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Opening Days hits Willamette



The entire freshmen class plays an ice-breaker game in brown field

By **CARRIE CARLSON**
Editor

Five days before classes began, the campus was rocking with activity. Over 400 fresh faced freshmen straight out of high school filled

Willamette's lawns and buildings as a part of their Opening Days activities. Opening Days is a new student orientation program that gives freshmen and transfer students a chance to explore the campus before the rest of the student body returns.

Students also registered for classes and began attending World Views sessions. They had the opportunity to settle into their dorms and make new acquaintances long before classes began. This year, Opening Days began on Thursday August 27 and ran through Monday August 31.

The 40 members of the Opening Days staff consisted of upperclassmen who spent the summer putting together many of the activities. Lisa Jones, Director of Student Activities, and David Martinez, Assistant Director of Student Activities, over-

saw the entire preparation to welcome the freshman. Sterling Yates, Opening Days Coordinator, was also instrumental in making opening days a success this year.

He worked on Opening Days the entire summer, and made sure that everything ran smoothly. After students had checked in, the program began with a Welcome by President Pelton and other important members of the Willamette community. The rest of the first day was spent at the campus picnic, an Orientation Group Session and, best of all, WU-WHO, "a favorite Opening Days Activity".

Through the course of the five days, students attended several more orientation group sessions, World Views sessions, several academic advising sessions and other important meetings such as student employment, financial aid and Greek Life. Students had the chance to take placement tests for foreign languages and math as well as music and theatre auditions.

Parents also attended sessions on the transitions facing students and



Bearcat John leading cheer

parents, residence life and many more.

Opening Days was intended to help the students and their families feel comfortable with the Willamette community without the stress of classes to deal with.

When the first day of classes rolled around, Willamette had already become home for freshman.

experience make her a wonderful choice," Pelton said, "I look forward to working with her."

Mantel served as Reed's special assistant to the president and as dean of the faculty from 1993-97.

From 1982 until 1993, she was assistant provost for the graduate studies and research, then chair of the Department of Biology at City College of the City University of New York.

Mantel received her bachelor's degree in biology from Swarthmore College and a master's and doctorate in physiology from the University of Illinois.

Mantel is looking forward to her September start.

"Willamette University is a highly regarded institution, well-positioned to be amongst the

nation's finest liberal arts colleges," Mantel said, "I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with Lee Pelton, the new president, as well as a very gifted faculty."

My time at Reed will be valuable experience as I take on the challenge at Willamette."

The vice president for academic administration at Willamette oversees the departments of integrated technology, the library, registrar's office, financial aid and institutional research, many of the same areas Mantel had responsibilities for at Reed.

Willamette plans on studying the possibility of reorganizing the division of academic administration prior to launching a nationwide search for a permanent vice president.

New graduation requirements for the incoming freshmen class

By **MONA LUQMAN**
Editor

Beginning with this year's freshman class, future Willamette students will experience a newly revamped general education program.

For the last two years, the Willamette faculty has been hard at work studying and revising the current curriculum.

The revisions in the curriculum were approved in May of 1997 to go into effect in the fall of 1998 say University Registrar Paul Olsen.

It has been over 15 years since the curriculum was drastically revised and Olsen believes that in the evolutionary process of general education, such changes occur every 10 to 15 years.

One of the major changes in Willamette education was the elimination of the Bachelor of Science degree.

Instead, all Willamette graduates beginning with the Class of 2002 will earn a bachelor of Arts degree, with the exception of those seeking a Bachelor of Music.

This will mean that all students will in some way or another, be responsible for fulfilling a foreign language requirement.

This can be done by completing the fourth semester of a language or the second semester plus study abroad.

Students also have the option of testing out or getting credit through Advanced Placement Tests.

"Foreign language is a part of the foundation of a liberal arts education," explains Olsen.

He further stated that many of the colleges that Willamette compares itself to, such as Oberlin College and some Ivy League colleges, have all eliminated the BS degree.

Another change that Olsen feels is more fine tuning that anything else is replacing Part A requirements with the six Modes of Inquiry.

While both that Part A requirements and the modes are broad categories of study which allow stu-

dents a chance to experience different disciplinary fields, Olsen believes that the former mainly involved introduction courses to majors.

The part A requirements consisted of the categories: Fine Arts, Humanities, Literature, Natural Science and Social Science.

The categories in the Modes of Inquiry consist of Understanding the Natural World, Creating in the Arts, Analyzing Arguments, Reasons and Value, Viewing Cultures Historically, Interpreting Texts and Understanding Society.

The Part B requirement has been dissolved, however, World Views will remain as will the requirement of four writing centered courses.

Another requirement addition is the two Quantitative and Analytical Reasoning courses.

The first part of this can be fulfilled by such math courses as Techniques of Math, Calculus I and II, among others. Some of the courses that will fulfill the second part are Introduction to Physics, Chemistry and Symbolic Logic.

These changes will not effect any non-freshmen, which includes transfer students.

Transfer students will not be effected until next year, and only then, those who are entering Willamette with only one year of college behind them.

All transfers beginning in the Fall of 2000 will enter under the new graduation requirements.

Olsen believes that the new general education program puts together the best of the BA and BS degrees with more quantitative analysis and foreign language.

These changes will help the university to continue in its mission to offer a liberal arts education that prepares students for life after college.

Olsen urges anyone with questions about the requirements to contact the Registrars Office. The Registrar's office is located on the third floor of the Putnam University Center.

Interim VP of Academic Administration named

Linda Habas Mantel was named as Interim VP for Academic Administration

By **MELANEY MOISAN**
Contributor

President M. Lee Pelton has named Linda Habas Mantel, former professor of biology and dean of the faculty, Reed college, as Willamette's interim vice president for academic administration.

Pelton stressed Mantel's strong academic background and her administrative experience as important factors in the appointment. "I am pleased that Professor Mantel has agreed to accept this important assignment."

Her academic background and the breadth of her administrative

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How to survive and enjoy college life

By Ellie Bayrd
Editor

The first days of college are wonderful. You are scared about everything and at the same time you are excited about your newfound freedom. The great part is that everyone else is feeling the same way.

As freshman most of us had to endure Opening Days and the 'getting to know you games.'

The first days were hectic and weird, but it was nice to have people around to help us along. We learned the Beareat song (never to be heard again) and we enjoyed WU- who. The best part was being introduced to the gourmet cooking of Goudy. After four days of fun, World Views,

and being cuddled by our OD leaders we were introduced to the upperclassmen, and things began to change.

As the days went on we all learned or will learn how to make the most of our time at Willamette.

The most important thing about surviving your first year and the next four is to balance your social life with your school work, without failing at either.

Sophomore Adam Dines advises "Go to class." It may sound simple but sleep and friends will often get in the way, especially on Fridays. As fellow sophomore Carrie Carlson says, "Work hard at school, but don't let school rule your life." You can always study with your friends to

get the best of both worlds.

Another important piece of advice that never seems to be followed is to get your homework/papers done early.

Once you learn how to balance classes, your next job is to survive sharing space with your roommate. Dines suggests, "make friends with your roommate," it will make your life more enjoyable.

Try to respect their space and understand their moods. Start the year off by setting boundaries up with your roommate. If all else fails, switch rooms, don't torture yourself with an uneasy living environment. If you follow the golden rule (treat others as you would like to be treated) things

should work out fine.

A piece of advice from Carlson and Dines is to explore Salem and the surrounding areas. Carlson urges, "try to find the 'Great Outdoors,' Multnomah Falls or Silver Creek are great places to go." Dines recommends that you, "find fun things to do with your Saturdays mornings; rollerblading, biking, walking to Subway." Getting off campus can be a great activity.

Salem may seem to have little to offer, but if you look closely you will find much to do.

Last but not least, Dines advises everyone to, "get involved." It is a great way to meet people and to stay active. Willamette has many extra-

curricular activities to offer. If you check in the paper, your mailbox or at the UC desk you are sure to come across a number of groups looking for new members or an audience.

A problem for some students is getting to know a variety of people.

If you live on the Eastside of campus, you miss out on getting to know people on the Westside or students who live in Kaneko. Make sure you see each dorm and try heading off to Sparks or the Bistro occasionally.

Most of all, while the weather is warm, take time to sit out on Jackson Plaza or the quad. Enjoy your surroundings and the excitement outside.

A guide to the happening music scene around town

By ENTERTAINMENT
Contributor

This is the first run of a sure-to-be-excellent column that will introduce you to the music scene in Salem and elsewhere in Oregon.

First up is the mammoth, huge, gigantic, can't-be-missed event of the fall: Bumbershoot.

This is the 28th year for the Seattle event, a showcase of music, arts, dance, food, and everything else a college student could possibly want to experience over the course of one week-end.

Bumbershoot has once again put together an incredible line up of performances, including such names as Live, Squirrel Nut

Zippers, They Might Be Giants, Harvey Danger, God Lives Underwater, Cracker, (take a breath), Third Eye Blind, Jethro Tull, Sean Lennon, Screaming Trees, Joan Baez, Bonnie Raitt and TONS MORE.

In between all the music, there are all sorts of goodies: like silent films, poetry readings, open mics, circus acts (the famous Circus Ethiopia), clowns, short films, and so much more you wouldn't believe it.

So for a serious sensory-overload, get in your car with some friends and rock on up to the Seattle Center RIGHT NOW.

By the time you get this paper, Bumbershoot will have already started (Opening Ceremonies start today at noon) so get moving!

If you STILL need more info,

pick up a copy of The Rocket (available at the University Center) for full details in a Bumbershoot pullout.

Of course, if the 4-hour drive up to Seattle doesn't sound so good to you, then we've got another offer: the HORDE Festival up at Portland Meadows.

This traveling festival, started by Blues Traveler and in its seventh year, is a good chill-time for folks who want to see some bands.

Blues Traveler has rejoined the tour this year after a season off, and they've brought along some friends: Ben Harper, Barenaked Ladies, and Fastball, to name a few. Kerosene Dream, which played WU last week will be playing at HORDE too.

HORDE Festival starts sometime in the afternoon on Saturday, though the exact time cannot be said, because the woman on the "HORDE Hotline" bored The Kat in the Hat so much that he decided to hang up.

Hopefully that woman will NOT be appearing up at Portland Meadows

Saturday, so boogie on up there for some quality tunes.

If you are still reading this article, you either A) have no car; 2) have no money; Q) don't like music or 9) don't like to have fun. If you fit into the final two categories, please put this newspaper down and go drown yourself in the Mill Stream.

But if you are in the first two categories, read on, because there are some decent shows in Salem

this weekend.

Yes, that's right, IN SALEM. Friday night Tommyjohn's hosts the Radio Flyers, a band that's made a few appearances on WU's campus.

With Tommyjohn's new dance floor and stage area, it's worth a look.

If you're free tomorrow night, Spinning Cabaret will be swinging by Tommyjohn's.

The Kat in the Hat's never seen this band, but with a name like that, it's worth the small cover charge.

PS-Tommyjohn's is 21+, so either be old enough or find a way to be old enough.

Moving onto another 21+ venue, The Pointe (formerly The Night Deposit) continues its tradition of "bluesy-rock" with the Luck Devils on Friday and The K-Jons on Saturday.

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Quito, Ecuador was a city in a country that most people I knew could barely pronounce, let alone find on a map, but a semester studying abroad took me there. The romantic notions of a Latin American country had tugged at my imagination for as long as I can remember. The strong salsa beat, the bright ethnic colors and patterns, the exciting up and down rhythmic flow of Spanish, a language I barely understood, all became a reality one hot day last August. But the component of that culture that had somehow escaped my imagination soon came to be my favorite part: The people. Dark skin, eyes and hair enhanced by a contagious smile that brings light to the darkness. Small statured superseded by bubbling dispositions. Little, quick hands that flutter excitedly with the speed of the language. A plethora of wardrobes, tight modern styles intermixed with faux American brands (often with

the names misspelled), and a touch of native fabric here and there. Long sleeves and pants, in eighty-degree heat, because only Gringos wear shorts. Quito is a crowded and

isolation and solitude. How can I say that this is what the people were like? What makes me an expert to describe or even label their tendencies?

An expert, no, nothing could. Because I lived with a family, yes, perhaps I might know.

But more than anything, I feel I know what they are like because I interacted with the people of Ecuador

for at least two hours everyday, on the bus.

Salem may be part of the first world, and Quito part of the third, but the greatest step in development that the third world has over the first is their mass transportation system.

It is not a result of numerous government studies and surveys to plan and develop an efficient system.

The great transportation system that moves thousands of people has no unified director.

No single corporation calculating schedules and routes. No union, no planning commission, no special retirement plan.

Nevertheless, it is entirely

functional and overwhelmingly useful-- if you have the right attitude.

The right attitude involves a sense of adventure. You must realize that every time you get on a bus, you are taking a leap of faith.

Not only is the length and direction of the ride unpredictable, (meaning the bus might get a flat tire, the route might be diverted because of potholes or spontaneous detours taken to avoid traffic up ahead), but the chances of actually getting to your destination alive seem slim when your driver is dancing to the blaring music, pounding the horn and pulling a precariously sharp corner.

So this faith you put in the driver, and his sidekick money collector, when you board the bus and invest your fifteen cents, is your only insurance that you'll arrive when and where you want.

To the mind of a stuffy American with a fondness for solitary transportation this chaos might sound a little frightening, yet when this mind is opened to absorb the ride for everything it is, the bus ride becomes enjoyable.

When the focus on function and promptness is removed, it can be nothing but an adventure worth

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Mementos

by Emily Middaugh

growing city, filled with people. Young, old, in cars, on buses, in the street bustling in all directions, but not in any hurry.

Everywhere they are living their lives for today, and living every moment the best they can.

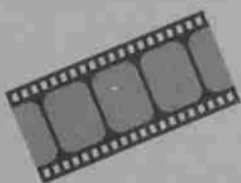
But the people were so much more than this surface description.

They are better characterized by the great personalities that can only come from down South.

An almost innocent inquisitiveness that promotes feelings of tolerance and acceptance to a stranger. Curiosity, a commitment to give, to share to wonder without inhibitions.

A need to be constantly surrounded by others, to abhor

This is the first of what will be a continuing feature in the Collegian. It is intended to showcase the memories of students who have had significant personal experiences in other countries. We welcome any contributions of this nature. Please direct any questions, comments or stories to Emily Middaugh c/o the Collegian through campus mail. Or email me at emiddaugh@willamette.edu



Movie Review

Dead Man on Campus
Directed by: Alan Cohn
Starring:
Tom Everett Scott
Mark-Paul Gosselaar
Poppy Montgomery
Lochlyn Munro
Alyson Hannigan

What better movie to see at the beginning of college. *Dead man on Campus* is a dark and funny look at college life and roommates.

As classes begin at the fictitious Daleman college Josh Miller soon finds out that balancing any social life while attempt-

ing to get straight A's in Pre med classes is impossible.

Josh, played by Tom Everett Scott (*That Thing You Do!*), finds that life gets more complicated when you live with a roommate.

Josh's roommate, a drug using partyman, never seems to go to class and is determined to corrupt Josh. Scott, the outgoing roommate is played by Mark Paul Gosselaar of *Saved by the Bell* fame.

As the two roommates try to pull through the year they seem to fall further behind in studies as they are only spending time getting girls or drinking. When grades come out, Josh finds he needs good grades to keep his scholarship. So they look for a loop hole.

The guys stumble upon an old rule that states that any roommate of a student that commits suicide

will receive all A's regardless of their previous academic standing.

Struck by desperation the boys search out Mr. X, the college student most likely to commit suicide.

As the movie progresses the search becomes an obsession. Josh and Scott meet Cliff, a mentally unstable party boy.

Cliff is an outrageous, psychopath intent on causing trouble, though he might end up hurting them before he kills himself.

He is played by Lochlyn Munro and has to be the most entertaining character in the movie.

The remainder of the film consists of the oddball schemes involved with stalking out a suicidal roommate.

The movie is very funny, especially to anyone who has been to a college party or has had a

slightly disturbing roommate experience.

As the second Mtv production it sure make a mark as an Mtv generation movie.

This movie was probably made in hopes that it will appeal to young college aged students, who may or may not have entertained the idea that is central to the movie.

The humor is low level and dark, but it is definitely worth seeing.

Every college student can appreciate the humor of this movie and laugh at the stereotypical characters portrayed.

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-by, Ellie Bayrd

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LETTERS

Lack of meaningful conversations

By JASON FRANCIS
Contributor

Upon returning to Willamette, I couldn't help but judge the book by its cover. Everyone around me seemed to be either some squeaky-clean tight tank top clad Titanic-loving female, or some sweaty shirtless Coors Light-loving jock.

I'll agree the last sentence appears hollow, and that there are certainly exceptions to it, but that whole Twilight Zone-like scene appears to be indicative of a larger problem.

The problem is the insipid nature of the intellectual climate at this university, and with youth all around the country.

Literally boggles my mind how so many people could go to an expensive liberal arts school such as Willamette and yet be so unwilling to engage in the philosophical and political discussions and debates that make small, prestigious institutions such as this one so worth while to attend.

With our country currently engaged in a full-scale nightmare of insanity involving our President, among others, why aren't more of us concerned, why aren't more of us debating the bearing these issues have on our lives?

I sense this feeling with most people my age have a fear of straying from the typical malaise of meaningless, hollow chit-chat that quickly becomes sifted into the bowels of our minds without a second thought.

I was having a discussion with one of my friends the other day about fatalism and its meaning to our everyday life.

A couple of days later, I mentioned that I was attracted to this girl I had just met, and he told me, I'd scare her off with that fate and truth stuff.

It wasn't as if I was foaming at the mouth, I was merely discussing a philosophical issue that deeply interested me.

This fear of depth, this wall of superficiality surrounding so many people I talk to these days saddens me! This all correlates with a recent nosedive in voter turnout and the increasing availability of attention-diverting marvels of technology.

Alas, gone are the glory days of the sixties when for an ever-so brief moment, we all gave a damn about what was going on.

Maybe I'm wrong, but I've always thought that college was much more than just a time to learn a subject that would help me get a job later in life.

I've always relished the opportunity we have to spend four years largely devoted to defining ourselves as individuals.

So many people seem like they are majoring in math and science these days. Certainly, this is the pragmatic approach, but this is a liberal arts institution!

We have wonderful history, literature, and philosophy teachers that can shed so much more light on the human condition than an understanding of the nitrogen cycle.

I realize I'm being rather naive. The flower children of the 60's did indeed turn into the greed mongers of the 80's. However, it's sad how disinterested so many people have become in the essence of our being as individuals and members of a larger group, and the issues that affect that essence.

I also realize that I'm part of the problem and that I too have yet to fulfill my obligation to explore and become an active participant in issues that really matter.

But it's never too late to turn over a new leaf, and I hope some of you out there realize that obligation as well, and attempt to fill the intellectual void that seems to be widening all-too quickly.

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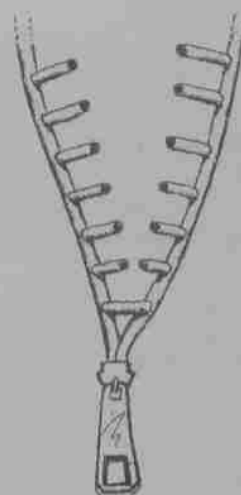
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Salmon survival is a complex issue

By SACHA CRITTENDEN
Contributor

Salmon for dinner, Salmon rights, Salmon hatcheries, Salmon recoveries, and Salmon wars can make a nonnative Oregonian all flabbergasted and confused. Here in the Northwest, salmon are an everyday topic of discussion, but still many of us don't understand what the issues are surrounding salmon.

As thousands of stakeholders fumble to sort out this overharvested precious resource, the rest of us try to sift through the barrage of salmon information and glean the "salmon facts."

Salmon are a vital part of our history, culture and economy. The need to preserve this species is not debated. Each run of salmon is valuable because it is genetically unique from others and adds to the diversity of the species.

Although we have plenty of hatchery-raised salmon, the continuation of the species ultimately depends on healthy wild populations.

In addition, the preservation of

salmon runs is imperative because of the treaties signed with Native American Tribes as well as from the demands of the Endangered Species Act.

It is clear that we need to act now to preserve the last healthy, wild salmon. Unfortunately a few key issues have made the salmon recovery process lengthy and tedious.

Primarily, preservation of the wild salmon runs has focused on cutting the amounts of fish harvested, and not on restoring the salmon's natural habitat.

The surviving salmon at sea rely on an intact ecosystem in order to return to their spawning grounds. However, the habitat of the wild salmon is greatly degraded by the effects of logging, paving, water pollution, and dams, all of which are regular practices in the Northwest.

Controlling the amount of fishing is important, but saving the wild

salmon population also means restoring the salmon's natural habitat.

A further complication is the issue of salmon crossing international boundaries between Canada and the United States. Both Canada and the US claim the other has overharvested and depleted the returning stock.

The 1998 debates have subsided and the dust has cleared leaving an agreement between Canada and both Washington and Oregon. Alaska would not agree to the terms that Canada has set. This lack of agreement could prove disastrous during the approaching fishing season. Salmon in the Northwest is a complex issue. Beyond the arguments, history, responsibility and rights, one thing remains clear: we in the Northwest are quickly losing the salmon.

Because of environmental issues that affect salmon are so broad, it will take the effort of many stakeholders to change their practices soon to save the salmon.

"I can be flexiable as long as its structured" - Willamette Alumni

Diversity is the key to personal Growth

By MICHAEL MANGAN
Editor

When I first spoke with an admissions counselor I was told that although the Willamette campus may appear homogenous, however there is a diversity of mind present.

My first impression upon arriving here left me dubious. I was not, however, willing to give up on a school I had moved 3,000 miles to attend.

After my first semester I began actively searching out diversity. Surprisingly, I was able to find just what I was looking for.

I realized I had closed off my mind to what others had to offer. I had done this because I hold strong beliefs that contradicted what I saw in my peers here at Willamette.

Since I have been on campus I have perhaps connected with the most diverse people on campus. There are many elements to the student body. One of the first people I connected with is a devout Christian. Religion is usually a barrier to friendship, yet in this instance it was not. It has given me great pleasure in developing a friendship with someone whose belief are so different than mine. As many of you know, environmental activism is an important issue in the Northwest.

Some of you may remember my roommate, Jeremy Hall, who is now a Willamette alumni. Jeremy has certainly done his part to challenge this communities beliefs at large. With his bushy hair, polyester pants, and general silliness he has at the very least kept my life interesting.

Although I may not always agree with him, I am always challenged to think about my own beliefs. He was also active enough in this community to keep the administration on their toes. I will always remember with fondness the 70 or so graduating seniors who placed Jeremy's sapling trees on the commencement stage.

Finally, by the start of this semester I have been lucky enough to surround myself with a group of some of the most open-minded people have had the chance to meet. Some are agnostic, some environmentalists, some Christians, some jocks, but all of them help me learn more about myself. This is the most important reason to come to a liberal arts school. To challenge yourself to think and learn about yourself. Willamette students do tend to stay

in their group. This, unfortunately, is a sign of immaturity. It is important to break free of the patterns high school worked so hard to instill in us. There are simply too few of us entering into the academic and personal discourse available out this campus.

This causes new students to become discouraged, and the patterns are continued.

Listening is one of the most difficult skills to learn. I have heard this all my life, yet it has only now begun to make sense.

We all have to live in this world together regardless of our preferences. It may seem easier to shut others out, but it doesn't make life more pleasant. Descartes once said "I think therefore I am." If this is true, and I find it very difficult to disprove, it also requires us to think. An existence based on thinking may be startling to some, but even if wrong can not be bad.

Truth is relative, yet experience is universal. If the student body continues to close themselves off from the experiences of others we will certainly have paid to dearly for ignorance. If there is one thing you take away from your education at Willamette, it should be everything.

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Search for true self exhausted

The highschool shooting here in Oregon has left many of us searching for answers. Where does the problem lie? Is it in the families, the schools themselves, or the individual?

We tend not to address American culture at large, lest we implement ourselves in the problem. If this were an isolated incident we might have been able to chalk it up to family problems, but it isn't. It seems more likely that we should be looking at American society, where it's been and where it's headed.

There seems to be a cultural phenomena causing children to kill children, and maybe we are all responsible, at least inadvertently.

American culture is impoverished by the devious search for the individual. Our model for this search is limited to one cast. The underdog has been the lone American hero since the establishment of the country itself.

Since then our options have been limited to either 'going with, or against the grain'. However we might define it, this simple saying conjures in each of us our only sense of self.

There are certain rules which define the 'underdog', the 'individual', or the one who goes against the grain. Each of us is so innoculated with these rules it

By MICHAEL MANGAN
Editor

hardly seems worth mentioning at all except that we may not see what has always been obvious. All American movies, t.v., stories, music, every aspect of our culture has at its center a one dimensional character; the underdog.

The underdog is always in search of their individuality while facing some adversity. In drama the individual overcomes their adversary, and either lives happily ever after or dies. Comedy is the parody of this.

The individual usually comically fights nonexistent adversaries, and they react with absurdities.

Especially true in current American culture, Americans have been manic in their search for individuality.

We are constantly changing the way we dress, the morals we hold, even the truths we follow in our search for autonomous self. Although it may be true that we are at the pinnacle of this mania, a look back through history shows it has always been with us.

Our founding literary fathers were on just this search. Thoreau gave up on society, retreating to Walden Pond. Or Keruac giving up on wilderness to embrace

'the road'. No American literature, movie, t.v. show, or play exists without an underdog, a hero. As Joseph Campbell defines it, a hero is an individual who has found their true self. We dream in hero, we breathe individual, and we exude the anger of an underdog.

Movies such as Natural Born Killers illustrate a dire need to become an individual. It is frightening to discover through our own art what level we may be driven to in our search.

This is not to suggest that there is no value in being an individual. Its simply meant to ask, what other options are there in life? There must be some way to at least step back from this hero paradigm. This question is problematic because it is still attempts to search for an identity.

With that aside, there may be a correlation between our search for individuality and shootings by teenagers.

Teens are the most vulnerable to social pressure. They are also the most directly involved in the search for an identity. These two factors, along with many other smaller pressures, could push students toward violence.

Everything said, as an academic community it may be our responsibility to search out and develop truly genuine identities.

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SEPTEMBER

- 12 Colorado College
Colorado Springs ... 1:30
19 Humboldt State
Arcata California ... 2:00
26 Central Washington (H)
Salem ... 1:30

Cross Country

Head coach: Kelly Sullivan
Home courses: Bush's Pasture Park

SEPTEMBER

- 19 Big Cross Invitational
Pasco, Washington ... 10:00

Volleyball

Head coach: Marlene Piper
Home Court: Cone Field

AUGUST

- 27 Chemeketa CC
Salem (WU) ... 5:00

SEPTEMBER

- 4-5 UC-Santa Cruz Invitational
Santa Cruz, Calif ... all day
9 Linfield*
McMinnville ... 7:00
16 Puget Sound*
Tacoma, Washington ... 7:00
18 Whitworth*
Salem ... 7:00
19 Whitman*
Salem ... 2:00
23 Lewis & Clark*
Portland ... 7:00
25 CSU-Hayward
McMinnville ... 5:00
26 George Fox*
Newberg ... 7:00
30 Pacific*
Salem ... 7:00

* Conference games
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NAIA championship game

Big Mac chases Roger Maris and part of baseball history

By MIKE BENKOSKI
Editor

As the leaves begin to change color and fall to the ground, the Boys of Summer start their final push for the play-off race. This year the baseball play-off race is closer than ever, especially the national league Wild Card race, with New York, Chicago, and San Francisco battling for their lives.

But who cares about who is going to make the play-offs when St. Louis' Mark McGwire is on the verge of baseball immortality?

Mark McGwire is on the brink of breaking Roger Maris' single-season Home Run record and the world's eyes are focused on Big Mac.

Big Mac is in pursuit of the greatest record in baseball, if not in all sports. There is no greater measurement of power and sheer ability than the Home Run. The epitome of baseball is the home run and what every fan wants to see is the long ball.

After being traded from the Oakland A's, McGwire ended his season with an astonishing 58 dingers. Interest was sparked and fans were excited to see what would unfold next season.

Well, the next season has come and has almost gone, and Big Mac has gone yard 59 times already. With over twenty games left Mac only has to leave the yard two times to tie the record and three to break it.

Perhaps overlooked in this whole event is the importance of other ball players and their role in Big Mac's pursuit of the record. Sammy Sosa has played a huge role in keeping the pressure off of Mac. His 56 home runs have helped channel some of the public and media's attention off of McGwire. Roger Maris had Mickey Mantle to help take off the pressure for awhile, and Sosa is there for Mac. Without Sosa, McGwire may have lost his hair in clumps like Maris. Ken Griffey Jr. also brought a third man into the mix to add to the diversion.

Another player who doesn't receive a lot of credit is Juan Gonzales. Although he has faded and his run at the RBI record is lost, in the early and mid part of the season a lot of the media and public were interested in his pursuit of

Hack Wilson's Single season RBI record.

But perhaps more important to baseball is the interest gained by McGwire's chase. McGwire's raw home run hitting capability has brought the dying game of baseball back to life.

After a money grubbing strike, baseball had lost many of its loyal supporters and attendance was down. Fans were disgusted at money hungry players and attitudes. America's pastime was beginning to fade. But all was saved when an enormous man by the name of Mark arrived in St. Louis.

In addition, the record could not be set by a better person. Big Mac has been nothing but positive for the game of baseball.

In the midst of the money hungry era McGwire has been far from completely demanding. Sure he makes the big bucks, but he doesn't whine about it, and he definitely doesn't let it get to his head. Big Mac is far from cocky and he tends to be a mild mannered giant. He works hard in the off season and is loved by almost all of baseball, fans and players.

McGwire's pursuit of baseball immortality is coming to a climatic close and baseball is reaping the benefits from a true baseball god.

New coordinator means new look for Willamette Intramurals

By SPORTS WRITER
Contributor

This year Willamette Intramural activities have a new look, attitude, and coordinator.

Bruce Mace is the new Intramural coordinator and he has brought new views and new life to Willamette.

Mace was Intramural director for three years at Central Washington, and brings experience to the coordinating position. He is looking forward to the personal change and new challenges he will face at Willamette.

Mace already has goals for Intramurals. He was surprised when he arrived by the attitude towards Intramurals, it wasn't a bad attitude,

but it wasn't really understood. Mace sees Intramurals as a relief from academics for students. It is a way to get hard working students' minds off school and relieve stress. Intramurals also provide a good social atmosphere and give students self confidence.

Mace also believes that intramural sports enrich the college experience, and make it more enjoyable.

Mace also saw a lack of sportsmanship and is looking to change that this year. He feels good competition should be appreciated, by both teams and enjoyed by both teams.

So far, Mace has brought about a new ideas and some changes. This year a Fantasy Football League is being started, and a twenty dollar

refundable forfeit deposit is being imposed. This deposit, if collected, will help referees and prevent teams from not showing up to scheduled games.

Mace has scheduled games so students may be in several different Intramural leagues at once.

Also, the Intramural schedule is set so students will have set days for when they will be playing there Intramural games. All these are new changes Mace has instigated.

Mace is also very open to new ideas from students and is always looking for input and feedback about his activities.

He is available to students and looks to use student input to help evolve the Intramural activities at Willamette.

Registration: September 1-16, 1998 or as leagues fill up (whichever happens first)
Location: Student Activities office on the 2nd flr of the UC
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Sept. 21 IM leagues Begin

Women's Soccer

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(12th & Bellevue St.)

SEPTEMBER

- 7 UC-Santa Cruz
Salem ... 11:00
9 Linfield*
Salem ... 5:00
12 Chapman
Thousand oaks, Calif ... 1:00
13 Cal Lutheran
Thousand oaks, Calif ... 1:00
16 George Fox*
Salem ... 5:00
19 Seattle*
Salem ... noon
20 Puget Sound*
Salem ... noon
23 Pacific*
Forest Grove ... 5:00
25 Trinity (Texas)
Salem ... 4:00
27 Pacific Lutheran* (H)
Salem ... noon

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ASWU's officers and their goals to improve WU for 98/99

As we start this new year, we, the officers of ASWU, would like to renew our pledge to you that we will try our hardest to make this year fun and exciting. We are here to serve you and be an advocate for your causes, and hope that you will take advantage of our services. ASWU, or the Associated Students of Willamette University, is composed of all Willamette undergraduate students, including TIUA students. Each spring these students elect executive officers for the upcoming year. The ASWU senate is the governing body of the Associated Students, and is composed of Senators from each living organization, plus five senators representing students living off-campus. ASWU is the sponsor of almost all activities at Willamette, and is the main advocate for students. The ASWU office plans many events and entertainment, finances all student clubs, appoints student representatives to campus committees, lobbies for resources to help students, and voices student concerns. There are five executive officers of ASWU: the President, the Vice-President of the Executive, the Vice President of programming, the Vice-President of Administration, and the Vice-President of Finance. Each of these officers works collectively and within their specific roles to maintain a functioning student body.



ASWU President
Erik Van Hagen



ASWU VP of the Executive
Dustin Buehler



ASWU VP of Programming
LaKisha Clark



ASWU VP of Finance
Nathan Springer



ASWU VP of Administration
Erik Fast

Erik Van Hagen, the President, is a junior politics major originally from San Francisco, California. In his first two years at Willamette, Erik served as a senator from Lausanne Hall; he was also a member of the Finance Board, and the director of the Diversity Task Force. This summer, Erik served worked for the Oregon Student Association (OSA). During his time there, Erik traveled throughout the state to lobby over 40 legislators and candidates about issues surrounding post-secondary education.

He also met with editorial boards of local newspapers and appeared as a guest on several news talk radio programs.

Erik's duties include being ex-officio of all student committees, being the final decision maker for ASWU, and acting as the primary spokesperson for students in the University Administration.

Originally from the small northern Oregon town of Boring, Dustin is active in several Willamette activities while pursuing a double major in politics and History. He is the President of both the debate team and the League of student Voters, and also plays clarinet for several music ensembles on campus. As a previous senator from the University Apartments, and Student Body President of Sam Barlow High School, Dustin is eager to work with the other officers this year to help address and advocate student concerns. His duties center around the ASWU senate, and ASWU communications. Dustin's position was created last year at the same time all other officers were elected with the passage of a bill to amend the constitution. Although Dustin was appointed to his position, in the upcoming years his position will be an elected office.

LaKisha Clark, the Vice President of Programming, is a senior Spanish major and a Biology minor, who graduated from Dallas High School. She is active in Ohana, the Black Student Organization, and chamber choir.

Her duties include planning all ASWU programs and events, everything from movie nights to Black Tie.

She chairs the programming

Nathan Springer, Vice President of Finance, is a junior environmental science and a Spanish major from Portland, Or.

He oversees the Finance Board that allocates funds to student clubs and organizations. He also works with clubs to raise money for their activities and acts as financial advisor for several boards. Nathan served as a senator and a member of the finance board last year.

Erik Fast is the Vice President of Administration, and a sophomore politics major.

He graduated from Dallas High School. He is a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity, and served as a senator from Lausanne, and as a programming board member last year. His duties include directing the office, communications, and senate responsibilities.

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ASWU" web page

By ASWU WRITER
Contributor

During their campaigns for ASWU positions Erik Van Hagen and Erik Fast both promised increased communication with students through a web page aimed to serve them. The web page, www.willamette.edu/aswu, is now up and running. Creating the web page before the year began was one of the top priorities for ASWU during the summer.

The page is geared to inform students, while also providing services that have not previously been easily available. Much of the space on the page is devoted to calendars of events, with the main page containing a calendar of the upcoming week of all campus events, including sports games, registrar's info., music and theatre productions, and much more.

"Our hope is that when students want to know what is happening on campus, this will be the first place they turn to," says ASWU president Van Hagen. ASWU's page also includes information on ASWU's Senate, programming board, elections board and finance board.

"My vision of the page is a place where students can come and plan what they want to attend, find out about getting money for their club, list a concern with Senate or find out how to get involved in the many leadership opportunities that ASWU sponsors," says Fast. If you would like your event to appear on the ASWU calendar, please send an email to aswu@willamette.edu

Mementos

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relishing, and the faith is not ill-invested, because you'll arrive somewhere, perhaps late, but with a broader mind, and few new adventures to think about.

Here are some of the impressionable thoughts that I have brought back with me from Ecuador.

To spend one hour on a bus in Quito would provide enough sensory stimulation to understand why bus rides are so important.

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To stare in disbelief when young mothers carrying children strapped to their backs with shawls, board the moving bus with heavy bags of grain.

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