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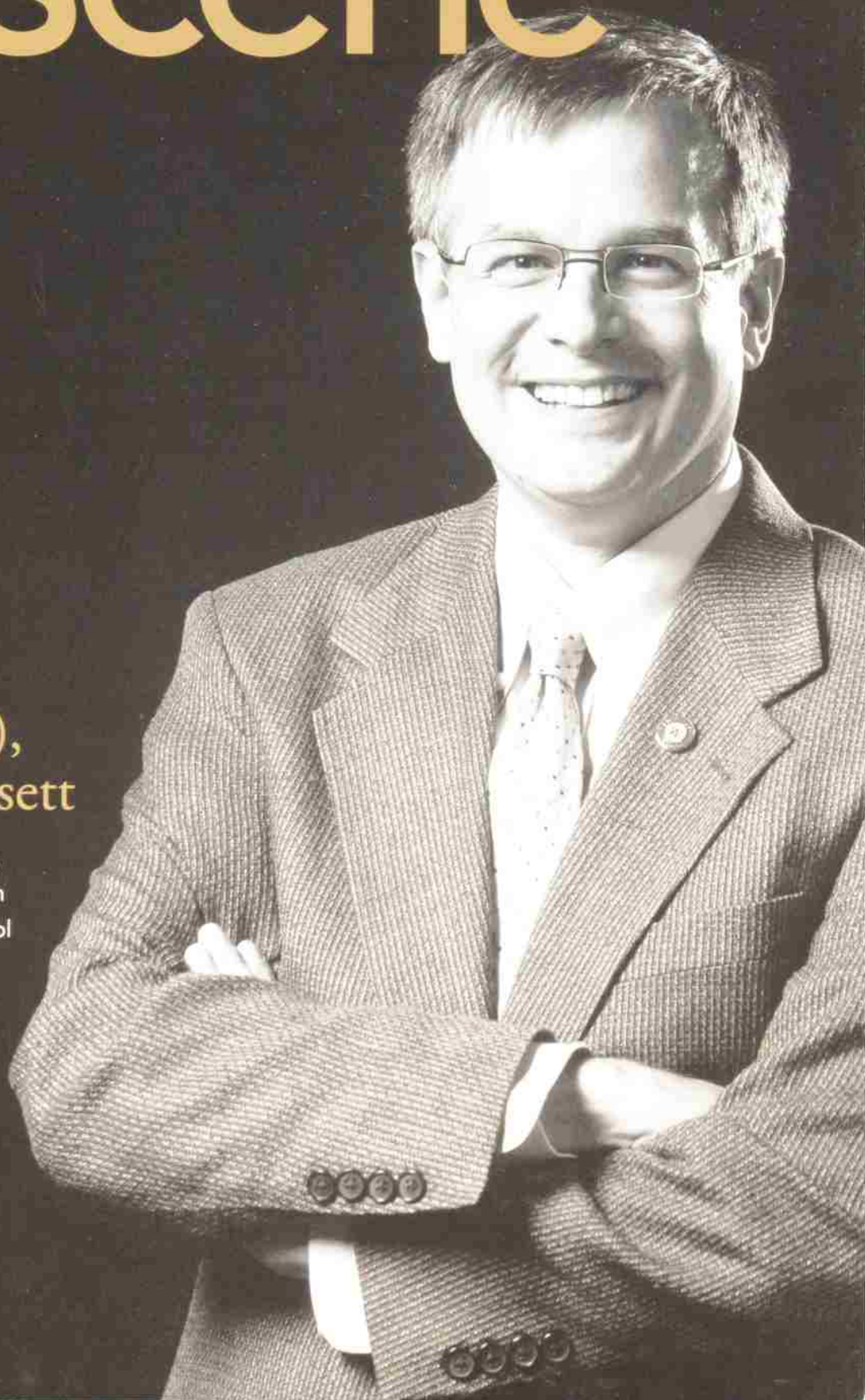
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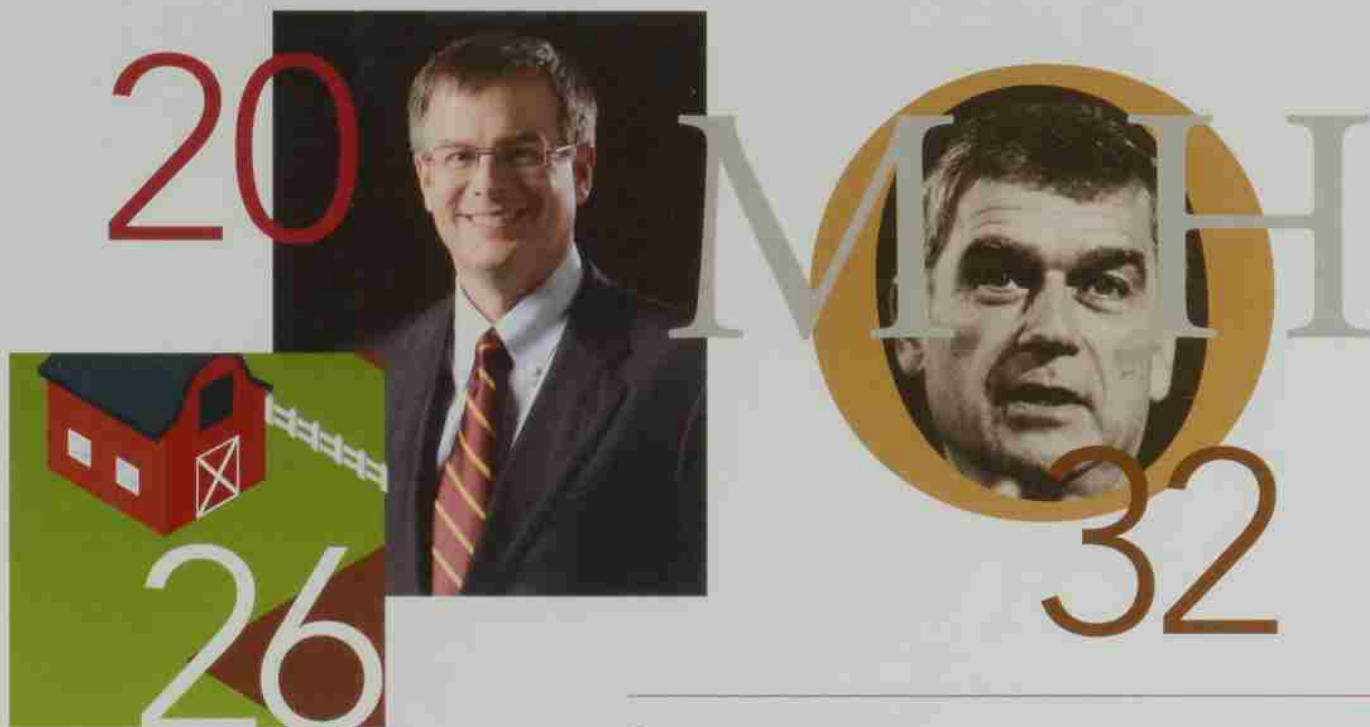
The Statesman

Mark O. Hatfield '43, beloved son of Oregon, passed away in August. Here he is in his element, with guest writer Gerry Frank, in the early years. Read more on p. 32.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



HOW FAR YOU MUST GO IN ORDER TO RETURN

In the fall of 1982, my senior year at South Salem High School, I embarked on the college selection process with high aspirations and hopes, but also, to be perfectly honest, with a mind to putting some distance between me and Salem, Oregon.

Sons of a biology professor in the College of Liberal Arts, my two brothers and I practically grew up on the Willamette University campus. My family was immersed in the Willamette

campus culture: We attended Bearcat athletic events, concerts and lectures. It seemed we could hardly go downtown or to the grocery store without running into my father's students and faculty colleagues. As a teenager, I worked summers bussing tables at campus events and conferences. Professor Bothun even helped me edit my college application essays. Everywhere I went, it seemed, people knew not only my name, but my entire life story.

At 18, I was more than ready for something new. Something different. Something else.

After a rewarding journey
over nearly three decades ...

I am pleased to have
returned to my home.

back, this fundamental criterion was informed, if subconsciously, by my close affiliation with Willamette and what I had observed growing up. Ultimately, I chose Carleton College and its Willamette-like qualities: A truly educated person has acquired knowledge across a broad spectrum, including arts and humanities, mathematics, sciences and social sciences, and values life-long learning. Teaching and learning are the college's paramount activities, including opportunities for research and scholarship, which strengthen both. Low student-to-faculty ratios and small class sizes are infinitely more satisfying and worthwhile. A small, residential campus builds a sense of community and fosters civic, intellectual and social engagement.

I knew for certain that I wanted a liberal arts education, which I already understood to be excellent preparation for the pursuit of a meaningful and successful life. Looking

It didn't hurt that Northfield, Minn., was more than a thousand miles from home, either.

After a rewarding journey over nearly three decades that led from Willamette to Carleton to Princeton to Caltech and, most recently, the University of California Santa Cruz, I am pleased to have returned to my home. Although Willamette's red-brick buildings and park-like fields and gardens feel so familiar to me, I can see, through the newly acquired lens of a university president, that much has changed. Willamette is indeed an institution on the rise, gaining a national reputation for innovation and achievement.

After my appointment to the presidency was announced in May, many alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends and colleagues posted messages to the online guest book on the university's web page. I enjoyed reading these posts very much. This one, from a current staff member, really struck home: "Congratulations on your appointment as Willamette's president. Everything I have heard about you during the past ten days is extraordinary. However, it all pales in comparison to what your father has told me about you during the past few years. I am eager to meet you."

Some things about Willamette have not changed one bit.

I am honored to be at the helm of an institution that was such a formative force in my early life and to rejoin a community in which I have deep familial roots and connections. I look forward to getting acquainted — and reacquainted — with both.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Stephen E. Thorsett".

Stephen E. Thorsett
President

THE (DIGITAL) INBOX

These remarks followed the email announcement we sent to our alumni the day after Senator Hatfield's passing (see feature, p. 32).

Regrettably, we don't have space to fit all of the notes received; those were selected based on their order of receipt.

Across the Aisle

Yes, I remember Mark well — and I am only 88 years old. Isn't it great! We spent some very interesting times together, in spite of my being a damned Democrat. But Mark forgave that and we went right on. Too bad that the way he lived his legislative life is so dead today. I keep hoping.

— Joe F. Power '49

Senate and Scholarship

[Mark Hatfield] was truly a good man in politics and the best kind of Republican, of which there are few left now. I knew him while at Willamette as a political science major from 1947–51 and was privileged to be a senior scholar my last year and able to teach some of his classes while he was in his first year in the Oregon Legislature. He will be sorely missed. We need more like him today in the senate.

Respectfully and with fond memories and much admiration,

— John B. (Jack) Gunn '51

Nice Memories

Thank you for the letter regarding Mark Hatfield. I'm so glad that we all got to speak with him when we had our 50th class reunion and were able to honor him by our gift to the Mark O. Hatfield Library.

He was a very special man. When he spoke at my graduation from the OHSU School of Nursing in 1958 he had done his homework and commented to me about having been at Willamette when he was dean of students. Nice memories.

Blessings,

— June (Christensen) Cline '57

Remember the Gift

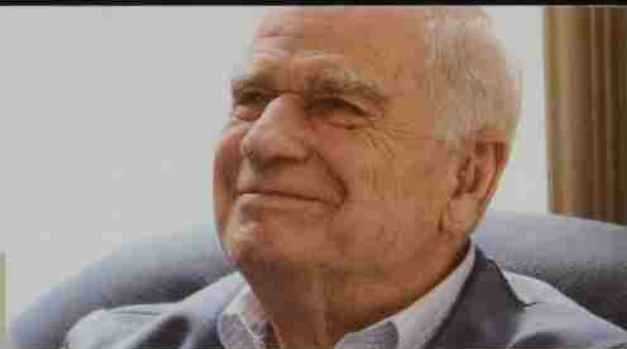
Sadly, you didn't mention the class of 1957 gift of \$1.1 million to process and expand the archives and Hatfield Library building. It will be another important legacy of his distinguished life and career, as well as [a sign of] how his former students honor him.

— Carole (Pfaff) Von Schmidt '57

(With Carole's help, we seized the opportunity to acknowledge the class of 1957's gift — see p. 35 — Ed.)

In Service

Thank you for the note as to the passing of Senator Mark Hatfield. Your [email] comments did not include mention of his distinguished military service to our nation. His record in that regard makes his advocacy for peace all the more, not less, impressive. I hope WU



has not become so PC that it has chosen to intentionally omit mention of his wartime service.

— Stanton F. Long JD'67

(Indeed, the senator's military tenure is crucial and admirable; details are found at the Mark O. Hatfield tribute website: willamette.edu/people/hatfield. We thank Mr. Long for the appropriate reminder. —Ed.)

Email Thanks

What a thoughtful and appropriate use of our email system — thank you for the information about Senator Hatfield. I heard the reports on TV and radio, but this announcement meant so much more because it reminded me that Senator Hatfield belonged to our Willamette family.

— Arnold Poole JD'88

Fond Notes

As an alumna, I very much appreciate the recent notifications by alumni relations of the passing of both Professor Nacho Cordova, as well as Senator Hatfield. Although very sad events, I think many of us appreciate the effort made to keep us informed so that we may pay our respects to those individuals who shaped our education (and in the case of Nacho, were very dear friends).

— Brooke Ivy '07

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TIDBITS AND BRIEFS



For the most up-to-date Willamette news and events, remember to check your email inbox each month for *WU News*, our electronic newsletter. Not receiving it? Just email us: alumni@willamette.edu.



WELCOME, FRESHMEN

An introduction to the (ample) incoming class, courtesy of the undergraduate College of Liberal Arts Office of Admission:

- » We had another banner year in terms of applications — more than 8,400 first-year applications, which is an increase over last year and the most ever.
- » We anticipate 630 new first-year students and 40 transfer students.
- » The academic profile has remained strong: 3.67 median GPA (for first-year students), 1830 median SAT score (combined critical reading, math and writing scores), and a 28 median ACT score.
- » Twenty-four percent are students of color, our largest percentage in recent history.

- » Five percent of the students are international students.
- » Twenty-three students are children or grandchildren of alumni.

REFERRALS ENCOURAGED!

Do you know any students who might make good Bearcats? Point them in WU's direction, drop the undergraduate Office of Admission a line at libarts@willamette.edu or call 1-877-LIBARTS (542-2787).

Remember graduate admission, too!

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Graduate Program Enrollment Update

Atkinson Graduate School of Management

The full-time MBA has enjoyed solid applications this year, and projections at press time suggest a class approaching 100. The part-time Portland- and Salem-based Professional MBA (PMBA) cohorts appear right on track as well.

College of Law

The College of Law will welcome a diverse class of 146 first-year students who, collectively, attended 87 different undergraduate institutions both in the U.S. and abroad. Fifty-seven percent are non-Oregon residents, and the class members are joined by five second-year transfer students, five exchange students from Germany and three Master in Law (LL.M.) students.

Graduate School of Education

The Graduate School of Education (GSE) is ahead of last year in overall enrollment, and this year's incoming classes include a couple of international students — a first for the school. Of note are the specialty endorsement programs (reading, English for speakers of other languages, special education), which have seen rising numbers and extend the GSE's reach to in-service teachers in need of continued education.

Knowing the Graduate School of Education Dean

When we spoke to Julie Gess-Newsome, newly arrived dean of the Graduate School of Education, she had just had the chance to start decorating her office (starting with the big coffee-mug clock on the wall — maybe that tells us something). We thought that now, since she's officially begun her work, it was time to get to know her a little better.

▶ What's your favorite memory as a kid in school?

In 5th grade I had a science teacher who was a great instructor. I remember when we got into experiments and dissection — I still think of that cow eye — and I knew at that point that I wanted to go into science or education. It was a great moment. I ended up becoming a science teacher.

▶ Who was your favorite teacher, and why?

It was Mr. Bender, in math. He always had a sense of purpose. He recognized that not everybody was going to be in love with math, but he worked hard to make it interesting for all of us.

He also ended up driving me home from a school party once — stranded in my Halloween outfit — because he was the chaperone. He was very professional on the outside, but you could tell that he was just a nice guy.

▶ Why are teachers among the most important people in the world?

One of the powers that teachers have is to excite students about things they didn't know they could be excited about — to investigate who they are and who they want to become. Teachers give young people the faith to try new things, to think outside the box.

However, often we think that teachers only exist inside the classroom. We're all teachers. Parents are the biggest teachers, and we don't do enough for them.

▶ Why is Willamette such a good place to teach education?

We can move fast. I came from a different kind of institution. Here we can make decisions and enact changes; this is a phenomenal opportunity for us to be responsive to the needs of the community and the needs of students, which, of course, are always changing.

We've also got a diverse community. There's access to both rural and urban schools. Sometimes students envision just going back to their own high school to teach, but even in the last 10 years the needs and opportunities have changed, and we can expose people to so many of them right here. That says a lot for relevance.



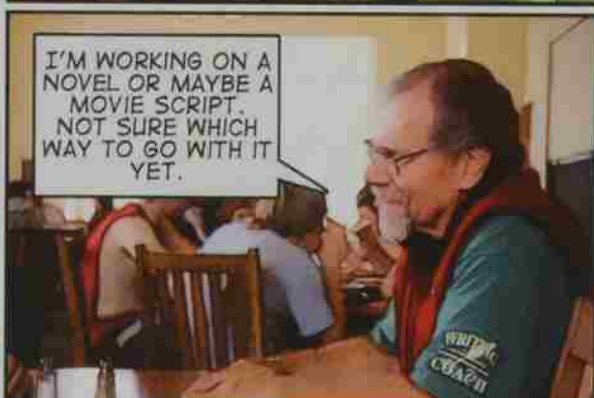
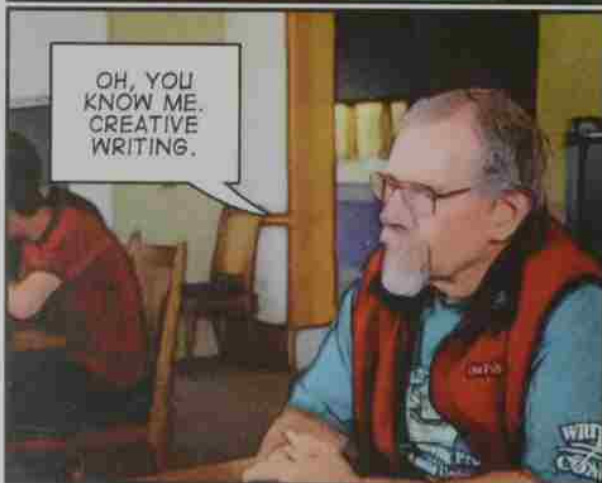
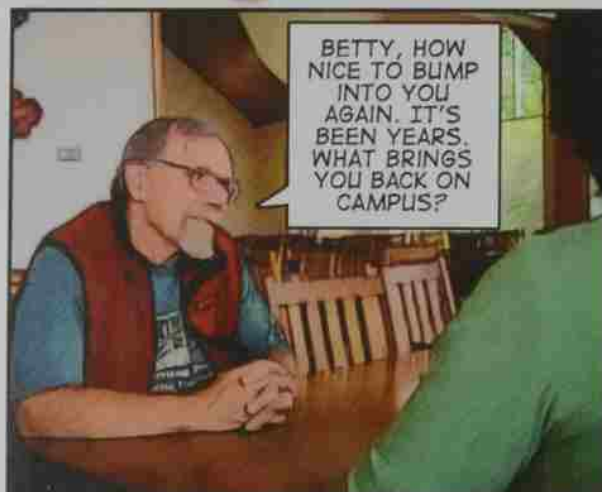
"WHERE THE BEARCATS GATHER TO GRAZE!"

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No. 2

BY GLEN L. BLEDSOE, MAT '91

WILLAMETTE DRAWS MANY OF ITS GRADUATES BACK TO CAMPUS DURING THE COURSE OF THEIR CAREERS AND OFTEN IN RETIREMENT. GOUDY COMMONS IS A FREQUENT LOCATION WHERE OLD FRIENDS AND FORMER CLASSMATES MEET.





CARDINAL & GOLD

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WELCOME TO THE CARDINAL AND GOLD

It is my pleasure to open the first edition of *Cardinal and Gold* in *The Scene*. Many readers will remember *Cardinal and Gold* as the annual magazine of the Department of Athletics; now, through a wonderful partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations, we are excited to regularly share stories and news about Bearcat athletics and our exceptional student-athletes with more alumni, parents and supporters throughout the world.

We hope you enjoy keeping up with our award-winning student-athletes, dedicated coaches and championship teams.

Go Bearcats!

—David Rigsby '00, director of athletics

Running IN PACKS

By Jamie Timbrell '06

On a cross country course, most runners see nothing but rubber soles and between five to eight kilometers of trail. Willamette runners, however, often find themselves immersed in a sea of cardinal and gold helping carry them across the finish line.

The teams have a long tradition of running races in packs, both literally and figuratively, and results back up the Bearcats' approach. Willamette won nine consecutive Northwest Conference (NWC) women's track and field team titles from 2002-10 and the Bearcats have tallied eight NWC women's cross country team championships since 2000, including

seven in a row from 2002-08. The men, impressively, boast matching success over that time.

But it always seemed like the women runners had a unique take on the role of teammates.

In the fall of 2004, two-time All-American Kari Holbert '05 was having a subpar day at the West Region Cross Country Championships and was contemplating dropping out of the race when teammate Danya Rumore pulled up beside her.

"Danya could easily have taken off and won, but rather than pulling forward it was important for the team for her to stick with me," Holbert says. "I didn't drop out and our team qualified for nationals."

This camaraderie has developed through a succession of mentors in women's cross country and track and field. Holbert credits former head coach Kelly Sullivan '79, former assistant

coach Melody Fairchild and Bearcat runners Mat Hunnicutt '01 and Beth (Fitzgerald) Rainford '99 as being pivotal influences.

Rainford, who put herself in Willamette's record books by winning the 1999 NCAA 800-meter national championship to go along with four All-America awards, returned as a volunteer coach during Holbert's sophomore year and left a lasting impression. "She was a great advocate and taught us how to set the bar higher," Holbert says. "You could see from the look in her eyes how we were doing."

Holbert said that the key traits in each of her mentors were patience, advocacy, and the gift of time — to never say "I am too busy to do this," as she puts it.

Natalie Muren '06, another All-American runner and five-time national championship competitor, transferred to Willamette after spending her freshman year at Grinnell College. She credits the friendships of the women's cross country team with helping her succeed both athletically and academically at Willamette.

"The whole team worked as a support network, something that was helpful as we were trying to get work done in classes."

Muren still talks frequently with teammate Katie Pierce '05 and two-time NCAA national cross country champion Sarah Zerzan '08. She and Zerzan first got to know each other while both were injured and relegated to aqua-jogging in the pool together.

"We were both coming to terms with the fact that we were injured in the middle of the track season," Muren says, "and we helped each other get through that time of wanting to run races we couldn't."

The two runners continue a weekly walking tradition, except that "the walk" now happens over the phone while Muren and Zerzan head out on foot wherever they are. "If I have a problem I can go to Natalie," Zerzan says. "To this day she'll always know what to say."

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Maddie Coffman '09 was a three-time All-American and graduated a year after Zerzan. The two runners created the best one-two combination in the country during the 2007 cross-country season.

"I got to see Maddie dominate at nationals and I got to see her get married," Zerzan says. "It's not just about running. Running brings us together and then it expands into everything else."



Sarah Zerzan (left) received an NCAA Division III National Runner of the Year Award and an NCAA All-America Award (she won the NCAA Division III individual championship in 2007). She also won the NCAA Division III individual championship in 2006.

Maddie Coffman (right) received an NCAA All-America Award for an 11th place overall finish. The top 35 finishers earn All-America honors.

Zerzan believes that the whole team contributes to the supportive environment — not just a few mentors.

"The whole women's team is really close-knit. It makes it easier to transition to college. You have a family. We all take care of each other, so if you are younger there is someone older who can help you out if needed."

This idea comes, in part, from coaching philosophy. "I just try to emphasize to our runners that this is their team," says cross country Coach Matt McGuirk. "And the younger people want the upperclassmen to show them the way. Someone has to be the leader."

Last spring, Kimber Mattox '11 placed second in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the NCAA national championships. She viewed the whole team as mentors, but thought that

Coffman and Jena Winger '08 had been particularly welcoming to her after she transferred to Willamette from Cornell University.

"The team atmosphere gives you motivation to do all the little things you need to do to be prepared for the season," Mattox says. "The tradition of Willamette cross country and track creates a passion to support teammates — not just to improve your own times. This in turn helps the team succeed."



Following BRUNO

By Robert McKinney

Harmon Bruno '12 is a Willamette-grade multitasker.

He's one of the top defensive players on the Willamette football team, always around the ball, and is a solid tackler. In 2010, he earned an impressive 51 total take-downs.

He's also majoring in rhetoric and media studies and is participating in Willamette's demanding joint-degree BA/MBA program. Bruno is starting the fourth year of the five-year program that will provide him with a bachelor's degree and a master's in business administration at the same time.

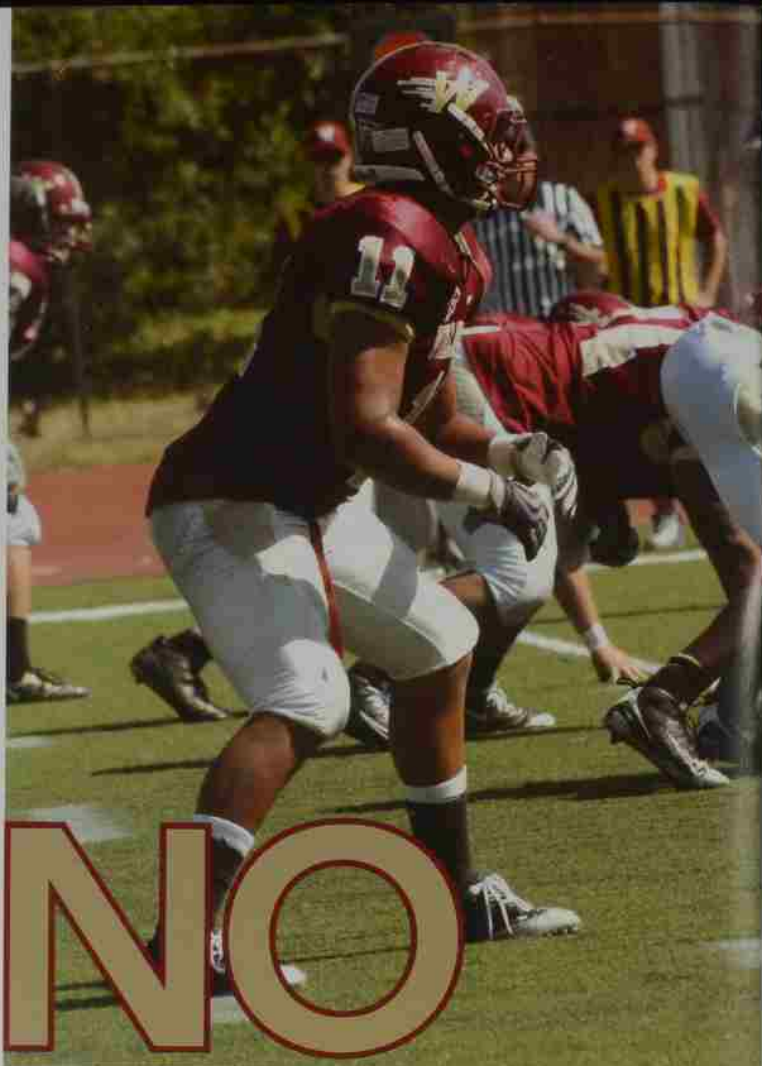
This alone raises eyebrows, but Bruno wants more.

As part of his studies, he completed an internship in marketing communications at Salem Hospital last summer. He worked on a variety of things, including writing news releases once or twice a week. "I've been getting a basic sense of journalism," he says. "I want to get the groundwork for marketing in general. How it works, the different strategies."

His summer routine also included working with an independent landscape contractor during the afternoon to pay bills and, of course, working out at the fitness center in the evening.

It was a busy summer, but that's nothing new for Bruno.

"I've always carried a work ethic," he says. "It's not fun unless it's difficult."



Perhaps it was Bruno's determination that enabled him to become a leader for the Bearcat football team, but he almost didn't come here. "I didn't actually commit to attend until late in the summer before freshman year," he recalls. "I was originally going to go to the University of Oregon as a preferred walk-on, but then I was told that the position wasn't available."

He knew Ryan Bettencourt '09, who played defensive back for the Bearcats from 2005-08. Bettencourt encouraged Bruno to consider Willamette, so Bruno arranged a visit. He and his parents were impressed.

"It's not fun unless it's difficult."

Even so, things didn't start out completely smoothly. "It was definitely a shock at first," Bruno says about the difficulty of learning all the plays and competing against upperclassmen. He got off to a slow start in the classroom, and even considered leaving the team and going home to Danville, Calif.

But then his father said, "Are you going to quit? I'm not letting you come home."

Bruno stuck with it. Against Southern Oregon in late September of his freshman year, he made two quarterback sacks and was boosted to a starting spot, taking part in Willamette's 52-28 win at rival Linfield and another good game against Whitworth.

"All freshmen struggle to play early," Head Coach Mark Speckman notes. "Bruno was in a battle for playing time. It made him a better player."

Bruno's academic efforts also began to improve after he adjusted his study habits. "I simply was not ready for the challenge of time management," he says. "I began to meet with my professors and discuss strategies on improvement and study habits. I began to grind in school and have carried this work ethic into all situations today."

He is now an example for other student-athletes on how to adapt to the rigors of a Willamette education. "I've played football for 10 years," he says. "I'm really excited for the team I'm on right now. We have a lot of guys who work their rears off."

"Bruno was in a battle for playing time. It made him a better player."

It seems that Bruno has noticed in his teammates the same efforts that helped him grow as a student-athlete. After all, he's been showing them the way.

news and notes

SEVEN OUT OF TEN Football Games at Home in 2011

Unusually, the Bearcats will spend very little time on the road this fall. They'll play seven games at home, with only three away games (two in Portland and one in Tacoma) rounding out the schedule.

This is great news for fans of the Bearcats who live in Salem, Portland or elsewhere in the Willamette Valley.

Highlights will include home games against Northwest Conference rival Linfield College (Oct. 1), as well as NCAA Division III powers University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (Sept. 3) and Hardin-Simmons University (Sept. 10) out of Texas.

The big game on the road will of course be against Portland State University, which competes in NCAA Division I and offers scholarships. Willamette, in NCAA Division III, does not have athletic scholarships and has one-tenth the student body to draw from (see Spring 2011, p. 9, for more information on the matchup).

AT A GLANCE

The Willamette baseball team benefitted from excellent pitching on its way to a 22-17-1 overall record in 2011, up six wins from 2010. The Bearcat pitching staff achieved a 3.60 team earned run average, good for fifth all-time at Willamette.

Nick Symmonds '06 won his fourth consecutive national title in the 800-meter run at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore., to earn a trip to the World Championships in Daegu, South Korea, where he finished fifth. He reached the semifinals at the Beijing Olympics in 2008.

Willamette's tennis teams were both included in the final NCAA Division III West Region rankings for the 2010-11 season. The Bearcat men's team was ranked 10th and the women's team was ranked 11th.

Kimber Mattox '11 set a Willamette steeplechase record to become the seventh fastest runner in NCAA Division III history. She placed second at the NCAA Championships in the steeplechase to earn All-America honors.

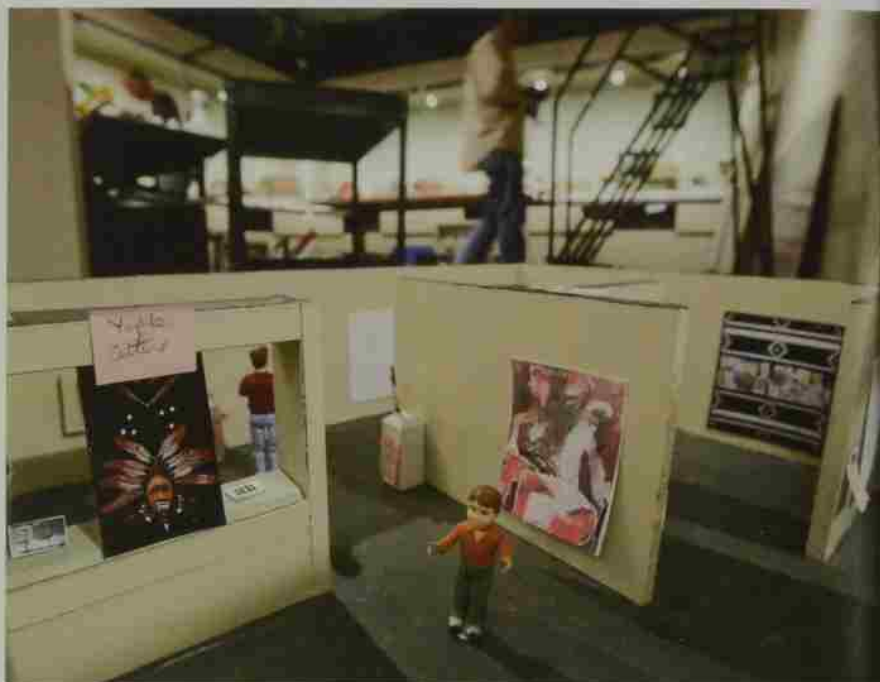
Senior baseball player Doug Bloom '11, a shortstop from South Salem High School, concluded his Willamette career as the Bearcats' all-time leader in four categories: at-bats (584), runs scored (145), stolen bases (54), and defensive assists (499).

Sophomore men's basketball player Sean Dart '12 hit 66.7 percent of his field goal attempts to rank second in the nation in NCAA Division III for shooting accuracy.

Five teams are planning reunion games/gatherings for this fall; check willamette.edu/alumni/events for details.

For complete news coverage, remember to check willamette.edu/athletics.

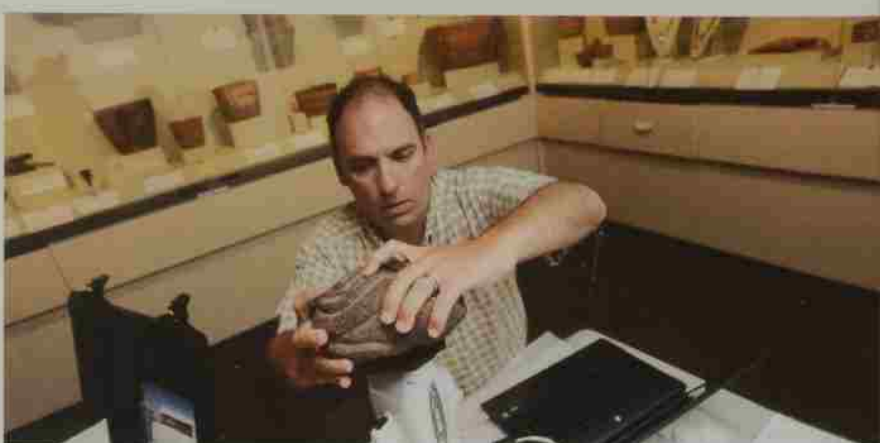
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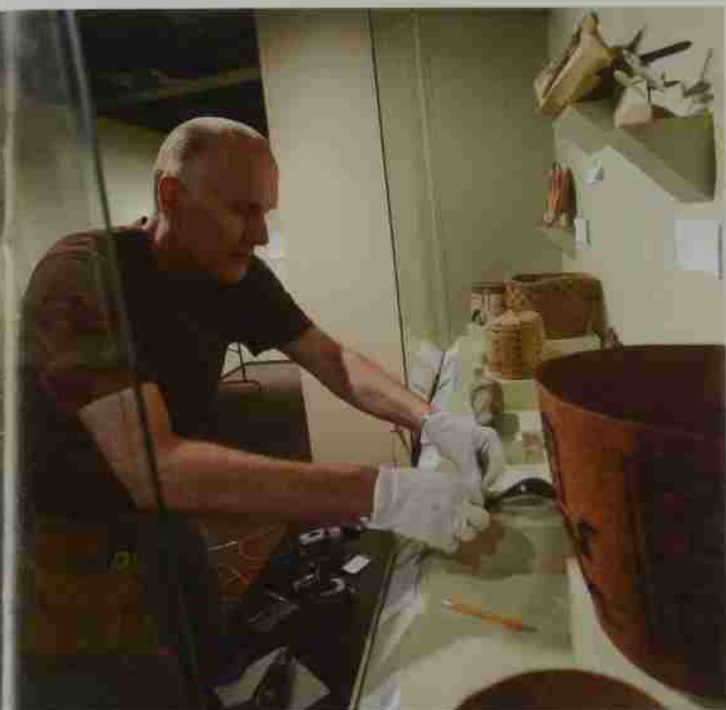


Ancestral Dialogues: Conversations in Native American Art by Frank Miller

The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Gallery had changed little since the opening of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in 1998. However, over the past few months, the gallery has been transformed through a complete redesign that not only changes the layout of the exhibition space but also presents an entirely new exhibition. Reflecting the museum's expanding collection of Native American art, the exhibit houses more than 120 objects ranging from traditional to contemporary.

Like any undertaking of this scale, it required the efforts of many people. Native American community members, museum staff, conservators, and university faculty have all contributed to make the exhibit (which is ongoing) an opportunity to engage in a dialogue that examines art, identity and history.







UP CLOSE



GO AT THROTTLE UP!

This summer, Atlantis completed the final mission a space shuttle will ever fly; since 1981, shuttles have flown 135 times.

Here's a timely testimony from a Willamette space man, Neil Hutchinson '61, who has sat in the NASA hot seats and spoken at the university about the future of manned space exploration. An alumni citation winner, Hutchinson and his class will be returning to campus for their 50th reunion this month.

I've always maintained that it is better to be lucky than good. Maybe it takes a little of both to be successful.

An aerospace career path basically did not exist until after my class graduated from Willamette in 1961, but all the ingredients were moving into place for such a thing, especially with professors who really knew how to teach physics and math (Professors Luther, Purbrick and Stewart, to name three). Armed with some of their knowledge, I set off on a great adventure.

Here's where a bit of luck comes around. NASA was hiring. Fascinated by John Glenn's three-orbit flight, I was hooked. I joined NASA in 1962 and almost immediately moved to the newly created Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, Texas. In 1967, I became an Apollo guidance officer in mission control, and the next four years saw Apollo flights around Earth, around the moon, and finally the moon landing with Apollo 11. Fortunately, I was active in all of them at various positions in mission control. Of all the close calls we had (and there was at least one on every flight), Apollo 13 was of course the

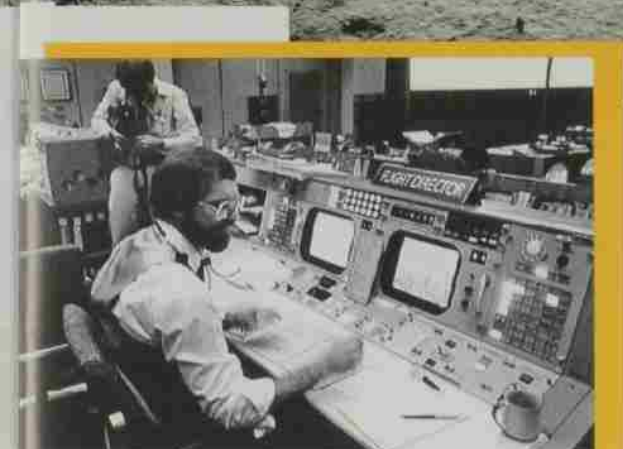
closest — maybe the most daring space flight of all time. All that experience in mission control led to my being selected as a NASA flight director on Apollo 16. I was privileged to lead the team that brought the final moon landing crew on Apollo 17 safely back to earth in 1972.

What followed were flight director assignments on all three Skylab missions and, in 1975, Apollo/Soyuz with the Russians. By this time the U.S. had decided to build a space shuttle, a strange-looking vehicle that took off like a rocket but landed like a plane and could carry lots of cargo and seven crew members in a single flight. Once again, in the right place at the right time, I got the daunting task of leading the team that launched the first shuttle test flight.

Never in the history of human space flight had a new vehicle been launched with astronauts in it without previous unmanned test flights. We spent three years establishing all the ground and spacecraft procedures that would be used to fly the shuttle, and in 1978 my team — along with John Young and Bob Crippen, the prime crew — began training for



The final space shuttle Atlantis launch, July 8, 2011, seen from the Kennedy Space Center.



Hutchinson was the NASA flight director for several Apollo, Skylab and Apollo/Soyuz missions. Top: Apollo 11 panorama, 1969.

the flight. We practiced, practiced and practiced some more, honing those procedures and examining virtually every failure scenario imaginable. I was always worried about the solid rockets that burn for the first two minutes or so because you can't shut them off once they're ignited.

control to the crew saying that everything looked good with the engines back at full thrust: "Go at throttle up!" On April 12,

"Never in the history of human space flight had a new vehicle been launched with astronauts in it without previous unmanned test flights."

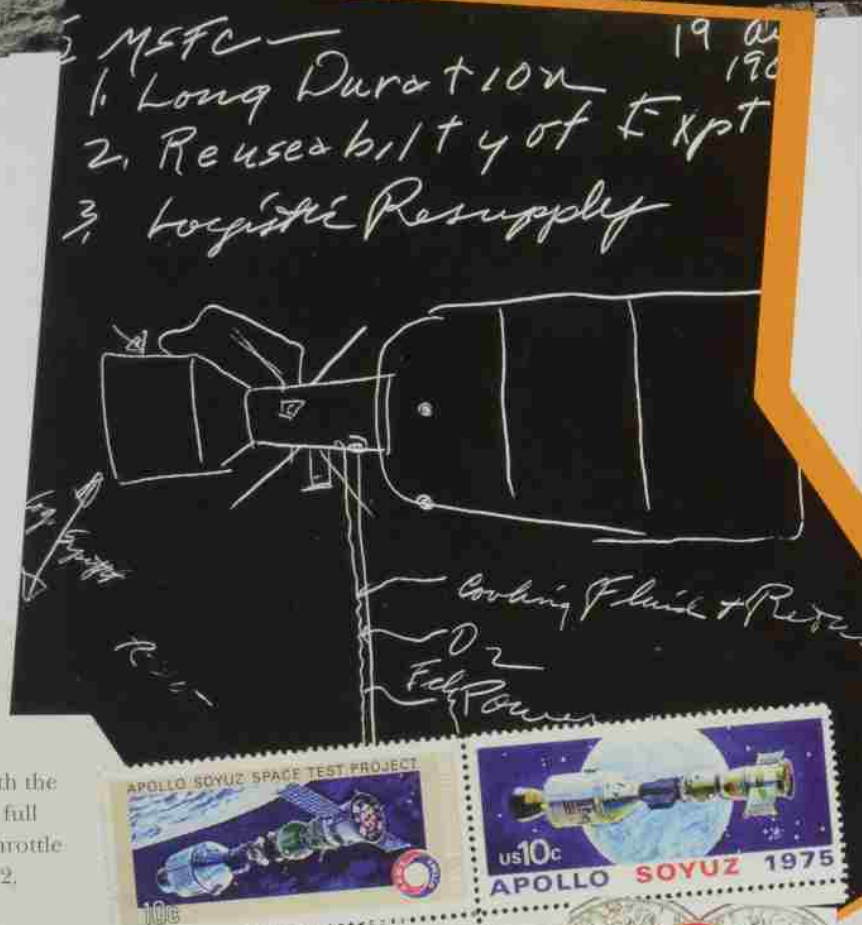
On top of that, to keep the aerodynamic loads from tearing the shuttle apart, the three main engines must be throttled back in the first stage and then throttled up to full thrust just before those solid rockets are spent and discarded.

Part of the procedure that we developed was a radio call from mission

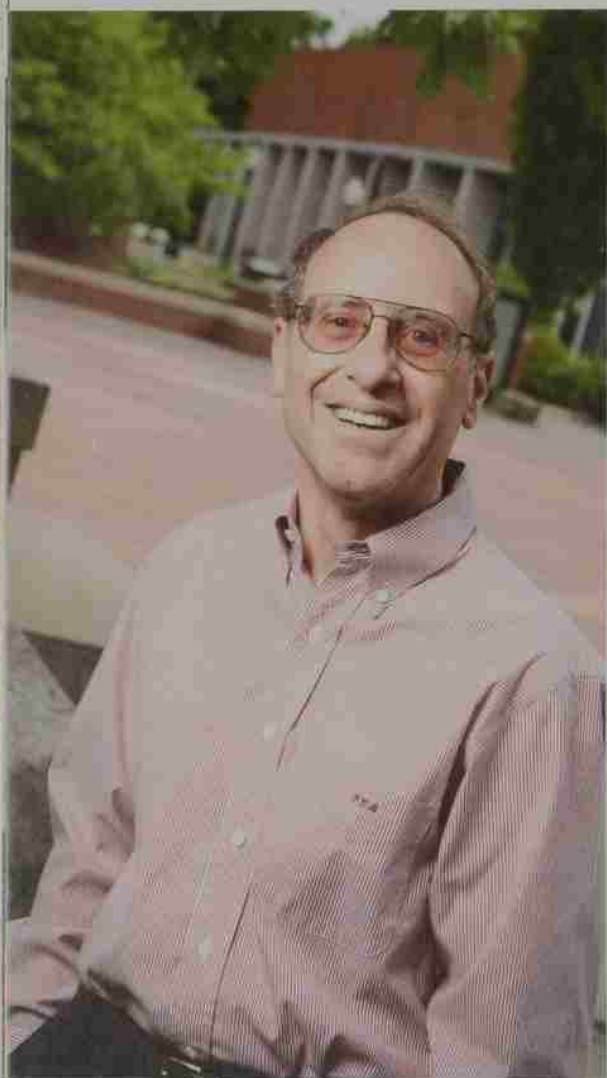
1981, we were "go at throttle up" in the real flight.

That exact call was just made for the 135th time, to Atlantis, on July 8, 2011, during the final launch of the space shuttle.

— Neil Hutchinson '61



Above: Skylab concept drawing by NASA's George Mueller, 1966; and stamps commemorating the 1975 Apollo/Soyuz test project between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.



CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

Paul Boaden '77

Paul Boaden isn't a conventional Campus Conversations interviewee — he doesn't work or teach on campus and isn't enrolled — but he deserves to be included because he's so connected here. He's a former alumni board member, a donor, and for several years he's taken a lead role in shaping Kappa Sigma's renewed efforts on and off campus. We checked in with Paul about undergraduate Greek life in general at Willamette.

What did Greek life do for you when you were at Willamette?

First off, I got an outstanding education at Willamette. It was a great classroom experience. But I'd also say that a large part of my education came from the Kappa Sigma chapter itself. In the classroom you learn how to think critically, how to communicate, and so forth; in the house you run events, there's a different responsibility, and you have to find a way to convince people to get things done.

Then, when you get out into the working world, you have practical experience managing people. And in that setting, you can see who's had involvement of that type — they take on the leadership roles.

Also, with fraternity friends, when you mess up they'll tell you about it, but in a nice way. You're ready for when your boss does the same thing later on [laughs].

What has it been like reconnecting as an alumni leader?

It's been a heck of a lot of fun. I initially came back to Willamette with the alumni board — being on campus 3–4 times per year was a good start. Russ Burns '79, who's now on the board, returned for his 30-year reunion and ended up sitting with a group of students on the Quad and reconnected that way.

Today's kids are great, even though they wouldn't want me to call them kids. Willamette brings in a good quality person. More than being good students, they're good people.

What do you think Greek organizations do for a place like Willamette?

Well, there's a lot to say about building community, but it's beyond that. I remember that in the spring

we used to hold a Kappa Sigma/Willamette joint speech tournament. We'd bring about 500-600 high school students on campus for the event over the weekend — and that was just the type of student WU wanted to attract, of course.

I mention that because it was a good example of how the benefits of Greek life can go both ways — it has to be a symbiotic relationship.

What's something Willamette is good at when it comes to Greek life?

The university incorporates it into the education. It's like a good liberal arts athletic department — sure, sports are fun, but you learn team-building and you're out for a group goal rather than your individual goals. Again, when you get into the business world, rarely will you work on a project on your own. Strong Greek life pulls together studies, brings community and teaches leadership skills. In a lot of cases, Willamette students don't realize how much they got from it until they graduate.

What's something Willamette can do better when it comes to Greek life?

A couple times, Willamette has hired someone just to manage Greek life — that's their only job. This is very beneficial, as opposed to an organizational structure where being the administrative liaison has to be a secondary role for someone. That's tough.

Getting alumni involved to a higher degree would be a great assistance, too. I've seen that with our own group. You can't always depend on 18-21 year-old guys in the middle of their studies to reach out

to alumni and ask for guidance. Alumni are part of the equation. It's about communication.

What's your favorite memory from your fraternity days?

I had a blast when I was a student, but I was very fortunate to come back later as an advisor. At a time when I was laid off like a lot of other good airline employees, I came back and took classes at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management for a semester and lived on campus as head resident for Kappa Sigma. For a couple reasons it worked out that I knew basically every member for a 10-11 year stretch. Now, whenever there is a particular need with the house, I tend to know someone who can fill it.

Then, when the chapter started a scholarship fund, I helped because I knew the people so well. That experience connected me with others who actively support the university and the fraternity, like Don Brown '68.

Any final thoughts?

People have a stereotype of what a fraternity is, but you can crack it. The neighbors right beside the new Kappa Sigma chapter house [off campus on 14th Street] were a little apprehensive last year when we moved in. Then the undergrads did a car-smash event in the backyard to raise money for the Oregon Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. Hearing the noise, people came outside, talked with us, participated and wrote checks.

Elsewhere, state workers eating at Kaneko saw the guys landscaping in front of the house. One woman stopped and said that her grandmother used to live a block away and that she was thankful for them doing what they were to clean up the neighborhood. When you work it right, fraternities and sororities bring out positive results, and not only for the houses at the university.



Roger Grannis '77 and Boaden have the 70s look. We thank Roger for the entertaining stash of pictures.

Welcome (Back), President Thorsett

By Erik Schmidt '05



On a mild summer morning outside Waller Hall, in one of his first official acts, President Steve Thorsett shakes paws with Blitz, the university mascot.

The ensuing photo shoot, playfully but efficiently conducted against the backdrop of Waller's red bricks, draws the attention and realization of several campus passersby: Willamette's newest president has arrived.

Through some twist of fate — or just good old-fashioned luck — Steve Thorsett, a longtime member of Willamette's extended family, has returned to lead the institution that, from a very young age, influenced the course of his life.



Bearcat at Two

Born in New Haven, Conn., Thorsett moved with his family to Oregon as a toddler. "I've always considered myself a native Oregonian. I love the environment, the openness of the people, their curiosity," he says, grinning. He talks about his Northwest home with a mix of pride and wonder. It's clear that he's happy to be back.

Thorsett's father, Grant, moved west in 1967 with his wife Karen and their twin sons, Steve and David, becoming the fourth member of the biology faculty during the presidency of G. Herbert Smith. During more than 30 years at the College of Liberal Arts, the senior Thorsett would help shape science education and produce legions of student fans.

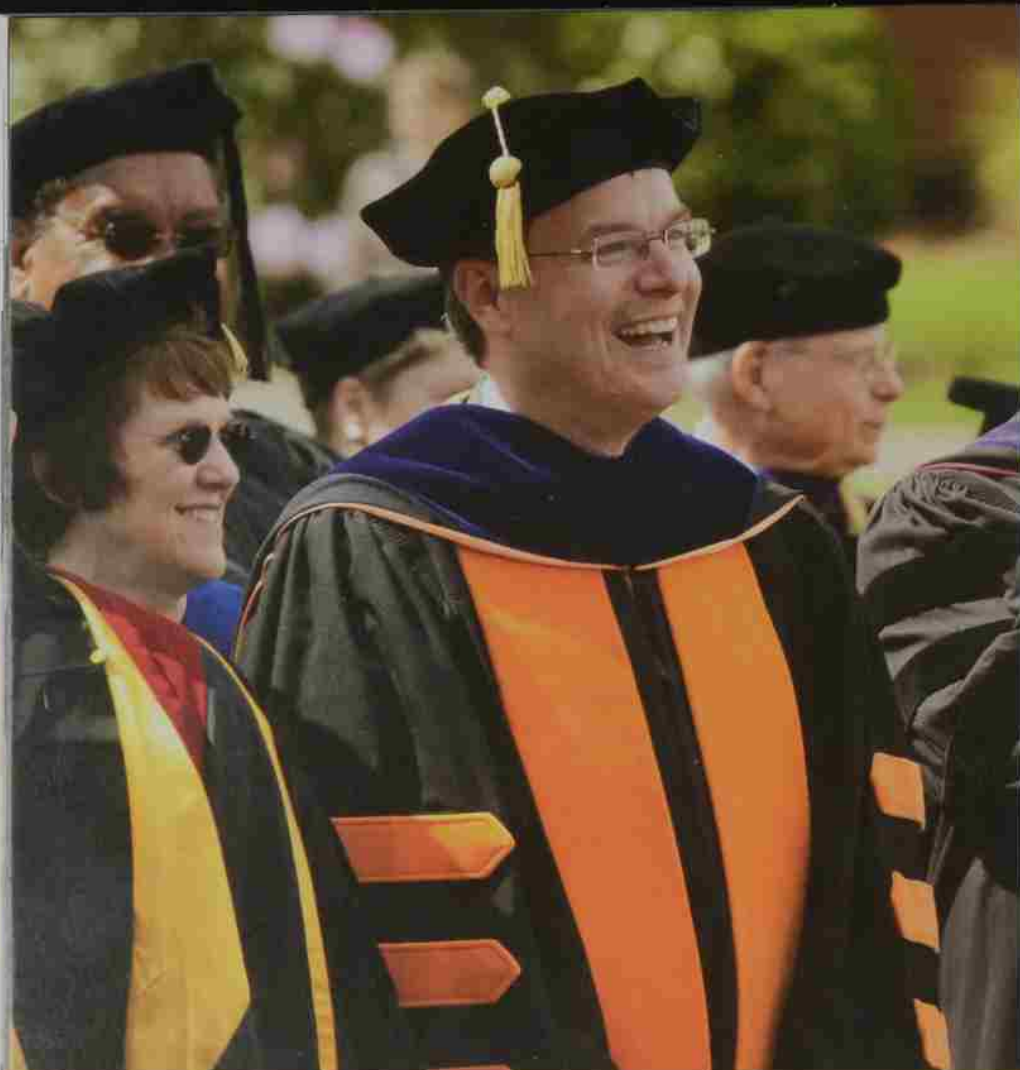
"Willamette was always just a part of growing up."

"My earliest memories are of Willamette," President Thorsett says. "I spent a lot of time on campus; I studied in the libraries, went to football games. It was always just a part of growing up."

By high school, with graduation and college looming, he needed to earn some money, and this led to his first job on campus. At the time, Goudy Commons didn't exist and residence halls at Willamette had their own dining facilities; Thorsett went to work as a Doney Hall dishwasher. He appreciates the experience now more than he did as a teenager. Ask him what his favorite spot on campus was back then and he responds from the gut: "Not the dish room."

Nearly 30 years later, Thorsett is mildly amused by what's changed and what hasn't.

"One of the interesting things about coming back to Willamette is that I hear people talking about the need to renovate buildings," he says. "I remember



President Thorsett and College of Liberal Arts Dean Marlene Moore (left) at commencement in May.

Seven Questions for the President

What's on your iPod right now?

Black Lab for music; I love the History of Rome podcasts, too. And Slate Gabfest, as well as BBC Start the Week.

What's your favorite spot on Willamette's campus today?

I really enjoy the whole Mill Stream area. They've done a lot to it since I was younger.

How about in Salem?

I really like Minto Island. I did a lot of running there in high school, and now I take the dog down for a swim in the Willamette River.

What kinds of things will you miss most from California?

The weather in the wintertime (laughs). Seriously, I had a really good team of people in the office. I'll be missing working with them.

Favorite spot in Oregon?

Mt. Jefferson — there's great hiking over there.

Favorite place you've visited outside the U.S.?

London. That's the first city in which I was really alone (while studying abroad at Oxford), and it was such a valuable thing to adjust and learn to explore.

Let's talk math and science: How many digits of Pi have you memorized?

You should ask my daughter — she's got many, many of them memorized. Let's see: 3.14159265358979 ... looks like 15.

when those buildings were built." Salem, too, is different in some ways but just the same in others. "Downtown is much livelier than when I was in high school, but the look of the Capitol complex and the older neighborhoods in that part of town — which I've been visiting at least annually since then — hasn't changed much.

"Sometimes it feels like Salem is exactly the same place it's always been, and then I look at it in a different way and see that it's grown. The same is true to some extent with Willamette."

Higher and Higher Education

Thorsett pursued a liberal arts education from Carleton College, where he studied Zeno's paradox in philosophy, did field work in Minnesota snow drifts, studied abroad at Oxford and managed to run a marathon in Paris. What really grabbed him, though, was mathematics and what he calls "the allure of precision."

"I became interested in general relativity and Einstein's work," Thorsett says, warming to one of his favorite topics — and the focus of his research and teaching for nearly 20 years. "I got into astrophysics basically because it offered the set of tools I needed to do the fundamental tests of physical theory that I was interested in."

Eventually, he started studying things like how fast stars spin and the potential effects of gamma rays in distant space (he's an authority in the study of gamma ray bursts, phenomena that throw out potentially destructive radiation). His research interests carried him well past his PhD and into professorships, first at Princeton, then as a research fellow at Caltech, and then at the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), where he served as chair for the astronomy and astrophysics departments. Over the course of two

decades in academia, he published more than 100 articles and monographs, many in collaboration with other top scientists, and served as an active leader for two NASA telescope missions.

Still, he shrugs off the glamour of it all. He even refers to one of his most impressive achievements as “one serendipitous discovery.”

Not long ago, Thorsett and a team of researchers isolated a previously unknown planet, now commonly referred to as Methuselah (see sidebar p. 25). More than 12,000 light-years away from Earth, it is the oldest known planet. The team used gravity measurements to deduce the existence of this independent body, which orbits and tugs on a pair of far-off stars, and the discovery made international news when NASA announced it in 2003.

Thorsett's space explorations led him to another important discovery: his wife, Rachel. The two met while sharing a PhD advisor in Pasadena, but the relationship didn't take off until Thorsett asked Rachel, by chance a next-door neighbor, for some moving-in advice. Rachel Dewey Thorsett, a highly regarded scholar and professor of physics on her own, is a graduate of Harvard and Princeton and taught at Princeton and UCSC; her husband refers to her as even more of a “hard-core physicist” than he is. Their daughter, Laura, 15, was born during a stint in New Jersey.

Thorsett's research encompassed both the vast, nearly ungraspable aspects of space (he still muses about how hard it is to conceptualize the scale of the universe), as well as those aspects that are smaller-scale and precisely measurable. Along the way, he's practiced combining “big thought” and “little thought:” wide-view analysis and minutia.

Ideal preparation for the Willamette presidency.



Left: Steve Thorsett (right) and brother David grinning in the leaves.
Right: The Thorsett family portrait, 2011.

Path to President

“About 10 years ago I was bitten by the administrative bug,” Thorsett says. It sounds a little like an admission; some professors joke about “going over to the dark side” to administration, even though many of them are cut out for it. He took the customary path — from tenured professor to department chair, working with faculty committees and eventually the UCSC academic senate's executive committee — but the deeper into administrative work he got, the more he realized that he enjoyed it and, evidently, was good at it.

“In time I got to the point in my career where being faculty chair was something that was expected of me. And then these two threads — academic and administrative — came together. The skills of managing large groups of people, projects and budgets fed into academic leadership.”

Over time, his combined experiences suited the role of an academic dean, and when the opportunity presented itself, Thorsett successfully sought the dean's position of UCSC's physical and biological sciences division. In

this role, one he held until his appointment to the Willamette presidency, Thorsett led a unit with as many students and a budget as sizeable as the university as a whole. Over the last six years, he contributed to three major facilities construction projects, raised \$50 million, and inspired fond allegiance among fellow administrators and faculty. He made a habit of reaching out to alumni, too.

He demonstrated, as former chair of the Willamette Board of Trustees

He'll lead with purpose, a clear view of the “big Willamette” picture — and optimism.



"All the candidates wanted to be college presidents ... What set Steve apart from the group was that he wanted to be the president of Willamette University."

—Peter Letsou
Presidential Search Committee Member
and Dean of the College of Law

and search committee member Bob Packard '73 put it, three of the major prerequisite "gotta-haves" for university presidents: academic, fundraising and administrative leadership experience. But, while all of this felt natural enough, Thorsett never spent a whole lot of time thinking about college presidencies.

To be more specific, he really only thought about one or two of them.

"I received a lot of phone calls from colleges and universities and 'head-hunting' companies looking for me to apply for jobs," he says. "Several years ago I told one to call me back if Willamette ever had a position open, and so I was thrilled last fall when they did. They asked me to apply and I thought about it for about five minutes and put in an application."

College of Law Dean Peter Letsou, who also was involved in the presidential search process, put it another way:

"Among the candidates we talked to, all wanted to be college presidents. All of them had incredible abilities and passions for the job. What set Steve apart from the group was that he wanted to be the president of Willamette University."

What's Next

Looking ahead, Thorsett remarks that it's always hard for somebody in the president's position to balance off-campus needs with being visible and accessible. The trouble with being the new president is that so many people want you for so many things right away. "But I'll be working very hard to try to meet as many people as I can and to try to talk to them in informal settings, not just in ceremonial events where you always see the president," he says.

That process has already begun. Quickly after arriving, Thorsett invited hundreds of staff and faculty, and

any students who were around over the summer, out to the north lawn so people could meander up for a chat. Strawberry shortcake was an incentive, but nobody really came for that. Earlier, his presidential "hello" email had come promptly on Friday the first of July — his first day — because, as he put it: "Although I know many of you may not receive this message until after the Independence Day holiday, I wanted to share my excitement in being here as soon as I arrived."

Communication is king, and by the time his inauguration ceremony comes early in 2012, people both on and off campus are likely to know the president already.

All signs suggest that he'll lead with purpose, a clear view of the "big Willamette" picture — and optimism.

"I go back to Robert Noyce, a Grinnell alumnus, Willamette parent and an early leader of Intel," he says, "who emphasized the role of optimism in enabling people to make hard choices, to travel instead of stay home. A successful leader must be able to project that optimistic sense of the institution."

And that's something else that he's already begun.

Artist's impression of Methuselah
Credit: NASA and G. Bacon (STScI)

The Genesis Planet

We promise not to overplay the fact that our president helped discover the oldest known planet outside our own solar system — there are plenty of things he'd probably say are more salient to the job at hand — but it's too good to pass up.

People tend to call it Methuselah, referring, we suspect, to the biblical Methuselah, who was the oldest living person at 969 years. (The "Genesis Planet" also works as a common name.) Whatever you call it, it is a special kind of celestial body.

The planet, which is estimated at 12.7 billion years old, follows a circumbinary orbit, meaning that it goes around two stars — neither of which is much like our own sun — instead of one. It is approximately 12,400 light-years away from Earth in the constellation Scorpius, and it was detected by measuring its gravitational nudges on the stars it orbits. Thorsett and his team concluded that the body was a planet in part because they could tell that it didn't have enough mass to be another star.

They Said It

"Steve is brilliant — you get that in the first 45 seconds with him and very quickly after that you discover

someone who celebrates
and embraces Willamette,
without qualification.

He understands the advantage of the Northwest and the rich history of the institution. Steve knows first-hand the power of a liberal arts education and its role in preparing students for lives of entrepreneurship, creativity, innovation and leadership."

— Chris Simmons '93
Associate Vice President, Duke University

"Steve has a remarkable string of accomplishments during his five-year tenure as dean, and he accomplished this while inspiring strong loyalty within his academic division and real admiration of his work throughout the university ...

He is a fantastic choice
for Willamette!"

— George Blumenthal
Chancellor, University of California, Santa Cruz

"As a teacher and scholar, Steve has long understood the critical connection between

undergraduate learning and
commitment to scholarship.

His unique relationship with Willamette — going back to his childhood — enables him to tell our story in a particularly compelling way."

— Ellen Eisenberg
Dwight & Margaret Lear Professor of History, Willamette University

"Thorsett's intellect, insight and compassion for giving students a high-quality university education will greatly benefit Willamette.

While his research looks to the
heavens, his support of
education is very down-to-earth.

"The Banana Slugs' loss is the Bearcats' gain."

— Gary D. Novack
President, University of California, Santa Cruz Foundation;
President, PharmaLogic Development, Inc.

small town,

BIG IDEAS

Reshaping Health Care in Rural Oregon

By Dan Rivas '02



"We have giant health care needs that are stretched across a very thin network..."

— John Donovan '88

There was a time in the United States when most people lived outside cities.

The alluvial banks of American river valleys must have seemed like Eden to the people who first settled there, but today only 20 percent of the U.S. population lives in rural areas; in these out-of-the-way places, people are more likely to be older, poorer and less educated than those in urban settings.

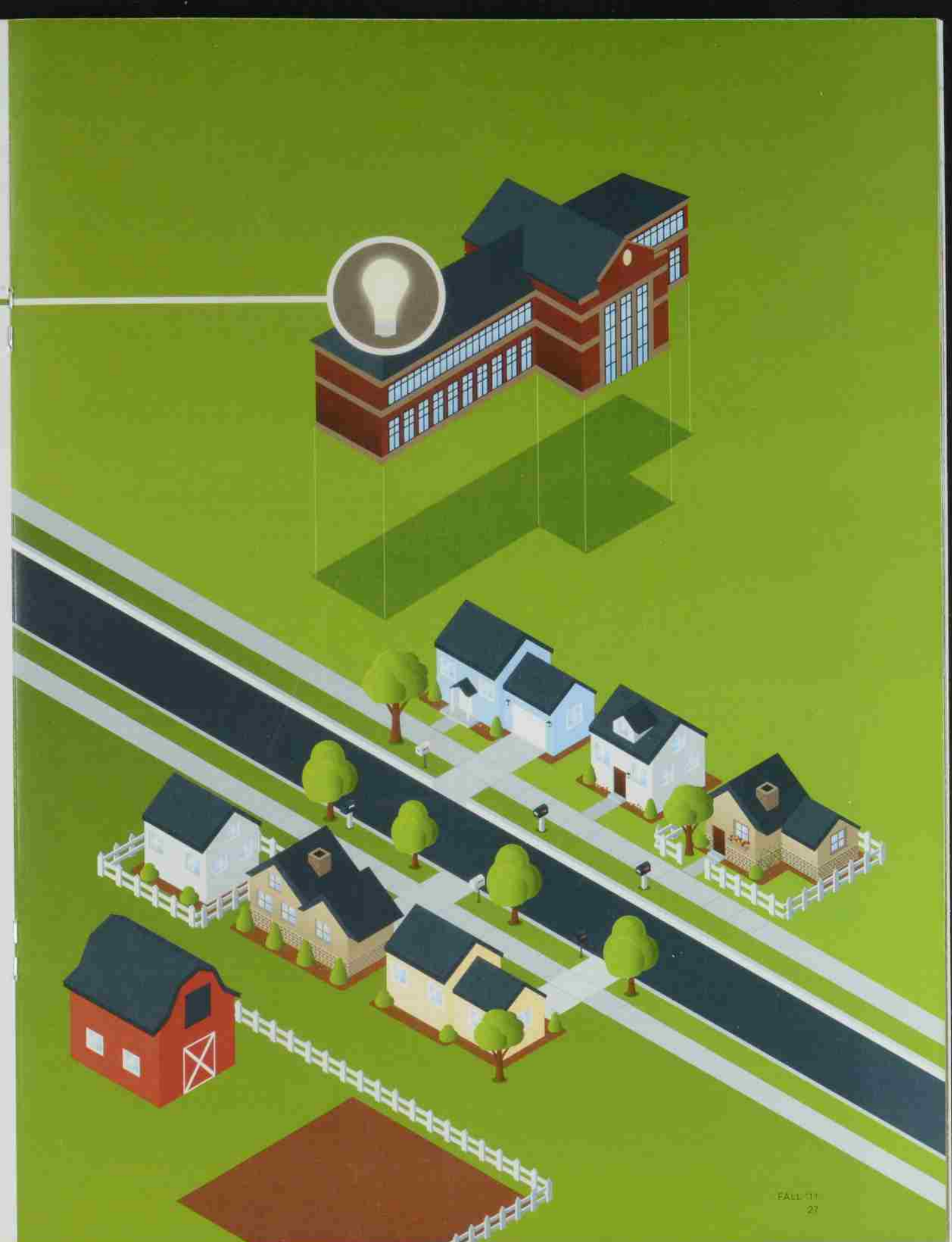
The disparities between urban and rural lives might best be observed in health care because a lack of adequate health care can have life-and-death consequences. Only 10 percent of doctors practice in rural communities, despite the fact that old age and poverty often mean greater health needs and, according to the National Rural Health Association, there is a

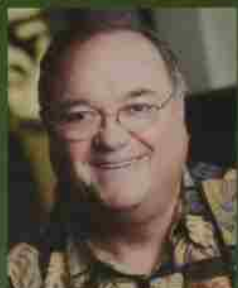
greater likelihood of traumatic injury from accidents.

"It's a social need we've been struggling with as a country. We have giant health care needs that are stretched across a very thin network of primary health care providers in rural areas," says John Donovan '88, vice president at Metropolitan Group, a Portland consulting firm.

Donovan has been consulting since January with Western University of Health Sciences, a non-profit, private graduate school for the health professions based in Pomona, Calif. WesternU, which is already home to the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific (COMP) in Pomona, has just completed a second school, COMP-NW in Lebanon, Ore., which welcomed its first class in a white coat ceremony on July 30, 2011.

At first glance, Lebanon is not the most likely place to find a medical





Jeff Heatherington '65



Larry Mullins

"I knew how critical the need was to develop more physician resources in our state ..."

— Larry Mullins

school. It is a city of 16,000 with a median household income that is \$9,000 below the state average. Homes in Lebanon are valued at more than \$100,000 less than in the rest of Oregon. Unemployment earlier this year was more than 12 percent. Like a lot of towns in the western shadows of the Cascades, Lebanon's economy used to rely heavily on forestry; in the '80s and '90s, when cheap imports from across the Pacific led to a drastic reduction in logging activity, towns like Lebanon were sent into sustained recession.

The Big Idea

Jeff Heatherington had five jobs in 12 years after graduating from Willamette, each one ending when a company went out of business. In his mid-thirties, he went to the doctor — an osteopathic physician who also directed the Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of Oregon (OPSO) — and after Heatherington mentioned his professional troubles, the doctor told him that he was leaving his post with OPSO and that Heatherington should apply. Heatherington was not a DO, but his father was, and he

their third- and fourth-year rotations. He had heard that Mullins was looking to attract doctors to his hospitals in Lincoln City, Corvallis, Albany, Newport and Lebanon, so the two men set up a meeting. As they talked their ideas got bigger, and soon they were having what Heatherington described as a "three-hour cup of coffee." By the end they were discussing starting a residency program and building a medical school.

"One of the things you know if you talk to Larry Mullins is that he's one of those people who never let their feet stay in one place," Heatherington says. "He just took off."

"It's fair to say I have a real passion for COMP-NW," Mullins says. "I knew how critical the need was to develop more physician resources in our state and I just felt that there was a real opportunity for primary care practitioners in rural areas."

Mullins' passion for building the residency and supporting COMP-NW also comes from a desire to help rural communities in the Mid-Willamette Valley pull themselves out of tough economic times.

"This is something that is innovative and could provide some future vision for rural communities because it is not only going to be a

"They kept asking me, 'Where's Lebanon?

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— Jeff Heatherington '65

But this past July, Lebanon became a center for medical education and health care provision, in large part because of the creative energy of a close-knit group of people — many Willamette alumni — including Jeff Heatherington '65 and Samaritan Health Services CEO Dr. Larry Mullins. Together they have all come up with an idea that has the potential to transform health care in Oregon and revitalize a struggling economy at the same time.

felt he knew the business and community well enough to promote the profession.

"If I hadn't gotten sick I wouldn't have had the interview, but 10 days later I had a new job," Heatherington recalls.

Serendipity marks Heatherington's meeting with Mullins as well. As the new executive director of OPSO, Heatherington was expected to recruit hospitals and clinics to host osteopathic medical students on

clinical and educational driver, but it is proving to be an economic driver," he says.

Heatherington praised Mullins' ability to address a number of complex problems with an integrated solution. "He sees the whole community and this challenge it faces," he says, "then uses that health system to address it."

The vision to improve access to quality health care and revitalize rural economies in the Northwest is now taking shape as a 50-acre campus across the street from Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital. Once completed it will be home not only to the COMP-NW campus, but also to a 100-room hotel and conference center, retail space for a bookstore, shops and restaurants, an office complex for health professionals and medical research firms, and a 150-bed Oregon veterans' home.

"If we bring the best parts of different people and organizations together, we can achieve some pretty phenomenal outcomes," Mullins says.

Oregon ranks 43rd in medical students per 1,000 people. According to Dr. Paula Crone, executive associate dean of COMP-NW, research and common sense show that most medical students end up practicing close to where they trained. "One of our missions is to train students who are from the Northwest for the Northwest. The students who choose to come here are selecting us for that future."

COMP-NW has thus embraced Lebanon, and Lebanon seems glad. WesternU chose it. COMP-NW even made t-shirts for Lebanon's strawberry festival that said, "Lebanon's Medical School." Even before officially opening its new campus' doors, COMP supported literacy programs and health education in the public schools; its leaders hope to find more ways to get students and faculty into the community.

Lebanon mayor Ken Toombs said the arrival of the new medical school was a "monumental event" and a "tremendous step forward." Rose King, owner of The King's Coffeehouse, said that she has noticed greater optimism in town. She believes COMP-NW has given the community "a sense of hope."

What is a DO?

Lebanon has embraced the new medical school, but if anyone in town was wary, it might have been because osteopathic medicine is not well understood. Doctors of Osteopathy (DOs) believe in three main principles: 1) The body is an

integrated unit of mind, body and spirit, 2) The body has an inherent capacity to defend, repair and remodel itself, 3) Structure and function are reciprocally interrelated.

In practice, these principles mean that DOs take a holistic approach to medicine and learn manipulative skills similar to those practiced by physical therapists or chiropractors in addition to traditional medical knowledge and techniques.

Heatherington describes osteopathic medicine this way: "If you don't look at the structural part, then you're treating the symptom, but not what's causing it. Osteopathic medicine is more of a whole-systems approach rather than an episodic approach."

According to the Osteopathic Medical Profession Report in 2010 there are more than 70,000 DOs in

practice in the United States, but that number makes up only 7 percent of the total number of physicians.

Dirk Foley '88, director of student affairs, enrollment and community outreach for WesternU, started working for the school in 2004. As the executive director of the Northwest Track program he developed third- and fourth-year rotations in hospitals and clinics throughout the region. It was Foley's job to find both students and hospitals to join the program.

"I was the road warrior," he says. "We did the circuit in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, a tour or two in Montana."



That vision to revitalize rural economies ... is now taking shape as a 50-acre campus.





Dirk Foley '88

In those early days he would give a presentation that opened with the slide, "What is a DO?" He expected members of the audience — mostly prospective medical students — to have a partial knowledge around which he could fill in missing information. However, he found that many knew little about osteopathic medicine.

"The first few times there were crickets when that slide went up," Foley recalls with a laugh.

Yet, it didn't take long before residents and hospitals were benefitting from the relationships Foley had fostered, and it was Foley's work that laid the foundation for residencies at Samaritan and COMP-NW's decision to locate in Oregon.

Recalling the early stages of the relationship that developed between WesternU and Samaritan, Mullins said that it was "an enlightening experience to learn more about

osteopathic medicine and how it aligned with the same principles we had in community health." He quickly learned that osteopathic and conventional medicines are not very different. "I think they're getting closer and closer because of the desire for both educational experiences to connect the physicians with their patients and to look at other factors that affect the health and well-being of a patient."

Lebanon's Medical School

The staff and faculty of WesternU have had to do their own share of learning about their new home in the Mid-Willamette Valley. Heatherington said that in his early conversations with WesternU he had to work hard to convince people that the area was worth investing in. "They kept asking me, 'Where's Lebanon? We looked at Corvallis and there's nothing up here.' I'd say, 'Samaritan has five hospitals. It's the third largest hospital system in the state. You need to come up and talk to these people.'"

Mullins recalls seeing that initial reluctance on the part of some WesternU team members. "I was watching their eyes get wider and wider. They're from a pretty metropolitan area in Southern California and this was the wide-open territory of Oregon." However, their skepticism did not last long. According to Mullins, Western University's president, Dr. Philip Pumerantz, and provost and COO, Dr. Benjamin Cohen, were convinced on their first tour that Samaritan's philosophy of care and medical education was compatible with their own. Dr. Cohen said to Mullins after that visit, "This is the kind of environment I want our students exposed to."

Since 2004, COMP's Northwest Track students (who spent some time over the last several years in the Northwest even though the COMP-NW facility wasn't constructed) have

been exposed to all of the rewards and challenges of providing care in the Mid-Willamette Valley. Two of them — Ben Hudson '01 and his wife, Mandi (Gordon) Hudson '00 — are Willamette alumni and among the first students to enroll in COMP's Northwest Track. Today they are residents at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center and will soon be practicing medicine in the region.

The couple knew as biology majors at Willamette that they wanted to go to medical school, but they had a hard time finding the right program at first, especially because they were seeking one in which they both could enroll. After a couple of years of searching, they discovered COMP and its growing presence in the Northwest.

"COMP was a chance to come back to Oregon, practice in Oregon, and get some ties back here. Ultimately, this was where I wanted to work," Ben says.

But more than that, they found that COMP would teach them how to be the kinds of doctors they admired.

"Joining COMP was like joining a family," Mandi says. "There is so much enthusiasm for educating the next generation of physicians. These doctors look at patients as whole people, not just as organ systems or disease states."

The Hudsons say that their work with doctors, patients and community members allows them to put Willamette's motto into practice. In the next two years, as they finish their residencies, they plan on working with COMP-NW students by giving lectures and helping them form clubs. They also want to work with high school students, running programs that will encourage young people to go into health professions. Once they finish their education they plan to stay in the Mid-Valley and possibly teach at COMP-NW in addition to practicing as physicians.

"We would love the opportunity to stay here and carry on the legacy," Mandi says.

COMP-NW is building this legacy on what its members would liken to a foundation of service. Heatherington has served as a mentor to Foley, who translated his international studies major into careers in both the private and non-profit sectors. Foley's work with WesternU now allows him to mentor future health professionals like the Hudsons, who are already "paying forward" the opportunities given to them. In each case a liberal arts education and a commitment to helping others have allowed them to pursue new ideas and to make those ideas succeed.

Among the 100 students who will be part of COMP-NW's inaugural class is another Willamette graduate, Meghan (McNeil) Aabo '03. Aabo grew up in Beaverton, Ore., and after Willamette spent three years in Peru as a Peace Corps volunteer. There she was an interpreter at a clinic that saw as many as 1,500 patients a day.

"It was amazing to see to see these doctors apply themselves outside their normal day-to-day work. They made such a profound difference in people's lives," Aabo says.

After she returned to the United States, she moved to New York and worked in a Manhattan doctor's office, where she saw extreme wealth that contrasted starkly with the

poverty she witnessed in Peru. That experience only further solidified what she already believed: Her calling was to work with underserved populations. When she heard about COMP opening a campus in Oregon, she was excited by the possibilities. "It seemed like the stars were lined up for me. It's a really good opportunity to reconnect with this area."



"We would love the opportunity to stay here and carry on the legacy,"

— Mandi Hudson

Ben '01 and Mandi (Gordon) Hudson '00

According to Heatherington, candidates like Meghan Aabo, or Ben and Mandi Hudson — future doctors who have life experience and have demonstrated an ability to care for others — are the future workforce COMP-NW is trying to build. And the fact that they are Oregonians, who might not have otherwise had the opportunity to return home means that the program is already proving itself successful.

"It takes the entire spectrum of medical education to train successful doctors. That's the strength of what we have here and what we are build-

ing," says Dr. John Pham, assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine. "We're building something bigger."

To build that bigger something it has taken a small city, a community hospital, a growing field of medicine, and a few committed people from a local liberal arts university that fosters big ideas.



Dan Rivas graduated from Willamette in 2002 with a major in anthropology. A former college writing instructor, he is currently a freelance writer based in Portland.

Small Town

Lebanon was named by Jeremiah Ralston after his hometown of Lebanon, Tenn., although some early residents preferred "Pinhook." When Ralston arrived in 1847 he opened the first store and over the next 40 years plotted, block by block, the boundaries of the city. Located at the mouth of the Santiam Highway, Lebanon's economy has relied on the timber industry. Today, in addition to the health services and education partnership between Samaritan and WesternU, Entek's plastics manufacturing plant, and a Lowe's Distribution Center are the largest employers in Lebanon.

Distances to Nearby Cities:

Corvallis 19 miles Eugene 46 miles
Salem 28 miles Portland 81 miles

Sources: city-data.com, wikipedia.org, myweb.msoe.edu





Mark O. Hatfield: *Remembering the Statesman*

By Gerry Frank

Gerry Frank spent more than 50 years with Mark O. Hatfield. As a friend and former chief of staff, he has a unique view into the mind and the work of Oregon's greatest political figure. We asked him to share his thoughts as an anchor for our commemoration of Hatfield's remarkable tenure. —Ed.



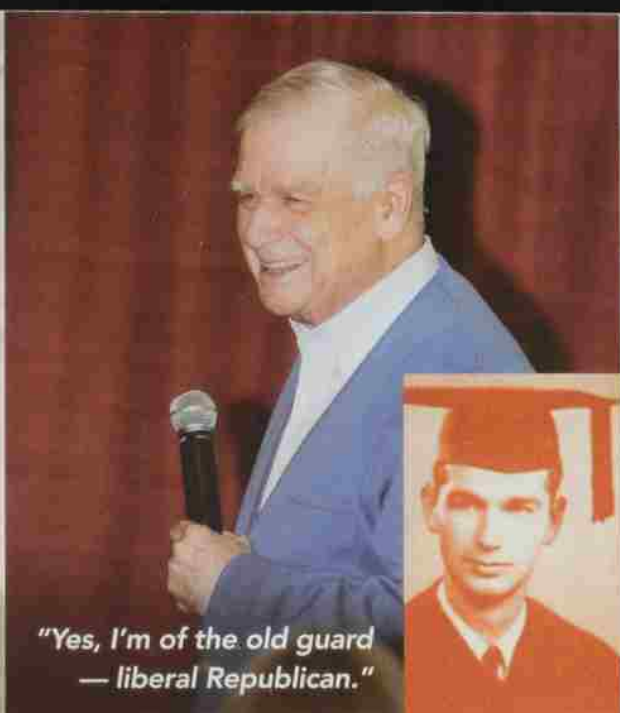
Oregon owes much of its political character to Mark O. Hatfield '43, a man who began his career across the street from the Capitol building on the Willamette University campus.

After earning his undergraduate degree from Willamette, Mark went to Stanford, where he earned his master's degree in political science — and found his true calling. He returned to Willamette to share his knowledge as a political science instructor and later took on a complementary role, for which he was loved, as dean of students.



But, as much as Mark enjoyed teaching, it became more and more apparent that he was drawn to hands-on involvement with the political machinations in the Capitol building. Even as he continued duties at Willamette, he began a climb from state representative to state senator and then made a successful run for secretary of state. While he always remained a teacher at heart and in practice, with the victory of the election he decided to devote his full career to Oregon's political process.

I, on the other hand, moved to Salem in 1955 to open and operate the first satellite Meier & Frank department store. As far as I was concerned, my life's path was set without question; I would follow in my father's footsteps as a "rag" merchant. But life usually doesn't follow a straight line and, like my father, who thought he was destined to be a lawyer but was conscripted into the retail world, my road found a sharp corner when the family store was contentiously sold in 1965.

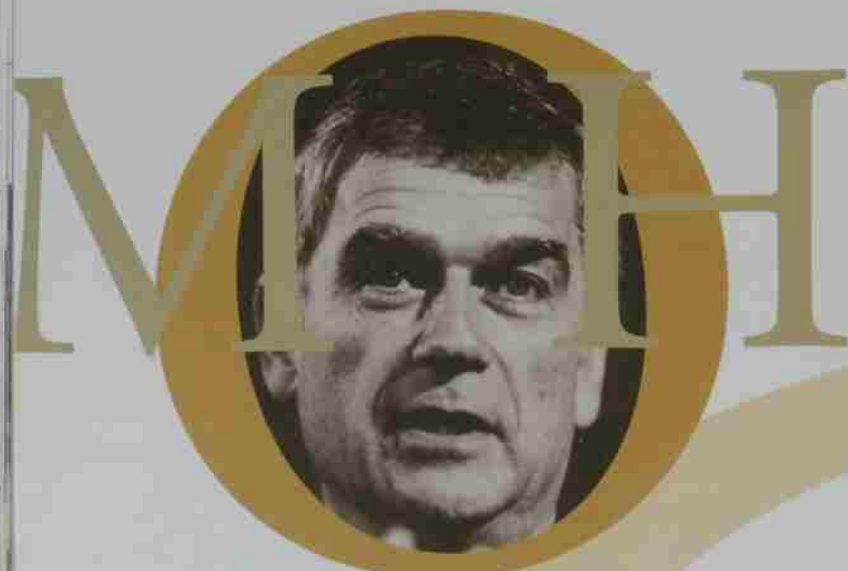


"Yes, I'm of the old guard
— liberal Republican."



Center photo, left to right: Eric Lindauer JD'66, Ray Underwood, Mark Hatfield '43, Sam Mallicoat, Gerry Frank, Bill Swing.

Photo: The Oregonian



This is the background out of which the Hatfield-Frank alliance was forged. As we were both involved with Willamette (I, on the Board of Trustees and he, teaching) we had many occasions to work together. Knowing Mark as intimately as I did was a privilege that grew from a 50-plus year friendship and professional relationship. The old saying that "when a door closes, a window opens" was never proven more prophetic than through the partnership I was privileged to form with "MOH."

Business as Usual

In 1958, I had agreed to be a part of Mark's successful gubernatorial bid; again, in 1962, we teamed up to put him in office for a second term. Since I found myself a young man without a job following the sale of Meier & Frank — and Mark was a two-term governor looking toward

Washington, D.C. — he asked if I would help with his effort for the 1966 U.S. Senate race. I said yes, never knowing, of course, what lay ahead. We worked together for over a quarter of a century for four more senate races. Because of his keen political sense, integrity and intelligence, Mark never lost a race, and he knew when it was the right time to bid adieu to the institution he loved so much.

For our first six years in Washington, I was a "dollar-a-year" man; over the following two decades, I served the senator as his chief of staff. One of the primary high points of this position was interviewing thousands of young men and women who were hopeful to obtain internships. Mark, the teacher, was superb in the role of mentoring and developing the 600-plus eager men and women who

were hired (many of whom later became full-time staffers).

Several years ago, a group of former interns and staff came together for a MOH birthday party. It was one of the most fun and meaningful celebrations I've ever been a part of. Walt Evans JD'67 had the bright idea to gather "Lessons from MOH," with the caveat that they had to be boiled down to one sentence (not always adhered to). By sharing a few of these — some light-hearted, others serious, and all good lessons — I hope readers will gain a clearer vision of this extraordinary man:

Lessons from MOH

Never forget where you're from, where you've been, and the lessons you've received from people along the way.

Your family comes first.

Just do the right thing without regard to the politics.

Most tough political issues can be put into perspective over a dish of butter pecan ice cream with coffee splashed over it.

Clear political values that guide your positions make the job much easier than stewing over the politics of every vote.

Always carry an emergency bag of peanut M&Ms.

Develop your position thoughtfully and stick with it. Show your backbone.

On politics/life: It's all about the fine art of compromise.

Friendship transcends political parties.

Take time to understand history — both of people and institutions.

And finally ... don't pass up any restroom.

Hatfield took great pleasure in spending as much individual time with his interns as he could to show everyone the ropes of the senate and federal government — it might have been a stroll down the corridor on the way to

In Uniform

Mark Hatfield was a student at Willamette when Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941. He enlisted immediately. His service with the Navy, albeit much briefer than his political career, was a formative experience and a demonstration of fierce commitment to his country and countrymen.

After the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945, Hatfield was one of the first to walk the

moonscape that remained. That walk changed the course of his life. Bodies and utter destruction lay in every direction, he said, and silence was overlaid with the stench of death. That day, Hatfield devoted his life to peace.

He returned to civilian life, taught at Willamette, served as dean, ran for political office and advanced to the upper echelons of political power, but he never lost sight of that commitment.

the senate floor, a few coveted minutes, or a lunch in the senate dining room. And he never failed to greet people, many by name, along the way; whether it was a fellow senator or a "worker bee" made no difference to him.

I am sure that all of these young men and women, especially after completing their education and entering careers, would confirm that their positions in the senate office were priceless experiences that helped shape the rest of their lives. There were so many uncommon benefits of such an educational practicum: crossing paths with influential people, gaining insight

into our government's inner workings and inner circle, honing perspective on actual law-making, making trips to the White House, even driving the senator to the airport. Mark was a terrific role model whom many aspired to emulate in their thoughts and actions.

Both Mark and I followed many of our staff from the senate office into their personal and professional lives, thus completing the extremely satisfying process of hiring quality people and watching them become today's leaders in government, corporate, nonprofit and private positions. The core of the staff has remained a loosely cohesive group,

coming together from time to time to reminisce and review the impact of those heady D.C. days.

Roots

Mark Hatfield never forgot his roots. Oregon was always "home" and he was proud that he could help and support our state and its citizens. He took many unpopular stands, with both his constituents and his colleagues, but no one ever questioned Mark's integrity. For instance, there was tremendous



Below, left to right: Hatfield is sworn into the U.S. Senate by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, ca. 1967; wife Antoinette joins Hatfield at a university event; and Hatfield plays the role of advisor at Willamette.



Something Special: The Class of 1957 Leaves its Mark

By Carole (Pfaff) Von Schmidt '57

Revered by political science students and respected for his counseling as dean, Mark Hatfield endeared himself to the Willamette class of 1957. We especially loved it when he called us a special group.

This connection lasts to this day, so when our 50th reunion loomed several years ago, the committee took seriously the task of making a gift to the university. With a seed idea from Ann (Notson) Poling '57, who mentioned that she donated her parents' papers to the library and observed its disorganized archive, the committee decided to designate money for the organization of the Hatfield papers. Included in the plan was an expansion of the space within the Hatfield Library used to house important records.

Throughout the two-year committee process, other elected officials donated their papers, making the archives a far-

reaching research tool for scholars. These included Senator Bob Packwood '54, U.S. Congressman Denny Smith '60, U.S. Congresswoman Darlene Hooley, Oregonian editor Bob Notson, Oregon and U.S. Representative Bob Smith '53, Oregon and U.S. Representative Michael Kopetski, and Oregon Representative and Secretary of State Norma Paulus '62.

The class provided \$1.1 million for the archive. Today there is a full-time archival staff, led by Mary McKay, as well as paid student assistants.

At the 50th reunion luncheon in 2007, Mark and Antoinette Hatfield were invited guests. More than 150 people attended. Mark graciously greeted '57 alums individually. Then, he accepted the \$1.1 million check and, again to our delight, told us that we were special. But if Hatfield thought our class was special, we call him extraordinary.

pressure that he fall into line with party politics and vote for the 1995 balanced budget amendment; Mark stuck to his firm belief that it was the wrong thing for our nation and went on to cast the deciding "nay" vote, even offering to resign for his steadfast action. His resignation was declined.

One thing few people remember is that, but for a twist of fate, Mark could have been president of the United States. The year was 1968

Gerry Frank (left) and Mark Hatfield



"As God involved himself in mankind, we must involve ourselves in society. We cannot brush aside as inconsequential the needs of men, whether they be poverty, equal rights before the law, or hunger."

and Richard Nixon needed a vice presidential running mate. During the Republican convention in Miami, we received word that the senator was under serious consideration. All night we received calls by intermediary Rev. Billy Graham and others: "MOH is in," "MOH is out." Given Mark's anti-Vietnam-War stance, Nixon could not bring himself to select him. Instead, Nixon named Governor Spiro Agnew of Maryland, who proved an unfortunate choice; Agnew went on to be the only vice president in United States history to resign from office under criminal charges. If Mark had been the VP choice, when Nixon, too, was forced to resign, just imagine another path for this nation — it would have been incredible. He was that kind of a leader.

A Legacy

When it was time to retire from his beloved senate, there was no question of Mark's desire to return to Oregon rather than be a "former senator" roaming around Washington, D.C. He was anxious to resume teaching and was able to do so at several institutions, including Willamette. Over those last years he was remembered as one of the lingering few true statesmen that we yearn for today; he was not into the current "sound-bite politics;" he considered his votes deeply and always had good reasons that he could articulate well. We would do well to review his thoughtful analysis over thousands of decisions and votes cast, as well as his political courage. He fulfilled the American vision of an ideal politician; contrasting with many who attain elected office, he walked the walk. He was no "empty suit."

A teacher always, the professor-cum-statesman's name will proudly ring in the halls of Willamette forever. He loved the institution that helped give him wings and propel him toward great achievement.

The Art of Leadership

Politics requires two things: integrity — a refusal to betray one's basic beliefs — and an ability to compromise when doing so allows one to reach a common conclusion with others.

I have seen Mark Hatfield's refusal to betray his basic beliefs when he refused to support a constitutional amendment to balance the budget. His vote was the last vote needed to send the amendment to the states for their approval or rejection. The pressure on Mark was overwhelming; he did not bend.

On the other hand, I have seen Mark compromise. In the early 1970s I introduced a bill to prohibit the building of dams on the Snake River in Hell's Canyon. The bill had strong opposition from counties in Oregon, Washington and Idaho adjacent to the Snake River. Hell's Canyon was not an issue of conscience for Mark. In the end, though not an initial supporter, Mark could compromise and accept the outcome.

Great politicians and statesmen know when to stand firm and when to compromise. Mark Hatfield understood when to do both.

— Bob Packwood '54
Retired U.S. Senator

A Man Who Knows His Onions

I was the secretary for Oregon Chief Justice Latourette [ca. 1956]. We were in the Supreme Court building on 12th Street in Salem, and about 18 trains went by in a day. Windows would rattle constantly, and you could hardly hear yourself think. The judge, shaking his fists, had some choice words for them.

One day I came to work and the judge said, "Kiddo, come over here." Everybody called me that because I was the youngest one around. He pointed to the street. "Now there's a man who knows his onions!" he said. I looked down to see a handsome



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In Closing

man in a tan raincoat, and Judge Lattourette pointed out that he was the one who had just been elected secretary of state.

He was planting spruce trees as sound barriers between the tracks and the court building. That was the first time I ever saw Mark Hatfield.

— Norma Paulus JD'62
Life Trustee Emeriti and Former
Oregon Secretary of State

People Before Politics

At a campaign event in Portland in 1989, the senator was anxious to make sure he knew everyone in the room, so he stopped just feet from the doorway. He reached into the breast pocket of his suit coat and said, "Gary, did I ever show this to you?" It was a small note card, like the ones senators use to jog their memory. But on this card were hand-written names of people — important people, heads-of-state, former presidents — and there was my name! He said, "This is my list of all the people I pray for every day. How long ago was it when you had your cancer?"

While I choked back tears he proceeded into the room and greeted everyone by their first names like they were old friends. And they were. All Mark Hatfield staffers were taught this lesson early on: People are more important than issues, no matter the circumstances.

— Gary Barbour '76
Staff of Senator Hatfield 1976-90

Three Lessons

Mark O. Hatfield held many titles, but few were as consequential as "professor." And while my time as an undergraduate at Willamette certainly prepared me for professional success, nothing compares to the eight years I spent learning at his side. He taught me lessons about politics, but, more importantly, he taught about life.

Lesson One: Politics is a fundamental exercise in human relations. Hatfield never felt that there was risk in treating every individual with dignity.

Lesson Two: Values should guide politics, not vice versa. Doing the "right thing" was always the right thing to do, even when the political climate was not in his favor. Opponents in debate dreaded going toe-to-toe with Mark Hatfield because he challenged the principle behind their position.

Lesson Three: Every person and every experience presents an opportunity to learn — there are no bounds to the source of education. This belief and his vast knowledge of history were key ingredients to his successful political career.

— Sean O'Hollaren '83
Senior Vice President, Honeywell, Inc;
Staff of Mark Hatfield, 1984-91

"Bipartisan coalitions are the heart of healthy, progressive politics. I learned that our opponents even — and perhaps most especially — are human, deserving care and support as much as we."

Human Resources

There are those who believe that Mark Hatfield's most enduring legacy can be seen in our material resources — in the hospitals, research facilities, buildings, bridges and highways that are here because he made them a priority.

As important as they are, I believe Senator Hatfield's most enduring legacy can be seen in our human resources — the countless individuals who, during the course of his years in the United States Senate, had the privilege of serving as an intern or staff member.

Inspired by the example the senator set every day through his intelligence, integrity and moral compass, many of these individuals can now be found making a difference in communities in every corner of Oregon. Senator Hatfield's life and career will always stand as a testimony of the power of Willamette's motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born."

— Kerry Tymchuk '81, JD'84
Trustee and Interim Executive Director of
the Oregon Historical Society

ALUMNI RELATIONS

THINK YOU KNOW CAMPUS? (You Might Not Know These Parts)

As classmates return to campus this time of year for Alumni Weekend, many rediscover their favorite spots, memorials or views. For those who aren't able to make the visit, here are three staff favorites to get the reminiscing started.

Rose Garden Sundial



Raise your hand if you ever knew the four words inscribed on the campus sundial, which stands in a shroud of roses between Eaton Hall and the State Capitol. Charity, Audacity, Sagacity and Holiness. What a story these could tell.

"These ideas are perfect," says Karen Wood, associate chaplain for vocational discernment and director of the Lilly Project. "I was thrilled when I first saw this."

The sundial, it turns out, was a gift from the class of 1916 in honor of Professor James Matthews. Matthews taught mathematics at Willamette for an astonishing 49 years, and he worked right up to his death at the end of the 1941-42 academic year (observers noted that he still finished his final grading).

Oregon Rock

Liesa Kister, university information coordinator, likes to send people to the Oregon rock and see what happens.

"People think they've 'discovered' this rock all the time," she says with a laugh. But it's been there for years, and nobody we've talked to knows whether it was deliberate or an accident.



The rock, which is part of the Hatfield Fountain, really is shaped just like Oregon, but it still looks like it was formed naturally rather than by an architect's design.

Kister points out that it would make good sense for a fountain named after Mark Hatfield '43 to have a rock the shape of Oregon in its structure, but its origins remain, well, underwater.

Echo Spot



At a point along the path to Sigma Chi, right where four sidewalk panels meet, a strange thing happens.

Because this spot faces a round-slab bench (to be accurate, there are two

such spots because there are two identical benches), sound echoes back to the central point. Stand there facing the right direction and you'll hear yourself sounding somewhere between Donald Duck and Barry Gibb.

"Whenever my children show people around campus, they make sure everyone knows this is the coolest spot to go to," says Tori Ruiz, administrative assistant for residence life.

► **WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SPOT?** Email us and we might print it in a future issue: scene@willamette.edu.

SEAFARING BEARCATS: The Travel Program Kayaks the San Juans

In July, the Travel Program offered a smaller-scale option fit for busy people and modest budgets. And what a hoot it was.

Here are some images from the trip to the San Juan Islands, which we hope will tell the story well. We maxed out registration at about 20 people, making for a perfectly sized group of Bearcats and immediate relatives. Great fun ensued. Shoulder muscles were strengthened.

Many thanks to our fabulous kayakers — we can't wait to do it all again.

Have ideas for future trips? Email us: alumni@willamette.edu.

Remember to check willamette.edu/travel for details on all of our upcoming itineraries. You can also give us a call at 503-375-5304. Happy travels.



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CAREER GLORY!

(Especially for recent grads)



1

After you graduate ...

... talk to a career advisor through the recent-graduate outreach program (happens every August). A real alumni career advisor will call you out of the blue — you don't actually have to do anything — and offer to help you out. Who knew?

2

If you're not quite sure ...

... what you want to do, use CareerBeam to take online assessments and learn about your personality and aptitudes; keep going and search from over 17 million organizations to bone up on your company intelligence, networking strategies and plan of action. You are now a job-searching machine.

3

Sit in on the Career Network's annual fall webinars ...

... to get the inside scoop from the experts. We'll show you how to network like a pro, market your liberal arts degree, figure out social media and use it well (hint: this does not include those pictures from Cancun), and make yourself stand out in the crowd of job-seekers. And while you're online, register for *The Compass* and update your contact information so your alma mater can get ahold of you and not just your parents.

Have some fun!

You're a graduate, after all. You've probably got places to go, people to see, and couches to surf. Embrace it. Within reason.

4



5

Conduct an informational interview ...

... with a career advisor who shares your interests or even your major. Your advisor won't necessarily offer you a job, but s/he could help you see where the job offers are. Plus, you'll make another valuable Willamette connection — and those come in handy!

6

Come see us at ...

... "You're Doing What With Your Degree?" — our yearly networking social for alumni young and old. Make more of those Willamette connections. Learn about the wacky and inspiring and lucrative things people are doing with their Willamette degrees (you'll be surprised — we are, every single year). If you've left Salem, check out "Seven Cities, One Night" to meet your Willamette neighbors. Eat, drink and be merry!

8

Pay it forward ...

... and become a career advisor! Or help share job opportunities at your company by posting them at JobCat. Bearcats make great co-workers!

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willamette.edu/alumni/compass

College of Liberal Arts

1960s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION
CLASS OF 1961 AND 1966 REUNIONS



Bill Richter '61 was recognized May 1 with the award of a Citation for Meritorious Service from The Rotary

Foundation of Rotary International. Bill has been a Rotarian for more than 30 years, has worked with several different Rotary Foundation programs, and presently chairs the Rotary Peace-Fellows Program committee for his Rotary district.

After 20 years in the U.S. Air Force followed by supporting the Department of Defense as a contractor, **Daniel Lotz '69** has begun a third career as a civil servant on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

1970s

CLASS OF 1971 AND 1973 REUNIONS

Joseph W. West '71 was named a 2011 Oregon "Super Lawyer" in the field of real estate by Oregon Super Lawyers magazine.

Elizabeth Harchenko, CLA'72, JD'76 retired from Oregon state government after 36 years of service. She most recently served as director of the Oregon Department of Revenue for 14 years. Her past service includes work for the Oregon Legislature, Oregon Tax Court and Oregon Department of Justice. Elizabeth is looking forward to travel and relaxation

for a while — and then will decide what the next phase of life is calling her to do.

Lynne Baab '74 recently published her book, *Friendship, Real Relationships in a Virtual World*. It covers friendship as a spiritual practice in the Facebook age. For the book, she interviewed dozens of people ranging in age from 12 to 85 about their friendship practices and the role that new communication technologies play. Visit www.lynnabaab.com for more information.

Jack LeMenager '74 published *Inside the Organization Perspectives on Employee Communications*. The book is a collection of 54 essays offering strategies, ideas and insights that Jack gleaned from his 25-plus years in business. Jack is an independent organizational communications consultant specializing in employee communications. He and his wife, Carolyn Schatz, have lived in Winchester, Mass., for nearly 23 years, where he now serves as the chairman of the Winchester Historical Commission and an elected member of Town Meeting.

1980s

CLASS OF 1981 AND 1986 REUNIONS

The Portland Timbers Major League Soccer Team has selected **Ted Forcum '84** as the team's official chiropractor. This is not the first time that he has worked with high-level soccer teams. In 1999 he was appointed as the medical director for the U.S. Soccer Festival. He also worked with the U.S. Olympic teams in the Rio de Janeiro Pan American Games and at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where he served as the chiropractor for the U.S. Olympic team.



To **Kevin Zerzan '89, MAT'90** and **Karen (Erskine) '90, MAT'91**, a

daughter, Sophie Ellen, born July 15, 2010. She joins brothers Kevin, 18, and Nicholas, 15. Both Kevin and Karen live and work in the Gladstone School District where Kevin teaches high school science and Karen teaches middle school science and math.

1990s

CLASS OF 1991 REUNION

Kevin Morrison '93 called to tell us of his new job: As of July 1 he is the director of International Programs at Meredith College.

VanDyck Silveira '95, MM'98 recently left Duke CE in London after four years and returned to Brazil to become president and CEO of Grupo Ibmecc S.A., one of the largest private providers of university level education in Brazil. Ibmecc has more than 2,000 employees and is planning an IPO in two years.

To **Jennifer (Rindt) '96** and **Stephen Finnigan '96**, twin sons, Miles Robert and Willem Cary, born in San Francisco on Jan. 30.

Dmitri Palmateer '96 was appointed by Oregon Governor Kitzhaber to the position of legislative director. Palmateer succeeds another Willamette graduate, **Brian Shipley '96**, who has accepted the position of director of external affairs at Forest Capital Partners LLC, a Portland company that acquires and manages investment-grade forest lands in North America. Palmateer, who majored in history and politics, currently serves as the statewide business liaison for U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley.

Ryan Beckwith '97 was named the feature editor for *Roll Call*, a Capitol Hill newspaper that provides news and information for members of Congress and their staff.

To **Tiffany (Ellis) Campbell '97** and husband Joseph, a son, James Dylan, born April 26. The family lives in Saxonville, Mass., where Tiffany is a senior specialist in Rare Diseases for Genzyme-Sanofi-Aventis in Cambridge, Mass.

To **Bonnie (Bauer) Flynn '97** and husband Ryan, a son, Nicholas Charles, born Oct. 10, 2010. He joins brother Jack, 2. The family lives in Portland where Ryan works as senior legal counsel at Pacificorp and Bonnie works in finance at Nike.

To **Josh Norman '97** and wife Mie, a son, Kai Alexander, born March 22. The family live in Kumamoto City, Japan.



To **Helen Littrell Smith '97** and husband Paul, twin boys, Calvin Knox

and Silas Anton, born on Jan. 26. They join big sister Lily, who couldn't be happier.

To **Julian Ervin '98**, a daughter, Auvri Jean, born Feb. 11. She joins older siblings Braylon, 7, and Laila, 5.

To **Sara Carmona '99** and Arjon Nanice, a daughter, Maysa Linden Carmona, born at home on Nov. 19, 2010.

To **Scott Mahon '99** and wife Megan, a daughter, Elizabeth Esther, on Feb. 6. Scott recently announced the inaugural release at his winery, Legendre Cellars.



To **Jim Meurer '99** and **Jeni (Van Loo) '00**, a son, Mason James

Meurer, born March 5, 2010. He joins big brother Jake. Jim is a financial advisor with Axa Advisors. Jeni is a teacher at Ron Russell Middle School in the David Douglas School District in Portland.



Jack William Cooper, born Jan. 3, 2011. He joins big sister Audrey. The family lives in Beaverton, Ore.

2000s

CLASS OF 2001 REUNION

To **Christopher Roberts '00**, a son, Clark Edward, born Feb. 12. He is the grandson of Jane (Dedrick) Roberts '60.



Matt Benjamin '02, MBA'05 and Lauren Fletcher '03 were married June

18, 2011 at Mt. Hood Bed & Breakfast in Parkdale, Ore. Several Willamette alumni were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. Matt and Lauren met as Willamette undergrads, where they became friends. "After I graduated, we lived across the street from each other and that is where the romance began," writes Matt. "Nine and half years later, we got married!"



To **Elizabeth (Miller) Gunn '02** and husband

Christopher, a daughter, Ainsley Beatrice, born April 22, 2010.



To **Carl Hillig '03, MBA'06** and his wife, Keira Morgan,

a daughter, Finley Anee, born Dec. 28, 2010. The family lives in Portland.



Rebecca Legg '04 and Adam Henning were married Sept. 18, 2010. **Katy Shaw**

'04 and Yelena King '04 were bridesmaids. The couple lives

in their hometown of Twin Falls, Idaho, with their Westie, Barley. Rebecca works at the College of Southern Idaho as the grant writer for the Health Care Development Council. Previously, she was the assistant developer and publications supervisor at Positive Action, Inc. for seven years.



To **Matt Smucker '04** and wife Holly, a daughter, Grace Evelyn, born May 11.

Matt works as a campus minister with International Students, Inc. in Monmouth, Ore.

Elizabeth Gordon '05, a second-year Master of Divinity student at University of Chicago Divinity School, has been recognized by The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) and was chosen as a recipient of a 2011 FTE Ministry Fellowship. She will receive \$10,000 for educational expenses and a self-designed project to enrich her formation as a ministerial leader.



To **Kyle McGeeney '05, MBA'10** and **Audrey (Pederson) '05, MBA'07**,

a daughter, Samantha Jean, born March 25.



Jason Oost '05 was one of 206 students to receive a doctor of medicine degree from The

Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee at its 98th annual commencement exercises on May 20. He is currently completing an emergency medicine residency at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.



Stephanie (Austin) Oliver '06 was married to Andrew Oliver on Dec. 18, 2010 in Portland.

Michael LeChevallier '06

officiated the ceremony. **Jenna Dillon '06** was the maid of honor and **Scott Kennedy '06** was the best man. **Paige Folsom '06** and **Read McFaddin '06** were guests of honor.

Paul Teicher '07 graduated with a Masters of Public Policy from the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota and received the Presidential Management Fellowship.

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Lea Anne Doolittle MBA'80, senior vice president of NW Natural, was recognized as a finalist for the Portland Business Journal's HR Leadership Awards for 2011 in the large company category. The awards celebrate excellence and innovation in Human Resources.

Mary Ann Harty MBA'87 is currently serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Armenia. She arrived on June 1, 2010, attended training for two months and was sworn in on Aug. 5. She lives in the village called Dsagh. "We are located in the highlands of Lori Marz (a northern province that borders Georgia)," writes Mary. "I am the first volunteer in my village and no one here speaks English. It has been, and continues to be, an adventure."

Punit Renjen MM'87 has been elected to the position of chairman of the board of Deloitte LLP. As chairman and chief executive officer of Deloitte LLP, Renjen has led the significant growth of the consulting practice — enhancing its market position despite the recession and helping Deloitte become one of the largest consulting services providers in the U.S. By fostering greater collaboration across Deloitte's subsidiaries and industry practices, Renjen also helped Deloitte become a

leader in key, high-growth markets such as sustainability, business analytics, health care and the U.S. federal government.

Jay P. Desai MBA'89 completed the two-month AMP degree (Advanced Management Program) from the Harvard Business School in Boston, in May 2011.

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Mark Green MBA'92 recently published *Inside the Multi-Generational Family Business*, which provides an inside look at how familial relationships affect the success or the failure of the family business. He is currently the principal of The Family Business Consulting Group, Inc.



Wade Larson MBA'96 successfully completed his oral defense on March 13

for completion of his Doctor of Management in organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix. Wade lives with his wife Lauri and four kids in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, where he works as human resources director for North Idaho College.

To **Michael Eber MBA'97** and wife Julie, a son, Matthew, added a new member in February. Matthew joins his older brother Andrew. The family lives in Denver, Colo.



Christopher J. Boman JD/ MBA'98, partner of Fisher & Phillips LLP, Irvine, Calif.,

office is listed in *Southern California Rising Stars* as one of the top attorneys in the region for 2011. He has received this honor based upon his high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. He has received this recognition five times. *Rising Stars* is part of *Super Lawyers®*, a Thomson

Reuters business and rating service of outstanding lawyers.

VanDyck Silveira '95, MM '98 recently left Duke CE in London after four years and returned to Brazil to become president and CEO of Grupo Ibmec S.A., one of the largest private providers of university level education in Brazil. Ibmec has more than 2,000 employees and is planning an IPO in two years.

2000s

Nick Jwayad MBA'01 recently took a new role as deputy chief operating officer for Portland Public Schools. In this new role, Nick will maintain his responsibilities as the district's CIO and continue to provide the strategic, long-term road map for PPS Technology. Additionally, he will also assume executive responsibilities for three new departments: student transportation, nutrition services and security services.



Matt Benjamin '02, MBA'05 and Lauren Fletcher '03 were married June

18, 2011 at Mt. Hood Bed & Breakfast in Parkdale, Ore. Several Willamette alumni were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. Matt and Lauren met as Willamette alumni undergrad where they became friends. "After I graduated, we lived across the street from each other and that is where the romance began," writes Matt. "Nine and half years later, we got married!"



Keith Pulley MBA'02 and Heather Roberts were married at the

Rhododendron Garden in Portland on Aug. 7. Keith also accepted a position with Fisher Investments in Vancouver, Wash. Heather works for Bonneville Power Administration in Vancouver.

The couple currently lives in Portland with their dog, Roux.

After running sales and marketing at Big Toys Inc. for three years, **Matt Haugh MBA'03** has taken a new role as director of community at Meshin, a technology start-up inside Xerox PARC (Palo Alto Research Center). Matt continues to live in Olympia, Wash., with his wife, Kaylene and son Owen, 8.

Vanessa Sturgeon MBA'03, president of TMT Development, was recognized among 25 outstanding women in business with the *Portland Business Journal's* Orchid Award for 2011.

In late February, **Jessica (Brown) Ordenez MBA'04** presented her advanced writing workshop for the Credit Solutions staff of Scotiabank in Lima, Peru. She created the three-day workshop in 2007 for the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation in Peru. Scotiabank offices in Mexico and Chile have also expressed interest in the workshop, which Jessica hopes to offer throughout Latin America in the next few years.

Casey Wolf JD/MBA'04 accepted the position of hedge fund manager for the Texas County & District Retirement System in Austin, Texas. TCDRS net assets are \$17.7 billion as of Dec. 31, 2010.



To Carl Hillig '03, MBA'06 and his wife, Keira Morgan, a daughter, Finley Anee,

born Dec. 28, 2010. The family lives in Portland.



Heather (Buxton) Roberts MBA'06 and her husband are excited to

announce their newest family addition, Coen Kwasi Roberts. "Our adoption was finalized on March 17 in Ghana, West Africa," writes Heather. Heather was appointed to the board of directors for The UjimaCare Foundation, a not-for-profit



Eli Waite MBA'08, a Peace Corps volunteer in Azerbaijan, is working with the Azerbaijan Boys Leadership Experience (ABLE). This is a week-long camp for 50 teenage boys from all over the country who have shown leadership potential.



"As the name of the camp implies," writes Waite, "we teach leadership skills along with teamwork, project planning, creativity, gender equality, environmental awareness, and a variety of 'American' games like capture the flag and football."

This camp will be the first time many of these boys have spent away from home and in a different part of the country. "We have already raised \$14,000 from the U.S. Embassy for this camp," Waite says, "but we still need more for transportation."

For more information or to get involved, visit the U.S. Peace Corps website: peacecorps.gov.

organization that works to bring relief to all ethnic groups, particularly focusing on orphans and deserted children and families in remote parts of the world.



To David Anzur MBA'08 and his wife, Frieda, a daughter, Matilda Louise,

born March 14. The family lives in Salem.

To Annabelle (Brown) Henry JD/MBA'08 and husband, Brian, a son, Ethan DiGrandi, born Feb. 8. He joins older sister Lauren, 1.

Clean Water Services has named **Diane Taniguchi-Dennis MBA'08** deputy general manager to manage the day-to-day operations of the water resource management utility providing wastewater and stormwater services to more than 527,000 residents of urban Washington County. Diane will join the district fulltime on Aug. 1. She most recently served as public works director for the

City of Albany where she has earned a national reputation for her leadership and innovative approach to managing water, wastewater, drainage and transportation systems.

Nathan Isaacs MBA'09 joined the Portland area law firm, Jordan Ramis PC, as its marketing manager. He also graduated from the Leadership Beaverton program.



Elena Noyes '08, MBA'09 was chosen as a demonstrator for the Smithsonian Folklife

Festival held on the National Mall, Washington, D.C. on June 30. Elena accompanied one of the Tongan artists, Mele, to the festival where she will be weaving in the traditional and modern Tongan way. Elena is currently using her MBA education as a Peace Corps volunteer, advising the Tonga Development Bank and the Langafonua Gallery and Handicraft Centre, a well-established handicraft

shop in downtown Nuku'alofa. She supports the artistic and economic development of the artisans of the Langafova Gallery and is working to raise awareness of traditional and modern Tongan craft.

To **Angela Wanak JD/MBA'09** and husband **Jeremy**, a daughter, **Lily Kalei** born Jan. 23 in Salem.



To **Kyle McGeeney '05, MBA'10** and **Audrey (Pederson) '05, MBA'07**,

a daughter, **Samantha Jean**, born March 25.

Graduate School of Education

1980s



To **Kevin Zerzan '89, MAT'90** and **Karen (Erskine) '90, MAT'91**, a

daughter, **Sophie Ellen**, born July 15, 2010. She joins brothers **Kevin**, 18, and **Nicholas**, 15. Both Kevin and Karen live and work in the Gladstone School District where Kevin teaches high school science and Karen teaches middle school science and math.

1990s



To **Katherine (Boone) Newton '99, MAT '01** and husband **Bradly**, a son,

Jack William Cooper, born Jan. 3, 2011. He joins big sister **Audrey**. The family lives in Beaverton, Ore.



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2000s

To **Jessica (Gomez) Graham MAT'02** and husband **Tyrell**, a son, **Colin Alexander**, born May 25.

In Memoriam

1930s

Estel (Chaney) Sohler '32 died April 9 in Salem. She was born in Tulsa, Okla., in 1910, and moved to Coos Bay when she was 5 years old. After completing her degree in French, she returned to her hometown to teach. She was a stay-at-home mom until 1955 when she returned to teaching, first substituting and then full-time at Ashland Senior High School where she taught junior class English. She retired in 1973. In her retirement, she enjoyed reading, attending concerts and classes at Southern Oregon University, dining out, gardening, sewing and traveling. In 2003, she moved to Salem to be closer to her family. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, a grandson, and two great-grandchildren.

Louisa (Sidwell) Crow '33 died Feb. 22 in Boise, Idaho. She was born in 1912 in Portland, and married **Melvin Crow '33** following their graduation. Family remembers her as an expert gardener, Sunday school superintendent, church organist, and visitor of shut-ins; the hospitalized and the lonely. She helped establish a library and served on the Wallowa County Library Board, as well as serving as a county PTA president. She also worked in the family businesses, M. Crow & Co. and Crow Equipment, Inc. She was born into a practicing Quaker family, but over time became involved with the Presbyterian Church in Portland, Lostine (where she served as an ordained deacon and as a trustee), and later the First Presbyterian Church in Boise. Her husband, a son and a sister, **Edith (Sidwell) Scott '35**, preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters and two sons, 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Edith (Sidwell) Scott '35 died March 27, 2009, in Pennsylvania. She was born Dec. 3, 1913. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Roberta E. (Smith) Dymond '36 died June 28, 2010. She was born in 1914 in Sandy, Ore.

Guy H. Heimsoth '37 died Nov. 18 in California. He was born in 1915 in California. A son and two brothers, **Glenn Heimsoth '39** and **Lloyd Heimsoth '47** preceded him in death.

Dorothy O. (Beckley) Luthy '38 died April 14 in Rowena, Ore. She was born in 1915 in Jefferson, Ore., and grew up in Salem. During the war years she lived in Cedar Mills while her husband worked in the St. John's shipyards. Construction work took them to Salem, Dallas, Independence, Oregon City, Aurora and finally The Dalles. In 1965 they bought a property in Rowena. She was an active member of The Dalles Art Association during the years they developed an art center in the abandoned Carnegie building. Here she taught adult and children's art and crafts and displayed her own work in the gallery. In 30 years she created more than 400 works of art. She was a member of the Rowena Home Extension unit and chairman of the Wasco County Home Extension for a term. She and her husband were members of the Oregon State Grange for 60 years. She was a lifelong Presbyterian. She was an avid deer hunter and fisherwoman. Survivors include a daughter, a son, 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Echo Olavine (Johnson) Polinsky '39 died Jan. 6 in Stockton, Calif. She was born in Watford City, N.D., in 1915. After graduating from Willamette she served as a Navy ensign during World War II. She taught school in Madison, Wis., and Stockton. In retirement she enjoyed communicating with friends all over the globe through email. She was an active member of Holy Cross United Methodist Church and several other organizations. Survivors include her three sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1940s

Della (Willard) Wiegand '40 died Dec. 18 in California. Her estate provided a generous bequest to Willamette's general fund. Her husband, **Clyde Wiegand '40** preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

Imogene V. (Bowser) Snow-White '41 died Feb. 12 in Hillsboro, Ore. She was born in 1920 in Union, Ore. She graduated from high school in St. Helens, Ore., before attending Willamette. She was a medical transcriptionist in Eugene for many years. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Claude W. Barrick Jr. '42 died April 23 in Boise, Idaho. He was born in Salem in 1920, and grew up in Tillamook, Ore., graduating from Tillamook High School in 1938. He was accepted to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa., and was a medical student from 1942 to 1945. He completed a number of internships early in his career. He served as a staff radiologist at St. Luke's in Chicago from 1953 to 1955. In 1955 he moved to Philadelphia and was associate professor of radiology at Jefferson Medical College, serving in that capacity until 1958, at which time he accepted a position as a staff radiologist at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, Idaho, serving in that capacity from 1958 until 1978. In 1978 West Boise Radiology was formed and he was the onsite radiologist at this private office from 1978

until his retirement in 1985. During his years as a practicing radiologist he served on various boards and held a number of offices, including a term as chief of staff of St. Alphonsus Hospital. He was a past member of the Idaho Medical Society, the Idaho Radiologic Society and the Radiologic Society of North America. His wife preceded him in death.

Janice "Jean" (Moore) Williams '42, E'67 died April 25 in Salem. She was born in Turner, Ore., in 1921 and grew up in Salem. She was a member of the first graduating class of Salem High School (now North Salem High School), where she was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006. After graduating from Willamette with her master's, she joined the faculty until her retirement in 1981. During her tenure she coached every woman's sport offered at one time or another including golf, bowling, basketball, badminton and the sport nearest to her heart, tennis. She also served as director of woman's physical education, director of woman's intramurals and coordinator of the service programs at Willamette. She served as president of the Woman's Conference of Independent Colleges (WCIC) in its first year in 1953 and was inducted into the NAIA District Hall of Fame in 1987. In 1992 she was inducted into the Willamette University Athletic Hall of Fame. She loved to play golf, swim and travel, and especially spend time at "Jean's Dream," her property on the Little North Fork River. Her husband, **Ollie Williams '47**, and a son, **Bruce Williams '77**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a sister, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Helen J. (Acheson) Wolfhagen '42 died Feb. 19 in Westbrook, Maine. She was born in 1921 in Salem, the daughter of a minister. She grew up across many northwest communities as her family moved from congregation to congregation. She married Robert Stephy after graduating from Willamette. Some of her fondest memories were of traveling

with Bob throughout the U.S. as he received training with the Army Air Force. Unfortunately, Bob was lost in the Pacific during the last weeks of the war. After this, she continued her education at the University of California, Berkeley, obtaining a doctorate in chemistry in 1948. Helen met Jim Wolfhagen, who was also raised in Oregon, while both of them studied chemistry at Berkeley. Helen and Jim married in 1948. They were married for 58 years until Jim's death in March 2006. Helen taught chemistry as a lecturer at the University of Maine from 1964 until her retirement in 1986. Helen was active in American Association of University Women; Orono/Old Town Kiwanis; Intown Arts Center and Gallery, Bangor; and Bangor Art Society. Helen was an active artist for 40 years. Survivors include a brother, **Thomas Acheson '53**, a sister, **Mary (Acheson) Libby '45**, two sons; a daughter; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Beryl (Seacat) Foster '43 died May 5, 2010 in Washington. She was born July 16, 1918. Survivors include three daughters and a son.

Clark Robb '44 died March 28 in Newberg, Ore. He was born in Ridgefield, Wash., in 1924 and spent his early years in Dallas, Ore., where he graduated from high school in 1941. He enrolled in Seattle Pacific College at age 16 before attending Willamette and the Navy V-1 program. After Willamette he earned his master's of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary. He later finished 20 years of chaplain service as a Lt. Commander in the Navy Reserve. As a pastor he served seven different congregations in five states from 1947-88. In retirement he was a chaplain at the Salem Hospital. Outside of his work, he played piano and organ, enjoyed singing and composing; and hosted a radio program of inspirational music carried by many stations throughout the West. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, four sons, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Marcus "Ed" E. Gothe '45 died Dec. 20, 2010, in Portland. He was born in Los Angeles in 1925, and retired as a Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Portland. Survivors include a brother.

Doris (Doughton) Jewett '45 died April 8 in Salem. She was born in 1922 to **Millard Doughton '20** and **Sybil (McClure) Doughton '21** on her family's farm in Linn County, Ore. After two years at Willamette she left to work for the Selective Service. She initially worked for the Medford Public School Library System, and later as a deputy clerk in the Jackson County Clerk's Office. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church in Medford and the United Methodist Women. She was also involved with P.E.O., Stevens Ministry, Marriage Encounter, Walk to Emmaus and many other activities. After retirement in 1984, she enjoyed traveling, hiking, visiting grandchildren and family reunions. Her husband, **Richard Jewett '41** preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, **Anne (Jewett) Venner '74**, two sons; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, and a sister, **Coralie (Doughton) Rhoten '56**.

Kenji Kurita '45 died Jan. 10. He was born in 1923. He was honored in 2008 during a Day of Remembrance honoring 10 Willamette students whose studies were interrupted because of their incarceration during World War II.

Abe "Obbie" L. Steinbock '45 died April 27 in Portland. He was born Oct. 1, 1918. He was a lifelong member of the Portland business community and owned and operated businesses throughout Portland and the Willamette Valley. He was preceded in death by his wife. Survivors include three daughters and two grandchildren.

Henry Hank Quade '46 died Aug. 24, 2010, in Arizona. He was born Oct. 13, 1926. Survivors include his wife; a daughter and two sons; including **Dennis Quade '70**.

1950s

James M. Fitzgerald '50, JD'51 died April 3 in Santa Rosa, Calif. He was born in 1920 in Portland. At Willamette he was a member of the football team, and was a member of the team that was in Oahu when Pearl Harbor was bombed on Dec. 7, 1941. Upon returning from Hawaii, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, serving from 1942 until 1946. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in December 1946. Fitzgerald returned to Portland, where he worked as a firefighter while attending law school at night. Ultimately, he completed college and law school at Willamette, obtaining his law degree in 1951. In 1952, he decided to return to Alaska, where he began his first law job as an assistant U.S. attorney for the territory of Alaska. There he brought indictments against, and successfully prosecuted, the chief of police, the captain of police and a U.S. marshal in Juneau on corruption charges. In 1959, he served as legal counsel to Gov. Egan and was the first state commissioner of public safety. In that capacity, Fitzgerald organized the Alaska State Troopers. Significantly, in 1959, Gov. Egan appointed Fitzgerald one of Alaska's first superior court judges. In 2000, he was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame, and he was also awarded an Alumni Citation in 2001. Fitzgerald left the Alaska he loved in 2008 and enjoyed the last two years with his wife of 61 years, Karin, in Santa Rosa. Survivors include his wife; two sons, **Dennis Fitzgerald '84** and **Kevin Fitzgerald JD'87**; two daughters; nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

John Kaemmer '50 died Jan. 4 in Concord, Mass. He was born in Great Falls, Mont., in 1928 and spent his childhood moving from community to community in the Northwest as the child of a Methodist minister. He himself was ordained as a Methodist minister after completing divinity studies at Boston University, Scarritt College and Garrett Theological Seminary. John worked for

many years as a Methodist missionary in Mozambique, Angola, South Africa, and Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), where he and his wife raised their young family. He taught music and studied African music and culture, and upon returning to the U.S. in 1973 he continued his studies at Indiana University, where he earned a PhD in cultural anthropology and ethnomusicology. He then taught as a professor of anthropology at DePaul University, where he became department chair, until his retirement in 1993. He also authored a textbook, *Music in Human Life*. John returned to Zimbabwe as a Fulbright lecturer at the College of Music in Harare in 1993. The following year he retired to Seattle. In retirement he organized and led a discussion group in Seattle that focused on world politics and social problems. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Robert W. Hartley '51 died March 30 in Anchorage, Alaska. He was born in 1921 in Salina, Kan., and grew up in Lincoln, Kan., before moving to Oregon in 1936. He graduated from Salem High School. He joined the National Guard in 1939 and was mobilized in 1940. He served in the Philippines during World War II with the U.S. Army, achieving the rank of captain. He retired in 1981 as a personal officer for the State of Oregon. He and his wife moved to Alaska in 2007 after his 71 years as an Oregonian to be near their daughters. In his retired years, Bob was instrumental in bringing the first Senior Center to Salem. He worked diligently with other devoted volunteers to gain property, funding and a charter. It was a proud accomplishment. He also restored a 1926-27 Model T Ford, played golf and enjoyed the outdoors, particularly fly fishing. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jeffrey McDougall '51 died April 9 in Idaho. He was born Nov. 9, 1929. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and a son.

Donald Joe Benson '52, died Jan. 16, on Mercer Island, Wash. He was born in 1929 in Bend, Ore., to **Vivian (Rasmussen) Benson '30** and attended Bend High School where he was active in sports, band and the Boy Scouts. He earned a degree in civil engineering from OSU. He was drafted by the Army in 1953 and was stationed in San Francisco before becoming a member of the Army Corps of Engineers. After his discharge, he moved to Portland to work for the State of Oregon. During his employment with the state, he spent two years at Harvard earning his MBA in sanitary engineering. In 1963, he took a job with the Northwest Pulp and Paper Association (NWPPA), and he and his wife Patsy moved to Mercer Island to raise their three children. In 1977 Don joined the Consulting Firm TAMS (later CH2M Hill), a job that took him all over the world including moving his family to Cairo, Egypt for three years. He settled back on Mercer Island when he retired in 1995. An avid music lover and nature enthusiast, he spent his retirement years listening to jazz, enjoying nature, bird watching, and meals with his wife, family and friends. A brother, **Dean Benson '56** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Suzanne "Patsy" (Older) Benson '52**; two daughters; a son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Daniel E. Snyder '53 died in Sublimity, Ore. He was born in 1919 in Silver Creek, Neb., and moved to Silverton in 1933. He graduated from Silverton High School in 1936. In July 1936 he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, and he served two years in Camp 928 at Zigzag and two years at the CCC headquarters in Vancouver, Wash. During his CCC years he received a personal commendation from General George C. Marshall. He served in the Army during WWII, along with three brothers and two brothers-in-law. They all came home safely. He taught in a one-room schoolhouse in the sand hills of Nebraska for the 1947-48 school years, and for the rest of his life could name

all of his students. He graduated magna cum laude from Willamette with a degree in business administration. He worked for Producer's Co-op cannery, and then for Flav-R-Pac in Salem, before finishing his career working as secretary-treasurer for Stayton Canping Company. He loved opera and classical music, was an avid reader and was interested in Indian artifacts and ways of life. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Dwight E. Gralap '54 died Aug. 5, 2008 in El Paso, Texas. He was born in 1931.

Miriam (Hines) Bednarz '55, E'55 died March 6 in Salem. She was born in New York City in 1930. She was born in New York City but grew up in New England and remained particularly fond of that region for the rest of her life. She attended the New England Conservatory of Music, where she studied piano. After graduating, she was teaching music in Vermont when she met **Bernard (Bernie) Bednarz LLB'56**. They married in 1953, and, leaving behind all friends and family, moved cross-country to Salem. She completed her master's in music from Willamette while her husband attended law school there. This was also the start of her music-teaching career, which was to span from Willamette, Oregon College of Education and Chemeketa Community College, as well as countless private piano lessons in her home. In 1975, she co-founded Camerata Musica, an organization that provides live chamber music concerts at the Salem Library. She wrote a number of unpublished books, mostly mysteries set in historical New England, and she hosted a bi-weekly writer's group for many years. She was also a supporter of the arts, most recently as a backer for Rountree Art Gallery. Her estate provided generous bequests to Willamette's College of Law and Music Department. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, including **Warren Bednarz '81, MBA'09**, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.

Augusta "Gussie" (Krause) Sandstrom '55 died Nov. 7 in Fairfield, Iowa. She was born in Portland, Oct. 30, 1933. Survivors include two sons.

Robert W. Straumfjord '55 died April 8 in San Diego, Calif. He was born in Portland in 1934 and raised in Astoria, Ore. After completing his degree in mathematics at Willamette he went onto the Oregon medical school, graduating in 1959. He completed his residency in Colorado from 1960-65 including two years of active duty in the U.S. Navy in Maryland and one year at Carrie Tingley Hospital for Children in New Mexico. He moved to San Diego in 1964 where he spent one year as chief resident at San Diego County Hospital and then entered private practice. He was also the team physician for San Diego State University from 1986 to 1993, chief of Orthopedics Children's Hospital from 1968 to 1972, and chief of Orthopedics, Sharp Memorial Hospital from 1979 to 1980. One of his vocational interests included woodworking and he built a second log home in the southern Rockies where enjoyed his love of the outdoors with fly fishing and back packing. An avid sportsman he participated in basketball, snow skiing, tennis, running and upon retirement he took up golf. In 2004, he endowed the Robert W. Straumfjord Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to math or science students in perpetuity. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, a son, and two brothers, **Jon Straumfjord '48** and **Agnar "Al" Straumfjord '50**.

Kieth C. Wright '55 died Dec. 12, 2010 in Greensboro, N.C. He was born in Montana in 1933. Survivors include his wife, two sons, three daughters, and sister **Donna Wright '67**.

Jack L. Bishop '57 died Jan. 29 in Bend, Ore. He was born in 1935 in Newton, Kan. He attended Salem High School before enrolling at Willamette. Jack served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an aviator from 1957 to 1960, attaining the rank of captain. He lived in Dallas,

Texas, Port Angeles, Wash., and Bend. He flew for Delta Airlines until retiring as an MD-11 captain in 1995. Jack was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a lifelong member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks and served as the captain representative for the Air Line Pilots Association Local Executive Council in Portland. Family remembers him as a raconteur who loved to engage people with his stories, a loving father and devoted husband. Survivors include three sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rosalind "Ros" (Somers) Spiekerman '57 died April 30 in Portland. She was born in Albany, N.Y., in 1935 before moving to Portland with her family. She graduated from Cleveland High School and attended Willamette for two years before completing a degree in elementary education from Oregon State College. After college, Ros taught grade school in Atherton, Calif., and was a stewardess with United before returning to the classroom in Portland. After retiring from many years of teaching at Ainsworth Elementary School, Ros spent time reading, traveling, playing golf and tennis, and taking brisk pre-dawn walks with close friends. She volunteered for a variety of causes including, most recently, the Portland Art Museum, the Community Transitional School, the Altar Guild of Ascension Chapel and Northwest Portland Ministries. Survivors include her husband, two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Judith M. Eberhardt '58 died Feb. 2. She was born June 1, 1936. Her estate provided a generous bequest to Willamette's general fund.

Joan "Perky" (Payne) Kilbourn '58 died May 10 in Oregon. She was born in 1936. Until recently, she judged regional science fairs and was key in bringing Iota Sigma Pi, the National Honor Society for Women in Chemistry, to Portland, serving as president for many years. Perky was a published author and regular contributor to the newsletter of the

Portland chapter of Construction Specifications Institute. She was active at St. Stephen's Episcopal Parish for more than 40 years. She enjoyed square dancing, playing violin, reading and swimming. In 1995 she was honored with a Willamette Alumni Citation for Achievement in Scientific Research and Business. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Iris (Chenoweth) Payne '21**, and sister **J. Patricia (Payne) Drake-Alexander '56**. Survivors include her husband, two daughters and a granddaughter.

Lola Lane '58 died Feb. 25 in Ohio. She was born Jan. 10, 1937.

1960s

Jean C. (Pritchard) Wheeler '60 died March 7 in Huntington Beach, Calif. She was born in 1939 in Los Angeles, and grew up working in her mother's variety store. At Willamette she was a member of the Delta Gamma sorority. She also helped establish a Christian Science Organization at Willamette. She attended the University of California at Berkeley in to qualify for a teaching certificate in California. Outside of teaching, she was active in the Church of Christian Science. Over the years Jean served as first reader, second reader, reading room librarian, Sunday school teacher, board president, and various other committee positions. When the kids went on semester abroad programs she started traveling. Her first trip abroad was visiting her son in England but other trips followed, leading to visits to 15 or more countries and 20 or more different states. Another activity of retirement was found with volunteer work at Fullerton Arboretum where she helped start new plants and sell established plants. She also researched heavily into her family's genealogy. She visited libraries, cemeteries, and church yards gathering dates and information. Her latest project, now unfinished, was to take pictures of older buildings in Huntington Beach and gather their historical background. The plan was to publish a personal

picture book. Survivors include her husband, a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Carol (Mason) Mandrell '61 died Sept. 14, 2010 in Alaska. She was born April 9, 1939. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Elaine (Chapin) Mason '27**.

Christine Clishe '65 died April 28 in Olympia, Wash. She was born in 1941 in Olympia and grew up there. She attended Willamette before graduating from the University of Washington. After teaching junior high English and social studies, in 1972 she enrolled in the first class of the University of Puget Sound School of Law. Following graduation and admission to the Washington State Bar Association in 1975, she began her legal career with the State of Washington, retiring as an administrative law judge. She loved her cats and all animals, and planning her high school reunions. She was renowned for being able to find classmates and tenacious in her searches. She also liked genealogy and reading, cooking, playing bridge, holidays, traveling, attending movies and plays, and entertaining friends. Survivors include a longtime companion, a sister and a brother.

Dorven "Dee" K. Crooch '62 died Nov. 25 in Oregon. He was born Sept. 6, 1940. While attending Willamette he was a member of the football team, and in 1995 he was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, **Karen (Smith) Crooch '62**, and two sons.

Richard "Dick" H. Olmscheid '65 died March 31 in Portland. He was born in 1943 in Portland, and graduated from Grant High School in 1961 before attending Willamette. After completing a degree in chemistry he went on to attend the University of Oregon Medical School, and completed a neurology residence a few years later at the same school. He was not only in private practice, but also served as a professor of neurology, chief of neurology, chair of the neurology departments at Legacy

Emanuel and Good Samaritan hospitals, in addition to a number of other administrative and academic positions throughout his career. He also belonged to many medical organizations and received medical honors and awards. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard as GMO-1970-73; and the U.S. Army Reserve, Captain, GMO-1973-76. His family notes that "he was a caring, compassionate physician and human being. Helping his patients to understand and cope with their illness and maintain their dignity was one of his primary goals. He was a mentor to medical students, interns, residents, nurses and other medical staff." His other passions were family, friends, golfing, fly-fishing, science, photography, music appreciation, cars and introspection. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a sister and three grandchildren.

Gary W. Yunker '68 died Feb. 25, in Nashville, Tenn. He was born in Sweet Home, Ore. After Willamette he attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he received his masters and doctoral degrees. He began his teaching career at the GM Institute in Michigan before moving to the University of Winnipeg where he met his wife, Barbara. In 1980 he accepted a position in the Department of Psychology at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. During his years in Jacksonville, he taught psychology and business courses in the department of management and marketing where he also served for a time as department chair. He authored many scholarly papers and published two books in his field. He retired in 2005. Survivors include his wife.

1970s

Susan E. (Johnson) Howsley '70 died March 7 in Vancouver, Wash. She was born in 1948 in Portland and at Willamette was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority. After completing her degree in sociology she worked for the Central Intelligence Agency under Vice President Spiro Agnew for

duties to the National Security Council and quickly advanced to a senior officer. At this time she also continued with graduate studies in library science at Catholic University. In 1974 she returned to Oregon to start a family and eventually settled in Vancouver, Wash. in 1978. Susan became very active in the community volunteering with many organizations including the League of Women Voters, PTA and coaching her children's softball and soccer teams. In the late 1990s she moved to Sarasota, Florida where she resided for several years before returning to Vancouver to work as a mortgage banker and broker. A brother, Edward Johnson '72 preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, a son, **James Howsley JD '01**; and two sisters, including **Mary (Johnson) Fickett '75**

1980s

William "Bill" G. Zuver '80, JD '84 died April 26 in Winston, Ore. He was born in Roseburg in 1958 and graduated from Douglas High School. He worked at the family business, Winston Realty and Insurance and went on to work as a manager for Dell and First Call Resolution. Bill was active in his community and was a member of the Lions Club. He also served as Winston's mayor from 1985-87 and in 1995 was honored as First Citizen of Winston. He enjoyed sports and reading, especially about history, but mostly he was committed to his family. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, his parents, a brother and two sisters.

Joyce E. (Godlove) Krueger '88 died March 24 in Salem. She was born in Des Moines, Iowa, in 1950, and graduated from Southeast Warren High School in Liberty Center. Joyce enjoyed cheerleading, was an FFA sweetheart and homecoming queen. She began her career at the Historical Society of Iowa. Soon after, she became a flight attendant with United Airlines. After 24 years, she retired from United and embarked upon a career as an executive

flight attendant for several major corporations, then finalized her career as a customer service manager for a large aircraft charter company. After graduating from Willamette she completed post graduate studies in interior design. She was past president of the Salem Hospital Auxiliary, past president of the American Association of University Women, a member of the Assistance League of Salem, a member of PEO Chapter CQ, and was involved with the Keizer Junior Miss Program. She was also a past president of the McNary Women's Golf Association. She enjoyed traveling, reading, art, running and working out, golf, and her many friends. Survivors include her husband, her mother, four step-sons and a step-daughter.

1990s

Karen L. Culley MBA '91 died March 13 in Portland. She was born in Klamath Falls, Ore., in 1959. After Willamette she worked around the state in a variety of professional positions, and moved back to Klamath Falls 11 years ago. Survivors include a brother.

Faculty

Roger Fritz died March 24 in Naperville, Ill. He was born in 1928 and graduated from Monmouth College in Monmouth, Ill., with a degree in political science. From 1961-69 he served as the chairman of the board of trustees at Monmouth College. He earned a master's degree in speech and a PhD in educational counseling from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1952 and 1956 respectively. He worked as assistant dean of men and assistant professor at Purdue University from 1953-56. He was manager of Public Relations at Cummins Engine Company and secretary of Cummins Foundation from 1956-59. He ended his six-year career at John Deere and Co., as director of management development and personnel research and director of the John Deere Foundation to become Willamette's president.

In 1972 he founded Organization Development Consultants in Naperville and served more than 400 clients. In 1988 he founded his own publishing company, Inside Advantage Publications. He was a prolific author of more than 63 books on management development and personnel motivation/self-help, and they were distributed and translated in 38 countries and languages. He played golf and enjoyed boating and snorkeling during family vacations. He loved spending time at the farm homestead where his wife grew up in Monmouth, Ill., and vacationing in Frankfort, Mich., with family and friends. He made many crafts in his workshop that his family will treasure. His sister preceded him in death. Survivors include two brothers and many nieces and nephews.

Mary Ann Youngren died June 5, 2010, in Salem. She was born in 1942 in Valparaiso, Ind. She came to Willamette in 1979 and retired as professor emerita of psychology in 2002. She was an advocate of humanistic psychology and particularly interested in the theories of C.G. Jung. She was one of the first Willamette professors to win the Oregon Teacher of the Year Award, which she received in 1991. Students and faculty alike remember her dedication to her profession and her energy, enthusiasm and humor. Outside of teaching she loved to travel, cook and tend to her garden. Survivors include her mother and a brother.

GIVING BACK

GRADUATION: "BE DARNED PROUD"



"Emily thrived at Willamette, and we are both grateful and relieved."

— WU parent Alice Lewis

Left: Emily Lewis '11 gets a hug of congratulations from her mother, Alice, at commencement.



By Alice Lewis

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My husband and I just returned from our youngest daughter's graduation from Willamette.

Four years, come and gone in a flash.

It seems a minute ago we moved Emily and all her boxes up three flights to her freshman dorm room on a warm August afternoon, making small talk with another family to break the ice between the nervous roommates while a freight train rattled past.

Now our van is parked in our Alameda driveway, filled to the brim with relics of her college life: welded metal sculptures, handmade rice paper lanterns, a burnt-orange bicycle with corroded handlebars, duffels stuffed with dirty clothes, and

boxes of paintbrushes, pencils and mismatched kitchen utensils.

And her bunny is getting reacquainted with our dogs in the kitchen.

Emily thrived at Willamette, and we are both grateful and relieved. Like many families, we agonized over selecting just the right college to ensure a good experience and a successful future. Her older sister, Sarah, went to UCLA. It was a perfect fit for Sarah, who, after a lifetime of small schools in a small city, was aching for a much bigger school in a much bigger city.

Sarah's competitive nature allowed her to fend for herself in the bureaucratic jungle and get what she

needed. Emily avoids competition at all costs, so Willamette's smaller classes and nurturing environment was a better choice for her. It continues to amaze me how two girls in the same home from the same parents can be so entirely different.

Willamette's campus looks Ivy League — formal brick and limestone buildings on rolling green lawns, right across the street from the grounds of the state capitol. There are blossoms everywhere — pink and white dogwood trees with so many flowers you can't see leaves, magenta rhododendron and gigantic azaleas the color of tropical sunsets. (It's amazing what a little water will do. I bet that's where the Miracle-Gro folks go to film their commercials.)

A private school that beautiful doesn't come cheap. Even with a partial scholarship, it was still more than we could afford. But because it seemed so right, we made it happen, one monthly tuition check at a time. Then came the Great Recession.

Emily was a junior when we received a letter from the university summarizing their position on the economic downturn. My stomach dropped just like the time Sarah talked me into riding the Vortex at Great America. I was sure they were going to hike tuition, and I didn't know how we were going to tell Emily she had to transfer.

I took a deep breath and pulled out my reading glasses. The letter said Willamette understood that parents who chose to send their children to private college before the economic crisis might no longer be able to afford it. So rather than raising tuition to meet expenses,

the university would offer a "scholarship" percentage discount on tuition if the student worked hard, kept grades up, and graduated on time. If for some reason they didn't, Willamette would consider the amount a zero interest loan, payable after graduation. The letter shook in my hands as my tears threatened to splash onto the page.

So we accepted their terms, sent our monthly checks, and now college is over. Emily met her prerequisites, kept her grades up and made it out in four years. I am grateful to Willamette, to her professors, to the college counselor five years earlier who told us that this school would be a particularly good fit, and to Emily.

You should have seen the beaming smile on her face at graduation under that big white tent, under that mortarboard cap, strands of tassel blowing across her cheek, teasing the corner of her mouth.

Across the crowd in rows of chairs, we waved our code wave, one of us pointing to our eye, then crossed fingers, then pointing at each other, translating to "I – Love – You," and the code response the same, ending with two fingers up in a peace sign, meaning "I – Love – You – Too."

Years ago, when our girls were little, an old boss of mine warned me that parents were not entitled to take credit for their children's accomplishments. We shouldn't say, "We are so proud of you." They are the ones who



Emily Lewis '11, a studio art major, contributed to last year's senior exhibition with a thesis project called "Imagined Natural Structures," which explored ties between nature and science while using light and pattern to suggest progress and positive change. She is currently working as a freelance artist in the Bay Area and anticipates an MFA in the future.

earned it, and who are entitled to ownership of their accomplishments. What we should say instead is, "You should be so proud of yourself." So I say, "Emily, you should be so darned proud of yourself!"

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If you are interested in becoming a donor or renewing your commitment, visit willamette.edu/support. Thank you for what you do. Thanks also to Alice, who has chosen to "pay it forward" by contributing to the Willamette Fund.

(We should note that the tuition loan program, having served its purpose when the brunt of the economic downturn hit, is no longer being offered to new recipients).



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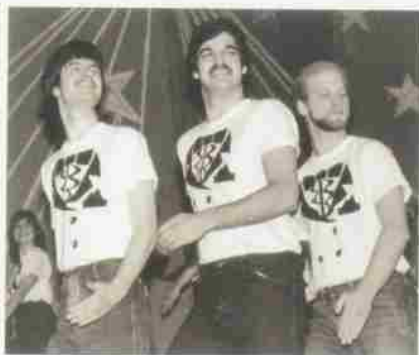
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Spring 2011 Reader Responses

Judith (Schierbaum) Seely '60, Linda (Berry) Gillispie '59, and Barbara (Giberson) Billings '62 identified Rosemary (Stephenson) Squires '60 as the dressed-up Pi Phi sister with the hairbrush in her hand (corroborated by Ginny (Grant) Schuyler '60, we hear). Elsewhere, we learned that the men and women on the staircase could include Gib Stewart '69; Susan Pazina '69; Susan (Payne) Gilpin '69; Keith Bauer '69, JD '73; and Marc Gazeley '69. Howard Sleeper '64 reports that the man at the top of the stairs could also have been Mike Keuss '65, *Wallulah* editor at the time.