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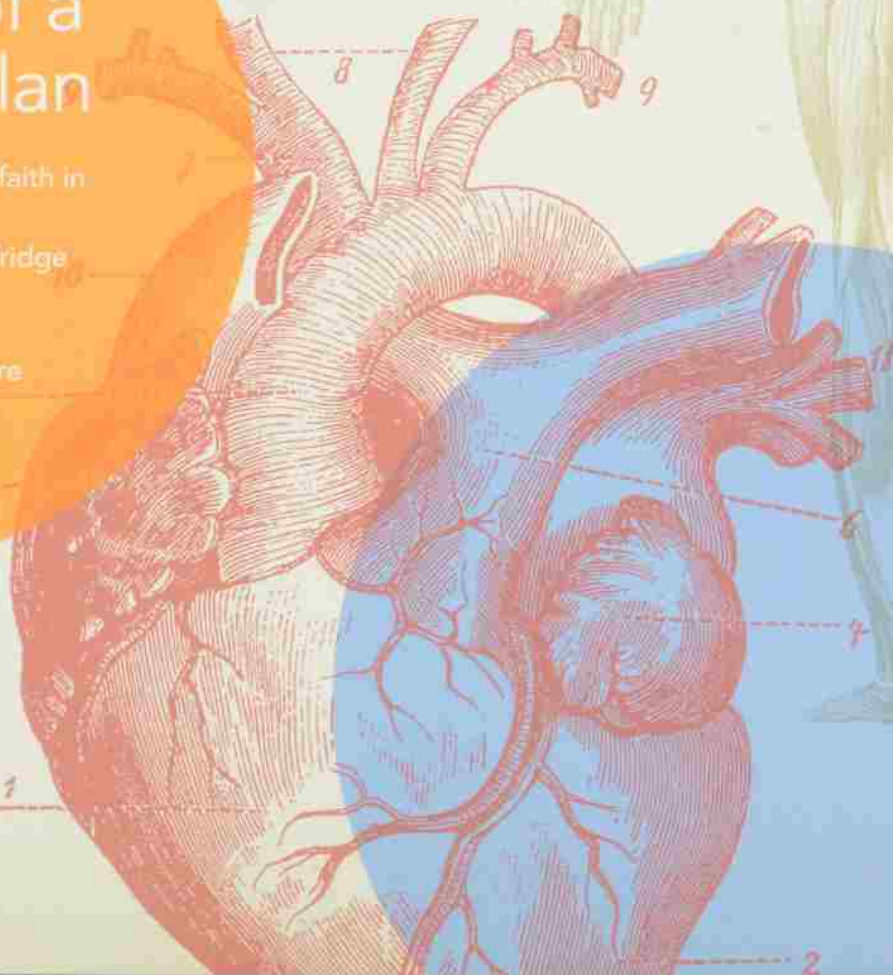
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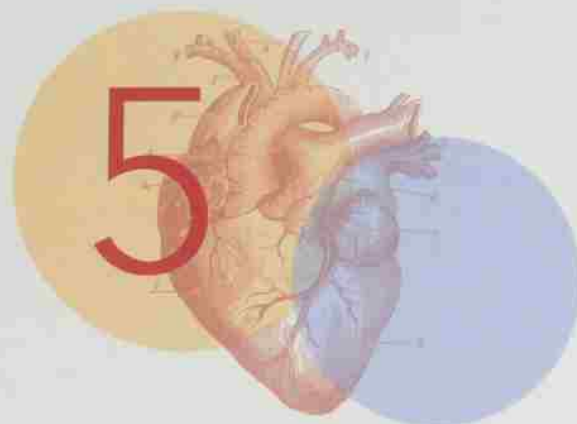
Wuapalooza dazzled us once,  
again this year, no matter which  
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## The Brain

### Identity and Priorities

What's especially important about Willamette's new strategic plan is that, while acknowledging the changes and challenges of higher education today, it embraces the university's *existing identity* — its intellectual character, its mission and motto, its long-held, must-be-present-to-win version of a campus community — rather than imposing drastic changes in focus, mission or pedagogy.

Willamette's long-term success requires the university to become, as President Thorsett likes to put it, "a better and more authentic version of itself." This leads us to the plan's central goal: **to become the Northwest's leading institution for rigorous, personalized liberal arts and graduate professional education, attractive to students and faculty from across the country and around the world.**

## The (Open) Arms

### "The Big W"

The plan exemplifies an institution whose whole is greater than the sum of its parts, as President Thorsett explained to the board of trustees in February 2013:

"It is an assumption of this strategic plan that each school strengthens and is also strengthened by its affiliation with 'the big W.' Curricula and student experiences, faculty scholarship and external visibility of each part of the university benefit from low barriers between the units and the strong coherence of our strategic planning."

## The Legs

### Metrics and Accountability

The plan will help us advance over the next decade because it includes numerous benchmarks and measurable outcomes associated with each objective. To name just a few, we'll measure progress in incoming class profiles, student retention and graduation rates, post-Willamette career and graduate school pursuits, alumni engagement with the university and average student debt at graduation.





## The Heart

### The Motto and Traditions

Willamette has always attracted students, faculty and staff who care — about public service, about their neighbors and about people across the world. These traditions of doing good and turning knowledge into action — together with the university motto, *Not Unto Ourselves Alone Are We Born* — will continue to inform our strategic decisions, ensuring that the Willamette of 2023 shares DNA with the Willamette of 1963.

## The Guts

### The Four Objectives

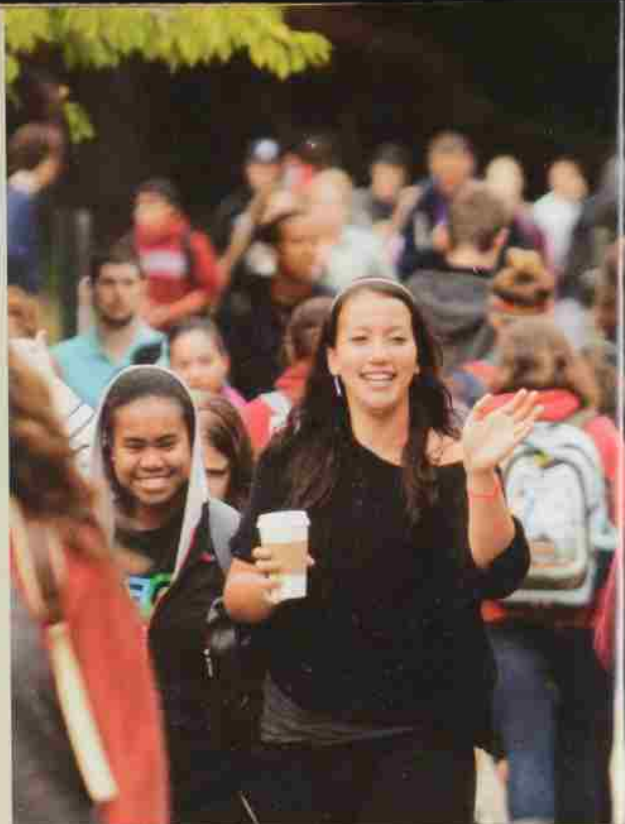
The plan's goal is achieved via four objectives that guide decision-making across all of Willamette's schools:

**Deliver the highest-quality student experiences, expanding opportunities for all students.** We must ensure that all students can access the most powerful academic and co-curricular activities — particularly those that incorporate close faculty and student collaboration — as well as developmentally appropriate advising and mentoring throughout their educational experiences. Students should graduate on time, with a clear and considered plan for their post-Willamette pursuits.

**Expand access for bright, talented students who will contribute to a diverse Willamette community.** To ensure access and lessen student debt we must consider strategically the application of financial aid while increasing support for endowed scholarships.

**Demonstrate lifelong value.** Supporting and promoting the achievements of alumni, students and faculty demonstrates the value of a Willamette degree and fosters connections across our community. Part of this effort includes refining the Willamette University brand and supporting it with a comprehensive marketing plan.

**Cultivate an authentic engagement with place.** We can distinguish Willamette by exploring and invoking the character of the Northwest and expanding partnerships with regional government, businesses and nonprofits. This includes Willamette's enduring commitment to sustainability in its broadest sense.



"Strategic planning goes off the rails in one of two directions. Some plans try too hard for consensus, and become simply statements of mom and apple pie sentiments with which nobody strongly disagrees. Other plans fail in the opposite direction. Rather than including only principles that everyone agrees with, they include everything that anyone agrees with, and become unfiltered laundry lists of every choice that a campus might make. I believe that [this plan] avoids both of those problems.

"It has pushed to a level of detail where real choices are required and has articulated specific decisions and priorities ... I think most people on campus will embrace the overall direction we've articulated."

— President Steve Thorsett to the Willamette University Board of Trustees, Feb. 22, 2013



# Anatomy of a Strategic Plan

Let's remember that a university's strategic plan doesn't exist to hold down a bookshelf. It's for, about and created by real people in a constant state of action. The plan is a living document.

Consider this a classroom-inspired cheat sheet. It's a nod to the holistic approach of the plan, the integration of Willamette's functional areas and a commitment to the health of the entire system.

Read the plan: [willamette.edu/go/strategicplan](http://willamette.edu/go/strategicplan)



## THE INBOX

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### Tufton Solution 5.0

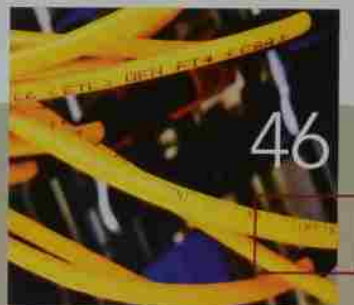
Last issue was a doozy, with three hidden Tufton Beamish references. Unsurprisingly, quite a few of you found them all. You (and our patient graphic designers) will be happy to know that we've reverted to a single one this time. Good luck.

### Remembering Floyd McMullen

The article about Floyd McMullen (in Winter 2013), killed at the Capitol fire, was of special interest. I knew Floyd as a member of my class of 1937 but we were just freshmen then. Floyd had gotten the job I had applied for at the fire station. When I applied I was told it had already been given to him. I was quite upset when he was killed. I have always remembered the date, April 25, 1935, now 78 years ago.

The fire was the biggest I ever witnessed. The copper dome burned green and many of the fire engines, some from as far away as Portland, had red-hot motors [from running so hard] and surely got ruined. Several weeks later the standing stone walls were blasted down, but the charge was too strong and nearly every window in the Willamette buildings facing the Capitol was blown out.

— Ely Swisher '37



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### Sparks on the Rooftop

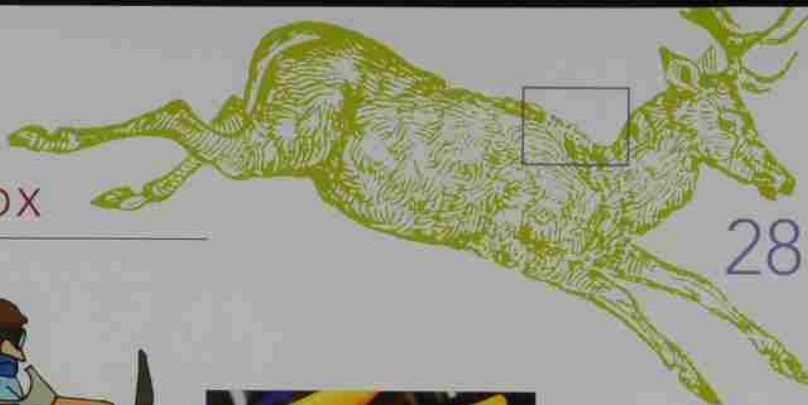
I have read, with interest, the article about Floyd McMullen and the State Capitol fire in the winter issue of *The Scene*. When we moved to Willamette in 1942, they were still talking about that awful event.

My father was G. Herbert Smith, and we were just arriving on campus, where he was to be president.

I quickly became friends with Marion (Sparks) DaBoll '51, whose father, Lestle Sparks, was on the faculty. We learned that Dr. Sparks spent the night of the fire on the roof of Waller Hall beating out sparks from the fire that fell on "The Old Historic Temple." He very well may have been able to save that historic building from a fate similar to the Capitol's.

— Sara Gunn '51

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We received great responses to the pranks article last issue. Here's one. Several more await at [willamette.edu/scene](http://willamette.edu/scene).

### Jock Streaking

Jock streaking goes back to the 1950s. I lost a freshman Glee bet and, at the stroke of midnight, had to jock streak from the steps of the Beta house around Lausanne Hall and back. As I was approaching the back corner of the dormitory and slowing down to catch my breath, I heard a girl scream, so I picked up speed and came around the front — only to see cars facing in, with their lights turned on. Dodging a policeman who tried to grab me, I came around and headed home, relieved to be in the dark. The winners of the bet had called the dorm and let the girls know that something was going to happen at midnight.

Don't think I was the first and I'm sure I wasn't the last!

—Dorr Dearborn '61

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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](mailto:alumni@willamette.edu). Also, remember Facebook: [facebook.com/willamettealumni](https://facebook.com/willamettealumni).



### The Bottom (Slope = 0) Line



The math department tends to go about its business quietly and steadily, but several developments have gotten our attention recently.

To start, a gift from Willamette trustee Jim Albaugh '72, former president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, has already helped send five Willamette women to the Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics. Just this spring, the funds, along with key help from the Office of the Dean, enabled Willamette to host the Pacific Northwest Section Meeting of the Mathematics Association of America, which brought more than 100 non-WU student attendees and 77 separate talks to campus.

In recognition of such help, the mathematics department recently named a colloquium series after Albaugh; he visited campus and spoke in October, reminding students once again that great new initiatives don't happen by accident. Albaugh has also supported the physics department and the Sparks Athletic Center renovation.

The bottom line: Math is healthy these days.

### Language in (Perpetual) Motion

Language in Motion, conceived in 2007 by the Office of International Education (OIE), puts study abroad returnees, visiting international students and upper-level language students in local classrooms,

where they share what they've spent semesters learning: cultural competencies, language skills, and occasional recipes for ceviche (see p. 15).

Nomi Pearce coordinates the program on campus. "Language in Motion seeks to provide students and teachers a snapshot of the world," she says. The exposure goes beyond intriguing anecdotes of foreign countries and imparts transferable lessons for youngsters who are growing up in increasingly diverse environments.



Now, the Language in Motion program is expanding to three other sites in Oregon, thanks to a \$200,000 grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

The grant — to be shared by Willamette, Lewis and Clark College, Pacific University and Linfield College — will fund expanded activities in area schools.

Campus Life's Community Service Learning office administers the program today, working closely with the OIE to make connections with the returning study abroad students and international students who bring the program to life. The efforts continue to grow, too: In Language in Motion's first year, Willamette students gave 11 presentations; by 2010–11, the number had increased to 105.

Read more about the theory and practice of international education in the Winter 2009 issue of *The Scene*, available online at [willamette.edu/scene](http://willamette.edu/scene).



# CARDINAL & GOLD

[willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics)



## bearcat OHANA

For decades now, Willamette has seen a substantial number of student-athletes come from Hawaii.

Part of it might be the draw of the West Coast and the liberal arts, but we also know that it has to do with strong relationships with Hawaii high schools (thank you, Office of Admission) and robust personal networking (thank you, alumni). Hawaiian students — of all interests — have become important parts of the Willamette community, and here we've chosen to focus on some of our top athletic contributors.

### Today's Snapshot: Student-Athletes from Hawaii

#### Hawaii (The Big Island) Hilo

<b>Hilo High School</b> Josh Wong '13	Men's Tennis
<b>St. Joseph School</b> Gunnar Lee '16	Men's Tennis
<b>Waiakea High School</b> Macy Hayashi '16 Kayla Kosaki '13 Stephanie Matsuura '16	Volleyball Women's Swimming Women's Tennis

**Hawaii (continued)****Kailua-Kona****Kealahou High School**

Malia Santos '16

Women's Swimming

Tyler Yates '16

Men's Soccer

**Kamuela (Waimea)****Hawaii Preparatory Academy**

Yasu Miyakawa '16

Men's Track and Field

Kulanihale Tarnas '16

Men's Swimming

**Kauai****Lihue****Kauai High School**

Matt Parr '13

Football

**Maui****Lahaina****Lahainaluna High School**

Blaze Rogers '13

Football

**Makawao****Seabury Hall**

Devin Vinoray '16

Track

**Oahu****Honolulu****Iolani School**

Tiras Koon '15

Baseball

**La Pietra Hawaii School for Girls**

Shannon Waltz '14

Volleyball

**Punahou School**

Elizabeth Balding '14

Volleyball

Julia Brand '15

Women's Basketball

Keenan Celtic Faatea '15

Football

Rileen Himuro '15

Baseball

Julian Juarez '16

Men's Soccer

Andrew Lum '16

Men's Swimming

Daena Mau '15

Women's Basketball

**Saint Andrews Priory School**

Amanda Tamanaha '13

Cross Country

**Kaaawa****University High School**

Ben Keller '16

Football

# ROADS TAKEN

By Robert McKinney

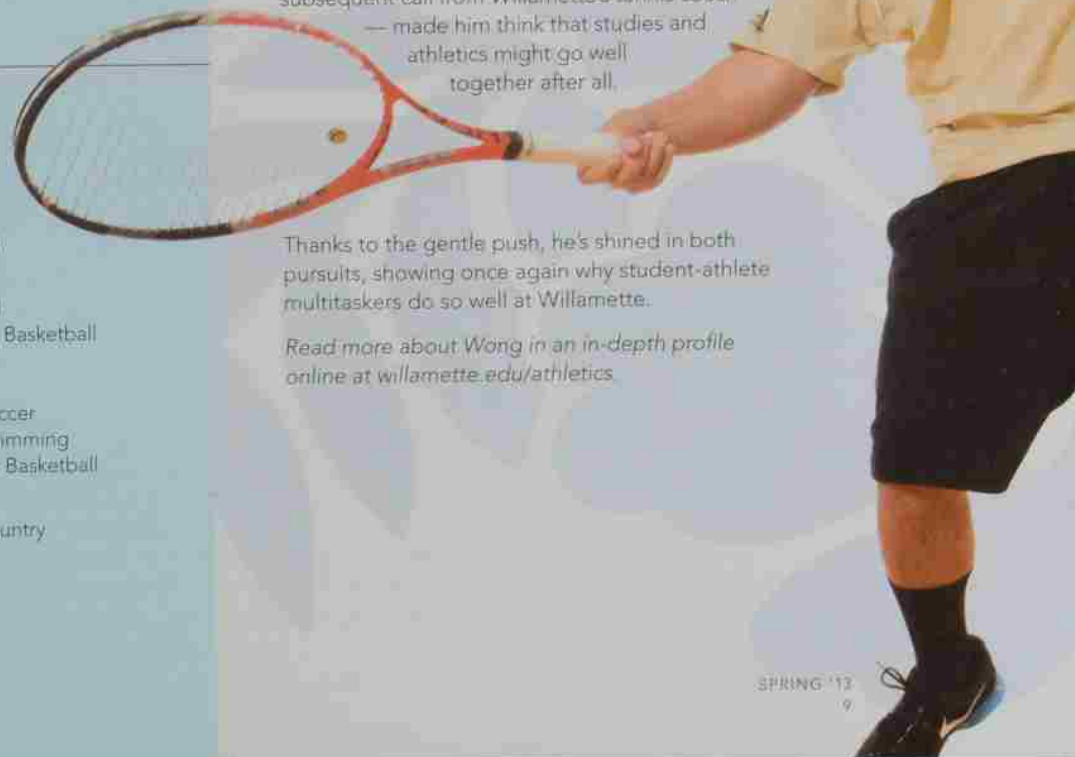
Joshua Wong '13 has put together an outstanding tennis season — even though he had to be convinced to play in college.

This spring, Wong finished regular-season singles play at 14-3 overall and was ranked as high as sixth in the Division III West Region. He and freshman Sam Wexman '16 proved a stellar doubles combination during the same period, and Wong's various successes earned him his fourth First Team All-Northwest Conference selection.

All of this when tennis wasn't even on his mind as an incoming freshman. The studious Hilo High School grad has always focused primarily on academics, but a seemingly inconsequential question about his interests on an admission form — and a subsequent call from Willamette's tennis coach — made him think that studies and athletics might go well together after all.

Thanks to the gentle push, he's shined in both pursuits, showing once again why student-athlete multitaskers do so well at Willamette.

Read more about Wong in an in-depth profile online at [willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics).





# GUIDED TO WILLAMETTE

By Timothy Walsh '13

When Julia Brand '15 leads a group of prospective students on a tour of Willamette's campus, she answers a lot of questions. But there's one thing she never tells the future Bearcats.

"I actually didn't visit before coming here, which I guess is a little weird," she says, laughing. "I went with my gut feeling instead."

That's not to say that Brand, a native of Hawaii, didn't do her homework before coming to Salem. She relied on the large community of Bearcats who live in Hawaii to fill her in on what she'd experience in the central Willamette Valley.

"Hawaii is small — everybody knows everybody," Brand says. "I was able to talk to current Willamette students, alumni, parents of current students — what really impressed me was how excited these people were about Willamette."

She wasn't alone. A classmate of hers, Daena Mau '15, also came to Willamette from Punahou School, a high school that has yielded many Bearcats over the years.

Brand's first true Willamette experience came in August 2011, when she participated in Ohana, one of Willamette's Jump Start programs prior to Opening Days. "Ohana," which is Hawaiian for "family," is designed to help students from diverse backgrounds adjust to college life.

"There were a lot of backgrounds represented there," Brand says. "It was a great experience, and lots of us still hang out today."

Having experienced a beautiful Oregon summer that August, she admits that Oregon's rainy winters caught her off guard. But the Willamette community helped make her move from the islands to the mainland easier.

"Being away from home was a big transition, but the small-school atmosphere really helps," she says.

"The amount of people who were willing to help was incredible."

Willamette also provided Brand with the opportunity to play basketball in the competitive Northwest Conference (NWC). The NWC, which sent three women's basketball teams to the NCAA Division III national tournament this year, has long relied on a pipeline of Hawaiian talent. Most NWC schools have one or more key players from Hawaii, Brand observes.

The Willamette forward, who also serves as a Student-Athlete

Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative for women's basketball, started all 25 games for the Bearcats this year. She reached double figures in scoring six times, and in a home contest against archrival Linfield College, helped Willamette earn a critical 58-49 win.

Like the rest of Willamette's roster — which featured just one senior this season — Brand figures to have a promising future on the court. Playing for a young program in such a tough conference has been challenging, but not discouraging, she says.

"You have such great relationships and experiences with your teammates. Being such a close-knit group has helped us get through some tough times."

An easygoing sociology major, Brand jokingly describes herself as "sort of a yes-man" who signs on for many of the opportunities that come her way. She serves as a community mentor in her residence hall. She was also involved with this year's annual lu'au and plans to spend this summer in Japan to help her elderly grandmother.

Still, nothing Willamette-related excites her quite as much as giving tours to prospective students.

"I love meeting new people; I especially love meeting people from Hawaii," she says. "I really feel happy here, and I'm enthusiastic about my school."

And it's all courtesy of some Hawaii-based Bearcats who connected her to this place, sight unseen.

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# news and notes

## WILLAMETTE BEARCATS

## STEVE PROTHERO INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Steve Prothero, who served as the head men's golf coach from 1966 through 2009 and was the head women's golf coach from 1995 to 2002, was elected into the WU Athletics Hall of Fame prior to his death this spring.

(For more on Prothero's passing, see p. 41.)

Prothero owned the second-longest tenure for a Northwest Conference head coach in one sport, trailing only WU's Lestle Sparks '19, who coached the Bearcats in men's tennis for 50 years (1925-74).

Under Prothero's guidance, the men took six NWC titles in golf. He also guided the team to eight NAIA District 2 championships, with the team advancing to the NAIA National Championship tournament in each of those seasons. Willamette transitioned to Division III in 1998.

The women's team won conference titles in 1995, 1996 and 1999. The Bearcat women advanced to the NCAA Division III National Championship tournament in 1998 and 1999. Kara Blair '01 won the NWC individual title in 1999.

Other new inductees in the Willamette Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2013 will be announced this summer.



## Swimmers Leave Records in Their Wake

The women's swim team broke three school records at the 2012-13 Northwest Conference Swimming Championships at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way, Wash. Annette Marinello '15 set new records in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:07.27 and the 200-yard breaststroke in 2:28.67.

In addition, the Bearcats broke the 400-yard medley relay record with a new top time of 4:05.65. Swimming on the relay were Michaela Zuber '16, Marinello '15, Malia Santos '16 and Hope Nelson '14.

## Booth and Williams Award Winners Selected

The 2012-13 winners of the J. Henry Booth and Jean Williams Awards were honored at the Athletics Awards Night April 30. Each year these awards go to the senior male and female student-athletes who, having completed their collegiate careers, most exemplify outstanding leadership, scholarship, and athleticism.

Men's tennis player Joshua Wong '13 (see p. 9) was chosen as the Booth Award winner, while women's cross country and track runner Theresa Edwards '13 and softball catcher Kelli Snyder '13 were selected as co-winners of the Williams Award.

## Baseball Places Third in NWC

The Willamette baseball team took third place in the NWC this year at 13-11, reflecting an encouraging trend. The Bearcats went 9-2 in the last 11 games, including 7-2 in the NWC. They were led by Hunter Gallant '15, who hit .365 for the season, and by starting pitchers Parker Johnson '13, Brandon Simon '13 and Peter Hoffman '15. Given the class standing of key players, the team's fortunes look bright indeed.



Peter Hoffman '15 pitches against Pacific Lutheran University



## FORE Willamette Set for Sept. 16

Willamette's yearly golf tourney will return to The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore. A primary fundraiser for the Department of Athletics, FORE Willamette has been a Bearcat tradition for nearly 40 years. Contact David Rigsby, director of athletics, at 503-370-6548 or drigsby@willamette.edu to learn more about participation or sponsorship opportunities.

For complete news coverage, remember to check [willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics).



## PHOTO ESSAY

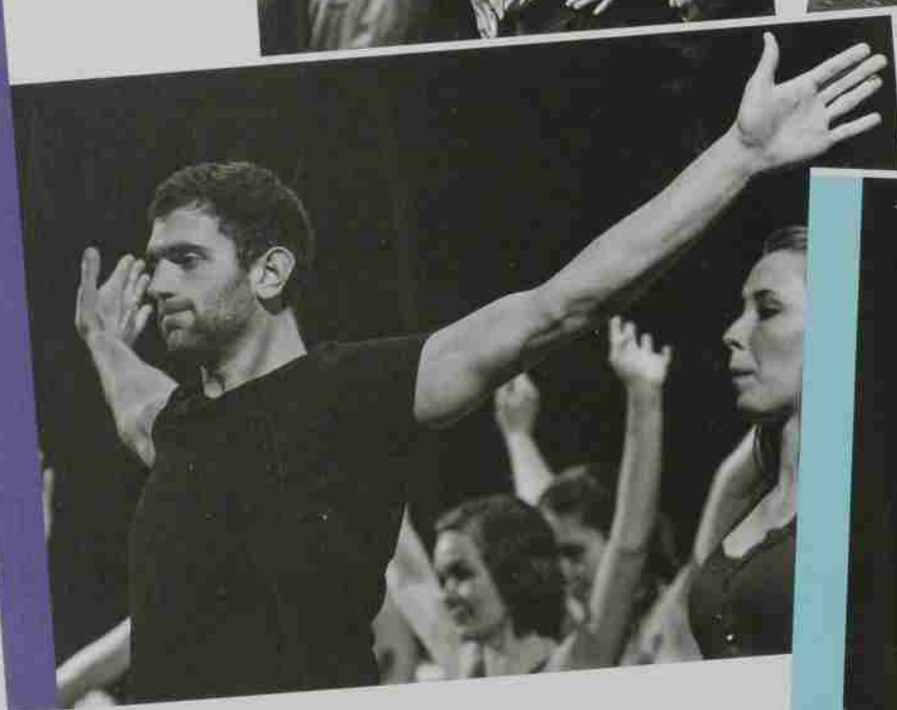
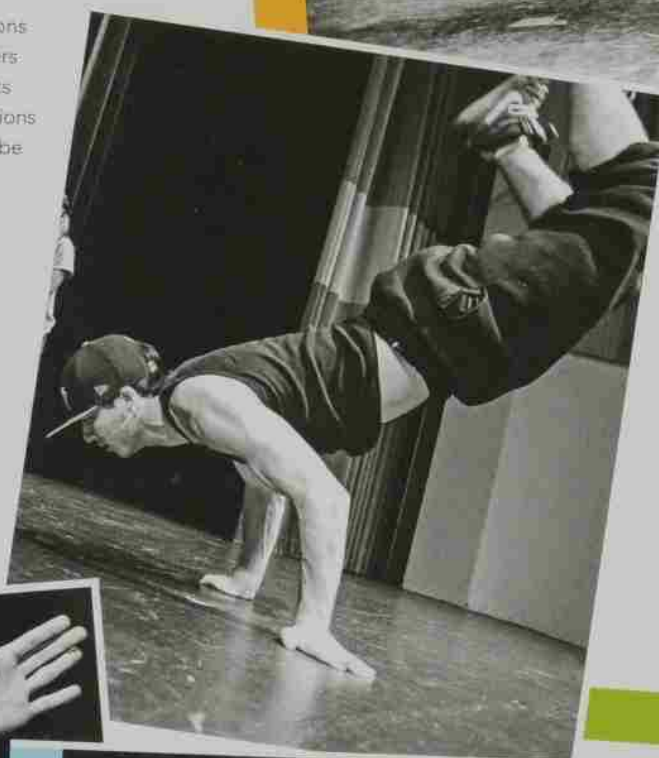
### Just Dance by Frank Miller

Student-choreographed. Student-performed. Student-produced.

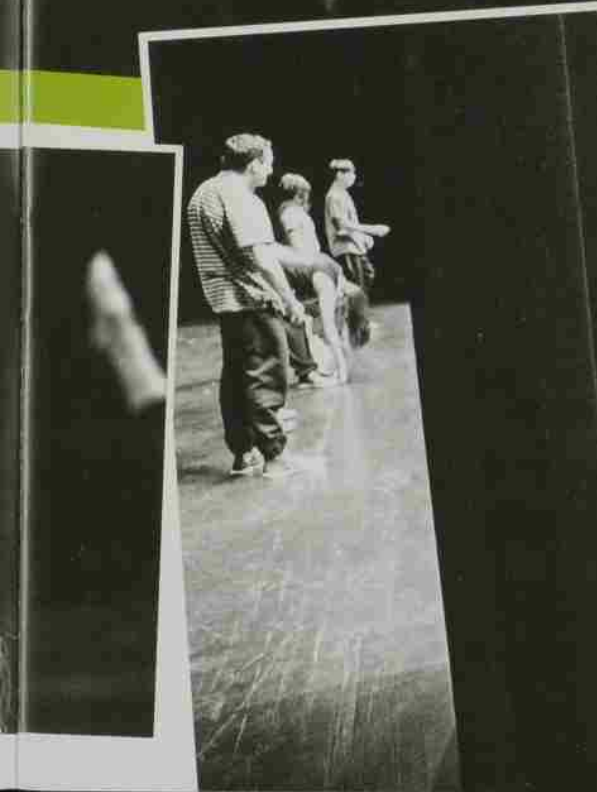
Students created the Willamette Dance Company in 2009 to provide an alternative outlet for those who wanted to choreograph, work together, and, mostly, perform.

It has grown so much that 100 people have been known to occupy the stage, with vital help from the stage managers and student interns behind the scenes. Eighteen groups led two performances in Smith Auditorium this April, and while admission was free, they were able to collect donations that were given to the Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Center.

All the dance pieces are fresh creations. Some are collaborations among dancers, and others are opportunities for choreographers to see their vision come to life. In all cases, the finished products become expressions of the students' creative spirit and communions between the audience and the performers. They also happen to be visually stunning.



UP CLOSE





## UP CLOSE

### COMIDA LATINA



Artist and foodie Marcella Kriebel '07 has transferred her study-abroad experiences into, of all things, success in the world of self-publishing

Last year she launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise \$5,000 toward publishing her first book, "Comida Latina: An Illustrated Cookbook." Kickstarter is a website that facilitates

"Willamette showed me the connections between art, cultural politics and history. Exploring such a variety of things helped to form my worldview."

user-submitted donations to deserving creative projects; artists set a monetary goal and describe their project to the public, and if they meet that goal, they get to keep the cash.

So far, 457 backers from around the world have pledged \$30,880 to Kriebel's project — 617 percent of her original goal.

A studio art and anthropology double-major, Kriebel attributes her surprising success to the connections she formed while studying in Ecuador and Mexico as a Willamette student. "That immersion

really does change who you are," she says.

"In my case, I have always been interested in

cooking and food, and while abroad I used food as a way to connect with people.

"I cooked with the maids of my host parents, and with new friends in their kitchens in Oaxaca, Mexico, where I went on an anthropology field-studies trip in 2004." She cooked more when she studied in Quito, Ecuador a year later.

Having good mentors and thinking like a liberal-arts student helped her along, she says. "Willamette showed me the connections between art, cultural politics and history. Exploring such a variety of things helped to form my worldview."

Kriebel plans to enrich her outlook further with another food-themed book project, along with a standalone series of paintings and illustrations yet to come.

For now, she was kind enough to share a recipe with us.

¡Buen provecho!

Reporting by Katelyn Huber '13

For more gorgeous recipes, visit [willamette.edu/scene](http://willamette.edu/scene).

# CEVICHE

de pescado y mango

Serves 4

- 1½ lbs firm white fish (cod, tilapia)
- 2 ripe mangoes
- 1-2 chile de arbol
- 6-8 limes
- a handful of chopped cilantro
- 1 red onion

Thinly slice onion & soak in bowl of water with 1 tbsp salt (15 min.) Rinse & drain

Cut the fish & mango into 1" cubes.

Combine the fish, mango & onion in a bowl & squeeze lime over all, evenly covering with lime juice. Stir.

Cover & refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

• The fish will appear white when "cooked" by lime juice.

• Thinly slice chili, add to ceviche with cilantro, salt & pepper.



Manuela Krübel



## CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

### **TORI RUIZ** Office Coordinator, Residence Life



Tori Ruiz has seen a decade worth of Willamette students come and go from her desk in Residence Life. This small-but-mighty department supervises community mentors (formerly resident assistants), orchestrates ample residential programming and handles student conduct issues. Ruiz knows what makes it all tick (the ubiquitous blue masking tape and coffee, among other things) and why living on campus can be such a good developmental step for young people.

**If you were to live on campus today, where would you choose? What spots are most popular, generally?**

The east side is endearing to me because there's a lot of activity over there and that's where most of the first-year students tend to live. My son is a freshman in Matthews, and I just think it's a neat community. The Haseldorf apartment building has interesting history to it, too. It's such an old building, but it always fills up immediately. It's so strange.

**Why is that?**

Well, it's a ways off campus. It's a little bit of freedom but still an arm's reach away from Goudy and everything else — sort of a happy medium.

The new Kaneko apartments are sought after, as are Lausanne and Doney. Those always have been. There's a culture of "moving west" on campus, and these halls tend to be the destinations for on-campus upperclassmen. Everything looks bigger over there. And people squat once they're there — they'll stay for several years, so it makes it harder to get in.

### What's a typical challenge students have today?

For a lot of students, this is the first time they've ever had to share a room with anyone. Parents always want to do better for their kids than they had, so sometimes when students get to college and have to share a space, that's a challenge.

It's hard on everyone whenever there's vandalism or little damages, actually. If no one wants to admit to doing something, then the cost has to be spread out throughout the building and folks get upset. But we have to recover the costs somehow. People say, "My son or daughter didn't do this," and we understand that, but unless someone steps up and takes responsibility for it, it has to be spread out. It's tricky for people sometimes.

### What's changed in residence life over the last few years?

One of the biggest changes conduct-wise is that we used to assign students restitution hours if they were caught doing something they shouldn't, but we've moved away from that now. We want to move to a more restorative approach.

It's restorative versus punitive, in other words. We try and talk to students and ask them, "Where in your decision making did things go wrong, and is there anything that could have helped you make a better one?"

### What do you think would surprise an alumnus from, say, 1970?

Well, there are no longer any phones in the residence hall rooms. [Laughs] Everyone has cell phones.

Next year we're going to a commons-style system where all of the residence halls will share a big budget pot; they'll use that for their community programming. Research shows that a commons approach is better developmentally and programmatically — it challenges students to think in terms of the larger group, and it helps facilitate discussion and mediation skills. There will be a commons council with representatives from each building, and it'll fund requests as they're brought in.

### What's been most rewarding for you working in Residence Life?

One of my favorite things about this job is that I get to be the person people come to for advice — the office mom, in a way. Over the years I've built up a little history around here. I get to ask students the "Are you sure about that decision?" questions. Nowadays my son will come into the office with his friends and they'll ask him what he's doing — he'll say I'm his mom and I'm immediately cool somehow. It's kind of nice.

The biggest compliment I receive is when a student wants to introduce me to his/her family at graduation. It's rewarding to see the ones who have struggled at some point but make better choices as they go along — you really get to see that progress and development. It's part of their education.



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## LOST AND FOUND: A DAY IN THE LIFE, 1987

In November 1987, back when people took pictures on something called film, a group of students gathered to chronicle a day in the life of Willamette.

Each armed with a single roll and assigned one of the 24 hours, they filtered out around campus, conducted their lives, and grabbed snapshots of the normal, the quirky and the often-hidden.

Then the film disappeared for 20 years.

Eric Friedenwald-Fishman '88 found it not long ago, startled by the memory of such a fun-but-forgotten undertaking, and wondered if it could even be developed after all this time.

"I took the film to a photo shop and they asked if it had been stored in a refrigerator because the images all turned out more than 20 years after being shot," he says. "They were actually stored in the next best thing: a shopping bag in a box in another box that was lost in the dark basements of five different houses."

And so we have the results of these intrepid students today. It's good timing, too, since this year is the class of '88's 25th reunion.

Here's hoping that these might stir up some memories in September.

*For Alumni Weekend information and links to classes' Facebook groups, visit [willamette.edu/alumni/alumni\\_weekend](http://willamette.edu/alumni/alumni_weekend).*







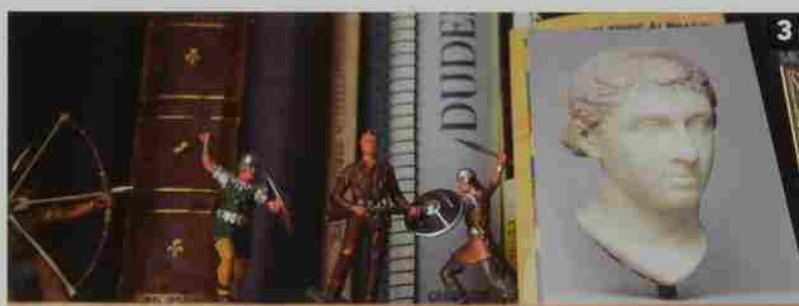
## OFFICE SPACE

**ORTWIN KNORR** Associate Professor of Classics

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**Each Piece a Story**

(1) German tin figures: King Frederick the Great of Prussia (1712-1786) with his beloved whippets riding ahead of his grenadiers. (2) An Easter bunny, one of the toys Knorr's refugee relatives, members of the pre-war German minority in Poland, made after World War II to trade for food with West German farmers. (3) Elastolin figures (a Native American archer; two Normans; and Old Shatterhand, a figure from Karl May's "Winnetou" books traditionally read by young adults in Germany); and a postcard of the Cleopatra bust in Berlin's Pergamon Museum. (4) Pre-World War I Prussian tin soldiers Knorr cast and painted as a teenager. (5) Edison phonograph cylinders (1920s) and 78rpm shellac records with 1930s/40s swing music.



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### Image as Language

(1) A 1920s poster for "A Kiss From Mary Pickford," a Soviet-produced film featuring the famous Canadian-American film actress. (2) Chinese New Year decoration bought in Portland by a WU Chinese language assistant. (3) A Russian children's daily planner alongside a work of the famous Russian modernist poet Anna Akhmatova. (4) Hello Kitty keepsakes from Japan, given to Shevchenko by WU photographer Frank Miller. (5) Contemporary board games in a half-dozen languages.

**NATALIA SHEVCHENKO** Director, Language Learning Center



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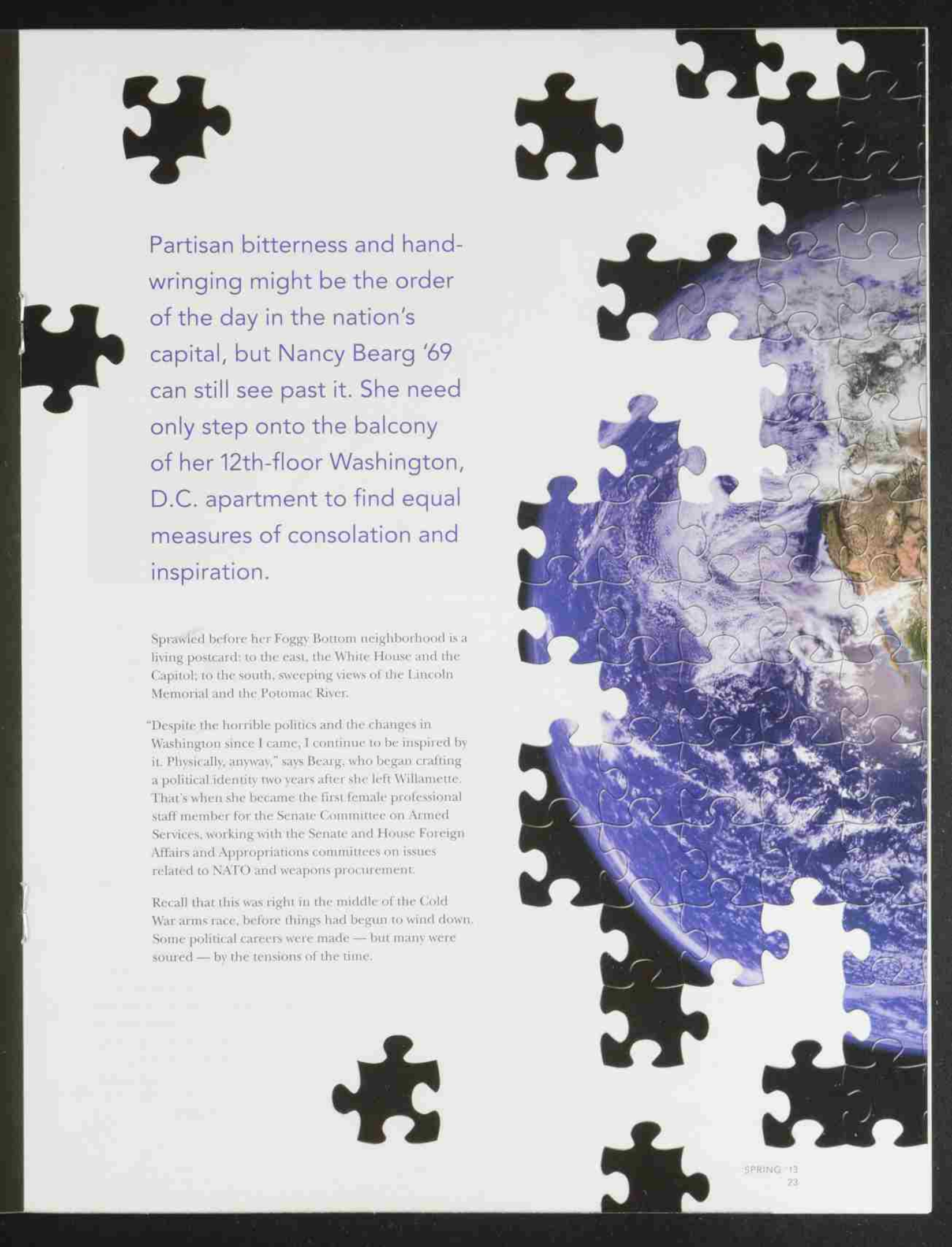


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Nancy Bearg '69, 40 years in Washington,  
and the American political puzzle

BY ANDREW FAUGHT



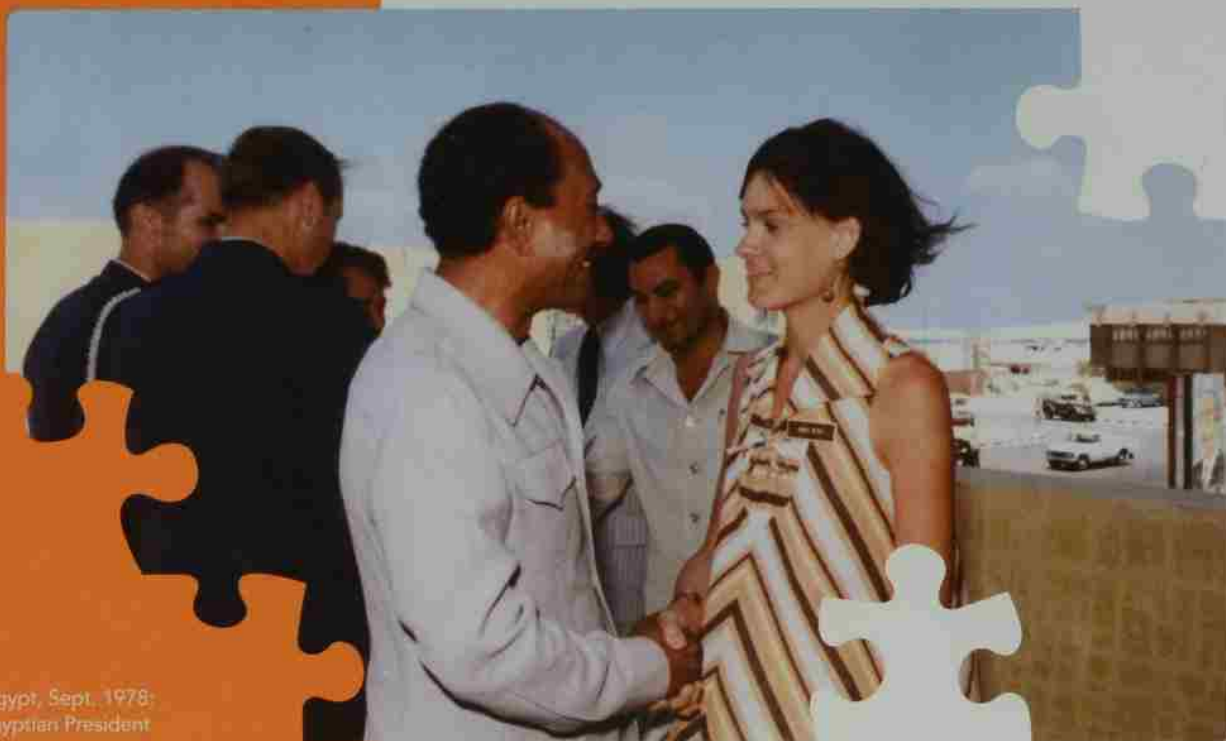
Partisan bitterness and hand-wringing might be the order of the day in the nation's capital, but Nancy Bearg '69 can still see past it. She need only step onto the balcony of her 12th-floor Washington, D.C. apartment to find equal measures of consolation and inspiration.

Sprawled before her Foggy Bottom neighborhood is a living postcard: to the east, the White House and the Capitol; to the south, sweeping views of the Lincoln Memorial and the Potomac River.

"Despite the horrible politics and the changes in Washington since I came, I continue to be inspired by it. Physically, anyway," says Bearg, who began crafting a political identity two years after she left Willamette. That's when she became the first female professional staff member for the Senate Committee on Armed Services, working with the Senate and House Foreign Affairs and Appropriations committees on issues related to NATO and weapons procurement.

Recall that this was right in the middle of the Cold War arms race, before things had begun to wind down. Some political careers were made — but many were soured — by the tensions of the time.





Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 1978: Bearg with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat at the presidential palace. Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarek is in the background.

By 1981, Bearg had been named Vice President George H.W. Bush's assistant for national security affairs, the first woman to hold that position. It was quite a change of path for a Willamette English major who initially had designs on university teaching.

"I honestly do feel like I've made a difference in many people's lives," she says, taking the long view of these experiences. "I've been very privileged."

More than three decades later, Bearg has positioned herself as a national expert in conflict prevention and post-conflict peacebuilding by authoring and editing five books on the subjects, including three volumes on global poverty. She is also a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank that considers U.S. foreign policy and international affairs. She is active with Women in International Security and mentors women from around the globe who believe in a future built on peace, not hostilities.

In roles that have been historically male-dominated, Bearg has also challenged people to reevaluate gender. Women, Bearg says, can bring an important perspective to peace negotiations that are fragile by nature. "They can sometimes understand the big picture differently than men — of peace and reconciliation for families and future generations," she says. "Many men I've worked with view things more politically, as a fight. My hope is to have more women at the table negotiating peace for their own countries."

#### East from Willamette

Like plenty of other Willamette alumni, Bearg jumped into politics almost immediately after her graduation, scuttling her teaching plans after getting a clerical internship with the State Department. Joining her on the journey to Washington, D.C. was classmate and friend Kim (Foskett) Duncan '69, a political science major who had landed a staff position with then-Sen. Mark Hatfield.

Bearg, Duncan says with a chuckle, was something of a political naïf early on. "When we got to D.C., she asked me the difference between the White House and the Capitol building. That's one of my classic Nancy stories."

But the Idaho-bred Bearg immediately took to her new setting, moving on to a secretarial job at the National Security Council at the White House. Her boss, R. James Woolsey (who would later become director of the CIA during the Clinton administration) was so impressed with her work ethic that he took Bearg with him when he was named general counsel for the Senate Committee on Armed Services. Bearg initially was a research assistant, but she was a global thinker, and gradually she took a wider role on policy and program research; soon she became the first female professional staff member on that committee.

Woolsey says Bearg was self-deprecating and humble about her role, but that she wasn't to be underestimated as the lone woman attending committee meetings. Her impact in the room was palpable.

"She'd work 24/7 and get up to speed more than anybody else," Woolsey says. "And then, in her quiet, smiling way, she'd say, 'We might try it this way.'" Her polite demeanor tended not to mask the fact that she usually knew "at least as much, if not more, than anybody else in the room."

#### After the Wall Fell

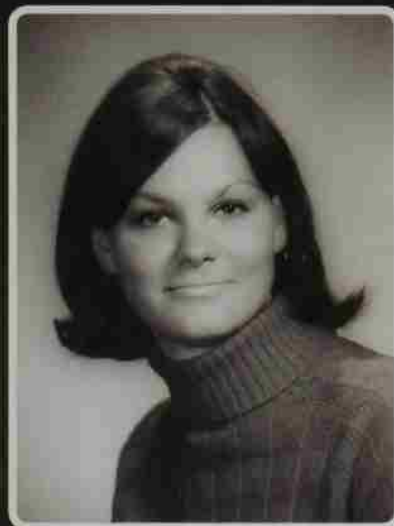
With the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 marking the end of the Cold War, the government's attention — and, consequently, Bearg's — found the focus that continues to dominate her professional life.

"The problems we had [after the Wall fell] were no longer about how to get enough ballistic missile submarines built in order to make sure we'd have a deterrent against the Soviet Union," Woolsey explains, "but [how to address] things like starvation in Somalia, ethnic clashes and genocide in Rwanda, and chaos and civil wars in the former Yugoslavia and the Balkans. The emphasis for the U.S. government shifted so that we asked ourselves, How do we keep these messes from getting bigger? And how do we get people fed?"

"Nancy was present at the creation of these conversations."

One of Bearg's first duties in this new world order, as director for international programs and public diplomacy with the National Security Council from 1989–93, was helping to get humanitarian assistance to Kurdish refugees and move them back home following the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The ethnic minority, long persecuted by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, had fled to the mountains near Turkey after the war.

The experience strengthened Bearg's resolve and her successes propelled her further. From 1995–2001, she served as the director of the International Peace, Security and Prosperity Program for the Washington-based Aspen Institute, a prominent international nonprofit dedicated to "fostering enlightened leadership, the appreciation of timeless ideas and values, and open-minded dialogue on contemporary issues." There, she directed high-level roundtables on conflict management, conflict prevention, global poverty and the Balkans.



**"She'd work 24/7 and get up to speed more than anybody else ... then, in her quiet, smiling way, she'd say, 'We might try it this way.'"**





Paris, June 1981: Luncheon at the Elysee Palace. From left: George H.W. Bush, U.S. vice president; Charles Hernu, French defense minister; Nancy Bearg '69, assistant to the vice president for national security affairs; Pierre Berégovoy, general secretary of the Elysee Palace; Arthur Hartman, U.S. ambassador to France; and François Mitterrand, French president.

### Worldviews

Bearg attributes her public-service inspiration to her parents. Her mother was a teacher who served in Washington, D.C. as a codebreaker during World War II; her father was an accountant whose wartime stint in the Army involved guarding the Panama Canal. Pragmatism guides her politically: She grew up Republican, but now considers herself an independent; she supports President Barack Obama and describes her views on domestic policy as "quite liberal."

Her view of the world was shaped in no small part by her coming of age during the Vietnam War. Bearg and Duncan both opposed the war and attended anti-war demonstrations in Washington, they recall. "This wasn't the smartest thing to do when working in the government at those levels," Bearg says. "But I felt very strongly that I must do that, and I had to ask my boss's permission when I was working at the White House. He said, 'Go, but don't get in trouble.'" The longtime friends, who had met as freshmen in Lausanne Hall, found themselves in the thick of it and had to flee tear gas on one particularly tricky occasion.

Just months earlier, Bearg and her Willamette classmates had spoken ambivalently of the violence unfolding in Southeast Asia. Dean Buzz Yocom, Bearg recalls, considered the class of 1969 different from those preceding it since Vietnam became a hot issue.

"I think he called it an obsession," she says. "We mostly did not support the war and were a little bewildered by it and why it was going on," she adds. "I and many of the other girls felt a little guilty that only the men were exposed to the draft and what that meant to their lives. The women were free to plan their lives, and it didn't seem right that we had that freedom."

That critical eye is the same force that drives Bearg today, Duncan says.

"Nancy is motivated by the intellectual challenge of the international security field, and by trying to bring about foreign-policy action to deliver peaceful outcomes," she says. She doesn't envision her friend's ardor waning anytime soon, either. "She's got too much energy."

Bearg says Willamette, as well as Harvard, where she earned a master's degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, helped her "learn how to extract learning from something, how to take apart a problem and tackle it, and how to consult other people on it and bring viewpoints together. That's the way you begin to solve problems and get a better idea of what you're up against."

She calls Willamette the perfect undergraduate experience, even though she enrolled sight-unseen on the suggestion of a neighbor in Boise who attended the university. "Those were the days when you often didn't go visit a college beforehand because you didn't have the money," Bearg says, noting that she was swayed by two factors in particular. "I loved the size of it and that it was a liberal arts school."

"Having a liberal arts experience, you live life on a larger canvas. You're more educated in art, history, and the way things fit together. I just think you're more sensitive to the world."

Bearg is imparting her sensibilities on the current generation of college students by teaching a graduate-level course at George Washington University called Leadership Vision and Strategy. The best leaders, she notes, are those who "have a vision, know what they want to accomplish, want to bring others along with them and know how to do it in a sincere way."


She says she would like to work in a post-conflict role with countries affected by civil war after the Arab

Spring uprisings that started in 2010. "I'm talking to people in the governments now," she says, noting there are plenty of contemporary opportunities for peacebuilding. "It's very much a matter of the countries doing it themselves, but outsiders can still be helpful."

#### Other Ventures

Bearg has plenty of other irons in the fire. Today she is collaborating with three friends to write a book that will help baby boomers find purpose in their retirement years. "It's about living a balanced life and being a little more in charge of it," she says. The quartet already authored "Reboot Your Life: Energize Your Career and Life By Taking a Break," published in 2011 (see [rebootbreak.com](http://rebootbreak.com)). The book urges readers to take "personal sabbaticals" in order to reflect, pursue dreams and identify their potential. Nancy and company also give workshops on these topics.

Co-author Rita Foley met Bearg at a women's leadership conference in Vieques, Puerto Rico seven years ago and was immediately struck by her presence. "When she introduced herself, I thought 'Whoa, look at this woman I'm next to. She's so unbelievably accomplished, but so very modest.'"

At 66, Bearg clearly hasn't strayed from the approach that has served her so well over the years. Alongside everything else, she recently took up photography. After all, she's got a balcony with a million-dollar view and unrestrained enthusiasm for the city that's given her so much purpose and so many challenges to face. "Every morning," she says, "I just can't wait to get up and see what it looks like." 

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*Photo courtesy of NASA*





## If Those Trees Could Talk: Seeking WU Sweethearts

Did you steal your first kiss underneath the Star Trees? Marry that cute guy or girl from history class? Find a Willamette partner many years after the fact?

This is an open call to Willamette lovebirds young and old. We all know the legend — that quite a bit of enduring matchmaking has taken place at Willamette — but now we'd like you to say more about it.

Please send us your story, and we might publish it in a future issue. Email [scene@willamette.edu](mailto:scene@willamette.edu) or mail to the Office of Alumni Relations, 900 State St., Salem, OR 97301.

If you follow us on Facebook, you'll see a similar note and can submit there, too. We'll be smitten to hear from you.

## THE TRAVEL PROGRAM AFLOAT

The spectacular Gateway to the Black Sea trip will be en route as we go to press, but don't forget about two upcoming opportunities, both of which, again, will take place on the water.

### Deschutes River Rafting

After two successful years of San Juan Island kayaking, we've arranged a new, even more affordable excursion along Central Oregon's stunning Deschutes River. This family-friendly guided rafting trip will cover about 50 river miles during three days, and travelers will experience exciting rapids, well-appointed camping, beautiful scenery and great company — all while being cared for by seasoned guides.

Aside from plenty of on-water time, you'll also have chances to relax, go on a hike, try your luck at fishing, read a book by the river, or catch up with old friends. Our guides will take care of all the cooking, too, which means that you'll wake up to the smell of coffee in the morning and be treated to high-caliber meals throughout each day.

The group will meet at 9 a.m. the first morning in Maupin, Ore., which is just two hours from Portland — so no flights or hotel nights required if you live in the Salem/Portland area.



### Registration

River Drifters will be leading this trip, and bookings can be made online at [tinyurl.com/wuraft](http://tinyurl.com/wuraft). We've negotiated a special price of \$310 per person, and children 12 and older are welcome.

### About the River

The Deschutes River originates high in the Cascade Mountains from Little Lava Lake, stretching 250 miles through Central/Eastern Oregon before flowing into the Columbia River. The "Lower Deschutes" refers to the 100-mile section from the mouth of the Deschutes to Pelton Dam (no relation to M. Lee). This will be our territory, and it boasts plenty of rapids fit for beginners and experienced river rafters alike.

### Reminder: French Waterways, Oct. 8–20

Last issue we introduced this fabulous trip through the Burgundy and Provence areas of France. This one — which is quickly filling up, we should add — features hotel stays in Monaco and Paris, as well as nine nights aboard the brand new River Discovery II. You'll also have options for pre- and post-trips to Barcelona and Paris. Jim Booth '64 will be the trip host.

Doesn't sound bad, right? A few spots are still available.



➡ For more on both trips, visit [willamette.edu/alumni/travel](http://willamette.edu/alumni/travel).



## IN THEIR WORDS

## Getting to Know the 2013 Alumni Award Winners

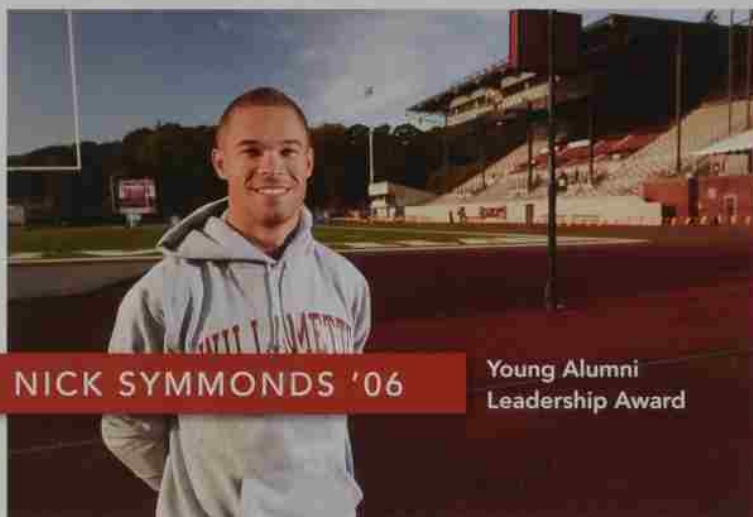


**Young Alumni Leadership Award** Given for noteworthy contributions to communities, industries and causes within a short time of graduation

**Lestle J. Sparks Medallion** Given for enduring commitment to the university, as embodied by one of our most revered alumni, Lestle J. Sparks '19

**Distinguished Alumni Citation** Given for exemplary performance or contribution in any field, cause or life pursuit

We're comforted that today's graduates enter a community of accomplished, diligent and mindful alumni. Many readers will recognize the yearly awards (left), which are derived from alumni nominations and awarded by the Willamette University Alumni Association's board of directors. We asked the same handful of questions to each of this year's winners and picked some of our favorite responses. We hope you're as excited to meet them as we were.



**Young Alumni Leadership Award**

Symmonds, a biochemistry major, has spent the last decade among the fastest men in the world. The 800-meter specialist has already competed in two Olympic Games and is gunning for a third.

He was, in some ways, typical here — relentlessly involved, a multitasker. In the sciences he investigated our most fundamental natures; beyond Willamette he's continued to do the same thing by competing, learning about people around the world, and learning about himself. His well-known

drive continues unabated, so we're sure we haven't seen the last of him — after all, he's renowned for late kicks.

**Tell us about a mentor you've had, either affiliated with WU or not.**

Sam Lapray '87. We've traveled the world together, competed at two Olympic Games together. We actually met my senior year in high school — he's a WU alum — and we've been best friends ever since.

**What's one memory of WU that comes to mind?**

Winning the Northwest Conference championship my senior year in cross country stands out because cross country races were ten times the distance I typically ran. I'd gone to train in Mexico at 9,000 feet with Carlos Ruiz '06 and Aaron Hollingshead '05; we spent three months building our endurance at altitude. It was rewarding to win at a distance I was real uncomfortable with.

**Is there a particular skill or experience from WU that has served you well over time?**

College taught me time management. I was a biochemistry major, played two varsity sports, worked part time, and took part in Greek life. I specifically chose a Division III university so I could have that full college experience, that balance. It was difficult, but now it's very important to me as a professional.

**What's next? Professionally, personally?**

My short-term goal is to prepare for track season, which culminates with the world championships in Moscow Aug. 10-18. My long-term goal is the 2016 Olympic Games. I'm hungry for another shot at a medal.

A Willamette advocate if ever there was one, Johnson has worn many hats since graduating from the CLA in history. After a fulfilling career in banking, he served as president of the Willamette University Alumni Association's board of directors and, later, filled in as interim director for the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Today he is collaborating with Dean Debra Ringold at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management (AGSM) as an internship supervisor. Not long ago, he made more than 150 stewardship visits on

Willamette's behalf to senior managers of public, private and nonprofit organizations throughout the Northwest. AGSM students have since accessed numerous new job and internship opportunities, and Willamette has seen its recognition and prestige grow in powerful new places.

**What do you hope Willamette does well over the next few years?**

One thing WU has right is the emphasis on the motto. In my interactions with the alumni board and students, people seem to know that it's important — that it's not about how much money you make or how important your position is, but that you leave this world a better place because you were here.

**What's something people wouldn't know about you?**

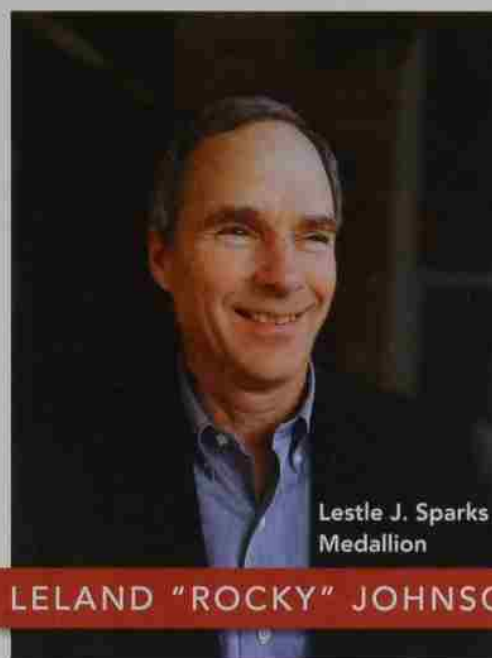
Probably how I got my name, Rocky. My middle name is Robin; at an early age my mom said she'd wanted to call me Robby, but a neighbor said that wouldn't work and started calling me Rocky. I could have changed it when I came to WU, but I kept it.

**If you were to do it all over again, would you change anything?**

Probably not. I was very fortunate to be at Willamette when I was. If I could change the world, maybe I'd do something different, but I was very fortunate to be at WU, to meet Luann (Tuller) Johnson '69, and to get a great education.

**What's next? Professionally, personally?**

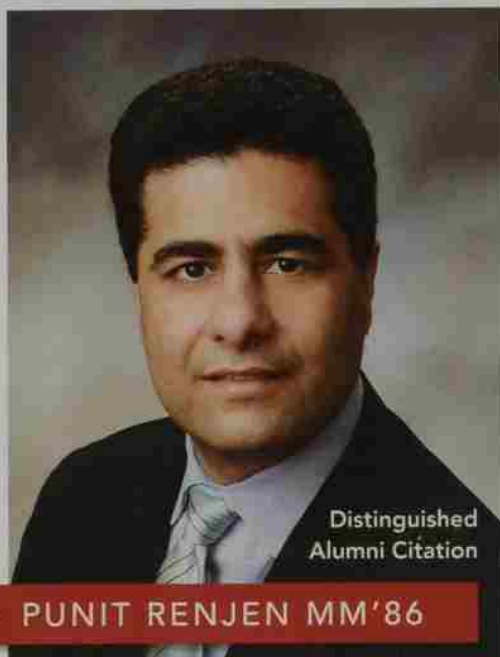
I really enjoy working with AGSM and Dean Debra Ringold. I think she's just terrific and I enjoy helping out as I can, so I'll stay connected through that and through our reunion class. Those connections keep me aware that WU is still making a difference in the world.



**Lestle J. Sparks  
Medallion**

**LELAND "ROCKY" JOHNSON '70**



Distinguished  
Alumni Citation

PUNIT RENJEN MM '86

**R**enjen left India on a Rotary Foundation scholarship to attend Willamette sight-unseen. He knew he wanted a career in business, knew he was capable, and knew he was staring at a great possibility. At AGSM, he learned to pursue it.

Since then he's vaulted to chairman of Deloitte LLP, one of the world's largest professional-services firms, and among Fortune's best companies to work for. He's specialized in strategy and operations consulting, helping organizations position themselves competitively and improve operations. Renjen was named one of Consulting magazine's 25 top American consultants in 2007 and also serves on Willamette's board of trustees, where his acumen, honesty and vast experience enrich some of the university's most important conversations.

#### What's one memory of WU that comes to mind?

After a 30-hour flight from India to PDX, late at night, I got dropped off at Willamette by a shuttle. I walked around on campus — this was before the students had returned for the fall — and where Kappa Sigma was, I heard some knocking. The head resident was there; I explained to him that I was a student from India, and he allowed me to sleep on the couch. I'm forever grateful for that.

I woke up in morning, walked across the quad, and it was just the most beautiful, bucolic campus in late August. If I close my eyes today I can visualize how beautiful that was.

#### Is there a particular skill or experience from WU that has served you well over time?

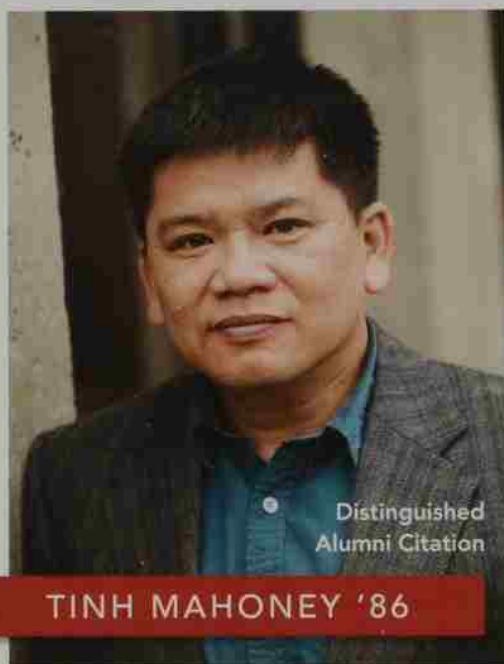
I was selected as head resident of Doney Hall, and I was not much older than the residents for whom I was responsible. To have led and managed 18-20 year-olds was a tremendous experience. It provided me with skills and experiences that, subliminally, I probably still use.

#### What's something people wouldn't know about you?

I'm a recovering workaholic.

#### What's next? Professionally, personally?

There are two things that define me. The first is what I do to build the legacy of my firm; I work to leave it better than I found it. Second, I will be defined by what my son thinks of me when he becomes a man.

Distinguished  
Alumni Citation

TINH MAHONEY '86

**A**s a child, Mahoney knew only the "alternately peaceful rural living and intensely frightful times of war" of southern Vietnam. He came to Oregon via Pakistan and the Philippines, where his adoptive father, employed by the State Department, had been stationed. He says he fell in love with Willamette immediately.

His college experience was a springboard. Since graduating, he has become a renowned guitarist (studying under professor John Doan), award-winning filmmaker and philanthropist. In 2002, he started the

Village School Foundation, a nonprofit that has since built seven schools in Vietnam and awarded 500 scholarships. Today, he is at work on a new feature film and a fifth studio album, which will explore the renewed love he feels for the country he had to leave behind four decades ago.

**Tell us about a mentor you've had, either affiliated with WU or not.**

When I was attending Willamette, my mentor was my music professor John Doan. John is a great listener, always shows that he cares, and he's honest. My college experience would not be the same if John wasn't there. If any students out there are interested in playing the guitar, take a lesson with John. You'll learn a lot more than just how to play an instrument.

**What's one memory of WU that comes to mind?**

I was a sophomore. A girl walked up to me and said, "I heard that you're a really good guitar player; would you like to open a show for a famous guitar player?" I said, "Sure." That guitar player turned out to be [fingerstyle legend] John Fahey. Fahey ended up producing my first album, "My Vietnamese Suite," and in turn, I helped John produce his album, "I Remember Blind Joe Death."

**Is there a particular skill or experience from WU that has served you well over time?**

I've recorded several albums and done numerous film soundtracks because of my Willamette music degree.

**What's something people wouldn't know about you?**

I opened a show for, and jammed with, Bachman-Turner Overdrive. Also, I was in the movie, "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III."

Casey, a dual alumna, went to law school in the days when women didn't occupy many of the country's law classrooms. Since then she has conducted a trailblazing career as a judge, retiring only recently from Washington's Thurston County Superior Court after being elected to the bench in 1984.

Casey was a founder of the Thurston County Dispute Resolution Center and used the experience to combine hard lawyering skills with liberal-arts-style vision. She reimagined perennial challenges to come up with new solutions (such as by positioning Thurston County's family- and juvenile-law processes together in a separate courthouse). This

perceptiveness has made all the difference in a field that, while sometimes confounding, is of great consequence for both families and their attorneys.

**Tell us about a mentor you've had, either affiliated with WU or not.**

The two professors that I was most involved with were Jerry Canning (philosophy) and Ed Stillings (political science). Neither was promoting a career in law, though, so that came elsewhere.

In third grade my family got television and my grandmother and I would watch Perry Mason. She'd tell me, "You don't need to be [secretary] Della Street; you can be Perry Mason."

**What's one memory of WU that comes to mind?**

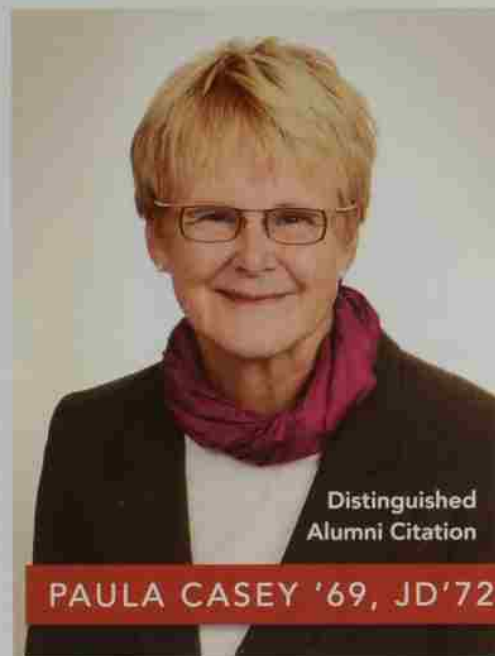
In law school I was the only woman in my class. I have a lot of fond memories of my study group. There were four of us, and the three men — who were older than I was — made sure I made it. It was a challenge being a woman in law in those days. We were on the cusp of change; five years after I graduated, a third of the class was women.

**Is there a particular skill or experience from WU that has served you well over time?**

Generally, the liberal arts education, which I've since promoted within my own family. A broad-based approach is good for everyone. We never know where our careers guide us, so some things that might have seemed superfluous in college can suddenly become more important.

**What do you hope Willamette does well over the next few years?**

I hope it continues to value education in the way it does. To date, Willamette has not become a mill; it seems to have stayed keen on keeping the quality of students and education high.



**Distinguished Alumni Citation**

**PAULA CASEY '69, JD'72**



## CLASS NOTES



Submit class notes at The Compass:  
willamette.edu/alumni/compass

### College of Liberal Arts

## 1950s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION



**R. Gregory Nokes '59** has written a book about slavery and race relations in early Oregon called "Breaking Chains: Slavery

on Trial in the Oregon Territory." The book is published by Oregon State University Press and was released at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland in May 2013.

## 1970s

CLASS OF 1973 AND 1978 REUNIONS

**Glenn Steiner '72**, a photographer in San Francisco, has accepted the position of co-president of the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP). The ASMP is the world leader in promoting better business practices by professional photographers, in defending the rights of photographers nationally and internationally, and in the education of young photographers.

**Rod Frederick '78** has been awarded the 2013 Habitat Conservation Stamp prize with a painting of a kit fox. He also received a Willamette Distinguished Alumni Award in 1996. Frederick is the son of **Karl Frederick '56** and **Janet Munson Frederick '54**. Rod's son, **Dallas '14**, is the third generation of Fredericks to attend Willamette. Dallas is currently studying in Spain, after completing fall semester in Ecuador.

## 1980s

CLASS OF 1983 AND 1988 REUNIONS

**Leslie Ann Bestor '80** published her first book for knitting, "Cast On Bind Off," in June 2012. The book was recently named one of the top 10 lifestyle books for 2012 by Publishers Weekly. She is the assistant manager of WEBS-America's Yarn Store and lives in Amherst, Mass. with her 12-year-old daughter, Cady.

## 1990s

CLASS OF 1993 REUNION

**Kurt Rehffuss '90**, a data and systems analyst at Regence Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Oregon, was recently awarded the first Cambia Value Award for nonprofit service, given for "leadership and initiative in giving back to the community, and serving others." This is a corporation-wide award that all 5K employees of Cambia are eligible to receive.

**To Kimberly Fisher '95** and husband **Kyle**, a daughter, **Delaney Jo-Amelia**, born Feb. 20, 2013.

In November, **Kate Kenski's '95** book, "The Obama Victory: How Media, Money, and Message Shaped the 2008 Election," (co-authored with **Bruce W. Hardy** and **Kathleen Hall Jamieson**; June 2010, Oxford University Press) won the 2012 National Communication Association's Diamond Anniversary Book Award and the 2012 National Communication Association Political Communication Division's Roderick P. Hart Outstanding Book Award. Her book also won The PROSE Award for 2010 Best Book in

Government and Politics and the 2011 International Communication Association Outstanding Book Award.



**Sarah Mattox '97** received the Boston Metro Opera's

2013 International Composers' Competition OPERA PUPPETS Mainstage Award for her composition, "Rumpelstiltskin and the Falcon King." The piece will be produced as a puppet opera as part of Boston Metro Opera's upcoming mainstage season. Her chamber music group, TangleTown Trio, recently performed in the Oyster Bay Distinguished Artists Concert Series in New York.



**To Elizabeth Ribbeck '97** and husband **Abdelhamid Lazli**, a daughter, **Barakah**

**Lazli**, born Oct. 24, 2012. She joins older brother **Amin Lazli** and big sister **Fatima Lazli**. Ribbeck works at Salem Health with Willamette Health Partners Midwives.

## 2000s

CLASS OF 2003 AND 2008 REUNIONS



**To Charity (Conger) '00, MAT '03** and **John Staudenraus MBA '13**, a

son, **Isaac Gerald**, born June 16, 2012.

**To Kindra (Molin) Englund '00** and husband **Christopher**, a son, **Rory Thomas**, born Dec. 21, 2012.



**To Karen Volkman '00** and husband **Steve**, a son, **Gavin**, born June 28, 2012.

They finalized his adoption in December 2012.

**To Matthew Wellner '00 and Cathy (Flickinger) Wellner '01**, a son, **Ben Matthew**, born Oct. 11, 2012. The couple and big brother **Owen** live in Sun Valley, Idaho.

**To Adam DuVander '01 and Jenny (Andrews) DuVander '03**, a son, **Evan Benjamin**, and a daughter, **Alana Beatrice Cora**, born Nov. 27, 2012.

**Courtney Gregoire '01**, has been appointed to the board of trustees for Seattle Community Colleges. She is an attorney with Microsoft and has worked as a legislative director in the U.S. Senate and deputy chief of staff for the U.S. Department of Commerce.



**To Shannon (Pun) Simmons '01** and husband **Tyrone**, a son, **Taysom David**, born

Nov. 7, 2012. Shannon is a human performance professor at Corban University.

**To Aubrey (Merryman) '03 and Tyler Kelly '03**, a daughter, **Sierra Ruth**, born March 13, 2013. Her parents note that they're "thrilled to bits and a little sleep deprived."

**To Monica Whitaker '03** and husband **Ben**, a son, **David Marc**, born April 8, 2012.



**Andrew Logue '05, MBA '06** and **Emily Henry** were married on March 10, 2012 at the Crown

Ballroom in Portland. "I am also excited to announce that after six and half years in Seattle working for Blue Nile, Emily and I will be moving to the Portland area, where I accepted a job at Nike as pricing strategy analyst on the global merchandising team," writes Logue. "Emily is

currently pursuing real estate financial and marketing analysis opportunities in the Portland area. We are excited to be moving closer to friends and family."



**Tom Frolik '07, MBA'08** and **Michelle Huang** were married on the island of

Oahu, Hawaii on Oct. 19, 2012. They met in Houston through mutual friends as employees for Hewlett-Packard. Frolik is in operations for HP Storage, and Huang is a software engineer for HP Servers.



**Steven Malick '07** and **Anthony Burns** were

married elopement-style in New York City on Feb. 23, 2013. Joining them on their big day were **Daniel Meyers '07** and **Janna Chaney Meyers '07**.

To **Kayla Montgomery '11** a daughter, **Biley Mae Allen**, born March 31, 2013.

## Atkinson Graduate School of Management

### 1970s

**Grace Crunican MBA'79** became the new Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) general manager. Crunican's appointment by the board ended a nationwide search for the next general manager of the Bay Area's premier public transportation system.

### 1980s

After 21 years with Northrop Grumman and its public safety division, **Michael Kennedy MBA'84** has moved over to the consulting side of public safety with L.R. Kimball. Kimball is the largest public safety consulting

firm in the world, dedicated to providing a full range of communications technology services. "After taking a position opening up the western United States," writes Kennedy, "I was recently promoted to lead the business development group for the entire division. One of our current clients is the State of Oregon Office of Emergency Management, which allowed me to visit Salem for the first time in many years."

**Scott Coe MBA'89** has been hired as the general manager of Emerald PUD outside of Springfield, Ore. His 24 year career at Bonneville Power Administration started in his second year at Atkinson and culminated with him managing the account executives for BPA's public utilities. Somewhat coincidentally, three of the group's 10 account executives are also Atkinson graduates. Coe has been a very engaged alumnus, working as a mentor and interview coach, and as a PACE team client.

### 1990s

After 17 years at Russell Investments, **Erik Ogard MBA'91** and partner Nicholas Walner launched Madison Park Capital Partners, LLC. Madison Park is a Seattle-based alternative investments boutique specializing in absolute return strategies. The firm's strategies are designed to produce returns independent of capital market and macroeconomic conditions.

**David Ming Liu MBA'94** is in his third year of teaching at George Fox University as an assistant professor of management after obtaining his Doctor of Business Administration from City University of Hong Kong in 2010. He is known as "Dr. DVD" on campus since he had a successful DVD distribution business from 2001 to 2011 in Hong Kong. He teaches strategy, global business and international management to DBA, MBA and undergraduate students. He and his wife Sharrina, with their four daugh-

ters, Christina, Gloria, Rebecca and Betty, just enjoyed their first family reunion Thanksgiving in America together.

In October 2012, **Tom Geiger MBA'96** was promoted to director of Program Management and Support Operations at Universal Avionics Systems Corp. in Redmond, Wash. He gets to work closely with Willamette alumnus **Barry Zirko '81**.

After working 15 years as a consultant across various industries with Pegasystems, Inc., **Robert Murray MM'96** is taking on a new role in the Product Frameworks team as lead product owner in customer services solutions for financial services. He plans to bring his 15 years of experience working with clients—including the previous five years in the home lending industry—to better align customer service product offerings with client implementations. He lives in Dallas with his wife and 5-year-old daughter Ryleigh.

**Julia Murton '94, MBA'97** recently achieved the status of independent sales director with her Mary Kay business.

As the new legislative director for Common Ground OR-WA, **Kris Nelson MM'97** is excited about recent progress. "We've managed to get a hearing on a bill to study the economic incentive effects of a local option land value tax in Oregon. Similar to an enterprise zone, it would phase in a lower property tax rate on improvements and compensate with a higher rate on land on a revenue neutral basis. We've seen bipartisan support so far. We're also developing a bill to study the economic effects of a clean air tax that would collect revenues from the greenhouse gas content of fossil fuels as is done in British Columbia. We're enthused with bipartisan support for this tool of economic resilience."



**Maggy (Gorman) Simon MM'97** and her husband Charlie are thrilled to announce

the birth of their twins, Thomas and Charlotte, born Aug. 9, 2012 in Portland. They join big sister Leah, 4.

**Scott DeBo MBA'98** was promoted to managing partner of investment banking firm, Evolution Capital, in Salt Lake City. DeBo manages the micro cap portfolio and acts as interim CEO for several clients, including his managing role with NeuRho Pharmaceuticals, a genetic biomodeling firm that employs quantum physics mathematics in search for a cure for Parkinson's disease.

### 2000s

On March 20, 2013, **Juan Aguiar JD/MBA'02** presented the "Legal Aspects" and "Bid Selection" sections of Ecuador's Southeastern Oil Bidding Round Road Show in Singapore. Early in March he did a video conference presentation for the Oil and Investment Law class of the University of Houston about various aspects of Ecuadorian law and hydrocarbon contracting.

**Chris Magana JD/MBA'04** shared a heartwarming story of his travels that reconnected him with fellow Atkinson alumni around the world. "My wife and I, along with five friends, just got back from 20 days in Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. Our first stop was Bangkok Thailand. **Durit Tansiri MBA'03** and **Tarn Chulphongsathorn MBA'03** showed us around Thailand. Upon arriving in Saigon, we reconnected with **Tuan Le MBA'03** and **Van Phan MBA'04** and spent time eating, drinking and reminiscing about our time together at AGSM. I think my friends were surprised at the generosity and strength of the AGSM alumni network. AGSM is filled with generous, smart and fun people who eventually scatter around the globe. Just one more reason I'm glad I chose AGSM."



**Kyle Abraham JD/MBA'05, CDR'05** joined Barran Lieberman LLP as an associate.





In October 2012, **Joe Weller MBA'05** and his wife visited Japan and were fortunate enough to receive a personalized Tokyo city

tour from fellow AGSM classmates **Hideaki Azuma MBA'05** and **Ichiro Nakajima MBA'06**. One of the highlights was lunch at a traditional Japanese restaurant (Tofuya Ukai Take) in downtown Tokyo amidst a beautiful garden setting. Even after seven years apart, the connection and friendship between these fellow AGSM students remains strong!

attorney. His practice focuses on representing employers in labor and employment law matters. Prior to joining Barran Liebman he was an officer in the United States Air Force serving in the Judge Advocate General Corp (JAG) for six years. During that time, he served as a labor and employment attorney, military defense counsel and military prosecutor. He continues to serve as a JAG in Oregon Air National Guard, with the rank of major. Before accepting his commission, he was a deputy district attorney and law clerk in Marion County District Attorney's Office.

In late February, **Jorge Ordóñez MBA'05** traveled to Guatemala as a consultant for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He provided assistance to the National Commission on Electric Energy to identify barriers that have hindered the development of geothermal renewable energy resources in Guatemala and to provide recommendations for overcoming such barriers. In 2011 and 2012, Ordóñez completed similar consulting projects for NARUC in Costa Rica, Guatemala and Mexico. He works as a senior financial economist for the Oregon Public Utility Commission in Salem.

**Fadi Bouri MBA'06** was promoted to director of investment banking at Emirates Investment Bank in Dubai, UAE.



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Ballroom in Portland. "I am also excited to announce that after six and half years in Seattle working for Blue Nile, Emily and I will be moving to the Portland area where I accepted a job at Nike as pricing strategy analyst on the global merchandising team," writes Logue. "Emily is currently pursuing real estate financial and marketing analysis opportunities in the Portland area. We are excited to be moving closer to friends and family."

**Scott Mason MBA'06** has accepted a position as quality manager for Isovolta's Aviation and Transportation Division in Harrisburg, Ore. "After seven years at Vision Plastics, I am looking forward to working in a different industry with new challenges and doing some traveling to other divisions abroad," Mason says.



**Andy Yost MBA'06** recently obtained Global Professional in Human Resources and

Qualified Pension Administrator credentials. He was also promoted to defined benefit analyst II at StarCorp Financial Group, Inc.



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Oahu, Hawaii on Oct. 19, 2012. They met in Houston through mutual friends as employees for Hewlett-Packard. Frolik is in operations for HP Storage, and Huang is a software engineer for HP Servers.



**To Raution Jaiswal MBA'09** and wife **Sneha**, a son, **Sanskrit**

Jaiswal, born Jan. 7, 2013.



**To Bryce Hanson MBA'11** and wife **Erin**, a daughter, **Penelope**

Elaine, born Jan. 7, 2013. "She was born in Salem Hospital and our room overlooked my old alma mater," Bryce says.

**Bobby Powers MBA'11** started a new job as a product owner for Clearwater Analytics, an SaaS company in Boise, Idaho. Clearwater provides web-based investment accounting and performance software. Clearwater's clients include Cisco, Facebook, Oracle, Yahoo!, Intuit and Starbucks. The company was recently named Idaho's Innovative Company of the year. Powers will own the user interface aspect of Clearwater's software, working alongside a team of developers to ensure client needs are met by Clearwater's product offering. He previously worked as an executive team leader of Logistics for Target Corp.

## Make Dean Ewalt Smile



Regina Ewalt, late Willamette dean of women, was a formidable woman whom many still remember. If she's watching over us today, as she did decades ago, we're sure she's happy every time a Willamette alumna or friend invests in a charming gift annuity.

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**Will Norris MBA'12** appeared in an announcement on The Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) website recently. Norris took a job as the management assistant in the City Manager's Office of the City of Long Beach, Calif. His responsibilities range from data analysis to capital budgeting and facilitating meetings.



To Charity (Conger) '00, MAT'03 and John Staudenraus MBA'13, a

son, Isaac Gerald, born June 16, 2012.

## Graduate School of Education 2000s

**Katy Naff MAT'01** has been named principal at Englewood Elementary in Salem.



To Charity (Conger) '00, MAT'03 and John Staudenraus MBA'13, a

son, Isaac Gerald, born June 16, 2012.

## In Memoriam 1930s

**Marian H. (Wakefield) Hermann '37** died Sept. 13, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Pentwater, Mich., in 1915 and moved to Portland two years later. She attended Franklin High School — where she met her future husband — before attending Willamette. A short teaching career in Grand Ronde, Ore., was followed by her marriage to Robert Hermann on July 1, 1939. She was an active member of Multnomah and Calvin Presbyterian churches, and in later years, attended Westminster Presbyterian Church. Over the years, she was always involved in the

Presbyterian Women's Association and served as its statewide president, as well as an active member in Church Women United Inter-Cultural Group. As one of the first reading tutors at King School, Hermann was recognized by King School for her many years of service to this program. Survivors include three sons, including **Dale Hermann '65, JD'69** and **Robert Hermann '71, JD'74**; six grandchildren, including **Jeffery Hermann JD'80** and **Andrew Hermann '93**; four great-grandchildren and a sister.

**Margaret H. (Hauser) Ebert '38** died Jan. 6, 2013, in Vancouver, Wash. She was born in 1916 in Salem, where she was raised. After graduating from Salem High School she attended Willamette, completing a degree in sociology. She then went on to earn her teaching certificate at Western Washington University. In 1946 she moved to Corvallis, where she was active in the Corvallis community as a charter member of the Good Samaritan Hospital Auxiliary, the American Association of University Women, the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan and Chintimini Garden Club. She was a master flower judge and was a member of the Oregon State University Folk Club and Monads, a dance club. Her husband and a brother, **Paul Hauser '36**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Jane B. Fields '38** died Oct. 31, 2012 in Keizer, Ore. She was born in Sweet Home, Ore., in 1917 and spent her early school years in Salem. She attended Willamette before transferring and completing her bachelor's at the University of Washington. She went on to earn a master's from Columbia University. She studied Asian history, and in 1936 visited Japan as a member of an international student delegation charged with developing mutual understanding, friendship and trust. During World War II she lived in Washington, D.C. and worked for the Army Map Service by helping translate captured Japanese maps. She moved to

Little Rock, Ark., in 1952 with her husband and son, and enjoyed being a housewife. She served as the League of Women Voters' official legislative observer, and participated in the fight for school desegregation and civil rights. She was a plaintiff in a suit to remove the line for "Race or Color" from the voter registration form. In the 1970s she moved back to Salem, where she became a stalwart member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, and where she pursued her passion for teaching. She taught at Mt. Angel and Chemeketa Community colleges and the Oregon State Penitentiary. Until 2010 she spent one day a week at Keizer Elementary School helping first- and second-graders learn to read. Survivors include a son, a granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

## 1940s

**June (Charboneau) Hagedorn '40** died Jan. 16, 2013 in Albany, Ore. She was born in La Grande, Ore., in 1920 and at Willamette met her future husband **E.B. "Buzz" Hagedorn '40**. In addition to working in a pharmacy, she was a wonderful mother and grandmother who took pride in caring for her home and family. She baked amazing pies and loved spending time in her flower garden. She also was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, hospital auxiliary and Friends of the Library. Her husband and a daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, **Richard B. Hagedorn JD'73**; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**William A. Bentson '42** died Nov. 7, 2012 in Brisbane, Australia. He was born in Silverton, Ore., in 1918. While attending Willamette, he joined the U.S. National Guard, then enlisted in the U.S. Army after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. In April 1942, he was posted to General Douglas MacArthur's general headquarters (GHQ) in Melbourne, Australia. In July of that year, GHQ moved to Brisbane where he was involved in setting up and sending

supplies to U.S. Army camps around Queensland. He then served in Papua New Guinea, Borneo and the Philippines. He met and married Joan Staines while stationed in Brisbane. His war bride joined him in Salem in 1946, and in 1950 the couple settled in the Multnomah area of Portland, where they raised three children. He rose to the rank of major while stationed at the Selective Service Board and completed his college education at Portland State University. Upon his retirement in 1964, the family migrated to Brisbane. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Otto R. Skopil, Jr. '41, JD'46** died Oct. 20, 2012 in Portland. He was born in Portland in 1919. After receiving a degree in economics, he attended Willamette University College of Law. He served in the United States Navy during World War II, trained at the Navy Supply Corps School at the Harvard Graduate School of Business, and served for 21 months on the Russell Islands near Guadalcanal as a Supply Corps officer. He then returned to Willamette to finish law school and practiced in Salem. He served on the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar Association and chaired the Marion County Unethical Conduct Committee. He was appointed in 1972 by President Richard Nixon as a judge to the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. He was elevated in 1979 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit by President Jimmy Carter. He served on the board of directors of the Federal Judicial Center and the U.S. Conference Committee on the administration of the magistrate's system. He was a past member of the Willamette Board of Trustees, and also received a distinguished alumni citation from Willamette in 1980. He was part of the creation of the governor's prayer breakfast, and for several years chaired the annual event. He was also involved with the National Prayer Breakfast. Survivors include his wife; two sons, including **O. Rik Skopil JD'72**; two daughters, including



**Shannon (Skopil) Bronson JD '85**, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Josephine G. (Miller) Graham '43** died Feb. 10, 2012 in Forest Grove, Ore. Her family notes she was active in community service and "brought her gift of music into the lives of many." Survivors include two daughters, including **Diana Graham '69**, four grandchildren and five great-grandsons.

**Gordon C. Myers '43** died Jan. 3, 2013 in Portland. He was born in Portland in 1924, and attended Ainsworth Elementary and Lincoln High School before enrolling at Willamette. After graduating he continued on to the University of Oregon Medical School. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was a family physician at the Greely Clinic in North Portland from 1953 to 1987. After his retirement, he was the physician for Portland Bible College and the University of Portland and also worked for Indian Health Services. Survivors include a son, four daughters, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Lola (Rae) Wolfenbarger '43** died Oct. 22, 2012 in Corvallis, Ore. She was born in Salem in 1922 and graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. She graduated from the University of Oregon. Her first job was teaching math in Condon, Ore. She moved back to Eugene to teach at the university. She lived in Eugene until moving to Corvallis in 1951 to run Gas Heat, a propane business that later changed its name to Suburban Gas. She and her husband were active in the PTA at Lincoln School and the Moose Lodge. She was a leader for Brownie troops and made princess cakes after taking a cake decorating class. She worked for 509J School District from 1964 until 1984. When Crescent Valley High School opened she worked as the athletic director's secretary until retiring. She was involved with the Corvallis Senior Center, she led the Alzheimer's support group and she volunteered

with Dial-A-Bus. Her husband and a grandson preceded her in death. Survivors include three daughters, a granddaughter, and two great-grandchildren.

**R. Kent Markee '44** died Jan. 7, 2013 in Lake Oswego, Ore. He graduated from Willamette University and the University of Oregon Medical School. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, stationed in Nuremberg, Germany. He was a dedicated surgeon, practicing in Portland for more than 30 years. He enjoyed golf with a decades-long membership at Willamette Valley Country Club, skiing, travel and bridge. A brother, **F. Keith Markee '44**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son and five grandchildren.

**Stanton Nystrom '44** died Jan. 2, 2013. He was born May 3, 1922. Survivors include his wife and a son.

**Helen "Louise" (Cutler) Baxter '45** died Jan. 29, 2013 in Salem. She was born in Portland in 1922. She worked at Oregon State Hospital from 1962 to 1985 as a psychiatric social worker impacting many patients' lives with her unconditional kindness and advocacy. She lived in Salem for 52 years, moving to Capital Manor in 1999. She enjoyed sewing, reading, gardening, Bible studies, encouraging others and writing. Her book will be reproduced soon for the family. Her husband, a daughter and sister **Mary Jane (Cutler) Anchor '43** preceded her in death. Survivors include sister **Dorothy Cutler '40**, four daughters, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Maxine Oaksford '45** died Jan. 22, 2013 in Spokane, Wash. She was born in Canby, Ore., in 1928. She was married in 1942. A military officer's wife, she traveled extensively around the world, including Japan and Germany. Her husband's second career with the U.S. Treasury Department brought the family from Seattle to Spokane in 1963. Oaksford was active in her church as well as in her children's and grandchildren's lives and activities.

She loved singing and playing piano. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include five sons, three daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Nevitt B. Smith '45** died Dec. 14, 2012 in Ashland, Ore. He was born in Lucknow, India in 1925. He graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. The Rev. Smith was a long-time pastor in the Methodist Church, obtaining his license to preach in 1943; at the age of 18. He served several Oregon parishes, including Turner and West Salem-Summit while in college. During his seminary studies he was pastor of several parishes in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He returned to Oregon in 1954 and served churches in the Willamette Valley. In 1982, he was appointed to the First United Methodist church of Ashland, where he worked until his official retirement in 1991. His ministry continued for many years after retirement, and at the time of his death, he was pastor emeritus of the Ashland United Methodist Church — an appointment in which he took great pride. During his years in Ashland, he worked as a red coat for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, as a docent for the Pacific Northwest Museum of Natural History, and as a lecturer at Southern Oregon University, where he taught a course in comparative religion. His wife and a brother, **Raynor Smith '39**, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Edwin F. Coulter '46** died Oct. 25, 2012 in Berkeley, Calif. He was born Feb. 9, 1925 in St. Louis.

**David C. Demeter '46** died Feb. 1, 2013 in Peabody, Mass. He was born in Portland in 1920. As a naval officer in the Pacific, he was the recipient of several decorations, including the Purple Heart, for injuries he sustained in the sinking of his ship by a kamikaze attack during the recapture of the Philippines. He retired as president of Bond Brothers, Inc. He also served as a trustee of Wentworth University. His

wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren.

**Faith "Betsy" (Randall) Strong '46** died Dec. 10, 2012 in Vancouver, Wash. She was born in Corvallis, Ore., in 1925. While at Willamette she met her husband **Charles Strong '45**. She was an avid supporter of the fine arts, and was a member of the Oregon Symphony, OPB, Artists Repertory Theatre and the Children's Center at Clark College. She was involved in Delta Gamma sorority, P.E.O. and the Southwest Washington Health Foundation. She and her husband were also instrumental in the establishment and support of the Family Practice Residence program. She helped pass Initiative 242, which made "applied consent" into law in the State of Washington, and she was active in promoting defensive driving education. Her husband, a son and a daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include three daughters; a son, **Steven Strong '78**, and five grandchildren.

**Wallace S. Bjorke '48** died Dec. 24, 2012 in Ann Arbor, Mich. He was born in Rugby, N.D., in 1926. After graduating from Willamette, he headed to Ann Arbor in 1948 and was appointed at the University of Michigan's School of Music as a teaching assistant. He was awarded master's degrees in both Michigan's School of Music and Library Science. In January 1962, he was appointed librarian in charge of music at the University of Michigan. He was among the first generation of modern music librarians fully qualified in both disciplines. He played viola with the University of Michigan Gilbert & Sullivan Society Orchestra, volunteered at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, and supported other community activities.

**Leighton "Bud" C. Fairham '48** died Jan. 24, 2012 in Bend, Ore. He was born in Valley City, N.D., and moved with his family to Gresham, Ore., in 1937. He attended Gresham High School before graduating from Salem High School. After one year at Willamette he entered the U.S.

Navy Air Corps. He returned to Willamette, where he was the first president of Sigma Chi. His career with Pendleton Woolen Mills actually started while he was a senior in high school. He held different positions with the company throughout the years in Portland, Omaha, Neb., and Detroit, Mich., retiring in 1984. He won several awards as top salesman and had a plaid design named after him. A bulletin from Pendleton after his death called him a legend and said he was a mentor to several young, new sales trainees. He and his wife moved in 1987 to Bend, where they enjoyed skiing as members of the "over the hill gang" and golfing at Bend Golf and Country Club. A son and a sister, **Edith (Farham) Gunnar '49** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Elizabeth "Betty Ann" (Bruckman) Fairham '47** and two sons.

**Earl Hampton '48** died Oct. 6, 2012 in Salem. He was born in Eugene, Ore., in 1922. He graduated from Molalla High School before attending Willamette. He was a member of the football team that was in Hawaii when Pearl Harbor was attacked. When he returned home, he joined the U.S. Navy and served for the duration of World War II. After the war, he returned to Willamette. He earned his master's degree from the University of Oregon and then his doctorate degree from Oregon State University. He began his teaching career in Pendleton, Ore. and then moved to Salem, where he was assistant principal and then principal at Leslie Junior High School. He then was assistant superintendent for the Salem-Keizer School District and later superintendent for Lincoln County, until his retirement in 1981. He retired to a home on the Little North Fork of the Santiam River. He loved to fish Oregon's rivers and streams and dig for clams. During the 1940s, he played semi-pro baseball around the Northwest. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Patricia M. Haverty '48** died Nov. 3, 2012 in Fresno, Calif.

She was born in Pueblo, Colo., in 1923. After Willamette, she rejoined her family in Fresno and began her teaching career. She taught English at Yosemite Junior High School and Roosevelt High School, serving as department chair. Her final years as an educator were spent as a program manager for Title I, first at Roosevelt and then at Edison High School. Throughout her career, she was an active member of Fresno American Association of University Women, serving as president and district chairwoman. She loved to travel and spent many summers traveling with her friends. Survivors include two brothers and 12 nieces and nephews.

**Joan M. (Kathan) Zerzan '48** died March 13, 2013 in Portland. She was born in Grants Pass, Ore., in 1927. A talented musician, she attended Willamette on a music scholarship to play violin and study journalism. There she met **Charles Joseph Zerzan '48**, newly returned from the fighting in World War II. They married in Milwaukee, Wis., and went on to have eight sons and four daughters. As an Army wife and loving mother, she lived throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. She was an incredible artist, and with little formal training, produced many award-winning paintings — inspiring her children and grandchildren to appreciate music and art. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include eight sons, including **Terrance Zerzan '78**, **Gregory Zerzan '93, JD'96** and **Kevin Zerzan '89, MAT'90**; four daughters, including **Rose Marie Zerzan Freeby '83, JD'87**; 32 grandchildren, including **Sarah Zerzan '08**; and 12 great-grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Nancy A. (Whitmore) Barckley '50** died Feb. 5, 2013 in Hood River, Ore. She was born in Menasha, Wis., in 1928. At Willamette she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority, and it was here that she met her future husband **Don Barckley '50**. They moved to Hood River in 1952. As a member

of Asbury United Methodist Church, her faithful leadership and organizational gifts were evident throughout the years as a Sunday school teacher, youth group counselor, chairwoman of numerous committees and serving as the United Methodist Women's vice president and secretary of program resources. In Hood River, she volunteered for the Hood River Memorial Hospital/Providence Hood River Auxiliary and FISH food bank. In her earlier years, she was a member of the city's American Association of University Women and the Hood River Garden Club. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons; a daughter, **Kay Barckley '74**; three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

**Walter R. Heine '50** died Feb. 25, 2013 in Salem. He was born in Salem in 1920 and lived most of his life here. He served in the Army in World War II and was a master sergeant in the First Cavalry. He was in the battle of Manila, and was on the first boat into Japan after the surrender. Upon his return, he attended Willamette. He ran a Richfield Oil distributorship for many years following. He was a city councilman and Marion County commissioner. He and his wife worked tirelessly with Habitat for Humanity. A daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three sons, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Earl J. Rittenhouse '50** died Feb. 24, 2013 in West Linn, Ore. He was born in Withee, Wis., in 1920. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. After graduating from Willamette he became a high school teacher. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, **David Rittenhouse '83**; a daughter; and two grandchildren.

**Mary M. (Will) Corthell '51** died Feb. 8, 2013 in Grants Pass, Ore. She was born in Salem in 1929 and grew up in the area. After finishing at Willamette, she began her teaching career in various towns in Oregon until moving to work in Grants Pass schools, from where she retired in 1991.

She taught physical education, biology, health and ancient history. She also coached volleyball, gymnastics and track. She was a member of the Grants Pass Lions Club and a past Lady Lioness president. She enjoyed bowling, hunting, fishing and reading romance novels and Oregon history. She especially enjoyed watching sporting events, her cats and telling stories about her childhood. Her husband, a grandson and a great-grandson preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**M. Sherman Bliss '52** died Oct. 29, 2012 in Sacramento, Calif. He was born in Portland in 1931. While at Willamette he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity, and served as fraternity president and student body president. He spent 30 years with the U.S. Naval Investigative Service, retiring with many distinctions and honors as deputy director. A brother, **Roland Bliss '56**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons and three grandchildren.

**Robert "Gene" E. Kerr '52** died Dec. 21, 2012 in Salem. He was born in St. Ignace, Mont., in 1928. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Korea. After graduating from Willamette, he enrolled at Oregon State University and studied physical therapy, finishing his degree at the University of Southern California. He returned to Salem in 1957 and established his own practice, where he worked until its sale in 1992. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia "Ginny" (Nichols) Kerr '54**, a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Frank H. Winship '52** died Nov. 6, 2012 in Hesperia, Calif. He was born in Arlington, Calif., in 1929. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He was a businessman and ran the Hesperia location of Winship Stake and Lath. He loved to cook, tend his garden and play with his cats. Survivors include a daughter, two grandchildren and sister **Elizabeth (Winship) Lewis '55**.



**Eric A. Ohlund '54** died Nov. 13, 2012 in Hillsborough, Calif. He was born in San Mateo, Calif., in 1932. After Willamette he attended the University of California, Berkeley. He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone as a military police officer. On his return from military service, he worked for the family construction business, Ohlund & Co., where he helped build both commercial and residential real estate in San Mateo County. He traveled extensively with his wife and loved to take long walks, play basketball and spend time with his family. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

**William H. Freeman '56, MEd '64** died Feb. 11, 2013 in Seattle. He was born in Oregon City, Ore., in 1933. After completing degrees at Willamette, he went on to earn a PhD from the University of Washington. His first teaching job was at his alma mater, Oregon City High School. He also taught at Seattle Pacific University. He served stateside assignments in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict and Vietnam War and returned to active duty after earning his doctorate to serve in the Pentagon in personnel and land-use planning. He retired as a colonel in 1986 and then served as a civilian employee of the Department of Defense. He was an early director of the Washington Environmental Council, lobbying hard for passage of Washington State's 1971 Shoreline Management Act. Freeman loved to laugh and performed as a clown from the time he was in high school to well after his retirement to Port Townsend, where he clowned in parades. He also sang bass in choirs and played banjo and clarinet in bands. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

**James W. McKenney '58** died Oct. 25, 2012 in Wichita, Kan. He was born in 1935 in Salem, and was raised in the area. After finishing at Willamette, he earned master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Oregon. He began his career as a teacher and coach of

elementary and middle school students in Oregon. He and his family moved to the Valley Center area in 1967, when he accepted the position as professor of political science at Wichita State University. He served in multiple leadership and administrative positions, such as chairman of the political science department, director of the honors program and director of the Taft Institute. He additionally served as the Conquistador building coordinator from 1973 to 1978. He officially retired from Wichita State in 2007; however he continued his studies, teaching and interaction with his beloved students through the continuing education program. Survivors include his wife, three sons, a daughter and 10 grandchildren.

**Gilbert J. Schwabauer '59** died March 2, 2013 in Portland. He was born in Pendleton, Ore., in 1936 and moved to Portland at a young age. He worked at Freightliner for 40 years, retiring in 1999. The outdoors and associated activities played an important part of his life. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and church. Survivors include his wife, two sons and four grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Patricia J. (Coe) Douglas '61** died Feb. 5, 2013 in Hillsboro, Ore. She was born in Coats, Kan., in 1939 and moved to Salem at the age of 13. She graduated from South Salem High School and enrolled at Willamette before transferring to the University of Arizona. She later went on to receive her PhD from Colorado State University, and then worked as a principle consultant in Training and Education at IBM for 16 years until she retired in 2005. Survivors include her husband, two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**David G. Epling '61** died Dec. 2, 2012 in Rocky Point, Ore. He was born in Pe Ell, Wash., in 1935. He graduated from Pe Ell High School in 1953 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1954 to 1956. He attended

Centralia Junior College before attending Willamette, and then began a lifelong career working with troubled teens. For more than 42 years, he worked for the State of Oregon as a juvenile parole officer with Jackson County and was recognized for piloting programs for delinquent teens. After retirement, he worked for the Klamath County Juvenile Department for five years. His passion was building his lakeside retirement home, "Ravenwood Manor," in Rocky Point. He loved shopping at garage sales, collecting antiques and gardening. Survivors include two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Norene E. Jenkins '61** died Aug. 29, 2012 in Tumwater, Wash. She was born in Olympia, Wash., in 1939.

**Dennis R. Wong '64** died Sept. 21, 2012 in Portland. He was born in 1942 in Portland. At Willamette he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He graduated from Portland State University with his master's in social work in 1972. He was a licensed clinical social worker and retired from Multnomah County in 2003. Survivors include three sons, including Jeffrey Wong '94.

**John T. Travis '66** died Feb. 7, 2013 in Eureka, Calif. He graduated from Central High School in Independence, Ore., in 1962. At WU he was senior scholar in political science, captain of the football team and president of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He obtained a PhD in political science from the University of Arizona and worked as a professor of political science at Humboldt State University for 34 years. For six years, he served as president of the California Faculty Association (CFA), where he also served as chairman of the CFA bargaining team, chairman of the CFA's Political Action-Legislation Committee and CFA liaison to the California State University Academic Senate. He was an avid trout fisherman. Survivors include his wife, a brother and two sisters.

**Shirley A. (Shay) Miller '67** died Aug. 23, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Williston, N.D.,

in 1931. She was preceded in death by two husbands and a son, Theodore E. D. Shay '79. Survivors include a son and two daughters, Cammy Shay '80 and Kimberly Shay '81.

## 1970s

**Lester E. Seto '70, JD '78** died Oct. 31, 2012 in Salem. He was born in Portland in 1948. He practiced law in Salem his entire career, specializing in criminal defense. He was a voracious reader, enjoying books on history, politics, woodworking, computer technology and cooking. Friends eagerly anticipated his homemade cookies or bread at Christmas, or a surprise handcrafted piece of furniture. He traveled through England, Scotland and Ireland in the mid-1980s, visiting castles, museums and sites of ancient artifacts to pursue his love of history. He kept a family heirloom clock displayed in every office he occupied and compiled a history of the family home in Ladd's Addition in Portland, where his brother Wesley continues to live.

**Peter Roth '70** died Feb. 20, 2013 in West Linn, Ore. He was born in Los Angeles in 1948. After Willamette he completed his master's degree at Western Oregon University. He taught elementary and middle school music for the North Santiam School district for 32 years and founded The American Roots Music Festival to raise funds for the district's music programs. After retiring, he volunteered in the music programs in West Linn. He was an avid musician and fly-fisherman. Survivors include his wife and a son.

**Barbara S. (Call) Furst '72** died Jan. 26, 2013 in Denver. She was born in Anchorage, Alaska in 1950 and grew up in the Portland area. She had an early thirst for all things foreign and spent the summer of her junior year of high school as an exchange student in Enschede, Holland and her junior year of college in Salzburg, Austria. In 1973, after graduating from officer's candidate school, she was commissioned an ensign

in the U.S. Navy. She attended supply corps school in Athens, Ga., and was subsequently stationed in Norfolk, Va., and Brooklyn, N.Y. In 1977 she transitioned to the active Navy Reserves and rose to the rank of captain. In 1985 she received a master's degree in accounting from the University of Colorado. She joined the IRS as a CPA in 1987 and was employed as a revenue agent. In 1996 she graduated from the University of Denver Law School; she passed the bar in the spring of 1997. She was an advocate of and an ambassador to Curtis Park for more than 30 years of residence and was actively involved in the restoration of five neighborhood properties. Survivors include two brothers.

**Scott L. Mader '77** died Feb. 18, 2013 in Portland. He was born in Salem in 1955, the son of **Howard '51** and **Jacqueline (Johnson) Mader '52**. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity at Willamette. He went on to study medicine at Case Western Reserve University, completing his medical residency at the University of Rochester in New York and a geriatric fellowship at the University of California in Los Angeles. He had a passion for working with veterans and the deeply committed staff at the Portland VA Medical Center, where he took on the ever-challenging roles of administrator, researcher and clinician. As an educator, he was a professor of medicine at Oregon Health & Science University. Taking his responsibilities to his family and friends as earnestly as his work, Mader loved to spend time with them by skiing, backpacking, fishing and playing backyard badminton. His father preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, his mother, a brother, two sons and two daughters.

**Jacquie M. Stuhl '78, MAT '03** died Nov. 22, 2012 in Phoenix. She was born in 1956. She attended Parkrose High School before enrolling at Willamette. She taught math for 17 years in Palm Springs, Calif., and enjoyed golf, tennis, warm weather and football. Survivors include a brother.

## 1980s

**Christopher J. Ryan '80** died Oct. 10, 2012 in Redwood City, Calif. He was born in 1958. He was an English and social science teacher at James Logan High School. Survivors include his parents and a sister.

**William R. Adams MBA '82** died Feb. 26, 2013 in Keizer, Ore. He was born in 1953 and graduated from Evergreen State College in 1975. He used his degrees to pursue a passion for serving others, which was reflected in his career pursuits — including working for Hillcrest, Oregon State University, Fairview, University of Wisconsin Madison and No Meth. His strengths in organizing culminated in his co-creation of Serving Our Veterans At Home (SOVAH), a nonprofit aiding community veterans in accessing services and benefits. He was an accomplished cook, a tremendous vocalist, a devoted husband, and a loving father. He served his church through parish council and sang in the church choir. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

## 1990s

**Polly T. Lenon '93** died Feb. 16, 2013 in Dallas, Ore. She was born in Evanston, Ill. in 1971 and moved to Dallas in 1974. She loved training and showing her quarter horse, white water rafting, scuba diving and riding her Harley Davidson motorcycle. Her careers included Hillcrest Youth Authority group life coordinator, legal secretary and data specialist for Marion County district attorney, resort manager in Fiji, and manager at Salem Scuba and Travel, Hear No Evil, American Motorcycle Classics, and the Fifty Pub and Grub; a construction worker, sales representative for supplemental health insurance, dive boat chef, and web designer. Survivors include her parents.

## 2000s

**Gwynevere R. Fitzgerald '10** died March 15, 2013 in Portland. She was born in Pasadena, Calif. in 1987. She attended St. Mary's Academy, Willamette and University of Portland, where she studied both politics and history. While completing her education, she worked as a paralegal for the law firm Vial and Fotheringham of Portland, and hoped to one day become a lawyer. Survivors include her parents and grandparents.

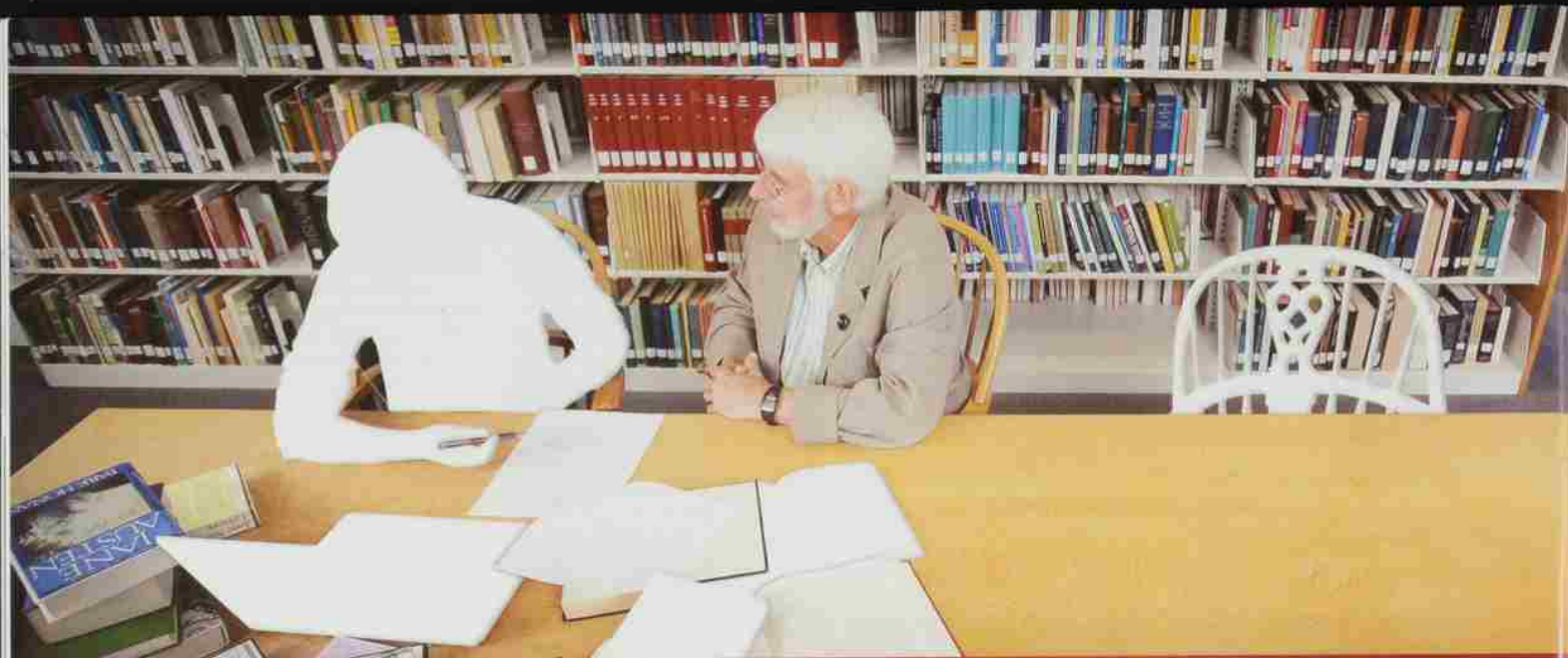
## Faculty



**Steve Prothero** died March 1, 2013 in Keizer, Ore. In 1939, he was born in Portland, where he lived until moving to Hermiston, Ore., at the age of 8. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics from Oregon State University. As one of the longest-serving faculty members in its history, he taught mathematics at Willamette University for 46 years, from 1963 to

2009. Equally dedicated to athletics, he coached the men's golf team for a remarkable 43 years from 1966 to 2009 and the women's golf team from 1995 to 2002, winning many honors along the way. In recognition of his coaching excellence and dedication, he was elected to the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2013. In addition, he served the university in many other ways, traveling all around the northwest region to recruit talented students and serving on many committees to improve the campus community. A champion of liberal arts education, he valued great teaching, coaching and mentoring at the university. He was a Salem city tennis champion, an Oregon state badminton singles champion, played basketball in high school, pitched for the Willamette faculty softball team, climbed most of the Cascade peaks, played volleyball, hiked and cross-country skied. An avid bicyclist, he served many years on the Bicycle Safety Committee, working to improve the safety of roads in Keizer and Salem for bicyclists. He also loved science and was fascinated by mathematics, physics, aviation, astrophysics and space exploration. He belonged to the Salem Pilots Association for more than 30 years and flew many times to destinations throughout the country. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren.





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### Winter 2013 Reader Responses

(1) Jane (Gray) York '54 called in to say that the pair might have been Janet Gilliland '51 and Jim Jackson '53. Donna (Rohlfing) Wood '57 couldn't pick out the couple, but she recognized the view, mentioning having to climb the steps up to this Waller Hall viewpoint — every hour on the hour — following a Glee bet loss.

(3) Pam Duplantis '89 recognized (left to right) Lisa Wence '89, Erin Weeks '89 and herself in this playful shot.

(4) Many alumni spotted former Dean of Women Regina Ewalt — and many shared stories of her prohibitions against men and women sitting on blankets together, etc. The readers are: Donna (Rohlfing) Wood '57, Jane (Gray) York '54, Art Imel '54, Gail (Larsen) Joseph '61, Carolyn (Milner) Lancaster '57, Terry (Boyd) Daley '61, Tom Yates '50, Doris (Gragg) Sherry '50, Fred VanNatta '60, Nancy (Weeks) Federici '60, Lafayette (Showacy) Pratt '50, Phil Henderson '59, Sallie (Cheavens) Verrette '54, and Sue (Meyer) Hart '64.

### Wrong Names?

Leslie (Roberts) Buckley '97 read the reader responses to a Fall 2012 photo (number 3) and wrote that we might have been mistaken. "They are, from left to right, Carrie (Heuberg) Senn '98, Michelle (Cruver) Alejano '98, Shannon Knepper '98, Joanna (Moogk) Camp '98, and Melissa (Norberg) Lundsgaard '98," she says. Jill (Olin) Gentes '98 and Jennifer (Andrews) Dawson '96 corroborated.