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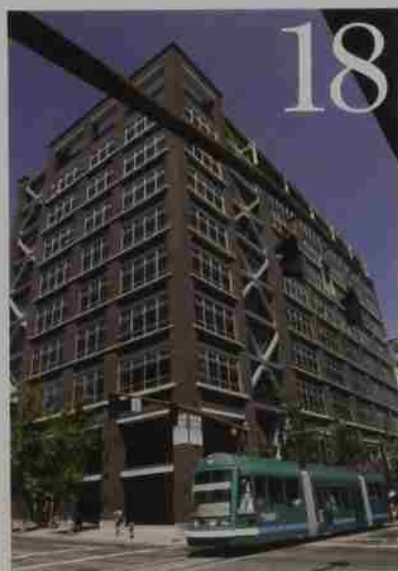




On the Cover

This handmade Waller Hall planter captures the spirit of "growing Willamette." Created in honor of the University's sesquicentennial, the planters were designed by Janene Allman, cashier, and built by Jim Ames and Tom Bader, physical plant, as centerpieces for a staff luncheon. A few can still be seen on campus, including this one borrowed from Liesa Kater at the Information Center in the University Center.

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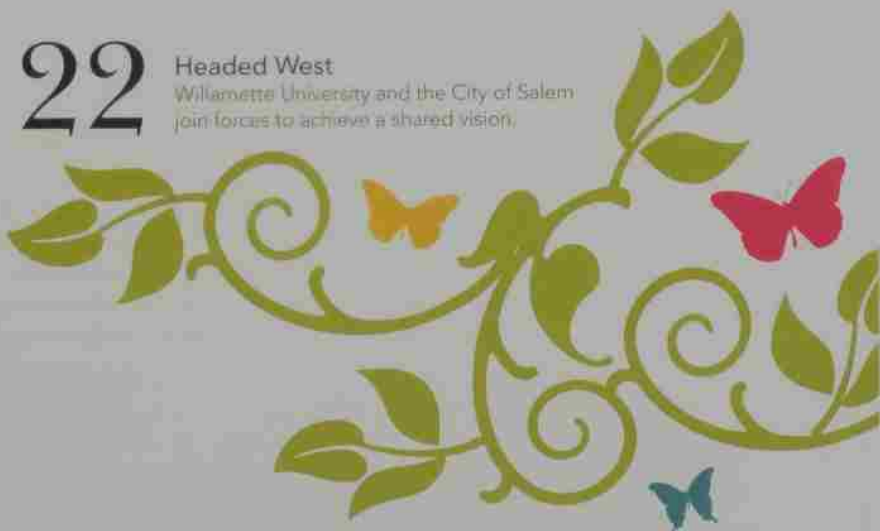
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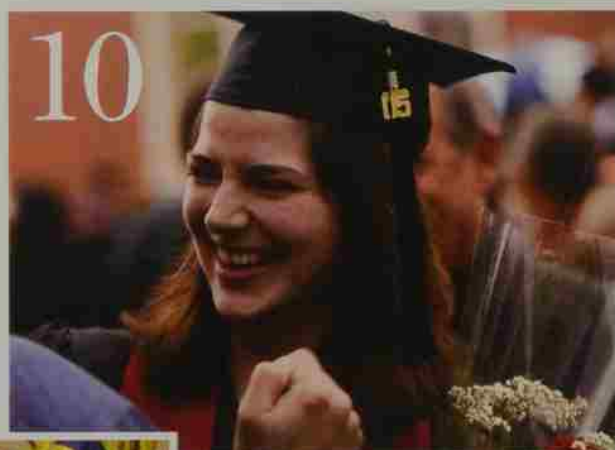
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Editor's Note

The more things change, the more they stay the same.
— Alphonse Karr, 19th century French journalist and novelist

You can find makeover shows on nearly every television channel in the lineup, and they're all pretty much the same. But there's one I'll watch week after week: "Overhaulin'." Forget the scalpels and backhoes. An A-team of car restorers takes a rusty but roadworthy vehicle and transforms it into a classy chassis the owners barely recognize. The appeal of the show is not that people are given a new car to replace the old. Their 1970 Nova is still a 1970 Nova. It's that they're given back the classic they treasured and hoped to restore, now revved up and revamped better than they ever imagined. They often need convincing that it's really the same car.

I needed some convincing myself a few weeks ago. Determined not to let a cancer diagnosis derail my plans to overhaul my own life, I left Denver for Salem to join Willamette University. New town, new job, new doctors — I made so many changes I wasn't sure this new life was really mine. It took a few choice words from a level-headed friend to remind me that a new life doesn't necessarily mean a new identity. I'm still a voracious reader and an avid hockey fan. I still have faith and enough of a voice to sing to my nieces over the phone. Hairless and harried, but hopeful, I'm still me, I'm writing a new chapter, not a whole new book, and while the characters may have changed, my character has not.

In joining Willamette as editor of *The Scene*, I'm mindful that change is a chance for growth, an opportunity for reflection and a time for recommitment to the values that define character and make each individual, or institution, unique. As you read through this issue, you'll learn about many of the changes taking place at Willamette — strengthening our commitment to sustainability, adding faculty, creating residential learning commons, partnering with the city to create a new cultural district. Each change moves the University forward, not away from its heritage, but toward a better version of itself. Each initiative reaffirms the values — leadership, community, opportunity, tradition — that we all recognize in the character of Willamette University.

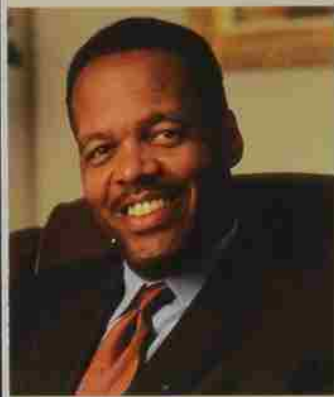
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Editor



Correction: In the spring issue of *The Scene*, Lisa Borok '96 (formerly Lisa Morgan) was incorrectly identified as Paula Borok. We apologize for the error.

Avenues of Initiative



"I plan to establish a Commission on Academic Excellence that will provide a framework for our distinctive academic mission and, most important, re-center academic excellence in University life."

— M. Lee Pelton

During the last five years, Willamette University has been guided by a set of strategic initiatives dedicated to substantially improving five aspects of University life: academic excellence, student life, diversity, visibility and technology.

Much has changed during the life of our strategic plan: The addition of new faculty and administrators has brought new perspectives. A weakened national economy and internal budget pressures have necessitated adjustments, while our shortage of space to accommodate faculty needs has become more apparent and acute. Discussions in CLA on the changing role of teaching, research and scholarship have suggested the need for new methods of faculty support and work allocation. Meanwhile, the academic quality of the student body has increased at all of our schools.

As Willamette responds to these trends and developments, we are also careful not to become distracted from our vision of the University's future. As I shared this spring in "The New Pathways," my vision statement for Willamette's next five years, I plan to establish a Commission on Academic Excellence that will provide a framework for our distinctive academic mission and, most important, re-center academic excellence in University life.

The commission will be charged to issue recommendations to enhance academic excellence. Co-chaired by a member of the Willamette faculty and a member of the board of trustees, the commission will primarily comprise CLA, Law, AGSM and School of Education faculty, but it will also include students, staff and others able to provide helpful perspectives. To do its work well, the commission must fully engage the University community through forums, meetings and written communication. It may also wish to invite academic leaders from other colleges and universities to assist in its work.

The commission is not meant to substitute for the central role faculty play in academic governance, curriculum design, departmental or program priorities, but rather to stimulate and suggest new areas of academic interest and promise. I will ask the commission to identify a set of academic activities or "centers of excellence" that strengthen our academic mission, with priority given to those that cross disciplinary boundaries and increase opportunities for faculty development, research and scholarship.

The centers may unite existing programs and research interests or develop wholly new activities. They may take a variety of forms, from programs with offices, operating budgets and directors to faculty committees or clusters. Some may be established immediately, while others will need to be nurtured over longer periods of time.

No matter how or when these centers are organized, each should reflect the service to humanity embodied in our educational mission. They might, for example, include programs that increase international understanding and education, reaffirm sustainability as a core University value, deepen our understanding of ethics in contemporary society, or bring to life our commitment to social justice, citizenship and government.

The success and vitality of these centers will depend, in large measure, on the research interests of individual faculty working in their disciplines or with their colleagues. I envision that most if not all of the centers will be funded through external grants and gifts.

The Commission on Academic Excellence and the proposed "centers of excellence" are just two of many exciting developments at Willamette University. This edition of *The Scene* will focus on several other avenues of initiative currently being pursued that will continue Willamette's long tradition of excellence, distinction, service and creative thinking.

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

M. Lee Pelton
President

Facelift for Waller Among Summer Renovations

Class may have been out for summer, but the ring of hammers and the roar of bulldozers meant campus was anything but quiet. Just ask members of the Admissions Office, deployed to the Bistro, student activities offices and even Gatke Hall to make way for a 900-square-foot addition to the WISH building (below). The renovation will create new work space so existing offices can be converted to a lounge/seating area for admissions staff to meet with prospective students and families.

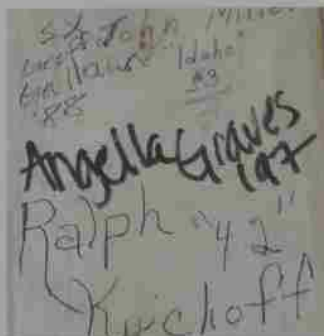
The first phase of renovation for soccer facilities (bottom right) includes new lighting, relandscaping, and leveling the field of play — literally. Grading will correct a three-foot drop from the southeast to northwest corners of the field. The grass will

be replaced with the same artificial turf now used at McCulloch Stadium, allowing year-round use for the soccer team, intramurals, club sports and general recreation.

Trench-digging that started along Winter Street will continue along State, 12th and Bellevue as WITS encircles the Willamette campus with new conduit to allow for upgraded network and voice communications technology (top right). This “future-proofing” will help prevent outages and enable WITS to bring other facilities online.

By far the biggest summertime renovation is Waller Hall (center right). The \$1.1 million facelift will include exterior refinishing, new windows (except the stained glass of Cone

Chapel), and new roof, gutters and downspouts. The cupola will be completely restored, with new walkways, supports, railings and a new copper roof. But Bearcats past and present have no need to mourn the loss of tradition. The cupola’s interior, replete with years of signatures and drawings, will be preserved.



Editor's Note: Were you among the many Bearcats to brave the narrow cupola stairs to leave your words of wisdom for future generations? Where did you etch your name? Who gave you the boost to make your mark just a little bit higher? Share your cupola-signing memories, and we'll publish them in a future issue of *The Scene*.



Notes from New Zealand

✉ I placed a copy of the spring 2005 edition of *The Scene* on my desk, and immediately visitors wanted to open it up. Like those guests, I was compelled to stop in my tracks and thumb through the journey of world art that is pulsating out of and into the university. John Olbrantz and Rebecca Dobkins have undertaken a brave new relationship, and we have accepted the invitation gladly.

Congratulations on a wonderful edition, and I look forward to future articles that follow the new weave that has been inspired by artists across the Pacific Ocean.

Garry Nicholas
General Manager, Toi Maori Aotearoa

✉ The article on Eternal Threads was beautifully written and illustrated. Visiting and exhibiting at the Hallie Ford Museum will be an enriching experience for us, and we are very much looking forward to spending time in Salem.

Darcy Nicholas
General Manager, Cultural Services,
Porirua City Council, Director, Pataka
Museum

✉ Kia ora! Thank you for sending the beautiful magazines. We are all very impressed and it brings a huge smile to our faces to see the beautiful kakahu on the cover. I'm sure the rest of the weavers will be thrilled.

Naomi Singer
Projects Officer, Toi Maori Aotearoa



✉ How delightful it was to open my mail and see our weavers' work on the cover of the last issue of *The Scene* as well as the informative article within.

I read from cover to cover and have gained an impression of what I may expect when I come with our group of Maori weavers in September. We are all excited at the opportunity to share and learn whilst at Willamette.

Ranui Ngarimu
Chair, Te Roopu Raranga Whatu o
Aotearoa

Letter Policy

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Public Events Woven Into Historic Exhibit

Preparations are in high gear for the Toi Maori: The Eternal Thread exhibit, Sept. 23 to Dec. 22, at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. The Eternal Thread, profiled in the last issue of *The Scene*, is the first exhibit of contemporary Maori weaving ever to leave New Zealand, and the Hallie Ford Museum is one of only three venues in the world selected for the tour.

Willamette University alumni and friends are invited to the following free public events. Unless otherwise noted, all will be held at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at the corner of State and Cottage streets.

Friday, Sept. 23

(Willamette Reunion Weekend)

4 p.m. — Procession of Nations, featuring Oregon tribal delegations; stops include a blessing at the Star Trees, then the opening ceremony at the museum. (Jackson Plaza)

6 p.m. — Complimentary buffet-style feast featuring native foods (Café Cavern). Seating is limited; R.S.V.P. to Carolyn Harcourt, 503-370-6856 or charcour@willamette.edu.

Saturday, Sept. 24

(Willamette Reunion Weekend)

10 a.m. — exhibit opens to the public

11 a.m. — lecture by Darcy Nicholas, director of the Pataka Museum, New Zealand

Noon-2 p.m. — demonstrations and two-panel discussions with Maori weavers

Noon-4 p.m. — Maori weavers available for demonstration and discussion

Sept. 27-29

Noon-4 p.m. — Maori weavers share their art with regional weavers, school children and other visitors

Oct. 4-6

Noon-4 p.m. — Maori weavers available for demonstration and discussion

Oct. 13

7 p.m. — lecture by Patrick Kirch, UC Berkeley, on Polynesian history (Paulus Lecture Hall, College of Law)



Photo: Mark Roberts

Lamott Headlines All-Campus Reading

Best-selling author Anne Lamott will speak Thursday, Oct. 6, at 8 p.m. in Hudson Hall. Sponsored by the Lilly Project, Lamott's talk will coincide with an all-campus reading of *Traveling Mercies*, her collection of essays on faith.

"Anne Lamott writes about her walk of faith in ways that are ruthlessly honest and indecently funny at the same time," says Karen Wood, associate chaplain for vocational exploration and director of the Lilly Project. "She's an antidote to the assumption that faith must be self-righteous. For her it is deeply humane and subversive."

The author of six novels and four books of non-fiction, Lamott has received a Guggenheim Fellowship and has taught at UC Davis and at writing conferences nationwide. "Word by Word," her biweekly online column in *Salon*, was voted Best of the Web by *Time* magazine.

The Lilly Project for the Theological, Spiritual and Ethical Exploration of Vocation is a university-wide program dedicated to helping students discern their calling in life, religious or secular.

Creating Community Online



The Willamette Alumni Online Community is growing strong and now boasts 20 percent of University graduates as members. That's more than 5,000 Bearcats united online.

The Online Community now serves as the main Willamette alumni website. Any WU graduate with an Internet connection and a web browser can

access a host of services including an online directory, class notes submissions, career networking and a variety of online clubs. Go to www.willamettealumni.com for more information.

Fiske Names WU a Best Buy

Willamette was named one of the 45 Best Buy schools in the just-published 2006 Fiske Guide to Colleges. Only 300 of the nation's more than 2,200 four-year colleges and universities are chosen for profile in the guide, with the primary factor being academic quality. Willamette was cited for its rigorous curriculum; small class size; quality of campus life; diversity; opportunities for research, internships and study abroad; and close-knit community with an emphasis on service.

Campaign Update



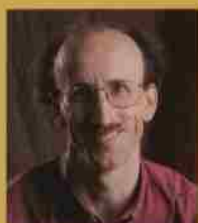
Gifts to the Campaign for Willamette for the 2004-05 fiscal year totaled \$14.2 million, bringing the three-year total to \$59.6 million, or nearly 48 percent, toward the \$125 million goal.

During the three-year "quiet phase" of the campaign, the University raised \$10.5 million for endowed scholarships and created two new endowed chairs and a lecture series. The Art Building and Kaneko Commons expansions plus the remodeling of Eaton Hall represent more than \$13 million in facility enhancements. Annual giving achieved a 15 percent increase over last year's total, raising \$996,631. This amount reflects the incredible success of the Parents Fund, which received \$151,359 and exceeded its goal by 38 percent.

Recent gifts will create scholarships and ensure the latest equipment and technology for the biological sciences, endow a scholarship for women students to pursue studies in science and mathematics, provide funding for Willamette Academy, and create stipends for student interns in state government or nonprofit organizations involved in public policy.

tidbits & *briefs*

NPR Showcases Willamette Professor



The history of the Pledge of Allegiance isn't as straightforward as one might think, Professor Richard Ellis told NPR's "Fresh Air" June 28.

Written in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, the pledge reflected the native-born Protestant writer's fears of increasing Catholic and Jewish immigration to the

United States, says the author of *To the Flag: The Unlikely History of the Pledge of Allegiance*. "The words reflect our nation's anxieties — about immigration and radicalism — as well as our ideals."

The words "under God" were added during the McCarthy era to differentiate the United States from the atheistic communists, the Mark O. Hatfield Professor of Politics says. "For more than a century, those most fearful about threats to our national identity have often been the most insistent on the importance of patriotic rituals."

To listen to the interview, go to www.npr.org and type "Richard Ellis" in the search window.



City Honors Student Volunteers

Salem Mayor Janet Taylor and the Salem City Council honored Willamette students and the Office of Community Service Learning with the 2005 Dorothy Patch Community and Educational Achievement Award at the council's annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration in July.

Willamette was nominated by the Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Department of Community Service for its work with projects such as Senior Community Service Day and Into the Streets. Students collected downed limbs in Deepwood Park after a winter storm, undertook a restoration and naturalization project on the banks of Pringle Creek, and completed a total makeover at the historic Pioneer Cemetery, returning on several occasions to help with ongoing maintenance.

"[We are] delighted and grateful to have these dedicated students helping to keep our parks healthy and beautiful," wrote Edward Jochims, director of the community service department, in a nomination letter. "We are proud of their consistent dedication to parks, and to making a better life for themselves and their community."



Track Standouts Win Scholarships

Alicia Andrews, Shannon McGrane and Scott Overby, all members of the Class of 2005, are the first Willamette graduates ever selected for the prestigious NCAA post-graduate scholarship. The \$7,500 award recognizes athletic achievement, academic performance, community service and leadership.



Alicia Andrews '05

Andrews, an economics major from Clarkson, Wash., finished second in the 800 meter at the NCAA championships and also earned All-America honors as a member of the 4 x 400 relay. She is a three-time All-American and nine-time Northwest Conference champion in the 800, the 4 x 400 and the 400.



Shannon McGrane '05

McGrane, a chemistry major from Colville, Wash., finished second in the 400-meter hurdles at the NCAA championships and was named NCAA Division III West Region Female Athlete of the Year. She won the Northwest Conference 400 hurdles, 100 hurdles, 4 x 400 and finished fourth in the heptathlon.



Scott Overby '05

Overby, a sociology major from Gresham, Ore., finished second in the Northwest Conference in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Only one other school in the country, Gustavus Adolphus, won three NCAA awards for the spring sports season.

Motto Fuels 'Lasting' Effort

Our lives affect others. That's the idea behind the university's motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born." It's also the driving force behind Willamette's Sustainability Initiative, a new vision that will affect every aspect of University life.

"Sustainability is at the center of what we do as an institution," wrote President Lee Pelton last November in an announcement that kicked off the initiative and formed the campus Sustainability Council. "The choices we make now affect the lives of present and future generations."

The "four E's" of sustainability — equity, education, economics and environment — are already inherent in the University's creed and actions. "Willamette has a strong tradition of social justice," says Joe Bowersox, associate professor of politics and chair of the Sustainability Council. "President Pelton has charged us with incorporating concepts of social and environmental sustainability into our teaching, our research, the administration, maintenance of our facilities and our community outreach."

Four years ago, student leaders like environmental studies major Kai Wallin '05 led the drive to formalize and expand the University's sustainable efforts on campus and make sustainability a guiding principle. "We met with President Pelton and faculty and urged them to support sustainability on campus," says Wallin, who now works on stream restoration for the City of Salem.

The result was WEST, the Willamette Environmental Sustainability Team, a committee of students, faculty and staff formed to study how the University could step up its environmentally friendly and socially



responsible practices. One of the first successes was more efficient energy consumption. Despite soaring fuel costs and the addition of nearly 30,000 square feet of building space since 1999, Physical Plant has been able to keep energy costs relatively stable. Through measures including more energy efficient lighting, automatic on-off occupancy sensors and scheduling energy usage based

on building occupancy, Willamette reduced its electrical energy costs from \$1.98 per square foot in 2001 to \$0.78 in FY 2003-04. Now average electrical energy consumption for buildings larger than 5,000 square feet exceeds the national "Energystar" efficiency standard. Another early success involved encouraging the University's food service to decrease waste, increase the use of local and organic products and seek out more environmentally friendly food containers.

At a two-day retreat this August, 40 members of the campus community created a campus sustainability blueprint. Ideas ranged from the quad to the classroom and beyond — landscaping with native plants, using environmentally friendly pesticides and cleaning products, constructing "green" buildings and retrofitting existing facilities, encouraging alternative forms of transportation to campus, integrating sustainability into teaching and research and choosing more socially responsible investments.

"Part of the journey is thinking about a future that's filled with the things we want," says Professor Robin Morris Collin, who teaches law and sustainability at the College of Law. "Whether it's finances or which cleaning products to use, we need to ask 'What are the environmental, economic and fairness and justice impacts of our decisions? What are the educational issues we need to address?' I can't say exactly where we'll be in 20 years. I do know we'll be healthier. We won't be contaminating the land we live on. And our students will be getting a rich and inspired perspective that will make them more constructive and optimistic."



Hats Off to the Class of 2005

The intermittent showers that fell Sunday, May 15, did little to dampen the Commencement spirit shared by a record-breaking 774 graduates.

Beneath the massive white canopy covering the quad in front of Waller Hall, the College of Liberal Arts awarded degrees to 482 undergraduates. Fifty-seven percent of the Class of 2005 are non-Oregon residents representing 30 states. In keeping with national trends, women students outnumbered men 56 to 44 percent. The most popular majors were politics, economics, Spanish, psychology and biology.

The School of Education awarded 86 degrees to a class that is 69 percent women and 78 percent Oregon residents.

Wangari Maathai, the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize, gave the keynote address at the College of Liberal Arts and School of Education ceremony. She received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. (See p. 12 for more on Maathai.)

The University awarded honorary degrees to three other contemporary leaders. William F. Schultz, executive director of Amnesty International, received an honorary doctor of humane letters. Bob Edwards, journalist and 30-year veteran of National Public Radio, received an

honorary doctor of public service degree. Wilma Mankiller, chief of the Cherokee Nation from 1985 to 1999, received an honorary doctor of public service degree.

The College of Law awarded 141 JD degrees and two LLM degrees to a class that represented 75 undergraduate colleges and universities and 24 states. The law Class of 2005 is 45 percent women. Retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice Faith Ireland delivered the Commencement address.

The Atkinson Graduate School of Management awarded 65 degrees to a class that is 57 percent men, 43 percent women. Thirty-nine percent of the graduates are non-Oregon residents representing 12 states and four countries. State Senator Frank Morse gave the Commencement address.

to be the ones who are very close to nature whichever way you look at it."

A Doorway to Community

The women's involvement is just one facet of the Green Belt Movement's decidedly holistic approach. "We use the trees as an entry point," says Maathai, "but once we are in the community, we try to react or address all the issues that affect the livelihood of those people."

Maathai compares the organization's work to a traditional African stool. Unlike most stools that have three individual legs attached to a seat, a



traditional African stool is carved from a single solid log. The stool can't stand with one leg or even two. All three legs must be strong and balanced or the stool will topple. The same is true of the three pillars of the Green Belt Movement's holistic approach: democracy, the environment, peace. Money will not solve a country's problems, Maathai explains, unless these three pillars are in place. "We can't develop where there are two pillars, or one, or none," she says. Without integrating these elements within a community, people don't feel the safety and security they need to be productive citizens, and this leads to conflict. "People who feel marginalized and

deprived and oppressed are angry people," she says, "and they undermine our security."

She grew to understand that when access to a country's resources is not controlled, the people in power hoard the resources for themselves and their allies. Maathai emphasizes the need for democratic systems of government that allow the equitable management of resources, as well as the need for people to empower themselves to take active roles in their government. For this reason, civic education is also a key component of the Green Belt Movement.

"Leaders alone can't build a country," says Maathai.

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— Wangari Maathai



Great Risk, Great Reward

While Maathai's work has won her admirers around the world, for years her safety was threatened as she was considered an enemy of former Kenyan President Daniel arap Moi. Despite her peaceful work, under Moi's administration Maathai was repeatedly arrested and imprisoned, teargassed, even clubbed into unconsciousness.

Still she continued. In the late '80s, she made headlines for stopping the construction of a 62-story luxury development, backed by the government, which would have razed one of Nairobi's public parks. In 1999 Maathai was peacefully protesting the clearing of Karura Forest, one of Kenya's last remaining indigenous forests, when she and other protesters were severely beaten by security guards. Amnesty International reported that the guards carried machetes, clubs and whips, while police stood by, silent witnesses to the violence. "I understood that in bringing these issues to the floor, I was, of course, putting myself in danger," Maathai says. "It was a matter of deciding to take that risk."

At 65, Maathai has unfinished dreams for Kenya. She hopes she still has time to make improvements in the educational system, and that some day she will be able to say every child in Kenya is in school.

Maathai's oppressors and those who brought her harm have since fallen from power, and she is now the one in Parliament. "They knew they were doing the wrong thing. It's not like they thought they were doing the right thing," she says. "I'm sure that today they look back and they wish they were on my side."

— Susan Domagalski '92



Planting the Seeds of Change

Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai addressed graduates of the College of Liberal Arts and School of Education at Commencement, where she was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

In 1971 Wangari Maathai became the first African woman to earn a PhD. Six years later she founded the Green Belt Movement, a grassroots environmental organization responsible for transforming the lives of women throughout her native Kenya. She was elected to Parliament in 2003 and soon after was named assistant minister for environment and natural resources. She won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2004.

Maathai had inauspicious beginnings. The daughter of a peasant farmer, she earned scholarships to pursue her education and eventually attend college in the United States.

Following completion of her master's degree, Maathai returned to Kenya with a passion to help her country. Especially after visiting scenic areas of the United States, she thought, "My country should also be beautiful." Yet she found the harsh effects of clear-cut logging — including soil erosion and river pollution — when returning to the places of her childhood.

In talking with Kenyan women, Maathai learned the human toll exacted by this loss of biodiversity — the hours women spent searching for firewood, the growing malnutrition due to a lack of nutritious native foods and the stark need for income.

Undaunted, she set to work founding the Green Belt Movement, an organization novel in its holistic effort to integrate environment, democracy and peace. It was this big-picture approach that caught the notice of the Nobel Committee.

Reforestation Brings Renewal

Essentially the Green Belt Movement hires women to reforest Kenya. In the beginning the goal was to plant one tree for every person in Kenya — 15 million at that time. The goal was mocked. So sure the women would fail, Kenya's conservator of forests promised them all the free trees they needed. He was forced to retract the offer in less than a year. Thus far, the movement has planted more than 30 million trees, and today lush tree cover shades areas where years earlier there was only desert.

The reforestation has created tangible improvements in women's lives. The trees provide women the wood for fuel and fencing, they produce nutritious food, and they afford women an opportunity to earn their own money. "For every seedling that survives," Maathai explains, "they get a small compensation, which is both an income for them and an incentive to continue doing this work." The women's success has also brought them the respect of the men, who appreciate how the trees increase the property value of their land.

While the Green Belt Movement was not designed for the benefit of women only, it has been strongly shaped by women's daily experience. "For the women, the land is the base that sustains their livelihood," Maathai says. "You hear very few women talk about climate change or the loss of biodiversity, but they will talk about the loss of seeds. They will talk about loss of medicinal plants if the forests are clearcut. Women seem

Live and Learn

Blurring the Line Between Classroom and Life

Learning doesn't stop when class ends. That's the concept behind Kaneko Commons, the first of several planned living/learning campus communities that will transform how Willamette students learn. Scheduled to open in late 2006, Kaneko Commons, an extensive rebuild/remodel of the existing Tokyo International University site, will integrate residential living with cocurricular activities — opportunities to learn and grow outside the traditional classroom setting.

While relatively new to the Willamette campus, the concept of residential learning is firmly rooted in the history of schools such as Harvard and Yale in the 1930s, of Oxford and Cambridge in the 13th century and arguably as far back as the community of scholars who surrounded Socrates.

"Small residential colleges have always blurred the line between learning inside and outside of the classroom," explains CLA Dean Carol Long. "Our goal is to create residential communities that enhance student learning and increase the opportunities for intentional and reflective living."

Kaneko Commons, which will feature "graduated" housing choices from traditional dorm rooms to suites and apartments, will offer a wide range of cocurricular opportunities such as films, speakers, discussion groups, sports, service, recreational and social activities. "We can make campus life more interesting, challenging and exciting," says Robert Hawkinson, dean of campus life. "Eventually all students will be affiliated with a commons. It will be their home for four years. Whether they choose to live in

the commons, off campus, in a fraternity or sorority or go abroad at some point, they'll still retain an affiliation and identification with their commons."

A unique feature of Willamette's learning commons model is the integration of live-in faculty and faculty associates. "We're going to include a faculty member and his or her family living in or near the commons and make this person an integral part of the life of the commons," says Hawkinson. "Other faculty will be associates or fellows of the commons who will participate in various activities, including dinners and the new first-year seminar."

"Students will be a primary part of determining programming," says Long. "They will have a strong say in what they want to do in their residences." Each commons will have funds set aside for cocurricular learning and recreational opportunities, and students, with guidance from faculty and staff, will budget and allocate those funds.

Students will also have greater responsibility for governing their living-learning environment, including judicial boards to enforce standards of conduct. "We're putting more responsibility on the students," says Hawkinson. "We expect students to have a rich civic experience within the commons. Making decisions



Three members of the President's Residential Commons Committee — Jennifer Heit, Bracken Killback and Stephanie Hartford, all '05 graduates — joined Dean Robert Hawkinson at the Kaneko Commons groundbreaking. Heit and Hartford had been involved with the committee since the beginning of their freshman year.

about their daily lives in a collective situation is the kind of cocurricular learning we'd like to see."

The result, says Long, will be students better prepared to live well in the world. "Liberal arts education has always been about how to live with other people, how to be part of the world in a way that is nurturing for oneself and for others. The commons will provide more and different opportunities for our students to become fully engaged citizens."

Going Global

The Demand for Study Abroad Climbs

You're a pianist, surrounded by a thousand years of musical history, studying at the world-renowned Sorbonne and Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. Is it a dream come true? It was for Shelly Lawson '04, one of Willamette's many study abroad students, who spent a year attending concerts, exploring museums and studying music with some of the finest teachers in the world. "I was amazed at the wealth of culture and history," says Lawson. "Being able to study in France brought a new perspective to my studies."

Lawson's sentiment echoes that of many study abroad students, and a record 214 have signed up for this year. The growing demand to spend a semester or year abroad studying

Half of the juniors were gone one semester, the other half were gone the next. Everyone I looked up to studied abroad, so I knew I wanted to do it too." Kang, who started working for the Office of International Education as a student, now works full time as a study abroad advisor. "The demand at Willamette for study abroad is really high."

For Brooke Stearns '99, it was an international learning experience

Nick Winn '04 spent five months studying in China and came home with a new career direction. "I love this international stuff," he says. "Now I want a career in international trade or international business."

Unlike many universities, Willamette strives to make study abroad opportunities affordable for all students. In fact, except for airfare and incidentals like visas and spending money, costs are exactly the same as for students on campus. Regular financial aid applies to overseas study, and the University makes up any cost



Students in the Ecuador program are introduced to the study abroad experience through a cultural immersion experience in the Galapagos Islands (above) before heading to Ecuador (below) for intensive language training and courses in History, archeology, Latin American culture and other liberal arts fields.

doesn't surprise Kris Lou, director of international education. "We've seen a steady increase over time, and 60 to 65 percent of the University's graduating class earns credit studying abroad."

Insil Kang '04, who studied in Spain during her junior year, says study abroad has become part of the fabric of Willamette life. "When I came to Willamette, it seemed like everyone studied abroad. All the sophomores I met were applying to study abroad.

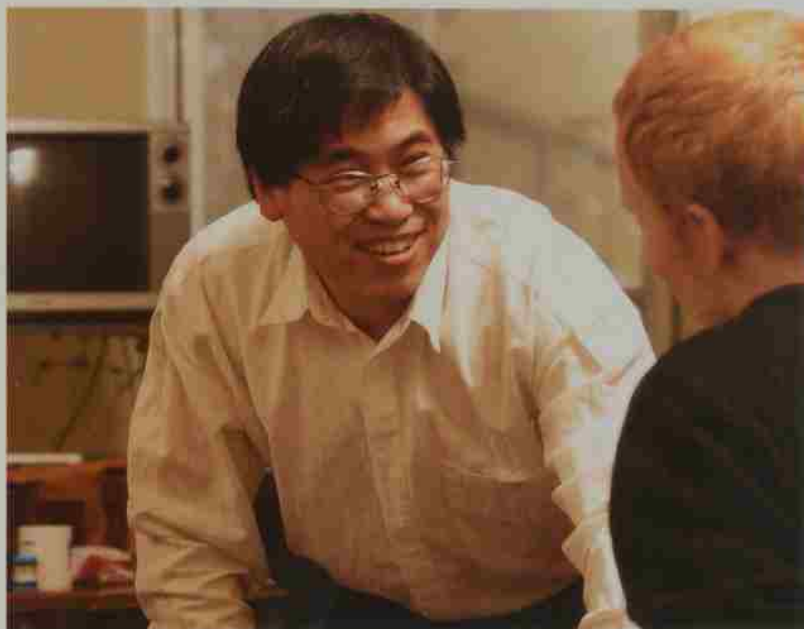
that awakened her passion for international work. Since graduating, she's worked in Washington, D.C., administering loans to fight global poverty; in

Tazaneen, South Africa, working against poverty and HIV/AIDS; and in France, where she studied as a Rotary World Peace Scholar.

Ceramics artist Maria Olivares '00 traveled to the tiny town of San Marcos Tlapazola, Mexico, to study traditional pottery making with a Mexican-Indian artist. The experience completely changed her own approach to art and gave her a deep appreciation for her Hispanic heritage.

differences, often paying thousands of dollars per student. "Forty to 45 percent of all Willamette students will be funded by the University to study abroad for a semester or a year," says Lou. "Study abroad is the perfect vehicle for students to find that transformative experience."





Adding faculty will provide students with more diverse curricular offerings and greater access to faculty like Juwen Zhang, Luce Junior Professor of Chinese Languages and Culture.

"It's not about adding more sections of classes currently offered or about enlarging the student body. We will invite faculty who will enrich and diversify the curriculum and the intellectual life of the campus."

— Dean Carol Long

those who will join our community over the next five years."

Willamette, like most universities across the country, faces the challenge of retiring senior faculty and recruiting, mentoring, and retaining the junior faculty who will one day replace them. The college currently has 127 tenure-track faculty members. By the year 2011, 15 or more will retire. Some departments are bracing for a more than 50 percent turnover in the next few years. In March 2004 the University was awarded an \$800,000 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant to help with "hiring ahead," which will give senior faculty time to mentor junior faculty, thus ensuring the continuity of curricular planning and the outstanding

pedagogy that is the hallmark of the Willamette experience. Hiring to fill these retirements will add to the influx of new faculty.

"Expanding the CLA faculty provides many benefits," says Long. "These new faculty will allow us to change our normal teaching load from six courses a year to five. For the faculty, it means more time for pedagogy and more time to devote to research, scholarship and community service. The benefits to students are increased access to professors, a greater diversity of intellectual interests, 25 additional faculty advisors and a strong assurance that the current student-to-faculty ratio of 11:1 will be sustained or improved."



World Views Retires

For 19 years, Willamette introduced first-year students to the liberal arts experience through the World Views seminar. With a theme that changed every four years, the seminar focused on critical reading, writing and discussion. Topics have included Victorian England, modern Latin America, the contemporary Middle East and 5th century Athens. Most recently, students discussed War and Its Alternatives.

Faculty recently approved a new first-year seminar that retains the central goal of engaging students in the rigors of the liberal arts, but that replaces the collegewide theme with individually designed topical seminars. "The intensity of the seminar will be maintained," says Carol Long, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, "but it was the faculty's decision to broaden the choice of topics to give students more options." The seminar will continue to be taught by tenure-track faculty, and class size will remain between 15 and 17 students.

A faculty task force will spend part of the 2005-06 academic year finalizing the details for the new seminar.

Alumni, we encourage you to share your memories of World Views and how it shaped your Willamette experience. Submit your comments to scene@willamette.edu.

Building Strength upon Strength

New Faculty Benefit Teaching and Learning



Exceptional pedagogy is the foundation of a Willamette education. The University will build on that strength and reap many other benefits as the College of Liberal Arts adds 25 new faculty members over the next five years.

With 39 departments and programs — including Asian Studies, Women's and Gender Studies and American Ethnic Studies new this fall — CLA's decisions about where to place new hires will be complicated. Some may consider the impending discussions so much "inside baseball," but the outcome of those discussions has

long-lasting implications for charting Willamette's curricular future.

"Adding faculty is a rather complex equation," says CLA Dean Carol Long. "It's not about adding more sections of classes currently offered or about enlarging the student body. We will invite faculty who will enrich

and diversify the curriculum and the intellectual life of the campus."

The decision is about quality, not quantity — a key factor in Willamette's growing national reputation. "Willamette has broken its own application record for three consecutive years," says Long. "This represents a 71 percent increase in applications since 2002." Each year the University receives more than 2,800 applications from first-year students alone, but is determined to hold the incoming freshman class to about 450 students. "We are enrolling better-prepared students, students who will do their part to challenge our current faculty and

growth can be measured any number of ways — size, scope, rankings, influence. If growth is a sign of success, then Willamette's trio of professional schools are triumphant. The College of Law, the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and the School of Education are all currently in the midst of an unprecedented growth cycle. All three schools offer abundant evidence that for the next several years they will be moving briskly forward.

Law School Tips the Scales



The College of Law has hit the trifecta of measurements with significant gains in admissions, bar passage and fund raising.

While law school applications are declining across the nation, applications at Willamette's College of Law for 2005 are up 22 percent from last year and have reached the highest number in the college's history. According to Dean Symeon Symeonides, "new specialization programs have made Willamette more attractive to prospective students." This is the third consecutive year in which applications have increased 20 percent or more, an overall increase of 106 percent since 2002. The national increase for the same time period was only 4.6 percent.

"We are delighted with these numbers," says Symeonides, "but we will continue to aim higher." Like the University overall, the law school is not seeking to increase its total enrollment. Rather, the College of Law will admit "the lowest percentage of applicants in the school's history so as to further strengthen the academic profile of the entering class," Symeonides explains. Plans call for enrolling a class of 150 students, down from the usual 175, from a record-breaking pool of 1,550 applicants.

The College of Law reported the best bar exam pass percentage in 25 years, a measure of success Symeonides attributes to the school's rigorous academic standards for "producing a more professional student body." Fully 85 percent of Willamette graduates passed the Oregon bar on the first attempt, surpassing the state average by 11 percent.

Supporters are always encouraged by such success, and the law school has received historic donations in recent years that have more than doubled its total endowment and will shape future programming and facilities.



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year. This number was in stark contrast to application patterns at peer institutions. In April 2005 *BusinessWeek* reported that applications to the magazine's top 30 MBA programs had "dropped almost 30 percent overall since 1998, with some schools seeing declines of 50 percent or more." Says Goodrich, "Atkinson is obviously bucking the national trend." Like the College of Law and the University overall, AGSM is not focused on class size, but rather on the academic strength of those selected for enrollment. In May AGSM graduated 66 students, 23 of whom were invited to join prestigious national and international honor societies.

The Atkinson Class of 2005 represented 13 countries, another encouraging sign of growth. "We are keenly aware that our international focus will prepare our graduates to compete successfully in other cultures, in world markets," Goodrich explains. "With our Oregon location, our international exchange and internship opportunities, we are perfectly placed to serve the business communities of Asia, India and Latin America."

Education Achievements Add Up



Closer to home, dozens of Oregon teachers will return to the classroom this fall, as students. One group will participate in the Willamette School of Education Aspire Program. Started last August, this two-year program with evening and weekend classes serves teachers, instructional assistants and others who seek an Oregon teaching license and master's degree in early childhood, elementary, middle or high school education.

The Aspire program serves prospective teachers who need a more flexible schedule and who would be challenged to quit their jobs for the more traditional 10-month program. This new program drew 20 students last year, and enrollment is expected to reach 25 this fall.

"The Aspire program has attracted a more diverse, nontraditional student to our door," says Karen Hamlin, SOE director. "They bring more life experience to the program, and that benefits everyone."

Aspire isn't the only new offering at the School of Education. New Directions in Educational Leadership, which opened in July, is an 11-month, part-time program leading to administrative

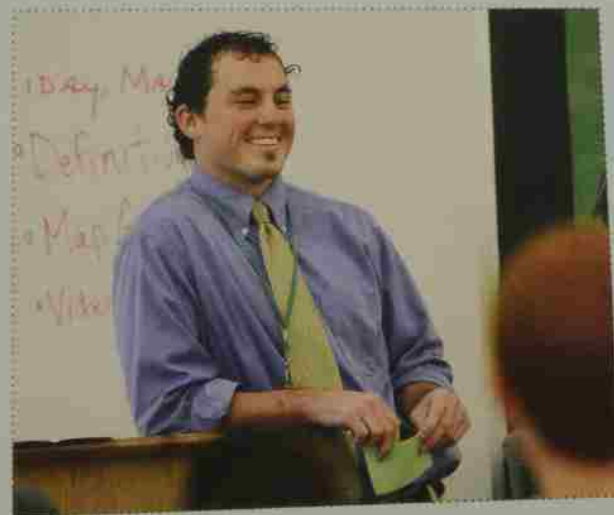
licensure, allowing teachers to move up the leadership ladder in K-12 education. "We seek candidates who have the skills and desire to raise the level of academic achievement for students in high-need areas," Hamlin says.

To qualify for New Directions, applicants must already hold a master's degree and have three years of teaching experience. "The program is a magnet for leaders, for people who embrace challenge."

More good news for the School of Education includes two technology grants: Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology (PT3) for \$1.3 million and the Teacher Quality Enhancement Partnership (TQE-P) grant for \$1.6 million. Involving a consortium of schools, the funding has allowed participants to develop an educational technology library that includes wireless laptop computers, CD burners, data projectors, digital camcorders, high-storage disk drives and software. These projects also strengthen technology curricula and encourage student teachers to introduce and better integrate technology into their classrooms.

Quality, not quantity, has always been Willamette's measure of success. With all the changes taking place within the University's three graduate schools, the common denominators are change and character. "We are committed to the ideals of substance and quality," says University President Lee Pelton. "The professional schools, like their undergraduate counterpart, reflect those values. They tie us securely to the broader community, and they provide our graduates with limitless opportunities to lead." ■

In the Classroom: Jared Lawson '03, MAT '04





A \$2 million contribution from Kenneth D. (JD'80) and Claudia Peterson and the Peterson Family Foundation partially endowed the Willamette Center for Law and Government. Trustee Rod Wendt (JD'80) and his wife, Carol, donated \$2.5 million to establish the Wendt Chair in Business Law. An anonymous benefactor gave \$2 million to partially endow the Clinical Law Program, and Maribeth Collins, a life member of the board of trustees, recently contributed \$500,000 to the effort.

Growing programs require additional space. A \$600,000 challenge grant from Meyer Memorial Trust will help renovate the Carnegie Building, built in 1912 as Salem's first public library, at the corner of State and Winter streets. The renovated building will be home to the College of Law's admissions office and four cocurricular programs — the Clinical Law Program, the Center for Law and Government, the Oregon Law Commission and the *Willamette Law Review*.



On Campus: A detail from the entrance to the College of Law

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— President Lee Pelton



Atkinson Bucks National Trends

While the law school is extending its reach up Winter Street, the Atkinson Graduate School of Management has staked its own claim in Portland's Pearl District.

The AGSM Portland-based Professional MBA program will kick off this academic year, marking the first time in the 163-year history of the University that a degree program has been offered off campus. Rather than rely on adjunct faculty, the courses will be taught by full-time faculty from the Atkinson School. The program's evening format will allow professionals to take MBA classes while continuing to work. The program may be completed in as little as two years.

A new program at a new site is just one measure of success for AGSM. The school was recently reaccredited during a five-year review by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. "The affirmation of our accreditation puts the Atkinson School in excellent company," says Dean James Goodrich. "Only 14 percent, fewer than 1 in 7, of all business degree programs in the country are accredited by the AACSB."

The Atkinson School is one of only three MBA programs in the Pacific Northwest to have been profiled in the 2005 edition of the *Princeton Review's Best 143 Business Schools*. It recently received recognition among the top 30 national programs in public finance in *U.S. News & World Report's* graduate school rankings.

National reputation and recognition, due in part to an innovative core curriculum and six program options, generate increased interest. Applications to AGSM in 2005 were up 14 percent over the previous

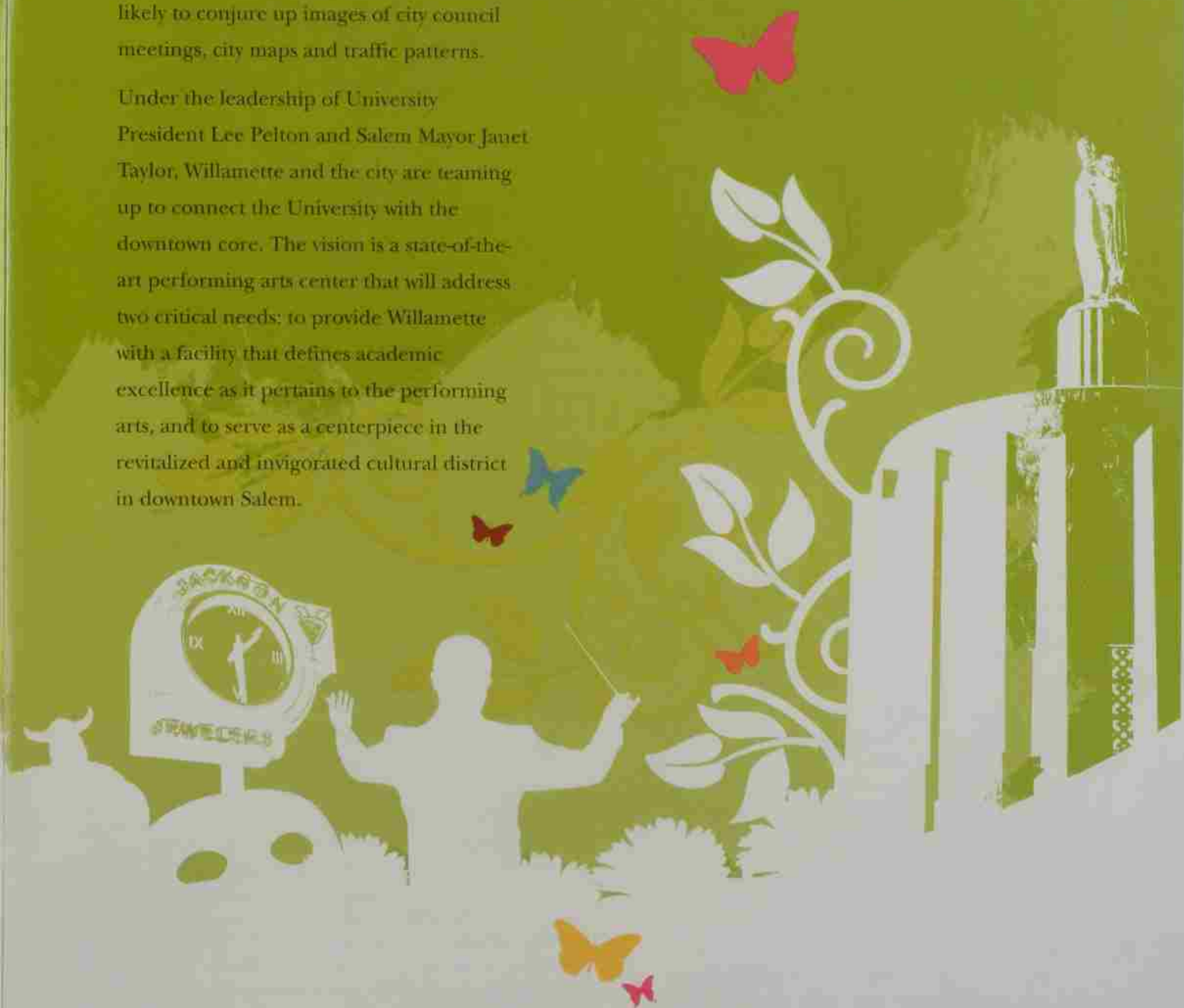


In the Pearl District: Professional MBA program headquarters at 11th and Burnside

Mention academic excellence

and most people immediately think of scholarship and teaching. These days at Willamette University, the phrase is also likely to conjure up images of city council meetings, city maps and traffic patterns.

Under the leadership of University President Lee Pelton and Salem Mayor Janet Taylor, Willamette and the city are teaming up to connect the University with the downtown core. The vision is a state-of-the-art performing arts center that will address two critical needs: to provide Willamette with a facility that defines academic excellence as it pertains to the performing arts, and to serve as a centerpiece in the revitalized and invigorated cultural district in downtown Salem.



Headed West

Willamette and the City of Salem Share a Growing Vision

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Western Exposure



"Up until now, Willamette's western approach has had its back to the rest of the city," Taylor explains. "Willamette's proposed future growth, including its vision for a new performing arts center, will open our front doors to each other. The city will do whatever it can to accommodate the creation of a performing arts center in downtown Salem. Revitalization is mutually beneficial."

Culture-savvy Salem residents, including John Olbrantz, the Hallie Ford Museum of Art director, and Mary Lou Zeek, a downtown gallery owner, have been rocking on their heels waiting for others to grasp the possibilities that will arise from a discussion of revitalization. They, too, are passionate about Salem's future.

"When the Hallie Ford Museum of Art opened in 1998, it was the University's western outpost," says Olbrantz, "a tenuous bridge between downtown and the University." Today the museum offers world-class exhibits that draw more than 30,000 visitors a year from both ends of the I-5 corridor.

"The Hallie Ford Museum is both the University's and the city's museum, a catalyst for revitalizing downtown Salem," Olbrantz explains. "Vital cities like Portland and Seattle have the right blend of downtown housing, restaurants and visual and performing arts. Salem is on the threshold of creating that environment, and in 10 years," he predicts, "Salem will be a destination city. The University is a willing partner in that vision."

Zeek believes the development of a cultural district is critical, but so is the need to convince people to live downtown.

"Part of the challenge," she says, "is that from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Salem is filled with state government workers. At five o'clock, they leave downtown. We need to solve the 'people' question, and we are."



Throughout downtown Salem, developers are now designing and constructing high-end, luxury apartments and condominiums. The response has been very positive. "I've been told that in some cases, condos with river and mountain views are being sold a year before they become available," Zeek says. "Downtown residents, local merchants and visitors, in that order, are the answer. It's happening."

As one of those local merchants, Zeek believes success will require passion and partnership. "Over this

The model above shows the amphitheater and the grand entrance of the envisioned performing arts center. The map illustrates the westward expansion of campus and the potential pathway for a pedestrian mall and cultural district. Both courtesy of ZGF, Portland, Ore.



Partnership in this endeavor is key. The University's current space and facilities configuration must be extended and improved. Boxed in on three sides, the Willamette campus must look primarily to the west for future development — a titillating conclusion that has focused the attention of both the University and the capital city.

A Shared Vision

If timing is indeed everything, a number of key factors are now in place to allow development decisions that will both expand the campus footprint and aid the city with its own long-term revitalization plans. The vision shared by Willamette and Salem would link the campus to downtown with pedestrian walkways and cultural amenities. Plans are taking shape, one block at a time. But the dream of a new University performing arts center in the downtown core is the basis for all the buzz.

"Willamette needs a new state-of-the-art auditorium that will seat 1,000 guests and meet growing program demands for studio and recital space, a dance space and other performance space," says Pelton. "A facility of the caliber we envision will focus on meeting our academic needs, but will also enrich our community by providing a variety of cultural, entertainment and educational opportunities in the form of concerts, lectures, recitals and other performances."

But building a new academic facility in downtown Salem only hints at the vision the president and others have in mind, a vision that has the potential to rejuvenate the look and feel of downtown Salem. "Imagine a cultural district defined by purpose," Pelton continues, describing a revitalized Salem that boasts the new Salem Conference Center and Phoenix Grand Hotel, the remodeled Elsmore Theatre, attractive pedestrian walkways and green spaces, and a collection of restaurants, coffee shops, bookstores, art galleries and boutiques. "Imagine at the very core of all that energy the Hallie Ford Museum of Art and a new performing arts center."

Taylor joins Pelton with equal enthusiasm. "We struggle with Salem's image as a government town. We are that and more," she says. "It's the 'more' we must nurture, especially in the arts and cultural venue — the most exciting but most fragile aspect of any city."

Both Pelton and Taylor cite the importance of collaborative thinking and partnership between the city and University leaders. "The University brings a national and international sensibility to the region through its students and diverse programming," Taylor says, "and the vitality of the downtown core is increased as Willamette expands to the west."



"Over this next year, Salem will undergo major changes. Having Willamette University, an organization focused on partnership, not profit, will make a huge difference."

— Mary Lou Zeek, gallery owner

With hundreds of students, faculty and staff living and working in and around the downtown area, Willamette has a strong interest in Salem's downtown business district remaining economically healthy, a vibrant and exciting place to live, work and recreate. The vitality of Salem's downtown and the availability of cultural opportunities, or lack thereof, could be a factor in an applicant's decision to come to Willamette as a student or member of the faculty.



pieces of property that result from road construction. "No" is not our default button," says Randall. "The city council wants to be seen as proactive and open for business. President Pelton and Mayor Taylor should both be given credit for their roles in improving the climate for change and partnership. Both the city and the University have offered vision and leadership."

Looking at maps of the downtown Salem core, Jim Bauer, vice president for administrative services, sees how the University and the city might work together. Willamette will ask the city to vacate a number of streets to include all city-owned property west of Winter, south of State, east of Church and Pringle Parkway. "Once acquired, these properties will allow the University to create an integrated space to include the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, the Atkinson Graduate School of Management, the College of Law, the School of Education and the Methodist church," Bauer explains. "It will become one contiguous footprint."

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—Jonathan Carder, trustee

The University is also in discussions with Qwest, adjacent to the museum. "We have no desire to purchase the building," Bauer says, "but we would like to determine what opportunities exist to share space and parking."

It takes vision to connect the dots with Willamette's future in mind. The University has purchased the Pacific Building on the corner of State and High streets adjoining the historic Elsinore Theatre, recently renovated for \$3.5 million. Bauer says, "We purchased the building before we started envisioning a new Willamette University performing arts center in the downtown core, and we will continue to evaluate its future use."

In 2003 the University purchased the YWCA at the corner of State and Winter streets, directly across

from the newly expanding art building. Willamette will lease the building to the YWCA until 2006, when the agreement will be reevaluated.

On the same corner is the Carnegie Building, once Salem's first public library. A \$600,000 challenge grant from Meyer Memorial Trust will help renovate the structure, built in 1912. The refurbished building will be home to four cocurricular College of Law programs. The University needs to raise an additional \$1.4 million in the next two years to secure the challenge grant. Once renovated, the facility will be named the Oregon Civic Justice Center.

Other strategic acquisitions include the Legal Arts Building and DeLynn's Cleaners on Church Street, as well as the parking lot directly behind the Methodist church. "These three properties," Bauer explains, "will eventually become the new grand entrance to the Willamette University campus."

All Aboard

The vision for a lively cultural district to join the Willamette campus with a rejuvenated downtown Salem is a bold endeavor by any standard. To make the dream a reality will require the complete commitment of all involved. Ongoing conversations about a new performing arts center tend to bring out the optimist in everyone.

"The board plays a strong role in developing a vision for the University," Carder explains. "We are a sounding board and a policy-making board, but we also have a responsibility to carry the message. The president can't be the only one out there raising money and asking people to get involved and make a long-term commitment. We must be fully engaged in the vision."

That said, President Pelton is, indeed, the lead enthusiast. No one is more aware of the opportunities such a facility could provide. "The concept of academic excellence takes many shapes. We should have an excellent downtown, excellent cultural amenities and excellent neighborhood associations. If you believe that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts, you will understand the connection between our classrooms and the greater Salem community. Academic excellence, fully embraced, will change an entire landscape." ■





The historic Elsinore Theatre recently underwent a \$3.5 million renovation.

next year, Salem will undergo major changes. Having Willamette University, an organization focused on partnership, not profit, will make a huge difference. President Pelton is passionate about the relationship between the city and the University, and passion is the key. I believe that success comes from following your passion, not profit."



Tradition Embracing Trends

University and city leaders are keenly aware of the role the arts play in neighborhood revitalization. Jonathan Carder, a University trustee and chair of the board's facilities committee, speaks with conviction about this trend. "The creative class is driving all sectors of our economy, from technology to entertainment," he explains. "Creative people are choosing cities that honor diversity and have open, liberal attitudes that embrace and appreciate the fine and performing arts."

Carder believes Portland continued to thrive during the 2000-04 recession in part because it welcomed cultural and artistic diversity. He envisions such a future for Salem. "The renaissance of Salem will reap strong benefits for the entire Willamette University community. You cannot overstate the importance of a sense of place. Having a first-class performing arts center that brings special events and outstanding performers and lecturers to campus adds to the luster of the University and adds intellectual and cultural depth to Salem. Such a center would serve as a magnet to draw lively people with lively minds.



The 29,000-square-foot Salem Conference Center opened March 1, 2005.

Smith Auditorium is obsolete. Its replacement, built downtown, would be a wonderful resource for both the University and the city."

"What the city and the University are committed to creating is not some hybrid invention," says Pelton. "What we are talking about exists throughout the country in those places that understand and support what makes a city vital and exciting. Great cities require planning. They require a long-term commitment to key elements like pedestrian walkways, public transportation, open spaces, distinct architecture, mixed housing, a riverfront, and interesting shops, galleries and restaurants. Salem already has many of these elements."

Mapping Tomorrow Today

Carder echoes those who say Willamette University must make strategic choices now. "Trustees are very supportive of the need to grow the University even if we cannot anticipate all future needs," he says. "An organization either grows or decays. We can't stand still. We must go forward with strategic acquisitions even though we don't know how every block will be used. In recent years, we have watched the school district and Salem Hospital gobble up available land on our eastern and southern borders. We can't afford to wait and see."

According to City Councilman Jim Randall, the city is open to discussions about zoning changes, vacating streets and acquiring and consolidating irregular



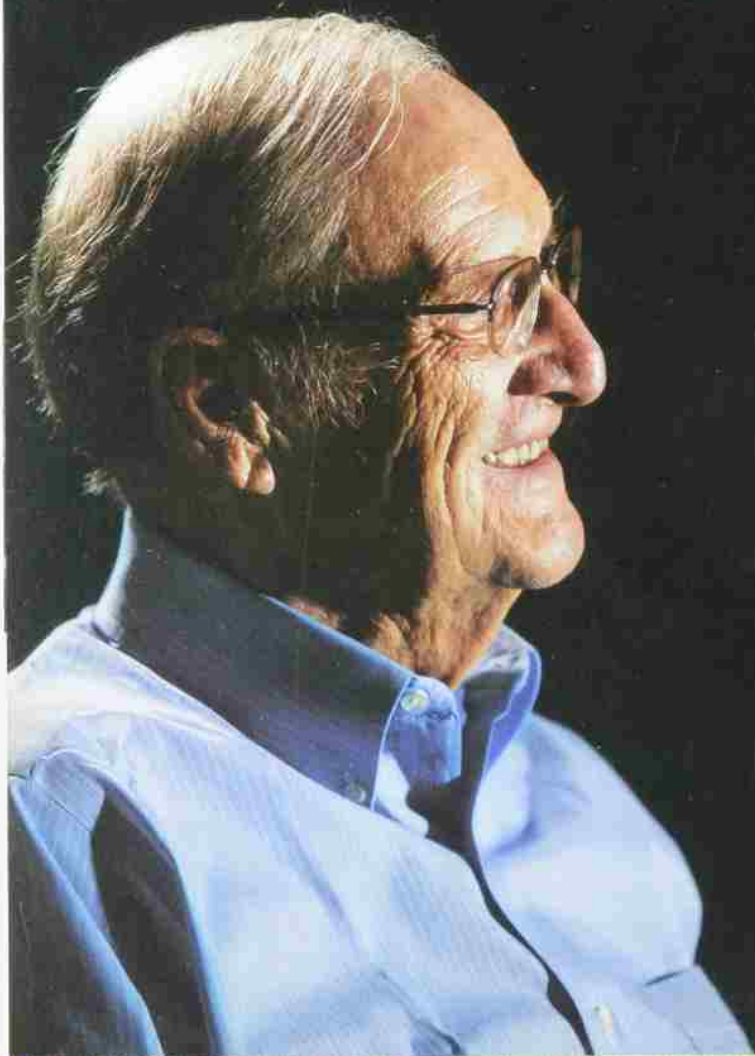
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His granddaughter, Lauren Hicks '05, had it a bit easier when war visited her generation in her freshman year. For one thing, she wasn't in the dark. Twenty-first century communications made it possible for her and her friends to watch the images, again and again, in shocked silence, of two planes careening into the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001. "I didn't believe it at first," she says. "It was too unimaginable to be real." An eerie quiet settled over campus as people congregated in front of TVs. People held hands and stood close to each other. "I think people just wanted to be near other people," she says. "A lot of people were far from home for the first time. We looked to one another for reassurance."

The bonds forged by war grew into lifelong friendships and a passionate loyalty to the school, though neither grandfather nor granddaughter originally intended to come to Willamette. Loren had dreams of Stanford. "I always maintained that Dad tricked me." His father, an alumnus himself, made a deal: He would send Loren to Stanford if he first attended Willamette for two years. "He knew darned well once I got to Willamette I wouldn't trade," Loren says, "and I didn't. Two months at Willamette and I loved it, and after Freshman Glee you couldn't have pried me out of the place."



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(THE WILLAMETTE)

by Nadene Steinhoff

Loren Hicks '42, JD'49 still remembers the moment he learned Pearl Harbor had been bombed. The Pacific Coast was blacked out, and he and his friends sat in a darkened fraternity house asking, "What do we do now?" The jokes, for once, had died. "We were a quiet, grim bunch. We knew who was going to have to fight this war." Sitting in the dark that night, they wondered who would survive and who wouldn't. The campus took on a strange restlessness as edgy students on "borrowed time" found it hard to concentrate on lectures. Loren and his classmates were soon shipped off to war, and as the nation struggled to survive, so did the university: the overnight disappearance of hundreds of male students left classes and coffers empty. President G. Herbert Smith went into overdrive, lobbying Washington for an officer training program at Willamette. His bid successful, Navy officers took over Lausanne Hall and crowded into classrooms. Enrollments soared, and Willamette survived, as did Loren, who came home after almost four years in the Army to attend Willamette's law school.



BIRTH OF A TRADITION

Loren recalls the summer of 1946, when he, Mark Hatfield and three fellow fraternity members traveled to Lake Huron, Mich., to successfully petition for Kappa Gamma Rho to become a charter of the national Beta Theta Pi fraternity. A corporate lawyer from a prestigious law firm in New York City formally introduced the contingent from Willamette, correcting the misperception that they were from Will-a-met. "It's Willamette, damn it," the lawyer told the suit-and-tie crowd. No one at the convention ever again made the mistake of calling it Will-a-met, Loren says, and a tradition was born.

Loren hit the books hard five days a week, and hit the dance floor on the weekends. His was the first generation given permission to dance on campus. In the past, that kind of behavior could get you expelled. Students petitioned and re-petitioned to hold dances on campus, and finally got the go ahead in 1939.

"The Big Bands were creating music that was wonderful for dancing," Loren says. His fraternity hired small orchestras for the Kappa Gamma Rho formals and made do with nickelodeons for informal dances. Few students owned cars, so on formal dance evenings you could see a promenade of women in sidewalk-length gowns and men in black jackets and bow ties strolling along State and Court streets toward campus.

Loren's Class of '42 also sang, a lot. "Impromptu group singing around the piano was common in our fraternity house," he says, "and we serenaded women outside their buildings accompanied by a pump organ." Freshman Glee, started by students in 1908, was the highlight of the year. "The lowly Frosh would challenge the other three classes to a song contest," Loren says, and the campus went into a frenzy. Each class wrote an original song, and several hundred students participated. "Sleep went on hold, studies suffered, professors were careful not to schedule tests

during the crucial days of preparation." Students performed before a packed house, and the competition was broadcast on radio throughout the region. "Classes shouted friendly challenges to each other and generally carried on in a wild manner while in a horrible state of anticipation, waiting for the verdict as to which class was first and which class was last," Loren says. Losers paid their dues, often getting tossed in the Mill Stream on Blue Monday.

Glee survived until the last years of the century, just before Loren's granddaughter enrolled, but its spirit lives on in Wulapalooza. The daylong celebration features student performers and artists, main stage bands, dancing, salmon bakes, and sometimes even belly dancers. Students learn about volunteer opportunities and environmental issues at Quadside displays, and raise money for social causes.

Graduating a hundred years after the school was founded, Loren is quick to cite his class motto: "They waited a hundred years for us!" Now, Lauren says, "there's not as much identification with your class as a whole." Instead, students bond with fellow students through more than 100 organizations, created and managed by students. Chapel attendance



"The Matriculation Ceremony made me feel like I was part of something really special."

— Lauren Hicks

Coming from a long line of Willamette grads — Lauren's parents, Teckla '73 and Graham Hicks '70, JD'73, met on campus during Freshman Camp — Lauren determined to strike out on her own at another school. A visit to her brother, Aaron '02, undid her plans. "As I walked across campus, I was stopped at least three times asking if I was finding what I was looking for, if I was lost," she says. "I was fine, but the fact that people were stopping to ask if I needed help was really nice." Even though the students she met were from widely divergent backgrounds, "everyone had positive things to say about Willamette. It felt like family." After one week on campus there was nowhere else she wanted to be.

When Loren was an undergraduate, the campus was in a precarious state, like everything else during the Depression. Too-small classrooms bulged with students and landscaping was an afterthought, but money was found for a much-needed library after President Bruce Baxter warned that the weight of library books on Waller's second floor posed a serious safety threat. The 1937 *Collegian*

touted the new library's Georgian Colonial edifice with its stone portico entrance, housing 37,000 books amidst the Windsor chairs and mahogany trim. Students wrote essays in longhand among the stacks or used their own portable typewriters.

By the time Lauren attended Willamette, library planners were less focused on architectural style and high-end decor, and more focused on giving students

"Two months at Willamette and I loved it, and after Freshman Glee you couldn't have pried me out of the place."

— Loren Hicks

an edge in the globally connected marketplace of ideas. In 2005 Lauren had her choice of 385,000 volumes, along with millions of Internet sites accessed from 4,900 computers on campus. "I got class assignments and research online from my laptop," she says.



REUNION WEEKEND

Willamette University



September 23–25, 2005

Reunion Classes

1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1995
and the Half Century–Plus Club

Reunion Weekend is just around the corner!

Don't miss your chance to reminisce with classmates and friends, chat with former professors and tour your old stomping grounds. Enjoy a full slate of activities including the new Picnic on the Quad all-alumni BBQ on Saturday afternoon and the Alumni Awards Banquet at the new downtown Salem Conference Center on Saturday evening.

For a complete line-up of activities and to contact your reunion chair, log on to www.willamettealumni.com, click on "Reunions" and look for your class year.

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is no longer mandatory, and yet the ethical and spiritual foundation that guided early students still inspire. Students volunteer around the globe, and graduates and faculty are leaders in the local and national dialogue about corporate responsibility, civil rights, conflict resolution, and just and sustainable development.

For both grandfather and granddaughter, Greek life was an extension of the camaraderie of the Willamette experience. In Loren's fraternity, "Men who swore at the dinner table were assessed a fine of five or ten cents, and the evening rule was 'No coat and tie, no seat at the table.'" His housemates

of 1942 to mark the university's centennial. The five Sequoias, President Knopf said, would stand as sentinels into the next century. And they have; the tallest is now fifteen stories high.

Loren has seen a lot of changes at Willamette over the decades, but through his granddaughter's eyes, he can see that even more has remained the same. A new century has given birth to new traditions, created, as always, by students. The night after parents and siblings have driven away from campus, new students gather on the Quad for the Matriculation Ceremony. Some are nervous, many are excited, many don't know what to expect. They

"The excitement of Freshman Glee gave students a tremendous loyalty to their class."

— Loren Hicks



monitored themselves and their friends. Lauren, a Pi Beta Phi, observed the same kinship among students of her day. "People here look out for each other," she says.

The campus that Lauren inherited, with its towering shade trees, ornamental cherry trees, fragrant roses, and Japanese and botanical gardens, was a gift from Loren's generation. President Baxter had the novel idea that the grounds of the rough pioneer school would be more inviting to potential students and faculty if they were landscaped. He kept the sprinklers on during the summer and planted numerous well-selected trees in order to create a park-like setting. His successor, Reverend Carl Knopf, planted the Star Trees in the summer

are welcomed by President Pelton, who introduces them to Willamette's history. He tells the incoming class that a visionary missionary founded a school in the middle of a wilderness, that it was the first school west of the Missouri. After the students are welcomed to the Willamette family, they walk together past the bell tower with its inscriptions: "Knowledge is the preface of peace," "Education finds fulfillment in compassion." The students gather at the Mill Stream and, one by one, each gently sets a candle into the waters until hundreds of lights are floating side by side down the stream, coming together, illuminating the dark, passing into the future. ■

Giving Due Honor

Each September we honor and celebrate alumni whose accomplishments and whose devotion to the University set them apart.

The Distinguished Alumni Citation, established in 1957, honors graduates whose professional achievement and service to community reflect the highest ideals of the University. This year's recipients are Charles Carter '55, Paul DeMuniz JD'75, Mary Jaeger '80, Lisa Murkowski JD'85 and Sally Grimm Schaefer '55.

Established in 1998, the Young Alumni Leadership Award recognizes graduates of the last 10 years for their outstanding leadership in their vocation, community service or service to the University. Those honored with the 2005 awards are Claire Bonilla '95, Laila J. Cook '98, Heather C. Dahl '95, Jason Hunter '95 and Jennifer Miller '97, MBA/JD'01.

The Lestle J. Sparks Medallion honors alumni for a lifetime of loyalty to the University. This year's recipients

are Edward Allis '70, John A. Jelders '60, JD'64 and Elizabeth Geiger Hartman '80.

We're now taking nominations for next year's awards. Who should be honored and why? Send us an email with your outstanding alumni nominations and tell us about their accomplishments, or visit www.willamette.edu/community/volunteer to submit your suggestion and view complete listings of past award winners.

WU and YOU

Get Connected to the Online Community

Reunion Weekend, alumni trips, special events, volunteering — these are all great ways to stay involved with your classmates and friends. The latest way to connect? The Willamette Alumni Online Community, which already boasts more than 5,000 members.

The Online Community now serves as Willamette's main alumni website. Any WU graduate with an Internet connection and a web browser can enjoy a variety of services geared to make the most of alumni connections:

- find classmates and friends with the online directory
- view alumni events in your area and register online
- plan for upcoming Reunion Weekends up to 2010
- share updates and photos with friends and classmates
- use the free alumni email forwarding
- join the 3,600 alumni in the career network and help students interested in your field
- find a new job among those posted by other alumni and the University's three career services offices
- submit class notes with photos
- give to Willamette online via credit card
- read the latest University news
- join an online club or class group, including several young alumni clubs, the Class of 1961, the Willamette Singers Alumni, or Kappa Sigma — just to name a few

All you need to get started is your last name and birthdate — it's that simple. So get connected.

Join the Willamette Alumni Online Community today
by going to www.willamettealumni.com.



Find a new job? Get back in touch with an old friend or classmate? If you're already a member, tell us your stories of how the Online Community made it happen. Email Chenoa Woods, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, at andersoc@willamette.edu, and we'll share your accounts and anecdotes in a future issue of *The Scene*.

Alumni Board: Keeping the Connection Growing



Guy Stephenson '73

The mission of the Alumni Association is simple: We must keep the connection growing. To sustain the University's academic excellence, we must take a vital role in helping students and graduates view their Willamette experience as a lifelong relationship. Over the past two years, we have retooled our mission statement to reflect the three factors driving our need for change.

First, we recognize that there are many stages to the Willamette experience — from the time of admission to the time of graduation and into the alumni years beyond. We have reor-

ganized our committees to reflect the various stages of this relationship.

Second, we acknowledge that nearly 40 percent of our alumni graduated within the last 15 years, and we are changing the membership of our board to reflect our changing constituency. We are also revising our bylaws to include four student representatives, one from each class.

Third, we wish to become a more active and visible partner in the Willamette experience and create a culture of goodwill and giving back. In the coming year, we will step up our support of student projects and seek new ways to reconnect with more alumni.

We will continue our traditional programs as well, recognizing the

efforts of our outstanding active alumni, and raising funds for the University, including unrestricted funds for scholarships. We will continue to sponsor Career Mentor Day and encourage greater involvement in the Career Network, which allows students and alumni to network with more than 3,600 alumni and parents offering career opportunities and guidance online. And we will continue to participate in Opening Days, inviting new students to local alumni homes for dinner.

The entire board is enthusiastic about our redefined mission and our commitment to keeping the connection growing. We invite you to contact any of us directly with your comments and suggestions.

— Guy Stephenson '73
Alumni Association President

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Class Notes

CLA Class Notes



Ray Short '44 of Lafayette, Colo., published his third book, *Sex, Love or Romance*, in fall 2004. His biography appears in the 2005 edition of Marquis "Who's Who in the World" and "Who's Who in America."

Jeannette (Mack) Luthy '46 of Portland, Ore., has been camping with her family this past year. She supports the local ballet and Youth Philharmonic, and belongs to a biography book club and an athletics club.



Judith Kent '55 of Tigard, Ore., has published Silverton's *Bobbie: His Amazing Journey — The True Story*. This book tells the story of the incredible collie that found his way "on paws" back to his home in Silverton, Ore., after being lost in Indiana.

Martin Wolf '57, JD'60 and **Cornelia Young** and were married Nov. 14, 2004. They live in Carmel, Calif.



Peter K. Manning '61 is a professor of criminal justice at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. He has been working in police organization research for many years. Peter has three children and seven grandchildren.

Sammie McCormack '61 of San Diego, Calif., is an active volunteer and on the board of directors of a scholarship foundation. She has spent many hours as a hospice volunteer. She is also the director of the University of Oregon Foundation. She welcomes visitors to San Diego.

William L. Lang '64 is the recipient of the James B. Castles Heritage Award. He was honored at a ceremony at the 58th Annual Pacific Northwest History Conference meeting in Boise, Idaho, in April. The award honors an individual or organization for significant contributions to a deeper understanding of Columbia River Basin history.



Steve Rapp '70 is the vice president of investments for UBS Paine Webber, Inc., in Portland, Ore. Steve also serves on the Arc of Multnomah County's board of directors. He continues his involvement at Willamette by serving as a CLA area events organizer. He and his wife Gail, live in Portland with their two children.

Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76, corporate-benefits manager for ESCO Corporation, headquartered in Portland, Ore., was a speaker at the Annual Summit on Healthcare Cost Containment Strategies for Employers in Miami, Fla., in April. This conference was sponsored by the International Quality and Productivity Center. His topic was "Imposing Regulatory and Legal Controls on Healthcare Providers." He was also a panelist on the topic of "Consumer-Driven Health Plan Design: Evaluating the Good and Bad Results."

David Moran '79 of London, England, was appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Uzbekistan in March,



James W. Cox '84 of Portland, Ore., has been appointed manager of the Oregon Cultural Trust, part of the Oregon Arts Commission. The trust is the innovative public-private cultural funding program designed to support, stabilize and protect Oregon culture through the humanities, heritage and the arts. Individuals and corporations can donate money to the trust and receive a tax credit, providing they give a similar amount to qualified nonprofits. James is an Oregon native who has 17 years' experience in management, leadership and organizational responsibilities with commercial and nonprofit arts institutions across the United States. Since 1998 he has been a touring production stage manager for professional regional theatre and opera companies.

Brooks Houser '85, MBA'87, JD'90 was appointed to the Janus Youth Group board of directors. Janus helps 36,000 children each year throughout the Northwest and has a budget of \$20 million. Brooks has been appointed to the Junior League of Portland's board of community advisors. He has been a financial planner and regional president with Northwestern Mutual in Lake Oswego, Ore., for the last 10 years. Brooks lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, Susan Houser '85 and three children — Brooks Jr., Grant and Claire — two dogs, two cats, two rats and assorted fish.

Tom Byler '86 of Salem, Ore., is the executive director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board. Tom assumed his duties in January. He is a fifth-generation Oregonian, born and raised in Pendleton.

To **Darc (Piper) '86** and **Mark Niemann** of Bellevue, Wash., a son, **Jonah**, born March 16, 2004.

To **Heidi** and **Joel Augée '89, JD'92**, a son, **Ben Lawrence**, born March 1, 2005. He joins big brother **Thomas**.

To **Janice (Brand) '89** and **Daryl Worthington '90** of Sarasota, Fla., a son, **Joshua Leigh**, born Oct. 26,

2004. He joins big brother **Samuel**. Maternal grandparents are **Myra (Friesen) '58** and **Malcolm Brand '57, JD'64**.



Kassten Alonso '90 of Seattle, Wash., has published his debut novel, *Core: A Romance*.

To **Bernadette (Cloyd) '90** and **John Stoddard** of Salem, Ore., a son, **Andrew**, born Oct. 20, 2002. He joins big sister **Sarah**.

Bill Lucas '90, MM'92 passed the exam to earn a professional designation (PAHE) from the Academy for Healthcare Management. The exam is one of the requirements to complete the American Health Insurance Plan's fellowship program. Bill will complete the final items in summer 2005 and attend his graduation in Las Vegas, Nev.



Brian Seed '90, MAT'91

Brian Seed '90, MAT'91 received the 2005 Oregon Symphony Patty Vemier Music Educator of the Year Award, named for the symphony's long-time director of education. This is the only such award in Oregon to honor a music educator. Brian and his wife, **Stephanie**, live in Bend, Ore.

Gregg Leiss '91, MM'92 is president of Venus Construction, Inc., which is starting residential construction on their high Plains subdivision in Stagecoach, Nev. The completed project will include 151 homes and 11 acres of commercial development, estimated to be completed within four years.

Alumni Wrap-Up

Mark Your Calendars Now

November 3



First Thursday Young Alumni Portland Art Walk with John Olbrantz, Maribeth Collins director of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art

November 8

Portland Career Mentor Day

December 3

Star Trees Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Concert



December 8

Holiday Party for Portland and Salem alumni and friends at the Lawrence Gallery in the Pearl District

December 11



Seattle alumni board's annual party and a play, with Professor Ken Nolley. More details to come.

Leadership Willamette

In June the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations hosted a weekend leadership conference focused on reunion planning and young alumni regional activities planning. The alumni board held its first meeting of the year during this conference, including an orientation session for new members. Highlights included an update from President Lee Pelton and other key university leaders, as well as a reception and dinner at the recently restored historic Elsinore Theatre in downtown Salem. Participants say the conference was a great success:

"Best meeting in my history because it felt like so many were motivated and understood why they were doing their work."

"Interesting and informative gathering. Anything that can be done to increase participation is very important."

"Enjoyed the opportunity to participate and look forward to further working with the school and alumni programs in the future."

"Very good discussion and ideas."

If you graduated between 1996 and 2005 or will be celebrating a reunion in 2006 or 2007 and you're interested in attending Leadership Willamette next year, contact us.

Sign-Up for Down Under: New Zealand-Australia Cruise

Jan. 20-Feb. 1, 2006

After taking in the stunning Maori weaving exhibit at the Hallie Ford Museum this fall, you'll be inspired to cruise to their beautiful homeland. This 12-day cruise embarks from Auckland, New Zealand, and ends at Sydney, Australia. On-board lectures will enhance your knowledge of the region's history, geography and cultures. We're offering pre- and post-hotel and land packages, including a visit to the Great Barrier Reef. We've selected the ideal time of year to cruise, and secured excellent prices for our group aboard the Diamond Princess. Airfare is additional. Contact us for more information.



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The Office of Alumni & Parent Relations strives to provide unique travel and event opportunities for Willamette alumni and friends. Contact us for more information on any of these events or to get involved in planning future happenings:

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20 OOs

Mark Newman '00 and Katie (Kämpf) were married May 22, 2004, in the McMinnville Grand Ballroom, McMinnville, Ore., and now live in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. Best man was Seth Peck '99.

Teresa (Kelly) '01 and Adam Halverson were married July 4, 2004, at Penn Cover Ranch on Whidbey Island, Wash., and a reception followed. They live in Eugene, Ore.

Sarah (Brands) '02 and Kyle Phillips were married Sept. 4, 2004, in Coos Bay, Ore. Sarah is a student at the University of Denver working on a master's degree in international studies. Kyle is in the U.S. Army and stationed in Fort Riley, Kan.

Mat Hunicutt '02, MBA '03 was named the "A Class Associate of the Year" for his work with AXA Advisors, LLC, Western Division. Mat is in his second year with AXA, working as a financial planner. He writes, "Believe it or not, I actually have pulled out a few of my old

text books to build my business and marketing plans for my practice. My business partner (a CLA grad) and our attorney (a law grad), started Young Professionals of Portland at the beginning of the year to help young professionals get to know each other and be able to deliver better service to our client base in the way of professional referrals."

Greg Ishmael '02, MAT '03 and Jennifer (Wiegman) Ishmael '03 were married Sept. 25, 2003. They live in Vancouver, Wash.

Cheri (Lester) '02 and Nathan Shields '02 were married Sept. 18, 2004, at Willamette University. Cheri is a midwife, and Nathan is pursuing secondary education. They live in Bellingham, Wash.

Rashayna Moore '02 of Los Angeles, Calif., is executive director of Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc., which specializes in legal services and identity theft protection.

Kiruthi Njenga '02 and Amanda Haskell were married Aug. 21, 2004, aboard the Northern Lights cruise ship in Burlington, Mass. In

attendance were Ryan Lane '02, David Valderrama '02 and Gilberto Mendez '04. A reception followed the ceremony. The couple lives in Milford, Mass.

To Amanda (Meade) '03 and John Countryman '99 of Salem, Ore., a daughter, Elise Louise, born March 14, 2005. She joins big brother Jack. Her paternal grandfather is Dan Countryman '64.

Melinda Faith '03 of Walnut Creek, Calif., is employed with Blattell Communications, a marketing and public relations agency in San Francisco serving business and professional services clients. Previously she worked in marketing for Willamette Valley Vineyards in Salem, Ore.

Alicia "Ali" McCart '03 of Beaverton, Ore., is the promotions coordinator for the Tualatin Riverkeepers' nature and recreation guidebook. She moved to Beaverton to attend PSU after graduating from Willamette. She was hiking and running on trails in the Tualatin River Basin when she saw a posting at PSU announcing the volunteer internship position.

Shelby Rihala '04 of Lake Oswego, Ore., was selected to participate in an exchange program between legislative personnel in the United States and the Moroccan parliament, and traveled to Morocco the first week in July. Shelby was contacted by the National Conference of State Legislatures and was selected because she speaks French and has been involved in politics for a number of years. Shelby graduated from Willamette with a double major in French and politics.

Kathryn (Skiff) '04 and Phillip Hatzenbuehler were married July 16, 2004, in Bremerton, Wash., at the home of the bride's parents. Kathryn is a researcher/commercial appraiser for PGP, Inc. in Vancouver, Wash. Phillip is a Portland State graduate who plans to enter graduate school for an advanced degree in architecture.



Willamette Musician Keeps It Simple

Grewt Brennan '01 recently recorded a solo album and is enjoying the love and support from CUP Nectar, a new bar from the makers of CUP Bar. For Brennan, the fit between the company's values of sustaining traditional and natural resources, the new bar's "keep it simple" motto and his acoustic music is perfect.

"The company was giving us to launch CUP Nectar—the Essence of Simple," he says. "It's a bar and we bar with only live acoustic, it's simple, organic and good for you. It was giving us to do another record and keep it simple and acoustic, a record that was just good and great like fresh mountain air. And we found a perfect partnership!"

Brennan, who majored in English, became interested in music as a little boy when his family would write and create song and played music into the wee hours of the night. "I found it, I loved it and I felt asleep to it. I knew I wanted to do that when I grew up."

At Willamette, Brennan learned guitar and played in a group called Henschel Fitch and the Gleakers. He was also one of the movers and shakers in establishing Willamette as a campus tradition. That experience, he says, held valuable lessons. "The professors and administrators were supportive and let me run with ideas, yet still held me accountable. That experience, more than any other, contributed to my success in the real world."

He says his academic advisor, English Professor Gerry Bowers, "instilled an appreciation of keeping things simple. He taught me to find the poetry in life and work hard at providing my creativity. It that idea, even if it was just a bunch of work."

Brennan skulks up, writes songs, and plays guitar and harmonica, also works in public relations and marketing at Providence Newberg Hospital. One of his latest projects is helping

the hospital's kitchen buy from local farms that employ sustainable practices.

Music and the work for Providence provide a balance that Brennan values. "Full-time music can consume you. Having other responsibilities keeps things fresh. Besides, I'm a sucker for good ideas, good people and interesting projects, no matter what the context."



Class Notes (continued)



Michael Brown '92 and Melinda (Buel) JD'00 were married June 8, 2002. Michael is a fourth-year medical student, and Melinda is an attorney. They live in Petaluma, Calif.

Heather Bufford '92 of Seattle, Wash., will complete her residency in obstetrics and gynecology this year.

Troy Dickson '92 and Kim Tarnehill were married in March 2004. They live in Loma Linda, Calif. Troy finished his residency in orthopedic surgery this year.

To Lucia (Olson) '92 and Steven Fisher of Everett, Wash., a son, Ian Andrew, born May 30, 2004. Maternal grandparents are Marcia J. (Humphrey) '61 and Eldon L. Olson '61. Lucia completed her master's degree in education from Antioch University in Seattle.

To William Coffey '93 and Birgit (Hultquist) '94 of Keizer, Ore., a son, Alexander Mattias, born Nov. 20, 2004. He joins big brother Zachary.

To Michelle (Gray) '93, MBA'99 and James Maldonado JD'99 of Phoenix, Ariz., a son, Grayson James, born Nov. 21, 2004.

Daniel Rathert '93 and Nicole Kimball were married Sept. 6, 2004, in Anchorage, Alaska, where they now live. Nicole received a bachelor of science degree from the University of Maine and a master's degree in environmental policy from Tufts University in Boston. She is a fisheries analyst for the North Pacific Fishery Management Council. Dan is a geographic information systems analyst for Resource Data, Inc.

Jane (Reinke) Jackson '93, MBA'95 and Paul Jackson '94 of Beaverton, Ore., welcomed a daughter, Grayce Marie Jackson, on Jan. 5, 2005. She joins her brother and sister, Kenny and Emma. Both Paul and Jane continue to be employed by Intel Corporation. When Jane returns

from her maternity leave/sabbatical, she will begin a new position in engineering program management, focused on the delivery of new products to the market.

To Winona (Zeffiro) Nelson '93, MBA'95 and Shane Nelson of Boise, Idaho, a son, Seth, born Jan. 24, 2005.

Ian Sigmund '94 of Portland, Ore., traveled around the world for a year and is now a partner in a mortgage company.

Sara Hashimoto '95 of Aiea, Hawaii, is doing an internship for her doctoral degree in psychology.

To Mark Knepper '95 and Sara (Bischoff) '97 of Leaburg, Ore., a daughter, Lily Josephine, born Oct. 11, 2004.

Thomas Lucas '95 of Portland, Ore., is a partner in the Lucas Schenk Construction Company and bought a home in September 2004.

To Laura (Juckeland) '95 and Timothy Roth JD'95 of Portland, Ore., a son, Hayden Wade, born Dec. 14, 2004.

Juliana and Van Dyck Silveira '95, MAT'98 were married Sept. 25, 2004. They live in Brazil. Van Dyck finished his PhD in economics at Claremont Graduate University in California.

Tanya (Sutter) Chappelle '95, MBA'99 and Jonathan Chappelle MM'99 welcomed their first child, Nathaniel David Beverley Chappelle, on Feb. 5, 2005. Jonathan writes, "Both Tanya and Nathaniel are doing well." Jonathan has been working at Intel since he graduated from AGSM. In his current role, he manages a finance team responsible for capital investment in their leading-edge technology development facility in Hillsboro, Ore. "More important, Tanya is excelling in her new role as stay-at-home mom!"

Chris Prange '96 of Bozeman, Mont., is in Vienna coaching football with **Chris Calaycay '98**. They play in an Austrian league and also have games against Italian, Spanish and Czech teams.

Joni Johnson '96 of Anchorage, Alaska, is a painter and has returned from living in Paris. She shows her art in galleries in Alaska and Oregon.

If you graduated in the last 10 years, have we got news for you! A newsletter, to be exact. The Offices of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving have teamed up to create a newsletter with features, profiles and information on events and services geared toward recent grads. Keep an eye on your mailbox in early December for the first edition.

Rojonna (Lewis) '96 and Kevin Kopta were married Oct. 14, 2000. They live in Hermiston, Ore., with their two children.

Jennifer Lindgren-Kerr (Jones) '97, MBA'98 and David Kerr '97 welcomed Charlie Lindgren Kerr into their family Nov. 17, 2004, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Charlie also has an older brother, Reid, age 2.

Jennifer Miller '97, MBA/JD'01 was elected treasurer of the King County Prosecutors Association. She has been working for the King County Prosecutors Office since earning her joint degree from Willamette. She looks forward to using the accounting skills taught to her by beloved professor Earl Uttrell to balance the association's books.

Jacqueline (Liebler) '98 and Matthew Lombard '98, are living in Portland, Ore., with their two cats and loving life.

Douja Mamelouk-Shahawy '98 of Arlington, Va., is teaching Arabic language and culture at George Washington University in Washington, D.C., working on her PhD in Arabic language, literature and linguistics.

Amy Nowak '98 and her husband, Greg, live in O'Fallon, Ill. Greg is in the U.S. Air Force and was promoted to major. They will be moving to Shepard Air Force Base, where Greg will be the security focus commander.

Kevin Rogers '98 of Garden Grove, Calif., published *Sleeping with Snakes: Stories from the Los Angeles Underground* with Orange Press.

Casey Strand '98 of Los Angeles, Calif., is an actress who recently starred in episodes of "CSI: New York" and "Jake in Progress." Casey will also star in "Julian and Chalice" later this year.

Rodney Wood '98, MAT'00 is employed with Western States Benefit Planning, a health and life insurance company. Rodney and his wife, Ruth, live in Albany, Ore., with their two children.

To Kristy (Wyatt) '98 and Regis Martin of Murietta, Calif., a daughter, Paige Noelle, born March 3, 2005.

Anna "Laura" (Brian) '99 and Austin Whipple were married July 24, 2004, in St. Andrew's Church in Jacksonville, Ore. The bride's parents hosted a reception in the backyard of their home in Medford, Ore. The couple honeymooned at the Mendocino coast in California and now live in Portland, Ore.

James Bogroff '99 and Whitney Leben were married Feb. 3, 2004, in Rockville, Md. They live in Bethesda, Md.

To John '99 and Amanda (Meade) Countryman '03 of Salem, Ore., a daughter, Elise Louise, born March 14, 2005. She joins big brother Jack. Her paternal grandfather is Dan Countryman '64.

Karen Cruson '99 of Arlington, Va., is working for the Bush Administration as the chief of staff to the deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

Stacy J. Eubanks '99 of Ebony, Va., traveled to Peru to do missionary work. Her group visited an orphanage and a battered women's shelter sponsored by Camino de Vida Church in Lima, Peru.

Erik W. Schott '99 of Portland, Ore., was awarded first prize in the master's-level writing contest at the University of Puget Sound in May 2004.

To Rebekah (Warren-Allen) '99 and Dave Riggsby '00 of Salem, Ore., a son, Lucas Barrett, born Oct. 8, 2004.

and then in Korea. He spent 20 years in active duty, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. He joined the Portland, Ore., law firm of Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt in 1953 and retired in 1984. Survivors include a daughter, two brothers and nephew **Bill Olson '76**.

Lois (Gladden) Roberts '43 died Jan. 1, 2005. She was born Dec. 5, 1920, in Hood River, Ore. When she was two years old, the family moved to White Salmon, Wash. While at Willamette, she was a member of the University choir, a senior scholar in sociology and president of the Beta Chi sorority. She was a member of Knight Memorial Church. She married **Coe Roberts '43** and was married for 58 years. Survivors include her husband and two sons, **Ross A. Roberts '80** and **George C. Roberts '72**.

Mary (Skaling) Anderson '45 died Jan. 10, 2005. She was born March 5, 1925, in Salem, Ore. She graduated from Salem High School at age 16 while simultaneously taking courses at Willamette University. She received her bachelor of science degree from Oregon College of Education, including a teacher's certificate. She married James A. Brewer and did substitute teaching while he served in World War II a continent away. They made their home in Salem, Ore., for the next 30 years. Later in life she married John A. Anderson and pursued one of her life passions: travel. Both of her husbands preceded her in death. Survivors include seven children and son-in-law **Robert W. Nurin '72**.

Nancy (Hoak) Akeson '47 died Feb. 25, 2005. She was born Aug. 24, 1925, in Portland, Ore. She was the first home counselor at Blind Babies Foundation in San Francisco, Calif. Over the years, she became the heart and soul of the organization, and was applauded for her knowledge of visual impairments in babies. Her first position was as teacher at the Oregon State School for the Blind in Salem, where she met her husband, **Merle A. Akeson '49**. They were married for 55 years. Survivors include her husband, two sons, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Marian Elizabeth Bertoglio '47 died April 17, 2005. She was born June 28, 1922, in Settimo, Italy, and grew up in Portland, Ore. She was an elementary school teacher for the Portland School District. Survivors

include a sister-in-law, nieces and nephews.

John M. Copenhaver '47, JD '50 died Feb. 4, 2005. He was born April 10, 1924, in Mandan, N.D. In 1944 he served in World War II in the South Pacific. In 1953 he joined the FBI, accepting assignments in Albuquerque and Los Angeles. In 1955 he practiced law with the firm Spaulding, Cuning & Brewster. In 1969 he was appointed to the circuit court by Governor Tom McCall. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, three sons, 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Robert T. French '47 died May 13, 2005. He was born Jan. 23, 1916, in Lexington, Ore. He was a career Air Force officer. His military career included service during World War II, and he spent time in England and Spain in the 1950s. He retired in 1965. He served on the Salem-Keizer School Board from 1968 to 1979. In 1977 he was honored with the National Community Education Award. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, brother **Richard French '42** and nephew **Alfred J. French '67**.

Mervin Andersen '48 died Feb. 11, 2005, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was born July 15, 1922, in Astoria, Ore., and attended Astoria High School. He was a chief specialist in the U.S. Navy. He moved to the San Francisco Bay area in 1950 and worked as a probation officer in Alameda County for 25 years. He married Elva Grant in 1946. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, two sons, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

George Vinton Ellis '48 died Sept. 12, 2000, in Vacaville, Calif. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force and served in India in World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam. He spent 30 years in the Air Force and lived in France, Germany and Japan, accompanied by his family. He was a native of Ketchikan, Alaska. He was preceded in death by his brother, **John Ellis '55**. His father, **Remaldo Vinton Ellis '12**, also attended Willamette. Survivors include his wife, **Ruthanne (Thompson) Ellis '44**, son **George V. Ellis '69**, brother **Robert Ellis '57** and sister-in-law **Ann Ellis '56**.

Larry Allen McKeel '48 died Dec. 11, 2004. He was born March 7, 1920, in Murray, Ky. He graduated from Oregon City High School.

During World War II, he served in the Army Air Corps in India. He played professional football for a few years and then lived in Tillamook, Ore. He moved to Gresham in the mid-1950s and owned a school office systems business before retiring to Goodyear, Ariz., in 1997. In 1949 he married Jeannie Woods. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Benjamin Schaad '48, MEd '53 died March 6, 2005. He was born June 2, 1922, in Newberg, Ore., and graduated from Newberg High School. In 1946 he married Hazel Marcell Pearson; she preceded him in death in 1985. Survivors include a son, a daughter, two brothers including **Lewis H. Schaad '56**, two sisters, nephews **Thomas K. Schaad '85** and **James L. Schaad '82**, nieces **Joy Schaad '83** and **Barbara J. Rogers '68** and two grandchildren.

Geraldine (Bowles) Olsen '50 died Jan. 11, 2005, in Virginia. She was born and raised in Portland, Ore., and moved to northern Virginia in 1971. While at Willamette, she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and editor-in-chief of the yearbook. She received a master's degree in education from Stanford University in the early 1950s. She participated in many community activities. She was treasurer, vice president and president of the Northern Virginia alumnae club of Phi Beta Kappa women's fraternity and was president of the fraternity's regional alumnae group. She volunteered with Air Force groups at Arlington National Cemetery, assisted in the alumnae office of the Holton-Arms School, volunteered with Friends of Homeless Animals and was a member of an advisory board on service academy admissions for Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-Va.). She was a member of the Mortar Board Alumni Club of Washington, D.C., the Holton-Arms Club of Washington, the Stanford alumni club, the Air Force officers wives club and the Oregon State Society. Survivors include her husband of 53 years, **William Pross Olsen '50**, a daughter and two sisters including **Yvonne Sears '56**.

Robert M. Gilbert '51 died Dec. 4, 2003, in Oregon. He was born Aug. 19, 1927. Survivors include his wife, a son, and daughter **Ann M. Cupich '82**.

James McHale '53 died March 11, 2005. He was born May 30, 1931, in

Riverside, Ill. He was student body president of Newberg High School Class of '49. After graduating from Willamette, he did post-graduate work at the University of Portland. He received his master's degree from Western Oregon. Jim married his first wife, Susan, in 1952. He started his career at Fairview School and went on to a career in juvenile corrections. He was well known in the field of community treatment and retired as a supervising parole agent. He loved backpacking, camping and adventures of all kinds and was an avid jogger. He married Anita McHale in 1976; they were married for 28 years. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters, two stepsons and one stepdaughter.

Michael S. Tavener '54 died Feb. 7, 2005, in Bellevue, Wash. He was buried in a military graveside service at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Wash. Survivors include his wife, Marcia.

Jeanene (Findley) Bartz '55 died Jan. 10, 2005, in Salem, Ore. She was born Nov. 13, 1932, in San Diego, Calif. She grew up in Medford, Ore. She was the essence of her family's motto, "Always be kind and true." She married **Gerry Bartz JD '55** in 1956. She loved tennis, "pickle ball" and swimming. She belonged to Delta Gamma and the Assistance League. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

Jeanette (Denney) Huglin '55 died Dec. 7, 2004. She was born in Seattle, Wash. Her family moved many times before settling in Burlingame, Calif. She trained as a concert pianist at Willamette and later at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She taught piano to hundreds of students in Santa Barbara. She married Pat Huglin and became a wife and mother. She was an avid reader and also wrote short stories. Survivors include her husband, a son, two daughters, and brother **Grant E. Denney '65**.

Wayne M. Thompson '55, JD '58 died Nov. 17, 2004. He was born May 20, 1930, and graduated from Bend High School in 1947. He married Pat McKeel on June 20, 1954. He was a staff sergeant in the Marines during the Korean War and received the Purple Heart. He served as assistant state attorney general and then served 21 years as an elected judge to the municipal court in Salem. He



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IN MEMORIAM

Margaret L. (Lewis) Hathaway '28 died Feb. 25, 2005. She was born May 16, 1907, in Salem, Ore. She attended high school in Portland. She taught at the South Gate Girls' School in the old city of Shanghai. In 1933 she married Willis Hathaway. Willamette University awarded Margaret an Alumni Citation in 1958 and an honorary degree in 1963. After her retirement in 1970, she lived for a few years in San Diego before moving to Claremont, Calif. Her husband preceded her in death. She was a member of the Claremont United Church of Christ. Survivors include a sister and three nephews.

Gertrude E. Bergman '32 died May 24, 2005. She was born Oct. 28, 1910. She was loved by all who knew her and she touched many lives with her generosity. She was married to **Howard Joseph Bergman JD'33** for 57 years. He preceded her in death. Survivors include her sister, **Irma L. Abbot '38**, a son and a daughter.

Edith (Findley) Brydon '32 died Dec. 16, 2004, in Oregon. She was born July 26, 1911, in Grants Pass and moved to Salem in 1914. She graduated from Willamette with a major in piano. She married **Percy Brydon** in 1934; he preceded her in death. In 1982 she received a Willamette University Alumni Citation for service in the community. In 1983 she received the Salem Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Survivors include two sons, four granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

Esther (Winters) Klages '32 died Dec. 13, 2004, in Newberg, Ore. She was 100 years old. She was a retired educator and church mission worker. She donated funds for scholarships and construction projects at George Fox University. More than 1,000 students and university staff members of George Fox sang "Happy Birthday" to her at a chapel service when she reached the century mark. She grew up on a

Central Oregon ranch and received a degree from Cascade College in 1928 and a master's degree from the University of Southern California in 1942. In 1956 she married **Henry Klages**; he preceded her in death in 1977. Survivors include two nephews and a niece.

Percie M. Miles '34 died May 14, 2005. She was born April 29, 1907, in Sargent, Neb., and was raised in Salem, Ore. She was a teacher and a principal. After retiring, she tutored students at Sweetbriar School in the Reynolds School District for 10 years. Survivors include a brother and two sisters.

Helen E. (Carlson) Williams '36 died Dec. 17, 2004. She was born May 10, 1914, in Portland, Ore. She graduated from University High School in Eugene. She graduated from the University of Oregon in 1937. Her first teaching position was at Joseph High School in Wallowa County. She married **Oscar K. Williams** on June 21, 1941; he preceded her in death in 1996. She created homes and gardens that were a source of beauty, warmth and comfort. Survivors include three daughters, two sons and 13 grandchildren.

Frances (Ellis) Bauer '37 died Jan. 18, 2005. She was born July 25, 1916, in Salem, Ore. She attended Richmond Grade School, Leslie Middle School and Salem High School. While attending Willamette, she met her husband, **Kenneth Howard Peterson**, and married him in 1938. Frances was an avid reader and valued education, so when all her girls were in school, she returned to Willamette to complete her bachelor's degree in 1961. She earned a master of social work from Portland State University. She was employed for many years as a social worker for Linn County mental health clinic in Albany, Ore. Her husband, **Kenneth**, preceded her in death. She and her second husband, **Kurt Bauer**, moved to Albany, Ore.; he also preceded her in death. Survivors include a sister and three daughters.

Winthrop C. Henderson '37 died Feb. 11, 2005, in California. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Stuart Bush '39 died April 1, 2005. He was born Dec. 18, 1906, in Salem. During World War II, he served in the Navy. He was president of the Vedanta Society for the past 45 years. Survivors include two sons and four grandchildren.

Flavia (Downs) Olson '39 died Jan. 19, 2005. She was born Nov. 18, 1917. She grew up in Salem, where she developed a true love of music and became an accomplished pianist at a young age. At 18, she was the featured soloist with the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra, performing at the Salem Armory. While in Chicago, she met her husband, **Richard Amer Olson**, and they were married in 1942. Throughout her life, her love of the outdoors found her hiking, camping, swimming and climbing Mt. Hood and Mt. Jefferson. She was a member of the Salem Chomeketans. She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, two brothers and nine grandchildren.

William M. Burget '40 died March 26, 2005. He was born July 1, 1918, in Huntington, Ind. He attended Grant High School. His love of medicine took him to the University of Oregon Medical School, where he graduated in 1944. He did his internal medicine residency at the Portland VA hospital. He married **Jeanne Butler**, who preceded him in death in 1962. In 1963 he married **Betty Lou Tolan**; she preceded him in death in 1983. In 1984 he married **Dulcie Beryl Scoggin**. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters, four stepsons and two stepdaughters.

John S. Laughlin '40 died Dec. 11, 2004, in N.Y. He was born in Canton, Mo., Jan. 26, 1918. He was a medical physicist and educator who was an early leader in the use of radiation to diagnose and treat cancer. He headed the department of medical physics at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in Manhattan for four decades. He received his master's degree from Haverford College before earning his doctorate from the University of Illinois in 1947. His first wife, **Barbara Jean Kester '43**, preceded him in death in 1974. He is survived by his wife, **Eunice Chapin Laughlin**, three daughters including **Frances Tucker '72**, and a brother, **William S. Laughlin '41**. Also surviving is his son-in-law **William H. Tucker '72, JD'75**, brother-in-law **Randall B. Kester '37**, and five grandchildren.

Maxine P. (Beagle) Reeves '40 died Dec. 14, 2004, in San Jose, Calif. She was a resident of San Jose and an educator in the San Jose Unified School District for more than 20 years. After she retired, she worked for H & R Block as an enrolled agent

for nearly 20 years. Survivors include her husband, **Milfred**, a son and a daughter.

Richard W. Smith '40 died March 1, 2005, in Alaska. He was born Sept. 20, 1917, in Powers, Ore. He married **Glenn Della Lewis** on Dec. 20, 1940. He was preceded in death by his wife, two sisters and a son. Survivors include four sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Eugene P. Brassfield '41 died Sept. 27, 2004, in Salem, Ore. He was born Feb. 11, 1919, in Browning, Mo. He served in the Air Force during World War II and was a fighter pilot. He worked at the State Industrial Accident Commission and for SAIL Corporation until his retirement. He married **Marie Simon** on Oct. 28, 1943. They were married for 61 years. He was an active member of Salem First Church of the Nazarene. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Laura L. (Tate) Moe '41 died Dec. 18, 2004. She was born in Sublimity, Ore., on Nov. 25, 1919. She moved to Silverton after her marriage to **O. Harlan Moe '38** in 1945. Laura and Hal lived and worked in Silverton while raising their family. Survivors include a daughter, a son, sister **Dorothy Downs '43** and granddaughter **Laura J. Moe '04**.

Mark R. Neary '41 died Jan. 22, 2005. He was born Nov. 25, 1915, in Decatur, Neb. He married **Christine Albright** on May 15, 1943, in Douglas, Ariz. He practiced family medicine in Salem, Ore., from 1957 to 1973. He became a consultant for the Social Security disability program, where he continued to work until his retirement in 1994. He joined the Oregon National Guard in 1938 and became a member of the 249th Coastal Artillery Medical Detachment. When his wife passed away in 1955, he moved to Medford, Ore. His wife, a son, and his sister preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Gordon H. Moore '42, JD'48 died March 9, 2005. He was born Jan. 26, 1919, in Laurel, Ore., and was a lifetime resident of Tigard, graduating from Tigard High School. He married **Elaine Olson** in 1940; she preceded him in death in 1995. He joined the Marines during World War II, serving in the South Pacific

board of trustees, died April 19, 2005. He was born Oct. 13, 1920, in Seattle, Wash. During World War II, he served in the Navy. After the war, he received a master's degree from the University of Washington. He was a pine reforestation project manager in Haiti for six years. In 1957 he moved to Portland, where he was a reforestation manager for Crown Zellerbach for 25 years. He was a visiting professor at the University of Washington School of Forestry and served on the state water resources board. In 1947 he married Thaleta McMillan; she died in 1998. Survivors include a son, a daughter-in-law and six grandchildren.

William B. Webber died March 10, 2005. He was born July 6, 1912, in Dunmore, Pa. His family later moved to Batavia, N.Y., where he graduated from high school in 1930. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1934 with a bachelor's in electrical engineering. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Reserve. He had a lifelong love of music and enjoyed playing the trombone during college in the marching band, the orchestra, and dance bands. After graduation, he worked in marine sales for Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pennsylvania and in New York City. In 1938 he married Margaret Brown. They were married for 62 years. She preceded him in death in 2000. In 1942 he was called to active duty at Fort Monmouth, N.J., and worked at the Evans Signal Corps radar laboratory. When he was discharged from the military in 1945, he held the rank of major and chief in the production engineering division. He returned to work for Westinghouse in New York City, and in 1946 he became sales engineer for the Pacific Northwest, moving his family to Portland, Ore. He became a trustee of Willamette University in 1963, becoming a life trustee in 1996. He established the William B. Webber scholarships to honor and encourage women studying in the sciences. Each year the four scholarship participants take the Willamette Science Outreach program into 5th grade classrooms to provide encouragement to young girls to pursue an interest in science, math and engineering. In 2001 he married Frances Meyer. In May 2004 he was recognized by Willamette University with an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service. He was deeply committed to the enrichment of community life, believing that it is the duty of each citizen to help

make the world a better place. He was a member of the Arlington Club, University Club, Washington County Public Affairs Forum, and the Oregon Marine Science Commission. He was a member of the Tigard United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, three sons — William B. Webber '64, Robert F. Webber JD'71 and Bruce R. Webber '73 — a daughter, two stepsons, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Atkinson Class Notes

Bradley King MM'76 became VP and CFO of Oregon Health Sciences University (OHSU) in April. Previously Bradley worked in the health care group Larson Allen Weisfahl & Co. where he specialized in turnarounds. Most recently he has been serving as interim CFO for health care facilities including OHSU.

Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76, corporate benefits manager for ESCO Corporation, headquartered in Portland, Ore., was a speaker at the Annual Summit on Healthcare Cost Containment Strategies for Employers in Miami, Fla., in April. This conference was sponsored by the International Quality and Productivity Center. His topic was "Imposing Regulatory and Legal Controls on Healthcare Providers." He was also a panelist on the topic of "Consumer-Driven Health Plan Design: Evaluating the Good and Bad Results."

Rick Mockler MBA'78 was elected secretary-treasurer of the Washington Government Entities Pool, a property and liability insurance pool for 800 municipal corporations in Washington state. He has also been appointed to the joint select committee on public health funding by the Washington state legislature.

Jim Vangelos MM'79 and his wife, Ingrid, recently welcomed their first child, Isabella Anna Maria Vangelos, was born Feb. 12, 2005, in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Jim writes about his new baby girl, "[She is] planning on attending Willamette in 2023... Saving for tuition now!"

Ron Owen MM'80 was promoted to human resources director for Universal Technical Institute in Deer Valley, Ariz., in April 2005. Ron has

responsibility for their Motorcycle Mechanics Institute, a campus with more than 2,000 students.

John Goddard MBA'84, employed by GlaxoSmithKline since 1989, was promoted to national account director. Previously John was a regional account manager. He is married and has three girls, ages 15, 13 and 11. The Goddards live in the Seattle area.

Brooks Houser '85, MBA'87, JD'90 was appointed to the Janus Youth Group board of directors. Janus helps 36,000 children each year throughout the Northwest and has a budget of \$20 million. Brooks has been appointed to the Junior League of Portland's board of community advisors. He has been a financial planner and regional president with Northwestern Mutual in Lake Oswego, Ore., for the last 10 years. Brooks lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, Susan Houser '85 and three children — Brooks Jr., Grant and Claire — two dogs, two cats, two rats and assorted fish.

Tony De Alicante MBA/JD'88 is on active duty as the senior prosecutor in the Pacific region for the Navy in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He is currently deployed for six months, serving as deputy counsel with the joint task force in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, overseeing the detainees being held by U.S. forces. Tony writes, "We deal not only with detainee operation issues, but also with the numerous habeas petitions and military commission cases regarding the enemy combatants who are our guests in this slice of the Caribbean."

Daniel "DJ" Heffernan MBA'89 was elected treasurer of the Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association and to a second term on the association's executive board. DJ also became a certified foundation coach of the International Gaelic Athletics Association for Gaelic football. He is starting a youth program in Portland, Ore., and hopes next year to expand the program to include hurling. Hurling and Gaelic football are the national sports of Ireland.

Ron Camp MM'92 recently published "Indigenous land rights in Canada: The foundation for development?" and "Aboriginal land rights and development: Corporations and trust" in the *International Journal of Entrepreneurship and Small Business*, 2(2). The articles are part

of a Social Sciences and Humanities Resource Council-funded research project looking into key factors of success for Aboriginal/indigenous/native economic development activities. These articles in particular looked at the importance of land rights as attractors for investment by non-Aboriginal corporations and factors that lead to long-term success in Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal joint ventures.

Gregg Leiss '91, MM'92 is president of Verus Construction, Inc., which is starting residential construction on their High Plains subdivision in Stagecoach, Nev. The completed project will include 151 homes and 11 acres of commercial development, estimated to be completed within four years.

Bill Lucas '90, MM'92 passed the exam to earn a professional designation (PAHE) from the Academy for Healthcare Management. The exam is one of the requirements to complete the American Health Insurance Plan's fellowship program. Bill will complete the final items in summer 2005 and attend his graduation in Las Vegas, Nev.

John Hoekman MBA'93 and his wife, Kristin, were blessed on March 22, 2005, with a fashionably late second daughter, Madeline Rose Hoekman. John writes, "Everyone is healthy, albeit sleepless, and adjusting as well as could be expected to life with a newborn."

Jim Morrell MM'93 has been selected to participate with the Filene Research Institute's 13 Group. The institute examines vital issues affecting the future of credit unions and consumer finance. The 13 Group comprises roughly 35 credit union executives, not yet CEOs, to identify and develop innovations that address major problems and opportunities facing credit unions.

Jane (Reinke) Jackson '93, MBA'95 and **Paul Jackson '94** of Beaverton, Ore., welcomed a daughter, Grayce Marie Jackson, on Jan. 5, 2005. She joins her brother and sister, Kenny and Emma. Both Paul and Jane continue to be employed by Intel Corporation. When Jane returns from her maternity leave/sabbatical, she will begin a new position in engineering program management, focused on the delivery of new products to the market.



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enjoyed bicycling and was an avid reader. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, a brother and four grandchildren.

John H. Knapp '58 died March 10, 2005, in Cedar Mill, Ore. He was born May 21, 1935, in Lansing, Mich. He moved to Portland, Ore., in 1948 and graduated from Beaverton High School. He taught at West Albany High School. In 1960, he married Arlene M. Holt. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, two sons and four grandchildren.

Glen H. Downs '63 died Feb. 20, 2005. He was born Sept. 10, 1941, in Portland, Ore. He worked in legal aid in Portland during the 1970s and later specialized in workers' compensation law in Oregon, Michigan and Missouri. In 2000 he married Peggy Renz. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, a stepson, a brother and two grandchildren.

Dexter C. Maust '63 died March 10, 2005. He was born May 24, 1941, in Portland, Ore. He graduated from Beaverton High School and received a master's degree from Oregon College of Education. He moved in 1972 to Yamhill, Ore., and was a State Farm insurance agent. In 1986 he married Merle Gillespie '63. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, a brother, a sister and two grandchildren.

Marguerite F. Guzzo '72 died Nov. 3, 2004, in California. Survivors include a sister.

Christina I. Zukowski '72 died Feb. 2, 2005. She was born in Sacramento, Calif., in 1949, and graduated from the Annie Wright Seminary in Tacoma, Wash. She and her husband, John, were married for 25 years. She served in the Peace Corps in Mali and spent many years as a dedicated and gifted teacher in Texas, Uruguay, Venezuela and

Mexico. She spent time in Lake Tahoe, where she excelled as a junior ski racer. Her years in Texas were blessed with many loving friends who shared her passion for tennis. Christina was preceded in death by her daughter, Emily, on Dec. 22, 2004. Survivors include her husband, a daughter and a sister.

Linda B. (Carlson) Haun '73 died March 22, 2005. After graduating from Willamette, she completed her master's degree in international management from the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Ariz., in 1974. She worked for Bristol Meyers Company in Montreal and Citibank in New York City before moving back to the San Francisco Bay area, where she lived until her death. She is survived by her husband, her mother, and a sister.

Bradley J. Gysland '76 died Jan. 26, 2005, in Minnesota. He was born

Feb. 12, 1954, also in Minnesota. Survivors include his mother and three brothers.

Trustees

Jane (Widmer) Goudy, wife of Willamette Trustee Alan Goudy '51, died June 8, 2005, at age 74. She was born Oct. 20, 1930, in Portland, Ore. She lived in Chester, Calif., and returned to Portland in 1966. She graduated from Jefferson High School and earned a degree from Oregon State University in 1952. Preceding her in death was her daughter, **Joyce (Goudy) Powell M'90**, her mother-in-law **Grace Goudy '22**, a former trustee; and son-in-law **Gary Powell**, a former trustee. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

James Philip Johnston, a former member of the Willamette University

"This is a great career development opportunity for me and will allow me to finally live and work in Salem after commuting for the past three years," writes Kim.

Mark C. Brown MBA'03 earned his master of health administration degree from the University of Iowa on May 14, 2005. He is grateful to finally be done with his graduate education. In June, Mark and his wife, Amy, and two children, Holden and Liliana, and moved to Rochester, Minn., where Mark took a position as administrative fellow at the Mayo Clinic. Mark reports that he is very much looking forward to this two-year appointment, which will allow him to rotate through the various administrative and clinical areas at Mayo, including finance, human resources management, research, education, operations administration, hospital administration and other fun and interesting areas of the world's preeminent healthcare organization.

Mat Hunnicutt '02, MBA'03 was named the "A Class Associate of the Year" for his work with AXA Advisors, LLC, Western Division. Mat is in his second year with AXA, working as a financial planner. He writes, "Believe it or not, I actually have pulled out a few of my old text books to build my business and marketing plans for my practice. My business partner (a CLA grad) and our attorney (a law grad), started Young Professionals of Portland at the beginning of the year to help young professionals get to know each other and be able to deliver better service to our client base in the way of professional referrals."

Ashish Puravankara MBA'04 was married Feb. 4. "It was a hectic affair with 1,000 guests," writes Ashish. He and his wife currently reside in Bangalore, India.

MAT Class Notes

Brian Seed '90, MAT'91 received the 2005 Oregon Symphony Patty Verner Music Educator of the Year Award, named for the symphony's long-time director of education. This is the only such award in Oregon to honor a music educator. Brian and his wife, Stephanie, live in Bend, Ore.

To Sarah (Corbell) MAT'95 and Keith Devereux of Marysville, Wash., a son, Mason Wray, born Aug. 27, 2004. He joins big brothers Parker and Garrett.

Juliana and Van Dyck Silveira '95, MAT'98 were married Sept. 25, 2004. They live in Brazil. Van Dyck finished his PhD in economics at Claremont Graduate University in California.

Greg Ishmael '02, MAT'03 and Jennifer (Wiegman) Ishmael '03 were married Sept. 25, 2003. They live in Vancouver, Wash.



IN MEMORIAM

Benjamin Schaad '48, MED '53 died March 6, 2005. He was born June 2, 1922, in Newberg, Ore., and graduated from Newberg High School. In 1946 he married Hazel Marcell Pearson, she preceded him in death in 1985. Survivors include a son, a daughter, two brothers including Lewis H. Schaad '56, two sisters, nephews Thomas K. Schaad '85 and James L. Schaad '82, nieces Joy Schaad '83 and Barbara J. Rogers '68 and two grandchildren.

Maxine M. Heringer MED'56 died March 4, 2005, in Keizer, Ore. She was born July 27, 1918, in Butte, N.D. After graduating from Willamette, she earned a second master's degree from Oregon State University. She also earned an administrative certificate. She lived in Salem for the past 58 years and taught ninth grade at Parrish Junior High School. She was an exchange teacher in New Zealand for a year and in Australia for a month. She was dean of girls for 19 years at South Salem High School. She was assistant principal when she retired in 1983. She was an active member and volunteer at Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors include a brother and several nephews.

GUIDELINES

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If you have information to submit for Class Links, send it to:

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Fall issue: Aug. 1
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It is the practice of *The Scene* to list a surviving spouse in all obituaries when the name is available to us. Other survivors who are Willamette alumni will also be listed by name when we receive that information.

KEY:

JD = Doctor of Jurisprudence or LLB
MM = Master of Management, Master of Administration
MBA = Master of Business Administration
MBA/JD = Joint degree, law and management
MAT = Master of Arts in Teaching
MED = Master of Education
H = Honorary Degree
C = Certificate in Dispute Resolution



Class Notes (continued)

Julie Weston MM/JD '95 is living in Seattle with her husband, Ben Wolff. She is a partner in the law firm of Davis Wright Tremaine, a national firm with offices throughout the country and in Shanghai, China. She practices in the areas of mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance with clients including Clearwire Corporation, Starbucks and Craig McCaw's Eagle River.

Winona (Zeffiro) Nelson '93, MBA'95 and **Shane Nelson** of Boise, Idaho, recently celebrated the birth of their first child, a boy, Seth Palani Nelson, on Jan. 24, 2005.

Enrique Goytizolo MBA'96 works for Smiths Detection, one of the four business units of Smiths Group, a UK-based company. Last January Enrique was promoted to regional sales manager for South America. He reports to the Americas office based in Laval, Quebec, but he is located in Peru. Smiths Detection offers complete integrated solutions within the security sector and is a market leader, as are the other three business units of Smiths Group.

Rick Owen MBA'96 is director of network development for Dental Economics PPO network. The new position required a relocation from Birmingham, Ala., to Houston, Texas, a move Rick and family were looking forward to.

Somboon Rakmanusa MM'96 returned to live and work in his home country of Thailand after graduation. "Really, all the experiences I gained from AGSM in and out of classes are extremely valuable to both my personal and professional life," he writes. He is general manager of the Animal Nutrition Department for Sun Valley Thailand, the fully integrated poultry operation and the leading cooked poultry product exporter in Thailand and a member of the CARGILL Company. Sun Valley Thailand, among others, supplies 70 percent of all cooked chicken products for McDonald's Japan and almost all cooked chicken products to Nichirei, the fourth largest retail outlet in Japan.

Scott Debo MBA'98 and **Lisa Demmons JD'98** have opened a coffee shop in Salt Lake City. Two Creek Coffee House serves premium coffee drinks, pastries and sandwiches and offers up an exceptional atmosphere in the eclectic Avenues neighborhood of Salt Lake City. Lisa is a practicing attorney, and Scott is president

of Colmek Systems Engineering, a company that designs and builds electronic sensing and display packages for military helicopters and submarines. The couple welcomed their first child, Greyson William Debo, on Feb. 19, 2005.

Jennifer Lindgren-Kerr (Jones) '97, MBA'98 and **David Kerr '97** welcomed Charlie Lindgren Kerr into their family Nov. 17, 2004, in Ann Arbor, Mich. Charlie also has an older brother, Reid, age 2.

Jonathan Chappelle MM'99 and **Tanya (Sutter) Chappelle '95, MBA'99** welcomed their first child, Nathaniel David Beverley Chappelle, on Feb. 5, 2005. Jonathan writes, "Both Tanya and Nathaniel are doing well." Jonathan has been working at Intel since he graduated from AGSM. In his current role, he manages a finance team responsible for capital investment in their leading-edge technology development facility in Hillsboro, Ore. "More important, Tanya is excelling in her new role as stay-at-home mom!"

Carson West Hohengarten was born to **Alison Hohengarten MBA/JD'01** and her husband, Erich, on Feb. 12, 2005. Alison served as assistant dean at the Atkinson School from May 2001 to May 2002 and is currently an associate attorney at Edwards Widmer in Bend, Ore. She was named 2005 Associate of the Year for Central Oregon Builders Association. Erich is the owner of Earthbuilt, Inc., in Bend.

Nick Jwayad MBA'01 and **Lori (Dewardorf) Jwayad MBA'01** welcomed baby Emily Katherine on April 16, 2005. Nick writes, "Mom, dad and baby are doing splendidly." Nick is an IT manager for Portland Public Schools, and Lori is a forecasting analyst for Regence Blue Cross.

Jennifer Miller '97, MBA/JD'01 was elected treasurer of the King County Prosecutors Association. She has been working for the King County Prosecutors Office since earning her joint degree from Willamette. She looks forward to using the accounting skills taught to her by beloved professor Earl Littrell to balance the association's books.

Kim (Weil) Jones MBA'02 has recently accepted a new position as human resources generalist with T-Mobile Wireless in Salem, where she will be working with **Nicole Underwood MBA'03**, also an HR generalist.

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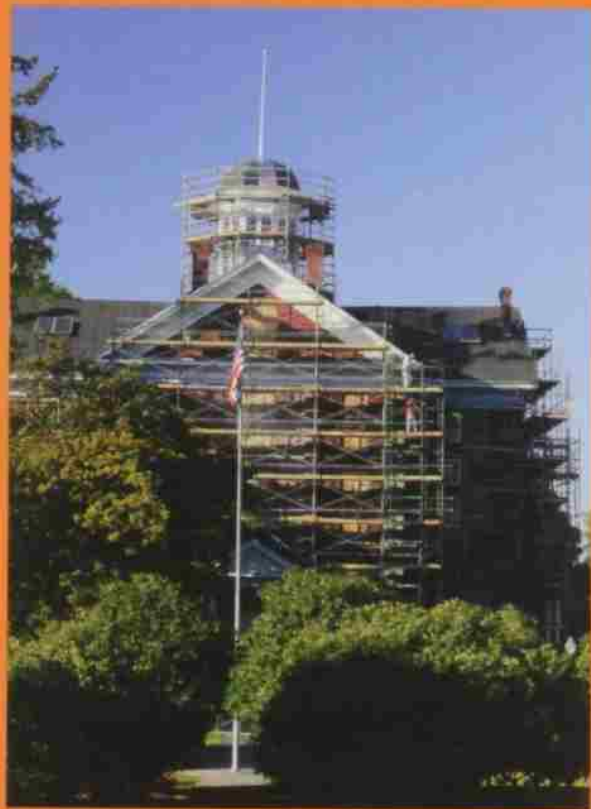
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