-6)	(13-12)
Puget Sound	(6-6)	(13-10)
Pacific	(5-9)	(7-13)
George Fox	(1-13)	(6-19)
Lewis & Clark	(1-13)	(2-20)

MEN'S TENNIS

PLU	(6-0)	(9-0)
Linfield	(5-2)	(5-8)
Whitman	(5-1)	(6-6)
Whitworth	(4-2)	(4-4)
Willamette	(2-3)	(2-3)
Lewis & Clark	(4-4)	(4-4)
Puget Sound	(1-4)	(2-6)
George Fox	(2-6)	(2-6)
Pacific	(0-7)	(0-7)

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Linfield	(8-0)	(9-4)
Puget Sound	(8-1)	(8-1)
PLU	(6-3)	(7-7)
Whitman	(5-3)	(7-9)
Willamette	(4-4)	(7-4)
Whitworth	(3-5)	(6-7)
George Fox	(4-6)	(4-7)
Lewis & Clark	(2-8)	(4-10)
Pacific	(0-10)	(0-12)

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Student athletes suffer from March Madness

Indeed, the month of March poses a mad situation in the college world. For an entire month, college basketball athletes will travel mid-week during mid-terms until the final month of the semester playing basketball in what has become one of the best organized and lucrative events in all of college sports: March Madness.

For years I gathered with friends each weekend to watch the event. In the last decade or so nearly every conference had added an additional week of playing and, of course, revenue with the advent of conference tournaments to the schedule prior to the Big Dance.

But what gets lost in all this "hoopla" is the classes, exams and instruction our student athletes or Athlete Students are missing during the week and on weekends--particularly the top teams

that will make it through several rounds of the tournament. Even those that miss the Big Dance have an opportunity to earn their keep, or scholarship with an invitation to the NIT tournament.

The whole thing is a fine example of what has gone wrong in higher education. Academic emphasis suffers, while American culture's thirst for entertainment is quenched, making the long held point that ours is a culture that is anti-intellectual. I am curious whether the head of the NCAA, Myles Brand, has any plans to curtail the reach of the spring basketball tournaments that now last a full five weeks--nearly one third of the semester!

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March proves positive time for all involved



LINDA AHMED

It's March Madness, baby!

These all too brief five weeks that come every spring allow the country a glimpse of the finest DI talent from across the country in

neatly packaged double headers.

The NCAA, and to some extent the NIT, tournament is a way for schools to gain publicity and revenue as well as provide the students with a feeling that is sadly lacking in our generation and that's school spirit.

The tournament serves as a rally point for college students and alum. It gives viewers a reason to take four hours out of a Saturday afternoon to watch TV and gorge on taco chips.

Not only does the tournament allow viewers to experience skilled basketball, but it provides the student-athletes who play a chance to travel the country and experience a time and a group that will forever shape their memories of college life.

When the men and women who play in the NCAA tournament accept their scholarships or walk on to a team they know what they are getting into.

Not only will they have to meet the demands of academia, but also their coaches. It's unfair to assume that the formula works any other way that school first and sports second. Schools, for the most part, try to accommodate the rigors of the athlete's life by providing team tutors or alternative test times.

The students playing are getting an opportunity to be educated as well as play sports, and whether or not the U.S. as a whole is purely interested in the entertainment factor of the tournament is not the fault of the NCAA chair or the universities themselves.

There is much stronger evidence of fast food destroying the American intellectual culture than basketball.

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IM UPDATE

BASKETBALL MVP'S

Congratulations to Jeff Auxier and Beth Davidson IM 5v5 Basketball MVP's

3:00pm. Sign Up early to reserve your spot! Tournament is on April 24. More info to come soon!

BRACKET WINNERS

Congratulations to Kalan Morinaka. Willamette's IM Bracket Mayhem Champion! Kalan is taking home a X-Box for his picks. Here is his bracket:

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out scores, rosters, schedules and other cool stuff online at the Campus Rec website: www.willamette.edu/dept/campusrec

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign Up Monday, April 11 for IM Softball. Limited to the first 6 teams to register. Registration ends April 20 at

All information provided by Bryan Schmidt, Director of Campus Recreation. He can be reached at <bschmidt>.



BETH DAVIDSON



JEFF AUXIER

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORT

March 27 – April 3, 2005

Campus Safety responded to over 125 calls for service this week.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

March 28, 11:13 a.m. (University Center): Officers responded to a disturbance at the mailroom. A student was arrested after becoming verbally abusive and damaging property.

March 30, 6:20 a.m. (TIUA): Employees reported graffiti on several windows.

March 30, 6:23 a.m. (Matthews Parking Lot): Several vehicles were vandalized with paint.

April 1, 8:39 a.m. (Kaneko Hall): Employees reported a restroom had been vandalized.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

April 1, 11:20 p.m. (Lausanne Hall): WEMS evaluated a student who was feeling ill.

LITTERING

March 29, 11:15 a.m. (Softball Lot): A student left garbage in the lot, next to their vehicle. They were contacted and agreed to clean it up.

MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL

April 1, 11:47 p.m. (Matthews Lot): A student was seen carrying a beer bottle and found to be underage. The alcohol was disposed of.

POLICY VIOLATIONS

March 31, 8:00 p.m. (Off campus): A student provided a false date of birth to an employee in order to obtain alcohol.

THEFT

March 29, 8:50 a.m. (Hatfield Library): A student reported that his laptop computer had been stolen the previous night. He had left it unattended in a study room for a short time.

March 30, 8:05 p.m. (Sparks Parking Lot): A student reported that someone had broken his vehicle window and stolen the stereo.

March 30, 9:40 p.m. (Goudy Commons): Employees discovered someone had damaged a dispenser in the women's restroom and stolen money from it.

April 2, 10:45 a.m. (Executive Building): An employee reported that her wallet had been stolen from her office the previous day. Unauthorized charges were made on her credit cards.

TRESPASS

March 31, 12:31 a.m. (University Center): Two people were trespassed after they were reported to be going through recycling bins.

March 31, 4:35 a.m. (Shepard Parking Lot): A female was arrested for trespass after returning to campus. She had received her second trespass warning earlier the same day.

* If you have information about any of these incidents, please contact Campus Safety.

Classifieds

To place your own classified ad contact Nick Patten at 503.370.6053 or npatten@willamette.edu.

TIUA Peer Tutors Needed - Fall 2005

TIUA is looking for students interested in helping non-native speakers of English with assignments in English classes and with class assignments in content-based electives taught in English during fall semester, 2005. Tutors are expected to work up to 6 hours per week in the Kaneko Learning Center (KLC) located in on the first floor of Kaneko. Tutoring will take place from 7:00PM - 11:00PM Sunday through Thursday. Some training in spring semester and during Opening days in August is required for those who are hired.

Qualifications: Strong interest in working with Japanese speakers of English and a strong academic record; Experience in learning a foreign language, experience living or traveling overseas, and/or previous teaching or tutoring experience is preferred.

Pay: \$8.00 per hour.

Dates: TIUA fall semester follows the same schedule as Willamette University. Applications will be received until Monday, April 11th. Academic credit (.5 or 1.0) is available for service as a peer tutor. Please inquire.

If you have any questions, please contact Prof. Wayne Gregory
Director of Academic Affairs, TIUA - x3306

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<http://www.tiua.edu/about/opportunities.shtml>

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Open microphone and March
Reception in the Cat Cavern afterwards

Willamette women and men come together to break the silence about sexual assault and violence. We mourn the victims and take action as survivors.

Please contact Jessica at jwalker@willamette.edu with any questions.

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