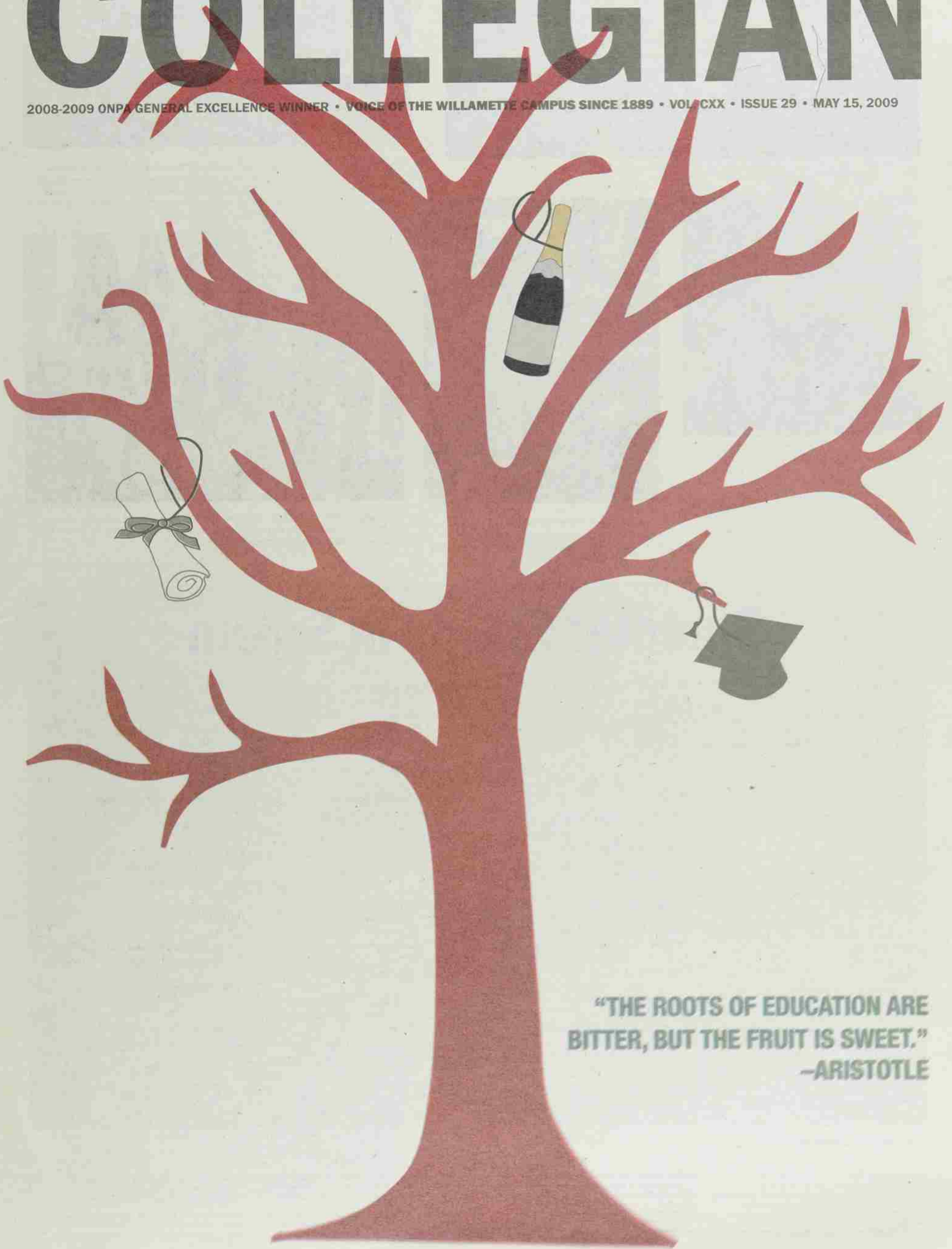


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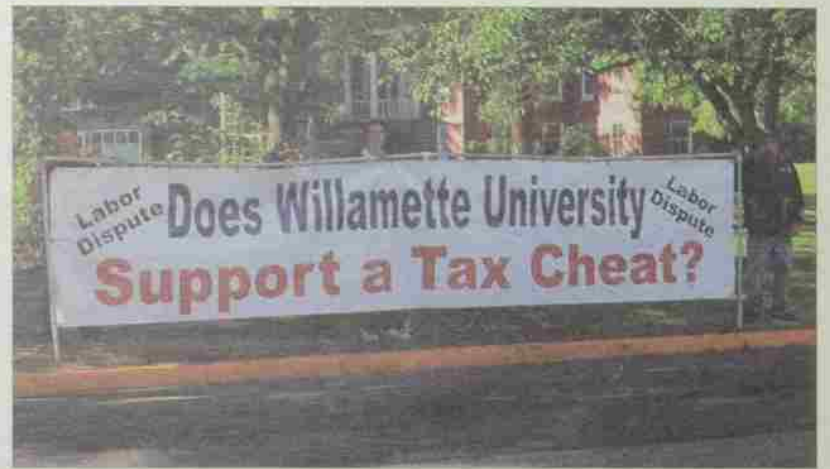


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BITTER, BUT THE FRUIT IS SWEET."
-ARISTOTLE**



Ford Hall building plans.

TATIANA MAD



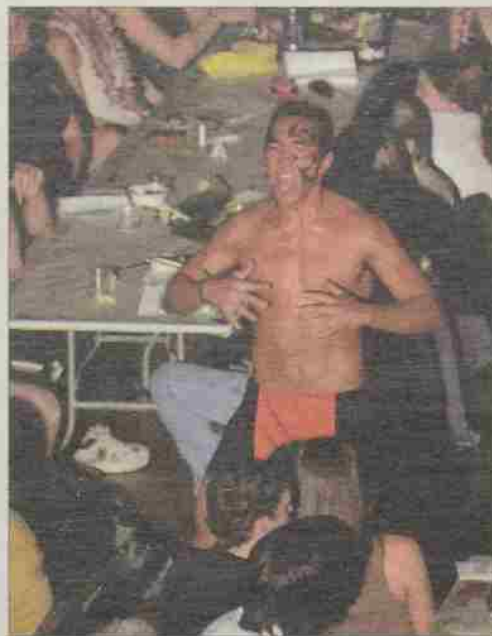
WILLIAM HARPER

The 2008-2009 school year saw major progress for the university's newest academic building, Ford Hall. The 40,000 square foot building will house Math, Computer Science, Rhetoric and Media Studies, Film Studies, Music Technology, Digital Art, and possibly other disciplines. Despite labor disputes with the company Delta Drywall, Ford Hall is scheduled to open September 2009 for academic use.



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This year the Willamette community said goodbye to beloved Professor of Politics Robert Dash. Dash, who had been battling lung cancer for two and a half years, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009. "It's a very sad moment," University Chaplain Charles Wallace said. "But [he left] a wonderful legacy of not only scholarship and teaching, but also collegiality." An informal celebration of Dash's life was held on Feb. 22.



COOLBY TAKEIDA

Junior Chris Wong performs a haka at this year's lu'au. This year various groups on campus held a range of cultural events. The theme of the Hawai'i Club's annual lu'au was "Home in the Islands."



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The Collegian staff, 2008-2009. Front row, from left: Noah Zaves, Lis Wagner, Connie Gledhill, Amber Smith, Allsa Alexander. Back row, from left: Michael Cauley, Lauren Gold, Tyler Thompson, Rhiannon McCracken, Colleen Martin.

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Summer Events in Salem

Regular Events:

Salem Farmer's Market
Every Wednesday and Saturday.
Chemeketa Streeer between High and Liberty Street

"That's So Geek" - Improv comedy
The first and third Thursdays of each month.
\$8 at the door.
Grand Theatre
191 High St. NE
Salem, OR
www.grandballroom.info

Kundalini Yoga
10:15 a.m., every Sunday.
\$10 per class.
Tea Party Bookshop (across from Conference Center)
420 Ferry SE
Salem, OR
www.riverfrontwellness.com

The Salem Big Band
7:00 p.m., first Monday of every month.
Free.
Walery's Pizza
1555 Edgewater NW
Salem, OR
www.home.comcast.net/~salembig/

Classic films at the Historic Elsinore Theatre
7:00 p.m. every Wednesday.
\$5 admission.
170 High St. SE
Salem, OR
www.elsinoretheatre.com

June:

Salem Carousel's Eighth Birthday Celebration
Sat., June 6 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Free (rides paid separately).
Salem's Riverfront Carousel
101 Front St. NE
Salem, OR
www.salemcarousel.org

Wine, Chocolate & More
Fri., June 12 4:00 p.m. - Sat., June 13 9:00 p.m.
Admission charged.
June 12: 4-9 p.m., June 13: 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
Polk County Fairgrounds
520 S Pacific Hwy West
Rickreall, OR
www.winechocolateandmore.com

Salem Annual Strawberry Festival
Sat., June 20 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Free admission.
Salem Public Market
1240 Rural Ave. SE
Salem, OR
www.salempublicmarket.com

Salem World Beat Festival
Sat., June 27 - Sun., June 28
Riverfront Park
www.worldbeatfestival.org

July:

Fireworks over the Lake
Fri., July 3 10:00 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.
Free.
Detroit Lake (east end)
Detroit, OR
www.detroitlakeoregon.org

Dallas Summerfest
Thu., July 23 10:00 a.m. through Sun., July 26 6:00 p.m.
Free admission.
Polk County Courthouse/Downtown
Dallas, OR
www.dallasoregon.org

11th Annual Salem Hoopla
Fri., July 24 2:00 p.m. through Sun., July 26 7:00 p.m.
Oregon State Capitol Building (in front)
Court Street
Salem, OR
www.salemhoopla.com

The Salem Art Fair & Festival
Fri., July 17 through Sun., July 19
www.salemart.org

Bite of Salem
Fri., July 31 - Sat., August 1
www.biteofsalem.com

August:

Summer in the City Food and Wine Festival
Sat., August 15 through Sun., August 16

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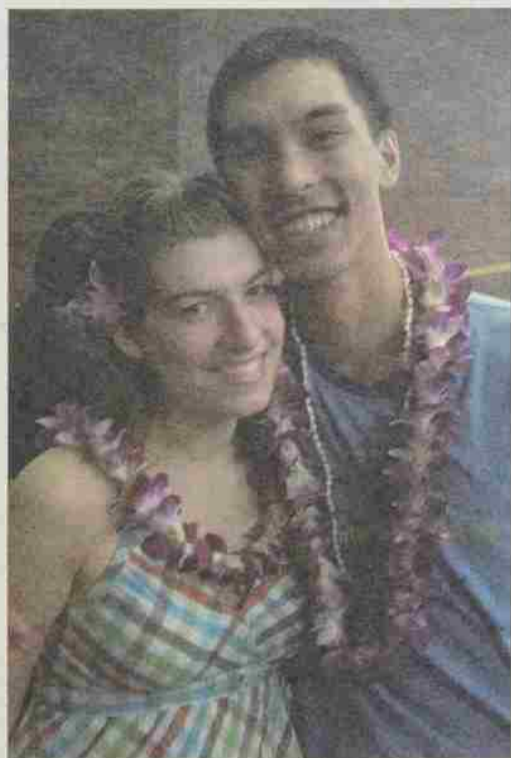
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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda Bretvick '09 and Mikey Posch '09

Amanda Bretvick and Mikey Posch are thrilled to announce their engagement! They met as freshmen and had been dating for over three years when Mikey proposed in the Capitol gardens on Friday evening. After graduating, Amanda plans to attend the Master of Arts in Teaching program here at Willamette and Mikey will attend medical school. They plan to be married in the summer of 2010 and are very excited to begin their life together.



Brian Nelson '08 and Jessica Knox '09

Brian's first encounter with Jessica took place at the Mail Center as she proceeded to chastise him for not collecting the many packages that he had refused to pick up for weeks on end. They were reconnected at Beta Beach Blast 2006 on much friendlier terms. What began as a strong friendship soon grew into something more. They were engaged June 6, 2008 on the beach in Depoe Bay, Oregon to a mixture of rain and breathtaking sunset. Jessica graduates this year with a degree in Latin American Studies, and Brian graduates with his masters from Atkinson Graduate School of Management. They will be married on August 4, 2009 in Waikoloa, Hawaii. They plan to honeymoon in India after Jessica finishes her masters at AGSM in May 2010.

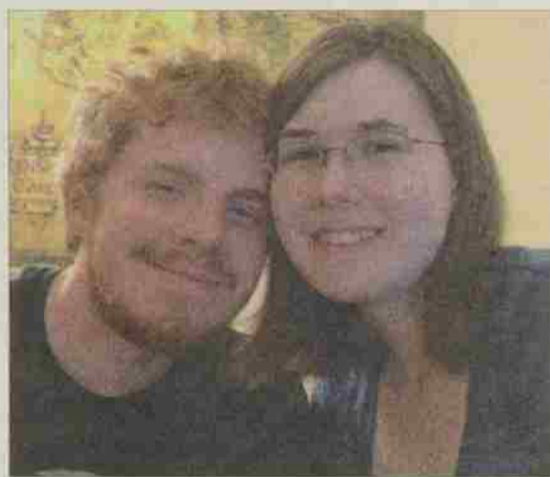


Samantha Post '09 and Daniel Maslanik '09

Samantha and Daniel were engaged on Aug. 29, 2008 at Sparks Soccer Field. Daniel spent months planning the perfect engagement and decided to pop the question at the end of the first home game of the soccer season. He conspired with members of the women's soccer team and the fans to prepare for the moment. At the completion of the game, as the team was running across the field, Daniel walked out in front of all the fans and got down on one knee to ask Samantha to marry him. The couple has been dating since the beginning of their freshman year at Willamette. They will be married on Aug. 8, 2009 in Samantha's hometown of Philomath, Oregon. Several Willamette students will be in attendance, including members of the women's soccer team, the men's baseball team, Alpha Chi Omega and Sigma Chi with Chaplain Charles Wallace officiating.



Sean Koedoot and Suzanne Snell '09



Sean Koedoot (University of Arizona) proposed to Suzanne Snell on July 20, 2008 as a part of his birthday present to her at the Classical Chinese Garden in downtown Portland. Sean and Suzanne met in their sophomore English class at Wilson High School in Portland, Oregon and will have been together for six years, this coming June 30. The pair will remain in the Portland Metro area while Sean pursues a teaching certification for high school level mathematics. The couple plans to get married in September 2010 in Portland, Oregon.

Andy Sellers and Sarah Schulte '09

"Andy proposed on November 6, 2008 in the middle of a group of our friends. We had just finished listening to one of our favorite songs, 'A Jagged Gorgeous Winter' by the Main Drag, and he came out of nowhere with a ring and said, 'from the moment I met Sarah, I knew something was different, something special. She took my breath away, and I haven't been the same ever since.' Then he got down on one knee and asked me to marry him. I said 'yes,' barely able to talk through my smile and tears. Now, six months later, we are planning to stay in Oregon for a while, and are currently deciding when the wedding will take place. It's been a wonderful ride, and we're excited to see what comes next."

-Sarah Schulte





Holly Adams, Susannah Kelly, Lauren Lathrop, Mo Goltz, Shiela Kelly and Colleen Irwin pose for the camera.

COURTESY OF MO GOLTZ

Ben Bryant

First semester sophomore year, a few of us were hanging out after dinner on a Saturday night. With not much going on around campus that night, we quickly got bored. For cheap entertainment, we decided to play truth or dare. For the most part, it remained PG-rated ... until it was Jacob Monroe's turn. Not surprisingly, he chose dare. For his dare, I gave him a small hand towel and dared him to go onto the sidewalk of 12th street by the Matthews parking lot wearing NOTHING but the hand towel. He had to stay there until a car honked. Of course, Jake obliged with full enthusiasm. Drew Lackman, Ben Apel, and myself quickly followed (keeping our distance from the naked behind, of course) to make sure he stayed out until a car honked.

For half a minute, we watched car after car drive by. Sadly, none honked. It was at that point that Jake's body began to glow in the dark, except there were occasional blue and red flashes. The Salem Police had found Jake. Naturally, Drew, Ben, and I took off running, leaving Jake all alone without any clothes talking to a Salem Police officer.

After a couple minutes passed, Ben and I returned to the scene. As we walked back, the officer asked us, "Are you with him? If you are, you need to go back and get this man

some clothes he would be comfortable in while spending the night in jail." Jake, with his natural charm (seriously, if you don't know him, he could convince a vegetarian to eat a meatball sub) coerced the officer to let him go and call the Campus Police. Except for appearing in the Campus Safety Report, nothing happened. However, it will forever remain one of the best nights I remember at Willamette.

Suzanne Snell

My advice is to get involved. You can build a support network with your floor in your dorm but it doesn't compare to the one you can make by joining a club or a fraternity or a sorority. Joining groups like these will not only serve you later in life, but will make life here at Willamette, whether you want to be here or not, more enjoyable and well worth it. Make these connections now - it's a lot harder to go back and try to do it later.

Annie Haury

One thing I will always remember is the weekend after my 21st birthday. After a few drinks, my friends decided it was time to throw me into the millstream.

They then proceeded to carry me all the way from Kaneko. As we were approaching the chicken fountain, Campus Safety rolled up in their car and rolled down the window - mind you, it was after 1 a.m. - they asked what we were up to. My friends announced they were millstreaming me. After making sure we had a towel, they told us to have fun and drove away. I was speechless. And a bit upset at them, but it turned out to be a great memory.

Elise Bengel

Willamette will always be remembered as the bringing together of Karleigh and Elise ... 'Karleise.' From Opening Days to Graduation, we have been attached at the hip and, with the exception of class, where one of us is found, the other is sure to follow. Whether it be road-tripping across the U.S., going crazy in the library, eating countless Goudy meals, backpacking across Europe or spending three long years walking across the sky bridge, good times were always guaranteed with "Karleise!"

May Ohara

I am going to miss silly random conversations with my friends at all hours of the day and night.

Collective memories of Holly Adams, Sheila Kelly, Susannah Kelly, Mo Goltz, Colleen Irwin, and Lauren Lathrop:

- ▶ Professor Hull's sense of fashion
- ▶ Star tree lightings
- ▶ Finding new love under the star trees the day my long-distance boyfriend broke up with me
- ▶ Wandering into Goudy and realizing I finally had a group of friends to sit with
- ▶ The promise of a Mrs. Robinson-type encounter after I graduate from college
- ▶ The day we passed our O.W.L.s
- ▶ Sledding in Bush Park on the night the snow began to fall this winter
- ▶ *The Good War* by Studs Terkel
- ▶ A. Sasha Berkowitz
- ▶ Senior scramble
- ▶ The pit stop on the bus ride to black tie sophomore year
- ▶ Hooking up with at least one person on my friends list
- ▶ Keggle club
- ▶ Celebrating our green thumbs in the Martha Springer Garden
- ▶ The night I went rock climbing on the rocks in the Chicken Fountain
- ▶ Getting the shit scared out of us in the WISH Haunted House
- ▶ Trying to pee behind a dumpster on wheels and having the dumpster rolled away ... in front of my crush at the time.
- ▶ WU Palace
- ▶ Chance encounters in Jackson Plaza
- ▶ Fighting for our right to party at the Decades Dance '08
- ▶ Terra North
- ▶ Walks of shame in costume
- ▶ Serving Dean Hawkinson his Americano at the Bistro
- ▶ Naked body painting for the Wulapalooza poster '07
- ▶ Shocking the campus on Spring Preview Day

Liz Lopez

A college nightmare of mine came true first semester, freshman year. I had an oral test for my 100-level Spanish class that I completely forgot about (thank goodness my phone remembered). I jumped out of bed five minutes before my test, put on flip flops and ran across the sky bridge in the rain. Made the test meeting with my professor only to be asked, "Did you learn anything this semester?" I sulkily returned to Kaneko (still raining, of course) only to learn I forgot my keys ... and my cell phone. Probably the worst memory I have, besides the embarrassment and horror of slipping into my fake British accent in front of the very attractive British drummer from Noah and the Whale. But that's another story...

Jonathan Goldberg

I'm going to miss winking at Lis in the middle of Joe Bowersox's classes and Bistro cookies at 10 in the morning.

Ildi Hrubos

Here's my advice: Don't take your time at Willamette for granted! Although at times you'll wish it could just be over, enjoy it while it lasts. When it really is over, you don't want to look back and regret not making the most of your four years here.



Ben Bryant and Jake Monroe get goofy.

COURTESY OF JAKE MONROE



Katelyn Wright, Justin Brock and May Ohara in Kaneko.

COURTESY OF MAY OHARA



Colin Gardiner, Ben Apel, Stephanie Good, Xochitl Franklin and Jonathan Goldberg enjoy dinner together.

COURTESY OF LIS WAGNER



Bar hopping after the senior social.

COURTESY OF ILDA HRUBOS

Professors' final thoughts for the class of '09

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Follow your passion. That's my best advice for a graduating senior. One can be set for a while or feel totally lost straight out of school, but if one finds a way to stay engaged in things that reside deep within, everything else will fall into place.

HEIDI GREW
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF STUDIO ART

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'It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.' This quote, attributed to Charles Darwin, is a favorite of mine at graduation. Regardless of the innate natural talent students brought to WU, I know nurturing from my colleagues across the campus has sharpened their responsiveness to change. Biology grads appreciate that as individuals technically they cannot 'evolve' – only populations change their genetic frequencies over time.

However, having been a member of the liberal arts population, I believe each of the 2009 grads is more ready to make choices that will benefit our species in a constantly changing world. Darwin also said "A man's friendships are



one of the best measures of his worth." Each of YOU should celebrate the women and men you came to know as friends at WU and know that I count friendships with my former students as among the most precious of resources. Please stay in touch and best wishes in your "struggle for existence."

DAVID P. CRAIG
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF BIOLOGY

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As you begin your quest for the authentic life beyond Willamette, you must enter the forest where it is darkest and there is no path. If you maintain your own integrity then beyond the wasteland lies the Grail and the fulfillment of your individual potential.

LINDA BOWERS
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH



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I would like to share with graduating seniors a proverb that I learned from the Māori people of New Zealand:

*Manaaki Whenua,
Manaaki Tangata,
Haere whakamua
(Care for the land,
care for the people,
go forward.)*

It sums up every responsibility we have toward each other and the planet.

REBECCA DOBKINS
PROFESSOR AND CHAIR OF ANTHROPOLOGY



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Friedrich Nietzsche posed many a powerful and challenging question, but at this moment of endings and commencements, perhaps one above all is worth ruminating about. How would you respond, he asked,

"If some day or night a demon were to steal after you into your loneliest loneliness and say to you: 'This life as you now live it and have lived it, you will have to live once more and innumerable times more; and there will be nothing new in it, but every pain and every joy and every thought and sigh and everything unutterably small or great in your life will have to return to you, all in the same succession and sequence....'?"

A response to this challenge, and of course there are many, is to insist on not allowing yourself any regrets as you look back over your college career (regret is after all a rather useless emotion!) and on living your life from this moment in such a manner that regret will be impossible. This is my genuine hope for you!

WILLIAM DUVALL
PROFESSOR OF HISTORY



2008-2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

A look back at the best of WU sports in '08-'09

TYLER THOMPSON
SPORTS EDITOR

▶ **August 20 (CROSS COUNTRY)** Former Willamette athlete Nick Symmonds won his qualifying heat in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in the 800m. He finished ahead of all other American runners in the event.

▶ **September 10 (BASEBALL)** After former Head Coach Matt Allison stepped down on September 1, Willamette named Aaron Swick Interim Head Coach. He would later be promoted to the position of Head Baseball Coach.

▶ **October 18 (CREW)** Willamette's men's and women's crew teams traveled to Boston to compete in the Head of the Charles Regatta, one of the most prodigious competitions in the nation. In the regatta, the women's 4+ boat finished 11th overall.

▶ **October 18 (VOLLEYBALL)** The volleyball team finished a three game win streak against Whitman, winning in five sets. Over the streak, the team also beat George Fox and Whitworth.

▶ **October 25 (FOOTBALL)** The football team upended perennial conference favorite Linfield 52-28 in one of the most well-attended sporting events of the year. Willamette pulled away with three touchdowns in the final nine minutes of the game.

▶ **October 25 (MEN'S SOCCER)** The men's soccer team beat George Fox for the second time in the season, outscoring the Bruins 2-0.

▶ **November 19 (CROSS COUNTRY)** Senior Maddie Coffman was named the West Region's Women's Athlete of the Year, winning the NWC Individual title with a time of 21:31.27 over the 6k race.

▶ **November 22 (CROSS COUNTRY)** The women's cross country team finished 15th at nationals while the men took 27th overall. Senior Maddie Coffman placed fourth overall in the nation with fellow senior Jena Winger in 49th.



Senior Nikki Franchi leaves as one of Willamette's most decorated athletes, holding multiple career softball records.



Senior Kelley Lindstrom goes up for a spike against Puget Sound.



Senior Maddie Coffman took fourth at cross country nationals in November, leading the team to a 15th place overall finish.



Willamette seniors Drew Lackman (center) and Grant Piros (right) compete in the 110m hurdles at a home meet in April.

▶ **November 29 (FOOTBALL)** Ranked No. 6 in the nation, the football team couldn't manage to pull out a win against the defending national champion UW/Whitewater squad, losing the second round playoff game 31-27.

▶ **December 8 (WOMEN'S BASKETBALL)** Women's Head Basketball Coach Bruce Henderson, a beloved figure on Willamette's campus, collapsed at practice and passed away from an apparent heart attack. Henderson's death unified a Willamette athletic community that had been shaken by the tragedy.

▶ **December 15 (FOOTBALL)** Five Bearcats were named to the All-West Regional team including wide receiver Merben Woo, tackle Jake Forshey and linebacker Jack Bevins.

▶ **February 6 (WOMEN'S BASKETBALL)** - Though the team started slow, the women's basketball team capped off a three game win streak against Whitworth, outscoring the Pirates 73-64.

▶ **February 13 (MEN'S SOCCER)** The 2008 men's soccer awards were announced with freshman Jordan Futran receiving most improved player, senior Ivan Gutierrez receiving most inspirational player and junior Mark Benner taking most valuable player.

▶ **February 15 (SWIMMING)** Junior Gwen Schulze finished eighth in the 200 fly and junior Jenna Larrow finished ninth in the 1,650 freestyle at the NWC Swimming Championships in Federal Way, Wash.

▶ **February 21 (MEN'S BASKETBALL)** In the final game of the season, Willamette nearly knocked off undefeated UPS, losing in the final seconds 75-74. Senior Kyler McClary finished his collegiate career with 1,104 total points in four years.

▶ **February 23 (MEN'S BASKETBALL)** Men's Head Basketball Coach Gordie James announced his retirement after 22 seasons of service for the Bearcats. James led his teams to 16 winning seasons.

▶ **March 15 (BASKETBALL)** Willamette announced Anne Lapray and Kip Ioane as the Bearcat's new Women's and Men's Head Basketball Coaches, respectively.

▶ **April 8 (SOFTBALL)** Senior Nikki Franchi was recognized as the NWC's Student Athlete of the Week, tossing two no-hitters in three appearances.

▶ **April 18 (MEN'S TENNIS)** In the third place match in the NWC Tournament, Willamette was ousted 6-3 by Linfield. WU lost despite taking the No. 1 singles match and the top two doubles matches.

▶ **April 18 (WOMEN'S TENNIS)** Willamette lost 7-2 to a tough Lewis & Clark team in the NWC Tournament's fifth place match. Later in the week, Freshman Shannon Palmer was one of eight athletes named First Team All-NWC.

▶ **April 20 (CREW)** Head Crew Coach Susan Parkman was named the NCRC's Coach of the Year, leading the women's team to a No. 8 ranking in the national poll.

▶ **April 21 (MEN'S TENNIS)** Senior Andrew Murakami was chosen as the Northwest Conference's Sportsman of the Year for his play in 2009, going 12-7 over the course of the season.

▶ **April 25 (TRACK & FIELD)** Willamette won NWC titles in both men's and women's track & field. The women's title was the eighth in a row and the men, who had not won in two years, reclaimed their sixth crown in eight years.

▶ **April 26 (MEN'S GOLF)** The men's golf team finished seventh in the NWC Championship held at Tokatee Golf Club in McKenzie Bridge, Ore.



Senior James Yamashita runs downfield during Willamette's 52-28 win against Linfield on October 25, the team's eighth win in a row.



Senior Andrew Murakami was named the NWC Men's Sportsman of the year for 2009.

▶ **April 26 (SOFTBALL)** The softball team finished with a 29-6 record, second place in the NWC behind Linfield. Senior Nikki Franchi finished her career as one of Willamette's greatest softball players, setting records in career AVG, OBP and home runs, and as a pitcher, in career strikeouts.

▶ **April 26 (BASEBALL)** The baseball team completed a four-game sweep of Pacific to close out the season, winning two of the four games in walk off fashion.

▶ **April 26 (BASEBALL)** First baseman Kyle Stalker finished his career as Willamette's all-time record holder in home runs and RBIs. His .455 AVG in 2009 also tied for a Willamette record.

▶ **April 26 (WOMEN'S GOLF)** Senior Whitney Ueno, one of the most decorated athletes in Willamette history, finished her career with a second place finish at the NWC Championship, carding a two-day score of 163.

▶ **May 1 (TRACK & FIELD)** Going into the national meet, Willamette's women are ranked No. 5 in the nation and its men are ranked No. 16. Currently Willamette has 10 national qualifiers.

▶ **May 3 (CREW)** Competing in the WIRA Championships, the women's crew team placed fourth in the varsity 8+ and second in the second varsity 8+, finishing just behind some of the top teams in the nation.

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Being a student athlete at Willamette is tough. It's easy to sit and complain about the workload and feel like you're over-worked and under-appreciated, but that's what makes us better. It's been a great four years and I wouldn't have it any other way.”

KYLE STALKER
FIRST BASEMAN

My Willamette Experience: A reflection in two parts



**NOAH
ZAVÉS**

EDITOR IN CHIEF

Part One: Good riddance, morons

I begin by highlighting Willamette's biggest problems, and illustrating the most negative of my experiences. I present these experiences not to complain, but rather to demonstrate the challenges of my time at Willamette, and the resolution that I've found.

First and foremost, Willamette has a negativity problem. We've developed a culture of trying to stick it to people instead of helping them succeed. Where I come from, we assume that intentions were positive, and we try our best to help people out. Willamette's students, especially the student government, have become a giant game of "how strict/mean/exclusionary can I be without getting shot?"

The exclusive focus on Christmas here

has bothered me for four years. Christianity isn't the only religion on this campus, and now you know that we're here, so consider how your Christmas tree displays and red-and-green sky bridge lights feel to us. I keep hearing about how racial minorities feel like outsiders on this campus, and every December I know exactly how they feel.

Finally, if you're acting like an idiot, and excluding people who would otherwise be allies or friends, then it reflects badly on your organization, and it instantly invalidates the goals you're trying to achieve. In fact, to the casual observer, it would appear that your cause is nonsense, because of the way you and its other representatives behave. You have to become a good person yourself before you can even pretend to fix the world's problems. Otherwise, we've seen that you can easily kill a cause with your own self-absorption and vindictive attitude.

Part Two: Thank you. You made it great

And now on to more pleasant topics. I've enjoyed a few parts of this experience, and I'll highlight them now.

Thank you to Professor Grant Linsell, the band director, for constantly going out of his way to facilitate my development as a student and as a musician. He's helped me in countless areas that the Music Department wouldn't, and he's repeatedly improved my future as a musician.

Thank you to the Office of the Chaplains, Charlie Wallace and Karen Wood aren't Jewish themselves, but they're pretty darn close (and I mean that as the biggest compliment I can think of). During the time when the Jewish Student Union was struggling to establish itself, and later to expand, they provided invaluable resources, and plus they're just cool.

Thank you to the professors, whom I regard as models for my own (possible) ca-

reer as a teacher. All the professors I've had have been totally and visibly committed to the material they were teaching, and I've had only a couple boring classes. Moreover, the professors have been compassionate, allowing me countless extensions and understanding when I needed special help. They've also been consistently fair in their grading.

Thank you to the Print and Design Center. I don't know how often they get thanked, but I've printed a number of last-minute event posters, booklets and musical scores, and they've always done it fast, cheap and with better quality than I've ever found at a "professional" shop.

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**LIS
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FEATURE EDITOR

"College isn't job training. It's life training. It teaches you how to think."

This is something my parents used to say to me over the phone in the throes of my indecisiveness about choosing a major. I would roll my eyes and say, "Yes, yes I know, but just being able to think won't get me a job."

During the first two-thirds of college, I viewed a liberal arts education as more of a curse than a blessing. I strove to appreciate my liberty, my wealth of options, my ability to shape my life however I saw fit, but mostly I longed for decisions to be made for me. I was so confident in my work ethic that I neglected to channel it toward something I really cared about. I was stuck in a postmodern dilemma of choice, interested in everything but passionate about nothing in particular.

Then I started taking more history classes. The line between life and school became blurred. School was no longer a series of hoops to jump through but an invigorating challenge that was granting me perspective on my role in relationships, in society, in the world and in time. I stopped participating in class simply to show that I had done the reading. I started to care about learning for its ability to make me a better person in the world, not simply to prove myself to others.

Working through tensions that shaped my personal life — rationality versus emotion, collective good versus individual good, long term versus short

term — allowed me to better understand how those tensions played out in society and history. I began to feel less alone in the world and simultaneously more responsible for my own actions. I became addicted to the satisfaction that comes from expressing my ideas in words after wrestling with them in my mind for hours, days, months.

I didn't discover my passion — I found a mode of thinking that fostered it.

My major, science studies, is the epitome of a liberal arts education. Its interdisciplinary blend of hard science, social science and humanities exemplifies my educational journey, culminating in a degree that will not necessarily be practical in this economy. But I don't care. College is wonderful and rare because you can be totally self-absorbed — you spend all day every day bettering yourself and having fun.

Once I came to terms with this and stopped worrying about being selfish and privileged, I came to truly understand the saying "don't do what the world needs, do what makes you come alive, because what the world needs is more people who have come alive."

I've learned how to live in a way that is wildly fulfilling and as long as I don't forget that, I feel equipped to face the immense challenges that life outside the Willamette bubble will present to me.

During college I have learned how to live. I have learned how to think. Most importantly, I've learned that I will never stop learning. That used to be a daunting thought. Now it comforts and inspires me.

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Making amends with the land of no consequences



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I lived down the hall from a kid who had an archery set, lots of different kinds of arrows, three or four different bows, arm guards — the whole gamut. A friend and I were bored one night and we knocked on the guy's door, sure he had the cure for our monotony.

Within 10 minutes, we had cardboard boxes stacked to the ceiling, duct-taped together so they formed the vague form of a very tall person. We stood 10 feet back, firing arrows until we were so accurate we could stand 20 feet back, then 30 and 40. One after another, we launched arrows down the hallway.

Naturally, it was only a matter of time before we took the game to the next level. We wrapped the tip of one of the arrows in toilet paper, tight on the inside, loose on the outside, and then doused everything in lighter fluid. You wouldn't think it would work so well, firing a flaming arrow out a dorm room window, but let me tell you, it does — brilliantly.

People saw us do it (even one of those big-wig RA types) but this was college, where idiots run free and good ideas never die. There was never even a whisper about punishment.

We used to cut down the bamboo trees outside the theater building, strip off all the leaves with an X-acto knife and strap trash can lids to our forearms. We would whip each other in the hallways until nasty welts started bleeding across our backs.

One time we went bush jumping, a game where we dressed up in thick sweatshirts and hats for protection, then ran as fast as we could and dove head first into campus shrubbery. It was fun because the bushes would hold us upside down. We just hung there, like koala bears or paratroopers with bad aim.

We made up a game we liked to call "razzle frazzle." For this one, we would wear nothing but athletic

shorts and jock straps and set up at either end of the hallway. When the game started, we would smash racquetball serves at one another, with the aim being to get the ball past our opponent. Of course, most of the time, we would launch sizzling serves into our chests, abs and occasionally our faces.

I have done all sorts of stupid things in college. I've duct taped over someone's doorway and stacked beer cans so they'd come crashing down first thing in the morning. Sometimes I would play a game where I would fall over on purpose, just to see who would catch me — sort of a perverse friendship test. I also liked to have strangers slap me as hard as they could, use it as therapy for both them and me.

One time, I poured a 20 pound bag of sand in a friend's bed, underneath his sheets. Talk about a practical joke gone wrong. That went over poorly. I also tried to chop down the sketch-tree — but that was a big tree. I didn't get very far.

The worst was probably when we saw a couple of people we didn't know sitting on the bench outside of Belknap. Inspiration struck quickly and we set up, facing one another about a foot apart. We slammed our heads together — a classic head-butt competition, until I got so dizzy I fell over in a clump.

Perhaps it's not a great idea to admit to all this, especially in the senior edition of the campus newspaper.

I was going to try and make a good impression for my parents, show them all the neat stuff I've learned over the last four years. But then I thought, "I'm a big boy now. It's time to start telling the truth and acting my age. I better come clean."

That's the real crux of graduating. Once I leave this place, I can't be an idiot anymore. That time in my life is over. It was fun while it lasted, but now I've got to shape up, start wearing penny loafers and bow ties, begin drinking cognac and talking about the economy. So long, Land of No Consequences. Thanks for all the good times.

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College reflections: It's a bittersweet symphony



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Ah, my third and final piece in the *Collegian*. What a thrill. I'm graduating. It's surreal. I'm surprised I've even made it this far. Call me morbid but when I was younger I always thought I would die in some freak accident and never live to the age of 20. But look at me now! I'm at the ripe old age of 22, I still have both my legs, and so far no cancer or close-calls with death. Not only that, but in a few days I'm about to embark on a new journey in my life: post-graduation. But I've come a long way.

I remember when I was a mere freshman, scared and confused about what college would be like. Oh, how naive I was. I

was uncomfortable sitting alone in Goudy to eat breakfast, I would rarely ask my professors questions and I hated talking in class. I've changed and I'm glad. A couple weeks ago I gave a 25 minute presentation on my thesis and I didn't throw up.

My experience here at Willamette has been amazing: I've met so many people that I wouldn't have met otherwise, I've become more independent and have grown so much as a person (though I still have a ways to go). I can't thank this school enough for my education here. The professors have been incredible.

I worked at Telefund this year. I call alumni and parents and pretty much ask for them to contribute to our school. It can be downright brutal in that calling center sometimes, but it has been well worth it. Some of them

complain about how they didn't have such a great time and they paid up the ying-yang to attend Willamette and now we're asking them for more money. Oh the gall! But others are really sweet and so generous. Now I can assure you, if a Telefund calls me up, I will be the cheerier alumna.

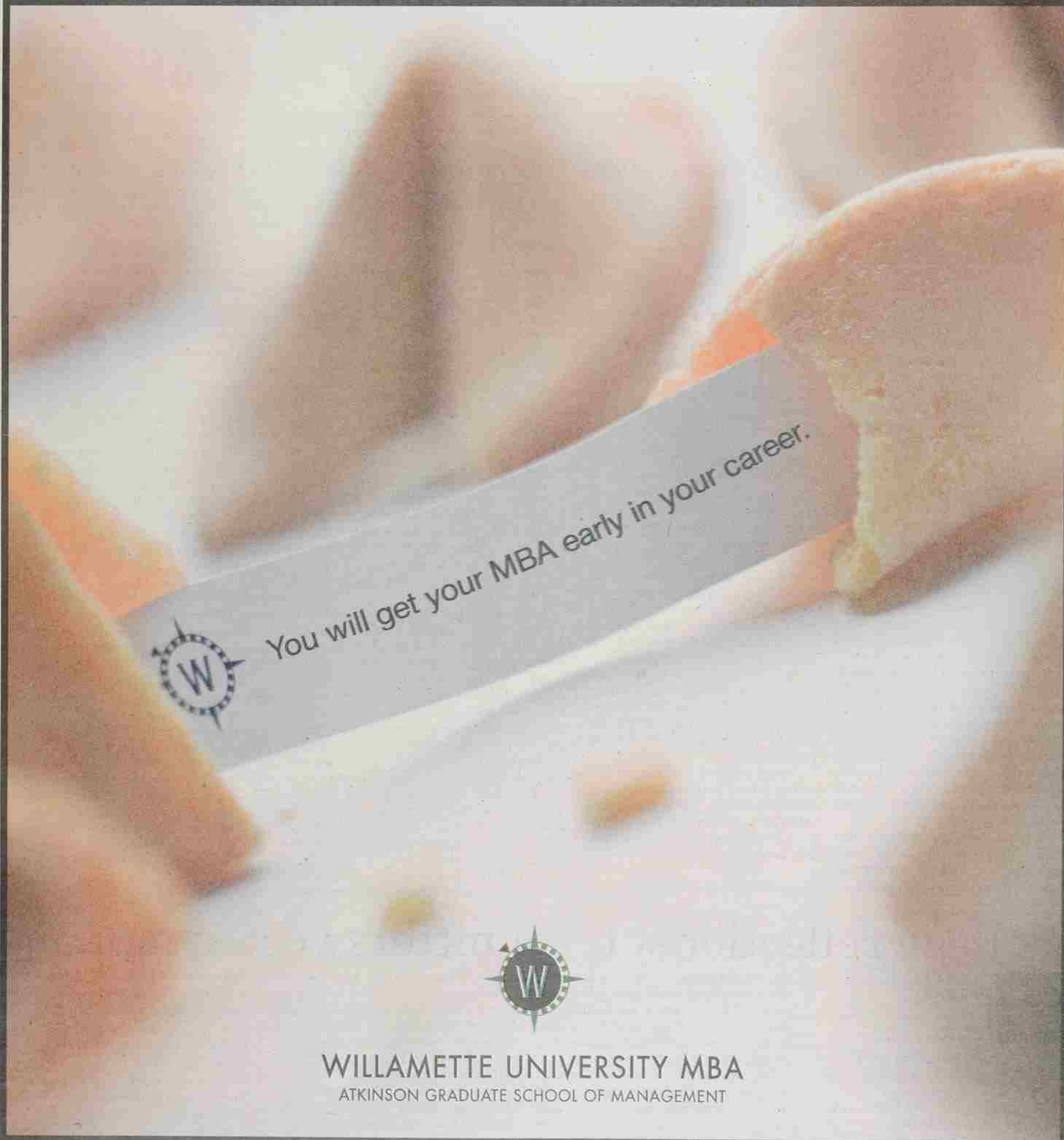
And just because I love lists, here are some things I'll miss about college/Salem:

- ▶ the vanilla chai lattes at the Gov Cup
- ▶ 50 cent tacos, gin and tonics, and my favorite employee, Chad, at Pete's Place
- ▶ living so close to my friends
- ▶ that foaming hand soap in the bathrooms on campus
- ▶ no sales tax
- ▶ Wulapalooza
- ▶ free lectures, gallery openings and festivities

- ▶ the Bistro and open mic nights
- ▶ Professor Hull and the whole Art and Art History Department
- ▶ 24-hour access to a dark room, color printers and a lighting studio
- ▶ Everyone here: my friends, acquaintances, and strangers. Even the people that I never talked to but would always pass by around campus. E.g. That girl that balances a book on her head as she eagerly marches to class, the football players and their intense yelling during weight training, Christine Foltz and the round-up car back stretch, those Goudy sandwiches made with love, M. Lee Pelton and his smile, that guy and his big, fluffy dog, the townies that tirelessly recycle cans at Safeway, etc.

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