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Intention and Dialogue

When I first sat down to plan this issue of *The Scene*, I intended to discuss issues of citizenship. Realizing it would come out around election day, I decided to include some thoughts on immigration, a contentious issue in any election year. And with the five year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001, I wanted to examine how higher education has changed since that day.

But as I talked to colleagues on campuses across the nation, I discovered that higher education is much the same (other than changes for campus security and international education), and I began to wonder if people think our lives have changed much at all since that fateful autumn day. So I asked you, *Scene* readers, to write in with your thoughts, intending to publish the handful of letters I expected to received.

Thus began a dialogue with more than 100 of you who wrote in from across the country and around the world wanting to share your thoughts with your fellow alumni and other readers. Clearly, even five years later, the issues surrounding Sept. 11 still strike a chord: We do still care and, equally important, we still feel the need to talk about it.

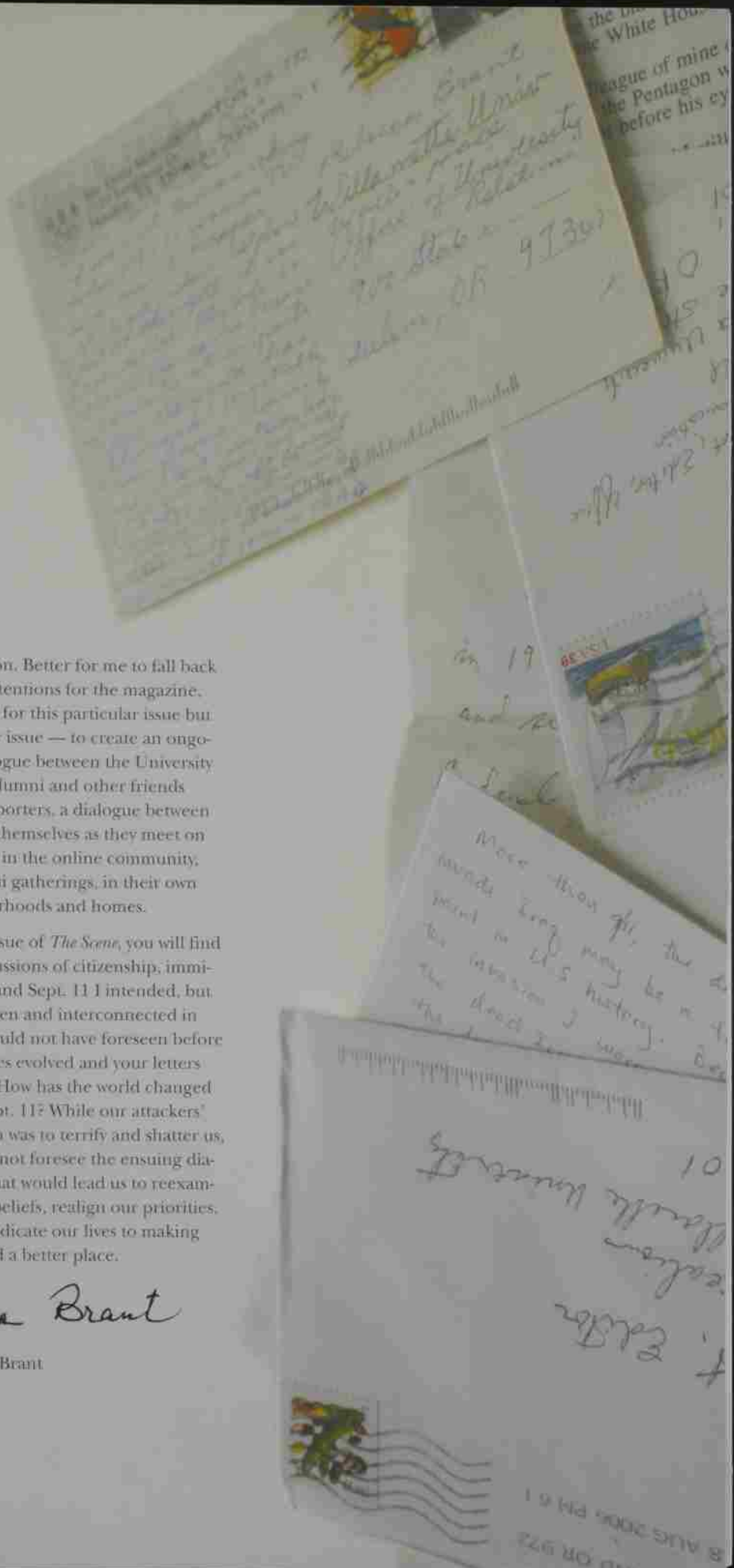
I could add my reflections to yours, but after reading your letters, there was nothing new I could bring to the

discussion. Better for me to fall back to my intentions for the magazine, not only for this particular issue but for every issue — to create an ongoing dialogue between the University and its alumni and other friends and supporters, a dialogue between readers themselves as they meet on campus, in the online community, at alumni gatherings, in their own neighborhoods and homes.

In this issue of *The Scene*, you will find the discussions of citizenship, immigration and Sept. 11 I intended, but interwoven and interconnected in ways I could not have foreseen before the stories evolved and your letters arrived. How has the world changed since Sept. 11? While our attackers' intention was to terrify and shatter us, they did not foresee the ensuing dialogues that would lead us to reexamine our beliefs, realign our priorities, and rededicate our lives to making the world a better place.



Rebecca Brant
Editor



president's letter



We must act — with hope, with conscience and with compassion. As educators and educated people, we all must work for greater understanding between cultures and nations.

September 11: Five Years Later

Although five years have elapsed since September 11, 2001, I remember that day on the Willamette campus with remarkable clarity. The entire campus community convened at noon so that we might reflect on the significance of what had befallen our nation as well as offer support for ourselves, but especially for those who had friends and family in New York City, Washington, D.C., and on those terrible death planes.

Faculty members held regular classes in the morning, offering students the option of either leaving or using class time for open discussion. All afternoon academic activities were suspended. Residence halls held small discussion groups and our counseling staff was visible and vigilant. Students organized a candlelight vigil where they prayed and sang and cried and held hands and hugged each other.

Interestingly, in the four years prior to Sept. 11, Willamette's first-year seminar, *World Views*, had been focused on the Middle East. Every incoming student studied three religions and read parts of the Koran as well as the Bible and the Hebrew Bible. There were a variety of campus cultural events, political speakers and other activities related to the Middle East.

When Sept. 11 occurred, Willamette's *World Views* students were in the midst of the study of Ancient Greece. The following fall, the focus changed to War and its Alternatives, which was perhaps, in part, a response to the aftermath of Sept. 11 and, in part, an enhanced desire to investigate these fundamental questions with our students.

Generally, things have changed for all colleges and universities since Sept. 11, with complex new regulations and security measures. But despite greater scrutiny when applying for visas and a longer processing time, Willamette still attracts a wide variety of international students — this year, Willamette has 63 international students from 28 countries, including Afghanistan, Bulgaria, China, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya and Mongolia. When we ask international students why they selected Willamette, they often say the same thing our American students say: that they felt important here and were struck by the realization that people at Willamette cared deeply about them and their education.

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, remind us that we are part of the involuntary life that makes up the world and that we can neither look out on it from our luxurious shelter nor can we hide our eyes in selfish complaining.

We must act — with hope, with conscience and with compassion. As educators and educated people, we all must work for greater understanding between cultures and nations. We must use education as a tool to debunk myth and shatter prejudice, to strengthen connections between people and cultures, to foster a global culture that does not tolerate or accept violence as a viable means of solving problems.

For this generation of young people, Sept. 11 will forever be a point of reference, a marker — just as a presidential motorcade and a grassy knoll in Dallas, Texas, was a marker for my generation. This edition of *The Scene* features several essays and stories about Sept. 11 and related cultural issues from the perspectives of a diverse group of individuals from the Willamette community. I hope you will find them thought-provoking and insightful.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Lee Pelton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

M. Lee Pelton
President



children need to live lives as productive as they can, and compel them to respect the research that already is well respected.

Melissa Clayman Fountain '77
Sioux Falls, S.D.

✉ As the parent of a 4-year-old boy diagnosed with autism, I read "Wrong" in the latest issue of the Scene, with great interest. Prof. Meredy Goldberg Edelson's research challenging the commonly accepted claim that the majority of individuals with autism are mentally retarded is spot on and precisely the kind of work we parents of autistic children have been waiting for.

These are very uncertain times in the world of autism. Not only is the cause of the disorder unknown, but there is much debate over which treatments parents should implement, which treatments insurance should pay for, and which education models educators should espouse to effectively care for and reach autistic children. You can imagine then how difficult it is for parents to advocate for our children and

get the care and services they need when much of the medical, insurance and education community is operating under the misperceptions fueled by old research and commonly held myths about autism. People harboring these misperceptions underestimate the autistic child's abilities and undermine his efforts to reach his full potential. Prof. Edelson's research supports what many parents of autistic children know to be true: Our children are not mentally retarded, but rather their brains simply process certain types of information differently than the brains of neurotypical children. In the case of autism, "different" means different, not dumb. Hence, an autistic child requires modified teaching methods tailored to his learning style and sensory needs, not a "dumbing down" of existing teaching methods.

I harken back to my days at WU and fondly recall being introduced to the ever-important concept of critical thinking in my World Views class. I also remember a particular philosophy/religion class in which the concept of a paradigm shift was discussed, and I learned how important it is to suspend

previous judgments about what we think we know in order to get closer to the truth, even if doing so means taking a path of greater resistance. These concepts directly apply to the world of autism. New research in the last five to 10 years has sparked a revolution, challenging how we as a society think about and treat autism. Kudos to Prof. Edelson for her critical thinking and contribution to this paradigm shift so that autistic children may be encouraged to reach their full potential and be seen for the very unique, bright individuals they are.

Erika L. Johnson '93
Kalispell, Mont.

Editor's Note: If you are the parent of an autistic child, or are involved in the education or treatment of autistic children, and would like to participate in a follow-up article in a future issue of The Scene, please contact editor Rebecca Brant at rbrant@willamette.edu.

We welcome your letters. Send them to The Scene, Willamette University, 900 State St., Salem, OR 97301 or submit online at www.willamette.edu/scene.

mail bag



✉ Thank you for the Willamette Scene and the new format. It is much more alumni friendly and worth reading and looking at! For those of us who are 50 years or more past graduation, you feel somewhat out of the loop.

Amaryllis Lilles Powell '53, MME'66
Salem, Ore.

✉ I found your squib on Robert Hess/Chuck Bowles (Summer 2006) to be congratulatory and engaging. The University is to be lauded for the Hess commission of the sculpture of Mr. Bowles's likeness for McCulloch Stadium.

But there is another plaudit needed, that of Robert Hess, after some 34 years of enlightenment and artistic giving to the University and the Oregon public. Mr. Hess is, hands down, a remarkable artist. While he might not be asked to sculpt his own tribute, someone should surely do it. His work will be remembered long after those folks who ran laps at McCulloch Stadium.

Terry Melton
Salem, Ore.

✉ I really enjoyed looking through your summer issue, especially your story on Prof. Craig. The photo on pp. 36-37 was wonderful. I love stuff like that in magazines. Keep up the great work.

Jeff Lott
Editor, Swarthmore College Bulletin
Swarthmore, Pa.

✉ I was reading the Scene having just returned from the July wedding of a WU alumna in San Francisco, with several WU alumni in attendance. As I read, I recalled Carson Scholar Chloe Tay '96. In summer 1995, she created choreography for a 1996 dance concert. When I traveled from Salem to Fresno to view the developing choreography, having coached some of the emerging work, I was immediately thankful for Dean Carson's insight and initiative in establishing a program that provided Willamette juniors and seniors with a "truly rare opportunity." Only the Carson Scholars program, under which I was able to sponsor Chloe, allowed that creation to come to fruition.

I feel privileged to have preserved my connection to several WU alumni. I fondly recall my first introduction to the Kresge dance studio in fall 1986. I had descended into the studio early to set up for my first ballet class of the term. A young man was resting there because, he said, there wasn't really anywhere else he could take a break on campus. We chatted a little and it struck me that this was both an exceptional thinker and personable individual. I enjoyed our chat, and he — Eric Freidenwald-Fishman '88 — went on his way, in a big way. He has had many laudable accomplishments, not the least of which was, with the help of John Donovan '88 and under the leadership of then-President Hudson, to establish the Bistro Willamette, which

will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. I hope to stop by the Bistro on Sept. 29 and take a little break, since, thanks to Fishman and Donovan, there is a place on campus to converge.

Susan McFadden
Former Assistant Professor of Dance,
1985-96
Salem, Ore.

✉ I am the parent of a severely autistic child, diagnosed at age 2 (now 12). We were told that although near to 70 percent of children who are autistic are also mentally retarded, our child is very likely not. At the initial diagnosis by a well-respected developmental pediatrician, when we asked "How do we treat him?" he said "Treat him like any other child... He can have a normal life, but you need to start intervention right away." Every specialist (neurologists, psychiatrists, therapists) we have visited have recommended services that would nurture and encourage him to grow in every way. These specialists have not expressed the outdated attitudes described in the article on M. Goldberg [Edelson].

Ms. Goldberg is barking up the wrong tree, or most certainly at the wrong people. Challenging the old school of thought has been done successfully. She will do nothing to save these children by writing intellectual articles to other intellectuals, none of whom will have a speck of impact upon those who are really preventing our children from getting what they need and deserve. Those in the school districts need to apply the current theories, which are not as described in the article.

So if you are going to fight the good fight on behalf of our challenged children, Ms. Goldberg, you need to go to those who refuse to acknowledge and abide by the rules with regard to financial support for the services these chil-

Colloquium Replaces World Views

In addition to their basic first-year courses, this year's freshmen also are taking Music in the Electronic Age, Sexuality and Eroticism in Medieval Europe, Ancient Greece and Rome in the Movies and 34 other classes that make up the new College Colloquium.

The program allows students to pursue a topic of interest while also building a foundation for future study by developing writing, discussion and critical thinking skills. College Colloquium replaces World Views, the previous freshman seminar course where the entire class studied the same theme. Each College Colloquium class is limited to 14 students and lasts one semester. The professors who teach the courses also serve as their students' academic advisors until the students choose their majors.

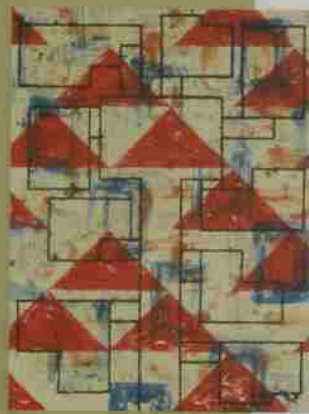


WU Campus Becomes Gallery for Students

In the weeks preceding Commencement, the entire campus became a gallery for students in Prof. Heidi Grew's Advanced Media and Design class. Their public art projects ranged from dozens of open umbrellas suspended near Jackson Plaza to hanging paper lanterns in the stairwells of Eaton Hall. This whimsical cut-paper silhouette — 13' high by 77' long — by studio art major Marcie Kriebel '07 graced the entry of Hudson Hall. As Kriebel said in her artist's statement: "I draw my inspiration from contemporary artist Kara Walker, who is best known for her large-scale black silhouettes that comment on race, gender and sexuality of the antebellum South. My imagery, however, is quite different from Walker's. I like suggesting human characteristics in subtle ways through flora and fauna. We can identify with the moods and expressions they convey. I enjoy including familiar actions and physical features in forms that are clearly not human."

Upcoming Museum Events

An exhibition of contemporary prints created by Native American artists opens Oct. 28 in the Study Gallery at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. The First Crow's Shadow Institute Biennial features artists from the institute, located on the Umatilla Reservation in northeastern Oregon. The Crow's Shadow Institute seeks to create educational and professional opportunities for Native American artists to use their art as a vehicle for economic development. The exhibition closes Dec. 22.

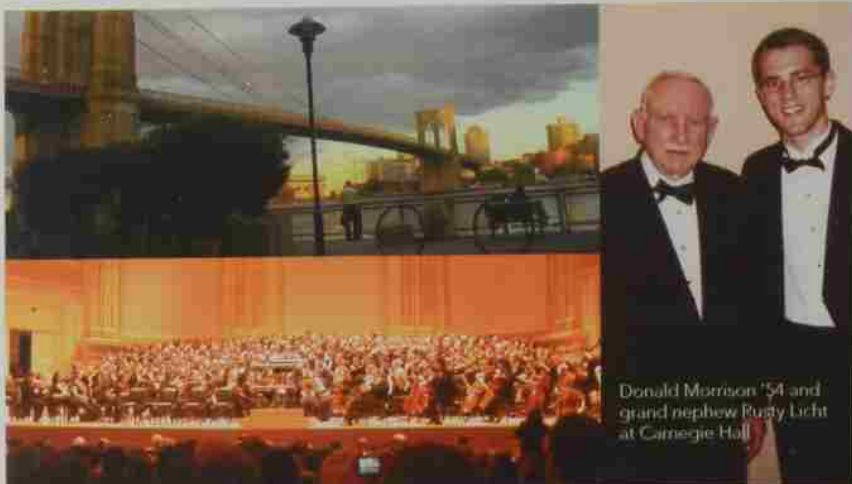


Joe Feddarsen, Wyl Viny, 2003
Photo, Courtesy of Fossilick Gallery

Other museum exhibitions this fall and winter include:

- Recycled Art, regional artists who create works from recycled materials, Melvin Henderson-Rubio Gallery, through Nov. 4
- Fay Jones: Painted Fictions, works of a Seattle narrative and symbolist painter, Melvin Henderson-Rubio Gallery, Nov. 18–Jan. 20
- John Van Dreal: Still Lives and Figures, a Salem painter's work from 2005 and 2006, Study Gallery, Jan. 6–March 3
- George Johanson: Image and Idea, a painter, printmaker and teacher whose work shows the people and vistas of Portland, Melvin Henderson-Rubio Gallery, Feb. 3–March 31

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Donald Morrison '54 and grand nephew Rusty Licht at Carnegie Hall

Singers Draw Standing Ovation at Carnegie Hall

Wallace Long never imagined he would one day be conducting on the stage of Carnegie Hall in New York City. But he was invited to take Willamette's choral groups there last May.

The Willamette Chamber Choir, the Alumni Choir, Master Chorus members and high school and church choirs from the Northwest were joined by Willamette alumni from around the country who flew to New York City to participate. For Dr. Donald Morrison '54, who led his class to Glee championships four years in a row as song director, it was a chance to sing with his grand nephew, former Willamette student Rusty Licht (shown above.)

After more than 11 hours of rehearsal in New York, the group was ready. When the curtain rose, they poured their voices together into a performance that was, for many of them, a high point of their life. Morrison says, "Professor Long brought all these groups together in a wonderful way. I think he made us sing better than some of us were capable of singing." For Long, it was emotional to see generations of students singing together.

New York City audiences know a good thing when they hear it. The choral groups, under Long's direction, have been invited to return.



Campus Bikers Find Pedal Power

Bike racks were full around campus in September as more than 50 staff and faculty joined the Bike Commute Challenge, pedaling to campus through beautiful autumn weather. Willamette has won a regional team award for participation three years in a row. The challenge is sponsored by the Bicycle Transportation Alliance and by Mid-Valley Rideshare and Chemists bus service. "Biking to work is a sustainable, healthy activity that offers a great example to students and a host of benefits to our community," says electronic music professor and guitarist Mike Nord, who serves as campus coordinator.

Grant Funds Molecular Research

Andrew Duncan, a new assistant professor of chemistry, has received a \$30,000 unrestricted research grant from the Camille & Henry Dreyfus Foundation. The Faculty Start-Up Award helps new faculty at primarily undergraduate institutions initiate their independent research programs in chemistry-related fields.

Duncan is one of seven faculty members nationwide to receive the grant. He plans to use the five-year award to study ways to create right- or left-handed forms of molecules, which could help with the synthesis of pharmaceuticals, where molecular "handedness" plays an important role in the interactions of therapeutic compounds with DNA and enzymes in the body.



Students Attend Leadership Institute

Anna Kwan '07 and Elvia Mandujano '07 are among 50 young women nationwide selected to participate in the 2006 Collegiate Women of Color Leadership Development Institute, sponsored by the Foundation for Independent Higher Education and funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The program recruits women of color from 650 private colleges and universities nationwide, with the goal of increasing gender and ethnic diversity in the workplace while teaching leadership skills. Kwan is majoring in Chinese studies, and Mandujano is majoring in English and Spanish.

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Pianist Performs Music with Roots in Africa

The Grace Goudy Distinguished Artist Series featured pianist William Chapman Nyaho Oct. 16 in Hudson Hall. Nyaho, a West African native who often performs in traditional Ghana dress, performed music by composers of African descent from Ghana, Nigeria, Cuba, Jamaica, Egypt, Great Britain and the United States. The compositions were influenced by African tribal music, European classical music and American jazz, blues and spirituals.

Nyaho has performed in Europe, Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and North America. The Oxford University-trained musician has been featured on National Public Radio and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. His CD, "Senku: Piano Music by Composers of African Descent," was named one of the Best of the Year by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Sustainability Retreat: Progress and Goals

Willamette's second annual Sustainability Retreat, held in August, brought 32 participants together to take the pulse of Willamette's efforts at sustainability.

Working groups spent three days assessing how issues of sustainability have been incorporated into (1) curriculum, research and campus culture; (2) energy, water, transportation, food and construction; (3) purchasing and waste; and (4) health and well-being. Each group developed goals, and a roadmap and reach those goals. "This retreat is intended to be the first of many assessments," says Economics Professor Nathan Sivers Boyce. "It's not a one-shot deal, but something we need to look at every year."

The Sustainability Council not only considers environmental decisions and their economic cost, but also accounts for education and equity, looking at how sustainability is incorporated into curriculum and research and whether the University is creating a sustainable campus community based on fairness and social justice.

"This gives us a comprehensive blueprint for the next steps," Sustainability Council Chair Joe Bowersox says. "I think it's becoming clear that this push makes sense for us as an institution, and a lot of decision-makers here are ready to move forward."

The retreat was facilitated by Professors Joe Bowersox, Nathan Sivers Boyce, Karen Arabas and Sue Koger, with assistance from administrative assistant Andrea Carlson. The Sustainability Council was initiated by President Lee Pelton in 2004.



Cultural Heritage Issues Draw International Experts

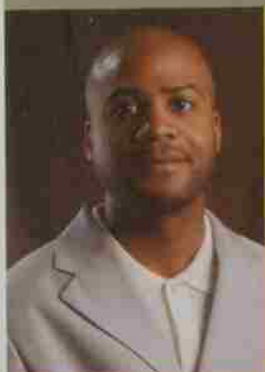
Experts from around the world converged at Willamette in October for Cultural Heritage Issues: The Legacy of Conquest, Colonization and Commerce. The conference included archaeologists, legal scholars, art historians, museum curators and experts from Australia, Canada, Germany, Italy, Nigeria and the United States, including the U.S. State Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The 2003 looting of the Iraqi National Museum generated international discussion about the policies of cultural heritage management. There has been intense debate about how to protect archaeological sites and museums against looters; how to curb illegal trade in stolen art and artifacts; and how to resolve national and international disputes about the repatriation of human remains and artifacts displaced as the result of war, genocide, colonization or commerce. Closer to home, there is debate about whether the 9,000-year-old "Kennewick Man" skeleton, found in Washington state, should be studied by scientists or reburied. The conference provided a forum to discuss the legal and ethical dimensions of these and other cultural heritage issues.

The three-day event was organized by Professors Ann Niegorski, Ortwin Knorr, Scott Pike, David McCreery, James Nafziger and Rebecca Dobkins, and by Hallie Ford Museum Director John Olbrantz.

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Hip-Hop Congress Advocates for Better Dayz



When a dozen students in English Professor Thabiti Lewis' Writing Hip-Hop class delivered their final essays live at the Bistro two years ago, few people took notice. By last April, the Conscious Overdose hip-hop show at Cone Field House drew more than 750 people.

The "conscious" in the title refers to a socially conscious form of hip-hop that is providing an alternative to harder-edged gangsta rap and edging into the runaway sales of pop music's dominant genre. Conscious hip-hop — with roots in the Black Power Movement — focuses on economic justice, educational empowerment and racial equality.

Students across the country have organized the Hip-Hop Congress, a national network that hopes to initiate meaningful campus dialogue about social justice and race relations. With Lewis as advisor, Willamette students organized Oregon's first chapter last spring and have begun the conversation. Their Conscious Overdose event made headlines on several national hip-hop sites.

Willamette Academy to See First Graduates

For five years, Willamette Academy has worked to cultivate leadership and a love of learning in ethnically diverse and economically disadvantaged middle- and high-school students. The goal is to inspire them to attend college. This spring, the academy and its first class of students will reach a major milestone: graduating from high school.

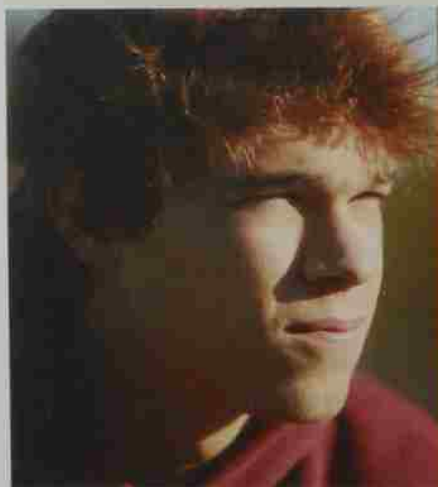
These students and their stories will be featured in the summer issue of *The Scene*, but you can read about them throughout their senior year in our online blog: http://blog.willamette.edu/scene/year_in_the_life/academy.



Kaneko Rolls Out the Welcome Mat

In August, Residence Life staff welcomed the first students to Kaneko Commons, a \$16-million, 151-bed addition to the existing Kaneko Hall. The project — a reinvention of residential living on campus — is a partnership between Willamette and Tokyo International University of America (TIUA). Faculty associates and special events will connect classroom and extracurricular experiences for a more holistic education. Students, faculty and administrators have developed programming relating to core Kaneko themes: sustainability, Japanese culture and service to the neighborhood.

Kaneko Commons will be one of the "greenest" buildings on any college campus, with solar water heating, photovoltaic panels that provide electricity and shade, and a reservoir that will recycle rainwater to flush toilets. An enlarged dining facility and three-story atrium will be open by spring semester, with the dedication slated for January 2007.

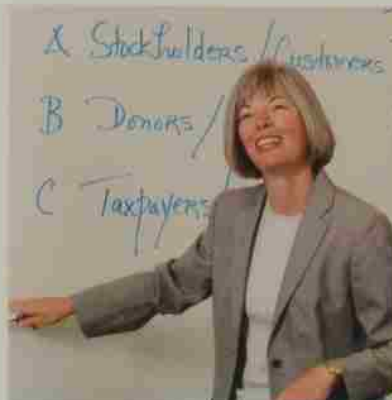


No Stopping Symmonds '06

About a month after breaking the Division III record in the 800 meters at the Tennessee Distance Running Solution, securing himself a top-five national ranking in the event, Nick Symmonds went on to take second in the 800 at the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in June. There he competed against a field populated largely by professional runners and finished just behind veteran Khadevis Robinson. Symmonds' time — 1:45.83 — beat his personal best by 1.5 seconds.

Symmonds later was selected as the 2006 NCAA Division III Male Scholar Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association, and he was named to that association's Men's All-Academic Team for Division III. In mid-August, Symmonds was one of two runners to compete for Team USA in the 800 meters at the Norwich Union International Match in Birmingham, England. He took fifth place.

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Ringold Named Marketing Guru

Debra J. Ringold, professor of marketing at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management, has been named chair of the board of directors for the American Marketing Association, the nation's premier group for marketing professionals. Its 38,000 members include academics, researchers, marketing managers and students. Ringold has been a board member since 2000.

Ringold teaches in public, nonprofit and private-sector marketing, research, communications and public policy. She is just beginning a three-year term as associate editor of the *Journal of Public Policy & Marketing*. Ringold's main research interest is public policy and marketing, especially the way commercial activity is regulated and how that affects consumer behavior.

Keeping the Arts Alive

For eight years Robin Fromherz, assistant professor of education, has worked her grant writing magic to keep the arts alive for fourth graders at Richmond Elementary School in Salem. Thanks to her volunteer work with the Dallas High School theatre department, she is able to borrow props and set backdrops and provide fabric the department then makes into costumes for the players to wear in the big production.

This year, Fromherz and volunteers helped 20 students put on a full-fledged musical production of *Aladdin* in Smith Auditorium in May. Additional grant funds allowed other area school children to attend the two performances and local teachers to return to their classrooms with curriculum packets related to the production, including information on Arabic history and culture.



Law Exceeds Goals Ahead of Schedule

In 2000, the College of Law adopted a long-range plan with quantified goals and benchmarks for the ensuing seven years. Admission goals were to expand the size of the applicant pool; improve the acceptance rate by an average of five points per year (from 74 percent in 2000 to 39 percent by 2007), and to raise the entering class LSAT median (from the 59th national percentile in 2000 to the 65th percentile by 2003 and the 70th by 2007).

To date, the College of Law has exceeded these goals:

- Applications to Willamette increased from 645 in 2000 to 1,556 in 2005, the highest number in the school's history. The number declined to 1,343 in 2006; however, it is still 108.2 percent higher than in 2000 and remains the second highest in the school's history. This increase exceeds by 50 percent the national increase.
- The acceptance rate dropped to the lowest and best point in the school's history in 2005; in 2006 it was two points lower than the goal set for 2007.
- The LSAT median rose from 59.1 percent to 72.2 percent in 2006, with similar improvements at the 75th and 25th percentile points.



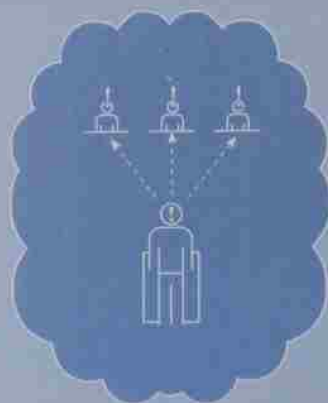
Dean Symeonides Elected to High Offices

College of Law Dean Symeon C. Symeonides was elected vice president of the International Association of Legal Science (IALS). Seated in Paris, the IALS was founded in 1950 under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to

promote the knowledge of foreign laws and the development of legal science around the world. Fifty-one countries and 11 international organizations are active members of the IALS.

Symeonides also was elected president of the American Society of Comparative Law (ASCL), the premier international comparative law organization. The ASCL comprises more than 100 American and foreign law schools. It was founded in 1951 in Washington, D.C., to promote the comparative study of law and the understanding of foreign legal systems and private international law.

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Aspire Exceeds Goals

Now in its third year, the School of Education's Aspire part-time MAT program has exceeded its enrollment goals of 20 students per cohort. Twenty-seven students are enrolled in the 2007 cohort, 21 — and counting: — in the 2008 cohort.

While most students are from the Salem area, others come from Portland, Albany and as far south as Corvallis. The Aspire program allows students to earn a master of arts in teaching degree by attending classes part time for two years.

AGSM Launches New Certificate Program

The Atkinson Graduate School of Management has developed a new program targeting mid-level managers, small-business owners and nonprofit managers seeking additional business experience without the commitment of a degree program. The Certificate in Business Essentials (CBE) is based at the Willamette University Portland Center and can be completed in six months. The program includes six "business essentials" courses: Strategy and the Value Proposition, Operations and Logistics, Marketing and Customer Satisfaction, Financial Management, Leadership and Structure, and Organizational Communications.

This certificate program joins two others offered by AGSM at the Portland Center. The Certificate in Utility Management welcomed its second cohort this fall. The program targets managers in the utility industry seeking additional management training in a multi-sector program. The Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR) Certificate program offers global certification for HR professionals and MBA students.

WUCL Leads the State in Bar Passage

Willamette's law graduates continue to surpass their peers in Oregon State Bar examination passage. Eighty-three percent of the law school's May graduates who took the July 2006 exam passed. The state-wide passage rate among first-time takers was 81.6 percent. Willamette students have exceeded the state average in three of the last four years — once by 11 points.

MBA Student Earns National Honors

Leah Daniels '07 will represent the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at the Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS) Leadership Forum held in Coral Spring, Fla., in November. Daniels was recently awarded a BGS scholarship as well as a place at the forum. Her academic achievement and community service made her a prime candidate for the award, given based on the society's principles of honor, wisdom and earnestness. "Being an effective manager involves service and accountability to both your job and your community," Daniels says.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business; membership is the highest recognition a business student can receive.



Musser Named New SOE Director

Associate Professor Maureen Musser took over this fall as director of the School of Education. Musser has been teaching at Willamette since 1998. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education and the editor of *The Chronicle of Middle Level Education Research*.

Working with the Oregon Middle Level Consortium, Musser has done extensive research on how middle-school teachers have responded to No Child Left Behind mandates. In November, they will present their research at the National Middle School Association's annual conference in Nashville.

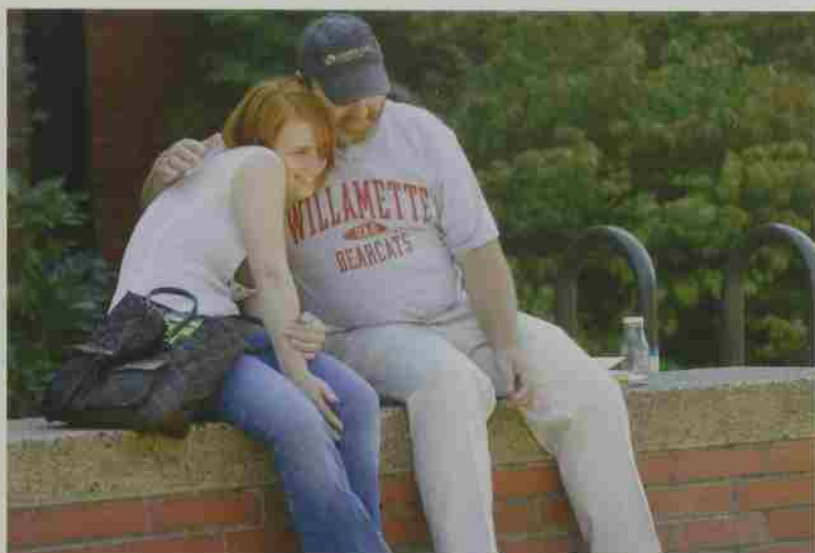


Arrivals... Matriculation 2006

The 481 members of the Class of 2010 list snowboarding, rock climbing, archery, filmmaking and fencing among their favorite free-time pursuits.

The class is 55 percent female and almost 17 percent multicultural. The students come from 34 states, and about one-third are from Oregon. Eighty-two percent went to a public high school, their median GPA is 3.84, and their median combined SAT score is 1,260.

Thirty-seven were valedictorians; 11 were student body presidents; 175 received varsity letters; 35 were editors of their school newspaper, yearbook or magazine; 383 were musicians, actors or public speakers; and 350 were tutors, coaches, church and synagogue leaders or overall community service standouts.



departures & arrivals

Commencement closes one academic year while Matriculation opens the next, as the University bids farewell to the Class of 2006 and welcomes the Class of 2010.

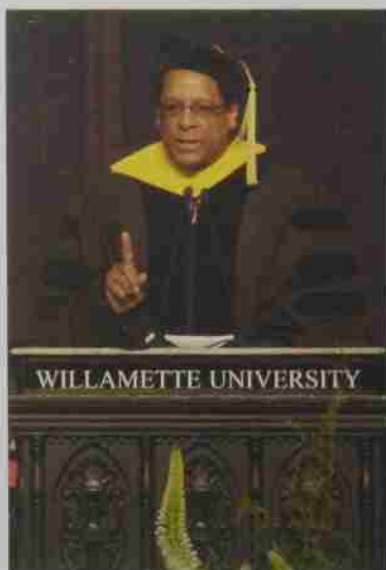
Departures... Commencement 2006

Family, friends, faculty and other supporters gathered May 14 under the big white canopy on the Quad to cheer on the 2006 graduates at Willamette's spring Commencement.

The College of Liberal Arts awarded 304 degrees, and graduates were sent off with the wisdom of Commencement speaker S. Allen Counter (bottom left), director of the Harvard Foundation of Harvard University and a neuro-physiologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Counter also was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree. Philanthropist Catherine B. Reynolds, Los Angeles schoolteacher Rafe Esquith and Columbia Sportswear Company Chairwoman Gertrude Boyle (right center) all were awarded honorary doctor of humane letters degrees.

Fifty-five percent of the Class of 2006 were women, and 53 percent came from places outside Oregon, including 23 other states. The most popular majors were biology, Spanish, English, psychology, politics, sociology, and rhetoric and media studies.

The graduate schools held their ceremonies earlier in the day. The College of Law awarded 137 JD degrees and two LLM degrees, and graduates were addressed by the Honorable Wallace P. Carson Jr., a law alumnus and former chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Reynolds, who developed a privately funded alternative to government student loan programs, was the featured speaker at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management ceremony, during which 59 students received degrees. The School of Education awarded 93 MAT degrees, and Sonia Nieto, a University of Massachusetts education professor and bilingual education scholar, was the featured speaker at the hooding ceremony.





Erin McNicholas
assistant professor of mathematics

"As bell hooks stated, 'The classroom remains the most radical space of possibility ... urging all of us to open our minds and hearts ... so that we can think and rethink, so that we can create.' I strive to create an engaging atmosphere and a place where students can explore new ideas."



Amy L. Ramos, *Lausanne post-doctoral fellow in psychology*

"As an instructor and researcher in cognitive neuroscience, I find great pleasure in sharing my experiences with students. In the classroom, I encourage them to devise their own opinions and ideas and to be critical about new research findings. Optimal teaching takes place only when students are actively practicing the learning process."



Tobias Menely
assistant professor of English

"I encourage my students to find pleasure in stories and poetic language, to read and write as a way to cultivate the self and encounter otherness. I also push them to sharpen their skepticism and recognize how ideology works through an image, narrative or metaphor."



Olympia Vernon, *Hallie Brown Ford Chair in Creative Writing, assistant professor of English*

"A moment between student and teacher is a large stone; with patience, understanding and words of great wisdom, the stone is eventually chiseled into the shape of ageless power."



Peter T. Otto
assistant professor of mathematics

"To share with my students my enthusiasm and love for the beautiful subject of mathematics while also recognizing and addressing the different mathematical needs of students as part of their undergraduate education."



Ivan Welty
assistant professor of philosophy

"My ultimate aim as a philosophy teacher is to get students thinking seriously about their lives, usually in the terms left to them by the great philosophers of the past."



Wendy Petersen Boring
assistant professor of history

"The seminar is a seedbed, as the Latin root for the term suggests, where ideas take root and are invited to grow. To maximize the growth potential, the classroom should hold together a series of paradoxes: It ought to be rigorous, with lively discussion and complexity, and it must be inviting, nurturing and contain space for rumination."



Judith Wise
assistant professor of law

"I have high expectations of my students to signal that they can and should expect much of themselves. I want my class to provide an opportunity for students to explore law more broadly than any given future position will likely permit."

New Perspectives

How do Willamette's 16 newest faculty members describe their personal teaching philosophy?



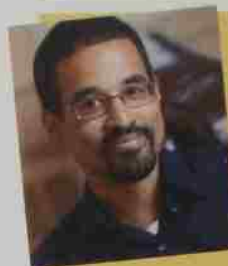
Laura I Appleman
assistant professor of law

"My personal teaching philosophy is to enable students to think outside the confines of the black-letter law, to explore the policy and philosophy that frame the discourse of criminal law and procedure."



Andrew Duncan
assistant professor of chemistry

"My teaching philosophy is centered on three objectives. One, emphasize concepts over facts; once you understand a concept, many facts become self-evident. Two, to elicit an interesting answer, ask an interesting question. Three, encourage students to become independent, curiosity-driven thinkers."



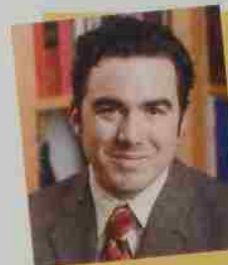
Anthony Coleman
assistant professor of philosophy

"I believe a teacher should expose students to new ideas, teach them how to think critically and encourage intellectual honesty and humility."



Andries Fourie
assistant professor of art

"Education should foster a spirit of intellectual inquiry and curiosity, an openness to new ideas and a sense of social involvement. I try to fuel my students' curiosity by challenging them to respond to new influences."



Keith Cunningham-Parmeter
assistant professor of law

"The practice and study of law are creative endeavors. Higher-order thinking is not triggered by simply reading a statute or spitting out a legal rule. I try to teach my students that successful lawyers are most effective when they evaluate novel legal options and synthesize evolving legal standards creatively."



Alex T. Jordan
Lausanne post-doctoral fellow in biology

"I believe in providing an atmosphere for teaching, growth and enrichment beyond just the textbook and coursework, giving students something they can apply beyond the classroom. Learning needs can be met best by one-on-one mentoring."



Jeffrey Dobbins
assistant professor of law

"To communicate and encourage intellectual excitement, practical skills and a professional sensibility upon which the students can draw in a fulfilling lifelong career in the law."



John Lasseter, *Lausanne post-doctoral fellow in computer science*

"The classroom is a community in which each member is responsible for her or his own success and for contributing to the success of others through active participation. Further, no course can be taught in isolation; each is part of some larger body of knowledge whose attainment constitutes the underlying mission of a liberal arts education."

wore protective gear," says Sean Muller '08, "but by the end of the day, our masks were full of dust and mold spores."

After ceilings and walls had been ripped down to a bare shell and rubbish piled to the roofline in front

It was a lesson in humility. I think we learned a lot about the human spirit. People there have taken a hit I can't imagine taking.

— Sean Muller '08

of each home, students posed with the owners or wrote "Take care, God bless, Willamette University, January 2006" on exposed walls. "We wanted people there to know that people from other parts of the country were thinking about them," Muller says.

The Take a Break students weren't alone. In the wake of Katrina's devastation, the Willamette community quickly mobilized in a *Nat* into ourselves alone are we born show of support. The University offered a tuition-free semester to four displaced students and matched donations from students, faculty and staff, sending \$58,500 to the American Red Cross.

The student club Blazing Hearts and Wild Minds created and sold "Katrina Relief" bracelets across campus to raise funds, and each undergraduate class competed with other classes to raise money by selling beaded Mardi-Gras necklaces. The Panhellenic

Council sponsored a Red Cross blood drive. Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity organized a benefit event with live bands, and students set up jars for spare change around campus. The Chaplain's Office collected and sent health kits, while Hatfield Library dedicated their annual book sale revenues to an academic library damaged by the hurricane. THUA students and staff raised \$700, which was matched by the Kaneko Foundation, and Willamette's food service, Bon Appetit, made a corporate contribution.

And long after the media had moved on to other burning issues

of the day, students continued to care. Last March, two more Take a Break student groups, sponsored by Community Service Learning, headed to Texas and Mississippi to assist hurricane refugees and others. This January, students will volunteer in Louisiana again, and Mizell signed on as a full-time volunteer in September.

"What we realized is that — even with lack of sleep and physical exhaustion — we really can make a difference," Muller says of the experience. "And it was a lesson in humility. I think we learned a lot about the human spirit. People there have taken a hit I can't imagine taking. They've been stripped down to nothing, lived through months of this, and they still have the spirit of hope."



Alumna Leads AmeriCorps Efforts in the Gulf

Willamette students heading to the Gulf Coast to continue Hurricane Katrina clean-up might run into a familiar face. Nicole Lucas '05. Lucas spent the past year working to rebuild people's homes and lives through her service for the Southeast Region of AmeriCorps* NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps).

Lucas is in her second year with the program, whose mission is to strengthen communities and develop leaders through team-based national and community service. She spent the past year working on disaster relief in New Orleans and Mississippi with organizations like

FEMA, Habitat for Humanity and the Florida Keys Nature Conservancy.

"I have learned countless things about myself, the government, human kindness and life in general from serving in an area so severely stricken by disaster," she says. "The one thing that has struck me the most is the level of resilience of the human soul. I am amazed and humbled by the depth of strength many Gulf residents carry in their hopes of rebuilding a place they so dearly love."

Lucas is now a support team leader overseeing seven teams in the Gulf region, including one that recently built a house

in Bay St. Louis, Miss., with Habitat for Humanity.

"I signed up [for NCCC] because I wanted to serve and strengthen communities, be part of a team and challenge myself," she says. "Hurricane Katrina, though, was one of my primary reasons for signing up for a second term. I believe passionately in all the good work the program is doing and morally felt I couldn't leave an area that is still in so much need."



Take Care, God Bless, *Willamette University*

Willamette may be halfway across the country from Louisiana, but students, faculty and staff responded to Hurricane Katrina with sympathetic outreach that belied the distant location.

During last year's holiday break, when many university students were basking on beaches or hitting the slopes, two groups of Willamette students went to New Orleans to help families whose homes had been battered by Hurricane Katrina. The original trip, sponsored by Willamette's Take a Break program, filled so fast that spillover students hastily organized a second, informal trip with assistance from the Lilly Project, a University program that helps students find their spiritual calling or vocation.

Working with the United Methodist Storm Recovery Center, the students lived simply, slept on the floor of a local

church and cooked their own meals. They worked side by side with homeowners and spent days shoveling mud and tearing out walls and floors.

"The destruction was overwhelming," says Lindsey Mizell '07. "I didn't expect that five months after the storm." Many homes had to be abandoned, but where there was a possibility of saving them, the students stripped them down to the studs. Oily muck covered everything in sight, but black mold was the most overwhelming challenge; "Katrina cough" had left numerous families unable to salvage their homes. "We

The Scene asked Law Professor Jim Nafziger to comment on the impact of Sept. 11 on the immigration debate. Nafziger, whose teaching and research includes immigration law, chairs the executive committee of the American Branch of the International Law Association and sits on the National Council of the United Nations Association.



The terrorist tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, put the country on edge about migrants. Encouragement from media personalities stirred the unending debate about immigration to new levels of shrillness and polarization. In particular, the threat of terrorism became entwined with perennial issues related to the status of undocumented workers in this country. Vigilantes deployed along the Mexican border, members of Congress called for the criminalization of undocumented status itself, and plans unfolded for military defense of the Mexican border including the extension of a fence along it. Several proposals even called for an amendment to the Constitution to deny citizenship to children of non-citizens. Promising negotiations with Mexico to solve migration issues abruptly ended.

There are some new twists to this old concern. Nearly every decade, public concern about immigration surges, and Congress responds with new law. That cycle was reinforced in the aftermath of Sept. 11, with the myriad proposals pending today in Congress, most of which address three controversial issues: border security, guest workers, and expanded opportunities for legalization of residency and citizenship. The latest twist on immigration reform has been the edginess of the American public as well as the audacity of media personalities who took up the issue and greater political posturing. Suddenly the public has been confronted with the specter of a porous border, wide-open to terrorist infiltration as well as such acknowledged threats as drug trafficking. Suddenly, too, the ongoing search for effective means to control undocumented immigration has taken a radical, unrealistic turn. Imagine, for example, trying to round up millions of newly minted criminals if Congress enacted a law making undocumented status a felony.

The argument for drastic action against undocumented aliens is often expressed in terms of sheer numbers. While consensus holds that there are an estimated 10 or 11 million undocumented aliens among us, nobody knows for sure. The range runs from 5 to 15 million. But this is nothing new. In 1974 the federal government esti-

imated 6 to 12 million undocumented workers, much the same as estimates today. If we account for the substantial increase in the general population as well as greater demands for labor in the service industry, even the low number of 6 million is roughly comparable to today's estimate.

Study after study has shown that immigrants, fully documented or otherwise, generally do not take jobs from citizens or cause a decrease in fair and decent wages, so long as the domestic labor force is adequately protected. The well-respected Pew Hispanic Center concluded, as much in a recent research report: Studies also have

confirmed that consumers and the national economy rely on migrant labor that exceeds authorized levels of immigration.

Other studies, focused on immigration processes in other countries, have revealed a correlation between the

characteristics of immigration controls and who has authority for those controls within the government. For example, countries whose military plays a significant role in immigration control are more likely to be concerned about border controls, whereas vesting authority over immigration in a ministry of labor may imply a greater concern for protection of the domestic workforce. Understandably, then, the shift of authority after Sept. 11 from the U.S. Department of Justice to the new Department of Homeland Security has entailed a closer association between the terrorist threat and the presence of undocumented workers in this country, regardless of their origins or motivations.

The administrative restructuring of federal authority over immigration after Sept. 11 should not stand in the way, however, of separating the usual issues from particularized threats to homeland security. There simply is no simple correlation between sheer numbers of undocumented workers and the security issues that beset us as a society. If Sept. 11 made anything clear, it was the need for strengthening and fine-tuning enforcement of the law directed at specific terrorists and acts of terrorism, expanding public resources on homeland security, and improving public education in this nation of immigrants.

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STIRRING UP THE MELTING POT



The controversial issue of immigration has dominated headlines for months. It has been the hottest of all hot buttons this election season. And Salem is not immune from the debate: In April 20,000 people, Latino and Anglo alike, marched around campus for an immigration justice rally at the state capitol (shown left). Willamette professors have also been engaged. After his editorial

about the rally was published in the *Salem Statesman Journal*, longtime activist and Rhetoric Professor Nathaniel "Nacho" Cordova still laments the bundling of immigrants with terrorism and asks, "Do we really need another war, this time a war on immigrants?" Law Professor Keith Cunningham-Parmeter recently won a \$400,000 class action settlement on behalf of mostly Latino employees for overtime and workplace safety violations. Law Professor Norman Williams editorialized in *The Oregonian* that the political rhetoric is disabled by "a pronounced inability to see Mexican Americans — even those who are citizens and who have lived here for decades — as authentic, loyal Americans."



TELLING UNTOLD STORIES

By Nadene Steinhoff

Personal accounts of war are often locked away, the wounds too raw for telling. For Japanese Americans, the tales are hidden for another reason. Their culture values humility above all else, and so tales of heroism are left untold and unacknowledged — a great loss, considering the high price Japanese American soldiers paid in World War II. General Douglas MacArthur said Japanese American contributions alone shortened the war by two years.

Linda Tamura has made it her life's work to make sure the stories of these WWII veterans from Hood River are collected and told. The education professor is an unlikely war historian: She teaches classes and supervises student teachers by day, but her compelling accounts of the 442nd Japanese American military regiment and the "Yankee Samurai" who translated World War II war documents have attracted national attention and garnered invitations to give keynote speeches at the National Oral History Association Conference and the Pacific Northwest History Conference. Tamura, whose mother was confined in a concentration camp during the war, was able to recognize the sacrifices of her father and uncle before they passed away this year.

"For me," Tamura says, "history is about asking questions, making connections, and filling in the gaps. My dad was a man of very few words, but he allowed me to tell his story." Tamura invited her father and other Japanese American veterans — elderly, fragile men — to presentations where she and others told their stories, the ones she has spent years collecting. "Afterward, people thanked the veterans for their sacrifices," she says. "The men didn't say much, but the looks on their faces went beyond what they could have expressed in words. Those looks made it all worthwhile."





Harry Tamura volunteered for military service eight days after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, believing it was his duty.

Opposite center: Mam Noji (left) and other linguists worked in teams to translate documents captured from the Japanese army.



When WWII broke out, Mam Noji and other Japanese Americans in the U.S. Army were stripped of their arms and given menial duties.

During basic training before the war began, Noji practiced loading mortars.

Noji and Tamura both returned to Hood River, Ore., after the war and became successful apple and pear orchardists.

length of service in American military history. Generals argued over who got to use them for missions.

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team is perhaps best known for the Battle of the Lost Battalion. Several military units had attempted to free a regiment of Texas soldiers that had been surrounded by Nazi forces in France. "Hitler swore he would get the Texas regiment at all costs," Tamura says, "and each Allied attempt to free the men met with failure." The 442nd was called in as a last resort. They rushed from a hard-fought battle, marched for days on little sleep, ascended a forested ridge near the top of a mountain, and freed the soldiers after five days of non-stop combat. They were made official residents of Texas in recognition of their incredible display of bravery.

The 442nd also captured a Nazi fortress on a mountain-top in Italy. The fortress was reinforced with concrete and featured gun holes through which Nazi soldiers took aim at anyone who approached. The Japanese regiment ascended sheer cliffs under cover of darkness and were told that if they slipped and fell, they were not to cry out, as it would give them all away. They took off their dog tags for the ascent, so there would be no telltale clink, and caught the German soldiers off guard, capturing the fortress.

"The 442nd regiment came home to great fanfare in New York City and Washington, D.C.," Tamura says, "but the MIS just came home. There was no publicity. Even many military people weren't aware of their sacrifices."

Information from the MIS was classified until 1976, making the exploits and contributions of the translators

invisible, even to military officers. Now MIS veterans — along with other World War II vets — are dying, at a rate of 1,100 each day. "Clearly," Tamura says, "it's time to recognize the contributions these brave soldiers made."

Tamura took on the task eight years ago. She grew up seeing the uniforms of her father and uncle and wanted to learn the stories they had held within for decades, and so she learned military parlance and familiarized herself with battles fought long ago on fields she'll never see.

She began by asking questions. "They didn't want to talk at first — these memories were private and painful — but I've persisted," Tamura says. She collected family stories and then stories from her

community, planning to give a published article to her Uncle Noji. He didn't last that long. After her uncle had a massive stroke in January, she read the article to him. "My family could tell by the sweat on his forehead that he was trying hard to hear the words, and then he lifted his arm and held my hand." Two days later he was gone.

Tamura acknowledges that her research is sometimes overwhelming, coming as it does on top of a full-time job as an educator. "I never actually liked history. It was always about someone else, but there is something about these accounts, something about these men, that moves me to continue."

And so she'll keep burning the midnight oil — poring over documents, asking questions, repaying a debt we all owe. She'll keep telling the untold stories.

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— LINDS TAMURA



Harry Tamura (far right), on leave from the Army, visits family and friends at their barrack in Minidoka, a World War II camp near Twin Falls, Idaho.

Tamura's father and uncle didn't aspire to be war heroes. Her uncle, Mam Noji, was a homegrown Oregon farm boy, the son of hard-working immigrants. When the American military solicited recruits after Pearl Harbor was bombed, hundreds of Japanese-Americans sought to prove their loyalty to America by signing up, but Noji had already been drafted. Ultimately, 33,000 would serve. While their parents and siblings were incarcerated behind barbed wire in America's internment camps, Japanese American soldiers were given the lowliest tasks in the military, cleaning latrines and picking up cigarette butts. Their guns were confiscated. Later they were barred from service, considered suspicious.

But Uncle Sam changed his mind. The country needed soldiers to fight the enemy in Europe and was especially desperate for linguists in the South Pacific who could understand Japanese. The Japanese language is notoriously difficult, composed of two separate alphabets and thousands of additional Chinese characters. The Japanese commanders were so convinced their language was incomprehensible to outsiders they neglected to code their wartime communications, labeling minefields and carelessly passing around military documents.

Noji served in the Army's Military Intelligence Service (MIS), which became one of America's foremost secret

weapons against Japan. The MIS training school was initially located in San Francisco, but was moved to Minnesota after Japanese-Americans were banned from the West Coast. Within days of graduating, Japanese-speaking intelligence teams were shipped to the South Pacific combat theater, where they deciphered thousands of critical documents — changing the course of the war and saving thousands of American lives.

There's was no desk job. The MIS negotiated surrenders, and their lives were in danger as they parachuted in to gavesdrop on the enemy or arrived first at an abandoned camp, hoping to collect documents left in haste. Their work was also emotionally traumatic: they interrogated prisoners of war, hoping that a familiar Asian face and a cigarette would help prisoners open up. Their worst nightmare was that they would end up interviewing someone with their last name, that they would meet a cousin or uncle or nephew.

Tamura's father, Harry Tamura, shipped out from Hood River to serve with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the regiment of Japanese-Americans that saw 9,486 casualties, more than any other regiment in the U.S. Army. With its motto, "Go for Broke," the team became the most decorated unit of comparable size and



DISILLUSIONMENT

The sense of disillusionment we've been feeling since Sept. 11, 2001, stems from the concept of America as the new Eden. Ever since the Puritans landed on the shores of the new world, we felt like we

were the new chosen people and that everything was going to work out for our benefit in the long run. The sense of disillusionment with the Puritan dream really began with the Vietnam War, when we started to feel uneasy with the possibility that history doesn't always have a happy ending. In some sense it has deflated American arrogance and made us more realistic about the tragic nature of history, and I think that's not altogether bad. We were living in the context of a Hollywood myth. The Vietnam War can be viewed as the beginning of the loss of Edenic innocence. When that loss became fully apparent, as it did after Sept. 11, we had to step back and ask ourselves how we can move forward in a situation of uncertainty, where there are no guarantees about the future. That's what we're facing now.

DISCOVERY

Moving into an uncertain future requires a kind of "second innocence." We have to move beyond the pessimism and acknowledge that life is uncertain, while clinging to those things that are wholesome and good in our culture, and developing those as a basis for a new kind of optimism. That's the function of culture — to provide us with the resources to move forward despite the obstacles and setbacks of an uncertain world. This is another argument for why higher education and the arts are so important. It also explains why we taught the World Views course all those years, to help students discover that every culture is the product of a particular tradition — or to put it the other way around, world views are culture-specific, meaning that the way a culture views the world is not necessarily the way the world really is in some objective sense. That's the mistake that leads to war, assuming that my world view is the only correct world view and that everyone else should view the world the way I do. Education helps young people discover that their world view is not the only way to organize culture and, at the same time, that each culture offers resources for surmounting the challenges and setbacks of history. We must discover the authentic resources our culture offers in this time of disillusionment.

DISCRIMINATION

The same thing is true in the Middle East as is true in America. There are both extremists and progressives. How can we treat Muslims as if they are all the same when not all religious people in America are the same? There are various groups here and there. That's where realism and discrimination come in. The Hollywood Myth of Innocence says we're all the good guys in the white hats and they're all the bad guys in the black hats. By discriminating among Muslims, however, we're moving beyond that kind of naïveté to a much more realistic appraisal of the way the world actually is. We're discriminating between reform-minded, peaceful Muslims and violent extremists.

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—Lane McGaughey

DISCERNMENT

My hope is that people would not just become more devout in the wake of Sept. 11, but more discerning. We have people on both sides that view Sept. 11 in the context of an apocalyptic battle between good and evil. In my view, this response only adds fuel to the current conflict in the Middle East. Spirituality means being more discerning in terms of how one responds to life, including to Sept. 11.

This is where person-to-person diplomacy is so crucial. This is what has saved us from a totally tribal response to Sept. 11 — the fact that we've had so many international students in this country and so many Americans going abroad that some people here and in other parts of the world are able to discern the difference between political ideologies and the humanity we all share. Study abroad and travel is such an important element of a liberal education. I'm not thinking here of the tourist who goes abroad for a quick two-week vacation, but of those who go abroad for an extended stay and live like students, getting acquainted with local peoples and cultures, perhaps living with home-stay families, becoming guests in that culture, not simply tourists seeing the sights.

In my view, a university is not just a random collection of warm bodies. There has to be a sense of shared purpose or vision that transforms a group of individuals into a community. As faculty, we try to model what it means to cultivate the life of the mind, and how that shared purpose both creates community and affects the way we treat others and how we order our daily lives. That's the heart of a liberal arts education, and it shapes our response to the uncertainties of the world around us.



FROM THE HEART

Reflections on September 11



In the months leading up to the fifth anniversary of the September 11 attacks, *The Scene* asked readers to share their thoughts on the events of the day and how they reshaped our individual lives, molded our collective conscience, and changed the world as we know it.

More than 100 of you responded, many anxious to read the opinions of your fellow alumni. Excerpts from those letters fill the next eight pages, and you can read all letters in their entirety on *The Scene* website: www.willamette.edu/scene.

Submissions ran the gamut from support for American troops to indictment of the current administration, calls to arms and calls to peace, spiritual awakening and emotional apathy, friends lost and babies born, close calls and what ifs, fear and anger, thanksgiving and hope.

It was with hope in mind that *The Scene* asked Lane McGaughy, Atkinson Professor of Religious and Ethical Studies, to reflect on what the events of that day bode for the future of community, culture and civilization. Here is an excerpt from his interview, which appears in full online.

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dialogue with the people and nations of Islam at all levels. That dialogue needs to start with a president who is willing to learn about the history and culture of Islam and talk face to face with leaders of all Islamic nations to discover what the real human issues are, and then act, without bombs and bullets, to fashion a world peace with justice for all persons.

MÓNTE PESCADOR '93
NORTHGLENN, COLO.

Have we learned from history? Back in World War II, the United States locked up Japanese Americans and "suspicious looking" Asians for the crime of looking Japanese. The result? Nobody was arrested as a spy and the 442nd proved the loyalty of every American locked up in those concentration camps. After Sept. 11, 2001, many Middle Eastern Americans were locked up without charges, and there they have remained.

After World War II, many Asian Americans were persecuted by those with prejudiced views. This apparently did not go away either. In the small town of Cortez, Colo., I experienced something I'd only heard about from my parents — unadulterated bigotry. At first the population thought I was some kind of strange-looking Indian. Then they thought I was a "wetback." After Sept. 11, 2001, it all changed. Suddenly I was someone to be yelled at, ridiculed, and spat at. Suddenly I wasn't an Indian, a Mexican, or even what I was — an Asian American. Suddenly I was a Middle Eastern terrorist.

Prof. Ted Shay once told me that an individual's thoughts were as valuable as an individual's life. What does this make the thoughtless?

I wish I could say something more political or more patriotic about the attack on America, but to me, Sept. 11, 2001, only meant another excuse for the ugliness of these United States to come out. At a time when we should have all come together, we instead found another reason to hate. Is it easier than love?

CARMEN BENDIXEN '98
SEATTLE, WASH.

This is not my first time writing about my Sept. 11 experience. Eight months after 9/11, I composed a mammoth journal entry about my day and of the traumatic days and months that followed. I wrote of how my coworkers and I fled our office in the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, D.C., and how, only a month later, we were struck by anthrax. I purposely included as little emotion in the essay as possible, partly because I believe that I had cried enough tears, sensed enough fear, and shaken with anger enough for a lifetime. My 9/11 entry was a lengthy way of saying "Enough."

Unfortunately, the act of writing was not as therapeutic as I had hoped. My job as a U.S. Senate aide required a thorough knowledge of the federal bureaucracy and of how disaster assistance filtered to local agencies. The job experience was valuable to my resume but did not ease my anxiety about terrorism or our preparedness. I moved on, however, for many reasons. I left Washington and attended graduate school for a master's degree in city planning. I eased into academia, hoping to bring the Willamette motto into a competitive field. Then Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast. Now I commute across Lake Washington and I think

of what could happen during the next earthquake. I am not by nature a fear-mongering pessimist — but perhaps I am now.

RANDALL B. KESTER '37
PORTLAND, ORE.

I wrote the following letter and it was published in the Oregon State Bar Bulletin in November 2002. The sentiments expressed by the judge in the Korematsu case, which are quoted in the letter, are even more timely and important today. And they are reinforced by the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court in the Hamdan case.

Those who, like us, were a continent away from the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, can hardly appreciate the horror and emotional trauma experienced by those who were more immediately affected. And it is impossible to express

Sept. 11 was not an act of war. It was an act of cowards misguided by a false understanding of their own religion: that the key to heaven is sacrificing your life to kill people who don't believe as you do.

—Rev. Stuart R. Shaw '54



AUDREY B. NIESWANDT LAUZON '93
SILVERTON, ORE.

I take my son to kindergarten in the morning, and it is the most important task of my day. On Sept. 11, 2001, the morning loomed large, grim, desperate. Fear and unease invaded the school in the haur, worried faces of the adults. I was caught up, too. I stumbled into the doors, my eyes drawn to the modest sign outlining the rules for this school:

1. Think of others. Be kind, considerate and respectful.
2. Be a friend. Reach out to someone in kindness and love.
3. Accept differences. Learn as much as you can about others.
4. Think before you act. Self-control is important.
5. Smile! A positive attitude can change your life.

A wave of chattering, giggling children washed over me, buoying me down the hall and into the kindergarten room. It helps to know that life carries on, and that beauty and youth and joy are ephemeral yet eternal. No matter what, I take my child to kindergarten, and I know that joy and innocence still exist, that God smiles upon us all, and that the mundane in our lives will always and truly be extraordinary.

JOHN L. CHRISTENSON '72
TACOMA, WASH.

Sept. 11, 2001, 5:30 a.m., two resident doctors entered my Seattle hospital room, waking me up. I was in the fourth month of a seven-month hospital stay, recovering from an attack of necrotizing pancreatitis. I didn't know if I would survive.

I saw a lot of coverage regarding Sept. 11 attacks and the aftermath in the following months of hospital bed rest. The attacks and my hospital stay are intertwined in their influence on me. I realized how fragile life is.

We know that death comes to everyone, we just don't know when. With that perspective, I ask myself, "Am I prepared to die?" My Christian faith provides the foundation that I know where I'm going when I die. Sept. 11 is a wake up call for each person. Are you ready for death and eternity? I believe Jason Lee would ask the same thing



THOMAS MCCLOSKEY '05
PORTLAND, ORE.

I stepped out of my room in Belknap to take a shower and saw something frantically written on the whiteboard across the hall.

When I got downstairs, it was an eerie scene. Twenty-five people stood in silence watching CNN. Some were crying and others had their heads in their hands. My friend Jenelle, also in a bathrobe, turned to me and said something I'll never forget: "We're at war."

My college experience changed immediately. We spent an extra week covering Orientalism in International Politics and the rhetoric of religious extremists became the focus of my Persuasion and Propaganda course. Flying to speech tournaments with giant tubs of files labeled "terrorism" and "WMDs" was challenging. Academic responsibility, I think, is how the world changed the most after Sept. 11. Everyone now has an obligation to stay informed and debate political issues. It is no longer acceptable to be apathetic.

REV. STUART R. SHAW '54
SALEM, ORE.

The Sept. 11 terrorists' understanding of the people of the United States was as limited as our understanding of their world — then and now. Their attack on the World Trade Center was aimed at compromising our economy, limiting our freedoms, sending a negative message about our support for Israel, paying us back for seemingly regarding Islamic culture as second rate.

It didn't accomplish these things. It destroyed some buildings and killed 3,000 people with attendant personal and national grief. What it did accomplish was wars of retribution by our country in Afghanistan and Iraq that have killed 25 times the number of people killed in the World Trade Center. How can any sane person be happy about that?

Sept. 11 was not an act of war. It was an act of cowards misguided by a false understanding of their own religion, that the key to heaven is sacrificing your life to kill people who don't believe as you do.

Religionists get into trouble when they believe that God is on their side. Rather than killing, we need to open up

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fact, I would be willing to bet that the average student on campus today, if asked what was the significance of Dec. 7, 1941, would probably draw a blank or have to think very hard about what it meant. I rather feel the same will happen over Sept. 11 in generations to come.

MELISSA (KANZLER) GRANT '02
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I was studying abroad in Amsterdam. A group of my fellow American students gathered at a small bar showing BBC news coverage, and it was there we saw the plane hit the second tower. Shortly thereafter, the bartender changed the channel to a soccer game. We protested, but he simply said sorry and turned his back. We found another venue to watch the news together, but the general Dutch indifference was not limited to one football-loving barman. Prevailing sentiment was that there are tragedies daily around the world, and this was just one relatively small example. Once I got over my initial resentment, I began to understand. Our tragedy is not special because the dead were Americans rather than Israelis, the buildings were skyscrapers rather than transit lines, or that it was New York rather than Darfur. Violence is tragic everywhere, all the time. That's what the Dutch were trying to tell us by changing the channel.



CYNDI KROOP '92
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

On Sept. 11, 2001, I gave birth to my beautiful baby boy, Liam Andrew. He was born at 5:31 a.m. PST, and the first plane hit just minutes later at 8:47 a.m. EST. A friend called my husband Marc [JD '93] to congratulate us on the birth of our son — and tell us to turn on the television. As we watched the events unfold, we couldn't grasp the magnitude of what was occurring as I was nursing my newborn son. I knew that my employer, Marsh & McLennan Companies, had hundreds of employees on the upper floors of the World Trade Center.

One week prior to the first anniversary of Sept. 11 and my son's first birthday, I prepared to attend a meeting in Los Angeles with colleagues from offices around the U.S. I went through the list of attendees who would be at the meeting and began sobbing for those who would

not. My company lost more than 300 people that day. It took a year, but I finally broke down and felt the loss of that day.

At dinner the next evening, my colleagues and I talked at length about Sept. 11, and they were thrilled to learn I gave birth that morning. We began discussing my son's upcoming birthday. I sheepishly admitted I was considering celebrating his birthday on the 12th out of respect for the mourning families and our country's tragic loss. But my colleagues were adamant that I celebrate Liam's birthday on his birthday. It would not be fair to my son to do otherwise. They were right. We were not going to change our lives because doing otherwise would be giving the terrorists exactly what they wanted.

DAVE HANSEN '66
PORTLAND, ORE.

I can't help but wonder how the world might have been different if we had pursued peace — rather than war — with the same level of concern and resource commitment.

GARY DUELL '74, MBA'77
HAPPY VALLEY, ORE.

In my opinion, "Our lives were changed forever by Sept. 11" is one of the most absurd and nonsensical phrases in recent history. Granted, it was a horrific experience, especially for those directly involved. But we haven't changed in any material, beneficial way. If anything, as a country, as a people, we're even more self-indulgent and self-absorbed than ever.

Who is aware, for example, that 2,700 children die worldwide every day of easily preventable disease and starvation? Who is aware that the U.S. spends more than 50 times as much on military activities than all the "axis of evil" countries combined? Who is aware that the Pentagon gets 40 times more money than we spend on foreign and humanitarian aid?

Our priorities, and levels of concern about them, are more out of whack than ever. Just follow the money.



in words our feelings for those who lost their lives or their loved ones, either in the attack or in the subsequent rescue efforts. But we can be alert to the possible consequences if our government, either for vengeance or concern for security, takes measures that jeopardize the very freedoms of its citizens that we claim to be protecting.

Such actions as surveillance without probable cause, arrest on mere suspicion, detention incommunicado and without charge, denial of counsel and trial by executive fiat, bring to mind the words of a federal judge in setting aside the judgment in one of the World War II Japanese exclusion cases: "As historical precedent it stands as a constant caution that in times of war or declared military necessity our institutions must be vigilant in protecting constitutional guarantees. It stands as a caution that in times of distress the shield of military necessity and national security must not be used to protect governmental actions from close scrutiny and accountability. It stands as a caution that in times of international hostility and antagonisms our institutions, legislative, executive and judicial, must be prepared to exercise their authority to protect all citizens from the petty fears and prejudices that are so easily aroused." *Korematsu v. United States of America*, 584 F. Suppl. 1406@1420 (N.D. Cal., 1984)

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—Dave Hansen '66

DICK LUDDERS '67
SPOKANE, WASH.

I was so moved on Sept. 11, 2001, that I wrote down my feelings immediately. I put that piece of paper away and have not re-read it until your call for editorials. I wrote the following:

"9/11/01, 11:28 EDT, I've just learned of the terrorist attacks on this nation. My overwhelming emotion is sorrow. The world will change. Our world, the U.S.A. And I'm scared for how it will change. God grant us the wisdom to sort this out and do what is right without doing what our enemies want us to do."

Five years later, regrettably, I suspect we have done precisely what our enemies wanted us to do.

BARBARA BENJAMIN DUDA '52
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

I am old enough to remember Pearl Harbor. Of course it plunged America into World War II and changed many things, including Willamette itself. My thought at hearing about Sept. 11 was that I have remembered such horrors before. I do feel that life will go on pretty much the same for most of us. In

Significant News Events 2001–2006

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MONTH	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
JAN.	Inauguration of George W. Bush	Euro notes & coins entered in circulation	Dept. of Homeland Security started	Hutton report published in Britain	Parliamentary elections in Iraq	Hamas won Palestinian elections
FEB.	Ariel Sharon elected Israeli P.M.	Salt Lake City Winter Olympics	Space shuttle Columbia disintegrated	C.I.A. "No imminent Iraq W.M.D. threat"	Kyoto Protocol came into force	Dick Cheney shot Ham Whittington
MARCH	British hoof & mouth epidemic	U.S. Op. Andromeda in Afghanistan	Invasion of Iraq began	Madrid train bombings	Terri Schiavo died	Slobodan Milosevic died at The Hague
APRIL	U.S. spy plane crash-landed in China	Israel occupied the West Bank	Allied forces took Baghdad	Abu Ghraib abuse became public	Pope John Paul II died	Iran announced uranium enrichment
MAY	Israel bombed the West Bank	U.S.-Russia arms reduction agreement	Bush: "End to major combat in Iraq"	Massachusetts legalized gay marriage	Tony Blair won historic 3rd term	Immigration protests across America
JUNE	Tony Blair elected for 2nd term	Soccer World Cup, Japan/S. Korea	G-8 summit meeting in Evian, France	Ayad Allawi became Iraqi P.M.	Michael Jackson found not guilty	Soldier kidnapped, Israel attacked Gaza
JULY	Genoa, Italy, G-8 conference	WorldCom filed for bankruptcy	W.H.O. declared SARS contained	Groundbreaking for Freedom Tower	7/7 London Bombs • G-8 Conference	Israel & Hezbollah in escalated attacks
AUG.	Macedonia peace agreement	Severe flooding in Europe	NATO peacekeepers sent to Afghanistan	Athens Olympic Games began	Hurricane Katrina	Alleged trans-Atlantic "terror plot"
SEPT.	Sept. 11 attacks	Bush called for Iraq "regime change"	Kim Jong Il "re-elected," North Korea	Berlin school siege, Russia	Hurricane Rita	
OCT.	Afghan invasion • iPod launched	Bali bombs	Red Cross criticized Guantanamo Bay	Trial began of Saddam Hussein	Bali Bombs • Kashmir earthquake	
NOV.	AA Flight 587 crashed in N.Y.C.	Midterm elections	Bush made a state visit to Britain	Bush defeated John Kerry	Michael Bloomberg won 2nd term	
DEC.	Enron collapsed	Iraqi report denied it had W.M.D.	U.S. Forces captured Saddam Hussein	Southeast Asian tsunami	W.T.O. conference in Hong Kong	

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Don't we see these sorts of attacks and deaths on TV every day? Is the United States so superior that we're allowed to meddle in other people's business and expect no repercussion? And not that any form of terrorism is justifiable, but isn't it possible that our international politics and economic policies have nurtured anti-American sentiment? If, instead of beginning a witch-hunt, we decided to reflect on our own responsibilities in the event and made efforts to understand the culture and underlying anger of our attackers, how different might the future look?

The next morning, our son was born. Talk about a turning point for me... but for the U.S., five years later, we're still reacting to the shock of being vulnerable. I pray that with time Sept. 11, 2001, will mark the point when Americans began to understand their interconnectedness with the rest of the world and then began to conscientiously act out of that understanding.

JIM STRATTON '94
SHANGHAI, CHINA

What started as a normal teaching day at Casablanca American School quickly became a living nightmare. As the truth of the tragedy became apparent, I began to feel a wave of tension building within me as I realized that my own country was under a massive terrorist attack while I sat in the heart of a Muslim Arab land. Had a global Jihad been declared? What was the situation in Morocco? Would U.S. citizens be evacuated? What actions should we take for our own security? All questions without answers.

I returned to my Maarif neighborhood. Everyone in the area knew I was American. I walked to the corner shop as usual, greeted by my neighbors, and I was immediately struck by the grief and compassion in the faces I encountered. The hands I shook and cheeks I kissed seemed warmer and friendlier, as sentiments of sorrow, concern and reassurance came to me in French, Arabic and English. "My God, this is a tragedy..." "We are not like those who did this..." "You know us and we know you — we are your neighbors and friends..." In the days, weeks and months that followed, these feelings were reaffirmed. I will always treasure how Moroccans shared their love of humanity with me, a love that transcends the sociocultural groupings we all too often deem more important than our everyday encounters with the people around us.



TODD SIMPSON JD'05
SIERRA VISTA, ARIZ

I was in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga., when the first plane struck the World Trade Center. All troops were immediately recalled onto the installation and the post was placed on lockdown to ensure that all personnel were safe and that all military assets were secure. There was a deep sense of apprehension, and preparation began to maintain the heightened security that would become a way of life. My life and the life of those around me became centered upon learning who was responsible for the attack and whether there would be a military response.

Selected Word Frequency from State of the Union Addresses

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WORD	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
AIDS/HIV	0	0	12	0	1	8
Tax	30	7	13	21	11	10
Freedom	12	21	10	19	27	18
Iraq	0	2	22	24	27	16
Iran	0	2	3	1	3	6
Terrorism	1	34	21	20	27	20
Energy	13	3	6	2	4	8
Environment	3	1	4	0	1	1
Medicaid/care	12	1	5	8	0	4
Peace	6	5	10	5	12	8
Nuclear	1	3	12	4	3	3
God	1	2	4	3	1	2

ROBERT A. ULRICH '53
PRESCOTT, ARIZ.

We need a reincarnation of WU's two Dr. Bobs (Gregg and Gatke) to help this new generation understand what is happening. I am concerned when elementary school social studies books cover the first 250 years of our nation's existence in 15 pages, yet devote three lengthy chapters to the divisive issues of civil rights, antiwar protesting and environment. These are important, but a better balance is required or we have converted education to indoctrination. Both Dr. Bobs warned us of that possibility when they would say, "Remember history is only what the historian wants you to believe and not necessarily what actually took place." Where is the political tolerance Mark Hatfield employed while in office?

MATT EVANS '81
PORTLAND, ORE.

Unlike the vast majority of Americans, I was there in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 11, on a business trip that involved visiting the White House. The events of that day are burned into my memory with a clarity that is almost frightening. The fear and panic. The sadness. The nobility. I remember finding out about the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania, one they think was headed for the White House. Later I found out that some of the passengers on that plane fought back, stormed the cockpit, maybe saved my life. I owe them

All of us should find a way to remember that day and to support taking strong actions to ensure it never happens again — here or elsewhere. To do otherwise is to sully the memory of those who died and the people on that plane in Pennsylvania who gave their lives to save mine.

LAUREN CASNING-LUCKENBACH '87
NEW YORK, N.Y.

I work for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and live with the knowledge that my office may be a target for terrorist attacks. Working at the UN, one acquires a global perspective.

There is a tragedy every day, somewhere in the world — natural disasters, disease, civil war and the unrelenting struggle of living in poverty. Experiencing a terrorist attack up close and personal made me appreciate even more the loss and fear that millions of people live with every day.

MIKE MCKINLEY '66
LAKE SHERWOOD, MO.

Sept. 11 simply reconfirmed the tragedy of Oklahoma City — America's blissful ignorance of terror was shattered by the cold reality that terrorism looms in everyone's backyard and now has become a staple of life. In the Midwest, most of us heard the news from coworkers and thought the first hit was an accident. The second strike drove home reality — like it or not, our lives and life in America had been changed forever. Anyone and everything can be a target. Perhaps we believe the docile university campus is immune — I'm sure they felt the same at Columbine [High School, in Littleton, Colo.]. My life is still "normal," but each kiss, hug or shake of hands has become more sincere. Will it be the last? I'll never forget the day on campus when I heard Kennedy was shot, and I shall forever remember standing in my office hearing the chilling words about a plane hitting the World Trade Center. Reality does not travel the yellow brick road.

SHANTI (SPENCER) MCCARTER '99
HONOLULU, HAWAII

I was pregnant and a week overdue, and my husband was in the middle of a six-month deployment in Bahrain. When the phone rang, I lunged to answer, not wanting to miss the chance to talk with him. "You need to wake up and turn on the TV. I don't know when I'll be allowed to call again. I love you." And that was it. With the TV on I prayed, and I still pray today for all the people affected by the attacks. But as the media and politicians began what would become an obsession with terrorism, I found that my history-teacher mind took a step back and viewed the situation more objectively.

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—Matt Evans '81

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Sean O'Hollaren '83 watched the stunning images of the World Trade Center attacks on television along with the rest of America, but he was more than a spectator. On September 11, 2001, O'Hollaren was assistant secretary of transportation, serving under Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta. Here is his account of that morning and the days following — a vastly different perspective. He still resides in Washington, D.C.

Having been confirmed in March 2001 by the United States Senate as assistant secretary of transportation, I began September 2001 with numerous meetings debating a varied list of transportation topics, including the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement's obligation to open the U.S.-Mexico border to long-haul trucking, the fate of AMTRAK passenger rail service, highway and transit funding, and — the most pressing issue of the day — how to build enough aviation infrastructure to reduce our congested airports and airways. As we all know now, but could not anticipate on the morning of Sept. 11, terrorists ended the debate over congestion and turned all focus to security.

I stood outside the office of Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta that morning, anxiously waiting for a breakfast meeting to conclude. I was to spend the next few hours with the secretary in a series of Congressional meetings in the U.S. Capitol. His chief of staff interrupted him to tell him that a plane had just hit the World Trade Center. Unsure of what to make of the bizarre live scene he watched on an office television, Secretary Mineta returned to the meeting, leaving instructions to keep him informed.

Minutes later, he called me in to show me the breaking news. Also in his office was Jane Garvey, the administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and a flat screen on his desk with a live image of all the air traffic nationwide. Uncertain and astounded at what we were seeing, we watched the building burn and waited for additional information. We all assumed this was a horrific accident. The secretary wanted details from the plane's manifest and transponder. What kind of a plane was it? Was it a commercial plane or a private aircraft? How

many people were on board? As we watched the second plane slam into the other tower, we knew instantly that the first collision was no accident.

Secretary Mineta was summoned to the White House, where he joined Vice President Cheney in the presidential emergency operations center and immediately ordered every plane in flight over the United States to land. I cancelled his meetings and went back to my office. Rumors about other planes and targets spread through the building. Some staff had already left, and I dismissed the rest. In my office, I called my wife. I told her to turn on the news and that I did not know the next time I would be home. A report came in that an unidentified plane was nearing Washington, D.C. Sirens filled the air as the U.S. Capitol and White House were evacuated. Moments later, I received a call that a plane had hit the Pentagon. When I got to a place where I could see Virginia to the west, a black plume of smoke confirmed the call.

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— Sean O'Hollaren '83

Secretary Mineta's actions grounding all aircraft and sealing off American airspace were unprecedented. As a result, controllers and pilots safely landed 4,836 planes in 2 hours and 12 minutes without further incident. When I returned to his office the following day, the live screen of the national traffic system was blank. I spent the following days helping to restore air traffic and manage the thousands of stranded passengers who had landed safely, but not reached their destinations. The following months were spent negotiating and creating the Transportation Security Administration and later the Department of Homeland Security, and planning for the security and safety of millions of air travelers every year. That work continues even now.



Within 12 months, I was part of a military unit training in Kuwait and living within sight of the Iraqi border. This training exercise began at the end of the Gulf War and had never stopped. We were more than 2,000 strong and were to be training in Kuwait for 180 days. On day 179 I left Kuwait. I drove my Humvee across the border into Iraq as part of Second Brigade, Third Infantry Division, headed for downtown Baghdad and a confrontation with the Medina Division of the Iraqi Republican Guard. I left where I had been living in what is now the U.S. Embassy in Iraq and returned to Fort Stewart, Ga., late in 2003.

Nothing about me and my life is the same. What I thought would be a four-year tour enlistment in the Army to help pay my student loans has turned into what is quickly becoming a career. I lost quite a few friends in the war. I lost part of who I used to be. I gained a sense of purpose, a sense of country, and a sense of community that I had never known. I am proud to have served and am proud of the sacrifices my fellow soldiers have made. What many see as in-fighting and senseless violence, to me, is the expression of a frustrated nation struggling to gain a sense of itself and its new and incomprehensible freedom.

ERIC PATTERSON '93
CLERMONT, ILL.

While it may seem to us, living in the years immediately following, that the world was irrevocably changed that day, I have to wonder if 40 years from now, people will see it as a watershed event. To my grandparents, Pearl Harbor changed the world; to me it is little more than a mark on the calendar. History has an amazing smoothing, leveling effect, and something tells me that the towers won't stand as tall in the minds of generations hence.



PETI LIVETON '59
LITTLETON, COLO.

I consider Sept. 11 to have been a "wake up call" to the realities of a very unpredictable and dangerous world, far different than the one the Class of '59 grew up in. Unfortunately, not everyone has awakened to the threat.

While some of the Bush Administration's responses are misguided, I am astounded, shocked and appalled by the large percentage of citizens who would like to "negotiate" with those who have vowed to eliminate the United States and all of its citizens, and who would limit necessary protective initiatives in the name of civil liberties.

To not authorize the administration to do "whatever it takes" is, I believe, shortsighted and could well lead to violent actions compared to which Sept. 11 would be mild.

I believe the parallel with events leading to World War II is clear, and all that is lacking for worldwide momentum of those who seek to destroy us are a few leaders who can marshal the resources and followers willing to do anything to our detriment.

I also believe illegal immigration is one of the greatest threats to our national security and that we should immediately implement the strongest means to block further illegal immigration, and then develop an effective policy to deal with the millions of illegals already in our country.

Finally, I believe our elected officials must set aside political considerations and do what is in the best interests of our country and the well being of our citizens.

Snapshots: The Past Five Years

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CATEGORY	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
American Dialect Society Word of the Year	9/11	weapons of mass destruction (WMD)	metrosexual	red state, blue state, purple state	truthiness	—
Nobel Peace Prize	United Nations & Secretary General Kofi Annan	Jimmy Carter	Shirin Ebadl	Wangari Maathai	I.A.E.A. & Mohamed ElBaradei	—
Top Google news searches	Nostradamus, CNN, World Trade Center	Spiderman, Shakira, Winter Olympics	Iraq, Laci Peterson, Kobe Bryant	Iraq, China, Iran	Xbox 360, Iran, Jessica Simpson	World Cup, Zidane, Israel

HELLO, WORLD

BY SARAH EVANS



Morteza Pourdanandeh's biggest fear was that one word would stand in his way. Ever since middle school, he dreamed of studying in America, of pursuing his fascination with the United States and its worldwide economic and political influence. But there was no changing that word on his passport, his birthplace: Baghdad.*

An exchange student from Linköping University in Sweden, Pourdanandeh was born in Iraq but spent his early years in Iran before his family fled, eventually settling in Sweden. "I thought I wouldn't be able to come here after Sept. 11," Pourdanandeh says, concerned his Middle Eastern background might prevent him from getting a student visa. "I had a lot of sleepless nights." But Pourdanandeh's visa was approved, and he joined the Willamette campus this fall.

When U.S. border security tightened after Sept. 11, students from abroad encountered more difficulties in coming to the U.S., and enrollment of international students in American colleges and universities declined. Today the problem isn't denial of student visas as much as delays in their processing, and delays are growing shorter as governments become more adept at conducting security checks.

"In the beginning, there was not sufficient staff to handle the increased screening required after Sept. 11," says Peggy Blumenthal, executive vice president of the Institute of International Education (IIE), a nonprofit organization that administers more than 200 study abroad programs, including the Fulbright, each year. "Now there are not as many delays. The remaining problem is that the perception in many countries lags behind the reality. The U.S. still welcomes international students, and the process is better."

*Look for a profile on Pourdanandeh online at www.willamette.edu Nov. 1.



Morteza Pourdanandeh, exchange



Juline Walker '07



Jennifer Birk '07



Klomars Oahir MBA '08



Shijun Chen '09



Rositsa Menasou



From Iraq to Sweden to Willamette, Pourdanandeh enjoys his favorite perch, this tattered Bistro couch; Willamette students on an exchange program in Galway, Ireland, take time to sightsee in London.



and why they think the way they do," she says. "Study abroad broadens your perspective. It takes you out of your current situation and helps you look at it more objectively."

"I'm definitely of the mindset that you can't understand your own country and your own culture until you go abroad and experience another culture," says Jennifer Birk '07, who studied in Germany and Ukraine last year.

Faculty in the College of Liberal Arts believe so strongly in the value of international education that they passed a resolution in March 2005 advocating increased recruitment of international degree-seeking students and continued support for students to go abroad.

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"The presence of international students on campus is extremely valuable," Lou says. "We do send a lot of students abroad, but if we didn't have international students here, the 50 percent who don't go abroad would be missing a vital component of a liberal arts education."

The Atkinson Graduate School of Management actively recruits international students and has enrolled 27 in MBA programs this year. AGSM alumni will represent the program at world MBA recruitment fairs this fall in Cairo, Dubai, Sao Paulo, Santiago, Lima, and Mexico City. They have already held sessions in Thailand, Japan, China and India.

The College of Law, which has five international students this year, offers a one-year master of laws degree (LLM) focusing on international law issues. The program is geared toward international lawyers seeking an understanding of American law or toward American lawyers who already hold a JD.

Willamette's partnership with Tokyo International University will celebrate its 40th year in 2007. The 90 Japanese students enrolled in TIUA this fall are active

members of the campus community, and their presence, along with curricular and cocurricular offerings, makes the University a premier choice for students interested in Asian studies and culture.

Rositsa Atanasova '07 came to the U.S. from Bulgaria because of her belief that American degrees offer more flexibility after graduation. The classical studies major has studied eight languages and spent last academic year in France. A research grant from the Lilly Project — which helps students discern their life's calling — allowed Atanasova to interview female French Muslim university students about issues of identity.

"I think it's good that most people want to travel now," Atanasova says. "Americans are very open to other cultures, they just haven't been exposed to them. I think the diversity of immigrants along with national pride and tradition help make up for America's isolation."

Shijun Chen '09 says Chinese colleges are not as rigorous as their American counterparts. He came to Willamette to experience American culture, but he now realizes he may have something to offer as well. "I believe what Americans learn from a book or newspaper about China could be a bit different than what I know from my experience," he says.

International students say they often become the "spokesperson" for their home country when international affairs are discussed in class, just as American students do when they study abroad. Qahir, the Fulbright scholar, sees it as a golden opportunity.

"We're coming here as an ambassador of our countries, to show Americans that we're not all the same. They've heard about the extremists, the terrorists, but we're not all like that. There are people in Afghanistan just like the ones you know from your hometown. They have the same goals, they have the same dreams. I'm looking forward to being an ambassador for peace."



Whether Willamette students take an excursion in Morocco or Japan (left and right) or TIVA students showcase Japanese attire on campus (center), cultural exchange is a hallmark of the Willamette experience.

Willamette has 63 international students from 28 countries this year. Many are here on exchange programs, but 40 are pursuing degrees. Nationwide the number of international students in the U.S. was increasing in the years leading up to Sept. 11 and only began dropping in 2003-04, according to the IIE. In 2001-02, enrollment of international students at U.S. schools stood at 582,996. It grew only 0.6 percent in 2002-03, and dropped 2.4 percent in 2003-04 — the first drop in international enrollment since IIE began keeping records in 1954-55. The numbers are still declining, though at a slower rate.

CLEARING HIGHER HURDLES

While the visa process may be regaining efficiency, it is more bureaucratic and more expensive, says Kris Lou, director of international education. Once international students are accepted for enrollment, they must apply for a visa, which is based on a computerized profile generated by the Department of Homeland Security and its Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Students must go through more security checks than ever before, including a new requirement to appear at the U.S. embassy in their home country for a personal interview.

The process can hit a snag for any variety of reasons. Say, for example, a student's name is similar to one on the federal terrorist watch list. When Kiomars Qahir applied for his visa in Afghanistan, he was thankful his name was traditional Afghan rather than Arabic. Qahir knew another student with an Arabic name similar to one on the list of possible terrorists. That student's application was delayed — until the person with the questionable name was assassinated a year later.

In spite of Qahir coming to the Atkinson Graduate School of Management on a Fulbright Scholarship, completing that program's rigorous application process was not enough. He had to wait two more months for the U.S. government to finish his security clearance. By the time he arrived on campus, classes had been underway for two weeks.

"It's very frustrating," Qahir says, "because you get this letter congratulating you on the Fulbright, and then they tell you that you must gradually get ready. If you have a job, you must quit. You should get ready and pack, tell your family goodbye. If it's taking a week more, a month more, you're in ambiguity. You don't know what's going to happen."

GAINING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

International students weren't the only ones affected by Sept. 11. American students looking to study abroad were reminded of their place in the global community, and their fear of traveling was surpassed by their increased interest in learning about other cultures. "Ironically, the effect of Sept. 11 was not what the terrorists may have hoped," Blumenthal says. "It's not that we were scared and stayed home. Students are more interested in studying abroad, seeing the rest of the world, and going places they haven't previously visited. They realize there are a lot of things happening in the world that don't make sense unless you can see them from a non-U.S. perspective."

Sept. 11 had little effect on the University's longstanding tradition of study abroad. This academic year, 169 Willamette students are studying in Australia, Chile, China and Denmark, to name a few destinations. "We were worried that applications would be down after Sept. 11, but they weren't, which was pretty heartening," says Chris Andersen, associate director of international education. "We talk a lot about being global citizens. Our students are thinking more about building awareness of other cultures."

Gaining a global perspective was a primary reason Juline Walker '07 studied in Chile last spring. "I think it's important to know where other people are coming from

Plan Ahead

Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 1-800-551-6794 or visit the Online Community at www.willamettealumni.com for more details on these and other upcoming events.

Atkinson Lecture Features Joan Didion

Joan Didion will deliver the fall Atkinson Lecture Thursday, Nov. 9. Didion has authored five novels, including *Run River* and *Play It as It Lays*, and eight non-fiction works. Her latest book, *The Year of Magical Thinking*, chronicles the year following her husband's death. Tickets are \$25 per person and include a pre-lecture reception.

Star Trees Lighting and Holiday Concert

Kick off the holiday season by joining the Willamette community for a favorite annual tradition: the Star Trees Lighting and Holiday Concert, Saturday, Dec. 2. We'll light up the trees at 6:30 p.m., then proceed to Smith Auditorium for the start of the Holiday Concert at 7:30 p.m.

An Event of Mythic Proportions

Connect with other Los Angeles-area alumni and parents at the Getty Villa Malibu, Feb. 24, 2007. This amazing property features Roman-inspired architecture, beautiful gardens and Greek, Roman and Etruscan antiquities arranged by themes including "Gods and Goddesses," "Dionysus and the Theatre" and "Stories of the Trojan War." More details available after the New Year.

Alumni Travel: Lifelong Learning, Lifelong Connections

Your relationship with Willamette didn't end with graduation. You merely stepped out into the world, into a new chapter in life and a new relationship with the University. And now you'll have more opportunities than ever before to step out into the world and continue learning through our reinvigorated alumni travel program.

To make sure you find the program relevant and interesting, we'll send out a survey each year. A recent survey of alumni from the 1950s and 1960s yielded many exciting suggestions such as trips to Ireland and the Greek Isles, which we're offering in 2007. We're already working on other options, including a golf trip and a variety of faculty-led tours.

Unless otherwise listed, contact Jim Booth '64, senior director of alumni and parent relations, at 1-800-551-6794 or jbooth@willamette.edu for information on any of the trips listed here or to share your ideas for future travel under the Bearcat banner.

Cruise the Greek Isles

June 21–July 3, 2007

Join Willamette College of Law Dean Symeon Symeonides and his wife, Haroula, for a cruise open to all WU alumni. The cruise will begin and end in Rome, with ports of call including Sicily, Mykonos, Ephesus (Turkey), Santorini, Rhodes, Athens and Naples. CLE credits are available. For more information or to make a deposit, contact Cathy McCann at cmccann@willamette.edu or 1-800-930-ALUM.

Shades of Ireland

July 13–22, 2007

Join longtime English Professor Ken Nolley and his wife, Jan, for a truly unique and personalized tour of the Irish countryside. Overnight stops will include Limerick, Killarney, Waterford, Kingscourt and Dublin. Cost is \$2,999, including airfare, for double occupancy; a \$250 per person deposit is due by Jan. 14.



No Humbugs Here!

Join Portland- and Salem-area alumni, parents and friends for our annual holiday gathering. Come enjoy the spirit of the season with good friends and good food, Dec. 14 at the historic University Club of Portland.

Annual Ashland Affair

Summer 2007

Continuing a longtime Willamette tradition, Jim Booth '64 and Pat Alley '73 will lead a group to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival for three days of outstanding plays. Details will be available soon. Enrollment is limited to 25, so reserve your space now.

from the *Director*



One of the first things I did after being named director of alumni relations was to read through the Alumni Association bylaws to see how today's association measures up to the original vision. While the official purpose of the Alumni Association is "to promote the interest of Willamette University and to maintain and establish mutually beneficial relations between the University and its alumni," in reality, the association and its board do so much more — because that purpose is carried out by enthusiastic people.

It's the people in the Alumni Association who not only keep the history and tradition of the University alive, they come up with great ideas and create amazing opportunities for alumni to stay involved with dear old WU. They raise money for scholarships, provide leadership, and offer mentoring and career networking opportunities for recent graduates and those about to become graduates.

None of these activities could happen without the leadership and support of the 34 alumni, four current students, and numerous faculty and staff who make up our Alumni Association board. Members of the board are nominated by fellow alumni and members of the University community. They are selected by the executive members of the Alumni Association. If you know someone whose Bearcat pride is as great as Willamette itself, please let us know.

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Man on a Mission

Spend a few minutes with David Audley '93, new director of alumni and parent relations, and you'll quickly learn he doesn't have a single story about his days at Willamette... he has hundreds.

He'll tell you how he spotted his future wife, Erin (Good) '93, at their first Glee rehearsal on a Monday at 7 a.m. He was atop a 15' ladder, wearing a sombrero and shaking maracas, singing while directing the marchers — and she walked the other direction. But he'll also tell you he managed to get into her good graces soon thereafter. Their first date was second semester, April 7, 1990.

Willamette is a family tradition for the Audleys. David's parents, Dick '59 and Judy (Hicks) '62, met on campus as

well. Father and son were both members of Sigma Chi, as were uncles Jim Hicks '68 and Rob Strasser '69. "So except for the '70s, there's been one of us on campus since the 1950s," Audley says.

Some of his fondest memories are of his friendship with the late Buzz Yocom '49, legendary registrar, teacher, administrator and executive vice president of TIUA. "Buzz was able to keep the past alive while growing toward the future. He did immeasurable good."

Yocom's affinity for storytelling had a great influence on Audley as a student and today as he thinks about the future of alumni programming. "Willamette alumni should be able to look back to their alma mater for the shared expe-

riences and values that offer stability and tradition for them today. We need to tell our stories, bring back traditions and stand on the conviction that a Willamette experience is unique and the next generation deserves to have the same opportunity for learning and service and community. I'm the living embodiment of that tradition, and I have three generations holding me accountable."

Speaking of traditions, how did Audley fare on that Blue Monday after Glee? While he may be mortified at the memory of donning dress and lipstick to serve as executive assistant to Mary Belle Littrell '92 that day, he'll tell you the whole story with a smile.

20 YEARS OF COMMON GROUNDS

THE BISTRO FAMILY:

To the many who have worked at the Bistro since it opened, the coffee shop is more than just a place to get a caffeine fix or hang out with friends. It's a testament to entrepreneurial spirit, a place to gain work experience and, most important, their second home.

"It's a job, but it doesn't always feel like a job because you're with your friends," says Melissa Dean '07, the current general manager. "We like to say we're the Bistro family."

In late September, about 130 members of the Bistro family — supporters and past employees — returned to their former home to celebrate "20 Years of Common Grounds." Some of them hopped behind the counter for a shift. Others attended a dinner to share memories of their latte-making days. "There's always this fondness for the Bistro," says Darby Schroeder '88, a member of the first staff. "It doesn't matter if the current Bistro staff is 20 years younger. There's still a camaraderie over time."

Bistro founders Eric Friedenwald-Fishman '88 and John Donovan '88 (right center) vividly remember complaining as sophomores that there were no good places to go at night for coffee in Salem. They asked then-President Jerry Hudson if they could open a campus coffee-house. In a series of meetings with Hudson, presenting their well-researched business plan and fine-tuning the details, the president gave them \$20,000 to

start the shop. "I give Jerry Hudson full credit for staying with us and giving us the time to fully address his questions in an appropriate way," Donovan says. "That was one of the best learning experiences."

A hectic summer followed in preparation for opening in the fall of 1986. They divided their days between renovation projects and recipe tests. Many of today's Bistro treats are made from those early recipes, including the chocolate and peanut butter Buzz Bar, named after teacher and administrator Richard Buzz Yocom '49.

Chris Didway '89, a member of the original staff, was among those to work a shift. She says it's gratifying to see the popularity of the Bistro today. "It's the pulse of the campus. It's the hub where everything convenes. There was a void before, and Eric and John filled it."

The Bistro's long-standing role as an entertainment venue also was recognized at the reunion. Garrett Brennan '01 made open mic nights a fairly regular event at the Bistro, and his band, Herschel Patch and the Gleakers,

was a fixture at the shop in the early 2000s. His current folk Americana band, Garrett Brennan & the EbGbs (above top), played a return engagement the first night of the reunion.

Regular music nights are just one of the features Friedenwald-Fishman and Donovan say are proof that the core idea of the Bistro has worked — the shop truly is its own community. "Whenever I walk into the Bistro, there are people studying together, tables of students and faculty interacting or people playing music," Friedenwald-Fishman says. "That sense of connection, that sense of community, is very, very much there."

For a full account of the Bistro's history and the reunion, see the November issue of WU News or the University web site.



WU's *Fabulous Fifties*

Reunions are a time to remember the fun and excitement of your WU days, reconnect with friends and faculty, and rekindle that sense of belonging you had as a student at this great school.

For Willamette University, the 50th reunion is a time of grateful celebration for a half-century relationship with some of our most devoted and accomplished alumni. For the 50th reunion class, it's a time to reflect on how Willamette has shaped their lives and to look ahead to what legacy they want to leave for future generations.

The seeds of a new tradition were planted in 2000, when the Class of 1950 raised \$50,000 for student scholarships. How that tradition has grown in just six years! This year, we laud the Class of '56 for their contribution of more than \$1 million to support endowed scholarships. This substantial gift reflects the class members' belief in the value of a Willamette University education — as well as their responsibility and desire to ensure that education is available to outstanding students in years to come. Excitement is already building among the classes hearing their own 50th reunions.

We honor and thank those in the classes of 1950 through 1956 for their amazing contributions to the University. Your devotion makes us all proud.



Class of 1956

Specialty Reunions

Along with the hundreds of graduates attending Reunion Weekend 2006, two groups of alumni gathered for their own set of special events. More than 25 came back to campus for the Air Force ROTC reunion. And according to Prof. Robert Trapp, advisor to the Willamette University Debate Union, nearly 50 debate team alumni took part in activities including a reception, dinner and debate on the topic "Ron Saxton should be elected governor of Oregon." Debate alumni ranged from the Class of '51 through graduates of the '90s.

If you're interested in a specialty reunion for your campus affinity group — whether fraternities and sororities, choir, student government, or the chess club — contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations to share your suggestions and get involved.



BACK ROW: Larry Paulson '68, JD'71, Gino Pieretti '56, JD'58, Doreen Bailey Jansen (Page Bailey's daughter) and Thomas Car '56
FRONT ROW: Kerry Tymchuk '81, JD'84 and Donna Dunbar Mason '70. NOT PRESENT: Larry Liebenow '66 and Kent Campbell '96

Governor John Kitzhaber appointed him to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, and Democrat Governor Ted Kulongoski appointed him chair of the Oregon Lottery Commission. He has assisted Bob and Elizabeth Dole in writing five books, and recently worked with Gert Boyle, chairwoman of Columbia Sportswear, in co-writing her autobiography, *One Tough Mother*. Tymchuk is a member of the University's board of trustees.

Young Alumni Leadership Award

Kent Campbell '96 exemplifies Willamette's motto, *Not unto ourselves alone are we born*. His service to others was recognized when, as a student, he received a certificate for outstanding contribution to the Community Outreach Program. After graduation, Campbell taught literacy skills to school-aged English language learners and studied teaching at San Jose State University before earning a master's degree in counseling psychology from

Santa Clara University. Since then he has worked in school counseling in a number of settings including Sacred Heart Nativity School, where he currently provides individual and family counseling for low-income, academically and behaviorally at-risk students. Campbell is a young alumni leader in the Bay Area, working on his class's 10-year reunion. In 2003 Campbell and his brothers started the Have a Heart Charity Ball, which, with the support of other Willamette alumni, has raised thousands of dollars for three local organizations dedicated to eliminating poverty, promoting self-sufficiency and providing educational and job training opportunities for those in need.

Lestle J. Sparks Medallion

Gino Pieretti Jr. '56, JD'58 was active as a student at Willamette and the College of Law in the 1950s, and he continues to be active both for his University and his community. Pieretti chaired the Class of '56 50th reunion committee, has served on previous

reunion committees, and has been a class agent for annual giving. In addition, he has served as a mentor on Career Mentor Day and has assisted the current capital campaign as a peer screener. Pieretti has stayed active with his fraternity, Sigma Chi, and has facilitated a number of events for his fraternity alumni brothers. He donates many hours of service to numerous organizations in Portland, including the Parry Center, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the Ryles Center and the Jazz Society. He is the proud parent of Willamette alumna **Gina Pieretti '01**.

Nominations are now being taken for next year's alumni awards. Contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations at 503-370-5304, toll free at 1-800-551-6794, by email to alumni@willamette.edu, or online at www.willamette.edu/community/volunteer. Deadline for nominations is December 1.

Alumni Standouts

Each September during Reunion Weekend, Willamette honors and celebrates outstanding alumni for their achievements and devotion to the University. Here's a look at this year's honorees.

Distinguished Alumni Citations

Page Bailey '56 enjoyed extraordinary accomplishments in two very different fields. A gifted musician when he came to Willamette, Bailey was a nationally known clarinetist until his career was cut short by an accident. Over the next 20 years, he channeled his musical talent into being a master teacher, conductor, lecturer, music education curriculum writer and consultant to schools in Pennsylvania and Kansas. He then turned his energy into creating his own company dedicated to the study of chronic conditions and improving human performance. He was recognized in 2002 by the Case Management Society of America as one of the 10 people in the U.S. who have done the most to advance the understanding and treatment of chronic conditions. Bailey died in October, and his life was an incredible example of service to others.

Thomas Carr '56 embraced Jesus Christ while at Willamette and went on to combine his faith, education and seminary training in his work to bring God's message to others. His ministry carried him across the country and to several nations in a multitude of roles. He has worked with inner-city youth, organized a singles ministry, pastored a future president of the United States, and worked with leaders in Washington, D.C. Carr has reflected the value of a rigorous liberal arts education in serving the needs of the communities in which he has lived. In an interesting side note, Carr and Bailey were close friends and fraternity brothers at Willamette. Shortly after graduation, Carr served as best

man at Bailey's wedding and recently officiated at Bailey's memorial service. The men being honored together is a fitting closure to an enduring Willamette relationship.

Larry Liebenow '66 was named chairman of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 2002. His involvement in many positions within the U.S. Chamber was in addition to his corporate role as president, CEO and director of Quaker Fabric Corporation, one of the largest producers of upholstered fabrics in the world. Liebenow was recognized in 2000 with the Dennis Sheehan Award for leadership and commitment to the American business community. He received the 2002 Man of the Year Award from Textile World. He is a member of the board of directors and chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy. He was also appointed to President George Bush's advisory board for Trade Policy and Negotiations.

Donna Dunbar Mason '70 is director of media services for the city of Vancouver, Wash., and is responsible for publications, Web/Internet, video and related technologies. Within media services is the City/County Cable Television Office responsible for franchise administration and programming for Clark Vancouver Television (CVTV), the government access channel. Mason has served as City/County Cable TV director since that office was established in 1982. She was president of the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) in 1987-88 and served on the board of directors from 1983-91 and 1994-95. She has served on a number of boards and commissions in her state and community.

Larry Paulson '68, JD'71 earned dual degrees from Willamette and has succeeded in dual arenas. His law degree has led him from private practice to corporate law with the Port of Vancouver, where he is now executive director. Simultaneously, Paulson was working his way up through the enlisted ranks to become brigadier general in the Oregon Air National Guard, where his last position was chief of staff and deputy commander. His many professional and civic activities include the board of directors of the Pacific Northwest Waterways Association (where he is currently president), the board of directors of the American Association of Port Authorities, numerous committees in the Oregon State Bar, Washington Public Ports Association, Vancouver Rotary Club and Bible Study Fellowship.

Kerry Tymchuk '81, JD'84, a native of Reedsport, Ore., has used his dual degrees to reach the highest levels of public service. After law school, he served briefly as a deputy district attorney in Marion County before becoming press secretary and legal counsel for then U.S. Congressman **Denny Smith '60**. In 1989 he became director of speechwriting for then U.S. Secretary of Labor Elizabeth Dole. In 1991 he joined Senate Republican leader Bob Dole's staff as legal counsel and director of speechwriting, serving in that position until 1996. During that time, he continued as a communications consultant to Mrs. Dole in her capacity as president of the American Red Cross. Tymchuk returned to Oregon in 1997 to serve as state director to U.S. Senator Gordon Smith, where he has earned a reputation for effectiveness and bi-partisanship. Democrat.

1960s

CLASS OF 1962 AND 1967 REUNION

Dale Mortensen '61 of Evanston, Ill., accepted the Niels Bohr Visiting Professorship of Economics at Aarhus University in Denmark. He and wife Bev are faculty members at Northwestern University. Mortensen was named co-winner of the 2005 IZA Prize in Labor Economics.



Peter A. Verloop '63 of Starnberg, Germany, was award-

ed the Cross of Merit on Ribbon by the president of the German Federal Republic for his profes-

sional and voluntary commitments to the automobile industry. The award ceremony took place in June.



Gregory Nelson '64, JD'67

is regional counsel of six Northwest states for Chicago Title Insurance. He and wife Linda live in Keizer, Ore. They have two sons, **Barrigan W. Nelson '99** and **David G. Nelson '02**, and one grandchild, Carter, born in June 2005.

Daniel H. Skerritt '65, JD'68 of Portland, Ore., was appointed to Willamette's board of visitors. Skerritt practices law with Tonkon Torp LLP, where he focuses on complex commercial litigation and dispute resolution and was recent-

ly named chair of the litigation department. He was listed in the top tier of the litigation category in the 2006 edition of *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. His term will expire Dec. 31, 2007.



Richard L. Stewart '65 and wife, Evelyn live in Olympia, Wash. They celebrated their

35th anniversary earlier this year.

Jay E. Grenig '66, professor of law at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., was recently honored by the university for publishing 100 books on various legal topics. Grenig has been a faculty member since 1980 and served as associate dean for academic affairs from 1988-1992.



A group of 12 Willamette alumni from the classes of '65 and '66 and their spouses gathered at the home of Carl and Susan Schneiderman in Vancouver, Wash., for their own reunion in July. Many were involved in Greek life while at WU. Pictured (left to right, back to front, are **Stan Traxler '66**, **Bruce Alsip '65**, **Chuck Stockwell '65**, **Jim Smith '65**, **Gail (Jenks) Smith '65**, **Richard Harper '66**, **Carl '65** and **Susan '66 Schneiderman**, **Toni (Thompson) Lee '65**, **Pat Lewis '65**, **Sally Stockwell '65** & **Randy Bowles '65**

Mill Stream Memories

Back in those days—the dark ages, you know—back where Putnam Center and the parking lots now exist, was the football field, known as Sweetland Field. It was a muddy, sloppy quagmire and was nearly impossible for the band to march on during half-times. But march we did, in a really uncoordinated fashion because of the uncertain footing. And right in the middle of one of our maneuvers, my boots got stuck in the mud and I marched right out of them! They were the kind that went over my shoes, so I continued, ruining the shoes completely. After we got off the field, I started to go back after them, only to see an outgoing football player pick them up and toss them off to the side of the field. Many years later, Maurice Brennan approached me at a WU Homecoming to ask me if I had ever retrieved the boots, laughing as he asked, and adding that it was the funniest thing he had ever seen in all his years of being a professor of music. It shines in my memory as one of the memorable incidents in my collage life!

—**Alice Rose Jones '47, MME '62**
Keizer, Ore.

Editor's Note: Want to share a fond memory of your days at Willamette? Send your own "Mill Stream Memory" to editor Rebecca Brant at rbrant@willamette.edu.

While watching Angela Lansbury on Turner Classic Movies interview time recently, I was reminded of something we originated—necessarily—at Willamette in approximately 1948! She was reminding us of her role in "State of the Union," a marvelous story and movie in which she played one of the key women in that political piece. You see, we produced "State of the Union" at about that time. It was a very strong piece and very much in the headlines then. We did the play in Waller Hall—where else?—and inasmuch as the set occupied a good share of the playing area, we had no way to get the actors on stage except to walk them through the audience. Solution? A rickety extension ladder from the ground [up to a window outside] the playing area onstage. There they went, in costume, up the ladder, squeezing into a very slim space behind the scenery. When the time came, they whizzed through the door for their entrance and into action! I wish you could have seen it: A marvelous production, very professional, only it was one floor up. It was a great experience for those of us who failed to set the great theatre audience on fire. I have talked with a few of the cast over the years and they feel the same about that play. If you get a chance to see it on TCM with Angela Lansbury, look for our ladder, just outside the big window in the big scene.

—**Joe Power '49** (82 this October and still going strong) Tacoma, Wash.

class notes

CLA Class Notes

1930s

CLASS OF 1932 AND 1937 REUNION

Loise Benjamin Gardner '30 celebrated her 99th birthday June 12 and is looking forward to her 100th. Her daughter, **Joan Gardner '66**, came from New York City to celebrate, along with other family members and **Charleah Hattrick Couckuyt '65**, whose mother, **Leah Fanning Hattrick '30**, was a lifelong friend. Loise has trouble with her eyesight and hearing but writes that her "mind is sharp" and she enjoys reading *The Scene* and looking for friends.

Esther (Spiers) LaClair-Probst '35 and husband Fred Probst are among the founders of the North Bend Community Scholarship Fund. In June the fund celebrated having given \$1 million in scholarships to graduates of North Bend High School since its founding in 1990.

Eugene "Gene" Hibbard '37 and wife Mary Emma live in Wesley Gardens retirement community in Des Moines, Wash. Hibbard graduated from Garrett Seminary in 1940 and married in 1942. The Hibbards served in various ministries for several years before retiring in 1980. Highlights over the years included serving on an exchange with a pastor near Auckland, New Zealand; leading five tour groups to China, "Gene's home country"; leading many wilderness hikes for the church youth; and parenting their five children. Hibbard is now legally blind, but he enjoys audio books and walks around their residence.

Randall Kester '37 recently turned 90. He graduated from Columbia University with a law degree in 1940 and began practicing law in Portland, where he has lived for many years. He had a brief stint on the Oregon Supreme Court in

1957-58. Randall says it has been an interesting life; he is technically retired, but shows up at the office every day. He has many warm memories of Willamette and hopes that others of his generation will send class notes and let people know what they are doing.

1940s

CLASS OF 1947 AND 1947 REUNION



Richard B. McNees '41 transferred to the University of Washington after his sophomore year at Willamette.

He went on to a career as a Naval aviator and retired as a captain in the U.S. Navy. He earned master's degrees in public administration and international affairs from George Washington University, then earned a JD degree from the University of Washington School of Law and had a second career as an attorney. McNees circumnavigated the globe four times and has seen most of the world. He would like to hear from WU friends.



Marion (Sanders) Woodham '42 and husband Ray recently celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary at a dinner with family and friends. They were married June 15, 1946, in Woodland, Calif. They have traveled through Europe, Asia, Australia and Africa. They were unable to return for Reunion Weekend this year but hope to make the 2007 event. He has published five other books, all still in print.

Elizabeth (Hamilton) Caldwell '42, a member of the great Centennial Class, leads a healthy creative life in Seattle. She lives with her younger son, Michael, and his wife, Emma, in the home she and her late husband bought in 1954. Her son Bruce is an artist and hospice caregiver in California. Her grandson and two great-grandsons live in Ballard, Wash. She enjoys emailing, "Googling" and composing a weekly newsletter, "Lizzie's Lair Weekly," that keeps her in touch with family and friends.

Shirley (Laws) Kennedy '44 followed her brothers **Robert Laws '39** and **Leonard Laws '39** to Willamette. She married Robert Root in 1941 after attending WU for a year. They had three sons and lived in Portland. After her divorce, she remarried in 1949 to Rodney Kennedy; they were married for 48 years and had three daughters. Shirley worked as a secretary in the Beaverton School District from 1969-82 before retiring. She edited and published a collection of her mother's poetry, *I Grow Rich Remembering* by Ruth Woolley Law is in the library of the Oregon Historical Society. After her husband's death, Shirley moved to a retirement community, where she edited the community newsletter and has led morning Bible study and evening worship services for many years. She and friend **Helen (Boltjes) Bowman '44** still see each other regularly and have attended two reunions. "We enjoy returning to campus and seeing the wonderful growth and development. We both marvel at our good fortune and health during our eighties." She would welcome hearing from friends.

Stanley Boyd '45 and **Thyra (Currey) Boyd '46** met at Willamette during the V-12 years and will soon celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married by Stan's WU roommate, **William Cate '45**, and it was Bill's first wedding ceremony. Years later, Stan was able to deliver a baby for **Bill and Jan (Patterson) Cate '46**. Stan retired after 42 years as a family doctor. Their oldest son,

Bruce Boyd '70, is a family doctor in Milwaukee, Wis. Stan and Thyra have five children, 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. While at Willamette, Stan acted in "You Can't Take It with You" and "The Male Animal" and has continued with his acting for the past 40 years in Eugene. Thyra just auditioned for "Enchanted April" in community theatre in Eugene.

1950s

CLASS OF 1952 AND 1957 REUNION

Amaryllis (Lilles) Powell '53, MME '66 retired from the Tigard-Tualatin School District as a teacher/administrator in 1993. She moved to Salem and began volunteering for the Salem Police Department and the Governor's Office. In 1998 she was hired full time by Governor John Kitzhaber and in 2002 by Governor Ted Kulongoski as citizen's representative assistant. She works as the receptionist in the Governor's Staff Offices in the state capitol building. The position keeps her aware of state affairs and in contact with the younger generation and their goals and hopes for the future of Oregon. Powell says it is interesting to see how many Willamette people are involved and how proud we are of that fact.

Ron Swanson '55 is training and employment coordinator at D.C. Central Kitchen, a nonprofit organization founded in 1988 to recover unused food, prepare and deliver meals to partner social service agencies, train and employ homeless men and women for the food service industry and intellectually engage volunteers. Swanson and the D.C. Central Kitchen were featured in a story in the *Washington Post* on Feb. 12.

senior director of government relations for Honeywell International, as special assistant to the president in the Office of Legislative Affairs at the White House, and as assistant secretary of transportation for government affairs at the Department of Transportation. Previously O'Hollaren was director of government relations for Union Pacific Corporation, a minority clerk for the senate committee on appropriations, and a legislative assistant for Senator Mark O. Hatfield '43.

Carey (Shorten) Penner '83 of Philomath, Ore., was ordained to the ministry in April 2005. She works at Suburban Christian Church in Corvallis as the children's pastor. Her husband, Bruce, is a nurse, and they have two children, Abl (15) and Lisse (13).

Paris Hancock '84 works in West Linn, Ore., at Athey Creek Middle School. She and Kevin Egan celebrated their 10th anniversary in August. They have two children, Connor and Nell.



Andrea L. Jackson '84 of Boise, Idaho, is president and chief operating officer of Jackson's Food Store. She was

chosen by *Idaho Business Review* as one of Idaho's Women of the Year for her professional accomplishments and her willingness to serve in volunteer organizations and mentor other women.

Jana Fankhauser '86 and husband Garreth Schuh of Seattle recently welcomed their daughter, Anuja Olivia, from Nepal.

Anthony Hatano-Worrell '86 is living in Japan with his wife of 11 years, Toshimi. They have two children, Meg and Tom. He says Willamette helped spark his love for Japan, where he now teaches English. He is sorry to have missed the reunion.

Guy Mulder '86 moved from Southern California to New England to take a position as director of professional services for Charles River Laboratories near Boston. He is "looking forward to the mild New England winters and learning how to use a snow blower."

Jim Robison '86 was politically active on campus and started the Young Democrats of Oregon (YDO), which exists today as an official caucus of the Democratic Party of Oregon. He earned his master's degree in public policy from Harvard's JFK School of Government. When he returned to Portland, he became involved in community and democratic party activism, serving as president of the University Park Neighborhood Association, chair of the Multnomah County Democratic Party and receiving the 2004 Celsi Award. He recently ran for State Representative for House District 44 in Portland and thanks those who supported him though he was not elected.

To Scott Edgar '87 and wife Denise of Portland, a daughter, Meredith Grace, born July 22, 2005. She joins big brother Gabriel.

To William "Jim" Jacobson '87, MAT '92 and wife Jennifer of Thousand Oaks, Calif., a son, Weston William, born Feb. 1. He joins big sister Olivia. Jacobson was a member of the football coaching staff for the University of Southern California when they won the 2005 national championship. He is now a strength and conditioning coach for the Oaks Christian School football team, which just won their third consecutive state title.

Ellen Miyo (Ino) Klaastad '87 met **Jim Robison '86** when he was recruiting for Young Democrats of Oregon (YDO). He introduced her to her husband, Rick Klaastad, who was also involved in YDO. After graduation Ellen and Rick married and moved to Springfield, Ore., and continued their politi-

cal activism through the Service Employees International Union (Oregon Public Employees). She worked for the Democratic House Majority Office, then at the University of Oregon, and returned to politics for the 2004 state representative primary campaign for Paul Holvey and the 2004 Carty Oregon general campaign. She managed Robison's 2006 campaign for state representative.

Kristin Peterson '87 and Gary Walter were married March 25 in Sacred Heart Church in St. Marys, Pa. They live in Portland, Ore.

To Michael Shepard '87 and Robin Roberts of Portland, a daughter, Mia Jade, born Jan. 30. She joins big brother Quinn.



Kate (Johnson) Speckman '88 recently exhibited her "Botanically Inspired" collection of slab-built ceramic

wall pieces and rough-hewn sculptures at the Focus Gallery of the Bush Barn Art Center in Salem. Exhibit-goers included **Jim Booth '64**, senior director of alumni relations, shown here with Speckman.

Darryl D. Walker '88, JD '92, former law clerk of Judge Edwin E. Allen and most recently of the law firm Bullard Smith Jernstedt Wilson, has been hired as senior attorney in charge of labor and employment law for Alaska Airlines, headquartered in Seattle.

To Christopher McLaren '89 and **Maren (Cole) McLaren '92, MAT '94** of New Orleans, La., a daughter, Taria Maren, born Jan. 17, 2005. She joins big sister Sofia (5/23/00) and big brother Cole (2/24/02) and is "completely oblivious to the difficulties of evacuating for Hurricane Katrina and having her home flooded."

Tamara Stephas '89 of Seattle left computer graphics and application development to become a full-time artist. Her current series

of paintings focuses on themes of time, mortality and the conflict between nature and machine. She lives in Seattle with her partner, **Michael Jochimsen '89**.

Kim Weeden '89 and **Jeff Tonole '89** will spend this academic year at Stanford University, where she will be a visiting scholar. She is currently an associate professor of sociology at Cornell University, where she received tenure in July 2005 and will take over as department chair in January 2007. Tonole is a self-employed writer specializing in financial reports. He enjoys brewing beer and recently made his 130th batch. They have a 4-year-old son, Quinn.

Wesley L. Woolbright '89, JD '93 is director of pricing for Safeway in Pleasanton, Calif. In July 2005, he and wife Margaret adopted twin boys, Matthew James and Jacob Wesley, now three years old. They also have three daughters, Beckie, Erin and Kon.

1990s

CLASS OF 1991 REUNION



To Jill (Fratzke) Hough '90 and husband Jeff of Portland, a son, Andrew Wilson, born April 18.

To Carri (Lyda) Lucier '90 and husband George of Terre Haute, Ind., a daughter, Vivienne Nicole, born Feb. 10, 2005. She joins big sister Catherine.

Linda Navarro '90 was named president of the Oregon Bankers Association (OBA) after serving as longtime chief operations officer. She will also serve as executive vice president of the Independent Community Banks of Oregon, and OBA affiliate.

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John W. Erickson '67, MEd'72 has been elected superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools by the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). He will serve as president-elect in 2006-07. Erickson has been with Vancouver Public Schools since 1994 and superintendent since 2002. He received the 2005 Outstanding Educator Award from the Vancouver Parent-Teacher Association. He serves on the state superintendent's advisory committee and as chair of the regional superintendents group. Erickson and his wife, Susan, live in Port Ludlow, Wash.

Nancy Watt '68 of Tigard, Ore., is a former English teacher, school librarian, media specialist, and secondary school administrator. She joined Pacific University in Forest Grove in 1991 after earning her master of education from Western Oregon University and taught in public schools around the state. She completed her duties as interim dean of the College of Education (COE) this summer and is planning for her next adventure — retirement.



Margaret (Shaffer) White '68 spent a weekend on the Oregon Coast with 11 other Willamette graduates to celebrate their 60th birthdays. White says it was great fun to take a break from their normal lives and talk about their time at Willamette, share life stories, discuss views on politics, health and the future. In attendance were **Donine Hedrick '68, Janet (Bell) Hope '68, Judith (Grout) Reynolds '68, Ginnilyn Hawkins '68, Margaret (Horn) Doman '68, Earline Anderson '68, Bonnie Bedford White '68, Jacqueline (Gruver) Willingham '68, Mary (Watkins) Cronin '68, Nancy Miller '68 and Susan (Trullinger) Bach '68**.

1970s

CLASS OF 1972 AND 1977 REUNION

Larry Ettner '73 of Lincolnshire, Ill., completed his doctoral degree in management in May from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He is an adjunct professor at Lake Forest School of Management teaching leadership and new venture opportunities to MBA students.

Granella (Key) Thompson '73 of Weston, Ore., teaches high school choir, has given private piano lessons for more than 30 years and is involved with music at her church. She has four daughters: a sophomore at Linfield, a senior and a freshman at Weston-McEwen High School (WEHS), and a fifth grader. Thompson keeps busy with the girls' many activities "and all the music I can convince them to do."

Lawrence Allen '74 was re-elected district attorney of Sierra County in Lake Tahoe, Calif., in the June primary. He and wife Sherrie live in Alleghany, Calif.

Douglas Groves '74 now lives in Colorado Springs.

Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76 is a pensions services manager with American Benefit Plan Administrators in Portland. He and wife Debbie celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in May. They were married the day before participating in AGSM's first graduation ceremony.



David Price '74 of Ohio was promoted by the U.S. Air Force to the rank of brigadier general. He is director of financial management and comptroller for Air Force Material Command. He oversees 3,000 comptroller personnel and manages a \$44 billion budget.

Edward Whipple '74 is vice president for student affairs at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He is chair of the council on student affairs for the National Association of State Universities and land grant colleges and was elected president of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Foundation, a 10,000-member association of student affairs professionals.

Sherry Witt Snow '75, MBA'78 is controller for the Parkinson's Institute. She contacted the Institute to volunteer as a fundraiser after her mother's death from Parkinson's disease last year, but she was hired instead. Snow is also a member of the Certified Fraud Examiners.

Melissa (Clayman) Fountain '77 and husband Tim moved to Sioux Falls, S.D., from south Orange County, Calif., in 2004. He is an Episcopal priest, and the congregation has doubled in numbers since his arrival. They have two sons: Tim loves wrestling and football, and Joey is thriving in spite of severe autism. Her jewelry business is going well, and she would love to hear from long-lost friends.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982 AND 1987 REUNION

Donald L. Krahmer '81, MBA/JD'87 has been named to the board of trustees of Portland's Jesuit High School, a nonprofit, coeducational college preparatory school founded in 1956.

Dan '79 and Terri (Kelly) Cooper '82 of Salem celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August by touring Italy. They have five grandchildren.



Diane Olson Herriott '82 lives in Silverdale, Wash. Her husband retired from the U.S. Navy and they hope to make Silverdale their permanent home. Her son, Cascade, is in high school and has inherited her running talents (she was a daily runner while at Willamette). She works at a local oncology clinic as a laboratory manager. She took up fencing six years ago and trains at a club in Seattle, where she competes locally and nationally. She has won seven national medals and is ranked first in the country of women foilists over 40.

Holly Riggs '82 sold her business in Ohio in 2003 and moved to Ukiah, Calif., where she is business manager for Ukiah Players Theatre and working on a master's degree in organizational development at Sonoma State University. She is involved with a "smart growth" group working toward responsible community development. She and husband Bob have been married for 15 years and have two children. In her spare time, she sings with a variety of groups and choirs. She would love to hear from her Willamette classmates.

Jodee Jackson '83, currently a student at Willamette University College of Law, was hired at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Portland as a law clerk.

David Lochtie '83 teaches art in the North Clackamas School District and shows his paintings in Northwest galleries, most recently at Bella Perla in Portland's Pearl District. He also leads public art projects throughout the metro area. He, wife Gina, and their three children live in Lake Oswego. His work can be viewed at www.davidlochte.com.

Sean O'Hollaren '83 of Washington, D.C., has been named deputy assistant to the president for legislative affairs. He served as

Adam Stennett '94 has shown both nationally and internationally with several one-person shows in New York, including a video titled "Prospect Park Fight F***." The video takes place in a scale model of Prospect Park where two male mice fight over several female mice, knocking down trees and causing mayhem. The audio combines the sounds of the mice fighting for dominance with a track of the artist talking about seeing a kid being beaten with a baseball bat in his neighborhood and the ensuing attempts to report it to the police. Stennett recently appeared in the May issue of *Esquire* magazine as one of their five up-and-coming artists in America.



To **Annalie (Herrmann) Faddis '95** and husband Randy of Milwaukie, Ore., a son, Jackson Rian, born Feb. 28. Annalie is a lawyer in Portland, and Randy is a track and cross-country coach at Wilsonville High School.

Marny Fisher '95 has spearheaded the launch of www.visualcodec.com, covering the visual arts in Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver, B.C. The site will feature comprehensive show listings in all three cities, along with reviews, interviews, editorials, photoessays and community features.



To **Kara (McAnulty) Roberts '95** and husband John of Colorado Springs, a son, John Patrick, born June 1.

Steven Uhl '95 of Mill Creek, Wash., is pursuing a master's degree in international business at Seattle University. He will travel to Italy this fall for a study tour. Steven works as a treasury analyst for Washington Mutual Bank in Seattle.

Shanti Young '95 and Glenn Molina were married Dec. 22, 2001. They live in Altadena, Calif. She teaches elementary school and recently completed her master of education degree.

Bianca Hinds '96 and Ryan McCarthy were married April 1, 2005. **Jill Gray '95, JD '99** was maid of honor, and several other WU alumni attended. The couple lives in Portland.



Bryn (Wittmayer) Smith '96 and **Paul Smith '96** of Salem, welcomed a daughter, Sophia Amy, born March 22 and adopted June 6.

In May **Alaina (Wood) Wilson '96** and husband Dan welcomed Dayna Mei Louise, born in Gutian, Fujian Province, People's Republic of China, May 1, 2005. Alaina teaches K-6 vocal music for Omaha public schools. The couple live in Ashland, Neb.



To **Jennifer (Shiprack) Donovan '97** and husband Phil of Portland, a daughter, Lucia Jade, born Jan. 20.

Rene Gonzalez '97, JD '00 of Portland, Ore., has joined Knowledge Learning Corp. as associate general counsel for real estate. He previously worked for Stoel Rives LLP in the firm's real estate group.



To **Elizabeth (Harri) Erier '97** and husband Rodney of Oak Harbor, Wash., a daughter, Abigail Ainsley, born Nov. 4, 2005. She joins big sister Morgan. Maternal grandfather is **Edward J. Harri JD '73, C '86**, assistant dean for student affairs at Willamette's College of Law.



To **Jessica (Dorsey) Suzuki '97** and husband Keiichi of Tokyo, Japan, a son, Ethan Taylor, born Jan. 7.



To **Megan (Agee) Baker '98** and husband Brian, a daughter, Katherine Grace, born April 11. She joins big sister Sarah (2). They live in Chico, Calif.

Jennifer Brothers '98 and Steve Stephens were married Aug. 7, 2005. She received a nursing degree from Oregon Health and Science University in 2001 and is a nurse at Salem Hospital. He works for the Salem Fire Department. They live in Monmouth.

To **Gina (Devincenzi) Davenport '98** and **Todd Davenport '98** of Van Nuys, Calif., a son, Brendan Louis, born July 2.



To **Ryan Deibert '98** and Lorelei Juntunen of Portland, a daughter, Aili Wren, born April 2.

To **Marisa (Benedetti) Hodes '98** and **Spencer Hodes '98** of Portland, a son, Edward Ottavio, born June 30.

Jeremy Johnson '98 finished his federal clerkship in August 2005 and now works at a law firm in St. Louis, Mo.

To **Sarah (Kelly) Kaster '98** and husband David of Snoqualmie, Wash., a daughter, Sage Riley, born June 9. Maternal grandmother is **Linda (Walker) Kelly '69**, and maternal uncle and aunt are **Tyler '03** and **Aubrey (Merryman) Kelly '03**.

To **Joseph Kennedy '98, MAT '99** and wife Christina Sehnem of Klamath Falls, Ore., a son, Jordan David, born April 14, 2004.

Joanna Moogk '98 and Carter Camp were married May 21, 2005, at Lanikai Beach on the island of Oahu. The couple live in Port Townsend, Wash.

Dean Nakanishi '98, MAT '00 passed his national boards for professional teaching standards in social studies in 2005. He just completed his 6th year of teaching at Alderwood Middle School in Lynwood, Wash.



Greg Nolan '98, MAT '01 and **Melodee (Van Veldhuizen) Nolan '00, MAT '01** welcomed Alicia (8) and Elijah (5) to their family Dec. 28, 2005. They join sister Gwendolyn (4).



To **Shane (Martin) Olson '98** and **Garrick Olson '98** of Sunnyvale, Calif., a daughter, Makenna Lynne, born Feb. 22.

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Douglas Shumaker '90 was honored in *Portland Monthly* magazine's 2006 annual "top doctors" issue as one of the city's top 315 physicians, as chosen by his peers. Shumaker is a gastroenterologist in private practice in Portland. He and wife Melissa recently celebrated 16 years of marriage. They have three children: Halle (10), Elijah (7) and Annika (3).



To **Holly (Briscoe) Atherton '91** and husband Andrew of Columbus, Ohio, a son, Henry James,

born Oct. 25, 2005. Uncle and aunt are Holly's brother and his wife, **Craig '92** and **Lisa (Lessley) Briscoe '92** (see below). Holly is a medical case manager for a rehabilitation center.



To **Dennis Lieuallen '91** & **Staci (Foster) Lieuallen '93** of Sherwood, Ore., a son, Reid Dennis,

born July 31, 2005. He joins big brother Tate.

Donna (Yee) Yamamoto '91 earned her master's degree in education, counseling and guidance from the University of Hawaii in December 2005. She is a counselor at Moanalua High School in Honolulu.

To **Lisa (Lessley) Briscoe '92** and **Craig Briscoe '92**, a daughter, Eleanor Pearl, born March 13. She joins big brother Albert. The Briscoes live in Portland, where Craig works for an architectural firm.

To **Patrick Sheehan '92** and wife Michelle of Salem, a son, Noel, born Dec. 31, 2005. He joins big brother Bryson.



Johanna Graveline '92 and **Peter Schroeter** were married Feb. 2 in Melbourne Beach, Fla. She works in pharmaceuticals research, and he is an air traffic controller. Their son, Alec, was born April 4, 2004. The couple live in Bodenheim, Germany, near Mainz.

To **Damian Want '92** and **Mikel Allison (Glavinovich) Want '93** of Redondo Beach, Calif., a son, Ryder Paul, born May 17, 2005. He joins big sister Zoe.

Molly Anderson '93 and **Brian Kirk '93** were married June 18, 2005, in Lakewood, Wash. Brian is the composer for the CBS television series "NCIS," and Molly is the senior import/export manager for Mattel toys. They live in Los Angeles.

Spencer Bohaboy '93 graduated from Portland State University with a master's degree in environmental science and passed his hydrologist in training examination. He works for the engineering firm of Gibbs and Olson as an environmental scientist.

To **Mark Hanken '93** and **Kimberlee (Harper) Hanken '94** of Portland, a daughter, Claire Harper, born Dec. 7, 2005.

Jane (Reinke) Jackson '93 MBA '95 and **Paul Jackson '94** took a temporary assignment for Intel Corporation in Penang, Malaysia. Their children are attending international school and all are enjoying the adventure.

Andreas Lühring '93 MBA '94, formerly regional sales manager for half of Germany for Akzo Nobel Deco GmbH, is now manager of new markets for the UK and southern and eastern Europe.

Trina M. Roth '93 MAT '99 and **Joseph Rosevear '94** worked as high school teachers at the American College of Sofia in Bulgaria for the past three years. They are moving to Damascus, Syria, to teach at the Damascus Community School. She will teach 4th grade and then move into the library, she is currently pursuing a master's degree in library science. He will be the school counselor and teach algebra. The couple recently celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary.

Daniel J. Wren '93 JD '05 of Salem opened his own law office specializing in criminal defense, domestic relations, personal injury and general civic matters.

Gregory Zerzan '93 JD '96 of Washington, D.C., has joined the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) as head of public policy and chair of the ISDA's U.S. Regulatory Committee. He recently served as acting assistant secretary and deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. Treasury.

Judson Blaine '94 and **Caroline McCulloch '96** were married March 25 in Piedmont, Calif. Maid of honor was **Julie Ming '96** and best man was **Matthew D. Blaine '94**. Several other Willamette alumni attended, and **A. Holmes Pierce '94**, who passed away May 23, 1995, was remembered. Jud is a software engineer, and Caroline is an 8th grade teacher. They live in Portland, Ore.



Jennifer Franchuk '94 received her MD from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May. She is completing her residency in family practice in Milwaukie, Ore., where she currently lives.



To **Sierra (Hayden) Harris '94** and husband Scott of Montana City, Mont., a son, Coulter James, born Nov. 28, 2005.

Ellen (Hanson) Lewis '94 of Sanata Monica, Calif. has been working at the University of Southern California as a documentation specialist for five years. When she's not working, she's writing plays. Her first full-length workshop production, "Infinite Black Suitcase," took place at her home theatre company, Moving Arts, in August 2005. The play was a semi-finalist for the O'Neill Playwrights Conference in 2006. Lewis has the following productions in 2006: "The Half-Wife Variations" in Valdez, Alaska; "Six Bottles of Heineken After the Silverado" in Chicago; and "Reading to Vegetables" in Omaha. She is seeking production for her newest play, "HEADS," a hostage drama set in Iraq.

Shawn "Liz" Smiley '94, of Washington, D.C., received her master's degree from George Washington University in security policy studies, focusing on terrorism and political psychology. She is a senior intelligence operations analyst with the Department of Homeland Security.



To **Aurene (Padilla) Pila '94** and husband Michael of Milliani, Hawaii, a daughter, Dannika Ka'ulaweha

Vida Jing Li, born Jan. 30. She joins big brother Aaron. Aurene is curriculum coordinator at Kapolei Elementary School and teaches part time at Leeward Community College.



To **Leila (Clark) Staffler '01** and husband Markus of Mariana Islands, Thailand, a daughter, Fanai Haveia Fleming, born May 2

Sarah (Thomsen) Vierra '01 and **Ben Vierra '01** live in Carrboro, N.C. Sarah received her master's degree in history from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and will continue into the PhD program. Ben completed the first year of his master's program in natural resources.

Ashley Adams '02, MAT'03 bought a home in Tigard, Ore., and is the reading specialist at Martin Luther King Elementary in NE Portland.



Dana Christopherson '02 and **Brian Carmichael** were married at the Governor's Hotel in Portland Oct. 7, 2005. The wedding party included Sarah Alexander '01 and Jenny Frankel-Reed '01. Dana received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield College in 2004 and is a labor and delivery nurse at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, where the couple live. She also passed her ski patrol licensing this spring.

Ashley Homer '02 spent several months last year living in Tanzania, East Africa, in a Maasai village. Ashley taught English at a rural secondary school. She volunteered at No'onkodin Community

Secondary School alongside her twin sister, Haley. Ashley has founded an organization called the Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania (IEFT), which is registered as a non-governmental organization (NGO) in Tanzania and is currently seeking non-profit status in Oregon. IEFT hopes to drill a well for safe drinking water and build a secondary school for the villagers and their children. For more information, visit www.iefzt.org or email info@iefzt.org.

Greg Jones '02 and **Kimberlee Jones MBA'02** moved to Colorado, where Greg now works for the University of Colorado at Boulder. He was previously director of the Willamette parents fund. Kimberlee is an HR generalist at T-Mobile, supporting national and West Coast retail sales.

April Choate '04 and **Matthew Zlatnik** were married Dec. 22, 2004. They recently moved to Guiyang in the Guizhou province of south central China, where they teach English to university students, planning to do so for two years.



Shawn Casey Lavery '05 and **Lesley Meyer '05** were married Aug. 13, 2005. The wedding party included

Hannah A. Nagle '06 and **Kellen T. Galster '05**. Lesley is a second grade teacher with Teach for America. Shawn is a solutions analyst with Eyeidream in Fremont, Calif. The couple live in San Jose.

Alex Compton '06 received a post-baccalaureate fellowship to the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases in Bethesda, Md.



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H	Honorary Degree
JD	Juris Doctor
LLB	Bachelor of Laws
LLM	Master of Laws
MAT	Master of Arts in Teaching
MBA	Master of Business Administration
MBA/JD	Joint Degree
MM	Master of Management or Administration
MEd	Master of Education

class notes

Tyler Peterson '98 has left Microsoft after six years to complete his master's degree in finance at George Washington University and transition his career to investment/asset management.

Liani J. Reeves '98, JD'01 of Portland, Ore., has been appointed an assistant attorney general in the Torta Section of the Trial Division of the Oregon Department of Justice in Salem. Previously, Reeves served as staff attorney for the National Crime Victim Law Institute.



To **Adam '98, MAT'01** and **Jenny (Schaecher) Withycombe '02, MAT'03** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Kennedy Renee, born May 23.

Travis Brouwer '99 and **Jessica (Hammond) Brouwer '99** were married March 4, 2000, in Salem. At that time Jessica was a social worker and Travis worked for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley. Their first daughter, Brinsley Annaya, was born April 21, 2003. Second daughter, Brooklynn Avery, was born August 1. Jessica stays home with the girls and works with a local non-profit. In December 2005 Travis began work as a federal affairs advisor for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Glen Covert '99 received his master's degree from the University of Chicago last August. He interned at the World Affairs Council of Seattle. He is moving to Europe to work toward a master of advanced international studies degree at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna focusing on cultural relations between the United States and the European Union.

Christine (Fidler) Freitag '99 and **Eric Freitag '98** live in Redwood City, Calif. She received her master's degree in early childhood development from Mills College in Oakland, Calif. He received his doctorate in psychology from the Wright Institute in Berkeley. They both graduated in June 2005. She works at Children's Hospital in Oakland as a life specialist, and he works in private practice in Marin County as a neuropsychologist.



Brandi Krosschell '99 and Jonathan Little were married June 1, 2004, in Kaslof, Alaska, where they now live. The couple have a son, Salem James, born March 15.

Kimberly Loewen '99 and **Adam Bamberg** were married Nov. 2, 2003. The couple live in Seattle, Wash.



To **Barrigan Nelson '99** and wife, Heather Heard of Salem, a son, Carter Stephen Thomas, born June 24, 2005. Paternal grandparents are **Linda (Stewart) Nelson '67** and **Gregory Nelson '64, JD'67**.



To **Traci Roberts-Camps '99** and husband Martin of Stockton, Calif., a son, Carson David, born April 12.

2000s

Nikolas Caoile '00 earned his doctorate in orchestral conducting from the University of Michigan. He has been appointed assistant conductor of the Florida Grand Opera.



Stephanie Craig '00 and **Ryan Rushing** were married May 21, 2005, in Portland. The ceremony was performed by the Very Reverend Dr.

Donald Brown '68. The wedding party included **Jennifer (Franck) Gilrein '00**, **Carinna Tarvin '00**, **Aaron Briggs '00** and **David Rigsby '00**, with several other alumni attending. Stephanie works at the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, and Ryan works at OHSU.



Kelly Jabbusch '00 and **Chris Burkhalter** were married March 19 in Seattle, where they now live. Kelly is finishing her PhD in mathematics

at the University of Washington, and Chris is working at a cellular phone company.



To **Sarah (Chester) Joplin '00** and husband Mark of Bend, Ore., a son, Calvin Richard, born March 6.

Rachel Webb '00 and **Matthew Allen** were married Sept. 4, 2005, in Portland. Parents of the bride are **Ellen (Moore) '69** and **Gary Webb '68**. Rachel is an inorganic chemist for Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and

Matthew is production manager for Security Signs.

Justin Callander '01 was promoted to production unit manager for Kenworth Truck Company in Renton, Wash.



To **Monica (Scott) Fiedler '01, MAT'03** and husband Aaron of Salem, a son, Andrew Scott, born April 10. The Fiedlers both work for the Salem-Keizer School District.



James Grant '01 and **Melissa Kanzler '02** were married June 26, 2004, at her parents' vineyard in Sebastopol, Calif. **Chrissey Hanson '01** and **Courtney Grant '98** were bridesmaids, and **Matt Wilmot '01, JD'05**, **Matt Reudink '01**, **Mike Bernatz '01** and **Kevin Holland '01** were groomsmen. More than 30 other Willamette alumni attended the ceremony. James is entering his third year at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Melissa works in technology public relations. They reside in San Francisco.

Megan Hill '01 and **Kyle Workman** were married April 10 in Oahu and honeymooned in Kaula. They live in Laguna Niguel, Calif., where Megan is an eighth grade teacher and Kyle is an environmental consultant.

Randall Schmitz '93, MBA/JD'97 joined Perkins Cole's litigation group in February. He will be an associate in the Boise, Idaho, office. He was previously an associate with Anderson, Julian & Hull LLP in Boise and served as a real estate attorney for Albertsons, Inc.



Natalie Prust MM'98 ran her first marathon, in Los Angeles, in March. She finished in 4 hours and 55 minutes and plans to run again next year.

2000s



To **Julie (Campbell) Davis MBA'00** and husband Mike, a daughter, Rose Rocket, born Feb. 13. The family lives in Seattle.



To **Molly Gellatly MBA'00 & Erik Gellatly JD'98**, a daughter, Katherine Grace, born Dec. 28, 2005.

Colin Ray MBA/JD'00, CDR'00 has left law practice to become an investment banker with the international principal investments team of Shinsei Bank.



Beth Ursin MBA'00 received the 2006 AGSM Staff Member/Administrator of the Year Award in May.



To **Alison Hohengarten MBA/JD'01** and husband Erich, a son, Garrett, born March 23. He joins big brother Carson.



Handy Nagaria MBA'01 married Aileen Hermanto on June 18, 2006, in Indonesia at St. Fransiskus Asisi Church. Nagaria is a marketing specialist for AGRICON and resides in Bogor, West Java, Indonesia.

Juan Javier Aguiar MBA/JD'02 is a contracts manager for Schlumberger in Quito, Ecuador. He works on review, negotiation, and management of contracts with clients and related subcontracts, and has a direct connection with the marketing and legal departments.

Kimberlee Jones MBA'02 is an HR generalist at T-Mobile in Colorado supporting national and West Coast retail sales. Her husband, **Greg Jones '02**, former director of the Willamette University parents fund, now works for the University of Colorado at Boulder.

To **David Leal MBA'02** and wife Kristen, a son, Harrison James, born October 25, 2005. He joins big brother Patrick (3).

Siddharth Parakh MBA'02 left the Robins Group in Portland to join McAdams Wright Ragan, Inc., in Seattle in July. He takes time off between jobs to travel to India before starting his new position as assistant vice president of equity research.

Michael Thomas MBA'03 and **Amy Crocker MBA'04** were married August 12 in Salt Lake City. Amy is a senior financial analyst at Intel, and Michael is an assistant account executive at HMM.



Andee Vassilaros MBA'03 married Aaron Masonek April 2 in Portland. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and South Beach, Fla. Andee works in the export department at Columbia Grain International, and Aaron is creative director for Sautalito Foods. They live in Portland.



To **Brian K. Johnston MBA'04** and wife Katherine, a son, Blake Andrew, born January 25. Brian continues as owner of Dallas Glass & Window and Willamette Valley Home Shows.

Christopher Magana MBA/JD'04 joined West Coast Trust, a subsidiary of West Coast Bank in 2005 as a portfolio manager.



Colby Curry MBA'05 is a marketing assistant with the Kansas City Royals. Al Roker of "The Today Show" recently visited the Royals to donate a trailer of supplies to a local charity. Colby is shown in the upper right of this photo, along with Roker and members of the Royals baseball team.



Courtney Ranstrom MBA'05 married Jeff Dover April 22 in Fargo, N.D., at the Plains Art Museum.

School of Education Class Notes

1970s

John W. Erickson '67, MEd'72 has been elected superintendent of Vancouver Public Schools by the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). He will serve as president-elect in 2006-07. Erickson has been with Vancouver Public Schools since 1994 and superintendent since 2002. He received the 2005 Outstanding Educator Award from the Vancouver Parent-Teacher Association. He serves on the state superintendent's advisory committee and as chair of the regional superintendents group. Erickson and his wife, Susan, live in Port Ludlow, Wash.

1990s

To **William "Jim" Jacobson '87, MAT'92** and wife Jennifer of Thousand Oaks, Calif., a son, Weston William, born Feb. 1. He joins big sister Olivia. Jacobson was a member of the football coaching staff for the University of Southern California when they won the 2005 national championship. He is now a strength and conditioning coach for the Oaks Christian School football team, which just won their third consecutive state title.

class notes

Atkinson Class Notes

1970s

Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76 is a pensions services manager with American Benefit Plan Administrators in Portland. He and wife Debbie celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in May. They were married the day before participating in AGSM's first graduation ceremony.

Sherry Witt Snow '75, MBA'78 is controller for the Parkinson's Institute. She contacted the institute to volunteer as a fundraiser after her mother's death from Parkinson's disease last year, but she was hired instead. Snow is also a member of the Certified Fraud Examiners.

1980s

Dave Becker MBA'80 is a senior product engineer for Nike, Inc., and works as a consultant and technical advisor to engineers and product development managers in the Nike footwear production and manufacturing processes. He has spent most of his career developing the Nike brand and products in markets overseas and has held positions in Korea, Japan, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, and his current job in China.

Greg Struxness MM/JD'82 of Portland, Ore., was recently named one of the nation's top commercial litigators in the 2006 edition of *Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Struxness practices law with Ater Wynne LLP, focusing on corporate law and mergers and acquisitions.



Roberta "Bobbie" Conner MBA'84 is AGSM's 2006 selection for honorary membership in the

Beta Gamma Sigma and Pi Alpha Alpha honor societies. Conner joined the U.S. Small Business Administration after graduation and is currently director of the Native American cultural center and museum, Tamastsiik Cultural Institute, located in Eastern Oregon. In February, Conner delivered the inaugural lecture of the Indian Country Conversations Series: "It Is All Connected: Lewis and Clark, Jason Lee, the 1855 Treaty, Our Ancestors and Our Future." She spoke informally with interested AGSM students, faculty and staff about her background and career.

Ann Jackson MBA'84, at the invitation of Lord Joffe, participated in a briefing with the House of Lords at Westminster Palace in London in April. Joffe has introduced a bill in the United Kingdom modeled after Oregon's Death With Dignity Act. Jackson is CEO of the Oregon Hospice Association and a primary spokesperson and researcher about physician-assisted suicide in the state. While in London, she met with hospice and palliative medicine caregivers concerned about their roles should the practice become legal. She met, too, with individuals representing Dignity in Dying, who support such a law. Oregon's act was passed in 1994 and implemented in 1998, making the state the first place in the world where assisted suicide was a legal end of life option. Jackson recently testified before a Senate Committee hearing in May on "The Consequences of Legalized Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia." Among her published articles is "The Reality of Assisted Dying in Oregon," in *Hospital Doctor UK*. She was interviewed by BBC radio in May and by the *British Medical Journal* in April.

Donald L. Kraemer '81, MBA/JD'87 has been named to the board of trustees of Portland's Jesuit High School, a nonprofit, coeducational college preparatory school founded in 1956.

Concetta Schwesinger MBA/JD'88 of Salem, Ore., recently was appointed to the board of Oregon Women Lawyers (OWLs). She works for the Oregon Department of Justice.

1990s

Ted Romanowitz MBA'90 is marketing manager at Intel Corporation. Gigabit LAN, wireless LAN, Intel® Centrino® Mobile technology, and Intel® Viv™ technology are just a few of the products he has helped create in his seven years at Intel. Romanowitz is the "go-to-market" manager for the Digital Home Group, where he leads a 50-person team responsible for consumer PC platforms.



Keri Courtain (Stone) MBA'91 and husband Roger

traveled to China in December 2005 to bring home daughter Lucy LuQing. She joins big sister Hannah (4). Courtain owns Data Bridge Northwest, Inc., in Portland and develops FileMaker Pro databases for businesses from Fortune 500 firms to small companies.

Scott Talkington MBA'91, C'91 is director of research at the National Association of Scholars in April and lives Princeton, N.J.

Brian E. Smith MBA/JD'92 of Eugene, Ore., is assistant vice president for administration for the University of Oregon. He has been with the university's Technology Transfer Office for more than four years and previously worked for the Oregon state legislature and the federal government.

Carol (Fish) Jensen MBA'93 has been human resources director at Mennonite Village continuing care retirement community in Albany for more than five years. She co-presented "Practices and Activities that Improve Employee Retention" at the Mennonite Health Assembly national conference in North Carolina in March and again in May at the Oregon Alliance of Senior and Health Services Conference in Redmond, Ore. Jensen has been a certified professional in human resources (PHR) since 1994.

Colby Schmitt MBA'93, C'93 is a revenue officer with the U.S. Treasury Department and is posted in Downers Grove, Ill.

Andreas Lühring '93, MBA'94, formerly regional sales manager for half of Germany for Akzo Nobel Deco GmbH, is now manager of new markets for the UK and southern and eastern Europe.

Mark Bruun MBA'95 is project manager for Lorentz Bruun Construction.

Jane (Reinke) Jackson '93, MBA'95 and **Paul Jackson '94** took a temporary assignment for Intel Corporation in Penang, Malaysia. Their children are attending international school and all are enjoying the adventure.



Sharon Perez MBA'95, director of development and marketing at the Oregon Historical Society, has

been selected as one of the *Portland Business Journal's* Orchid Award winners, an annual recognition of 25 women who have shown extraordinary leadership and accomplishment.

J. David Zehntbauer MBA/JD'96 of Portland, Ore., has been named a partner at Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue LLP. He leads the hospitality industry team, and his practice focuses on real estate and corporate law.

sister Marie Covey, brother-in-law **Frank Childs '34**, sister-in-law **Lydia (Childs) Isom '30** and sister-in-law Isabel (Childs) Rosebraugh '32. Survivors include two sons, including **Paul deLespinasse '61**, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Albert M. Hughes '36 died May 15 in Washington. He was born June 29, 1913, and graduated from Salem High School. He received a master of science degree from Oregon State College in 1939. He married **Genevieve Bellinger '38** in Salem, Ore., in 1940. They moved to Shelton, Wash., where he worked as a research chemist for Rayonier Inc. for 40 years. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, sister **Gertrude (Hughes) Partlow '40**, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Delmar A. Ramsdell Sr. '36, MEd '53 died July 12 in Oregon. He was one of Salem's consummate teachers, a fourth generation Oregonian. He spent his childhood playing and swimming in Mill Creek near Turner and went to school in Salem and Woodburn. After graduation from WU, he taught school in Rogue River and Ashland for two years until he married **Donni Conyne**. They moved to Roseburg, where he taught high school English, drama and tennis at Roseburg High School until 1945, when the family moved to Salem. He distinguished himself as an English and public speaking teacher. He coached debate and tennis at Salem High School, where his teams won numerous state championships. During his summer vacations, he developed a summer tennis program for the Salem Parks and Recreation Department. In 1955 he helped open South Salem High School as a teacher, counselor and vice principal. He is remembered as leading the charge against "Sputnik thinking" by acting to reform high school science and math curricula in Oregon. His career was capped by a return to North Salem High School as vice principal before his retirement in 1978 at the age of 66.

In retirement, he was active in the Sons of the American Revolution, genealogical studies and travel. He loved hosting family gatherings, telling stories and listening to the adventures of others. Survivors include his wife of 68 years, **Donni**, two sons, daughter **Valerie (Ramsdell) Capps '64**, six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

Lois L. (Underwood) Weiler '36 died April 21 in Vancouver, Wash. She was born June 30, 1914, in Topeka, Kan., and moved to Portland when she was a teenager. At home, her life centered on Oregon City First Presbyterian Church, Warner Pacific College, and her love for learning and teaching the Bible. She was an avid reader and created needlepoint for her family. She welcomed complex conversation and loved to laugh. Her companions were her horse, her dog and her extended family. She graduated from Franklin High School and earned a master's degree in biology from Reed College. She taught high school science. During World War II, she served in the Navy Waves. She was the owner of V Bar V Western Stores in Milwaukie and Gresham and Circle K Ranch in Oregon City. She moved to Vancouver in 2000. In 1941, she married **Bernhardt Weiler**; he preceded her in death in 2003. Survivors include a daughter, a son, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Joseph L. Blanchard '37 died Feb. 20 in California.

Lincoln L. Doney '37 died Jan. 8, 2005, in Arizona. He was born July 2, 1909.

Lucy M. Klein '37 died March 1 in California. She was born March 27, 1916.

Helen F. (Olds) Dunn '38 died Dec. 1, 2005, in Washington. Survivors include brother **Douglas V. Olds '46**.

Charlotte E. (Litchfield) Dixon '38 died March 13 in Oregon. She was born Jan. 29, 1914. Her husband, **Lorne Thomas**, preceded her in death, as did her brother **G. Kenneth Litchfield '29, JD '29**, nephew **Richard Litchfield '63** and sister-in-law **Frances (McGilvra) Litchfield '30**. Survivors include two sons, including **James Dixon '64**, niece **Carol (Litchfield) Renfuss '56**, and nephews **John A. Renfuss '56** and **Ralph V. Litchfield '60**.

Charles R. Cater '39, LLB '39 died June 12, 2005, in Oregon. He was born June 21, 1913. One son died in death. Survivors include his wife, **Donna**, a son and a daughter.

June M. (Aasheim) Gallon '39 died June 30, 2004, in California. She was born April 18, 1918. Husband **Arthur J. Gallon '39** preceded her in death. Survivors include three daughters.

Charlotte E. (Goplerud) Larsen '39 died Dec. 16, 2002, in Washington. She was born March 5, 1918. Survivors include husband **Haakon**.

Martha T. (Okuda) Moore '39 died June 2, 2005, in California. She was born March 26, 1917.

Paul I. Bennett '41, MEd '47 died May 29 in Oregon. He was born Sept. 16, 1917. Wife **Margaret** preceded him in death. Survivors include daughter **Linda (Bennett) Scheele '69** and cousin **Susan (Kirk) Geary '75**.

Alice C. Dahlen '41 died July 13 in Kelzer, Ore. She was born Dec. 23, 1913, in Doble, Mont. She graduated from Salem High School in 1933. She attended Portland State University, then worked as an insurance broker at Huggins Insurance and Updegraff Insurance. She was the first woman in Oregon to receive the CPCU designation and was active in the Salem Insurance Women's Organization. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, where she was active in the quilting group. Survivors include her sister, a sister-in-law,

four nieces, three nephews and several great nieces and nephews.

Earl Nichols '41 died April 19 in Oregon. He was born April 22, 1918, in Portland. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. During World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps as an aircraft radio operator. He and wife **Addena** married in 1943 and had two sons, **William** and **James**. Following World War II and a period of self-employment in radio-TV repair, Earl spent most of his career as a real estate appraiser with the Marion County Assessor's Office, from which he retired in 1982 as chief deputy assessor. He was an avid fisherman, river-boater and a member of the Santiam River Guides Association. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include his sons, a cousin, and a close friend, **Ruth Vaughn**, of Salem.

Arthur G. Olson '41 died March 19 in Oregon. He was born Nov. 8, 1917. He played football for Willamette before going to work in the Portland shipyards during the early years of World War II. He served as a merchant marine. He married **Frances Amy Fonger** in Tillamook, Ore., on June 24, 1945, and they were married for 60 years. After the war, he worked for Mountain States Power Company. In 1961, they moved to Albany where Art worked for PP&L until he retired in 1983. In 1988, merchant marines who served during World War II were formally given veteran's status, so Art joined the American Legion and proudly served in the honor guard and as sergeant of arms. Brother **J. Wallace Olson '43** and sister-in-law **Dorothy (Koschmider) Olson '44** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Clyde T. Hall '42 died Dec. 29, 2005, in California. Survivors include wife **Jean (Jackson) Hall '43**, a son, a daughter, and sisters **Beth (Hall) Clark '40** and **Marie (Hall) Schell '43**.

class notes

To **Maren (Cole) McLaren '92**, **MAT '94** and **Christopher McLaren '89** of New Orleans, La., a daughter, Talia Maren, born Jan. 17, 2005. She joins big sister Sofia (5/23/00) and big brother Cole (2/24/02) and is "completely oblivious to the difficulties of evacuating for Hurricane Katrina and having her home flooded."

Lee Ann Williamson MAT'95 has left the Salem-Keizer schools and moved to Eugene, Ore., to pursue graduate studies at the University of Oregon in speech pathology.

To **Tanja Langen MAT'96** and husband Ross Swartzendruber, twins, Henry Edwin and Rose Ann, born December 8, 2005. They join big sister Lillian (3). Langen teaches German at South Salem High School and recently completed her administrative credential. They enjoy traveling to Germany to visit grandparents.

To **Justin Crow MAT'98** and wife Jennifer of Albany, Ore., a daughter, Amelie Juliet, born June 1, 2005. She joins big brother Trenton.

To **Mark Christianson MAT'99** and wife Shannon of Tualatin, Ore., a son, Sutton Ladd, born May 11. Shannon is assistant director of gift planning in Willamette's Department of University Relations, and Mark teaches math at Century High School in Hillsboro, Ore.

To **Joseph Kennedy '98**, **MAT '99** and wife Christina Sehnem of Klamath Falls, Ore., a son, Jordan David, born April 14, 2004.

Trina M. Roth '93, **MAT '99** and **Joseph Rosevear '94** worked as high school teachers at the American college of Sofia in Bulgaria for the past three years. They are moving to Damascus, Syria, to teach at the Damascus Community School. She will teach 4th grade and then move into the library; she is currently pursuing a master's degree in library science. He will be the school counselor

and teach algebra. The couple recently celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary.

2000s

Dean Nakanishi '98, **MAT'00** passed his national boards for professional teaching standards in social studies in 2005. He just completed his sixth year of teaching at Alderwood Middle School in Lynnwood, Wash.

Melodee (Van Deldhuizen) Nolan '00, **MAT'01** and **Greg Nolan '98**, **MAT'01** welcomed Alicia (3) and Elijah (5) to their family on



Dec. 28, 2005. They join sister Gwendolyn (4).

To **Monica (Scott) Fiedler '01**, **MAT'03** and husband Aaron of Salem, a son, Andrew Scott, born April 10. The Fiedlers both work for the Salem-Keizer School District.



To **Adam '98**, **MAT'01** and **Jenny (Schaecher) '01**, **MAT'03** of

Withycombe '02, **MAT'03** of Knoxville, Tenn., a daughter, Kennedy Renee, born May 23.



Ashley Adams '02, **MAT'03** bought a home in Tigard, Ore., and is the reading specialist at Martin Luther King Elementary School in NE Portland.

In Memoriam

Dorothy D. (Brant) Deacon '30 died Aug. 9, 2005, in Oregon at age 100. Her husband, **Laurence Deacon '31**, preceded her in death. Survivors include her daughter.

Sue L. (Pringle) Bushnell '34 died Feb. 12 in Oregon. She was born Sept. 30, 1912. Survivors include her daughter **Susan (Bushnell) Marandas '64** and grandson **John S. J. Marandas JD'97**.

Ben T. Briggs '34 died March 22 in Washington. He was born in Portland, Ore., in 1911 and graduated from Jefferson High School.

He received a PhD in physical chemistry from the University of Illinois in 1937, the year he married **Mary Scott '34**, whom he had known since 7th grade. He worked at Rainier Pulp and Paper Company as director of the Shelton Research Division. In 1960, he resigned to become a chemical consultant. He was a longtime member of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry and the American Chemical Society. He enjoyed hiking, gardening, and photography. He was a lifelong student who embraced technology and mastered the computer at age 87. Mary preceded him in death in 1975. His second wife, **Jeannette (Scott) Briggs '34** preceded him in death in 2003. Survivors include a son, daughter **Nancy (Briggs) Wehr '66**, a brother, two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Margaret Ellis Purvine '34 died May 5 in California. She was born March 19, 1914, and graduated from Salem High School at age 15. After graduating from WU she received her master's degree from Mills College and her PhD from Columbia University. She worked for the Red Cross during World War II. For many years, she worked for the Alameda County Probation department as a child welfare social worker. She published a number of articles on child welfare reform. She also

was a professor of social work at UC Berkeley, teaching graduate courses in social work and leading lectures and seminars on successful retirement and women's studies. She was preceded in death by brother **Ralph Purvine '31**, sister **Helen (Purvine) Burnett '37**, and nephew **R. William Purvine '68**. Survivors include her husband, James Sterup, three nieces including **Rebecca (Purvine) Sterup '70** and two great nephews.

Esther E. (Stayton) Simpson '34 died Jan. 5 in Washington. She was born May 12, 1910. Survivors include three daughters.

Franklin A. deLespinasse '36 died July 18, in Mt. Angel, Ore. He was born March 8, 1912, in Hubbard, Ore. He taught public school music and science in Halfway and Adrian, Ore., until 1941. During World War II, he moved to Washington, D.C., and worked on the development of airborne radar. He returned to Oregon and was a band conductor in the Redmond School District from 1946-52. His second career was as an electronics engineer, building on a college major in physics and a long-time interest in ham radio. He worked for RCA and then Raytheon in Indiana, Maine, California, Japan, and the Philippines. He also worked for the defense department at Pearl Harbor. Upon retiring in 1974, he returned to Woodburn, Ore., and enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening and music. He built an electronic organ, partially from commercially available components and partially from components he designed and built himself. He played baritone in the Marion County Citizens Band and in the Corvallis Community Band. He performed in his last concert at age 94 in March. He was an honorary life member of the Portland chapter of the American Guild of Organists. He also sang in the choir at Woodburn Presbyterian Church. He married **Helen (Childs) deLespinasse '34** in 1936; she preceded him in death in 2001. He was also preceded in death by his older brother Bert, younger

Marjorie (Cooper) Fleck '50 died Feb. 16 in Oregon. She was born in Portland on Jan. 30, 1928. She was a graduate of Jefferson High School. She graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in home economics. She continued to develop her musical talent and sang in church choirs whenever possible. Brother **Calvin Cooper '54** preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, Ben, three sons, sister **Caroline (Cooper) Saunders '48**, niece **Victoria Saunders '86**, and six grandchildren.

Robert D. Lakin '50 died March 13 in Nevada. He was born July 23, 1923. Survivors include his wife, **Audrey**, two sons and two daughters.

Mary E. (Wilcox) Pierce '50 died Nov. 17, 2003, in California. She was born March 14, 1927. Survivors include a daughter.

John E. Walker '50 died May 9 in Oregon. He was born Aug. 15, 1925, in Wausau, Wis. He lived in Portland for 56 years. He was a financial advisor. In 1950, he married **Judith Seeborg**; she survives him, along with a son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Duane Edward Atkinson '51 died June 14 in California. He was born May 31, 1927. He began his career at age 15 as a warehouseman. He attended more than 20 schools before college, moving with his family to various construction sites. After serving in the Navy, he graduated from Stanford University with a degree in electrical engineering in 1951. He progressed to electrical engineer, electrical superintendent and technical services manager positions before becoming a vice president and director. He contributed on many of the largest dam, highway and military projects in the country and the world including landmarks such as the Caldecott Tunnels, Dumbarton Bridge, Treasure Island, both Oakland Coliseums and much of Interstate 280. In 1955, Duane formed his own company, Atkinson Dynamics. He was preceded in death by father **George Atkinson '26** and brother

Earl Atkinson '54. Survivors include his wife, **Jean**, five sons, brother **Ray Atkinson '50**, niece **Mary Atkinson '84**, sister-in-law **Daphne (Lekas) Atkinson '50**, cousin **Robert Atkinson '53**, and five grandchildren.

Earl W. Fedje '51 died Oct. 21, 2005, in Chuchara, Colo., at age 77. He received degrees in philosophy and theology from Willamette, Boston and Princeton universities. He married **Joan Russell** in 1955. He served as deacon of Rose City Park Methodist Church, Portland, and was commissioned in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps in 1957. He served two tours in Vietnam and retired as a commander after 20 years. He then worked as founder/broker of Planning Services Hawaii and served as a chartered financial consultant and life underwriter. He was a life member of the Scottish Rite-Masons. His brother, **Raymond N. Fedje '49**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, three children including **Kirsten (Fedje) Underwood '78**, brother **Alfred M. Fedje '50**, sister-in-law **Betty Fedje '50** and **Polly Fedje '50**, eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

R. Dene Mallory '51 died July 25 in Sherwood, Ore. He was born Feb. 11, 1927, in LaHarpe, Kan. He attended Central High School in Tulsa, Okla., then enlisted in the Navy, where he served as a hospital corpsman from 1945-46. He joined the Sigma Chi fraternity at Willamette and was an active participant throughout his life. He worked at the U.S. National Bank of Oregon in the summer of 1951 on a graduate program before moving into the auditing division, where he spent his entire career, retiring as corporate auditor for U.S. Bancorp in 1986. He married **Hazel Munson** in 1953, and they moved to a 145-acre farm north of Sherwood in 1962 and raised four children. Hazel preceded him in death in 2003. Survivors include his friend and companion, **Eleanor Girard**, two sons, including **Greg Mallory MBA/JD '94**, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Marjorie E. (Letteken) Daily '52 died March 1 in Oregon. She was born Nov. 26, 1930, in Dallas, Ore. She was raised at Baskett Slough on a 360-acre farm. After graduating from Willamette, she worked at Salem Hospital as a bookkeeper for 30 years until her retirement in 1995. In 1997, she moved to Lincoln City, where she resided until her death. Her hobbies included reading, artwork and drawings, and spending time on the beach. Survivors include two sons and a grandson.

George E. Juba '52, JD '56 died June 6 in Oregon. He was born Jan. 11, 1928, in Washougal, Wash., and was raised in Camas. He graduated from Camas High School in 1946, and after two years in the Navy, he enrolled at Willamette and graduated top in his class. While at Willamette, he met his future bride, **Suzanna Mellor**. They were married Sept. 7, 1952. After graduation, he worked as an assistant U.S. attorney before joining the FBI in 1959 and working in Denver and Louisiana. He longed for the Northwest and decided to leave the FBI and move back to Portland, where he rejoined the U.S. attorney's office. He was appointed assistant U.S. attorney and promoted to chief criminal deputy in 1963. He was appointed to Multnomah District Court judge in 1965 by then Governor **Mark O. Hatfield '43** and served until 1968, when he was appointed clerk of the U.S. District Court in Portland. He served as Portland's first U.S. federal magistrate from 1971-93. After retirement, he moved to Rancho Mirage, Calif., and enjoyed woodworking projects, gardening, history and golf. He was a quiet listener who loved his family and friends and who deeply enjoyed life. He was preceded in death by his wife. Survivors include a son, a daughter, a brother, a son-in-law, a daughter-in-law, sister-in-law **Julie (Mellor) Reid '55** and two grandsons.

Joan V. (Vincent) Piper '52 died April 19, 2004, in Oregon. She was born April 30, 1930. Survivors include a son and two daughters.

Anne L. (Leslie) Raynak '52 died March 24 in Oregon. She was born March 8, 1930. Survivors include two sons and two daughters.

Wilma J. (Munger) DeMouly '53 died May 1 in California. Survivors include a son, two daughters, including **Melina (DeMouly) Bridges '87**, and son-in-law **Bryan Bridges '91, MAT '92**.

Margaret C. (Conklin) Ecker '53 died Feb. 21 in Missoula, Mont. She was born July 19, 1931, in Minnesota. During her time at WU, she was very involved with the Chi Omega sorority and participated in theatre productions. She earned a master's degree in special education and speech therapy from the University of Oregon in 1958. She contracted polio in the 1950s but recovered well and went on to become a teacher. She enjoyed quilting and watercolor painting. Survivors include her husband **Frank**, sister **Grace Scott '53**, a brother, two sisters-in-law, cousin **Jane (Connell) Melhuish '54** and niece **Caroline Melhuish '82**.

John D. Callaghan '54, JD '59 died April 13 in Oregon. He was born Oct. 4, 1931, in Salem. He graduated from Salem High School and attended the University of Oregon. He opened his law practice in 1958. He married **Mary Kay Brown** in 1961. After practicing law for 40 years, he retired from practice in 1999. John loved rivers and devoted his life to helping preserve them as a serious conservationist, avid fly fisherman and gifted photographer. He was a founder of the Steamboaters, a fly fishing and conservation club that originated at Steamboat on the North Umpqua River, which he considered the most beautiful river he had ever seen. He also founded the North Umpqua Foundation. He served as a director for these organizations as well as for the Museum of American Fly Fishing, the Federation of Fly Fishers, and the Salem Art Association. He served as commissioner of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission and served on the Willamette River Greenway Commission. He also served as house counsel for several fly fish-

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Joseph E. Murray '42 died Aug. 19, 2005. He was born March 19, 1919. Wife Dorothy preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons and three daughters.

Geraldene M. (Arnett) Pendleton '42 died Jan. 20 in Connecticut. She was born May 14, 1921. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonde O. Pendleton. Survivors include two daughters.

Keith Sherman '42 died Feb. 23 in Washington. Wife **Jean (Longley) Sherman '43** preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, daughter **Carolyn (Sherman) Stastny '66**, brother **Kenneth Sherman Sr. '41, JD '42**, and sister-in-law **Marjorie (Van DeWalker) Sherman '41**.

Winston H. Taylor '42 died Sept. 8, 2005, in Maryland. He was born in Brunswick, Neb., Oct. 24, 1921, and was raised in Oregon. He served in the Army Medical Corps during World War II. He was a 1946 business administration graduate of Tulane University and received a master's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland in 1973. He was assistant city editor of a Salem, Ore., newspaper and did public relations work for his church around San Francisco before settling in the Washington area in 1960. During the next 22 years, he worked for the church in Washington and in 1998 was elected to the United Methodist Association of Communicators' Hall of Fame. He taught journalism at the University of Maryland as well as church public relations at American University. He was a member of Woodside United Methodist Church in Silver Spring and Grace United Methodist Church in Gaithersburg. His wife, Betty (Terroy) Taylor, preceded him in death in 2001. Survivors include three sons, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Barbara Jean (Pitts) Bowles '44 died June 25. She was born Sept. 12, 1922, on the Pitts farm in Canby, Ore. She met her husband, Charles Joseph Bowles, on the top of Mt. Hood and they were married May 29, 1942. Barbara and Charles were married for 63

years during which he served as assistant professor, associate professor, emeritus professor, head track coach, director of athletics and track and cross-country coach at Willamette. He preceded her in death in December 2005. Barbara was a homemaker, a mother, and a good friend. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed gardening, music, ice-skating, and animals. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. Survivors include a daughter, son **C. David Bowles '74** and many nieces and nephews.

John C. Hampton '44 died March 15 in Oregon. He was born in 1926 in Tacoma, Wash. He studied at the University of Washington and served in the U.S. Navy and on a tramp steamer crossing the Pacific. It is said he probably owned, harvested, and planted more trees than anyone else in the Pacific Northwest. He was a passionate outdoorsman. In 1950 he worked swing shift at the Willamina mill owned by his father. He rose to lead the family firm to prosperity through difficult times. He married Carol Hampton, an accomplished artist, who led her husband into an expansive and enduring appreciation for the arts. Survivors include his wife, two sons and two daughters.

Susanne S. (Schramm) Johnson '44 died May 5 in Colorado. She was born Dec. 17, 1922.

Keith E. Reischel '44 died Dec. 17, 2005, in Anchorage, Alaska. He was born April 1, 1922. Survivors include his wife, Sally.

Henry T. Tanaka '44 died April 26 in Ohio. He was a psychiatric social worker and founding director of Hill House, heading the pioneering center for recently discharged mental health patients for 30 years. He was born Dec. 10, 1922, in Salem, Ore., where his immigrant parents operated a successful restaurant. He spent eight months at Tule Lake Camp in California before he was allowed to attend Earlham College in Indiana. Upon graduation, he was drafted into the Army and was trained as an

interpreter. After World War II, he enrolled in Western Reserve University to earn a master's degree in social administration. There he met Sachl Fukiage, whom he married. Survivors include his wife, four sons, three sisters, and seven grandchildren.

Thomas V. Williams '47 died Jan. 17 in Arizona. He was born Oct. 20, 1924. He studied pre-dentistry at WU before being drafted into the Army in 1944. After the Army, he continued his studies at the University of New Hampshire, then graduated from the University of Oregon in 1947 with a degree in dentistry. In 1948, he moved to Camas, Wash., where he started a private practice. He was known for his colorful sense of humor and storytelling, and he had many friends. Survivors include his wife, Violet, two sons, a daughter, a sister, two stepdaughters, five grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fred S. Anunsen '48 died Feb. 24 in Oregon. Survivors include his wife, **Clarice (Busselle) Anunsen '47**, three sons, including **Roger A. Anunsen JD '73**, a daughter, two sisters, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Darline (Simmons) Boyd '48 died July 7 in California. She was born Feb. 5, 1926, in Beloit, Kan. She moved to Redlands, Calif., in 1976 when her husband, **Alvin Boyd '50**, accepted a job there. He preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, two daughters, sister **Madeline (Simmons) Strickfaden '45**, brother-in-law **Jack Strickfaden '47**, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ellen Marie Forslund '48 died Feb. 7 in Oregon. She was born Nov. 14, 1926, in North Bend. She received a master's degree from Stanford University. She moved to Portland in 1970 and was a physical education teacher for Portland Public Schools. She was a professional bowler and owned a bowling school. She was a member of the church for more than 30 years. Survivors include a brother and a sister.

Florence M. (Waespe) Gilmore '48 died April 1, 2005, in Wash. She was born April 11, 1926. Survivors include her husband, **James L. Gilmore '48**.

Ralph D. Ohling '48 died March 15 in Oregon. He was born July 7, 1923, in Seattle, Wash. He attended Oregon State University and Princeton University. He served in the Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart. He received a master of divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. He married Maxine Larkin on March 16, 1955. He retired in 1987, eventually making his home in Gresham, Ore. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters, and five grandchildren.

Herbert Earl Johnson '49 died April 1 in Oregon. He was born Nov. 21, 1922, in Albany. He attended Taft Grade and High School, graduating in 1942. He served in the Coast Guard from 1942-45, spending most of that time aboard the. He taught at Tillamook High School, North Salem High School and McNary High School. Herb loved sports. In high school he played football, basketball, baseball and track. At Willamette, he played football and ran track. He coached all those sports listed and was a wrestling coach at North Salem High School. Survivors include his wife, a brother, a sister-in-law and many nieces and nephews.

Allan Hamilton Carson '50 died June 9 at age 79. Carson served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and served in Guam before enrolling at WU. He served in the Department of Environmental Health for 23 years. As a result of his enduring interest in Japanese culture and classical literature, he wrote *Trilogy*, published in 1997. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and a life member of the Japanese American Citizens League. Carson is survived by his wife, Ada, two brothers and sisters-in-law, five nieces and two nephews.

Dean Ross Radford '86 died August 3, 2005, at age 40. He was active in student government and the Kappa Sigma fraternity during his WU days. He and Mary Wildt '85 were married in 1986. Radford served in the Central Intelligence Agency for 13 years in Tanzania, Kenya, Georgia and throughout the U.S., receiving numerous awards. He later joined Booz Allen and Hamilton as a corporate recruiter. The family moved to the Philadelphia area in 2003, where Radford became vice president of global and business security for SOS International. He is survived by his wife, Mari, two sons, his parents, and brother-in-law **Michael Wildt JD'98**.

Hilary Burgess Hansen '97 died June 30 in Oregon. She was born Dec. 11, 1974. She grew up in Estacada and was the high school student body president. She enjoyed being a fifth-generation owner of the family beach home on the Promenade in Seaside. While at Willamette, she was active in many campus organizations. She pledged Pi Beta Phi and served as president of the Panhellenic Council. She loved being a Sigma Chi little sister. After college, Hilary worked in the advertising and recruiting industries in Portland, Seattle, and Orange County, Calif. While in advertising, she held a special spot in her heart for her work on the American Indian College Fund. Hilary remained active in the Willamette University and the Pi Beta Phi alumni organizations. She was an active member of the Junior League. Hilary was loved by all who knew her for her sharp wit, blazing intellect, vibrant personality, radiant smile and infectious laugh. Survivors include her parents, Heidi and Mark Hansen, and cousin **Forbes M. Jonasson '99**.

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Maxine M. (Petersen) Griffith died April 20. She was born Nov. 21, 1925, in Cushing, Neb. She was 80 years old at the time of her death. Maxine was the gift records secretary in University Relations from

1973-88. She graduated from high school in Greeley, Colo. She and her husband Cecil met and married in 1944 in Colorado Springs. They moved to Oregon in 1946 to raise their family. She was very active with her sons in 4-H and scouts. She spent her retirement enjoying family and traveling. She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Her sister, Virginia Miller, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, two sons and four grandchildren.

Faculty

Earl K. Littrell died April 22. He was born Aug. 8, 1942, in Marshfield, Ore. He earned an undergraduate degree from Stanford University and a PhD in accounting from the University of Oregon. His first teaching assignment was at the University of Pittsburg, followed by the University of Wyoming. He came to Willamette in 1976 and retired after 28 years from the Atkinson Graduate School of Management in 2004 as professor emeritus of accounting and information sciences. He designed the management-oriented accounting curriculum. His teaching covered both management controls and financial reporting. Earl was a long-time researcher of fraudulent financial reporting and wrote columns on creative accounting among other publications. He believed it was important as an educator to understand real people and real money to bring relevance to his classroom. His experience included strengthening a financial institution, chairing a board responsible for making economic development grants, and co-founding a publishing company, OCS. He and wife Ann were married for 42 years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, including **Helen A. Littrell '97** and **Mary (Littrell) Schermerhorn '93**, a son, and two grandchildren.

Henry J. Bailey III died April 28 in Oregon. He was born April 4, 1916, and was one of the foremost authorities on the law of bank checks. He dealt with banking and

commercial law at every level and as a consultant. He also lectured before groups of bankers and lawyers nationwide. He attended Annapolis Naval Academy and graduated from Pennsylvania State. After serving in World War II, he graduated from Yale Law School and worked for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Henry and his wife, Marjorie, were married for 49 years. In 1965, he moved his family from Wellesley, Mass., to join the faculty at Willamette's College of Law, where he was one of the most prolific scholars until his retirement in 1981. He was a visiting professor at University of Akron, Florida State University, and Rutgers University. He served on a number of bar association committees including the drafting committee of the 1982 version of Article 4 of the Uniform Commercial Code. He was the author of numerous books including multiple editions of *Brady on Bank Checks*, which he co-wrote in later years with Prof. Richard Hagedorn. He was an avid reader, sailor and traveler; he adored his family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife. Survivors include three sons, a daughter and a daughter-in-law **Mari (Kreitzberg) Bailey '85 JD'90**.

Kenneth R. Smith, retired emeritus faculty member, died May 28 in Hawaii. He was born Sept. 25, 1919, in Oklahoma. He was assistant professor of political science from 1963-74, associate professor of political science from 1974-80, and professor emeritus of political science in 1981. He earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of California. He was a vice consul at the consulate in Munich and Stuttgart Germany. He and his wife bought their first home in Salem, Ore. After he retired from the University, they moved to Honolulu, where they spent the winter and then returned to their home in Turner, Ore., for the summer. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Mary (Cooper) Smith, two sons, including **Mark C. Smith '74 MBA'76** and two grandchildren.

Trustee

Peter M. Gunnar JD'50 died March 24. He was a former Willamette trustee who created three Oregon hotels—the Inn at Otter Crest, Inn of the Seventh Mountain, and the Inn at Spanish Head. He was born March 12, 1924. He was a retired lawyer, judge, politician, businessman and author. He served as a Willamette Trustee Board Member from 1965-70. He was educated at Phillips Exeter Academy, the University of Chicago and graduated from Willamette with his law degree in 1950. He practiced law in Salem and Portland, Ore., and in Washington, D.C. He served as legal advisor to Governor Hatfield in 1965. He was the first judge of the Oregon Tax Court from 1961-65. He served as Marion County Republican committee chairman in 1958-59. He was Oregon Republican state chairman and a member of the Republican National Committee in 1959-61 and 1965-66. He represented Oregon as a delegate to the 1960 Republican National Convention, and in 1961 he organized and was the first chairman of the Western States Republican State Chairmen's Association. He served in World War II as a bombardier and navigator on a B-24 Liberator bomber in the 453rd Bomb Group (H), 8th U.S. Army Air Corps, flying out of England over Nazi Europe in 1944. He was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross and four air medals. He retired from the Air Force Reserves as a captain in 1955. He served as president and CEO of Condominiums, Northwest, Inc. from 1961 to 1975. As an author, he produced books on diverse topics. At the time of his death, he was working on a yet-untitled biography of Franklin Pierce, 14th president of the United States. He and his wife, **Edith (Fairham) Gunnar '49** married in 1949. Edith, a Willamette graduate with a bachelor of music and a bachelor of music education, preceded him in death in 2004. Survivors include a son, two daughters, brother-in-law **L.C. "Bud" Fairham '48**, and four grandchildren.

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ing organizations, and he received the Wild Trout Award from Oregon Trout and the Federation of Fly Fishers' Charles Brooks Memorial Life Membership Award for his efforts in conservation and photography. His sister preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a cousin, a nephew, two goddaughters and two godsons.

David R. Jackson '55 died Feb. 6 in Canada. He was born Dec. 9, 1933, in Portland, Ore. After college, he served as an Air Force navigator on a B-47. He served as vice president for two banks. He also owned a locksmith business in Salt Spring Island, B.C. He served as an officer in the Rotary Club and played trombone in two bands. Survivors include his wife, Nora, his brother **James P. Jackson '53** and two sons.

Gail J. Steeves '55 died Feb. 26. She was born May 26, 1933. After graduation from Willamette she became a primary school teacher with Portland Public Schools. She and husband Tom were married in 1956 and were married for 42 years. After Gail retired in 1998, they returned to Portland, and they volunteered fixing homes for low-income families through Rebuilding Together-Washington County. Gail continued with her lifelong love of art. Survivors include her husband, a son, three daughters, brother-in-law **Laban R. Steeves '45** and nephew **Robert H. Steeves '71**.

Meryl W. "Bill" Smith '56 died March 23 in Oregon. He was born Nov. 8, 1924. He was a lifelong resident of Salem and a third-generation Oregonian. He served in the Navy during World War II and the Air Force during the Korean War. As a child, Bill performed at the Mickey Mouse Club at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. He worked for the Oregon Transportation Department as a testing materials engineer. He was one of the initial members of Pentacle Theatre in 1954 and organized volunteers to help him build the original theatre in West Salem. He also directed, acted, and built scenes for the Pentacle Theatre. He and wife Eloise were married for 38 years.

He loved music, gardening, movies and cats. Survivors include his wife, a brother, a stepson, two stepdaughters and several nieces and nephews.

Patricia (Halseth) Tellin '57 died April 8, 2003, in Oregon. She was born Sept. 28, 1934. Survivors include her husband, **Mahlon Tellin '58**.

Terry W. Ziegelman '58 died Feb. 20 in Washington. He was born April 4, 1935. Survivors include his wife, Claudia, a son and a daughter.

Eugene Lee "Gene" Griepentrog '61 died June 22 in California. He was born Jan. 11, 1939, in Salem, Ore. He attended St. Vincent DePaul Elementary School. He spent his first year of high school at Mt. Angel Academy and then enrolled at Sierra Catholic High School in Salem, where he was a member of the school's first graduating class. He was student body president and excelled as a baseball pitcher. He attended the University of Portland before enlisting in the Army in 1961, serving two years. During this time, he married Lynn Bay and had two children. He became a probation officer and worked most of his career as a parole officer with the California Department of Corrections. He became a district supervisor and managed several offices throughout the Los Angeles area. His marriage to Lynn ended in divorce. He married Rita Rooney in 1982, and they had two daughters. The couple divorced in 2003. While living in Los Angeles, he developed an interest in off-road racing and served on pit crews, repaired cars, was a race driver and eventually a racecar owner. He attended several racing events each year. He won the Off-Road Racing Driver of the Year Award in 1992. Survivors include three daughters, a son, a brother, two sisters and a grandson.

Mary P. Johnson '62 died May 7 in Lexington, Ky. She was born July 19, 1939, and attended the Catlin Hillside School and Lincoln High School. She was a well-known and respected women's sports wear

buyer. She began her career at Meier & Frank in 1960, where she stayed for 14 years before moving to San Francisco as lead buyer for the Emporium Capwell. She later moved to Famous Barr in St. Louis and to Knoxville, Tenn., in 1997 to work with Proffits. Her last position was with Dawahares in Lexington. Survivors include a brother, a sister, seven nieces and nephews and nine great nieces and nephews.

Sandra L. (Cline) Rawls '63 died April 19 in Washington. She was born April 7, 1941, in Walla Walla and graduated from Walla Walla High School in 1959. She received a master's degree from Central Washington University and an EdD from Washington State University. In 1990, she married David Rawls in Moses Lake, and in July 2002 they moved to Walla Walla from Coeur d'Alene. She was a teacher, principal, and superintendent working in Quincy, Ephrate and Warden school districts. She was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Walla Walla Country Club, and the Washington Association of School Administrators, American Association of University Women and Phi Delta Kappa. Her mother preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, David, a son, a stepson, a stepdaughter, a brother, her father, former husband Robert DeGabrielle and seven grandchildren.

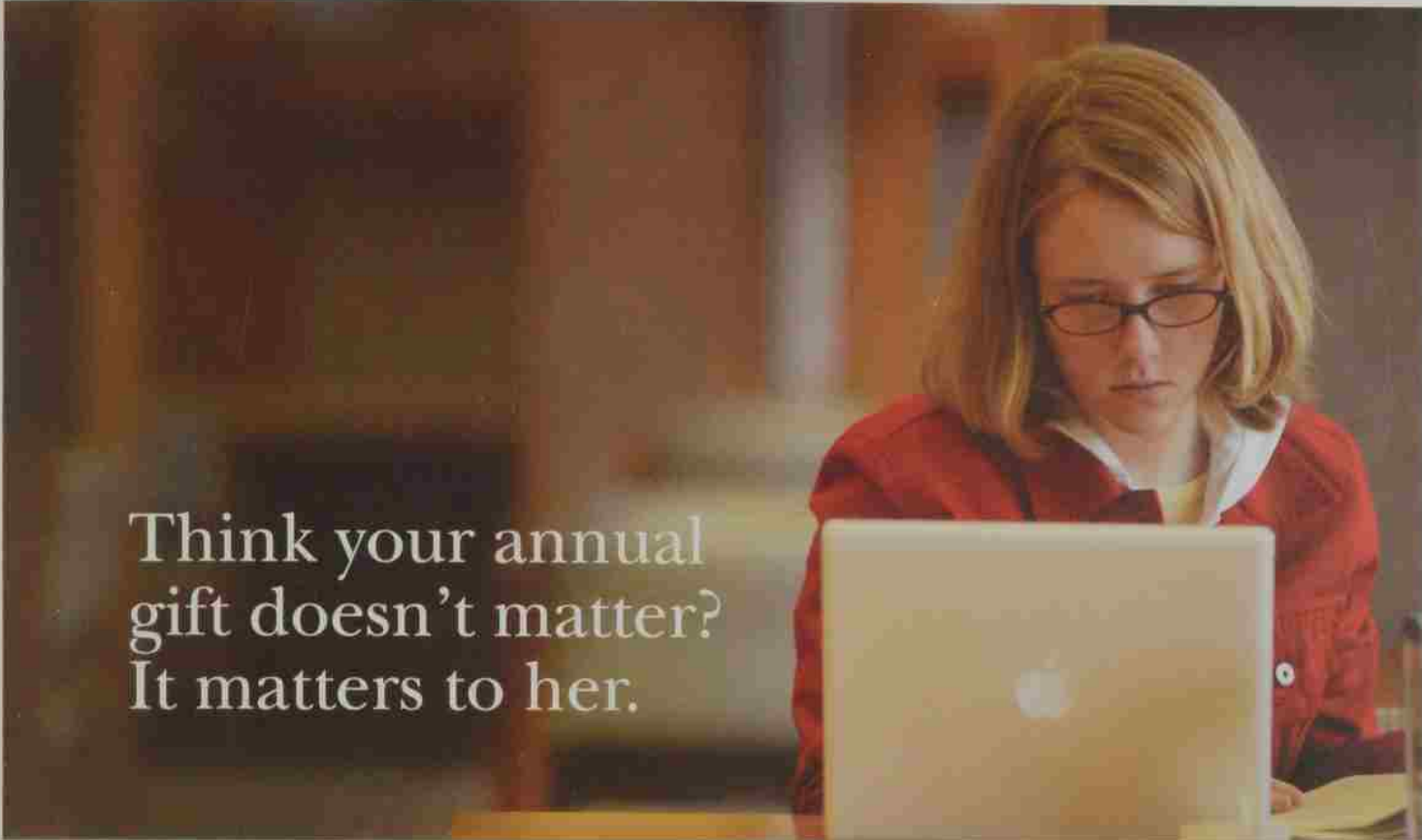
Richard Bangart '65 died May 6, 2005, in Texas. He was born April 26, 1943. Survivors include his wife, Patricia.

Walter G. Looney '67 died April 23 in Oregon. He was born Dec. 7, 1944, in Brooks, Ore. He graduated in 1963 from North Salem High School, where he was a varsity letterman in baseball and an all-state football player in 1961 and 1962. His 1962 football team played in the state championship, and he was a member of the Shriner all-star team. While at Willamette, he was a starter in both football and baseball and was named to the NAIA All-America Football Team in 1966. In 1997, he was inducted into the Willamette University Sports Hall of Fame. He joined the

U.S. Marine Corps and completed Officer Candidates School at Quantico, Va. He then returned to Portland and served in the Marine Corps Reserve Unit while beginning his teaching career. In 1968, Walt was hired at Wilson High School in Portland, from which he retired in 2000. At Wilson, he was head of the math department and coached football, baseball and wrestling. He was head baseball coach (1975-82) and head football coach (1994-99). He was a highly regarded math teacher and one of the few in the state that taught advanced calculus. During his retirement, he enjoyed playing golf with his wife and friends as a member of Willamette Valley Country Club in Canby. Survivors include wife Sue (Fancher) Looney, two sons, a granddaughter, brother **Wayne A. Looney '66**, sister-in-law **Pamela (Power) Looney '66**, brother-in-law **James A. Wells Jr. '58**, nephew **Joseph W. Looney MAT'01**, and niece **Mary K. (Looney) Alvord '93, MAT'94**.

Patricia S. (Easley) Bladine '68 died Feb. 22 in Arizona at age 59. She was born Oct. 13, 1946, in Seattle. She moved to Arizona 37 years ago, where she worked as a parenting instructor for the Maricopa Community Colleges District. She also became an active member of the Orangewood Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. Survivors include husband **Raymond Bladine '71**, two sons, two daughters, sister-in-law **Lillian Bladine '71** and eight grandchildren.

Alexander "Alex" L. Stuvland '75 died Aug. 6 at age 53. He was a starting defensive tackle at Willamette and outstanding lineman for the state squad in the 1971 Shrine Game after a sterling career at Pendleton High School. He also was a driving force behind the Linebackers Club that supports Buckaroo football and a major supporter of youth sports in his hometown. On Aug. 4, Stuvland emceed the Pendleton High School Football Hall of Fame Banquet, an organization he helped organize. He passed away two days later. Survivors include his wife, Sara, a son and two daughters.



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Like Going to a Friend's House



Lou Ross and Rosanne Esposito-Ross remember their first visit to Willamette.

Their son, Michael '04, was looking for a college that was the right fit. "You read all the materials and look at all the information, but until you get there you don't have a sense of a place," says Ross. "Michael looked at a bunch of schools, but when we came to Willamette, we walked on campus and looked at each other and said, 'I think this is it.' We liked the people and the campus and were very comfortable, almost like we had been there before. And for Michael, it was the best decision he could have made."

Their son, a former high school valedictorian and avid figure skater, flourished at Willamette, throwing his creative energy into writing and his social energy into heading up the Interfraternity Council for two years. He's now pursuing a master's degree in screenwriting from the University of Southern California.

Michael may have gotten his cue from his father. Lou, who retired early from the New York City

Planning Department in 1992, is a writer himself. His current book is about the expansion of Major League Baseball to the West Coast in the late 1950s. "I've always been a big baseball historian," Ross says. He spends days poring over baseball records and piecing together the decades-old puzzle of franchise changes and cross-country expansion.

Like her son and husband, Esposito-Ross was also headed for a career as a writer, but she changed course. She serves as executive vice president of Expeditors International of Washington, a company that arranges the logistics of delivering cargo around the globe, without a hitch, 24/7. *Fortune* magazine ranked Expeditors as the most admired American company in its category, praising its sense of social responsibility and employee talents.

After Michael's graduation his parents stayed involved with the University, becoming founding members of Willamette's Parents

Committee and making a series of gifts. They recently pledged \$100,000 for the Ross Family Scholarships, which will allow students with an interest in creative writing to pursue their dream, just like their son is doing. "Our son got a partial scholarship, so this is our way of paying back to someone else." The Rosses are part of a growing trend of parent involvement at Willamette, with the Parents Fund bringing in \$217,794 last year, a record-breaking 38-percent increase over the previous year.

"The bottom line is that the whole experience while Michael was at Willamette was totally positive, and for us as parents it's been totally positive. Everyone was there if we needed them. It's the type of place where if we drove down there this weekend, it would be like going to a friend's house.

"In university settings things evolve so quickly," Ross says, explaining why they believe parent giving is so important. "So many facets of a university need focus. You can't hope to be a successful university if you remain stagnant. That's why we've been very happy with the on-campus expansion and the additional faculty brought in. It adds energy to the school. It's important that parents look at this and give, in the framework of how much they can give."

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Gridiron Groundskeepers: This August, 26 Bearcat football players volunteered for groundskeeping duty at Pioneer Cemetery, including (l-r) Phil Sweet '08, linebacker, Albany, Ore.; Ben Fenimore '06, defensive back, Salem, Ore.; Jimmy Williams '08, tight end, Phoenix, Ariz.; Robert Jones '10, quarterback, Truckee, Calif.; Jon Phelps '08, defensive end, Milwaukie, Ore.; Mike Reeves '09, defensive end, Corvallis, Ore.; and Kevin Whipps '08, quarterback, Meridian, Idaho.



behind the scenes: *tackling community service*

No strangers to turf — natural or synthetic — the Bearcat football team took on a landscaping project of sorts in August during the United Way's Days of Caring. Team members set aside practice for half a day and headed over to Pioneer Cemetery, where they cleared away moss, removed matted carpets of ivy and blackberry vines, and trimmed trees and shrubs to help preserve the historic grounds.

The match-up between the Bearcats and Pioneer Cemetery is especially appropriate. The cemetery originated as the family burial ground of the Rev. David Leslie, who joined Jason Lee in founding the Oregon Institute, the University's forerunner. Elisabeth Walton Potter, member of the Friends of Pioneer Cemetery, wrote to commend the team: "With such a force working together, the Bearcats made a real difference in the appearance of things at the heart of the cemetery. Thank you again for making outstanding teamwork available to the community's benefit."

According to Coach Mark Speckman, this is the team's third year to tackle the groundskeeping project at the cemetery; this year 26 players took part. "It's just as important for teambuilding as it is for community service," Speckman explains. "There's a huge need for initiatives like this in Salem, and if there's some small way we can help, we're happy to get involved."



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