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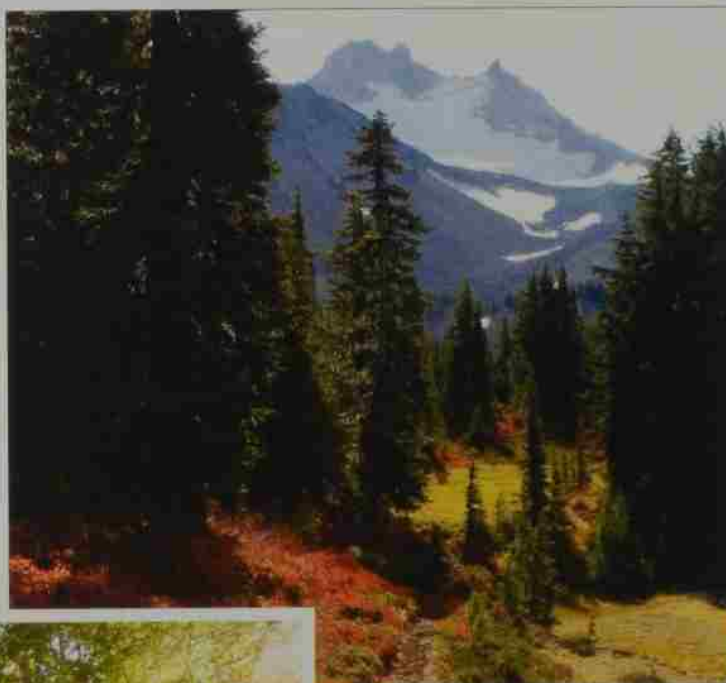
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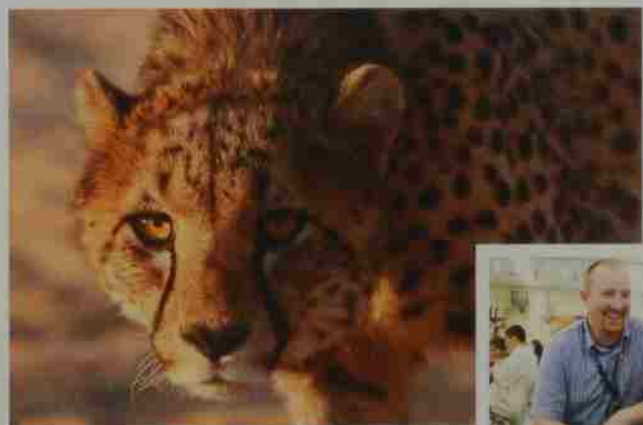
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



We understand the choices we make now affect the lives of present and future generations. This is the heart of a liberal education.

Willamette University's core values are deeply rooted in what one might call our "human-ness." This essential humanness is reflected, for instance, in the relatively small scale of our academic activities — activities that permit us to be attentive and vigilant to the particular needs of individual students. Willamette's culture of community service and outreach is another example of how our educational mission reinforces an essential human virtue. And, of course, the value that we place on interdisciplinary studies, especially on those that have a broad application to human life, manifest this core value.

During the last several months, I have been engaged in thoughtful conversations with faculty, students, trustees and staff about Willamette's future. I have been particularly concerned to identify academic initiatives that meet a three-pronged test: (1) they represent values recognized widely as essential to our academic mission; (2) they cross disciplines as well as schools and colleges; and (3) they have the capacity to distinguish Willamette as well as make us distinctive, thereby enhancing academic excellence.

These conversations are ongoing, and they have, in very helpful ways, informed certain aspects of my vision of Willamette in the future.

Sustainability — the idea that all individuals and organizations should consider actively their impact on the environment, on the availability of resources, and on the generations that will follow, and proceed in a way that can be sustained with the least detrimental impact — has emerged as worthy of renewed University focus.

Over the past two years, Willamette has undergone a process of re-committing our community to sustainability in ways that will make the University a better place to work, study and live. Through the work of Willamette's Sustainability Council — comprising students, faculty and staff campuswide — we have been able to promote interdisciplinary study related to sustainability and the environment, improve sustainability and environmental literacy in our curricula, develop activities that enhance awareness of sustainability and the environment, foster strategic initiatives that will have the effect of creating a sustainable culture in University activities, and promote sustainable best practices in the design of new buildings and the renovation of existing buildings.

Sustainability extends beyond environmental to social and economic issues that affect our future. Considered within the context of civic engagement, sustainability is powerful, for it reaffirms a core University value while creating opportunities for practical outcomes that benefit the surrounding community of which we are an essential part.

I believe the Willamette community can agree that sustainability is at the center of what we do as an institution seeking to live by its profound motto, *Not unto ourselves alone are we born*. Whether we are encouraging our students to use their talents to improve the well-being of the communities in which they live, or whether we are working to secure the financial soundness of this institution itself, we understand the choices we make now affect the lives of present and future generations. This is the heart of a liberal education.

This issue of *The Scene* highlights the efforts and achievements of two Willamette alumni who, through their respective careers, have championed preservation and restoration; the collaborative and interdisciplinary teaching and research efforts of two Willamette professors, and our students' passion for learning about and actively promoting sustainability, conservation and preservation in all aspects of University life, and beyond.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "M. Lee Pelton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

M. Lee Pelton
President

EDITOR'S NOTE

Little Actions, Big Difference

Waiting at a light on my way home the other night, I watched a small older woman in a plush beige jogging suit cross the busy intersection. I was struck by her elaborately coiled hair — and by the half-full garbage bag she carried. Reaching the opposite curb, she crouched in the gutter, and with the same hands that had so deftly gathered and pinned those elegant twists, she gathered sticky plastic cups, crumpled cigarette butts, gum wrappers and other litter discarded by thoughtless drivers and passersby. She stuffed the items in the bag and moved on, unconcerned by the traffic whizzing by.

Some take action while others still debate: Is the sky really falling?

Reports of environmental crisis fill airwaves and newspapers, and popular magazines offer advice on how to green up your family and detox your house. Yet former Vice President Al Gore warns Congress of a "planetary emergency" and meets resistance from naysayers and opponents. A 2006 report by the Pew Research Center says Americans have little con-

cern over global warming while an MIT report issued just months later says there is not only an increasing national recognition of the problem of climate change, there is a growing willingness to do something about it.

Within the Willamette community, there is more than recognition and willingness. There is decisive action. There is no question of *whether*, only *when* and *what can we do*? Students, staff, faculty and alumni all answer: We can reestablish wetlands. We can create awareness in residence halls. We can protect mountain ranges, old growth forests and endangered species while sustaining local communities. We can provide fair wages. We can give up the car keys and turn off the lights. We can live our beliefs.

As you read this issue of *The Scene*, we hope you are inspired to find ways to make sustainable practices part of your life. If everyone will take even little actions — whether bicycling to work or picking up litter on your neighborhood streets — we can all make a big difference.



Rebecca Brant
Editor

The Scene Goes Green

Note: We at *The Scene* are making our own commitment to sustainability. With this issue, the magazine is now printed on paper that is 10 percent post-consumer fiber, that meets EPA and FTC guidelines, and that is harvested from well-managed domestic forests. It is printed with soy-based inks on a new sheet size that maximizes usage and minimizes trim waste. All trimmings are recycled by the printing vendor. Making this switch will save 14.43 trees, 6,129 gallons of water, 10.22 million BTUs, 678 pounds of solid waste, 41.66 pounds of water-borne waste and 1,335 pounds of net greenhouse gases.



TIDBITS & BRIEFS



Willamette Sweeps Oregon Sports Awards

Former Willamette track and field and cross country athlete Nick Symmonds '06 and current Bearcat cross country and distance runner Sarah Zerzan '08 were chosen as the 2006 Ad Rutschman Male and Female Small College Athletes of the Year at the 55th Annual Oregon Sports Awards in February.

Zerzan claimed the women's NCAA Division III Cross Country National Championship in November, becoming Willamette's first national champion in cross country. She earned a triple championship this year, as she won the NCAA, West Regional and Northwest Conference individual titles. She was recently nominated for the NCAA Division III Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year. Read more about Sarah Zerzan on the Willamette homepage: www.willamette.edu.

Symmonds continues his winning ways. While he just missed running the fastest mile in the world by 2/100ths of a second in mid-January, he made up for it two weeks later when he claimed the world title in the 800 meters. The race was aired on ESPN, and Symmonds has garnered national attention on numerous websites including RunnersWeb, USA Track & Field News, American Track & Field Athlete News, eliterunning.com and coolrunning.com, carrying Willamette's name with him into the athletic spotlight. Symmonds has signed with Nike and is running — 70 miles a week — toward the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

One of a Kind Atkinson Lecture

Two of the nation's most gifted writers, one a poet and the other a playwright, shared the stage in Smith Auditorium March 20 to discuss the nexus of art and politics in America. Former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky and Pulitzer Prize recipient Tony Kushner closed out the 2006-07 Atkinson Lecture Series at Willamette.

Kushner's plays include *A Bright Room Called Day*, *Angels in America*, *Homebody/Kabul*, and *Caroline or Change*. He wrote the screenplays for the Mike Nichols film of *Angels in America* and Steven Spielberg's *Munich*. Among his many accolades, Kushner is the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, two Tony Awards for Best Play, three Obie Awards for playwrighting.

Pinsky, U.S. Poet Laureate from 1997-2000, is the author of six acclaimed collections of poetry, most recently *Jersey Rain*. His collection *The Figured Wheel* was a Pulitzer Prize nominee and received the Lenore Marshall Award and the Ambassador Book Award of the English Speaking Union. He was elected in 1999 to the American Academy of Arts and Letters and his poems appear in magazines such as *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Threepenny*, *American Poetry Review* and frequently in the Best American Poetry anthologies. Pinsky teaches in the graduate writing program at Boston University.

The Atkinson Lecture series has welcomed world leaders, authors, actors, scientists and educators to campus since its founding in 1956.

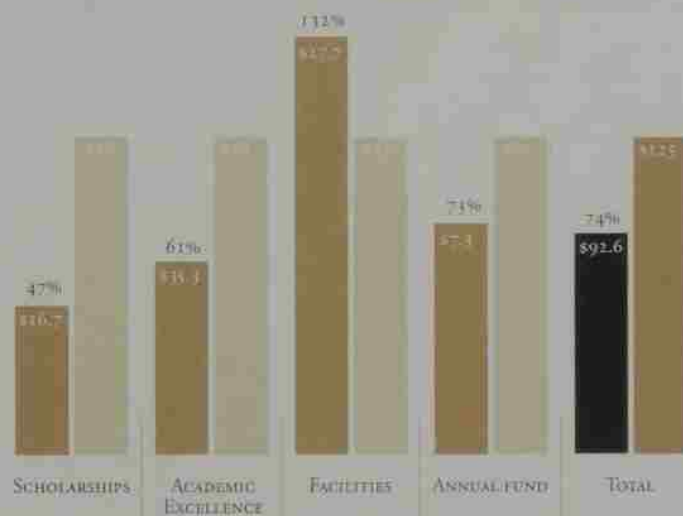


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CAMPAIGN INITIATIVES UPDATE



Willamette Celebrates Recent Gifts

The Campaign for Willamette is coming off a record-breaking year, having raised more than \$25 million in the last 13 months. The Campaign total now stands at \$92.6 million toward a goal of \$125 million. Recent gifts exemplify the diversity and depth of donor participation in the Campaign.

- A Willamette staff member and spouse, who wish to remain anonymous, recently contributed a gift of real estate valued at approximately \$1 million, designated to assist with deferred maintenance projects on campus.
- The JELD-WEN Foundation of Klamath Falls, Ore., has pledged \$2.5 million to the Atkinson Graduate School of Management to endow a faculty chair in free enterprise, the fourth endowed chair at AGSM. This gift, the largest in Atkinson's history, moves the school to more than 50 percent of its Campaign goal of \$8.5 million.
- The Spirit Mountain Community Fund has awarded \$50,000 to the University to support Willamette Academy and the Chemawa Indian School-Willamette University Partnership Program. Both help at-risk students graduate from high school and prepare for college.
- A \$50,000 gift from Frederick Wert '71 will serve as the initial endowment for a student-faculty collaborative research program in sustainability. The goal is to develop programming and funding for this initiative much like that for the Science Collaborative Research Program.



Exhibit Travels to New Zealand

The Pataka Museum of New Zealand has accepted a proposal from Professor Rebecca Dobkins and the Hallie Ford Museum of Art to bring a version of the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts print exhibition to New Zealand. The exhibit will open in February 2008 in conjunction with Wellington's International Festival of the Arts, which features hundreds of arts organizations from more than two dozen countries.

The First Crow's Shadow Institute Biennial at the Hallie Ford Museum featured a juried selection of contemporary prints created by Native American artists at the Crow's Shadow Institute on the Umatilla Reservation in northeastern Oregon. Founded by Native American painter and printmaker James Lavadour (Walla Walla) in 1992, the institute seeks to create educational and professional opportunities for Native American artists to utilize their art as a vehicle for economic development.

Dobkins, faculty curator of Native American art at the museum, was a finalist for the National Society of Collegiate Scholars' 2006 Faculty of the Year Award.

TIDBITS & BRIEFS



Cellist Wu Plays Carnegie Hall to Benefit Darfur

Cellist and music faculty member Hekun Wu joined some of the world's finest musicians on stage at Carnegie Hall in January. Their performance of Verdi's Requiem was a benefit for relief efforts in the war-ravaged Darfur area of Sudan.

As well as being music director and conductor for the Salem Chamber Orchestra, Wu is a world-class cellist who has performed throughout Europe, Asia and the U.S. He was part of a specially assembled orchestra including members of the New York Philharmonic, the Berlin Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra and others.



Kaneko Commons

Opens a New Chapter

Students, staff, faculty and dignitaries from Japan enjoyed the booming of taiko drums and the sweet taste of green tea ice cream at the traditional Japanese dedication ceremony in February for Kaneko Commons, the University's new residential commons project.

The ceremony reflected Kaneko's focus on Japanese heritage, which stems from Willamette's long-standing relationship with Tokyo International University (TIU) in Kawagoe, Japan. "This is a new era for Willamette University and one worthy of our mutual commemoration," Willamette President M. Lee Pelton said at the ceremony.

The 72,000-square-foot Kaneko Commons, which opened to students in August, features two community kitchens and nine student room options, including four-bedroom apartments. A three-story atrium houses the Japanese-themed Kaneko Café. Kaneko introduces the residential commons concept at Willamette, one that includes self-government and a substantial faculty presence along with three themes — sustainability, Japanese heritage and community service — to encourage intellectual stimulation beyond the classroom.

Kaneko Commons was built to meet the standards for LEED silver and possibly gold certification. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is a U.S. Green Building Council rating system that is a benchmark for sustainable building practices.



Ancient Glass: SELECTIONS FROM THE RICHARD BROCKWAY COLLECTION
MARCH TO MAY 30, 2007'S HALLIE FORD MUSEUM OF ART



Flowing in the Hallie Ford
MUSEUM OF ART, 2007

Museum Features Ancient Glass and Senior Art Majors

The Hallie Ford Museum of Art has two shows remaining in its 2006-07 season. Ancient Glass: Selections from the Richard Brockway Collection, including pieces from 1500 BCE to the 6th century CE, will be on display through May 19 in the Study Gallery. The exhibition features 46 pieces from the Richard Brockway collection, considered one of the finest private collections of ancient glass in the nation.

Brockway is a 1957 graduate of Willamette University and a retired GTE engineer who is now director of Ancient Art International. He presented a slide show and lecture April 2 in the Roger Hull Lecture Hall at the museum.

The Brockway collection features glass from Egypt, the Near East, Greece and Rome, including drinking vessels, tableware, toiletry vessels and a host of other glass items that demonstrate the ancient glass artists' skill and mastery. A variety of glassmaking techniques are represented in the collection, including rod forming, core forming, mold casting, free blowing and mold blowing.

An exhibition featuring Willamette's senior art majors will be on display through May 13 in the Melvin Henderson-Rubio Gallery. The show will include a variety of media, including sculpture, painting, printmaking, drawing and ceramics.

In January the museum added Sunday hours from 1 to 5 p.m. The museum is also open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Indian Country Conversations Continue

Two Northwest tribal leaders discussed ancestral rights and responsibilities on Founders Day, Feb. 1, as part of the University's Indian Country Conversation series.

Carol Craig, public information manager for the Yakama Nation Fisheries Program, and Louis Pitt, director of government affairs and planning for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, spoke about the history of the Columbia River tribes as well as treaties negotiated with the U.S. government in the 19th century.

The series continues Tuesday, April 24, when Wilma Mankiller (above) returns to the Willamette campus. Mankiller is the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe. She is the 1998 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor. From 1985-99 she served as chief of the Cherokee Nation, the second largest tribe in the U.S. She received an honorary doctor of public service degree from Willamette when she spoke at the 2005 Commencement.

For more information, contact Professor Rebecca Dobkins at rdobkins@willamette.edu.

TIDBITS & BRIEFS



Lead Gifts Received, Architect Named for New Academic Building

The largest personal donation in the history of Willamette University will assist in constructing a \$16-million, 46,000-square-foot academic building to house the departments of mathematics, computer science, and rhetoric and media studies, as well as programs in digital arts, film studies, and arts and technology.

The \$10 million total includes an \$8 million gift from an anonymous donor, plus a \$2 million contribution from members of the University's Board of Trustees. The remaining \$6 million will be raised through ongoing fundraising efforts.

Hennebery Eddy Architects Inc. of Portland has been selected to design the new building, which will be located on the northeast corner of campus near Gatke Hall, running parallel to State Street. Groundbreaking is scheduled for fall 2008 with a completion date set for spring 2010.

WU Earns No. 9 Peace Corps Ranking

Willamette University moved up 15 spots this year in the Peace Corps' rankings for colleges and universities with the most alumni volunteers. With 20 alumni currently serving around the world, Willamette ranks No. 9 on the top 25 list for schools with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. WU tied with Lewis & Clark College and the University of Denver.

Since the Peace Corps' inception in 1961, 265 Bearcats have joined its ranks. They have served in 79 countries, with top destinations including the Philippines, Costa Rica, Mali, Paraguay, Peru and Thailand.

In 2004, Peace Corps officials formally presented the University with a Certificate of Appreciation that states "The graduates of Willamette University have been an integral part of Peace Corps' success overseas and its legacy here at home."

Ellis Named Oregon Researcher of the Year



The Oregon Academy of Science honored Political Science Professor Richard Ellis as its 2007 Outstanding Oregon Researcher. Ellis, the Mark O.

Hatfield Professor of Politics, has written or edited a dozen books on the American presidency and political culture.

His most recent book, *To the Flag: The Unlikely History of the Pledge of Allegiance*, has been featured on National Public Radio's *Fresh Air* and in newspapers across the country. It was selected a Citizens Read book of the month in Portland, was the Library Journal's best-selling book in politics and law, won the 2005 Langum Prize in Legal History and won an honorable mention from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights. *To the Flag* is a compelling history of how the Pledge of Allegiance developed in response to anxieties about immigration and "alien" ideas such as Communism.

The award typically goes to researchers in the hard sciences. This year's nomination is particularly intriguing as it represents a broader scope for Oregon's Academy of Science.

"I'm delighted that the nomination has gone to someone in the social sciences," says Jeff Myers, president of the Oregon Academy of Science and geology professor at Western Oregon University. "Ellis' students are clearly lucky to share his insight and experience."

The Oregon Academy of Science promotes science education and scientific research in the state, encouraging communication among Oregon scientists and mentoring new generations of scientists in Oregon high schools.



Talking Across the Divide

Laura Leete, director of Willamette's Public Policy Research Center, organized the University's second Senate Leadership Institute, a two-day workshop on campus in January for senators to discuss government ethics, negotiation skills and budgets in a non-partisan setting. Senators from around the state attended, and friendly rivalry was interspersed with collaboration and team building activities. The Oregon Senate President's Office asked Willamette to organize the event.

"You and I do not have the luxury of not getting along," said Senate President Peter Courtney in closing the 2007 institute. "If we do not figure out a way to get along—and we're not always going to agree—then we fail in our mission."

Willamette's Public Policy Research Center concentrates on community-based research and outreach, with a recent focus on poverty and hunger in Oregon, state forest management and environmental justice.

Memorials Honor Three Students



Kylan Morinaka

The spirits of three Willamette students, all members of the Class of 2007, will live on through scholarships and other memorial tributes.

Kylan Morinaka, a senior psychology major from Nyssa, Ore., died Nov. 9 of complications from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gehrig's disease. He was diagnosed with the progressive neurodegenerative disease last June. Morinaka was a past president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, supervisor of intramural sports and a member of the psychology and chemistry clubs.



Logan Will

Four of Morinaka's friends—Kevin Dean '06, Jonathan Irizarry '06, Alex MacKenzie '06 and Wesley Randall '06—organized a coast-to-coast bike ride to raise money for the ALS Association. MacKenzie, Dean and Randall, all members of SAE, started the ride Jan. 10 and recently reached their destination in Florida. Irizarry tracked their progress from Salem. To donate to their cause and read the blog they kept from the road, go to www.coast2coast4kalan.net.



Birl Shultz

Logan Will, a senior politics major, died Nov. 22 after a car crash while heading home to Grants Pass, Ore., for Thanksgiving. He was a member of the Willamette University Debate Union, and he was one of the top parliamentary debaters in the nation. Will was president of the College Democrats and actively engaged in Oregon's political affairs.

The debate program has established the Logan Will Memorial Fund to give an annual academic award to an outstanding debater. Contributions to the fund may be made payable to Logan Will Fund—Willamette University, and mailed to Robert Trapp, Gatke Hall, Willamette University, 900 State St., Salem, OR 97301.

Birl Shultz died unexpectedly on a plane home after visiting friends in Finland in summer 2005. Shultz was a class senator and served as a member of the finance board of the Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU). With his passion for cuisine, he was a natural fit as chair of the ASWU food committee and representative to Bon Appetit, the campus catering service. The menu of the new Kaneko Café in Kaneko Commons includes "The Birl" burger in memory of Shultz. His parents, Peter and Marilyn Shultz of Carlton, Ore., created a memorial scholarship in his name; it will be awarded for the first time this fall.

This year's Senior Class Gift will be donated in memory of these three young men. For more information, see the story on p. 58.

Scene Receives Top Honors



The Scene captured six awards in the recent 2007 CASE District VIII Communications Awards competition in Boise, Idaho. The magazine won Silver in the overall periodicals competition; three individual articles won Gold for writing; the summer 2006 "Research" issue won Gold for overall writing; and the fall 2006 "Sept. 11" issue was awarded a Grand Gold for writing—the highest writing award given.

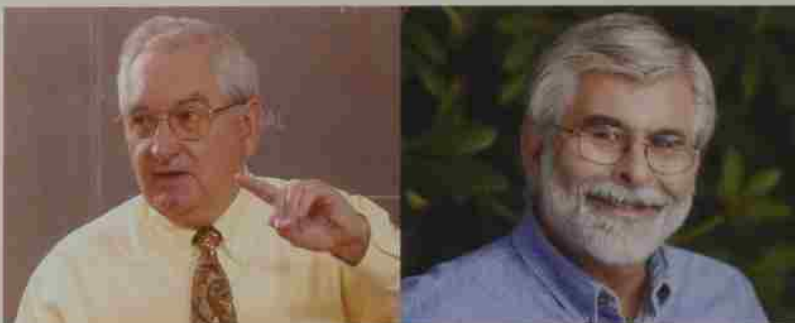
Overall WU's Office of Communications garnered 28 awards for periodicals; photography; student, alumni, fund-raising and special audience publications; visual design; websites; and writing.

Nearly 40 of the 119 institutions in District VIII submitted award entries. Willamette received more than any other institution, public or private.

TIDBITS & BRIEFS

2007 Faculty Awards Announced

Ten faculty members were recognized for their outstanding teaching and dedication at the annual Faculty Awards Ceremony in February.



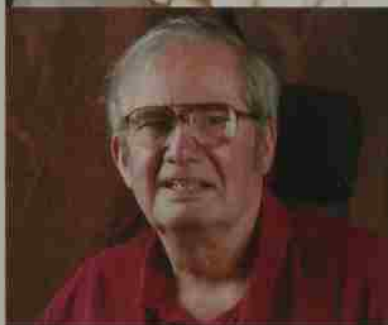
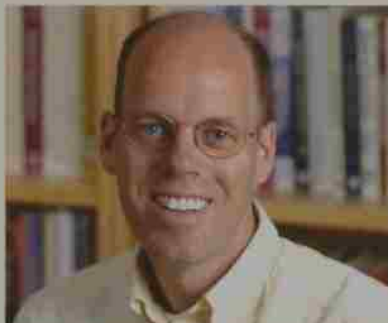
The United Methodist Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service was presented to two faculty members in honor of the extraordinary impact a professor can have both in the classroom and in the larger community. Lane McGaughey, professor of religious studies (top left), was honored for his legendary ability to nurture and inspire students, for his classroom presence, and for his personal and professional involvement in service to the University, the community and his profession. Fred Thompson, the Grace and Elmer Goudy Professor of Public Management and Policy Analysis at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management, was recognized for more than 20 years of excellence in teaching both core and elective courses, for his work in developing the Certificate in Public Management Program, and for his contribution to the United Nations Development Program's Blue Ribbon Commission on Macedonia.



The Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship, named for the beloved CLA dean, was presented to Ellen Eisenberg, professor of history. The award recognizes the strong relationship between research and the undergraduate experience. Eisenberg was honored for her outstanding contributions to scholarship in her field and her dedication to publishing and presenting her work.



For the first time in University history, the Jerry E. Hudson Award was presented to a team. College of Law Dean Symeon Symeonides presented the award to the members of the Legal Research and Writing Team — Edward Harn JD'93, assistant dean of student affairs, and instructors M.H. "Sam" Marcia Jacobson (bottom left), Helen Mazur-Hart JD'83 (bottom right) and Jennifer Todd JD'83 (top left). The team has worked together for more than 10 years to help law students improve their writing skills.



Mortar Board Awards, chosen by Willamette students, went to Anthropology Professor Peter Wogan (top), selected as Professor of the Year, and retiring Chemistry Professor Arthur Payton (bottom), who received the Richard Ilitis Award for a lifetime of exemplary service to the University and his profession.



The Jerry E. Hudson Award for Excellence in Teaching, named for the longtime WU president, was also presented to Bill Duvall, professor of history. Duvall was praised by students and colleagues alike for his ability to raise the level of classroom discourse and his dedication to intellectual rigor.

Math Professors Receive NSF Grant



Assistant Math Professors Inga Johnson and Colin Starr recently received a \$491,400 grant from the National Science Foundation to provide an eight-week summer research experience for math students and teachers.

Johnson and Starr are the leaders of the Willamette Valley Consortium for Mathematics Research, which comprises Willamette University, Linfield College, Lewis & Clark College and the University of Portland.

Each of the schools will host a summer research team of four undergraduates, two faculty members and one teacher from the K-12 or community college level. Each team will focus on a project in number theory, probability and statistics, geometry, computer science or applied analysis. Participants at Willamette will work with Johnson and Starr to study the Frobenius Problem, also known as the "postage stamp problem," a topic in number theory.



(Left to right) Judge Mohan Nair of the Regener Group; Elizabeth Humphrey; Judge Dan Wieden of Wieden + Kennedy; MaryAnn Almeida; Brett Dahlberg; Nick Robinson; Jade Olson; and Judge Sandra McDonough of Portland Business Alliance.

Willamette Students Win Ethics Debate

A team of Willamette students won the second annual Oregon Independent College Foundation Ethics Bowl competition in March at Reed College in Portland.

The Ethics Bowl brings together student teams from the 10 private liberal arts colleges in Oregon to debate real-world ethics cases. Matches were judged by panels of distinguished leaders from across Oregon and Washington.

The students grappled with ethical questions on issues such as the war in Iraq, ship breaking and the environment, journalist confidentiality, Internet privacy and reproductive rights. The Willamette team won all five matches and compiled a record score of 530 of a possible 600 points.

Members of the Willamette team are MaryAnn Almeida, a sophomore politics and Spanish major from Spokane, Wash.; Brett Dahlberg, a freshman undeclared major from Bremerton, Wash.; Elizabeth Humphrey, a senior history major from Dallas, Ore.; Jade Olson, a sophomore rhetoric and media studies major from Hillsboro, Ore.; and Nick Robinson, a sophomore politics major from Norman, Okla.

The team received a trophy and plaque for the University, and each student received a \$1,000 cash award and individual plaque.

Salem Teacher to Research with WU Chemistry Professors



Assistant Chemistry Professors Sarah Kirk and Andrew Duncan received a \$15,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust through the Partners in Science Program. The program provides opportunities for high school science teachers to work with investigators in academic research labs for two summers. Kirk and Duncan have invited Megan Rivera, a science teacher from Sprague High School, to participate in their research this summer and in summer 2008.

Their projects will involve the chemical modification of naturally occurring sugar molecules. Rivera will work with Kirk in 2007 to develop novel antibiotics and with Duncan in 2008 to develop new methods for synthetic organic chemistry.

A primary goal of the Partners in Science program is to help high school teachers revitalize their teaching and enhance their use of inquiry-based methods in their teaching.

Chronicles III Underway

Work has begun on the third volume of the *Chronicles of Willamette*. The first *Chronicles*, published in 1943, covers the first 100 years of Willamette history, while the second volume takes readers through the G. Herbert Smith administration (1942-69). If you have suggestions, submissions or want to volunteer as a researcher, contact Kristi Negri, project manager, at knegri@willamette.edu or 503-375-5341.

TIDBITS & BRIEFS

AGSM Launches Enrollment Campaign

EMPOWER YOURSELF AT WILLAMETTE

The Atkinson Graduate School of Management recently launched a new enrollment campaign, "Empower Yourself at Willamette." Along with monthly First Thursday events in Portland, the Atkinson School and WU's Office of University Relations have partnered with the *Portland Business Journal* to sponsor the Celebration of Lists, 40 Under 40 and Women in Business events. As part of the campaign, Atkinson has established an alumni referral network online to increase MBA applications. For more information go to www.willamette.edu/mba/full-time/empower_someone.

Education Students Serve the Community

School of Education students volunteered last fall at sites across Salem as part of the Professional Action Group (PAG) program. The students read books on social issues before finding community service projects to help them gain awareness of differences between their prior beliefs and their current experiences working with the community. When they become teachers, they use what they learn by having a better understanding of their students' lives outside the classroom.

Activities including building houses for Habitat for Humanity, working with preschoolers from English-as-a-second-language families in high-poverty schools, and mentoring students at an after-school enrichment program.



College of Law Faculty Most Productive in School's History

Willamette's law faculty continues to distinguish itself within the academic community by significantly increasing its scholarly publications. During the past seven years, the faculty increased its total number of publications by 97.6 percent, while individual publications increased by an average of 63.4 percent from the previous seven-year period.

The 29 faculty members who taught at the College of Law between 2000 and 2006 produced a total of 328 publications: 33 books; 180 articles, essays or book chapters; and 115 other materials. Per capita publications for the period were 1.14 books; 6.21 articles, essays or book chapters; and 3.97 other materials — for a total of 11.3 publications per professor.

In addition to advancing knowledge within the academic world, this increase in scholarly productivity further boosts Willamette's reputation within the greater legal community.



Ethics in Practice: Students Learn from the Best

The annual Oregon Ethics in Business (OEIB) program is already underway. Now in its fourth year, the program honors businesses that go beyond the expected in stewardship, social responsibility and environmental sustainability. Willamette MBA students evaluate finalists and prepare reports for the selection committee.

Managing Exchange, a core course in AGSM's full-time MBA program, builds the OEIB experience into the curriculum. Student teams contact the nominees' key stakeholders, managers and employees, and evaluate the companies' financial reports and corporate responsibility programs. The students learn by example the relationship between businesses, the community and the environment in which they operate.

A June banquet will honor three businesses, a non-profit organization and an individual who best represent sound ethical practices in Oregon. For more on the OEIB program, go to www.oregonethicsinbusiness.org.

State Bar Honors WU Law Alumni

Four Willamette College of Law alumni were honored at the 2006 Oregon State Bar Annual Awards Dinner in December. The recipients were recognized for enhancing the lives of Oregonians and the quality of the legal profession.

Richard J. Brownstein LLB'53, who received the OSB President's Affirmative Action Award, was instrumental in creating the bar's Affirmative Action Committee. He served on the committee for many years as both member and chair, and was deeply involved in the program's reauthorization this year.

Jeffrey M. Batchelor JD'72 received the OSB President's Membership Service Award. He has held numerous leadership positions on the Oregon Board of Bar Examiners, the American Academy of Appellate Practitioners, the U.S. District Court of Oregon Historical Society and the Willamette University College of Law's Board of Visitors, among others.

William B. Crow JD'61 also received the OSB President's Membership Service Award. In addition to serving on the OSB Board of Governors, he has made substantial contributions to the state bar, serving on several committees and authoring a symposium on tort law in Oregon. He served on the Willamette University Board of Trustees from 1994-98.

Francisco J. Yraguen JD'70 received the OSB President's Public Service Award for his service to community. He has been an active volunteer in law-related education and was instrumental in bringing the Oregon Supreme Court to hear cases in Malheur County.



Grad Wins National Teaching Award

Larry Conley MAT'99 has received a prestigious \$25,000 national teaching award from the Milken Family Foundation. The Milken National Educator Awards, called the "Oscars of Teaching" by *Teacher Magazine*, make up the nation's largest teacher recognition program and honor up to 100 outstanding elementary educators each year.

Conley teaches third grade at Heritage Elementary School in Woodburn, Ore. He continues to be involved with Willamette's School of Education by working with new student teachers in the classroom and taking classes to obtain his administrative license through the Center for Excellence in Teaching. He will be the featured speaker at the School of Education's Commencement in May.

To read more about Conley, go to http://blog.willamette.edu/stories/archives/2006/11/the_teacher_eve.php.



Ringold Named Interim Dean

Professor of Marketing Debra J. Ringold has been appointed interim dean for the Atkinson Graduate School of Management. James Goodrich became the founding dean of the Marshall Goldsmith School of Management near San Diego, Calif., Feb. 1.

Ringold was recently appointed chair of the board of directors for the American Marketing Association.

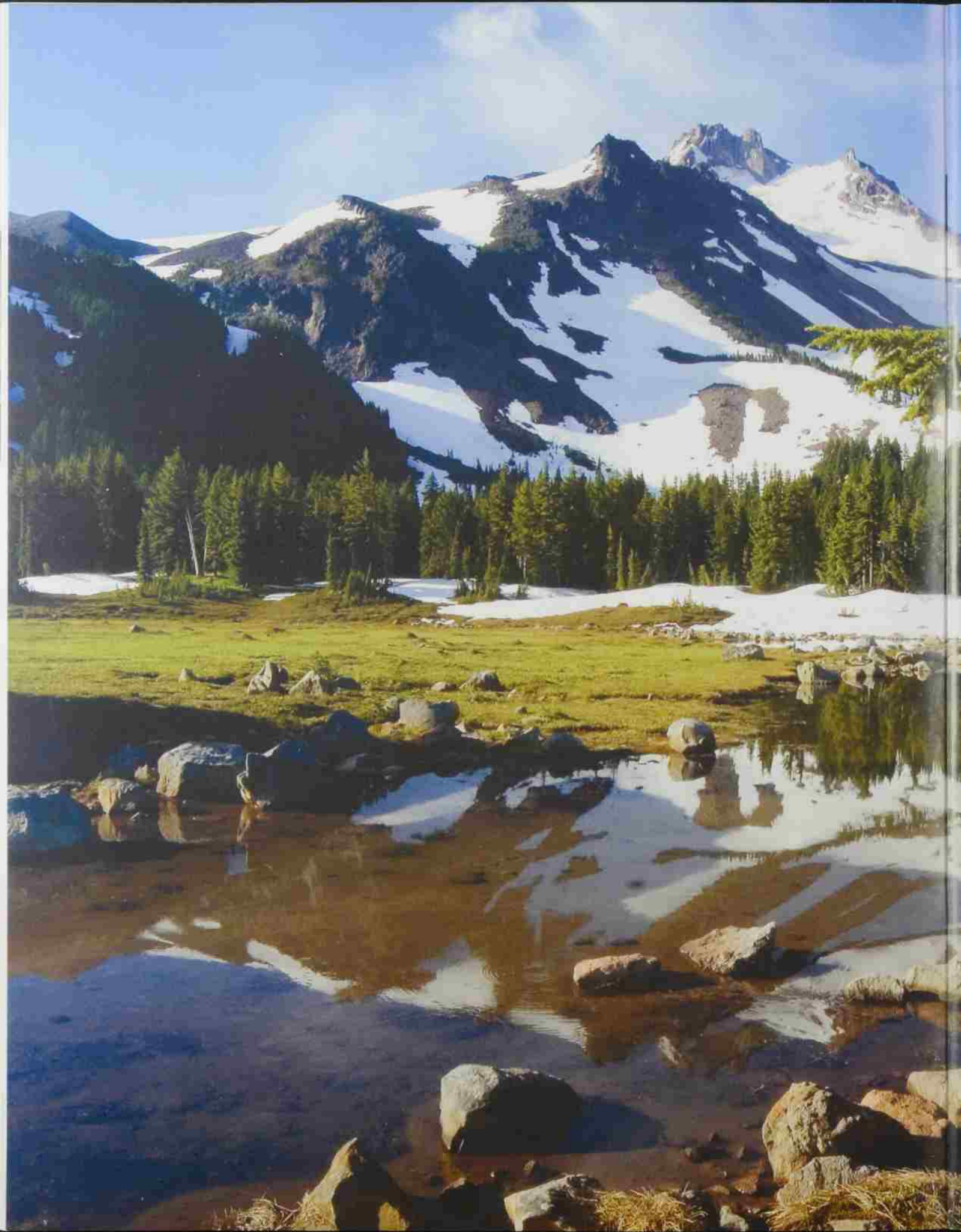
A national search for a permanent dean is underway and will be assisted by a national consulting firm. The search committee comprises members of the Willamette University Board of Trustees and the Atkinson Advisory Board, as well as AGSM faculty, staff and students.

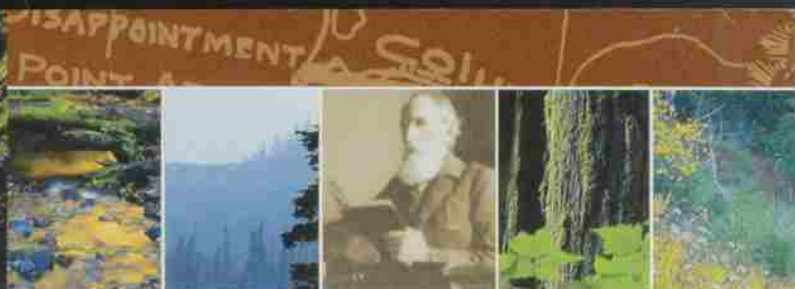
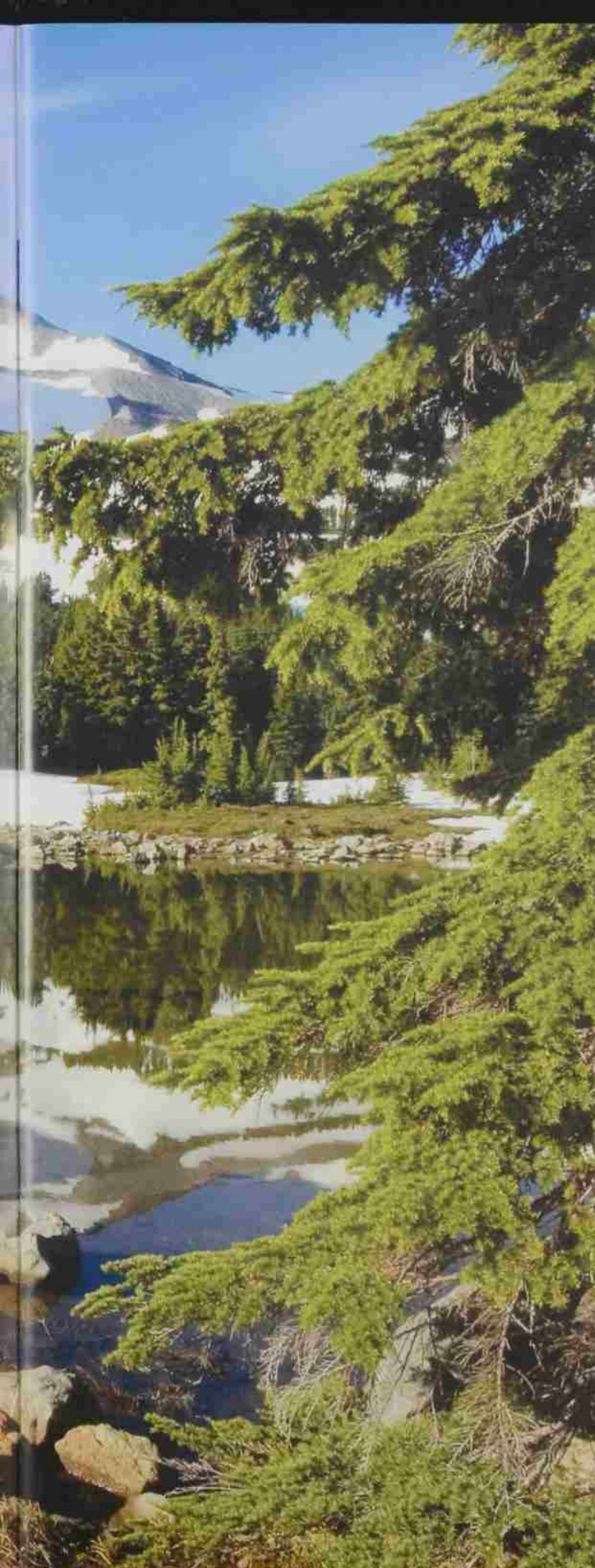
UN Calls on Atkinson Expertise

When the United Nations Development Program needed a fiscal policy expert for its Blue Ribbon Commission on the Republic of Macedonia, they turned to Atkinson's Fred Thompson, the Grace and Elmer Goudy Professor of Public Management and Policy Analysis. Thompson took the lead role in the commission's recommendations on fiscal decentralization, the design of block grants and tax administration. He also worked on the sections of the report relating to banking reform and public debt.

The report comes 15 years after Macedonia's independence from Yugoslavia following a difficult round of reforms for stabilization. According to the commission, additional measures are needed to boost sustainable economic growth in preparation for the country's admittance to the European Union. For more information on the report, go to www.undp.org.mk.

"It was an interesting process," Thompson says. "We pushed the local experts to think outside the box, and they made us respect local conditions and capabilities when choosing between policy alternatives."





Waldo's *Wilderness* Legacy

By Nadene Steinhoff

One of Willamette University's most famous alumni died 100 years ago this September. Although John Waldo, Class of 1863, served in the Oregon Legislature and as chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, he is best remembered for his visionary efforts — and success — in protecting the Cascade Mountain range. Waldo left a wilderness legacy that stretches 250 miles, from Mount Hood in the north through Mount Jefferson, Three Sisters and Crater Lake, and on to Sky Lakes and Mountain Lakes in southern Oregon.

Many Americans are familiar with John Muir, the founder of the modern wilderness preservation movement and the driving force behind the creation of Yosemite National Park. While Muir worked for wilderness protection in California, Waldo introduced legislation to protect Oregon's Cascade Mountains and pled his case all the way to the White House.

Photos courtesy of Richard Yates. Photo of John Waldo courtesy of Salem Public Library Historic Photographs.



Growing up in the "Garden of Oregon"

Waldo was born to pioneer parents in 1844, east of Salem in what are now called the Waldo Hills. There were only seven faculty members — including Jason Lee's daughter Lucy — when he attended "Willamette University," and classes were held in the Old Institute, a three-story wooden building with three classrooms. Waldo and other members of the Class of 1863 paid \$15 in tuition and pored over Latin, Greek, Plato, Homer and "moral science" in addition to reading, writing and arithmetic. They used Webster's dictionary as a classroom manual, a rain gauge donated from the Smithsonian Institute, and engravings of the human stomach meant to illustrate the "evils of drunkenness." When studies got too serious, students rigged a bucket of water over the door to douse an unsuspecting entrant.

Waldo probably picked up the legal trade by apprenticing himself to a lawyer since Willamette's law school wouldn't be established for another 20 years. The capitol city of 4,500 would have been an excellent place to obtain a legal education, as it had more than its share of practicing lawyers. Along the way he married Clara Humason, whom he called "the sweetest of the earth."

The Civil War had just ended, and Oregon's Willamette Valley was still a remote place at the edge of the continent. Although the river valley was home to 40,000 settlers, 90 percent of the land had not yet seen a plow, and oak savannas and prairies stretched for miles. Reporter Samuel Bowles wrote in 1865, "Oregon is ... a revelation. It has rarer natural beauties ... than I had dreamed of." Bowles called the Willamette Valley the "garden of Oregon."

In spite of Waldo's reserved nature, the attorney ran a successful campaign for the Oregon Supreme

Court in 1880. He was elected chief justice in 1884 and served as a progressive Republican in the 1888 Oregon State Legislature. He was known for his gentleness and his charming conversation — likely the result of voracious reading — and was heavily influenced by Thoreau and Emerson and their vision of wilderness as refuge.

Up into the Mountains

Indeed, the wilderness had become Waldo's refuge, but in an unintended way. Sickly as a child, Waldo suffered bouts of asthma all his life. Doctors advised the frail patient to go up into the mountains. The cool, clear air, they said, would prove the tonic he needed.

And the wilderness did heal, but in a more profound way. Waldo developed an intense spiritual connection with the Cascades; they became the defining landscape of his life. Although he considered his farmstead "the fairest spot on the globe," he acknowledged "in the woods I seem at home."

Each summer, Waldo loaded packhorses with flour, cheese and butter, and disappeared for months. He and four or five companions would follow the crest of the sprawling mountain range, exploring from the Columbia River Gorge to California's Mount Shasta. They fished the streams, caught antelope, cooked venison, jerked bear meat and gathered huckleberries. They cooked over campfires, slept in tents and listened to the howls of Oregon's last wolves.

Waldo became intimately familiar with Oregon's flora and fauna. He visited Crater Lake when it was virtually unknown and saw one of the last grizzly bears that roamed the area.

Protecting "Untrammelled Nature"

While the grizzly bears were moving out, the sheep were moving in. In the 1800s, the Cascades were seen as a place to run sheep and draw off timber, and restrictions were unheard of. Before too long, unlimited grazing had left mountain slopes denuded, riverways trampled and watersheds damaged—prodding the reticent judge to embark on a career as Oregon's first conservationist. Waldo's ideas were revolutionary in the late 1800s—and still are. His protectionist vision was not limited to one peak or to a select canyon, but to the entire Cascade range. When he first suggested the outlandish idea to a like-minded friend, the man assumed he was joking.



"Blessed be the mountains and the free and untenanted wilderness. . . . The high wild hills about here, totally unfenced and uncultivated, are good for eyes that would not have the world altogether cut up into cabbage patches."

—John B. Waldo, former Oregon chief justice

Waldo introduced state legislation to protect the Cascades, which passed in the House but failed in the Senate, done in by the sheep industry. Waldo then appealed to President Grover Cleveland, asking him to set aside a large remnant of the state as a forest preserve. The proposal seemed doomed. Oregon's most powerful monied interests sent emissaries to Washington to bend the president's ear in the opposite direction. Waldo responded with a public awareness campaign, urging Oregonians to protect their communal watersheds and pressing home the importance of "communion with untrammelled nature and the free air," up where "the spirit is enlarged."

Letters poured forth from ordinary Oregonians across the state, but the single letter that likely persuaded President Cleveland came from the judge. Waldo's letter reflected his intellect, his intimate knowledge of the Cascades, and his deeply held convictions; it remains one of the great masterpieces of conservationist literature, an eloquent sermon in defense of wilderness. He argued that spiritual interests should be balanced with material interests, and wrote, "A wise government will know that to raise men is much more important than to raise sheep."

President Cleveland upheld Waldo's vision, bequeathing to all Americans the soaring volcanic peaks, pristine lakes and tranquil forests of the Cascade Range Forest Reserve.

The Last Hike

Waldo made his final trip to his beloved Cascades in August 1907. The 63-year-old rode his horse up the familiar trail toward Mount Jefferson and wrote his last journal entry: "Blessed be the mountains and the free and untenanted wilderness. . . . The high wild hills about here, totally unfenced and uncultivated, are good for eyes that would not have the world altogether cut up into cabbage patches."

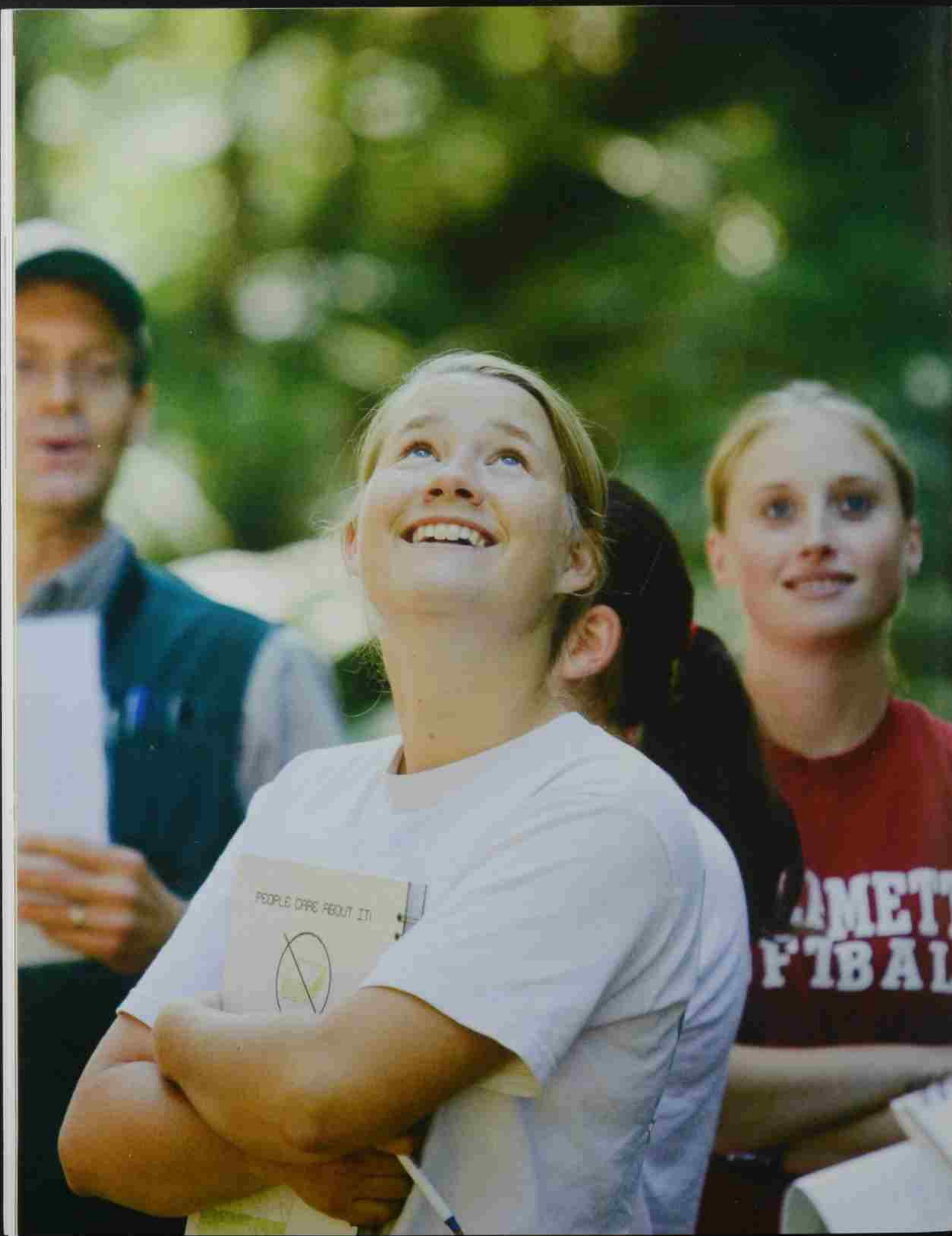
Waldo tried to join some of the younger members of the party on an icy ascent up Jefferson but faltered on a high ridge and turned back. The following day, his asthmatic lungs failing, he was evacuated by stretcher from his lakeside camp and met his dear Clara in the small mountain town of Detroit. He died 12 days later.

Salem's *Capitol Journal* ran its headline in large block letters: Death Claims a Noble Man. "He grew up in touch with nature . . . a man such as nature's teaching molds. To him the mountains with their purpling canyons and glittering snow peaks were a book to which there was no end."

The name of this Willamette alumnus is imprinted across the landscape, including his namesake, Waldo Lake, which forms the headwaters of the Willamette River. Deep and almost perfectly clear, it is one of the purest bodies of water in the world.

The Cascade Range Forest Reserve, Waldo's legacy, has evolved into 19 federally protected wilderness areas, and like Waldo, Oregonians have come to define themselves by the sweeping mountain range that forms the backbone of their landscape.

Judge John B. Waldo: Oregon's John Muir was written by Salem naturalist Bobbie Snead. The book covers Waldo's life and accomplishments, and includes historic photos, original journal entries and letters. It is available at the Willamette Store on campus.





SEEING

the Forest and the Trees

By Sarah Evans

Dark, dense and mysterious, the Northwest's forests once were feared by early settlers, who saw the shadowy woods as something to avoid. That was before they realized the economic value of the forests, whose trees could be felled and sold as timber to build houses, furniture and other commodities. Conservationists wanting to preserve the trees' quiet beauty worried over unchecked cutting and the difficulty of replanting on the region's rocky slopes; their battles to preserve their revered retreats planted the seeds from which grew the first policies governing forest management.

While forward-thinkers have always contemplated the beauty and balance of our planet, it wasn't until about three decades ago that people started truly understanding the ecological complexities of forests, both the trees and the creatures who dwell among them. Consider the spotted owl controversies that followed in the 1980s. Today the interrelationship between the ecology of healthy forests and the policies that manage them is the subject of numerous scientific studies, controversial planning decisions and vigorous debate — as well as a course at Willamette University, situated in the heart of some of the most recognized forestland in the country.

Karen Arabas, associate professor of environmental science, is an expert in forest fire history and ecology, having spent countless hours researching the ecological history of trees in central Oregon. Joe Bowersox, associate professor of politics, worked as a congressional fellow in the U.S. Senate as the Healthy Forest Initiative was developed and knows the intricacies of forest management policies. The two joined forces eight years ago to teach the interdisciplinary Forest Ecology and Policy course.

Offered every other year, the class is now required for all environmental science majors, and many politics students also enroll.

"One of the fun things about this course is we can show how a lot of different forces work to push the ecological research and the policy of forests," Arabas says.

A week's worth of field trips are fun as well, though students must return to campus weeks before the semester begins. They trek across the state to visit the forest-related sites that will be at the center of their lessons — touring a lumber mill in Roseburg, exploring the site of the Biscuit Fire in the Siskiyou National Forest, stopping at Crater Lake and traveling on to the Metolius Preserve in Central Oregon, among other sites.

Different agencies manage land in different ways as they try to strike a balance between forest health and socioeconomic needs — and the students should see that firsthand, Bowersox and Arabas say. So as part of their excursions, students meet the professionals who put the policies into

practice, including foresters from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Oregon Department of Forestry.

"When the Oregon Department of Forestry first started coming up with a management plan, they brought in scientists because they wanted to know 'How can we keep this forest healthy while still meeting our harvest objectives?'" Arabas says. "A lot more research money is now put into studying ecology, and we have many class discussions about the feedback between that research and the actual policy. We take the students out to the forest to help them see how different disturbances play out on the landscape. Then we spend the rest of the course wrestling with these ecological and policy issues."

Learning to Balance

It's a sunny day in August, and the class trails Walt Kastner, a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) forester, on a hike down through the Nestucca River watershed area until they reach 10 acres of old growth on BLM land. "What I really want you to do here is look around," he says when he finally stops.

There is a hallowedness to the place. Students note large trees, numerous species, high canopy cover, forest floor strewn with dead wood, and profound silence. "The thing to keep in mind here is how



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—Karen Arabas, associate professor of environmental science

complex and irregular this looks," Kastner says. "Some of these trees are about 450 years old. We can try to groom other areas to have these characteristics, but we'll never be able to recreate this old growth." He speaks with a respect bordering on reverence.

Certain bird species, including spotted owls and marbled murrelets, find sanctuary in these venerable forests, whose qualities make them the ideal habitat. By examining old growth areas, scientists can discover much about general forest health, Bowersox says, such as what makes an ecosystem sustainable, or what happens when a fire destroys canopy cover. Even in Oregon, few old growth areas still stand, and in the area the students visit this day, old growth has nearly vanished due to harvesting in the coast range.



Students visit the Roseburg Forest Products mill in Coquille, Ore.

After hiking back to the road, students pile into vans and travel to another site nearby, a 50-acre area of managed forest that was part of the Phoenix Project timber sale. The bulk of these trees were about 70 years old when the area was logged in 1998; enough wood was removed to build 73 single-family homes. Here Kastner notes the steps BLM took to mimic old growth and preserve the area's health — leaving four of the largest cut trees on the ground as food to prevent bark beetles from attacking those trees still standing, then planting new trees next to downed wood so the saplings won't get uprooted during logging.

"This area is a good example of a federal agency trying new tech-



BLM forester Walt Kastner describes characteristics of old growth in an area of the Nestucca River watershed.

niques to maintain a viable economic product yet still address ecosystem issues," Bowersox says. "It's about learning to balance."

Negotiating that balance is a conversation that has only taken place in the last 15 to 20 years, Bowersox says, and the debate has had a significant impact on the number of trees felled each year. In the late 1980s and early '90s, between 4 billion and 6 billion board feet were removed from federal lands in Oregon and Washington each year (a board foot is 1" x 1" x 1"). Today that number is between 500 million and 900 million.

Oregon's land management practices now include more rules about economic viability and sustained yield, so that local schools and counties can continue receiving financial benefits from logging. Consequently, commercial cutting occurs much more on state lands than federal lands.

On a visit to Crater Lake, the students observe how the National Park Service monitors a fire that has been burning there all summer. Discussing fires' impact on forests, Arabas says disturbances such as insects or fires were once seen only as attacks on an economic commodity, an attitude that prompted agencies to extinguish the blazes immediately. In the 1970s, scientists started recognizing that these disturbances could be critical to forest health. Some species, such as lodgepole pines, actually depend on fires to spread their seeds and create new growth. Differing priorities translate into differing policies about how to approach fires, whether natural fires or controlled burns—a debate that continues to rage at the state and federal level.

Ultimate Reflections

Two months after their summer excursions, as the autumn rains begin in earnest, the students gather in a Collins Science Center classroom, each group poring over ideas for their final research papers. Audrey Squires '07 looks for correlations between large woody debris and the presence of cutthroat trout in creeks. Carl Schruth '07 wants to know if there are connections between the types of land use in Oregon's forests and areas that experience landslides. Michelle Gregoire '07 examines the Elliott State Forest near Coos Bay and whether public comments and scientific reviews have influenced the management plan for the area. "I think this is a really interesting study because it takes into account everything we've talked about in class—the economic, scientific and social interests," says Jeff Hancock '07. "Those are all influential in how people assess the area."

Accounting for all interests and finding a balance—that is the ultimate lesson Arabas and Bowersox hope students will remember as they continue their studies or embark on careers in forest management. It's a mission far beyond that of early conservationists trying to save their beloved retreats, one that requires the next generation to see both the forest and the trees.

Karen Arabas and Joe Bowersox co-edited *Forest Futures: Science, Politics, and Policy for the Next Century*, a collection of essays by scientists, policy analysts and public lands managers that address issues surrounding the future of the nation's forests. To purchase the book, visit the Willamette Store or go to www.thewillamettestore.com.





Cardinal and Gold AND GREEN

By Nadene Steinhoff

As people around the world debate the severity — and veracity — of environmental crisis, a quiet revolution is taking place on college campuses across the nation. Unlike the '60s, no one is marching. No one is burning down buildings. Instead, students are planting vegetable gardens and designing solar roofs.



The tools of revolution for Lindsay Selser '07 are needle nose pliers and box wrenches. The Willamette politics student was low on cash but needed wheels, so she dug through the recycle bin at her local bike shop and built a

bike from the frame out. As she spun around Salem, an idea began to take shape. Perhaps, she thought, one of the only things keeping other students from a bike ride in Minto-Brown Park was a little encouragement, a convenient place to pump up a tire, and a bit of grease monkey know-how to balance out the core curriculum.

Selser wore out an evening writing a Sustainability Mini-Grant proposal. She didn't ask for much — just space in the already crowded University Center for a bike shop where volunteers could give pointers on bike maintenance, and start-up funds to get the wheels rolling. Selser teamed up with Andrew Myer '08 and Courtney Staunton '07, who petitioned for an eight-bike fleet to be loaned to students, residence housekeepers, professors — anyone who wants to give the practice of eco-friendly transportation a spin — and then spent her holiday break stocking up on tire levers and patch kits. Doors opened in March.

In fact, doors are opening across the country, as administrators and professors meet with students to map out a future they believe will be dramatically different from the past. They're trying to figure out just exactly how "business as usual" works when nothing about the state of the planet is usual.

In 2003 a European heat wave left 35,000 dead. In 2004 Hurricane Katrina created hundreds of thousands of environmental refugees. Oregon has received its own wake up calls: scorching temperatures that broke records and fueled massive wildfires, disaster-stage floods and growing dead zones off the coast. The "Inconvenient Truth" of last summer's documentary is — it turns out — incredibly inconvenient.





By utilizing sustainable practices, Gary Grimm (right) helps keep the campus clean and safe for students and ducks alike.

"This whole issue, which seemed very obscure a few years ago, is really coming to the forefront, maybe because nature is taking the lead and saying, 'You've got a real problem here,'" says Jeffrey Sachs, international economist at Columbia University and director of the United Nations' Millennium Project. He believes the discussion will intensify as the world grows hotter, ecosystems continue to collapse on every continent, the energy crisis becomes more acute, and population pressure on diminishing resources widens the already unstable divide between the haves and have-nots. Scientists note that ecosystems aren't the only thing affected. Since the 1940s human sperm production has inexplicably fallen by more than 50 percent, and breast cancer risk has tripled, with more than half of all new breast cancer cases attributed to environmental toxins.

Most news about the environment these days is bad news, but in some quarters, the gravity of the challenge is bringing out the best in people — more collaboration, more cross-platform thinking, more meaningful dialogue about our responsibility as humans. Cities and states across the nation have pledged to reduce carbon emissions in an effort to slow global warming. In Oregon, Portland is transforming an industrial wasteland into the \$2.2 billion South Waterfront community, the first mega-scale "green" redevelopment in the nation, according to *USA Today*.

But government and corporate entities cannot transition to a sustainable society without the support of academia. "Higher education institutions bear a profound moral responsibility to increase the awareness, knowledge and values needed to create a sustainable future," says Anthony Cortese, former dean of environmental programs at Tufts University.

While some believe talk about sustainability is off target, others believe that no educational experience can be meaningful unless it addresses the defining challenge of the 21st century. "Sustainability is about the terms and conditions of human survival, and yet we still educate as if no such crisis existed," says David Orr, chair of Oberlin's Environmental Studies Program.

That's changing, as colleges across the nation take up the call. Long the bastions of isolated scientists who offered dire — and mostly ignored — warnings about species lost and temperatures rising, universities are now infused with the passion of students who will inherit the future we are creating. "We've witnessed an exponential growth in campus sustainability efforts in the last few years," says Judy Walton, executive director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. "The movement seems to be exploding."

Students who grew up with "global warming" in their textbooks and professors who understand the implications of population graphs are sitting down together to define what it means to create sustainable systems, systems where human demand doesn't outstrip the capacity of the natural world to supply resources and absorb waste. They are discussing how to meet the needs of this generation without compromising the needs of future generations, how to rescue a planet whose life support systems have become critically endangered. As Willamette environmental science student Forrest Lindsay-McGinn '08 says, "Ultimately, sustainability is just about increasing our planning horizon."

And they're doing more than talking. Williams College students initiated a "Do It in the Dark" energy conservation campaign, Iona College screen savers announce "Think before you print," and Pacific Lutheran University sponsored a "Can the Can" campaign to cut down on waste. Brown University installed low-flush toilets, and Pitzer College students manage a "green bikes" program. Oberlin's new Center for Environmental Studies hopes to become a net supplier of energy, and Evergreen State College students voted to go 100 percent green in energy purchases.

According to the Oct. 20, 2006, issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, admissions directors report that more students are asking how green campuses are, and many institutions now advertise their efforts. But the same article concluded that although there is a lot of noise, there's less substance. "Relatively few institutions have made major commitments to actually alter their campuses, and even fewer have incorporated sustainability into their teaching and research. . . . For the time

being, most institutions are reaching for low-hanging fruit." Worse, some universities may be "green-washing," *The Chronicle* says, taking minor steps to adopt the appearance of sustainability but avoiding difficult changes.

Willamette Leads the Way

To some though, walking the talk just makes sense—and has for a long time. Willamette shows its true colors—cardinal and gold and green—in many ways. Trace the history of green practices at Willamette, and many stories lead to an old steam heating plant and an "Aw, shucks" kind of forward-thinker. Gary Grimm, now manager of campus operations, remembers the long lines at gas stations during the 1970s energy crisis and the dawning national realization that oil was not only central to our way of life, it was vulnerable to subtle political shifts half a world away.

Grimm took the message to heart. "I took it as my job to save energy and make the University run more efficiently," he says. "The more we save in energy costs, the more money goes to academic programs." Grimm was instrumental in implementing a computerized energy management system, saving the campus \$470,000 the first five years alone. It wasn't easy; he was working with buildings that date back as far as 1867.

Grimm directed facilities crews to buy paint and carpet with low organic volatile compounds in place of more toxic brands, and became proactive about protecting Mill Creek from storm run-off—the oil and antifreeze from parking lots, the pesticides and fertilizers from lawns.

Upstream Meets Downstream

It started with a flood on New Year's Eve. The 2006 deluge sent Mill Creek over its banks and backed up sewers. Small lakes formed on campus.

Mari Burstein '06 decided to incorporate action into the thesis she was writing about watershed councils. The environmental science student sent hundreds of flyers and emails, calling for a town meeting to discuss the formation of a Mill Creek Watershed Council, a citizens' group that would help protect the watershed from pollution, erosion, invasive species—and flooding. That was last spring.

"Here you've got this 22-year-old walking into a roomful of mostly older men representing five cities, urban/rural politics, upstream/downstream politics, and farmers and ranchers across the table from environmentalists who don't understand what's at stake for them," says Assistant Dean of Campus Life Dave Rigsby, who joined the effort. "And she is relentless, navigating through the heat and keeping the conversation on track. It's unprecedented for a full-time student to attempt something like this." Many in the group credit Burstein's calm presence at ongoing meetings with the eventual success of the effort.

Several weeks before her December graduation, Burstein received an early graduation present: Marion County Commissioners voted a unanimous "Yes," and one of Oregon's last unprotected riverways joined nearly 100 formally protected watersheds.



Grimm made it easy for the rest of us to practice sustainability, says Environmental Science Professor Karen Arabas. "Sustainability is really about changing people's behaviors, and some changes are easy because people like Gary have made them invisible."

"As I get older," Grimm says, "I'm seeing changes in the world, and frankly they scare me. What will the world be like for my kids and grandkids if we don't do something? It's not getting better, but I have hope that these little steps can add up."

Putting Power behind the Passion

By 2001, Grimm wasn't the only one wanting change. Seniors in Arabas's 2001 sustainability seminar wanted to take their conversation beyond the classroom. "My sense is that in the wake of 9/11, this group of students felt a need to make a difference," she says. "Sustainability became their passion." They invited President Lee Pelton to class to begin a dialogue—and found a sympathetic ear. A serious hiker for more than two decades, Pelton has a passion for the natural world and a sense of obligation to protect it. He had recently established a loosely organized committee—the Willamette Environmental Sustainability Team—charged with the mission of assessing and implementing sustainable practices on campus, and he invited students to join.

The group, headed by Administrative Services Vice President Jim Bauer, switched paper suppliers so the reams of sheets used each year no longer come from South American rain forests but from a tree farm in the flatlands of eastern Oregon. The University signed on as a pioneer institution with Bon Appetit food service when the corporate giant made the switch to a sustainable business model, testing practices and products such as environmentally friendly take-out containers. The ad hoc committee implemented a policy that runs against the common institutional grain, but has paid off: Purchases would be based on durability, not the lowest bid.

By November 2004, there was growing consensus that the University needed a broader-based coalition, one that looked further than operations to include research, teaching and student activities. Pelton drew from students, staff, faculty members, administrators and trustees to form a 15-member Sustainability Council. The professional schools were represented alongside the College of Liberal Arts, and Politics Professor Joe Bowersox was asked to chair. Pelton also set aside a pool of money for Sustainability Mini-Grants to make sure the cause had operating funds. In announcing the council, Pelton aligned sustainability with the University motto, *Not unto ourselves alone are we born*.



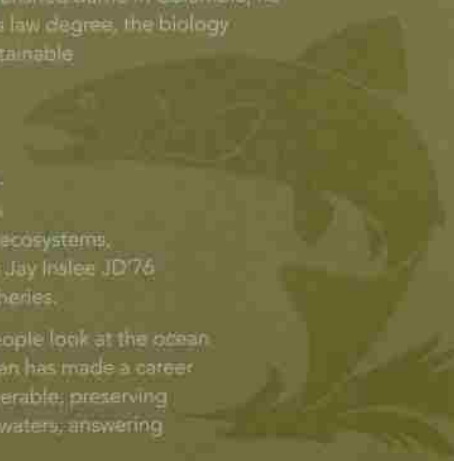
What If?

Democratic Congressman Sam Farr '63 grew up in a political family, where luminaries like Ansel Adams dropped by for coffee. He didn't know his parents' friends were famous. All he knew was that he "grew up in a living room environment of 'what-ifs.'" His biology professors at Willamette continued the discussion, pushing him to think about ways to lessen human impacts on the earth long before "ecology" became part of the nation's vocabulary.

When Farr returned from the Peace Corps, where he worked in an impoverished barrio in Columbia, he became newly sensitized to California farm workers living in squalor. Sans law degree, the biology graduate entered politics, hoping to create laws that would lead to a sustainable society—and a sustainable environment.

Farr has been named one of the country's foremost champions of the environment by the Wilderness Society, the League of Conservation Voters, the Sierra Club and California State Parks for his landmark legislation to protect California wilderness, offshore islands and green space. In an era when scientists are predicting the coming collapse of the ocean's ecosystems, Farr collaborated with another Willamette alumnus, fellow Congressman Jay Inslee JD'76 (D-Wash.), to draft the Oceans-21 Bill, pivotal legislation that protects fisheries.

"I still go back to my biology training at Willamette," Farr says. "Most people look at the ocean as one-dimensional. They don't see what's underneath." The congressman has made a career of seeing what's underneath and acting—protecting society's most vulnerable, preserving California's last untrammeled places, and protecting the planet's shared waters, answering his own what-ifs.





SUSTAINABILITY AT WILLAMETTE

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Forty students, staff, faculty and administrators attended a retreat to chart the course for the University's sustainability efforts. (Clockwise from top: Jesse Finch Gnehm '99, Karen Arabas, Don Negri, Elliot Maltz, Joe Browercox, Heidi Preuss Grew, Lucas Nebert '08.



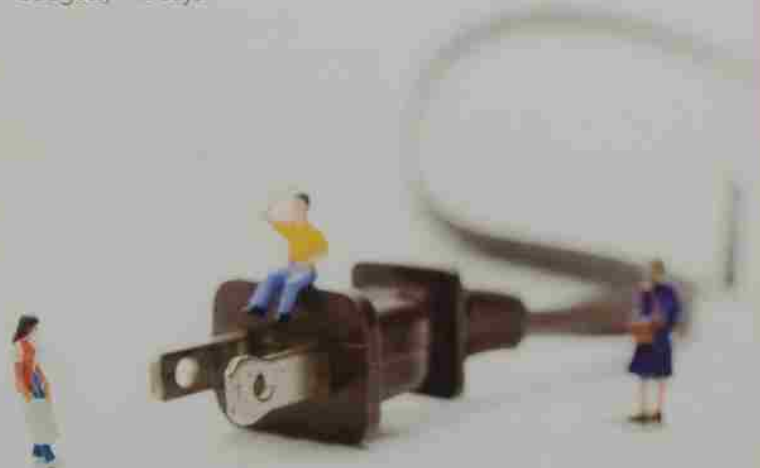
The council went into action, organizing a summer retreat in the mountains near Eugene. The 40 students, faculty, staff and administrators who attended developed the philosophical underpinnings of Willamette's approach to sustainability — the "Four E's": equity, environment, economics and education.

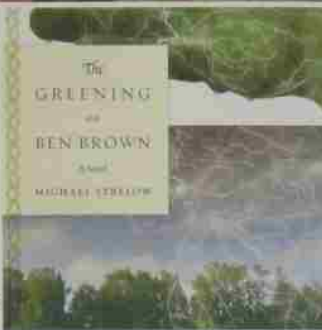
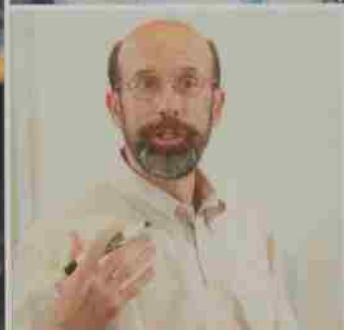
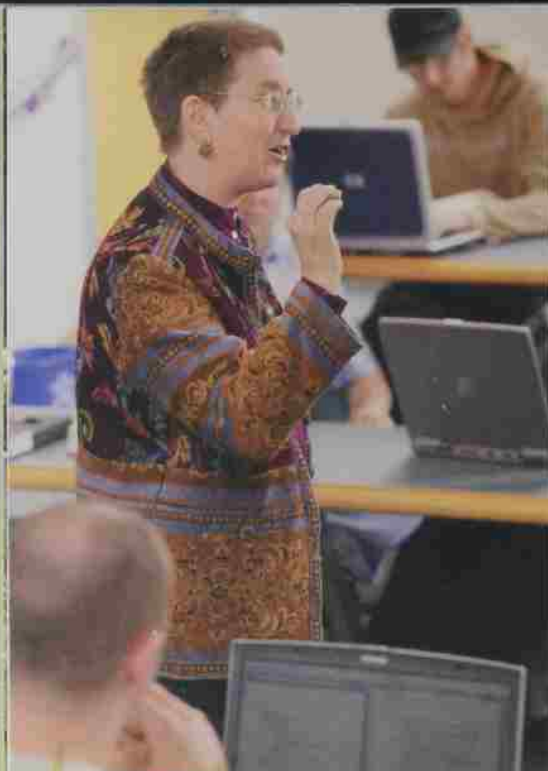
Academic literature had aligned social justice, or equity, with sustainability for a long time, but the notion hadn't made it off the shelf at most campuses. Theorists write that the environmental aspects of sustainability cannot be separated from the social aspects; the most disenfranchised people in every country bear the brunt of unsustainable lifestyles. "It used to be when people messed up a valley, they could just leave," student Lindsay McGinn says. "Now there's someone living in the next valley. With so many people on this Earth, there's little room for irresponsibility."

"The best predictor of toxic waste in a neighborhood isn't geology, hydrology or property values," says Law Professor Robin Morris Collin. "It's race. The darker the skin or the poorer the people, the more toxic their neighborhood is likely to be. The same pattern holds between nations. Look across the border of Mexico, or the border of almost any poor country, and you'll see it: illegal dumping of toxic waste, exploitation of environmental and human resources, violation of environmental laws. One country's choice of development may lead to environmental disaster for other countries." She and husband Robert Collin, senior research scholar at Willamette's Public Policy Research Center, believe that "sacrifice zones" are no longer sustainable because communities are increasingly intertwined.

If equity is usually the last consideration when institutions are making environmental decisions, economics is usually the first, which is why it was included in the Four E's. "We're probably kidding ourselves if we believe that green practices are always going to be less expensive," says Economics Professor Nathan Sivers Boyce, "but we have a responsibility to balance economic sustainability with environmental sustainability, to consider the true cost of our actions." Grimm believes that going green is going to become less expensive as the market for environmentally friendly materials and products grows. Right now developers are working out the kinks and the market is experiencing growing pains, he says, but that will change. Already, many Oregon business leaders report that sustainable practices have boosted their profits, according to an Oregon Sustainability Board survey.

Jeff Eisenbarth, Willamette's vice president for financial affairs, believes the new Kaneko Commons, designed to meet some of the nation's highest energy efficiency standards, will pay for itself. "What makes sense as far as sustainability usually results in savings to the campus operating budgets," he says.





Faculty from every school and discipline have incorporated sustainability into their curriculum. (Clockwise from top right: Karen Hamlin, education; the novel by Michael Strelow, English; Robb Morris Collin, law; Elliot Maltz, business; Susan Smith, law)

The Greening of Willamette

While some worked to conserve energy, the new Sustainability Council expended it, everywhere at once it seemed. Willamette's handshake method of getting things done, and the level of commitment from top administrators, helped convert the effort into a groundswell. "Other campuses would die for that type of leadership," says Walton, executive director of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Council members used the post-retreat momentum to spearhead numerous projects, moving forward on two fronts: research and curriculum, and operations (the education and environment of the Four E's).

"Our vision is to develop ecologically literate leaders who can make thoughtful, informed decisions," Bowersox says. "When someone has a degree from Willamette, they should be able to understand the complex social, economic and biological consequences of pollution, energy waste or global inequities." About 30 faculty members are already consciously incorporating themes of sustainability into their teaching and research, and the topic shows up in surprising and unexpected courses.

Spanish 232, for example. Students in Jennifer Covarrubias' class bone up on Spanish with conversations about the environmental impacts of

ecotourism. Wendy Boring Petersen's history students are re-examining the narrative of Western civilization through the lens of sustainability, which introduces a whole new cast of heroes and villains, along with the notion that perhaps the transition to agriculture deserves at least as much attention as the fall of the Roman Empire. Sivars Boyce has studied the impact of international trade on environmental agreements such as the Kyoto treaty, and another economist, Don Negri, studies the impact of water scarcity on agriculture, as delivery systems across the West turn off the tap to farmers and re-direct water to urbanites. (Negri's College Colloquium this year: "Whiskey's for Drinkin', Water's for Fightin'") Law Professor Susan Smith, who co-authored the authoritative treatise *Crimes Against the Environment*, helps law students probe the intricacies of environmental crime enforcement and climate change policy. And English Professor Michael Strelow's novel *The Greening of Ben Brown* explores the compromises society makes. A fictional chemical company keeps a small town financially afloat while simultaneously using the Willamette River as a toxic waste drain. "What's the price of clean water?" Strelow asks. "What's the true cost of trading on this earth?"

Many professors are taking their scholarship into the larger community, combining research with outreach. Atkinson Professor Elliot Maltz is working with a consultant for Wal-Mart, the world's largest

retailer, to improve sustainability practices of supply chains around the globe. Education Professor Karen Hamlin organizes trips to the Galapagos Islands, where public school teachers introduce stewardship values in science courses and help grade-schoolers plant hundreds of trees. Joyce Millen's anthropology students interviewed immigrant workers as part of an effort to create Marion County Health Department's first ethnographic health profile. Many field workers are exposed to unregulated toxic pesticides, Millen's students report, and immigrant children say the fields often make their parents sick. Psychology Professor Sue Koger, who studies the link between developmental disabilities and environmental toxins including pesticides, worked with other volunteers to help Salem implement an integrated pest management system, which reduces pesticide use. "Dollars lost" to convenience or profits isn't an issue, Koger says. "You can't put a price on having an autistic child."

The Sustainability Council promotes research and teaching dedicated to sustainability, and cross-discipline collaboration as well, hosting a well-attended "Community of Scholars" luncheon in December where faculty explored partnerships. The council collaborated with Audubon to sponsor a sustainability workshop, supported the Straub Environmental Learning Center's lecture series, and helped incorporate stewardship themes into Opening Days and Willamette Academy curriculum. They are currently organizing a spring conference that will bring educators and business

leaders to campus to discuss how to convert theory to practice.

Many in the Willamette community have begun their own efforts. Atkinson students recognize businesses that practice sustainability with their Oregon Ethics in Business Awards, and this year the MBA program was named in "Beyond Grey Pinstripes," in part, for its attention to sustainability in the curriculum. The Outdoor Pursuits student club introduces at-risk children to the outdoors, and students in the Greek system sponsored a benefit concert to support Sustainability Council initiatives. Convocation lectures have addressed sustainability, the Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series brings in nationally prominent speakers, and significant green gifts have come from Trustee Jonathan Carder '68 and wife Monique Baillargeon, Frederick Wert '71, and WU parents Richard and Marjorie Rogalski.

Sustainability Council meetings see a lively cohort of students with a bottomless well of energy. Students brought electric cars to campus on Sustainability Day and showcased fair trade and home-crafted gifts at "I'm Dreaming of a Green Holiday." Atkinson students conducted a campus assessment of attitudes toward sustainability. The Environmental Community Outreach Society collaborated with the council and others to host anthropologist Jane Goodall, who drew 600 sec-



Saving the World, One Planting at a Time

Susan Kephart wants to change the way people think about wetlands. They're swampy. They're muddy. They smell.

Or not. The biology professor has created her own ecosystem of citizens, scientists and students to take a second look. Students and volunteers slog through mud to set out hundreds of blue camas lilies, restoring a degraded industrial backwater in Salem. In this laboratory ringed by cottonwoods, students hope to reestablish populations of birds, butterflies and frogs.

Kephart also coordinates volunteers from around the world, some go barefoot to avoid trampling plants as they study pollinators on a bluff above the Columbia River Gorge, others to restore prairie habitat on the Oregon coast. She has a knack for combining preservation with internationally significant research: Her cover story in the October 2006 issue of *The American Journal of Botany* generated international interest.

On campus, the Martha Springer Botanical Garden that she and her students created provides an outdoor teaching lab complete with hummingbirds and drop-in red-tailed hawks.

"My sense is that if you expose students to the beauty of the natural world, it motivates more effectively than stories that focus on despair," Kephart says. "It's easier to protect something you love."





Sustainability is integrated campuswide, from theme-based living in Kaneko Commons (top left) and student efforts to green the residence halls (bottom left) to the decision to serve up organic and locally grown produce in Goudy Commons (right).

secondary and college students from throughout the Northwest. Environmental science major Constance Adler '07 edits a sustainability e-newsletter while fellow major Kiry Nelsen '08 developed "Conserve to Preserve" stickers, and politics major Janelle Duyck '09 canvassed door-to-door about global warming, in temperatures, coincidentally, that topped 102 degrees.

Last year Duyck and artist Maya Karp '07 could be found digging in flowerbeds outside Matthews Hall, composting kitchen scraps. They helped create a sustainable floor in the residence hall — with bathroom compost bins, low-flow showerheads, cloth towels instead of paper, and current event flyers printed on the back of old ones. "These acts won't save the world," Karp says, "but if we can start the discussion with 42 women on the second floor of Matthews, and they each start the discussion with three other people, that's a beginning."

A Smaller Ecological Footprint

Sustainable thinking has become more deeply embedded in University operations in recent years, with administrators moving toward creating an infrastructure with a smaller ecological footprint. Selser's bike shop, for instance, isn't the only alternative transportation idea that's taken hold. Willamette employees participate in the annual Bike Commute Challenge, and the University partners with Cherriots buses to provide free passes. The campus is looking at alternate-fuel vehicles as well as a campus car-sharing program that would utilize state motor pool hybrids and flex-fueled vehicles.

Bon Appetit buys organic produce and hormone-free chickens from local ranchers, works directly

with local fishing fleets, and sets aside dining room scraps for farmers. "We go out to farms now and kick the dirt around with the ranchers," says Manager Marc Marelich. "We even know their kids and dogs." Chefs provide vegetarian alternatives, promote fair trade coffee and recycle cooking oil for bio-diesel production.

The Sustainability Council partnered with Grounds Manager Ron Nichols to create the Landscape Stewardship Committee. Each year the grounds see fewer pesticides and fertilizers, fall leaves are composted for community gardens, and every drop of water is measured — much of it as drip irrigation. Water is conserved in Hudson Hall as well, where concertgoers have discovered water-saving toilets.

Willamette has an ambitious goal of cutting energy consumption in half by 2020, and new construction practices will help pave the way. The recently opened Kaneko Commons is slated for certification by the U.S. Green Building Council for meeting some of the nation's highest performance standards in green design, construction and operation. The river east of Kaneko, on University property, is also coming back to life. A restoration project spearheaded by Bowersox will turn what is now an eyesore into a community asset.

Many challenges remain. Although half of all campus waste is recycled — including all electronic equipment — Safety Director Ross Stout believes toxic chemicals in academic departments and operations need closer scrutiny. Simple awareness is part of the solution; Facilities Supervisor Dan Craig has switched to non-toxic cleaning supplies, but some offices still unknowingly order toxic brands. "We need to centralize ordering and do more educating," Craig says.

Currently the University has no baseline to begin measuring progress, but that will change. Last summer individuals from every sector of campus met at the second annual Sustainability Retreat, where working groups created the blueprint for a University-wide assessment — one that takes the pulse of academics as well as operations. "The assessment this spring will do two things," Pelton says. "It will give us a snapshot of where we are and keep this issue in the foreground of campus dialogue and reflection."

One of Willamette's most significant goals relates to equity. In November, Pelton announced that Willamette will institute a "living wage" standard for its lowest paid employees. The president, whose mother and grandmother cleaned houses for a living, has a heightened awareness of "what it means to work and still not be able to provide the basic needs for your family." He hopes to create a stronger safety net for every member of the Willamette community.

Ties that Bind

The effort that began in a boiler room, graduated to recycle bins, and spread into classrooms across campus has matured. "I've rarely seen so much honest engagement, reflection on the issues, and attempts to include others," says Walton. "People at Willamette take their motto and mission seriously and genuinely try to walk the talk. It's a sincere commitment, not just lip service. The university takes time to make sure its efforts are deep and thoughtful."

Students who are now being mentored in the ways of stewardship will soon join hundreds of alumni who protect watersheds, research renewable energy, start sustainable businesses, organize overseas medical missions and sit in the halls of Congress. They'll crowd into Peace Corps programs, where Willamette is one of the best-represented schools in the nation, and talk up solar cookers and irrigation. "Knowledge," Bowersox says, "is only as good as the values for which it is used."

And they'll continue to think about what they learned here. "This issue won't go away," Duyck says. "Some of my friends say there's nothing we can do to make a difference, especially where global warming is concerned, but we shouldn't just pack up and go home." Karp, who used to think environmental talk was just for extremists, says "Now I realize moderates need to get involved. In the end, it's really about living your values." Selser, who is still tooling around on two wheels, says "Students have so much energy. Help us harness it. If we have support and guidance, there's no end to what we can do."

Ultimately, sustainability is about something more profound than the tenuous balance between degraded forests and stressed logging communities, or the daunting challenge of climate change. The deeper core of sustainability embraces our inter-connectedness with each other and with every being that shares this planet. That instinct helps us recognize the nanosecond of time we represent in human history and helps us imagine the generations who will live with the legacy of our actions. As Bowersox says, "Children make the future personal, tangible, emotional. Children keep us human."

Last spring President Pelton was taking his first-grader to school. He packed her lunchbox, buttoned her coat, and was walking her to the door when he heard someone frantically knocking. There stood Don Negri, who lives two blocks away. "When a professor is on your doorstep at eight in the morning, you know it can't be good," Pelton says.

But Negri pointed to a bald eagle that had flown from its nest on the river and settled in the top branch of a tree in the president's yard. Pelton and his little girl walked out and craned their necks.

"Of all the places in Salem to choose, this eagle had landed at my house," Pelton says. "It was a thing of grace."



*From an Oregon classroom to a Namibian village,
Ron Gray uses cheetabs to bring learning to life.*

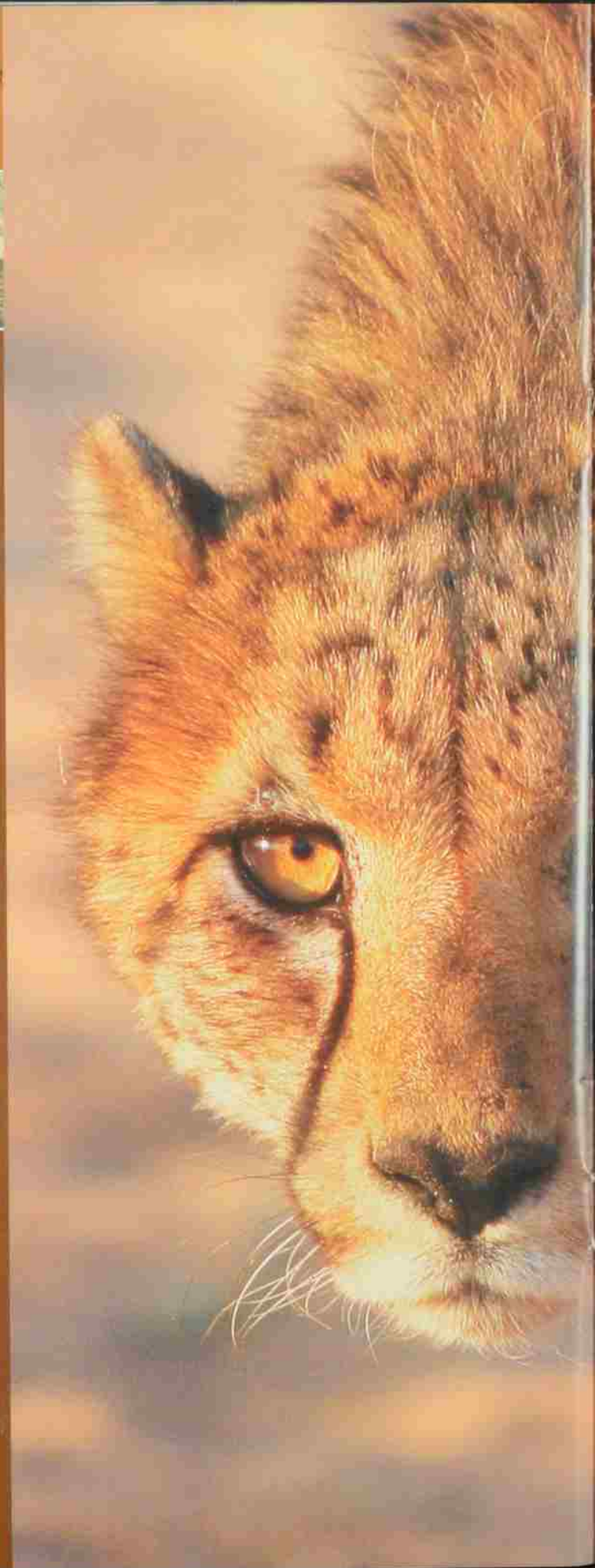


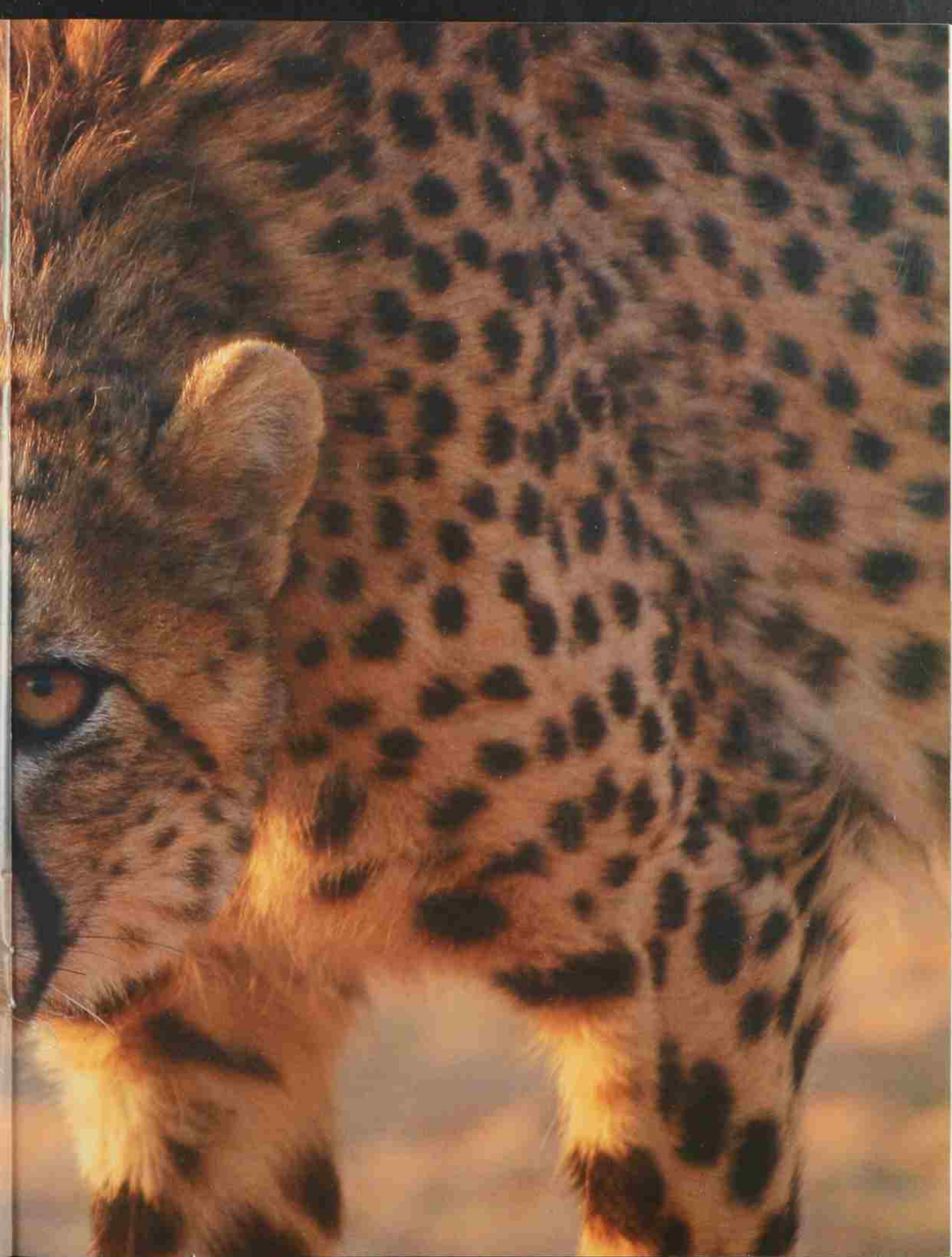
Vanishing SPOTS

By Sarah Evans

Ron Gray is definitely a cat person, at least when it comes to lesson planning. Cats — big ones — help him bring a complex concept to life in his Waldo Middle School classroom, where the cat of the day is the cougar and the lesson is symbiosis — the delicate environmental balance and interdependence between people, predators and prey. He wants his students to learn how animal populations are affected by predators, disease, habitat restrictions and availability of food and water. "You are going to be a cougar today," Gray tells his students, "and your job is to get enough food to eat."

Gray '98, MAT'01, has adapted the same lesson for different learners, the people who inhabit the rolling savannas of Namibia, Africa. There, the delicate balance is between farmers, their livestock and the sleek, swift, spotted creature that has fallen victim to a relationship gone awry, another big cat — the cheetah.





Africa is a long way from Willamette University, where Gray studied biology thinking he wanted to become a doctor. But a restless desire to explore the world and a visit to a friend in South Central Los Angeles waylaid those early plans. More on that later.

Fast forward a few years to the time Gray met Laurie Marker, executive director of the Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), after she spoke at the Oregon Zoo in Portland. Marker told Gray that the CCF — an organization recognized worldwide for its cheetah research and conservation efforts — lacked enough trained educators in its ranks. Gray had been teaching for several years at Waldo Middle School in Salem and realized this could be the ultimate travel experience he had been seeking. He quickly volunteered to go to Namibia, home to the largest population of cheetahs left in the world. He eventually made four visits to the country, where he worked for CCF and the Ministry of Basic Education, part of Namibia's government.

Big Cats, Big Problems

The cheetah, the oldest of the big cats, once roamed five continents in plentiful numbers. Just a short century ago, more than 100,000 lived in 44 countries in Africa and Asia. Today the cheetah is endangered. The species is nearly extinct in Asia, and only about 12,500 cheetahs remain in the world, mostly in Africa. Namibia alone lost half of its cheetah population during the 1980s, with current estimates hovering around 2,500.

Numerous factors have led to this rapid decline, not the least of which is human encroachment. Cheetahs prefer living in Namibia's open grasslands because they need ample space to find food and mates and to raise their young. But as human populations continue to grow, more people have moved into the grasslands to live and raise their livestock. When their goats disappear, farmers often blame the far more visible cheetahs rather than the stealthy leopards that often are at fault, Gray says. Farmers shoot the cheetahs on sight, fearing them as aggressive predators — a reputation contrary to the animal's gentler nature and innate avoidance of humans. As development encroaches further into the grasslands, cheetahs lose the large, open spaces they need.

"Our goal is to get people to understand why predators are important," Gray says. "We don't tell them to never shoot a cheetah because sometimes there may be problem animals causing havoc. We're just trying to get them to understand if they don't need to shoot, then please don't." To help Namibian schools incorporate environmental issues such as predator awareness into their curriculum, Gray spearheaded a project to publish a teacher's guide and to rewrite Namibian textbooks. Previous textbooks had been modeled on those from other countries and had little relevance to Africa's environment. The spotted owl that might grace the pages of an endangered species lesson in an American classroom held little meaning for Namibian children accustomed to sharing the savanna with big cats.



Assessing the existing knowledge base of CCF staff members and using that expertise to conduct training on environmental issues was one of Gray's challenges for the project, Laurie Marker says. "To get CCF's predator activities into the Namibian curriculum, Ron needed to find out how this could be done, work together with the organization that deals with curriculum development, and submit CCF's materials," she says. "Then follow up and more follow up."

Gray led the effort to create a new guide for Namibian teachers, one that included everything from how to distinguish a cheetah from the similarly spotted leopard (look for the teardrop-shaped lines from the corner of the cheetah's eyes to its mouth) to the important role the animals play in a healthy ecosystem, helping control the prey population. The guide, distributed to every teacher in Namibia, also provides tips on how to protect livestock against predators, such as acquiring a guard dog.

"The hard thing is coming up with lessons that don't require photocopiers or other resources," Gray says. "Also, in a lot of ways, their schools are like those in America in that they have standards and nationwide tests, and you can't get very far away from those in your teaching. We had to figure out how to introduce the concepts we wanted in a way they could incorporate into their lessons."

One of those lessons is the importance of maintaining a diversity of species in their country. "Cheetahs are an incredibly interesting species that is nearly on its way out, but we'd like to keep them around if possible," Gray says. "You have to try to get people to realize and be interested in what a cheetah is and to see it as an important part of their country."

Gray should know. He went through the same process himself, learning many lessons about cheetahs along the way. He quickly discovered they are not the fierce, intimidating cats some might expect. In fact, they're afraid of humans, and they chirp like birds instead of roaring (go to www.cheetah.org and click on "About the Cheetah" to hear for yourself).

CCF encourages Namibians who have captured cheetahs to bring them in to the organization's farm rather than shoot them. Gray has hand-fed such cheetahs, including babies, to help them survive — and he has dealt with news of those that didn't, like 3-month-old Peep. The tiny cub had been captured and abused before coming to CCF, where Gray helped care for it. The day after Gray left for home, he found out Peep had died.



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But not all the stories are somber. Gray has many fond memories of helping cheetahs exercise by running a motor that pulls a rag on a string around a course. The cheetahs chase the fabric scrap until they tire (see photo on previous page). The person running the motor "gets to play the ultimate video game and keep the rag just out of reach of the cheetahs," Gray says. He also worked with CCF to return the animals to their natural habitat. "The releases are pretty fun when you actually get to take the cage out, open it up and watch the cheetahs run back into the wild," Gray says. "They react so differently. Some of them just fly out, and others you have to coerce to get them out of the cage."

The organization's work — and Gray's — has had an impact. The population of cheetahs has begun to stabilize in recent years. School curriculum has started to incorporate predator awareness and conservation issues. But beyond that, Namibians are starting to think of cheetahs differently. When Marker started CCF in 1990, she would go to the town of Otjiwarongo and face hostile residents who just wanted to be left alone. Now the town has a huge banner declaring they are "Cheetah Capital of the World." "There are cheetahs everywhere in the town," Gray says. "You go to the schools and kids are making papier-mâché cheetahs. It's very exciting."

Marker says Gray helped empower other CCF staff members who saw the effectiveness of his gentle, yet direct teaching style. "CCF is fortunate to have him as one of our very close friends. Besides developing the new teacher's guide, he has helped U.S. teachers here in Namibia learn about the value of the work being done at CCF to assist the survival of the cheetah," she says. "At the same time, he is assisting livelihoods in rural Namibia through maintaining a healthy ecosystem. Ron teaches science in such a fun way that anyone and everyone gets excited."

A True Calling

Back to that transformational visit to Los Angeles. When Gray saw the work his friend was doing there with Teach for America, he knew he had to get involved. Before he knew it, he was getting an emergency teaching credential — and his own middle school class in the inner city.



"I wanted to see more of the world, and you can see a lot of the world in South Central," Gray says. That included rampant gang activity, a sweltering classroom where he couldn't open the blinds for



fear of drive-by shootings, and a school building that cleared out at 4 p.m. because it wasn't safe to be there after dark.

Gray soon realized teaching was his true calling so, abandoning thoughts of medical school, he enrolled in Willamette's 10-month master of arts in teaching program. He thought he wanted to teach high school, but when a position opened up at Waldo Middle School, he took it. Waldo gave him the chance to teach students like those he had met in L.A. — poor, diverse, struggling to succeed. "This is the type of kids I like to teach. They're more real. It's challenging, and you take on more roles. You're a counselor and a teacher."

Gray used his experiences in Namibia to develop classroom lessons on conservation, and he often shared his many photos of Africa with his students. "He's able to bring the lessons alive with his knowledge and firsthand experience with the animals and people of Africa. It really gets the kids

interested in the subject matter," Waldo Principal Joe LaFountaine says. "Waldo has a very service-oriented student body. Ron brings Africa into the classroom to help the students understand there's another entirely separate continent and way of life that exists here in our world. He helps them understand what their role might be in that world."

Gray seeks that same understanding for himself. The lesson on symbiosis was one of his last for awhile. He is taking time off to pursue a doctorate in science education, looking for new challenges, he says. But Gray knows he'll return to education in some way — perhaps in another middle school helping the pre-teens who have captured his heart. "Most people are scared of teaching middle school," he says. "It takes some humility, but it's a great age to teach. I'll really miss these kids." Big cats aside, Gray's teaching experience illustrates a more personal symbiosis — between the teacher who wants to make a difference in the world and the young students who rely on him to succeed.



CHEETAHS: *Fast Facts*

- The cheetah is the world's fastest land mammal and can reach a speed of 70 mph in seconds. As a cheetah runs, only one of its feet touches the ground at a time, and at two points in its stride it is completely airborne (see photo at left). At full speed, the cheetah can run three strides each second.
- According to GCF estimates, in 1900 more than 100,000 cheetahs lived in at least 44 countries in Africa and Asia. Today the cheetah is endangered and only about 12,500 remain. Most live in small populations in about 25 African nations. The Asian cheetah is nearly extinct.
- With their spotted coats, leopards and cheetahs look very similar. Cheetahs are distinguished by long, teardrop-shaped lines from the corners of their eyes to their mouths. As cubs, their fur is dark, and the spots blend together.
- Cheetahs are associated with humans as far back as 3000 BCE, when a leashed and hooded cheetah was depicted on an official Sumerian seal. In ancient Egypt, pharaohs often kept cheetahs as pets, symbolic protectors of the throne.
- Cheetahs are not aggressive, instead using their speed to chase prey or flee dangerous situations. With their weak jaws and small teeth, they are unable to fight larger predators or protect their young.
- To hunt, cheetahs stalk their prey as closely as possible, burst into full speed, then trip their prey with a front paw before killing it. Cheetahs prey on a variety of species, including rabbits, guinea fowl and small antelope.

These facts were collected from the Cheetah Conservation Fund. For more, go to www.cheetah.org.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



Ambitious. Refreshing. Completely surprising. These may not be words that spring to mind when you think of an academic institution, but they are just the words to describe current happenings at Willamette.

We have some very ambitious goals for the coming year, and the Alumni Association has some refreshing ideas for better ways to serve our community. What is completely surprising, even for a dyed-in-the-wool Bearcat like me, is that so many of us are so eager to re-engage with dear old WU.

So with refreshed hope and vigor, we turn our sights to our grand office goals: bringing back Barney the Bearcat, rewriting the Alma Mater and, in all earnestness, continuing to improve the Online Community and building a viable, robust alumni career support network. The reasoning behind the first two is simple: In my opinion, Barney truly is the embodiment of Willamette pride, and the Alma Mater is one of the slowest and most difficult songs I have ever had the pleasure to sing. As for the second two goals, the Online Community and career network are priorities with the potential to revitalize the entire WU community.

My dream is to build career services where alumni of all ages who need a job, need an employee, or need a mentor to explore a new career can find each other. For many of us, the thought of a single job or even a single career that leads steadily down the path to retirement is just not realistic. The workplace has changed, and so have the goals and ambitions of employees. If you're looking for your first real job, eyeing a transition into another career, or seeking that talented go-getter to complement your staff, who better than Willamette to help us connect?

And that's where you come in, dear alumni: We need your help to build this network, to find the career connections and to keep WU relevant and vital. If you're interested in being a part of this exciting endeavor, let me know. Maybe, just maybe, by working together, we can all help each other this year.

David B. Audley

David Audley '93
Director of Alumni &
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Where in the World Is Barney?

Last September, David Audley '93, director of alumni and parent relations, began a discussion about WU's mascot in the "Director's Forum" of *WU News*. He commented on the University's current mascot, Blitz, and called for the University to "Bring back Barney!" Many alumni posted responses on the message board (read them at www.willamettealumni.com) both for and against this suggestion. Several asked just what happened to Barney in the first place, and a few replied that Barney had retired and has been residing in various locations across the United States.

However, eye-witness accounts confirm Barney has actually been traveling the globe since leaving Salem, and he's been spotted by WU alumni near and far. Matt Smucker '04 recently ran into Barney, in the Maolin National Park in south central Taiwan. He sent us the picture and story below:

"We were hiking along a trail and heard a loud splashing from the river nearby. Peering through the bushes, we saw a strange animal bathing in the cool mountain waters. It was about 90 degrees Fahrenheit that day, so we thought for a second about jumping in to join him. He must have sensed a kindred spirit, an affinity for cardinal and gold, because as we continued down the trail, he started following us. As we reached the suspension bridge we stopped long enough to meet this strange but friendly character and were thrilled to find it was Barney the Bearcat, alive and well!"

Matt Smucker '04 and Barney the Bearcat, Dona Suspension Bridge, Maolin National Park, south central Taiwan.

Where in the world is Barney now? Look for future issues of *The Scene* and *WU News* to bring you the latest on the whereabouts of the original Bearcat.

Worth Their Weight in Gold

Not everyone has the financial means to make a substantial donation to the Campaign for Willamette, especially those who are recent graduates. So the Offices of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving want to say a special thanks to the many graduates of the last decade (GOLD) who made a Gold Circle gift in the last two fiscal years.

Learn more about the Gold Circle at www.willamettealumni.com/gold or make your gift online at www.willamette.edu/support.

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Virginia R. Anderson '03	Katherine L. Ervine '06	Allison R. Liesse '00	Kelly L. Robbins '03
Christopher B. Babayco '04	Christopher H. Foot '03	Ashley C. Lindsay '05	Rebecca S. Rucker '97
Mark B. Bangcaya '05	Benjamin C. Ford '04	Peter O. Littlefield '03	Avis M. Russell '99
Kristen L. Barbee '02	Melissa R. Franke '96	Brian H. Lund '05	Erin J. Schmidt '05
Jane H. Barrow '04	Andrew C. Frazier '98	Christopher W. Mack '99	Kevin W. Schriber '01
Jeanne M. Beke '05	Christine F. Freitag '99	Erin A. Macneil '04	Abrie L. Schroeder '04
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Matthew S. Benjamin '02	Gregory A. Gates '99	Javin B. Martin '04	Kempton L. Shuey '99
Aaron D. Benson '03	James E. Gilchrist '01	Mark L. Martin '98	Robyn J. Shuey '99
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Lori D. Blondini '01	Christina A. Held '01	Christine M. Montgomery '96	Rachel R. Standley '02
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Andrea L. Cobb '04	Richard H. Hutchins '97	Garrick C. Olson '98	Stephanie N. Vandehey '05
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LOVE, WILLAMETTE STYLE

If you're even a casual Class Notes reader, you won't be surprised to learn that Willamette has more than 1,700 alumni couples on record. Chances are every Willamette graduate knows at least a few people who met on campus and decided to make a life together. Two members of WU's alumni office are among the couples ranks — Director of Alumni Relations David Audley '93 married his WU sweetheart, Erin Good '93, and Kristin Friesen '04, assistant director of alumni and parent communications, married Anton Akervall, a Willamette exchange student from Sweden. With spring in the air, there's no better time to share a few heartwarming stories of love, Willamette style.

A Second Chance for True Love

The alumni office is always urging alumni to stay connected, but no one could have foreseen how involvement in University events would bring a second chance at love for a couple from the 1940s. They may have graduated 60 years ago, but Bob Donovan '47, MEd '48 and Jean Sanesi Donovan '45 celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last December at ages 82 and 83.

Bob studied at Willamette in '42 and '43 as part of the V-12 program. When it came time to leave campus for his military service, he met up with Robert Hamilton '43, who was looking for another officer to serve onboard the LSM (Landing Ship Medium), which was eventually stationed in Guam. Bob knew Robert, respected him as former ASWU president, and agreed to serve on his ship. Two years later, Bob returned to Willamette to finish his bachelor's degree in physical education and pursue a master's degree in education. He married Emma Lou East '45 and enjoyed a career as a teacher, coach and vice principal, eventually retiring after 12 years as principal of Leslie Middle School in Salem.

Jean graduated from Salem High School in 1941, received a voice scholarship from Willamette and enrolled with the Class of 1945. After graduation, she married and moved to Southern California. Throughout the years, Jean kept in touch with many Willamette friends, including Emma (East) Donovan '45. The two were lifetime friends who had known each other since grade school, played tennis together at Willamette and continued their friendship long after graduation.

Shaken by the death of her husband in 1981 and the 1994 Northridge earthquake, Jean moved back to Salem in 1994 and became active in the Willamette community again, especially in the Alumni Association. Widowed himself when wife Emma

died in 1995, Bob had been serving on the Alumni Association Board of Directors for some time. And so the two 1940s graduates, lifetime acquaintances, became reacquainted just as Bob's term on the board was about to end.

The couple often quips about how they started spending more time together. "The alumni office was looking for someone from the same era to take his place," Jean explains. "I'm not replaceable!" Bob objects, both of them smiling. Both have fond memories of their time at Willamette and enjoyed

campus activities such as athletics and Freshman Glee. "She was a song queen," Bob recalls, "but I don't think she ever saw me then." Jean claims the contrary. "Of course I remember him! He was on the football team."

It was their ties to Willamette that kept them in contact over the years, their ties to Willamette that brought them together again. And as they share their golden years, they remain active in the Willamette community. Besides being members of the Alumni Board, Bob and Jean were inducted into the Willamette University Athletics Hall of Fame for Meritorious Service in 2000, and Bob was awarded an Alumni Citation for his community service in 1997 and a Sparks Medallion in 1999.

It's apparent they feel lucky to have this time together. With a twinkle in her eye, Jean whispers, "I can't say this in front of Bob, but there were lots of other women running to his door with casseroles. I just ran the fastest."

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A World Away from Home

Yoshihiro Nakamura '98 came to Willamette through the Tokyo International University of America (TIUA) exchange program in 1994, but after his year on campus, he decided to transfer to WU and enroll full time. During that first year on campus, he shared a room in Baxter Hall with Dave Rigsby '00, now assistant director of campus life at Willamette. That same year Sumiko Enjoji came to Willamette as a TIUA student and lived down the hall from Yoshihiro and Dave, and they all became friends.

Sumiko went back to Japan in 1997, and Yoshihiro graduated from Willamette in 1998. "A couple of months after I returned to Japan, we started dating," he explains. "When we got married in 2001, we decided to have a wedding at Willamette since it is the place we met and started our lives together."

Now living in Japan with their 3-year-old son and 1-year-old daughter, the couple recalls all the support they received from Willamette and TIUA staff as well as friends from campus and the Salem community as they planned their wedding at Cone Chapel. Religion Professor Lane McGaughey performed the ceremony, the organist was from a Salem church, Sumiko found her dress at a Salem shop, her bridesmaids — Liberty Davis '99 and Mandolin Brassaw '99 — were friends from Baxter Hall, the wedding photographer was a friend of Rigsby and Brassaw, and the reception was held at Mission Mill. "Many friends and family from Japan came to our wedding," Yoshihiro remembers, "and there were many TIUA staff members, Willamette professors and host families from Salem."

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Changing Ideas, Changing Traditions

Shared interests in music, human rights and environmental issues brought Christine Montgomery and Sarah Kimball, both Class of 1996, together during their campus days.

"The nurturing intellectual environment at Willamette enabled us to deconstruct our ideas about sexuality, nature, culture and society," Sarah explains. "We were both inspired to try to change the world through activism." This inspiration came from encouraging friends and from courses like Literature and Sexuality with Professor Fran Michel and Politics of Environmental Ethics with Professor Joe Bowersox.

Both Sarah and Christy became active in community service programs and ventured to San Francisco to participate in the March to Fight the Right. In their senior year, they organized a residence life program called "Guess the Straight Person," a popular event that has continued annually.

The California couple became registered domestic partners and exchanged matching gold bands last September. "We've gone from being serious anti-establishment slackers to progressive career women," Christy says of the 10 years since their graduation. "The biggest changes in our relationship are hard to separate from the changes in our lives over time." The strength and encouragement derived from their relationship has helped them both as they pursue competitive careers. Sarah is a field ecologist currently finishing a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology at UC Irvine. She recently received a grant from the National Science Foundation for her research and was awarded UC Irvine's "Most Promising Future Faculty Member." Christy is a successful graphic designer whose specialty is architectural graphics and signage. Her current projects include large mixed-use developments, a community college, and an entertainment center located at the sailing venue for the Beijing Olympics.

A Legacy of Love

Tracey Harrison '75 was a member of a loyal WU family, including grandfather William Harrison '45, who was thrilled when she decided to enroll at Willamette and continue the family tradition. Paul Saucy '75, JD'79 says his family thought he wouldn't want to go to college in Salem, but "I walked on the Willamette campus and loved it from that day on."

Those early days on campus were life changing for Paul. He was smitten with the beauty of the campus — and of a certain girl whose photo he saw in the *Fusser's Guide* during orientation. He quickly decided Tracey was one of the first people he wanted to meet, and they soon began dating. They balanced their differing schedules to find time together. "In the evenings, I would go out with friends, and Paul would go back to his room to study," Tracey remembers. "He was the more serious student," she says, recalling that his nickname was "no-fun-um." Paul counters, "But I had a year of straight A's in organic chemistry!"

A "little tiff" at the end of their junior year led Tracey to transfer from Willamette, but by the end of their senior year they were dating again. "Which meant that every weekend I had to drive to Eugene," Paul recalls. The couple married the summer after graduation.

Today, 36 years later, Paul and Tracey live in Salem and all three of their children — Lauren Saucy JD'03, Allison Saucy '04 and Adam Saucy '05 — have Willamette degrees. While Tracey came from a legacy family, both she and Paul wanted their children to choose their own paths. It just so happened they all chose Willamette. And for Allison, following in her parents' footsteps meant finding love as well as getting a Willamette degree.

"Since my dad met my mom at freshman orientation, I felt some pressure to meet someone during my first days on campus," Allie recalls. But Ryan Carty '04 wasn't in her Opening Days group. They met later in their freshman year, when both were in the theatre department's production of *Gyps and Dolls*. The two started off as friends and even dated each other's roommates before becoming a couple themselves sophomore year. Ryan tells of their first kiss at Black Tie, the University's winter formal. Noticing there were several other men interested in Allie, he says "I knew if I wanted to get her attention, I needed to do it then."

After graduation, the theatre majors tried their luck in the film industry in Hollywood, but neither enjoyed the culture, and they returned to Salem. Ryan enrolled in Willamette's law school Class of 2009. The couple married New Year's Eve 2006, with Jonathan Cole, theatre professor, as one of Ryan's groomsmen.

Will the Harrison-Saucy-Carty legacy continue? With such a strong family tradition hanging in the balance, any grandchildren will certainly have to consider attending Willamette. "They would want to," Ryan says, "after hearing all the great stories."

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Willamette couples, do you have a story to share? Post it to the message board in the Online Community by going to www.willamettealumni.com and clicking on the "WU Couples Share Stories" link.

ALUMNI TRAVEL Lifelong Learning, Lifelong Connections

Willamette's new Passport to Learning program is off to a great start. More than 100 alumni and friends enjoyed our trip to the Caribbean and Brazil or have already signed up for our cruise to the Greek Isles or our annual trip to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival. (Bard lovers, two seats remain!) Contact Jim Booth in the Alumni Office if you are interested in any of the three remaining trips this year.



Shades of Ireland, July 13–22, 2007

Join longtime English Professor Ken Nolley for a unique and personalized tour of the Irish countryside. Overnight stops will include Limerick, Killarney, Waterford, Kingscourt and Dublin. Cost is \$2,999, including airfare, for double occupancy. A \$250 deposit is required to hold your space.

Canadian Rockies at Leisure, October 1–10, 2007

Join Senior Director of Alumni Relations Jim Booth '64 for a spectacular trip from Vancouver, British Columbia, to Calgary, Alberta. We'll enjoy fantastic fall scenery including the Columbia Ice Fields, Yoho National Park, the incomparable Lake Louise and Banff. Cost is \$1,999 per person, double occupancy, and \$2,499 single. A deposit of \$250 will hold your space.



Copper Canyon and Sea of Cortez, January 8–18, 2008

World-famous Lindblad Expeditions will guide alumni and friends for four days in the marine-rich waters of western Mexico's Sea of Cortez—snorkeling, kayaking, bird watching and hiking. Then we'll board the Chihuahua al Pacifico railroad and ascend almost 8,000 feet to view the spectacular Copper Canyon. Senior Director of Alumni Relations Jim Booth '64 will be your host. Cost begins at \$3,680 per person, double occupancy, not including airfare. A deposit of \$500 will reserve your space.



A Revival In Song GLEE



Glee. The very word conjures fond memories and high emotion — over winning, losing, paying off a Blue Monday bet or, after Feb. 22, whether the University's longest tradition will make a lasting comeback.

Comb through the University archives and you'll find enough material on Glee, or Freshman Glee as it was originally known, to fill a large walk-in closet. Programs and tickets and song sheets are all preserved for future generations. It was to these archives that Matt Alex '08 turned when he decided to spearhead an effort to revive Glee.

"As I sat on the Quad during Matriculation," Alex recalls, "I was struck when Dean Hawkinson said that we would only be together as a class twice during our four years here — that evening, and again at Commencement. I just didn't think that was right."

So the energetic Alex spent the summer after his freshman year researching the tradition, and when fall semester started up, he started talking up the tradition of Glee — the competition of song and dance, the class and school spirit the event inspired. Rumors spread across campus and rippled through the alumni ranks. Determined to move forward, Alex approached student government and President Lee Pelton for funding. Rewarded for his efforts, Alex along with Stacy Michaelson '08 and Dana Shaw '07 served as overall managers and began organizing and rounding up candi-

dates to manage each class. Those elected were Paul Eldred and Hannah Leland for the Class of '10, Tyler Thompson and Lauren Saxton for the Class of '09, Trevor Essmeier and Rebekah Gullberg for the Class of '08, and Jared Rieger and Maggie Hake for the Class of '07. Then the date was set and the competition held, 98 years after the very first Freshman Glee competition — and 10 years after the last one.

"Glee ended in 1997 because not all classes had participants," recalls Laila Cook Umpleby '98, who serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. "Holding Glee with only three classes did not seem like a viable option, so with a heavy heart the managers voted not to continue with Glee. Students left the room crying. It was very emotional. There was a sense of letting down the history of the school and so many alumni."

With the revived version of Glee, students sought to bring back tradition but with a modern twist, allowing for dance performances rather than marching.

The criteria for judging those performances, however, were more in keeping with Glee's early years. Wallace Long, director of choral activities at



Glee organizers included (left) Paul Eldred, Hannah Leland, Rebekah Gullberg, Matt Alex, Jared Rieger, Lauren Saxton and Tyler Thompson. Not pictured are Trevor Essmeier, Maggie Hake, Stacy Michaelson and Dana Shaw.



Top Left: The seniors won the tug o' war — and the overall competition. Above: historical Glee singing!

Willamette, joined alumni panelists Volney Sigmund '57, Kearsty Dunlap Schneider '92, Kirsten Murray '93, Kim Duncan '69 and David Audley '93, director of alumni relations, to judge the performances. Students were judged on the creativity, school spirit and technique of their dancing, as well as the creativity, quality of lyrics and adaptation of their theme to the identity of Willamette.

The event opened with the singing of the alma mater, "Ode to Willamette: An Old Historic Temple," which was written for one of the earliest Glee competitions. More than 100 students filled the bleachers, and after much taunting and pre-performance escapades, the teams got down to business. The freshman class attempted to rise and march in unison, and the quality of their song made them the class to beat. "They had the most beautiful song," Audley said. "The lyrics really nailed what the theme 'alma mater' meant." The sophomores focused their efforts on an extensive dance routine including taiko drummers and members of Willamette's dance team, then gathered to shout rather than sing their song. The juniors got caught up in their own rendition of "Drift Away" before breaking into a rap that ended with "We're the juniors! We're the juniors!" The seniors, perhaps suspecting the secret to victory could be found in tradition, wrote a song based on the University's motto and included march elements in their dance routine — accompanied by Blitz, the Bearcat mascot.

"I had a hard time judging because I was so excited for the students," said Kearsty Dunlap, who attended Glee as a child with her Willamette professor father. "I liked the changes and personal spin each class put on their performances, and I thought it was a good combination of old and new traditions."

"My emotions were all over the board," said Kirsten Murray. "Some classes nailed Glee with their songs and their passion. I was a little disappointed by the lack of formality that we were used to during our Glee days, but I understand that times change. Their Glee is not my Glee, just as my Glee was not the Glee of the 1960s."

As the judges deliberated, the classes took part in tug o' war challenges, the seniors leveraging a win. And it was the seniors who erupted in shouts and cheers when the judges announced their victory and presented them with the 2007 Glee banner.

"Blue Friday" bets were few and far between, and payoffs turned into an enthusiastic water balloon fight on Jackson Plaza. Still, all involved considered the Glee revival a success.

The sophomores (left) focused on their dance performance while the freshman (top right) put their effort into their song. The juniors' (above) free-for-all performance of "Drift Away" did not impress the judges.

"It's remarkably impressive that these students were able to capture the essence of Glee, the spirit of the competition, without ever having seen it," Audley said. "We'll work to strengthen the tradition now that it's been reestablished, and we'll invite alumni to offer their guidance and suggestions and to come back for the event."

"Part of the changes we all go through, particularly as alumni," Murray said, "is recognizing that not everything stays the same at our beloved WU. But the students are having a great experience, which is what makes Willamette so endearing — the memories."

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1960s

CLASS OF 1962 AND 1967 REUNION



Lynda Lee Merrill '64 and **Daniel Rohrbach** were married Nov. 20 in Phoenix, Ariz. They live in Mesa. She would love to hear from Willamette classmates. Her email is lynda11842@aol.com.

David Hansen '66 received the Walker Award at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., in October. The award is given to a non-alumnus for service to the college. Hansen has been an economics professor at Linfield since 1969 and the dean of students since 1988.

David Brink '68, MBA'83 retired as CFO of Oregon Medical Laboratories in Eugene. He is now an assistant professor in the School of Business at Northwest Business College and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses. He and wife Donna Winsor live in Almadore.

Kenneth Fukunaga '68 is senior partner of a law firm in Honolulu, where he resides with his daughter, Meaghan. He also serves as president of the Hawaii Defense Lawyer's Association and as a board member for a local hospital system. Meaghan is pursuing a graduate degree

in East Asian studies at Harvard University. Kenneth's wife, Chantia, passed away in 2004.

Brian Gard '68 of Milwaukie, Ore., has been named to the board of directors of SOLV. The organization was founded in 1969 by Oregon Governor Tom McCall to address litter and vandalism problems in the state. Gard is president of Gard & Gerber, a Portland-based advertising, public relations and public affairs firm.

To **Chris McKenzie '69** and wife, Christy, a grandson, Caleb Gaphart, born May 23 in Chicago.

1970s

CLASS OF 1972 AND 1977 REUNION

Bret Rios '72, MBA'87 is director of operations for BD Performing Arts, home of the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps in Concord, Calif. The 11-time world champion Blue Devils train youth in drum and brass performance, color-guard routines and modern dance. Rios, wife Cathy and son Ryan live in Green Valley, Calif.

Lynne Mitchell Baab '74, received a starred review from *Publishers Weekly* for her most recent book, *Fasting: Spiritual Freedom Beyond Our Appetites*. Baab is completing her PhD at the University of Washington Department of Communication and will lecture in pastoral theology at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, this summer.

Norman Chusid '77 and wife Kathy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a sojourn through Italy. The couple visited Rome, Florence and Venice and plan to return and explore Sicily. Norman is president

of both Nor-Mon Distributing Inc. and Ankeny Hardware, and Kathy is vice president of Standard Insurance Company. They reside in Portland.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982 AND 1987 REUNION

Frederick A. Slane '80 of Colorado Springs, Colo., was selected to head the U.S. delegation to the International Standards Organization subcommittee for Space Systems and Operations. He has worked for the Space Infrastructure Foundation Inc. for several years. Friends can contact him at freds@spacestandards.org.

Keith Cressman '81 vacationed on the East Coast last summer with his wife and son Danilo. He was in the Peace Corps in Tunisia from 1981-83, learning Arabic and working with farmers. He then spent six months traveling through Europe before joining the USDA in Phoenix, Ariz., where he worked until 1985. Cressman then joined the UN's Food & Agriculture Organization based in Rome, Italy, and worked for them in Khartoum, Sudan, for a year, witnessing a desert locust plague in 1988-89. Back in Rome, his responsibilities include forecasting the scale, timing and location of desert locust breeding and invasions, and providing early warning of desert locust infestations. Friends can reach him at keithcressman@fao.org.

Brian Krieg '82 of Portland, Ore., was appointed to the Urban Forestry Commission. A social marketing and government affairs consultant, Krieg was featured in Katya Andersen's book, *Robin Hood Marketing: Stealing Corporate Savvy to Sell Just Causes*.

Bruce Burnett '84 is vice president of HTC Mattress Liquidation Inc. in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. To **Duane Button '84** and wife Jeanne of Lorie Tree, Colo., a daughter, Sasha Rayna, born July 4.

To **Everett Fruehling '84** and wife Lynn of Mercer Island, Wash., a son, Ellington, born June 10. He joins brother Emerson and sister Eloise.

Dirk Zeller '84 has published two books, *Success as a Real Estate Agent for Dummies* and *The Champion Real Estate Agent*, and is working on two additional Dummies-

brand books. Dirk, wife Joan and their two children, Wesley and Annabelle, live in Bend.



Eric Friedenwald-Fishman '88, creative director and president of Metropolitan Group, recently co-authored

Marketing that Matters, a practical guide to strategic marketing to help businesses improve their bottom line while advancing their values.

To **David Chiapetta '89** and wife Minam of Alameda, Calif., a daughter, Abigail Sophie, born Oct. 30.

1990s

CLASS OF 1997 REUNION

Kurt Rehffuss '90 of Wilsonville, Ore., is systems analyst for a Portland-based health care provider. Wife Corinne completed her teaching certification program and is teaching middle-school science.



Dan Evans '91 and **Deborah Calame** married Aug. 4. Both work for the Salem-Keizer School District. Dan is a special programs assistant and coaches water polo and swimming at West Salem High School.

To **Victoria (Bollen) Campbell '92** and husband Daniel of Placencia, Calif., a daughter, Alexandra Helan, born April 12, 1999.

To **Adrian Chin '92** and wife Pauline of Georgetown, Penang, Malaysia, a daughter, Ashley Xin Yi Chin, born Aug. 8.



To **Arnika (Brown) Eskeland '92** and husband Gunnar, a daughter, Charlotte Anne, born April 25. She joins brother Finn Erik. They live in Dearborn, Mich.



Maria Chitsaz '93 of Portland walked 60 miles in the San Diego breast cancer three-day walk and raised \$3,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Angela (Murray) Mahoney '93, MBA'00 is project manager for the sales department of Medicare Y Mucho Más in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The company is owned by New Jersey-based Aveta Healthcare, parent company of PMC Choice.

Kevin Morrison '93 now lives in Raleigh, N.C., where he is associate director for study abroad and international student advisor at Meredith College.

To **Kendra (Hammer) Black '94** and husband Kevin of Snohomish, Wash., a daughter, Kayla Lee, born May 1. She joins sister Karissa and brother Kamden.

Brian D. Clocksin '94 is assistant professor in the physical education and sport sciences department and assistant coordinator of the Hofstra Adventure Program. He has been with Hofstra since 2005 and has presented at local, state, regional and national conferences on youth obesity and media use, adventure education and using pedometers in a K-12 setting. Clocksin is on the executive council and serves as publication chair for the Council for Adventure Outdoor Education/Recreation.

To **Grace (Scholl) Groom '94** and husband Roger of Portland, Ore., a son, Gabriel, born Dec. 13, 2005.



To **Sarah (Tyson) Hanson '94** and husband Loren of Portland, a son, Owen Stuart, born March 16, 2006. Sarah continues to practice law as assistant county counsel for Columbia County.



Kerry Jones '94 has released her first contemporary romance novel, *Loved Enough*, set in fictitious Abduction Canyon, Ore.



To **Lori (Bowling) Lien '94** and **Doug Lien '94** of Baker City, Ore., a son, Noah Henry, born June 5. Noah joins sister Hannah and brother Elijah. Doug works as an X-ray technician at St. Elizabeth Hospital, and Lori is chair of the Baker County Committee on Disabilities.

To **Erik Oatfield '94** and wife Krissa of Gresham, Ore., a daughter, Reagan Keely, born Oct. 2. Erik is a fire lieutenant for the Portland Fire Bureau.

To **Ryan Petersen '94** and wife Danielle of Eureka, Calif., a son, Keith Thomas, born May 3. Ryan and Danielle work at the College of the Redwoods near Eureka.



Robin Smith '94 married Rev. Tim Van Lant in Boulder, Colo., July 8, 2006. **Emily Carrick MBA '03** served as maid of honor, and several Willamette alumni were in attendance. Robin is project manager in human resources at Key Equipment Finance. They live in Louisville, Colo.



To **Angela (Spiering) Snyder '94** and **David Snyder '95** of Bellevue, Wash., a son, Ethan Robert, born Sept. 8. He joins sister Madelyn.

Heather Weaver '94 is owner of heatherweaver.com, an online store that donates a portion of profits toward making and distributing blankets, caps and other necessities to patients at the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Heather and husband Todd live in Indiana with their three children, Jacob, Andrew and Annie.



To **Patrick Chapman '95** and wife Leigh Ann of Portland, Ore., a son, Mason James, born Sept. 29.



Wendy Kyle '95 and **Julio Esquivel** were married June 17 in Clarksburg, Calif. The wedding party included **Sarah (Pitcher) Powell '96**. Wendy teaches middle school math, and Julio works for an environmental consulting firm in Sacramento, where they live.

To **Paige Orthmeyer '95** and **James Morton '96** of Seattle, a daughter, Hazel Skye, born May 15.

To **Kelly (Golden) Vanderwal '95** and husband Paul of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Zoe Isabella, born May 6. Kelly is director of project management for Sage Software.

Eugene Berger '96 earned his doctorate in Latin American history from Vanderbilt University in August 2006. He is now a tenure-track assistant professor at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

Amber (Lowitz) Cassidy '96 recently joined the Space Needle Corporation as a financial analyst. She lives in Seattle.



To **Jennifer Harris-Clippinger '96, MAT '99** and husband **Jon Clippinger '96**, a daughter, Emma Rebecca, born Feb. 13, 2006. She joins brother Caden.



To **Katie Hinnenkamp '96** and **Gabriel Meza Vega** of Santa Cruz, Calif., a daughter, Adela Lucia, born Aug. 9.

Elizabeth (Bromen) Lemen '96 and husband Thomas live in West Linn, Ore. They have a 2-year-old son, Lucas.



Kellie McClure '96 and **Ethan Jewett** were married Sept. 30 in Sandy, Ore. The wedding party included **Joy (Hubbard) Young '96, MAT '98**. Kellie is director of program operations at Opus Solutions, and Ethan is a partner at Sticken Design and Photography. They live in Portland.

Sage Nottage '96 and **Robert Saxton** were married Aug. 12 in Dallas, Ore. **Jennifer (Smith) Raymond '95** served as matron of honor. Sage is an assistant professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at OHSU, and Rob is a senior engineer with Washington County. They live in Portland.

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To Fotinia (Hanches) Roll '96 and husband John of Salinas, Calif., a son, Nicolas John, born July 14. He joins brother Yianni.



Tye Stallard '96 and Liz Lamzaki '97 were married Aug. 26 in Olema, Calif., and now live in Davis, Calif. The wedding party included Stephanie Hamrick '96 and Erica Schuppert '97, with several WU alumni in attendance.



To Jennifer (Irvine) White '96 and husband Colin, a son, Justin Gordon, born Aug. 2. The family lives outside Seattle.



Sara Duncan '97, MAT '99 and Greg Stiles '99 were married Aug. 15, 2004, in Yarmouth, Maine. Much lobster was eaten and a good time enjoyed by all, including several WU alumni. Greg is a project manager with the Energy Trust of Oregon, and Sara is a consultant for the Teachers Development Group. They live in Portland.

Nao to "Niko" Hasegawa '97 and Kimberly Adams were married June 2 in Oak Park, Ill., where they reside. The wedding party included Martin Doern '96, Chris Littrell '97 and Barbra (Boyen) Littrell '97. Several Willamette alumni were in attendance.



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To Sarah (McDaniel) Kemmer '97 and Joseph Kemmer '97, a daughter, Lorelei Judith, born Sept. 23. She joins sister Mary Frances. Sarah and her daughters live in West Point, N.Y., while Joe serves in Iraq.



To Lydia (Alexander) Laurance '97, MAT '99 and husband Brent of Hillsboro, Ore., a daughter, Sophia Grace, born Nov. 15. Lydia teaches English and journalism at Century High School, and Brent works for Sage Software.

Tobias Read '97 was elected state representative to House District 27. Read was legislative assistant to State Representative Bryan Johnston. He volunteers with the Oregon Business Association's Environment and Economic Committee, the Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) literary organization and as a youth basketball coach.

To Gwendolyn (Davis) Christensen '98, MAT '99 and Seth Christensen '98, a daughter, Freja Magdalena, born Oct. 12. Freja joins brother, Torin and sister Petra. They live in Albany, Ore., where Seth is CFO of a manufacturing company and Gwendolyn is on a long-term sabbatical from teaching.



To Katie (Snider) Currie '98 and Nate Currie '98, a daughter, Peyton Karl, born Oct. 9. The couple mourns the passing of her twin sister, Audrey Jay.

To Jonathan Eames '98 and wife Stephanie, a daughter, Kate Mader, born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23.

Andrew Frazier '98, Mathew Hunnicut '02, MBA '02 and MBA students Trevor Frank '00 and Judy Hutchison are founders of Young Professionals of America, an umbrella organization for all Young Professional clubs, located in Washington, Oregon and California.



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



Vanessa Owen '98 (left) and Robin Miller exchanged vows June 10 in Denver, Colo., where they live. Those participating in the ceremony included Inga Tomlinson '98 and Danielle Cone '98. Vanessa is a full-time chaplain at the Children's Hospital in Denver, and Robin is also a local hospital chaplain.



To Lynsey (Vogeltanz) Wherry '98 and Mike Wherry '98 of Mound, Minn., a son, Owen Hopper, born Sept. 26. He joins brother Jack.

Sara Carmona '99 and Arjon Nance were married July 8 in Falls City, Ore. The couple met while working at the Outdoor School program in Portland, Ore., and recreated their courtship during the wedding weekend celebration, affectionately called "Camp Sarjon." The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Kjell Moline '99. They live in Portland.



To Jennifer (Hiebler) Chariarise '99 and husband Eduardo, a daughter, Alana Ann, born Sept. 17. She joins brother Eduardo.

Takeshi Igarashi '99 lives in Tokyo, Japan, and says hello to her fellow alumni. She welcomes email at beacatsw32@hotmail.com.



April Schottelkorb '99 is a 2007 recipient of the Ross Trust Graduate Scholarship, given to the top five doctoral-level counseling education students in the U.S. Schottelkorb is a third-year doctoral student and assistant director of clinical service at the Child and Family Resource Center at the University of North Texas in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.



Jenni Updenkelder '99 and **Seth Bregman** were married July 1 in San Francisco. **Lindsay Hunter '97** was in the wedding party, and several Willamette alumni were in attendance. Jenni is an instructor at the San Francisco Dance Center and dances with the Printz Dance Project.

2000s

Dustin Buehler '00 was a member of the winning trio in the Association of the Bar of the City of New York National Moot Court Competition in February. Buehler's panel, all current University of Washington School of Law students, defeated Texas Wesleyan School of Law in the championship round. Immediately after their victory, the team was invited to address the college at its annual national meeting in Denver. In addition to the team's championship, Buehler was the second-place oral advocate in the competition.

Stephanie Marshall '00 and **Andy Harpole** were married Oct. 7 in Eugene, Ore., where they now reside. Stephanie is a pharmacy technician and recently completed a second degree in biology at the University of Oregon. Andy is an iron worker for Western Pneumatics.



Trevor Frank '00 and **Lisa Walcott '00** were married Sept. 9 in Portland, Ore., with several Willamette alumni in attendance. Trevor is an MBA student at AGSM and founder of Tro Realty, LLC. Lisa earned her master of social work degree from Portland State University and is a child and family therapist at Innovations in Counseling of Portland. They reside in John's Landing.

Sterling Yates '00 and **Catriona Lang** were married Aug. 14 in Washington, D.C. They reside in Stirling, Scotland.

Pamela Hutchison '01 and **Jeffrey Jennings** were married Oct. 9 in Lake Tahoe, Calif. Pam is a personal trainer and group exercise instructor at Cal Courts Fitness Center, and Jeff is a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. They live in Eureka, Calif.



To **Megan (Nixon) Mikkelsen '01** and husband **Drew** of Portland, Ore., a daughter, **Susanna Britt**, born Sept. 6.



To **Katherine (Ray) Woolsey '01** and **Matthew Woolsey '01** of Portland, Ore., twin daughters, **Clara Susan** and **Amelia Nancy**, born July 13.

Nathaniel Barnard Cole '02 and **Kimberly Watson '02** were married July 13, 2005, in Spokane, Wash. The wedding party included **Jacob Vasy '02** and **Johnny Vong '02**. Nate has taught high school social studies at Ingleside High School, and Kim has finished her first year of classes toward her master of public health degree at UW, doing a Peace Corps Masters International program. They are currently Peace Corps volunteers in the Dominican Republic.



Destiny Brown '02 and **Ben Gmelch** were married Sept. 3 in Oakville, Calif. Destiny is in her final year of medical school at Oregon Health and Sciences University. Ben is an anesthesiologist resident at Virginia Mason Hospital. They live in Seattle.

To **Tony Jones '02**, **MBA '05** and **Carrie (McIntyre) Jones '04** of Albany, Ore., a boy, **Spencer Zane**, born Oct. 10.



Benjamin Lee Kessler '02 and **Stephanie Rodgers '02** were married July 8 in Moraga, Calif. Bridesmaid was **Kristy Cooley '01**, **MAT '02**. The Kesslers live in Alexandria, Va.



Evan Larson '02 and **Danica Praza '02** were married Sept. 13 in Minnesota. Seven Willamette alumni were in attendance. Danica is a pilates trainer at a local wellness center, and Evan is pursuing his PhD in geography as an EPA STAR Fellow at the University of Minnesota. They reside in St. Paul.



Sonja Dorrance '03 and **Christopher Dunkin Jernstrom '03** were married July 15 in Seattle. The wedding party included **Melissa Hill '03**, **Lindsay Vines '03**, **Stephanie Chase '03** and **Christopher Busch '05**. They live in Santa Ana, Calif. Chris works as a portfolio analyst for an investment management firm in Irvine, and Sonja is an environmental scientist at a

consulting firm in Anaheim. Friends are welcome to contact them through their website at www.chrisandsonja.blogspot.com.



Margaret Langsenkamp '03 and **Lee Martin** were married Sept. 9 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Seattle. **Aislynn (Larson) Fend '03** was bridesmaid. Margaret is studying public administration at Seattle University.



Sherri Mabie '03 and **Kendall Oakson** were married in April in Gilbert, Ariz. Willamette alumni in the wedding party included **Sonali Shrivadasani '03**, **Elizabeth Childs '01**, **Andi Levine '03** and **Marcie Hagen '04**. Other alumni were also in attendance. They live in Tempe, and Sherri works as an international market specialist for FreshLife International. Kendall is the assistant ticket manager for Arizona State University.



Jon McNeill '03 and **Sharon Long '04** were married Aug. 6. The wedding party included **Karl Holbert '04**, **MBA '05**, **Julie Main '04**, **Ashley Smith '04**, **Jeff Benson '03**, **Steve Duman '04**, **Adam DuVander '01** and **Chris Gray '02**. Sharon is pursuing her MD at Loma Linda University, and Jon is a senior accounts executive for Hall and Partners in Los Angeles.

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Benjamin "BJ" Wright '03 was an awardee at the Roche Excellence In Chemistry Symposium in May. He is pursuing his PhD in chemistry at Columbia University.



To Angela (Costa) Smith '04 and **Brandon Smith '04**, a son, Bradlee Tomas, born in February 2006. He joins brother Jacob. The Smiths are

living in New England while Brandon attends Dartmouth.



Daniel Esqueda '04 and **Bethanee Gibson '04** were married April 23, 2005, at Salem Alliance Church. A reception was held at the Reed Opera House ballroom. The wedding party included **David Baumer '04**, **Micah Evans '04**, **Gillian Holland '05** and **Tracy Kaneshiro '05**. Daniel and Bethanee honeymooned in the Caribbean and now live in Salem, Ore.



Leah Batt '05 spent the summer as a dramaturgy intern with Chicago's Goodman Theatre and participated in a production of *King Lear*. Her research on the development of August Wilson's 10-play cycle about the African-American experience will appear in a Goodman newsletter. She now works as an administrative assistant to the Merle Reskin Theatre at the Theatre School at DePaul University in Chicago and spends her evenings at the Greasy Joan & Co. Theatre.



Colin Griffin '05 (far right) spent part of last year in Saar-Louis, Germany, as head coach of the town's professional baseball team, which achieved its best record ever and went to the playoffs for the first time. Griffin is back in Portland running baseball camps and working as an assistant coach for the Willamette Bearcats team.

Kyle Soler '05 enlisted in the United States Army and attended airborne training, ranger school and several other training courses. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant in August.

Becky Stott '05, MAT '06 and **Richard Mendez** were married March 26, 2006, in Salem, where they now reside. Becky is a third grade bilingual teacher, and Richard is the inventory supervisor for a local retail store.

AGSM Class Notes

1970s



Brad King MBA '76 has been chief financial officer of OHSU, Portland's largest employer, since 2005. He previously worked for Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene, Ore., for St. Joseph Medical Center in Burbank, for the Sun Health network in Charlotte, N.C., and for the CPA firm Larson Allen Weishair and Company, through which he served as interim CFO at hospitals throughout the country before joining OHSU.

1980s

Larry Schuetz MBA '80 is an education services officer for the U.S. Coast Guard and was appointed educational services officer for the Integrated Service Command in Seattle. His son Nicholas recently graduated from Oregon State.

David Brink '68, MBA '83 retired as CFO of Oregon Medical Laboratories in Eugene. He is now an assistant professor in the School of Business at Northwest Business College, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. He and wife Donna Winsor live in Alvadore.



Roberta "Bobbie" Conner MBA '84 is featured in *Lewis and Clark, Through Indian Eyes*. Conner is director of the Tamastilik Cultural Institute of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and her heritage includes Cayuse, Umatilla and Nez Percé. The book includes Conner's thoughts on the impact the Lewis and Clark expedition had on indigenous people of the Northwest. Conner was featured in *The Oregonian* July 31.

Bret Rios '72, MBA '87 is director of operations for BD Performing Arts, home of the Blue Devils Drum and Bugle Corps in Concord, Calif. The 11-time world champion Blue Devils train youth in drum and brass performance, color guard routines and modern dance. Bret, wife Cathy and son Ryan live in Green Valley, Calif.



G. Harvey Gail MM '88 is executive director of the Financial Planning Association of Oregon and Southwest.

Washington. Gail has 20 years' experience in association management and specializes in public relations strategies for trade associations. He also serves as president of VanNatta Public Relations Inc. of Salem.

Mary Gilbert MBA '88 received the 2006 Leadership Award from the Portland Chapter of the Executive Women's Golf Association.

D.J. Heffernan MBA '89 led a consulting team that received the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2006 Special Achievement in Planning Award for creating a 50-year land-use plan for Redmond, Ore. Heffernan received the 2005 award for a different project.

Richard Mussler MBA '89 has released a second collection of fictional short stories, *Tales of the Twisted Texan*. His first collection, *Twisted Texan and Other Stories*, was released in 2004.

1990s



John Marick MBA '92 is president of Consumer Cellular. The company is celebrating its 10th year of operations and its 100,000th customer, by donating 100,000 dimes (\$10,000) to employee-nominated charities: The American Cancer Society, Doernbecher's Children's Hospital, PRIDE (early intervention for children with developmental delays) and PHAME (performing and fine arts for people of all ages with developmental challenges) will each receive \$2,500.

David Ming Liu MM '94 is pursuing his doctor of business administration at City University of Hong Kong, focusing on international management. He is owner and founder of Longwell Technology Ltd., which distributes rewritable computer CDs and DVDs in the Hong Kong market and exports worldwide.



Sandy Baruah MM '95 visited AGSM in October. Baruah is assistant secretary of commerce for economic development, leading and developing the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA). Prior to his appointment, he worked with a corporate management consulting firm in Oregon.



To Sharon (Miller) Perez MM'95 and husband Anthony of Portland, a son, Julius Miles, born Oct. 31.

Thomas Geiger MBA'96 is principal manager of Corporate HUD Programs at Rockwell Collins Head-Up Guidance Systems of Portland, Ore. Thomas, wife Sherrie, and sons Shane and Samuel reside in Carnas, Wash.

Brent Neilsen MM'96 recently formed Able Leadership Consulting to help client companies align strategies with teams' competencies.



To **Michelle Mhoon, MBA/JD '97** and husband Mark of Salem, Ore., twin sons, Andrew Mark and Henry John, born Jan. 10. They join sister Ella.

Glen Daley MBA'99 is director of program evaluation and research for the Los Angeles Unified School District, which serves more than 700,000 students.

To **Kevin Dull MBA/JD '99** and wife Susan of Tualatin, Ore., a son, Tyler Ames, born May 13. Tyler joins brother Bryce Aiden.

Rattana Kittipattananon MM'99 represented Atkinson at a higher education fair sponsored by the Institute of International Education in Bangkok.

John A. Lindquist II MBA'99 was elected chair of the advisory board for Dunke College of Health at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah, after serving two years as vice chair.

Bryan Pocock MM/JD '99 is an executive with the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). After training, Pocock will be a district executive with BSA for a large area in Southern Utah based in St. George. Pocock spent time in Rio de Janeiro and returned to the U.S. to start a partnership importing backpacks from Brazil.

2000s

Bryan Kohler MBA/JD '00 has served as CEO of the Salt Lake Board of Realtors for four years. He is also a partner with Kyler Kohler & Ostermiller, specializing in contract-lobbying. Utah Business Magazine named Kohler and his partners Utah's "Legal Elite" for their work in government affairs law.

Angela (Murray) Mahoney '93, MBA'00 is project manager for the sales department of Medicare Y Mucho Más in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The company is owned by New Jersey-based Aveta Healthcare, parent company of PMC Choice. Husband **Dan Mahoney MBA'00** is vice president of acquisitions, finance and new construction with Canyon Creek Development Inc. of Salem, Ore. He previously worked at AGSM.

Chad Fife MBA'01, marketing manager for University Readers, provides custom publishing services, including copyright clearance, customer service and MBA case/course-pack ordering.

Alison Hohengarten MBA/JD '01 is corporate counsel for Pahlisch Homes Inc. in Bend, Ore., and enjoys spending time with her two sons.

Darren James MBA'01 is product line manager for Applied Precision of Issaquah, Wash.

Jeffrey Jones MBA/JD '01 and **Kelly Monical JD '05** were married June 24 in Charlottesville, Va. Jeff serves as general counsel to a national healthcare research company. They live on the East Coast.

Eric Bozman MBA/JD '02 is assistant to the CEO for Blue Ocean Media, headquartered in Beijing.



To **Mickey Guggenheim MBA/JD '02** and **Meghan Guggenheim MBA '03**, a son, Lucas Michael, born Sept. 21.

David Leal MBA'02 was appointed by Washington Governor Christine Gregoire to the board of the Washington Economic Development Finance Authority. He also serves as vice president of Banner Bank. David, wife Kristen and sons Patrick and Harrison reside in Walla Walla.

Ted Crawford MBA/JD '03 was promoted to Intel corporation patent attorney after a three-year training program. Ted will write and prosecute inventions for Intel.

Mathew Hunnicut '02, MBA'03, Andrew Frazier '98, and **MBA students Trevor Frank '00** and **Judy Hutchison** are founders of Young Professionals of America, an umbrella organization for all Young Professional clubs, which are located in Washington, Oregon, and California.

Tony Koehn MBA'03 and **Julie (Kolstad) Koehn MBA'03** moved to Madison, Wis., in 2005 to join Wick Building Systems Inc. The \$167 million construction/manufacturing company was founded by Julie's maternal grandfather and has been featured on ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

Divyendra Singh MBA'03 is operations analyst for TalentBurst Inc. of Boston. Singh had been living and working in New York as a business analyst for a telecom company.

To **Nicole (Boyd) Underwood MBA'03** and **Greg Underwood MBA'03**, a son, Mason John, born Aug. 22.



Melissa Dooley MBA/JD '04 and **Rich Johnson** were married in August 2006 at Lake Tahoe. Melissa finished her master of tax law degree at New York University and joined a law firm where she practices estate planning and taxation. They live in Reno.

Chris Magana MBA/JD '04 teaches an undergraduate investment course at Concordia University in Portland, Ore. Magana is a Concordia graduate and works for West Coast Trust co-managing investment assets.

Beatrice Tijerina MBA'04 and **David McArthur** were married July 2, 2005, in South Padre Island, Texas. The couple celebrated their one-year anniversary in Tanzania, where Beatrice was a business development volunteer with the Crisis Corps in Zambia. They now live in Washington, D.C., while David attends graduate school at the University of Maryland.



Elliott Dale MBA'05 and **Jennifer Hamilton MBA'05** were married Sept. 9 in Portland, Ore. The wedding party included **Susan Hale MBA'06** and **Ashleigh Williams MBA'06**. Many other Atkinson alumni, faculty and staff were in attendance. Elliott is director of Willamette's full-time MBA program, overseeing recruitment operations and strategic communications. He joined the staff as assistant dean of student affairs in January 2006. Jennifer is a management consultant and auditor with Aldrich Kibridge & Tatone LLC. They live in Lake Oswego.

Shaun Hansen MBA'05 is pursuing a PhD in management at the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. Hansen will teach and conduct research in Germany and the U.S.

To **Tony Jones '02, MBA'05** and **Carrie (McIntyre) Jones '04** of Albany, Ore., a boy, Spencer Zane, born Oct. 10.

Jorge Ordóñez MBA'05 completed an advanced international management training program offered by the Swedish government and Vattenfall Power Consultants in Stockholm. Ordóñez is deputy planning manager for the San Gabán Electric Generation Company in Puno, Peru. Ordóñez and wife **Jessica Brown Ordóñez MBA '04** represented AGSM at World MBA fairs last fall in Brazil, Argentina, Chili and Peru.

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Hideaki Ozaki MBA'05 spent an evening at the Oregon Bar & Grill in Tokyo with several Atkinson alumni including Hisashi Ozaki MBA'03, Kensuke Ono MBA'04, Hideyuki Sato MBA'04, Ryuzaburo Yoshida MBA'04, Hideaki Azuma MBA'05, Ichiro Nakajima MBA'06 and wife Etsuko, and Ki Kin, professor of marketing at Tokyo International University, who studied at Atkinson for two years.

Fadi Bouri MBA'06 attended the World MBA Fairs for Atkinson in Dubai and Cairo in December.

Kirsten Changstrom MBA'06 is commodity manager for power supply with Juniper Networks in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Brian Coon MBA'06, Canadian business partner for Nautilus, assisted in organizing Atkinson's first site visit of the season to Nautilus national headquarters. Students were given a tour of the facility, followed by lunch and informational sessions.



To Alin Hutanu MBA'06 and wife Daria of Corvallis, Ore., a son, Marc Ovidiu, born Sept. 25.

Meghan Laro MBA'06 has started Laro Consulting in Salem. The company assists small-business owners with financial decision making.



Koyfou Saechao MBA'06 (back row second from left) was featured in the July 18 issue of *The Asian Reporter*. The article highlights her family history, from Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and then to Salem.

School of Education Class Notes

1990s



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15. Lydia teaches English and journalism at Century High School, and Brent works for Sage Software.

2000s

Jeffrey Prater MAT'00 graduated from the Catholic University of America with a master of library science degree. He works at Northern Virginia Community College as a library specialist and resides in Falls Church, Va.



To Kim (Logue) Fancher MAT'02 and husband Rob of Aberdeen, Wash., a son, Anthony Robert, born Aug. 1.

Becky Stott '05, MAT'06 and Richard Mendez were married March 26, 2006, in Salem, where they now reside. Becky is a third grade bilingual teacher, and Richard is the inventory supervisor for a local retail store.

In Memoriam

1920s

Volena M. (Jenks) Davidson '25 died Aug. 29 in California.

1930s

Evelyn H. (Hartung) Zeller '30 died Aug. 26, in Washington. She was 99. She was part of a family with a long tradition of teaching. After WU, she moved to Battle Ground, Wash., with her husband, Asa "Ted" C. Zeller '28. She began her career in education in the 1940s as a substitute teacher. She and her husband had three children. He preceded her in death in 2001, as did her sister, Beatrice (Hartung) Moore '31. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, and brother-in-law M.E. Gus Moore '33.

Lola H. (Dasch) Seeger '31 died Nov. 17 in Bend, Ore. She was born in Wyoming Sept. 6, 1910, and moved to Salem in 1924. After WU, she moved to Spokane, Wash., to teach high school. In 1933 she returned to Salem, married and had two sons. She received a bachelor's degree in education from Oregon State College of Education in 1955 and taught first grade in Salem schools for 17 years. In 1972 the family moved to

Cape George Colony, Wash., where Seeger pursued her life-long passions of reading, crossword puzzles, sewing, swimming and gardening. Her husband preceded her in death in 1994. Survivors include six brothers and sisters, sons including Robert Seeger '62, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

H. "Clark" Roberts '32 died Nov. 14 in Oregon. He was born May 2, 1911, in Tacoma, Wash. Roberts graduated from Outlook High School in Outlook, Wash., where he was an avid tennis and basketball player. At WU, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He lived through the Great Depression and losing his family's farm, and he fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a master sergeant with Company K, 3rd Battalion. He worked as manager of the Senator Hotel in Salem until it closed; then worked at the Department of Revenue for 23 years. He was an avid gardener who shared his efforts with friends and neighbors. Roberts' sister and brother preceded him in death. Survivors include a sister-in-law.

Leland Bennet Gould '33 died Sept. 29 in Coos Bay, Ore. He was born June 11, 1910. He received his medical degree from Oregon Medical School in 1937 and interned at University of Oregon Hospital. Gould began his family medical practice in Coquille, Ore., shortly before World War II, providing obstetrical and other surgical services at Myrtle Point's hospital, where he continued for more than 40 years. Before retirement, he helped build the Coquille Hospital in Coos County. He was a longtime member of St. James Episcopal Church. His sisters, brother, wife and sons preceded him in death. Survivors include a daughter-in-law, grandchildren, a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Brenda M. (Savage) Hood '33 died Nov. 26 in Corvallis, Ore. She was born in Salem April 17, 1910. At WU, she was a member of Mortar Board and a designated Senior Scholar. She worked as a public welfare case-worker for the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission until 1940. She married John "Gordon" Hood and moved to the Hood's family farm on Government Island. In 1945 the couple moved to Astoria, and Hood resumed her work for the Public Welfare Commission. She enjoyed extensive community involvement and worked part-time as society editor of the *Corvallis Gazette-Times* and as a reporter for the trade and

retail newspapers of Fairchild Publications in New York. After her husband's death in 1966, Hood was administrative assistant to the president of Oregon State University. There she was encouraged to preserve stories from her time on Government Island. A manuscript of those stories is available to friends in a privately published edition. Hood became a patron of the arts and continued her interest in agriculture. Her memorial gift sponsored the first public showing on the entire permanent collection of Portland State University's Art About Agriculture at the Oregon Historical Society, along with the publication of a companion catalog. The book, *This Bountiful Place*, memorializes her late husband. Her two sisters also preceded her in death. Survivors include her niece and nephew.

Dorthy L. (Rose) Marcy '33 died May 21 in Alachua, Fla. She was born Sept. 24, 1912. Her husband, Ben, preceded her in death, as did her brother, **Harold Rose '33**.

Edwin D. Rounds '33 died June 14 in Oregon. He was born June 25, 1909. Rounds was a reverend in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and his great-grandfather, Nelson Rounds, served as president of Willamette from 1868-70. Since that date, the Rounds have been represented at WU except for one generation. Rounds served with the American Red Cross for nearly 30 years, retiring in 1970 and volunteering for AARP for four years. His wife, **Roberta (Riggs) Rounds '33** preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, **Cortland Rounds '60**, and a daughter.

Dorthy M. (Durkee) Harris '36 died Aug. 3 in Ohio. She was born July 2, 1914. Husband J. Wilbur preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters and sister **Virginia (Durkee) Richards '33**.

Jean E. (McElhinny) Nelson '37 died Aug. 19 in Oregon. She was born Oct. 8, 1915, in Roseburg. After WU, she graduated from Oregon State College in 1939, then taught at Heppner and Pendleton schools and worked for Yamhill County Extension Service. In 1946 she married Ira Norman Nelson and moved to a farm near Lone in Eastern Oregon. Her special interests included the Morrow County Historical Society, the Oregon Trail and the Morrow County Farm Museum. In 1985 she was honored as First Citizen of Morrow County for her volunteer contributions, and she

received Oregon State University's Cooperator Award for more than 50 years of service to the extension program. She lived on the family farm until moving to Mt. Angel in 2003. She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include a son, a daughter, sister **Sue (McElhinny) Rankin '53**, brothers **Charles S. McElhinny '43** and **Hugh W. McElhinny '49**, along with grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Charles B. Perry '37 died Aug. 3 in Keizer, Ore. He was born May 18, 1915, in New York. After WU, he served as master sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II and met his wife while stationed at Ft. Niagara. They married in 1944. After his discharge, he worked for Unity Mutual Life Insurance Company in Syracuse, later taking a position with New York Telephone Company, where he retired. In 1984 he moved back to Salem. Perry was active in St. Paul's Episcopal Church and performed in the choir. He loved music, writing poetry and bicycling. He was a prominent member of the Salem Bicycle Club, and until age 89 he did a 100-mile ride each year on his birthday. Wife Myra preceded him in death. Survivors include a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

Warren W. Peters '37 died Sept. 21 in Texas. Wife Jean preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters.

Charles Scott Neville '38 died Sept. 7 in McMinnville, Ore. He was born in Tacoma, Wash., and grew up in Portland. Neville worked nights at Dombecker Furniture Manufacturing while attending Gresham High School. At WU he was freshman class president and met his future wife. He studied at the University of Washington and Seabury-Western Seminary in Chicago, finishing his education at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley. During World War II he was chaplain at Adair Air Force Base and priest at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church in Corvallis, where he remained until retirement. He was involved in the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon and the Corvallis Hospital, which evolved into the Good Samaritan Hospital and Regional Medical Center. He was on the hospital board until 1981. As a tribute to his service, an ancillary medical building was named after him. Neville was active in many community programs, including the Corvallis Hospice, the Boys and Girls Club, the Grand Chaplain of

Elks International, Masonic Lodge and the Rotary Club. He was also assistant state director of AARP and received distinguished service awards from Willamette and Oregon State University. His first wife, Mary Jeanette Sargent, preceded him in death. Survivors include Lydia, his wife of 34 years, two sons, two daughters including **Jane Mink '67**, two stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ruth M. (Ramsden) Henny '39 died Nov. 24 in Oregon. She was born Aug. 12, 1917, and was raised in Pratum, Ore. She married Bob Nelson in 1939 and moved to Portland. She worked for many years at Smith's Home Furnishings. Shortly after retirement she married Frank Henny and moved to Brooks, Ore. Her passions included social events, square dancing and golf. Husband Frank preceded her in death. Survivors include two sisters, a daughter, two sons, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth "Betty" Ellen (Dotson) Patapoff '39 died Dec. 29 in Olympia, Wash. Born Oct. 9, 1917, in Salem, she was adopted as an infant when the flu epidemic claimed her mother. Her adopted father, a school principal, fostered her love of history and stargazing, and encouraged her to go to Willamette, "down the street." After WU, she worked briefly as a teacher and for the state library. She went on to study broadcasting at Columbia University and was a pioneer of educational television in Oregon. In 1950 she became director of Oregon School of the Air at KOAC-AM. By 1959 she was creating programs including a televised history series in observance of the Oregon Centennial. In 1966 she transferred to Channel 10 in Portland and produced adult educational programs for the state Department of Education and the Oregon State Legislature. She worked as a writer and producer in public broadcasting for 35 years and, after retirement in 1985, continued her involvement in historical productions. Patapoff traveled widely, working with the Oregon Historical Society producing short films from the society's moving pictures archives. In her later years, she completed a narrative family history and composed a program script about Scottish botanist David Douglas, for whom the Douglas fir is named. Her husband, Abe, preceded her in death. Survivors include daughters Martha and Sylvia and son Steven.

1940s

Geraldine (Parker) Brown '40 died May 13 in Paducah, Ky. She was married to Jack Brown, a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Air Force. After his retirement, they settled in Silverton, and Brown pursued a master's degree at the University of Oregon. They later moved to Memphis, where she served as branch librarian for the Memphis-Shelby County library system. After her retirement, the Browns moved to Green Valley, Ariz. Survivors include a daughter and two granddaughters.

Ward E. Walker '42 died Aug. 26 in Oregon. He served in the Battle of Okinawa, in the Philippines and in post-World War II Korea. He was an energetic athlete at Jefferson High School and at Willamette. He enjoyed basketball, baseball, hiking and golf. He was a lifetime learner and avid reader. He could write and speak French and appreciated the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore. He was a broker for J.L. Walker, Real Estate since the 1950s. Survivors include a daughter, three sons including **Wayne DeVargas-Walker '63** and **Ward "Karl" Walker '69**, granddaughters **Wendy (Walker) Terris '91** and **Elizabeth "Ellie" Walker '96**, and two grandsons.

Elmer E. Smith Jr. '43 died Sept. 6 in Oregon. Survivors include wife **Barbara (Compton) Smith '42** and a daughter.

Earline (Gleason) Gilson '44 died Aug. 15. She was born July 9, 1920, in Salem, Ore., and grew up in Portland. After WU, she married **Melvin Gilson '50** in 1946. She taught music at several different schools in Oregon. In the early 1950s they moved to Lebanon, where Earline taught piano for several years. Gilson moved to St. Helens in 2005. She enjoyed collecting stamps and photos of her grandchildren. Her husband and a sister preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, nephews **Steven J. Gilson '84** and **Michael J. Gilson '80**, brother-in-law **Layton J. Gilson '54**, daughter-in-law **Mary Jo (Ewell) Gilson '55**, and many cousins, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CLASS NOTES

Patricia E. (Ryan) Lehmann '44 died Nov. 11, 2005, in Stockton, Calif. Survivors include two daughters, a son-in-law, sister **Phyllis (Ryan) Pearce '48**, two grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Mary E. Bennett '45 died Oct. 9 in Oregon. She was born July 30, 1923. Mother **Ethel (Mocroft) Bennett '22**, father **Frank Bennett '21**, and brother **Richard Bennett '52** preceded her in death, as did sister-in-law **Arlene (Zastera) Bennett '50**. Survivors include brothers **Donald Bennett '54**, **Robert Bennett '50**, **Frank Bennett '47** and niece **Alexandra Leinawever '00**.

Vernon L. Summers '45 died Nov. 22 in Oregon. After WU, he attended OHSU. He served with the Marines during the Korean War and later served with the Navy. He continued in service until he retired in 1972 with rank of commander. Summers and wife Patricia married in 1957 and had three children, Margi, Eric and Terry. He was in general practice from 1951 until 1972 and worked through Portland Adventist Hospital. He then became a psychiatrist and started a private practice. Summers also served as clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at OHSU's School of Medicine. He spent the last 13 years of his career working for the Veteran's Administration as chief of the outpatient clinic in Portland. Summers enjoyed singing with his church choir and the MAC Balladeers. He was also a Mason and a Shriner. Cousin **Harry Summers '52** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife and children and five grandchildren.

Maxine H. (Wagner) Orange '46 died July 26 in Oregon. She was born June 18, 1924, in San Francisco. She married **Phillip Orange '46** in 1948, and they adopted two children. She worked as a medical lab assistant until retirement in 1986. Orange was committed to the community and participated in the Independence Beautification Committee. She enjoyed boating, playing bridge and reading. Her husband and son preceded her in death. Survivors include her daughter and two grandchildren.

Wayne B. Sturdivant '46 died Nov. 9 in Oregon. He was born Dec. 14, 1919, in Oregon City. He was drafted by the Army in 1941 and spent four years in the Asiatic Pacific as a staff sergeant. In 1945 he was honorably discharged and received the bronze star. He returned to WU, received

a degree in education and went on to complete his master's degree at the University of Oregon. Sturdivant taught American history for 31 years and coached high school basketball. He is one of five high school coaches to win two state titles with two different schools. Along with teaching and coaching, he was a parimutuel clerk for Multnomah Kennel Club and Portland Meadows for 28 years. Sturdivant was married to his high school sweetheart, Fern Shoberg, who preceded him in death in 1997. Survivors include their son and daughter, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Florence (Lewis) Orr '47 died Aug. 29 in Oregon. She was born July 27, 1925. After WU, she married physician Samuel Orr and trained as an X-ray technician at Oregon Health Sciences University. She was office manager and X-ray technician for her husband. Survivors include her husband, four sons, a daughter and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Cloise M. (Wallace) Larrance '48 died Oct. 6 in Redmond, Ore. She was born March 2, 1926, in Miami and graduated high school in Canby, Ore. She attended Willamette for two years, studying voice and music, married Vern Larrance and became a homemaker. In 1961 she earned a degree in elementary education and taught for the Culver School District until her retirement. She was a member of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church Women and the Redmond Grange. Larrance enjoyed reading, politics, sewing, knitting and cross-stitch. Her husband and a grandchild preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Olive H. (Hiday) Jimison '49 died Feb. 22, 2004, in California. She was born July 3, 1927. Survivors include two sons and a daughter.

Majorie "Jerry" J. (Jewett) Klope '49 died Sept. 3 in Lane, Ore. She was born Sept. 9, 1926. Husband William preceded her in death. Survivors include brother **Richard Jewett '41**, sister-in-law **Doris (Doughton) Jewett '45** and niece **Anne (Jewett) Venner '74**.

1950s

Florence (Ferrey) Kubin '50 died June 22 in Oregon. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, in 2002.

Jean M. (Gilmer) Garrett '51 died Nov. 12 in Oregon. She was born Nov. 27, 1929, in Salem. After WU, she earned a master's degree from Lewis and Clark College. She taught English and literature in junior high schools in Oregon City for 15 years before marrying. Survivors include husband **James Garrett Sr. '52**, a daughter, sons **James Garrett Jr. '78** and **John Garrett '86**, a sister, and four grandchildren including **Christopher Garrett '06**.

Fred W. Gruver '51 died Aug. 28 in Oregon. He was born in Ashland March 1, 1924. After graduating from Benson Polytechnic High School, he joined the U.S. Navy and served from 1941-45. He and wife Lois married in 1947 just before he enrolled at Willamette. Gruver worked as an engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and as a salesman for Mercer Steel Company. He received his teaching certificate from Portland State College and a master's degree in mathematics from Santa Clara University. He taught two years in Sutherlin, Ore., and retired in 1986 after teaching for 22 years at Santiam High School in Mill City. Gruver also taught math for Chemeketa Community College and served as a director at Santiam Memorial Hospital. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and golf, leading to his tenure as the golf coach at Santiam High School. He was preceded in death by his wife and aunt **Beatrice (Hartung) Moore '31**. Survivors include a daughter, two sons, aunt **Dorothy Moore '41**, cousins **Linda (Moore) Stumpf '66** and **Frank Moore Jr. '56**, and uncle **M.E. Moore '33**.

Richard D. Rautenkranz '51 died Aug. 16 in Illinois. He was born Feb. 25, 1929. Survivors include wife June, three children and two grandchildren.

William M. Ross '51 died Sept. 7. He was born in Portland June 18, 1929. He married **Claribelle "C.B." (Easton) Ross '52** in July 1951, and they were married for 55 years. He earned his MD from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1955. He interned at San Joaquin General Hospital in Stockton, Calif., and served as a captain in the U.S. Air

Force in Sacramento. He was on the staff of Portland Adventist Medical Center for 30 years until his retirement in 1988. He served on many committees, including the Academy of Family Practice, Oregon Medical Association, OMPAC, SE Portland Lions Club, Go-For-Broke Investment Club, Aero Club, and the Happy Valley Planning Commission and City Council. He volunteered with NW Medical Teams in Oaxaca, Mexico, and Health Bridge Clinic in downtown Portland. Brother Jack preceded him in death in 2006. Survivors include his wife, two sons, daughter **Connie Ross '75**, brother **Donald Ross '57**, sister-in-law **Joanne (Lindstrom) Ross '58**, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Malcolm I. Campbell '54 died Dec. 1 in Tigard, Ore. He was born Jan. 18, 1932. While at Willamette, he majored in music and sang in the Willamette choir, Beta choruses, theatre productions and Freshman Glee. He served in the U.S. Army before working for a trucking firm. Later he went into the insurance business and became a trainer for new agents. He loved skiing, golf and growing roses. He stayed active with theatre and music and was a member of the Presbyterian church. He led the lay ministry program for women at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Campbell was also a major contributor to the Class of 1954 Scholarship Fund, and at his class reunion in 2004, he sang "Farewell Willamette," a reprise of his solo at Senior Chapel. Survivors include his wife, Phyllis, his six children and 18 grandchildren.

George L. Evans '54 died Dec. 12 in Sequim, Wash. He was born April 26, 1932.

Richard P. Rohrer '55 died Oct. 16 in Washington. He was born March 8, 1933. Survivors include three sons, a daughter and a sister.

Joann (Pym) Peterson '56 died Jan. 9 in Washington. After graduating magna cum laude from WU, she received her master's degree in social work from the University of Washington, Seattle. Her career spanned a variety of settings across the country, including her own private practice in Bellingham, Wash. She eventually joined the Haven Institute in Canada, a residential training center for personal and professional development. She was a published author, and her book *Anger, Boundaries and Safety* is published.

in two languages. She was also instrumental in developing *The Anger Toolbox: A Blueprint for Responsible Anger, Boundaries and Safety*, a DVD based on her Haven Institute workshops. Peterson served as director of education at the institute until her death. Survivors include her husband of 49 years, Pete, and her sons David and Keith.

Archibald M. Mull '57 died Sept. 22 in California. He was born Aug. 20, 1935. While at WU, he played for legendary tennis coach Les Sparks and led Willamette to four consecutive Northwest Conference tennis championships. He was a four-time conference singles champion and two-time doubles champion. He was nationally ranked in both the NAIA and NCAA as a senior, losing only two collegiate matches his entire career. Mull was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. After WU, he enrolled at McGeorge School of Law and began working on his father's cases after the elder Mull suffered a heart attack. They worked together until his father died in 1978. Survivors include wife Jean, his son, stepmother, brother, sister and grandson.

Paula E. (Preuss) Becks '58 died Oct. 20 in Scappoose, Ore. She was born in Plentywood, Mont. After WU she earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Colorado. In 1968 she married James Becks, who preceded her in death. Her career included children's welfare, and she was a passionate advocate for children's rights. Becks was involved with the Cancer Society Relay for Life and was on the Scappoose Budget Committee. She also participated in the Columbia Chorus. She was a faithful Blazers basketball fan and loved opera, jazz, river rafting and bridge. Survivors include her sister, sister-in-law, and nieces and nephews.

Janet L. (Cooper) Sipe '59 died July 21 in Oregon. She was born Oct. 29, 1928, in San Francisco. She was a homemaker, piano teacher and primary school teacher for 12 years and operated the Diet Center franchise in Eugene. Survivors include husband Ted, two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jeanne A. (Peasley) Weems '59 died July 9, 2004. She was born Jan. 10, 1937. Husband Joel preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter

1960s

Elizabeth F. (Moore) Palmrose '61 died March 28, 2006, in California. She was born Sept. 21, 1939. A son preceded her in death. Survivors include husband **William Palmrose '62** and two sons.

Hilary (Teague) Kitch '63 died May 24, 2006, in California. Survivors include husband Kenneth and a son.

Jeanne A. (Fisher) Svien '66 died July 26 in Oak Harbor, Wash. She was born April 28, 1944. Husband Mario preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Norman P. Hunter '68 died Oct. 9 in Oregon. He was born April 15, 1946, in Portland and spent two years at Oregon College of Education in Monmouth before graduating from WU. He went on to Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Missouri, graduating with a doctor of osteopathy degree in 1972. He completed a residency in anesthesiology in Texas and returned to Portland in 1976 to practice. He spent 20 years at Eastmoreland Hospital, then worked for Providence Milwaukie Hospital and for the Oregon Anesthesiology Group. During his internship, Hunter met his future wife, Christy. They married in 1973 and had three children. He was a member of the Lake Oswego United Methodist Church until his retirement to Redmond. During his career, Hunter made two trips to Oaxaca, Mexico, with an eye surgery team and two trips to Guatemala with a surgical team from Corvallis. Survivors include his wife, two sons including **Nicholas Hunter '00**, daughter **Lindsay (Hunter) Carlson '02**, two brothers, a granddaughter, a step-granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews.

1970s

Michael C. Lindsay '72 died Sept. 9 in Idaho. He was born March 30, 1951, in Salt Lake City. He began his insurance career with Mutual of Omaha in 1984. He married Martha Sorenson Woods in June 1985. He represented several insurance agencies and was an independent broker. He loved to bowl and was an accomplished pianist. He was an avid reader and Civil War buff. He loved to spend time with his three exotic parrots. Survivors include his wife and three children.

Wendy S. (Barrett) Huntley '73 died Aug. 24 in Oregon. She was born Feb. 27, 1951, in Seattle. She was a teacher in Bend-area schools and well known for her craft designs and quilting skills. Survivors include her husband of 32 years, Albert, and her mother, daughters **Heidi Huntley '02** and **Heather Huntley '04**, a brother and sister.

Charles "Klon" A. Marshall '73 died Oct. 4 in Oregon. He was born Sept. 3, 1951, in Baker City, Ore. At WU he was active in football and golf and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He met his wife, **Marilyn Judd '73**, while attending WU. They married in 1975 and had a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Brooke. Marshall earned his master's degree at Pacific University, then taught high school in Beaverton. He was a practical joker and there are still some in Salem who are convinced he was a helicopter pilot contracted to scrub the golden pioneer atop the Capitol. Survivors include his wife, two children and a sister.

Elizabeth D. Geary '76 died June 28 in Oregon. She was born in Klamath Falls. After WU, she graduated magna cum laude from the University of Portland in 1992. In 1996, she graduated from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. She was a member of the American Bar Association since 1997, practicing in both Oregon and Washington. In 1979, she married Denney Parker of Ridgefield, Wash. Survivors include a son, her father and his wife.

1980s

William P. McGowan '86 died Oct. 3 in California. He was born Sept. 19, 1964. While at WU, Bill ran cross-country, joined Beta Theta Pi and met his future wife, **Cynthia Diane Sheaks '87**. The couple was married in 1988 and had a daughter, Erin Marie, and a son, Liam Bennett. McGowan worked in the recycling industry while pursuing his master's degree in American economic history from the University of California, Davis. He also received his doctorate in economic history from the University of California, Santa Barbara. An avid writer, McGowan authored Caltrans' official history of the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. In 2002 he became a construction surety agent with M.B. McGowan and Associates in Novato, Calif. He wrote a regular column on political

economy under the byline of "The Angry Economist" that appeared in the *Ventura County Reporter* and *The Canyon News*. He loved listening to the Grateful Dead and going to concerts with friends and brothers. He coached cross-country and track for San Rafael High School for two years and had begun his first season coaching at St. Bonaventura High School in Ventura. Survivors include his wife, daughter and son, and parents, brothers, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and numerous in-laws.

Diana S. (Youngkin) Egan '89 died May 27 in Oregon. She was born March 17, 1948, in Wenatchee, Wash. She was a teacher. Survivors include her husband, Jeffrey Egan, three brothers, five sons and two daughters.

Faculty

James Elliott died Aug. 23 in Monterey, Calif. He was born Dec. 17, 1918, in Chicago. After serving in World War II in North Africa, India and Tinian, he served as assistant professor of economics and business administration at Willamette from 1948-55. He also worked as an accountant with several government entities. He married Marina "Nina" Bush May 6, 1939, in Dallas. He is survived by his wife, a son, a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

E. "Kent" Markus died Dec. 5 in Oregon. Born June 7, 1920, in Nebish, Minn., he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War, and he left the Naval Reserve with the rank of lieutenant commander. Markus graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in history. He came to Willamette University in 1962 and retired in 1990 as professor emeritus of history. During his tenure, he sought to inspire in his students an appreciation for history and a desire to leave legacies of their own. He will be remembered for his generosity, humor, Herculean appetite and compassionate nature. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Marty, two sons, two daughters, four grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. To read a eulogy from Professor Markus' memorial service by **Kerry Tymchuk '81, JD '84**, go to www.willamette.edu/scenel/2007/spring/markus.

A CLASS ACT

Members of the Class of 2007 have left their mark on the University in many ways, primarily through individual achievement. "For the most part, Willamette functions collaboratively across classes," says Senior Class President Jessica Motais de Narbonne.

But with the approach of Commencement, this year's graduating class has united in an act of tradition and tribute — the giving of the senior class gift.

The Class of 2007 considered giving a scholarship, an awning for the Bistro windows, or Adirondack chairs for the banks of the Mill Stream, according to Bob Heck, a member of the Senior Class Gift Committee along with Motais and 10 other '07 grads. But "class members wanted something different," Heck says, and as the votes were tallied, artwork emerged as the gift of choice. Destined for the Hallie Ford Museum's permanent collections, the piece will be dedicated as a tribute to Birl Shultz, Katan Morinaka and Logan Will, members of the Class of 2007 who died during their time at Willamette.

"One of the most important aspects of this year's gift is that it's being donated in memory of our lost classmates, all of whom were incredible members both of our class and the Willamette community as a whole," says committee member Rebecca Moore. "Each of them would have served on this committee," Heck adds.

The committee has already met its goal of \$1,500, but fund raising continues: Thanks to the Presidential Challenge, the amount raised for the senior class gift is matched dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000, by President Lee Pelton as a gift to the Willamette Fund in honor of the senior class.

The senior class gift tradition dates back more than 100 years, according to Corrina Hawkins, associate director of annual giving, who says originally every class would give a gift every year. In those early years, "students often performed campus improvements as the gift itself," Hawkins says, "raking flowerbeds, painting buildings, laying sidewalks and sod." The tradition was lost for a few years, but it was revived by the Class of 2002 and has continued.

The character of today's campus would be entirely different were it not for the class gifts given over the years — benches, sidewalks and more. The gateway to Eaton Hall was given by the Class of 1915; the Classes of 1922 and 1925 are to thank for the steps to Cone Chapel in Waller Hall, and the Star Trees were a gift from the centennial Class of 1942.

"It's important that our class comes together to present a gift to Willamette University that will continue to represent the Class of 2007 into the future," says Michelle Gregoire, another member of the committee. Moore agrees: "I really like the idea of continuing a tradition that has a lasting impact on our community."

To read more about this tradition and see the gifts given over the years, go to www.willamette.edu/support/senior_fund.



Star Trees, a gift from the Class of 1942



Wind sculpture, a gift from the Class of 2004



Pillars on the walkway to Eaton Hall, a gift from the Class of 1915

Do you remember what your class gave the University? Please write to chawkins@willamette.edu and tell us about it. Many plaques have been overgrown and benches have succumbed to our rainy climes, so we would like to have a complete list of gifts to share with future generations of Bearcats.



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