

WU celebrates African culture

By Justin Much
Statesman Journal

Africa is a rich, diverse continent with 54 countries and a complex cultural makeup as varied as its landscape.

For the eighth straight year, Willamette University's African Studies Club celebrated that diversity Saturday with Africa Market & Dance in the Cat Cavern of the Putnam University Center.

"This is the closing hurrah of Africa Week," said club President Carley Kwiatkowski.

With music, vendors, food and informational reader boards of countries across the continent, education was the event's pri-

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mary goal.

A Bellingham, Wash., native, Kwiatkowski has lived in Kenya and studied in Tanzania, and she was struck by how knowledgeable the people in those countries were of the United States, and how equally uneducated many Americans are about them.

Kwiatkowski acknowledged that the continent has its share of

harsh realities, but the vast spectrum of the huge continent envelops much more than what single-story perspectives often deliver.

"We are trying to counter the stereotypes — poverty and poor people, starvation, war," she said. "It's important to recognize the complexities (of Africa), its history and realities.

"We've come together to hear about Africa and our connection to Africa," she added.

The connection with the continent is deeply meaningful for retired Willamette professors Gerry and Linda Bowers. The Bowers are annual participants who

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Africa Market & Dance event at Willamette Saturday. JUSTIN MUCH / STATESMAN JOURNAL

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nation for the total amount of toxic chemicals released.

Manufacturing, metal mining, electric utilities and hazardous waste facilities must report their release of toxic chemicals to the EPA each year. The EPA publishes a Toxics Release Inventory,

Kindergartners Jocelin Alaniz (left) and Haley Ferry use an iPad at McKinley Elementary School on Wednesday. TIMOTHY J. GONZALEZ / STATESMAN JOURNAL

By **Stefanie Knowlton**
Statesman Journal

Technology was one of the first things to go when the Salem-Keizer School District tightened its belt three years ago, but this year it got a \$500,000 boost.

The Salem-Keizer School Board approved the investment — despite a \$20 million shortfall — to help replace some of the district's aging computers. Nearly one out of five computers was eight years old or

older.

Now those investments are rolling out to schools and classrooms. Most paid to replace 275 desktop computers as well as install three new computer labs and 175 projectors and document cameras.

But about \$50,000 went to teachers who applied for technology grants to improve achievement. The district received 179 applications and awarded 22 grants.

Kindergarten teacher Winter Curry

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See this story at **StatesmanJournal.com/schools** for a photo gallery of student technology and a list of all the grant winners and projects.

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