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Art for parties and unrest: A Willamette tour

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When we think of art, we think of museums and exhibits, places where artists gather their work together in a way that practically screams "THIS IS ART, PAY ATTENTION AND YOU'LL BE MORE SOPHISTICATED" (and it's usually true). However, there's another kind of art that seldom gets much attention: the decorative kind. Many times you'll pass by these works crafted by artists breaking their backs (not literally, the art world's not that harsh) to add something to the campus to brighten our lives, not even noticing them. But no longer, I say, shall they be ignored or looked upon with disinterest! It is time, ladies and gentlemen, for art history.

"Two Rocks Dropped into Water" (2008): This is the wire-frame wall-hanging that's near the entrance to Goudy, and I swear to God I thought it was a chicken every single day that I've seen it. It has a very rooster-type shape about it, it looked like it was laying eggs, and I just thought it was a quaint little barnyard art piece. However, this morning I actually read the title of the thing and I realized I had been fooled by

a Picasso-esque genius all along. Touché, Mrs. Artist, touché!

Collection of Wulapalooza posters (1990s-present): Ah Wulapalooza, our school's very own mini-"Woodstock," full of all that rock 'n roll music I hear people listen to these days (myself, I'm content with a wind-up music box that plays "Pop Goes the Weasel," but I guess those aren't selling like they used to).

One of its chief legacies is the collection of advertising posters for past shows that line the walls of Montag; it's quite a trip through time. They range from artwork that was clearly created from a misguided union between Microsoft Word and Paint, to one that almost seems to have been reminiscent of a California pizza place menu, to posters featuring dancing monkeys and a woman with text being exclaimed from her ear, megaphone-style. A hearty applause from me, student rock promoters of old; you did good.

Assorted drawings of robots performing household tasks (2007): Also in Montag, these images were both whimsical and chilling at once when they were first unveiled

three years ago, with a "2001"-style future where technology supplants human labor being combined with an adorable picture of what looks like a desk lamp on wheels, barbequing something. However, we live in a post-"WALL-E" world now, and if that little robot taught us all anything it's this: as long as we can program these robots to have a strong sentimental attachment to the musical "Hello Dolly," we'll be just fine.

The "chicken fountain" (long ago): I could never forget you, old friend/statue of birds. Long the subject of debate, derision and driving directions, the chicken fountain could be studied for years without ever fully understanding it. Why, for example, are the two birds standing on a pile of rocks that are clearly unstable? How come only one of the birds has a nest, which is clearly leaving the other one agitated? And for the love of God, what kind of birds are these?

Of course they're not actually chickens; they don't have that crazy plumage thing going on. I suppose they're eagles, but then why aren't they holding an American flag and whistling the "Star-Spangled Banner" to passers-by, like those talking fish in the supermarket? Actually, that sounds like an

awesome idea. Maybe they're phoenixes, rising from volcanoes to signify the rebirth of the human experience through higher education? Or maybe they're just hummingbirds who got mutated like the Ninja Turtles, I really don't know. However, they still stand proudly, and whether you like the statue or not, you've gotta respect that.

So there's Willamette for you, bringing artistic enlightenment to you all in both classy and goofy ways. Hopefully this little tour has made you think (if only to question how I ever got a job writing for a campus-wide newspaper in the first place). If you want to look for art criticism from people who actually know what they're talking about, however, then I suggest heading over to our lovely archives at willamettecollegian.com. The Arts section has really done consistently stupendous work over the years in supplying culture to our fair school, and it will be well worth your time to read more about it.

As for me, there's that classic saying: old Reviews editors never fade away, they just have to go get real jobs. Have a great summer, everybody!

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MOVIE REVIEW: 'The Back-up Plan' | PG-13

My back-up plan? Unemployment

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Every so often you just want to be entertained. You don't want to think or analyze or even pretend to be paying attention like you do in that 8 a.m. class you have. You just want to kick back and have a good ol' fashion veg session. While you might be able to obtain this from J.Lo's new movie/disaster, "The Back-up Plan," you'll also have to suppress your gag reflex because this movie is all sorts of awful. It's so bad you might even pick your 8 a.m. class over watching this garbage. (But let's be honest, you were probably going to skip that class anyway...)

The massacre begins with bubbly pet shop owner Zoe (Jennifer Lopez) getting artificially inseminated. I'm not even joking. It just starts like that. It's like five minutes of credits and BAM ... sperm. Anyway, after leaving her doctor's office and feeling very optimistic, she has an awkward taxi encounter with an attractive stranger, Stan (Alex O'Loughlin). The two proceed to share some sort of chemistry, at least that's what I think happens. I couldn't see too well since the screen was blocked by J.Lo's abhorrent acting ability. Anyway, soon Zoe begins to fall for this Stan fellow and it's not long before her hopeful pregnancy becomes more of a burden. Will Stan still love her knowing that she's been injected with another man's sperm? Well, obvi-

ously he does, otherwise it would be a really short movie... which probably would not be a bad thing.

Let it be known that the one thing that makes me gag more than this pastel, baby-infested disaster of a movie, is the stomach churning thought of what lies after graduation. Hopefully, not babies. But, seriously, this movie did get me thinking more than I'd like to admit. In fact, all the talk of back-up plans got me thinking about college. Not like college and this movie have anything in common, because people are not nearly that fake in real life and (typically speaking) college isn't a puke-fest. But what if the real world followed the "life in reverse" gimmick like this piece of crap, uh ... movie?

Can you imagine doing college out of order? Would it start with the first all-nighter you pulled or the first time you woke up on the bathroom floor? Would it start with the first time you got accosted by some crazy Salem resident or the first time you got diarrhea from Goudy food? Or maybe it would start with the time you laughed until your sides hurt with your friends or that time you truly appreciated the star trees. But the thing about defining your life by only the exceptional moments is that you might forget the simple ones that lie in between. Like all those moments just sitting in the Bistro or all the late night conversations you've had in lieu of doing homework. Maybe life is like connect-the-dots. Maybe we've got it all wrong and it's not really about getting from point A to point B. Perhaps the fun is not so much in the completion as in the creation.

Ew. Look at me getting all mushy. Okay, enough of that sentimental shit. Let's bring it back to the movie. In the end, if you really want to suffer through this cinematic catastrophe, I have one piece of advice: just like you did at that keg party last weekend, turn off that enormous, Willamette Bearcat thinker of yours and just enjoy yourself.

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Jennifer Lopez stars as a mom to be in the disaster of a movie "The Back-up Plan"

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"The Back-up Plan" (98 min.) is currently playing at:

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For show times and ticket info, call: 503.588.2059

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831 Lancaster Dr.
For show times and ticket info, call: 503.585.8674

Retired but not gone: Professors maintain campus connection

TOM EHREMAN
CONTRIBUTOR

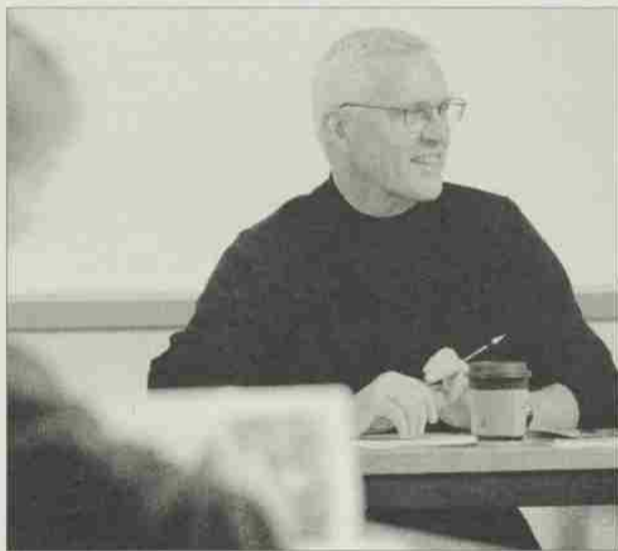
Year after year, the university enjoys the insights and perspectives of some of the most dedicated and knowledgeable professors in their fields. However, as the sun sets on the 2009-2010 school year, the university bears witness to the retirement of Department of Art History Chair Roger Hull, Professor of Spanish Martha Gavilanez-Uggen and Professors of English Linda and Jerry Bowers.

Hull is completing his teaching career this semester after working in the classroom at Willamette for 40 years. Though Hull is retiring from teaching, his career with the university will continue for years to come, as he plans to continue to serve as curator of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art.

As Hull said, "The art historian's work is never done." For Hull, the summer will be filled with research and writing about Portland artist Hank Pander. He will also be preparing for exhibitions that will come to Hallie Ford in 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017.

When asked how he felt about his retirement from teaching, Hull said, "Stepping out of the classroom is a very big step indeed. I will miss that environment and the students tremendously. At the same time, I know that space and time will expand exponentially for me in the years just ahead. Teaching is a privileged profession, but it is also a profession of many routines and responsibilities. Setting those aside at this point is liberating."

Gavilanez-Uggen is also ending her career at the university this semester. She says that after 19 years of teaching here, she has reached retirement age and wants to spend



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JERRY BOWER
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

more time with her twin granddaughters. She also plans to devote more time to her hobbies, which include gardening, yoga and reading.

On the subject of her parting feelings, Gavilanez-Uggen said "I am leaving with mixed emotions as it has truly been an honor and a privilege to teach at Willamette. I will miss most of all the interaction with my students. I am also extremely proud of having started the Quito intensive Spanish program to enable students to finish their language requirement in the summer."

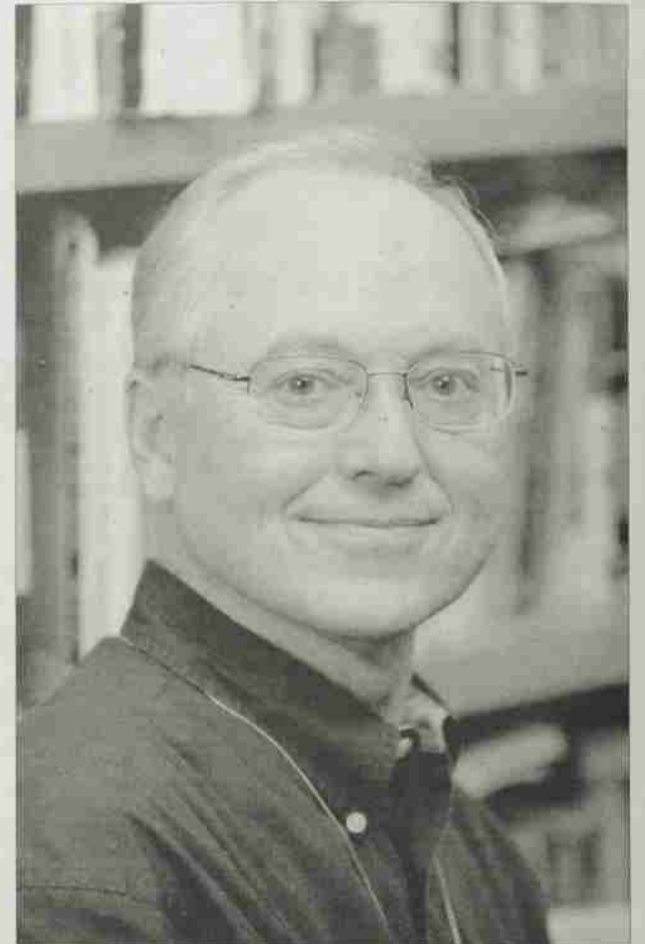
Also among those leaving this year is Linda Bowers, veteran member of the English department. After 47 years of teaching (27 of which were spent at Willamette), she said, "It's time for the next phase of life."

She and her husband, Jerry Bowers, are the founders and volunteer CEOs of the Elizabeth Bowers Zambia Education Fund (EBZEF), "which supports education for women in a remote rural village in northwestern Zambia as well as literacy for the community at large," Linda Bowers said. In her retirement, in addition to catching up on sleep and getting her house and garden in order, Linda Bowers plans to continue to serve in her role at EBZEF.

Linda Bowers said that she definitely feels it is time to retire. "However, I shall miss the bright and eager students at Willamette who have always taught me more than I have ever taught them," Bowers said. "They help me to see the constantly changing world through new eyes, in new ways, providing hope and a new global awareness for the future."

Jerry Bowers is also retiring from teaching. He has been expanding the minds of Willamette students for 39 years and is ready to start the next part of life.

Though he is retiring, Jerry Bowers plans to stay connected to the Willamette community as an professor emeritus, which means he will be retired but active. "Now that I don't have to invest so much time in course preparations, teaching and committee work, I'll be much more free to enjoy some of the lectures, shows and concerts that Willamette makes available to the public."



COURTESY OF FRANK MILLER

Professor Jerry Bowers has been teaching for 39 years.

Jerry Bowers plans to continue managing the EBZEF with his wife "on behalf of the girls in Lumwana West village in Zambia, and so [we] will probably be in Africa for three weeks this summer." Aside from that, Jerry Bowers said he will be catching up on things he has not had time to do before, such as organizing and landscaping on the Bowers' farm, fly-fishing for steelhead and studying tai chi and Chinese philosophy.

Jerry Bowers said he has mixed feelings about his retirement. "I already, since I'm not teaching this spring, miss students and colleagues and feel somewhat nostalgic about my four decades at Willamette. On the other hand, this is a new phase of life and I'm quite excited to begin reading and writing more broadly now that the constraints of my career are no longer there. I don't really feel as though I'm leaving Willamette; rather, I feel like I'll be enjoying Willamette more than ever – just from a different angle."

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Dorms used throughout summer for conferences

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Ever wonder what happens on campus while students are away? There are a variety of reasons why students are supposed to vacate dorms promptly after spring semester comes to a close.

According to Director of Residential Services Cheryl Todd, the dorms are used by a number of programs during the summer. "The Saturday before Commencement, the TIUA students move to Kaneko Commons for their summer session. Their academic calendar differs from ours, and they are in classes until early July," Todd said. However, the TIUA students aren't the only ones who are on campus during the summer.

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ANGIE ANDERSON
SCHEDULING COORDINATOR, EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

"The day after we close the residence halls for graduating seniors, we turn over the buildings, keys and all, to summer conferences. The first conference group arrives on Thursday, May 21, and the last conference leaves the weekend before athletes return in August," Todd said.

The dorms get a lot of use over the school year, so once students leave, the university has the opportunity to do in depth cleaning, repairs and maintenance. "The dorms are primarily used during the summer to accommodate overnight conferences, but it is also a convenient time for the Facilities Department to clean and do maintenance on the dorms, as well as repair damages that may have occurred during the school year.

Some of the apartments on campus are also used to house summer interns," Scheduling Coordinator for Events and Conferences Angie Anderson said.

The overnight conferences vary, and there are many groups that come to campus over the summer and use the dorms. "We have groups that range in size from 20 to 300, from ages of 12 to 75 and people that come from all over the world. Some of the annual conferences that visit campus include Young Musicians & Artists (YMA), Vogelsinger Soccer, the International Debate Tournament of Champions, Oregon Girls State and the Oregon-Idaho Annual Methodist Conference," Anderson said.

While almost all of the student housing facilities are used, the sorority houses are the exception. "All the dorms and most of the apartments are used over the summer. The one exception is the sorority houses: They are only used for special groups that are affiliated with the sorority chapter that resides in the house. For example, last summer we had a group of former Delta Gamma members that had a

reunion on campus and stayed overnight in the DG house. However, we do not use the sororities to house our regular conferences," Anderson said.

The university is busy with scheduling summer conferences all year round, and there are some groups that schedule annually or well in advance. "There are certain conferences that we expect year after year, and for those, the dorms they need are pretty much reserved each summer until they tell us that they aren't going to come anymore. For one-time or first-time conferences, we can plan out pretty far – for instance, we already have conferences on the books for 2013," Anderson said.

Unfortunately, final schedules can make the time students have to move out feel constrained. "It depends on when your finals are. If you have finals in the beginning of finals of week, then I think, yes, you should have plenty of time. But if you have a final on the last day, I think it is difficult to be out by noon the next day," Lindsay Braunwalder said.

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Jennifer Luecht won Women's Athlete of the Meet after taking first in the 200 and 400-meters.

TRACK & FIELD

Women claim ninth straight NWC title

LUKE RUSSELL
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Trailing George Fox by 28 points after the first day of action on Friday, Willamette women's track and field rallied on Saturday, winning their ninth consecutive Northwest Conference championship. The Bearcats finished with 161 points, edging second-place GFU (156) in the closest finish in NWC history. Willamette's men's team, however, placed second.

Senior Jennifer Luecht shared Women's Athlete of the Meet honors by helping fuel the Bearcats' comeback, winning the 200-meter dash in 25.36 seconds and the 400-meter dash in 57.30 seconds. Luecht won the 200-meter each of her four years at Willamette,

and has claimed the last two 400-meter titles. Including relays, she is a 10-time conference champion.

Sophomore Kimber Mattox also gained two victories for Willamette, easily winning the women's 3000-meter steeplechase on Friday with a time of 11:36.44, as well as taking home the 1500-meter title with a time of 4:44.11.

Bearcat freshman Rachel Siebuhr took first in the triple jump, recording a personal-best 36' 2" to win by two and a half inches. Fellow freshman Erynn Rebol won the 800-meter with a time of 2:22.34 and another freshman, Theresa Edwards, finished second in 2:22.60.

Willamette also won the women's 4 x 400 relay with a time of 4:01.88. The Bearcats led the entire race and finished

almost three seconds ahead of second place George Fox.

On the men's side, sophomore Paul Winger claimed two events for the 'Cats, winning the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash - his second title in the 400 - with times of 21.98 seconds and 48.98 seconds, respectively.

The Bearcat men also claimed victories in both the 4 x 100 and 4 x 400 relay events. Willamette finished the 4 x 100 in 42.11 seconds while the Bearcats' 4 x 400 team won in 3:20.03.

In the 1500-meter, junior Stefan Redfield finished second in 3:58.54, followed by sophomore Leo Castillo's third place finish in 3:59.47.

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SOFTBALL

Bearcats hope for NCAA berth

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After dropping four games to Linfield* two weeks ago, Willamette softball bounced back this weekend, winning all four games against Whitworth and splitting Monday's doubleheader with Pacific Lutheran. With the regular season completed, the Bearcats (28-12, 20-8 NWC) still have hopes to receive their first ever NCAA tournament bid.

"There is still a decent chance that we could make the playoffs," sophomore Jessie Barry said. "We're hoping to get that chance ... we've overcome a lot of obstacles and proved to a lot of people how good we really can be."

Willamette swept four close games against Whitworth on Saturday and Sunday, winning 11-10, 4-1, 5-4 and 6-2. In Saturday's 11-10 thriller, the 'Cats were up 11-4 in the top of the seventh, but the Pirates (18-18, 12-16) were able to muster six runs before Bri Compton induced a game-ending double play.

"We just took it one game at a time," Barry said. "We had to really focus on playing our game."

On Monday, Willamette stayed at home for two make-up games against Pacific Lutheran. The first game was tied up 0-0 until the fourth, when Talissa Huntsman hit a two out, two run single to give the Bearcats the lead. Alex Watilo was nearly perfect from the circle, pitching a two-hit shutout, while Willamette was able to produce two more runs for a 4-0 win.

But the second game, a 6-5 loss, was a heartbreaker. Down three in the bottom of the seventh inning, the Bearcats' rally came up just short. Sophomore Nichole Robertson led the Bearcats' offensive attack, going 2-2 in the game with two RBIs.

For the second straight year, the Bearcats finished the regular season in second place in the NWC, seven games behind champion Linfield. Willamette bids farewell to just one senior, first baseman Nicole Wallace, who started every game in the 2010 season, finishing with a .302 batting average, 32 hits and one homerun on the year.

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BASEBALL

'Cats bats come alive against Pirates

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STAFF WRITER

Since being swept by NAIA powerhouse Lewis-Clark State, Willamette baseball has improved significantly, going 5-2 while scoring 86 runs.

"Performing well against Lewis-Clark State, who had seven or eight draftable arms, gave our guys the confidence to hit against anyone," head coach Aaron Swick said. "I think that's been a big factor the past several games."

Three of those games came last weekend against visiting Whitworth. The Bearcats (14-20, 10-11 NWC) came out hot on Saturday, sweeping the doubleheader. In game one, the Pirates put up two runs in the first inning, but Willamette loaded the bases themselves on a Mitchell Rowan single and back-to-back walks. Rowan stole home on a wild pitch, and TC Lee's single drove in Derek Collins and Sky Kelly to put Willamette up 3-2.

Rowan had an outstanding game, going 4-4, and a leadoff double by the designated hitter sparked a two-run third for the Bearcats. A single in the sixth scored Eli Kass, and after being intentionally walked in the eighth, Rowan scored the winning

run on Max Stepan's double to give Willamette a 9-8 win.

"Mitch had an outstanding weekend, it was really a blast to watch him play," Swick said. "He's our best hitter, and he shows it game in and out."

Willamette's bats heated up even more during game two. After Whitworth (10-27, 7-14) again scored twice in the top of the first, the 'Cats stormed back with four runs of their own. The red-hot Rowan drove in Tyson Giza with a single to centerfield, Kelly's single scored Doug Bloom, and Dylan Summers hit a monster double to center field that drove in two more runs. Willamette did not look back from there, as eight Bearcats earned at least one RBI in an 18-8 blowout win.

But Willamette's pitching fell apart in game three, as the Bearcats blew a 13-9 sixth inning lead losing 15-14. Rowan came within inches of a game-winning hit with two outs and the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, but Whitworth outfielder Dan Beler made a spectacular, game-ending diving catch in left field.

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next up

Wednesday, April 28

Baseball @ Pacific, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, April 30

Rowing: WIRA Championships @ Rancho Cordova, CA, 8:00 a.m.

Track & Field @ Oregon Relays Eugene, OR, TBA

Saturday, May 1

Rowing: WIRA Championships @ Rancho Cordova, CA, 8:00 a.m.

Baseball @ Puget Sound (DH), 12:00 p.m.

Track & Field @ Oregon Relays Eugene, OR, TBA

Sunday, May 2

Rowing: WIRA Championships @ Lake Natoma, Rancho Cordova, CA, 8:00 a.m.

Baseball @ Puget Sound (DH), 12:00 p.m.

Track & Field: WU Multi-Event @ Charles Bowles Track/McCulloch Stadium, TBA

Monday, May 3

Track & Field: WU Multi-Event @ Charles Bowles Track/McCulloch Stadium, TBA

Saturday, May 8

Track & Field @ Oregon Twilight Eugene, OR, TBA

Tuesday, May 18

Track & Field: WU Last Chance @ Charles Bowles Track/McCulloch Stadium, 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 25 - Saturday, May 29

Women's Rowing: NCAA Championships @ Lake Natoma, Rancho Cordova, CA, TBA

Thursday, May 27 - Saturday, May 29

Track & Field: NCAA Championships @ Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, OH, TBA

Thursday, June 3 - Sunday, June 6

Rowing: IRA Championships @ Worcester, MA, TBA

super quick shots

Bearcat women.

GOLF

Willamette's men's and women's golf teams competed in the NWC championships last weekend. Both Bearcat squads finished eighth, while Whitworth took both team titles. Robbie Beard shot a 164 (+20), good enough for 20th place on the men's side, while Haylee Chung's 178 (+35) placed her 28th overall to lead the

TENNIS

Both the men and the women wrapped up their seasons at the Ojai Tournament in Ojai, California last Saturday. Freshman Joshua Wong and junior Natalia Agarycheva each reached the round of 16 at the prestigious tournament, finishing their seasons with records of 16-6 and 20-3, respectively.

NWC STANDINGS AS OF APRIL 28, 2010	Baseball		Softball		Men's Track & Field		Women's Track & Field	
	NWC	Overall	NWC	Overall	Points	Points	Points	
#16 Pacific Lutheran	18-3	30-7	#16 Linfield	27-1	266	Willamette	161	
Linfield	17-4	27-10	Willamette	20-8	185	George Fox	156	
George Fox	16-8	23-14	Pacific	18-10	110.5	Whitworth	119.5	
Puget Sound	11-10	18-19	Pacific Lutheran	17-11	89	Linfield	113.5	
Willamette	10-11	14-20	Whitworth	12-16	82.5	Pacific Lutheran	84	
Pacific	10-14	14-24	Puget Sound	11-17	30	Lewis & Clark	81	
Whitworth	7-14	10-27	George Fox	7-21	29	Puget Sound	75	
Lewis & Clark	6-18	9-24	Lewis & Clark	0-28	23	Pacific	23	
Whitman	4-17	5-31						

TOM'S THOUGHTS:

Here at the end of all things

T O M
ACKERMAN

COLUMNIST

Once upon a time, there was a boy. That boy went to college at a humble establishment of higher learning called Willamette University. During matriculation, he found that his candle cup contained not one, but two candles.

Seeing this, the British exchange student sitting next to the boy stated with her authoritative accent that the boy "must be earmarked for greatness." The boy liked the sound of that, so he kept the second candle hidden in his desk in a gross violation of dorm fire safety policy for four whole years.

Meanwhile, the boy proceeded to make friends, get A's and generally kick ass. The boy had many great adventures in college,

including that one time when he chased a car into the Mill Stream and that other time when he saved Halloween and of course that other, other time when he stopped dudes from using the urinals and not flushing. Now that boy is closer to becoming a man, and he is writing his very last column to you, his dear readers, with the "Candle of Greatness" by his side.

Readers, I wanted to leave you all with a truly awesome quote. But I couldn't find any so I decided to make my own. Here it goes: "Laughter is like a box of chocolates: it's gone too soon." Nah, that's too campy. "Laughter is like a really big sword: it gets everyone's attention and diffuses dangerous situations." No, no. "Laughing is like flossing; you probably don't do it enough, but it's good for you." Better, but

nothing deserves to be compared to flossing. "Laughing is like having sex: anyone can do it, but it shouldn't be forced." Too preachy? Ok: "Tom Ackerman is like McDonalds in that he loves to see you smile, but he's unlike McDonalds because he doesn't make you fat."

In all honesty readers, writing for you has been one of my favorite parts of my time here at Willamette. I hope you all enjoyed reading my stuff as much as I enjoyed writing it. And remember, laughter is like our 26th president, Teddy Roosevelt. Just think about it.

Wishing you happiness, love, long life, clean public restrooms, the death of your enemies and all that other good stuff,

Thomas Kirk Ackerman (who promised himself he wouldn't cry)

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ORDERED ORDURE:

Out with a whimper

MICHELLE
K I M

COLUMNIST

I have a pot full of nasturtiums by my window. They're snaking their way up a coat-hanger-turned-trellis with surprising speed and vigor, a fitting candidate for the final sensory impression of my poky little academic career: life, stubborn, tart and oppressively green, strangling what used to be a symbol for preemptive murder.

Or a symbol of hope - virulent and invasive spears of jealous verdure strangling a woman's last resort for freedom. Or, lastly and most likely, just a bored student's attempt to spice up her salads.

They haven't bloomed yet, but they will - I will let them, for food and for pleasure and for a sense of accomplishment. We are the same. We haven't really

done much yet. Our roots at this institution have been bathed in nitrogen-rich fertilizer, mulched over with coffee grounds from the Bistro and encouraged to split the flimsy peat containers we were planted in. We are lush, we are verdant, we are cooling in the shade. We are nothing but leaves and stems. Over-watered cellulose.

So deprive yourselves. Be scorched in the sun; grow hairs and thorns and open your petals to winged strangers with dust on their feet. Let them crawl on the dearest and deepest parts of you and grin when you swell and grow bald, because soon, if you are lucky, a man in white will split you open with the end of his knife and serve you (pitted and peeled and lightly grilled) to a parlor full of guests.

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WITH GOOD PENMANSHIP:

Every end is a start

M A T T
PITCHFORD

COLUMNIST

I have noticed that as we journey through our daily lives, it is remarkably difficult to maintain an accurate perspective. Here at college, we are asked to be fully immersed within a place - filled with its own processes, idiosyncrasies and culture - yet maintain a realistic outlook on the entire procedure. We are asked to be in college and yet be aware that college is not the ultimate expression of who we are, what we can learn or what we care about.

With the inevitable changes and challenges of this summer, (and for many, the conclusion of academics at this university) I am oftentimes a little concerned. New things are coming and old things are fading away. It is not exactly comfortable ... but it is exactly what we need. It's like a breath of cool fresh air when you first step outside. Shocking, but filled with vitality. Here is the perspective that I would, therefore, like to keep as mid-May rolls around:

Life does not begin or end with the college semester.

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(POLITICAL) PARTY ANIMALS:

Not just any university

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COLUMNIST

When I initially proposed a point-counterpoint political column to the *Collegian* last summer, I did it with the hope of promoting positive and balanced political discourse on the Willamette campus. High hopes for a bi-weekly column, but, based on the positive feedback I've received from many readers, I think we have made progress. With that success in mind, I have an even loftier goal for my final *Collegian* article: to raise awareness about a group on campus that deserves respect and tolerance from every member of our community.

As an institution, Willamette has appropriate regulations prohibiting intolerance in its many forms. Unfortunately, as a person with a conservative Christian religious background, I've witnessed firsthand many examples of Willamette professors and students inadvertently

offending and silencing Christians through intolerant remarks. I have heard more than one Willamette community member characterize Christians as naive, intolerant or "fundamentalists," and know others who have had similar experiences. It is unacceptable that Christians on this campus are put in situations where they feel they must keep quiet about their beliefs for fear of being belittled or ridiculed.

Sometimes, I think that part of the problem goes back to the idea of Christian Privilege. While I will heartily agree that there are countless situations where Christian beliefs are privileged above those of other religions, I fear that people use this idea to excuse intolerance toward Christians. It's as though people think it's acceptable to ridicule Christians just because there have been many unfortunate examples of Christians misusing the church as a tool to oppress others. They seem to think that Christians "deserve it." At other

times, I think community members simply forget that there are some students on this campus who would take offense to such comments.

What I, and other Willamette Christians, hope for is an effort on the part of all Willamette community members to make a conscious effort not to allow what I would consider examples of "bad" Christians (those who claim to be Christians and then harm others through hateful words and deeds) to color their view of a large and diverse group of people. It's time for individual community members to check their prejudices at the door and make certain that tolerance is extended to people from all walks of life.

In spite of this problem, there is no love lost between WU and me. Any university might face similar issues, but Willamette isn't just any university, and I know we can do better.

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CAMPUS SAFETY
REPORTAPRIL 11 - APRIL 17, 2010
Information provided by Campus Safety

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

- ▶ April 19, 1:33 p.m. (Doney Hall): An employee reported offensive graffiti on the second floor of Doney Hall. Custodial cleaned it up.
- ▶ April 19, 10:37 a.m. (Sigma Alpha Epsilon): An employee reported used condoms littering the ground outside of a room of the fraternity. The cost of cleanup was \$150 due to biohazard.
- ▶ April 21, 7:32 a.m. (Tokyo International University): An employee reported there had been damage to a cherry tree. The cost to replace the tree is \$200.
- ▶ April 22, 7:30 a.m. (Matthews Hall): An employee called to report a broken window. A contractor was notified to come repair it. There was no indication of who broke the window or how it was broken.
- ▶ April 22, 10:30 a.m. (Sparks Center): Three upholstered chairs belonging to the University were found on the west side of the building. They had been used to reach a higher area of the building to draw with chalk. Facilities was contacted to clean up the chalk; the chairs may be permanently damaged.

▶ April 22, 7:30 a.m. (Ford Hall): An employee reported that the door to the second floor patio appeared to have parts missing. A work order was submitted to fix the door.

▶ April 24, 5:30 p.m. (Kaneko Commons): An employee reported that two trees on the West side of Kaneko facing the train station had been dug up and moved to the sidewalk. Photos were taken of the damage.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

▶ April 24, 12:04 a.m. (Sigma Chi): Campus Safety received a report of a student who had collapsed. WEMS moved the student from outside Sigma Chi to inside Ford Hall for evaluation. Her condition improved and she signed the WEMS release waiver.

▶ April 24, 7:58 p.m. (Delta Gamma): A student called to report that another student had fallen and possibly hurt her foot. Campus Safety and WEMS evaluated the injury and suggested treatment, and told the student to call and ask for an escort to the hospital if she desired one. Later, the student requested a ride and was escorted to the E.R.

INITIATING A FALSE REPORT

▶ April 21, 9:48 p.m. (University Center): A student attending a function set off a pull station alarm on the second floor.

POLICY VIOLATION

▶ April 18, 12:42 a.m. (Doney Parking Lot): Campus Safety officers observed students drinking on a bench by the millstream. When

approached, one student would not identify herself. After the student continually refused to cooperate, Salem Police was contacted. The police officer arrested the student and took her to the Marion County jail after she refused to cooperate.

▶ April 18, 12:42 a.m. (Doney Parking Lot): A student associated in the previous report became upset that his friend had been arrested. He became increasingly upset and made comments that caused the officers to be concerned about his mental health. The student was transported to Salem Hospital for evaluation.

▶ April 20, 11:00 a.m. (Kaneko Commons): An employee reported finding beer in the first-floor lounge near the C Wing. The officer confiscated the beer and disposed of it.

▶ April 24, 12:45 a.m. (Sigma Chi): An employee supervising the dance at Sigma Chi found a beer-saturated backpack in a hallway. The backpack was turned over to Campus Safety. The owner of the backpack was identified.

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

▶ April 20, 4:34 p.m. (Haseldorf Apartments): An employee reported seeing people smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette out of a window in the apartments. The officers made contact with the students in the room and the students admitted to smoking marijuana.

SEXUAL ASSAULT

▶ Last Week (In a Campus Residence): A stu-

dent reported being sexually assaulted by another student.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

▶ April 24, 12:01 a.m. (Sparks Center): An officer on patrol noticed three children in the Sparks pool and two adults at the Sparks Center. The officer made contact with one of the adults, an employee, and informed him that no one is permitted in the building when it is closed. They cooperated and promptly left.

THEFT

▶ April 19, 11:30 a.m. (Belknap Hall): A student came into Campus Safety to report the theft of sixty dollars and her hair dryer. It was later discovered that the door does not lock properly. A work order was submitted to fix the door.

▶ April 19, 12:20 p.m. (Smullin Hall): An employee and student reported the theft of a laptop and cell phone from an office. WITS was notified, and the victims were given Salem P.D. contact information. Salem Police caught the suspects and the stolen items were returned.

▶ April 19, 5:21 p.m. (The Quad): A student came into the office to report the theft of a t-shirt from the Clothes Line Project in front of Eaton Hall. Another student admitted to the theft in an email and returned the shirt.

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