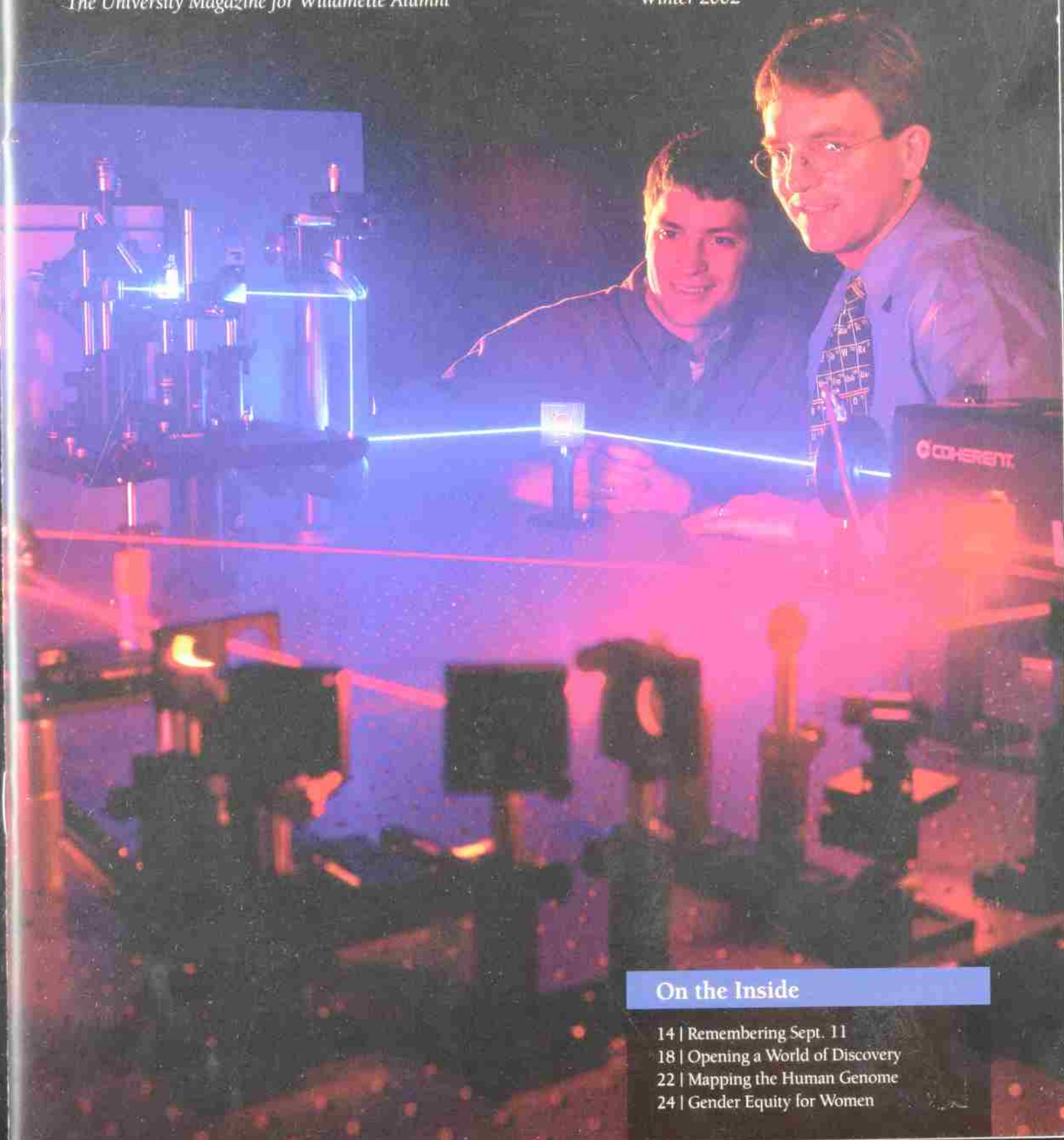


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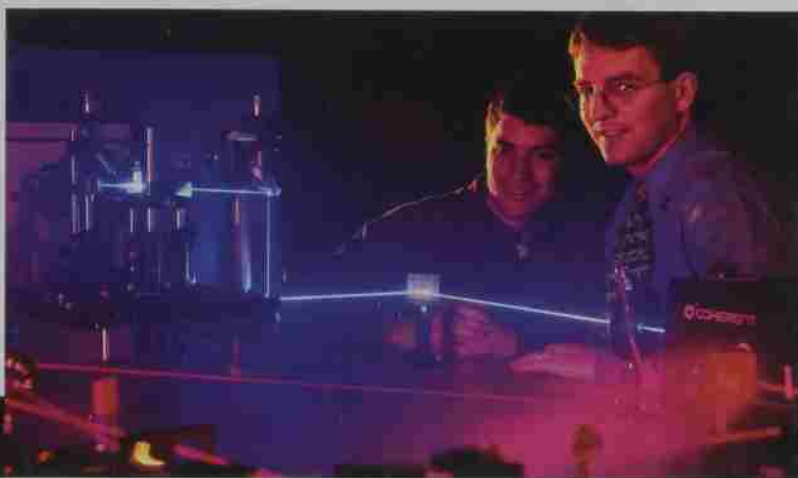
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Prof. Chuck Williamson (right) and Dan Sluss '02 run experiments in the laser lab.

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Teaching Science at a Liberal Arts Institution



Dear Willamette Community:

As this issue of *The Scene* is dedicated to academic excellence in the sciences at Willamette, I think of Benjamin Silliman, a 19th century Yale professor of chemistry, who said, "True science is fitted to teach us how the laws of nature are employed to produce the happy issue which everywhere present themselves to our admiring contemplation."

I share his vision of the unity of knowledge, that the liberal arts perceive little or no separation between sciences and the arts. Allow me to bring focus to this abstraction and offer my bias on how liberal arts institutions like ours provide an outstanding undergraduate science education in contrast to our large research-oriented neighbors.

According to a study by Thomas Cech, professor of chemistry and biochemistry at the University of Colorado, liberal arts institutions are about twice as productive as the average institution in training eventual Ph.D.s. His research found that, although only eight percent of all students who attend four-year colleges or universities are enrolled in baccalaureate colleges, 17 percent of those students who obtain Ph.D.s in science received their undergraduate degree from liberal arts institutions like Willamette. Cech points out that:

"Most of the top liberal arts colleges see between five percent and 18 percent of their graduates going to obtain a Ph.D. in science or engineering. Considering that their graduates majored in English, history, art, and other humanities disciplines as well as in science, this represents an astounding percentage." (p. 197, *Science at Liberal Arts Colleges*.)

So why are liberal arts institutions in general, and Willamette in particular, so successful in this area? The answer is clear: We stress teaching first. Our graduates learn how to collect and analyze arguments, and they become especially adept at critical thinking across disciplines. The members of our exceptional faculty are on the leading edge of their fields, thereby bringing a special excitement to their teaching. Moreover, they are accessible inside and outside of the classroom, and our students respond by exploring questions in depth. In other words, students at Willamette continue to be at the center of our academic enterprise.

As Professor Cech concludes:

"The value of the broadening experience of a liberal arts education is unlikely to be quantifiable, and verifying its impact is therefore problematic. Nevertheless, many of us who have engaged such an education are convinced that it has benefited us as scientists. This practical benefit is in addition to the stated goal of a liberal arts education; to enhance one's whole life." (p. 211, *Science at Liberal Arts Colleges*.)

The sciences at Willamette will ensure our ongoing strength as one of the nation's leading institutions of higher learning. I invite you to read the stories in this issue that illustrate Willamette's commitment to academic excellence in the sciences – and how our endowed programs are of vital support to that commitment.

From our Science Collaborative Research Program that provides our undergraduates the chance to work side-by-side with experienced faculty on research projects, to the opportunities our Webber Scholars Program offers women students in the sciences, you will see that, as always, your support allows us to remain true to our commitment to the spirit and ideals of learning at Willamette. That is our pledge to you, our friends, as we help to shape our communities and our world.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "M. Lee Pelton".

M. Lee Pelton
President

Editor's Note

"There is one thing even more vital to science than intelligent methods; and that is, the sincere desire to find out the truth, whatever it may be."

— Charles Pierce, physicist, mathematician, logician, philosopher

This issue of *The Scene* is devoted to Willamette students, faculty and alumni who utilize science in their exploration for answers to questions most people could not even imagine asking.

As you will read in the feature section, the faculty's dedication to searching for the truth and their passion for research is contagious. Students who develop their passion for science leave Willamette with an understanding of their discipline and with a fire to con-

tinue their search for answers. The alumni profiled in the magazine are just a few examples of such students who are making significant contributions in their field and continuing Willamette's legacy of excellence.



Michelle Maynard
Editor

The New Scene

While *The Scene's* design continues to evolve over time, the Office of Communications has made significant changes with this issue. We had recently changed the magazine to full color and wanted to utilize our color options as well as increase the readability and visual interest in the magazine. Some of the changes include a redesigned cover, multiple color text blocks, wider margins, increased space between lines and more powerful photography. We are committed to keeping the design of Willamette's publications exciting and new, and we hope you enjoy *The Scene's* fresh new look.



Winter 1996



Winter 1999



Winter 2002

While the name of the magazine has remained consistent for many years, the "masthead" and cover of the magazine has changed to keep the design current. With this issue, we offer a new look and the next step in history of *The Scene*.

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The Scene won a bronze award in the periodicals category in the 20th Annual CASE District VIII Awards Competition. *The Scene* competed against regional universities and colleges who entered magazines with a circulation of more than 20,000. In this category, all three issues of *The Scene* - winter, spring and fall 2001 - were judged in design, content and editorial value. The fall 2001 issue, "A Slice of Willamette," also won a silver award in the overall publication design category.



Reader Feedback

✉ Nostalgic Trivia

During my wonderful days at Willamette, the Cat Cavern was in the basement of Waller Hall. It was always crowded and if you got in, the process of getting out could be even more difficult!

While musing over this pleasant memory, I thought of two other very interesting incidents of trivia that almost no one on campus will remember today but just might amuse you all, more than 50 years after the fact.

Very trivial #1 – Refer to page 49 of the 1945 *Wallulah*. What was the single most pressing reason to revise the WU constitution?

Answer: To permit dancing on campus! It is almost impossible today to think that dancing was not permitted on campus, and with the addition of

the U.S. Navy V-12 unit, it was necessary to make the changes that allowed us to enjoy some really grand events.

Very trivial #2 – Refer to same *Wallulah* page 58. Was the president of the junior class a graduating senior?

Answer: YES! Me. The Navy considered me an academic junior, but with Prof. Cecil Monk as my mentor and transferring my credits from two years of college in Philadelphia before entering the Navy, I had enough credits to graduate from WU with a degree in biology.

In closing, again on page 58, if my old buddy and fellow pharmacist Bob

Carpenter '45 is still alive and kicking in the Salem area and someone sees him, PLEASE pass on my warmest regards. This too, to anyone from the Class of '45 and/or the V-12 unit.

Stan "DAS" Buch '45



✉ Fostering Children

Why would anyone want to become a foster parent? The answer to this question is one that both my wife and I are just beginning to comprehend after three years of fostering. During this time, we have filled our house with a number of children. Currently we have a sibling group of two boys and two girls. We anticipate adopting our present foster children in about six months. We get guiltily uncomfortable when people tell us that we are making a positive difference in these children's lives. Their praise implies selflessness on our part. What these people don't understand is the enrichment these children have brought and will bring to our lives.

For those of you thinking about fostering, do it and enrich your life.

Peter Donohoe '74



Willamette Trivia

Look for the answers on pg. 37

1. The largest gift Willamette has received funded the construction of which science building?
2. Over the past 50 years, which of the sciences – biology, chemistry, environmental and earth sciences or physics – has been the most popular science major?
3. What is the most expensive piece of scientific equipment on campus?

Letter Policy:

Please limit length to 125 words. We reserve the right to edit for length or clarity. Please sign your letter and include your name and address, plus your class year if you're an alumnus/a. Letters to the editor will be used for publication unless the author states the letter is not to be published. All letters reflect the opinions of the writers and not necessarily those of *The Scene* or the University.

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Paula (Portinga) Booth '93 designed this ornament for the 2001 White House Christmas Tree.

CLA Appoints Second Associate Dean

David Douglass, associate professor of rhetoric and media studies, will serve



as a second associate dean for Willamette's College of Liberal Arts. His primary areas of responsibility

will include student status and support, freshman seminar and support for off-campus programs. "David is a superb teacher, a productive scholar, and a creative and thoughtful problem-solver. He will be a great asset to the CLA dean's office and the Willamette community," said College of Liberal Arts Dean Toni Haring-Smith.

Economics Prof. Don Negri will continue as associate dean, handling budget concerns, general education, scheduling and facilities, assessment, classified staff evaluation and part-time hires. The cost of the second associate dean position is being covered by gift funds allocated through the president's office.

Oh Say Can You Sing!

Shannon (Pun) Simmons '01 sang the national anthem at the Seattle Bowl on Dec. 27, 2001, where Stanford played Georgia Tech. While she was a student at Willamette, Simmons frequently sang the national anthem at volleyball and basketball games.

Alum's Art Decorates White House Christmas Tree

Paula (Portinga) Booth '93 was one of four Oregon artists, invited by First Lady Laura Bush and Governor John Kitzhaber, to create an ornament for the 2001 White House Christmas tree. Each artist made a miniature of a historic Oregon home or church to articulate the White House theme, "Home for the Holidays."

Booth created a wood and paper ornament of the Bush House in Salem. "I chose the Bush House because it is a historic home in Salem with which I am familiar, comfortable and intrigued," she said. "The window in my office overlooks the house and the rose gardens in Bush's Pasture Park. I spend time each day looking at the House and the gardens through the changing of the seasons."

Booth received a B.A. from Willamette in art and art history. Since 1997, she has created mixed media work incorporating painting, photo transfer and printmaking. She has taught drawing and mixed media in Salem and manages arts education projects for the Salem Art Association.

People on the Move

Mike Bennett '70, senior associate vice president for University Relations,



assumed additional duties as director of development for the College of Law on Jan. 1. Bennett, who has been with Willamette for 15 years, will serve as the primary development officer for the College of Law. Linda Alderin, former secretary to the president, joins Bennett in the College of Law as development associate. Alderin has been with Willamette for 16 years.

Steve Brier joined Willamette on Aug. 1 as director of planned giving. Brier



oversees Willamette's development programs that help individual donors structure contributions to the University to best complement their personal financial and estate planning. Brier came from Stoel Rives, where he practiced federal income tax law for more than 10 years. Brier also served as an assistant attorney general, where he represented Oregon's state universities and colleges.

Lecture Series Takes Root

The Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series, sponsored by The Dempsey Foundation, was established this past fall with the goal of increasing environmental awareness. This lecture series will bring in one environmental lecture each year. Environmentalist, entrepreneur and best-selling author, Paul Hawken, known for leading corporate reform with respect to ecological practices, spoke on "The Quest for a Sustainable Future" as Willamette's first Dempsey lecturer. For more information on future lecturers, visit Willamette's Web site at www.willamette.edu/calendar.

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Willamette Hosts First Gubernatorial Debate

Willamette hosted the state's first gubernatorial debate featuring all six candidates for governor in Smith Auditorium on Jan. 17. Over 700 people, four television news stations and

10 print reporters attended the debate.

Democratic candidates include Jim Hill, former state treasurer and legislator; Ted Kulongoski, former State Supreme Court justice; attorney general and legislator; and Beverly Stein, former chair of the Multnomah County Commission. Republican candidates include Kevin Mannix, former legislator; Jack Roberts, former commissioner of

Labor and Industries; and Ron Saxton '76, Portland School Board member.

Co-hosting the event with Willamette were the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, the Society of Professional Journalists and the Associated Press.

- ▶ Most improved chapter award
- ▶ Campus involvement award
- ▶ Recruitment award
- ▶ Sisson Excellence award
- ▶ Runner up, chapter publication
- ▶ Runner up, philanthropy award

"In a time when college fraternities fluctuate from greatness to mediocrity or worse in a year, I vow to you all to do all I can to repeat such a performance next year," said Braden, chapter president.

WU Fraternity Takes Home Nine Awards



At the 162nd general convention of Beta Theta Pi, Willamette's Gamma Sigma chapter was honored with the following awards:

- ▶ Chapter advisor of the year to Jon Steiner '63
- ▶ President of the year to Ethan Braden '02
- ▶ Most improved chapter g.p.a. (2.9 to 3.22 in one year)

Prime Time!

Casey Strand '98 appeared in a "Frasier" episode on Jan. 22. She also has two commercials running - one for Rembrandt Teeth Whitening and one for Werther's Caramels. Strand received a bachelor's degree in English from Willamette and was a member of musical theatre on campus. She also wrote and co-directed a one-woman play titled "A Day in the Life of Anorexia."

Dean Wins National Honor



Campus Life
Dean Bob

Hawkison has been named by the National Resource Center for the First-year Experience and Students in Transition as an "Outstanding First-Year Student Advocate."

"This award celebrates Bob's efforts in terms of his formative role in setting up and sustaining World Views, his guiding vision for the residential commons, his establishing Opening Days and his support of student activities like the Bistro," said Tom Haring-Smith, dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The award recognizes that Willamette is the kind of place where people are dedicated to students both inside and outside the classroom."

The National Resource Center is located at the University of South Carolina. This nationwide program began in 1982, and awards have been given for the past 13 years. The 10 award recipients this year will be honored at a recognition ceremony during the Annual National Conference in Orlando, Fla., in February 2002.

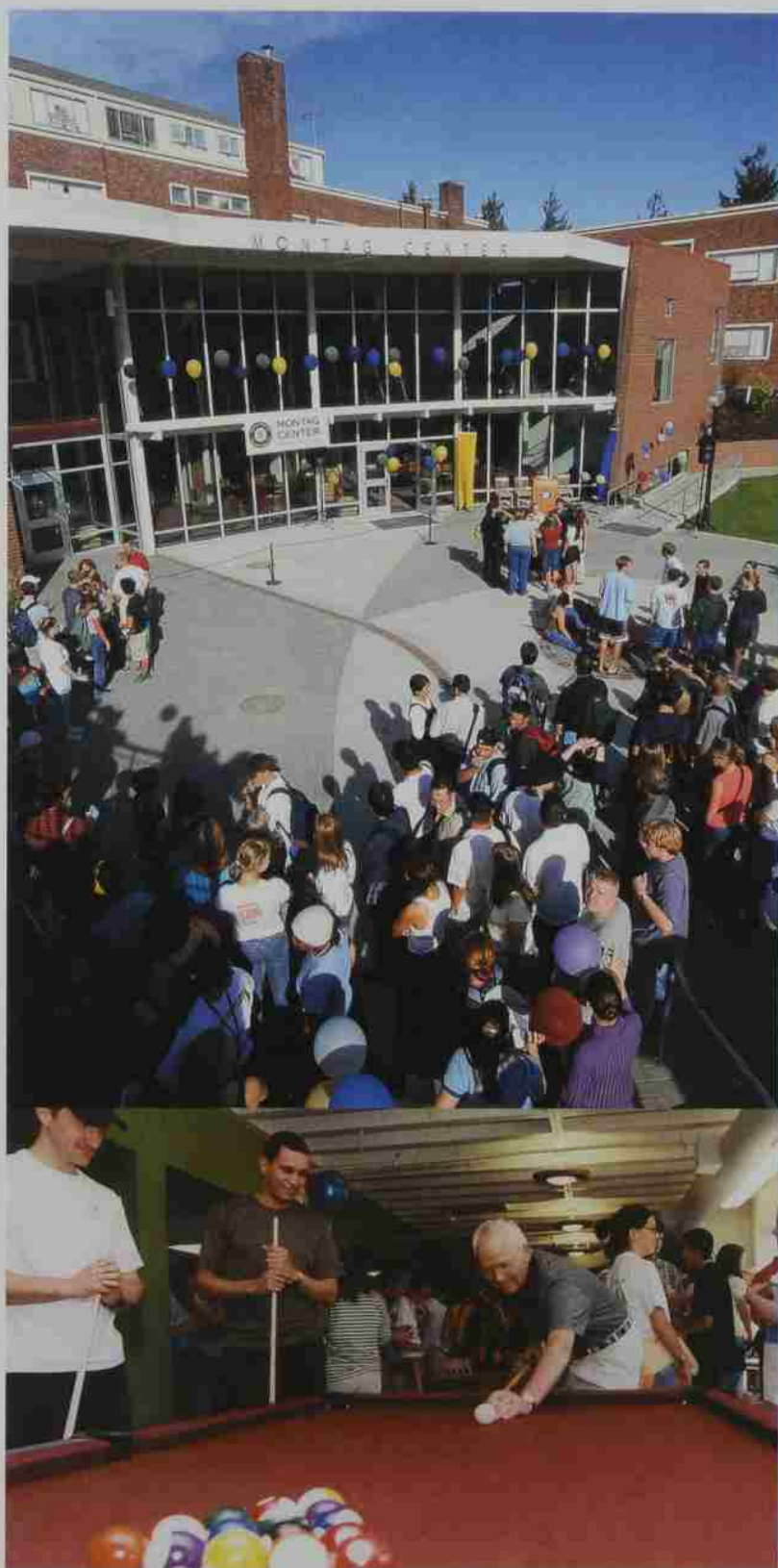


Reliving Hoop History

It's not every day a Willamette University athletic team takes on a NCAA Division I team. But then again Jan. 15 was not just another day as the University of Oregon hosted the Bearcats in celebration of the 75th anniversary of McArthur Court in Eugene.

According to the *Statesman Journal* article that appeared the day after the game: "The Bearcats put on a respectable show before falling to Oregon 71-48. Not bad for a team making its regional television debut on Fox Sports Northwest. A crowd of 8,561 - the largest non-conference attendance figure of the season for Oregon - probably expected to watch a mismatch. But Willamette was not embarrassed by the nation's 23rd ranked team."

The first game in McArthur Court was between the Ducks and Bearcats on Jan. 14, 1927. The teams last played on Dec. 1, 1948, with Willamette winning 55-43 in Salem. Willamette and Oregon have met 56 times over the years, with the Ducks owning a 44-12 advantage.



Montag Center: By the numbers

16,500 square feet of student space

100+ snack options from the convenience store

62-inch wide-screen, high-definition television

25+ overstuffed chairs for student lounging

17 hours of operation per day (8 a.m. – 1 a.m.)

12 washers & dryers

10+ pieces of student art

4 video games

2 conference rooms

1 piano

1 dance floor

1 pool table

1 ping-pong table

Montag Center Opens with Fanfare

Students cheered when President Lee Pelton said, "Free laundry for a week!" at the opening of the Montag Center, Willamette's new student activity center. Student activity centers are as common as coffee cups on university campuses across America, but the one that opened Sept. 21 at Willamette University has a unique story.

When Pelton arrived on campus as the school's 22nd president, the students spoke with him about the need for a student gathering place, a place students could mingle and relax that was specifically designed for them.

Agreeing that the need was genuine, the president made a deal with the students. He would help raise the funds if they would design the facility.

Conceived by students, the 16,500 square-foot center includes pool tables, video games, laundry facilities, a deli/cafe, meeting rooms, a ballroom

and a barbecue area. The new facility, located in the Baxter Quad, will provide students a social and cultural outlet in the portion of the campus that houses 40 percent of Willamette students.

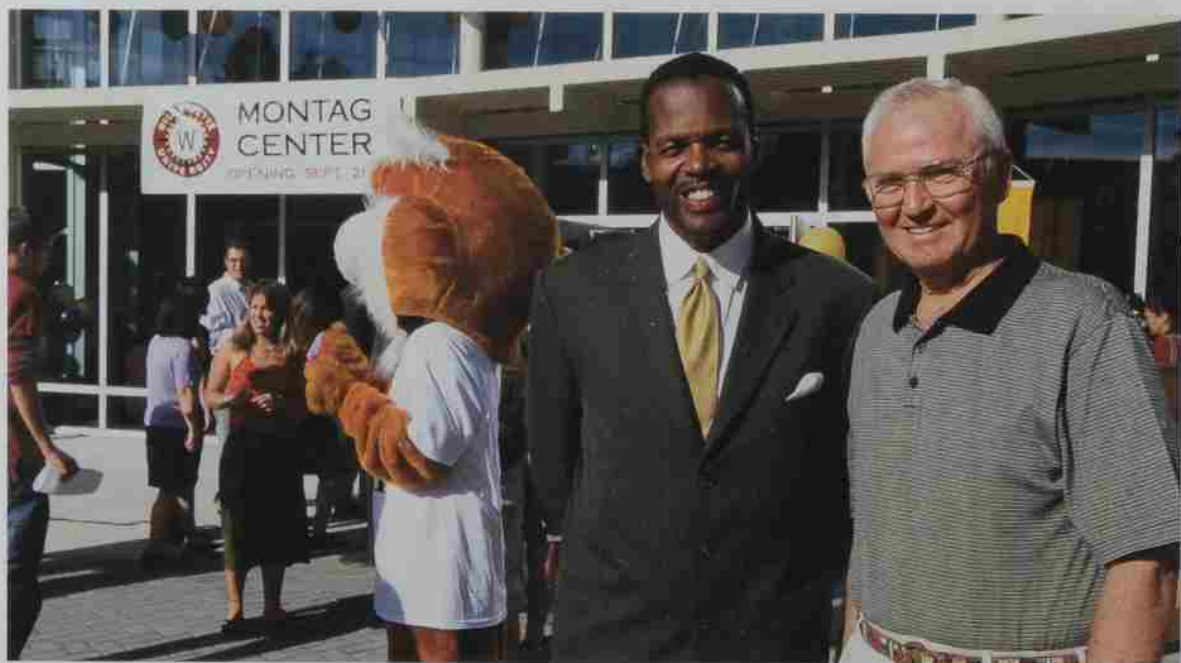
Cassandra Farrin '05 said, "I like having some place close to where I live. I can go over there and study and not be antisocial. It's also nice that there is a convenience store close by so we don't have to walk all the way over to Goudy Commons or the University Center for a snack."

The Montag Center was truly built with students in mind, open from 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. The students finally have a place of their own to hang out, have club meetings, watch movies, participate in Salsa dances, sing Karaoke, or play in ping pong tournaments. Paul Swenson '05 said, "It's a great place to come study, play free billiards or table tennis."

With just three years from conception to completion, the project was fast-tracked because of exceptional financial support. Tom Montag, of Tokyo, Japan, contributed \$2 million to honor his parents, Dan '52 and Jean (Kell) Montag '52. The Collins Foundation of Portland donated an additional \$650,000.

"These two generous gifts have made a lasting impact on the social and academic atmosphere of our campus," said Pelton. "The Montag Center will become a center for the scholarly exchange of ideas, where thoughtful and provocative debate involving faculty and students will be the rule, not the exception. It will be the place students gather when they need to talk, to celebrate, to voice opinion. We thank the Montag family and the Collins Foundation for their support."

—Beth Kowal '02 is a rhetoric and media studies major.



Dan Montag '52, pictured with President Lee Pelton, celebrated the opening of the Montag Center, named in his honor by his son, Tom Montag.

which includes the Montag Center, the Bishop Wellness Center and the Long Center for Writing and Research. While each of these facilities serves the entire campus, they are particularly well-suited to meet the needs of entering students.

One of the biggest changes that comes with the residential commons system is having a faculty member and family live in each commons area. "Connection with faculty will be strengthened," said Negri. "Academic inquiry will spill out of the classroom into the living quarters and daily lives of our community." Pam Moro, professor of anthropology, added: "We want campus life to reinforce the intellectual goals of Willamette's educational programs. We want the co-curriculum, and pretty much every aspect of a student's life at Willamette to be integrated and high-minded."

Transitioning the campus

With a plan as inclusive as the residential commons system, there are many steps in the implementation process. As a first step, a planning squad, composed of faculty, students and administrators, is spending this spring semester developing a plan for creating a system of greater student self-governance and a culture of responsibility to sustain it. The plan-

ning squad is also designing a pilot program for about half of the first year class to begin by the fall 2003.

The transition to incorporate the full residential commons system will be slow and deliberate, including the construction of several new structures on campus. The location for the new structures is still being developed as part of the Campus Master Plan, which is expected to be completed by the fall 2002. The excitement on campus continues to grow, as Willamette begins the task of transforming its residential system into a community of residential commons.

"We have so much to gain by being a 'residential' liberal arts college with juniors and seniors being a part of the campus community," said Trustee Eric Friedenwald-Fishman '88, a Campus Life Task Force member. "The opportunity to build on what I see as Willamette's fundamental strength—the relationship between our students and faculty—is immense. I feel the concept has the opportunity to make Willamette truly unique by creating a vibrant intellectual life and sense of community. 24/7."

—Michelle Maynard is editor of *The Scene* and manager of publications in the Office of Communications.



This model was developed to illustrate how a residential commons program would be incorporated into the facilities master plan.

Residential Commons Timeline

1999

September

Campus Life Task Force established, consisting of six trustees, five students, two alumni, two faculty and four administrators.

October-December

Review of summer research. Subcommittees on residential life, student activities and diversity research established.

2000

January-February

Four task force teams visited schools with some variant of residential college systems: UC-Santa Cruz, Rice University, Middlebury College, Bowdoin College, USC, UC-San Diego and Whittier College.

February

Task force drafted proposals for a residential college system, a new diversity initiative and a new focus on campus-wide activities.

April

Maguire student satisfaction survey administered to undergraduates.

2001

January

Task force report submitted to President Lee Pelton.

February

Trustee Residential Commons Task Force established to receive and evaluate the final report of the Campus Life Task Force.

March

Presentations made to campus facilities committee, classified staff, administrative forum, trustee task force, *Collegian* editors and convocation. Task Force Report posted to Web, and executive summary distributed to College of Liberal Arts faculty, staff and students.

April

Informational meetings with College of Liberal Arts faculty groups and student group leaders.

May

Preliminary report to board of trustees by Trustee Residential Commons Task Force.

October

Trustees approve revised residential commons proposal.

Board Approves Residential Commons Plan

Over the next 10 years, Willamette University will transform present student housing into a unique residential system consisting of five commons – First Year, Greek and three sophomore-to-senior commons.

At the October board of trustees meeting, the board took a bold step in passing the plan to develop a residential commons system, which will combine the curricular activities with the co-curricular education.

A brief history

The plan took two years to develop and started with President Lee Felton's establishment of the Campus Life Task Force in September 1999. The Task Force, made up of students, faculty and administrators, was given the assignment of examining residential and student life at Willamette. To gather information about Willamette's student life, the Task Force conducted focus groups with 250 students and developed and administered an extensive Web-based survey to undergraduates resulting in 918 responses. The results of the survey were packaged in the Maguire Report, which became the starting point in creating a new plan for student housing. A subsequent group, the Trustee Task Force on Residential Commons, appointed by board Chairman Henry Hewitt '69, further developed the proposals of the initial Task Force into the recommendations passed by the board.

Campus Life Dean Bob Hawkinson, a member of both task forces, said: "The Maguire Report told us that students are not experiencing the type of campus life that they were seeking, thus

resulting in a steadily decreasing percentage of upper-class students living on campus. We also learned that we need to improve campus life programming, to enhance student self-governance and to increase connections between students, the faculty and the University at large through rituals, activities and residential affiliation."

In addition to examining Willamette's residential system and surveying current students, the Campus Life Task Force visited several universities and colleges, such as Rice University, Middlebury College, University of California-San Diego and Bowdoin College, to examine a variety of residential commons systems. "There are several colleges that have residential colleges, and we have borrowed those aspects that suit us best," said Don Negri, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "No school does it exactly like we plan."

Trustee Joan McNamara '59, a Campus Life Task Force member, added: "Other colleges have some of the aspects of Willamette's plan, but the way they will be combined at Willamette will be unique. Probably the most distinctive aspect will be the coexistence of a strong Greek system with a residential commons system. I am not aware of another college that has that combination."

What is Willamette's residential commons system?

Willamette's residential commons system will be made up of three types of commons: first year, Greek (composed of eight individual Greek houses) and comprehensive. Freshmen will live in a "First Year Commons" with special programming, upper-class preceptors (similar to resident assistants) and a faculty mentor, who will live in a house or apartment within the commons-area. Sophomores will move into a Greek house or into one of three upper-class (comprehensive) residential commons. Each comprehensive commons will have a graduated mix of single rooms, suites and apartments as well as special programming and faculty mentors. Under this plan, the majority of juniors and seniors will live on campus, either in a comprehensive commons or a Greek house. According to McNamara, the residential commons system has been designed to achieve the following objectives:

- ▶ enhance a sense of community on the part of Willamette students.
- ▶ bring upperclassmen back to live on campus.
- ▶ increase faculty/student interaction outside the classroom.
- ▶ improve campus life programming and provide for more student self-governance, and
- ▶ enhance Willamette's distinctiveness and competitiveness among its peer institutions.

"I believe that the residential commons plan will provide opportunities for affiliation for every student, regardless of whether they choose to join a Greek organization or not," said McNamara. "The 'First Year Commons' will also build class loyalty, which will last through one's alumni years." The "First Year Commons" will be located in the Baxter Quad area.

\$2 Million Grant Bolsters Community, Spiritual Service

A new chapter is about to unfold in Willamette's exploration of theology, vocation and community service. This past November, the University received a 5-year, \$2-million dollar grant from the Lilly Endowment, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing interest among undergraduates in pursuing religious studies and ministerial careers.

The Lilly Grant is considered remarkable, not for its size or the fact that Willamette was the only institution in Oregon to receive one, but because its resources will be utilized for a variety of programs that focus on spiritual and ethical development.

"In today's busy world, society has largely lost sight of the idea of vocation, or listening to your inner voice to discover your purpose in life, your best means of contributing to society," says Tori Haring-Smith, Willamette's dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The Lilly Grant will allow us to pause, to reflect – both individually and together, both curricularly and co-curricularly – on these essential questions. As such, it is truly a priceless gift."

Charlie Wallace, Willamette's chaplain and a member of the grant's planning committee, notes that while the grant remains largely focused on students interested in entering traditional ministerial vocations, it "opens up opportunities to a broader religious spectrum ... and adds a component that really focuses on volunteerism and community service for people who are spiritually-minded but going on to traditional secular jobs."

Willamette juniors Courtney McHill '03 and Tyler Kelly '03 illustrate how the Lilly Grant will benefit students. McHill is a humanities major and she's interested in becoming a minister. The Lilly Grant might help

grams like Alternative Spring Break. "I am very excited about what the Lilly Grant will help us accomplish in terms of community service."

While the grant will benefit many areas of Willamette's academic and community life, its central purpose is encouraging students to reflect on their experiences and the impact their work and faith has on people



her by providing funding for a semester of study at a seminary institution or an internship with a local pastor. "The opportunities this grant opens up for someone like me are incredible," McHill says.

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— Tori Haring-Smith, dean of the College of Liberal Arts

By contrast, Kelly is a biology major and finds his spiritual connection through community service work. The Lilly Grant could support him through funding a summer volunteer position with a non-profit agency or by enhancing existing Willamette pro-

grams and communities. Reflection is key says Mari Morando, Willamette's director of Community Outreach, because it reinforces habits of introspection and critical thought that students carry with them beyond Willamette. "We think the reflection component is criti-

cal because students see the bigger picture and how their actions, whether faith-based or community service-based, impact the world around them."

— Brad Millay '97 is the development writer in the Office of Communications.

Seamless Support Delights Theatre

When the Willamette University theatre department decided to include "Quilters" among the 2001-2002 productions, no one would have guessed the community following and participation in the play would reach the heights that it did.

Unlike any other Willamette production, "Quilters" was not only a University creation, but also one that might not have been as successful without the help from off-campus groups.

"Quilters" is a play that has a loyal following in most quilting communities and our Willamette Valley is an area of the country that has an enormous number of people who quilt," said "Quilters" Director Susan Coromel.

Last spring, Janice Palmquist, the special events and class coordinator for Deepwood Estates, learned the University would be doing the production. Having heard positive reviews about the original play, Palmquist met with other local museums to discuss a fall theme incorporating quilting.

"There was a quilt emphasis all fall at the Deepwood House," Palmquist said. "Among the museums, we had quilt displays, classes and then the theme culminated with the play. We served tea and cookies at the play to contribute to the atmosphere."

To sponsor the museums' theme, "Quilts Gather the Community," three local quilting businesses held a quilt "shop hop." Open houses at the stores allowed people to not only purchase quilting material but to also see examples of quilts.

While the local museums and businesses were increasing interest in quilting and promoting the play, the Mid-Valley Quilt Guild also made a significant contribution. Organized by Leslie Zeigen, the newsletter editor for the guild, approximately 50 members researched and sewed the legacy quilt for the production.

"I thought it was really important to make this tie with Willamette," said Zeigen who had originally been contacted by Coromel about donating the legacy quilt. "It was a really fine cooperation and we had a wonderful time." With fabric donations from

Greenbaum's Quilted Forest and Grandma's Attic, the quilters created the 16 blocks for the final quilt.

When the play opened on Nov. 9, the widespread enthusiasm and support peaked. Quilters from up and down the Willamette Valley came to the University. The joint effort from the local museums promoting the play, tea and cookies from the Deepwood Estates, the donated quilts hanging in the auditorium and lobby, culminated when the legacy quilt was revealed at the end of each production.

Greeted with an awe of silence and even a few tears of appreciation, the legacy quilt simultaneously symbolized the intertwining of lives in the play as well as Willamette and the community. "We were proud to be associated with Willamette University," Palmquist said.

Other community involvement included participation by three local high school musicians and a hammered dulcimer player from Stanford.

—Shannah Fields '02 is a rhetoric and media studies major from Lake Oswego, Ore.



Willamette's Theatre production of "Quilters" received unprecedented support from the Salem community.

It took 30 minutes to walk all the way down. Hoekman said he went around people when he could, but the walk seemed interminable. But never, he said, did it occur to him that the building was in danger of collapsing. As he reached the bottom, Hoekman saw firefighters in groups of six going past him. He can remember their faces. And he can remember looking out into the plaza between the two buildings.

The fountain there was filled in with debris, the stage where musical acts sometimes played in the afternoons was crushed. He walked clear of the buildings and the debris, as others craned their necks upward to see what was happening above them. Hoekman put his head down and ran the mile to his apartment, where his wife — who he had been unable to reach by phone — waited for him. Twenty minutes after he had stepped clear of Tower One, it collapsed.

To say that Hoekman gained a new appreciation for life that day would be too trite, and too simple. But to deny that he is a different person now would be ludicrous. He sold his Manhattan apartment and moved to Connecticut, for one thing. "I hear birds when I wake up in the morning, instead of ambulances," he said. "It's nice."

But he also thinks about why he got out when so many others didn't. And he wonders what it means. "Some people might have had one or two ways that things could have gone wrong for them, but for me, there were a hundred different ways. You can 'if' yourself to death, thinking about those things," he said. "I don't want to do that."

— Erik Holm '96 covers local politics and human interest stories for *Newsday* in New York City. He is a former editor of the *Willamette Collegian*.



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"Even after the rubble is removed and the last signs of the disaster are gone, this event will have left an indelible impression on my mind of seeing the WTC collapse, the building that I walk through every day to work, as well as our vulnerability to terrorism here in the U.S.A. As, Americans we need to support our government in its fight against the people responsible for this tragedy and ensure that the death and destruction witnessed on Sept. 11 is not allowed to happen again."

— Michael J. Woolfolk M'90, currency strategist, The Bank of New York

Willamette Remembers Sept. 11

Surviving the Tragedy

So many things went so horribly wrong for so many people on Sept. 11, and John Hoekman M'93 knows that he was almost among those who died in the World Trade Center.



Hoekman tries not to think about all the things that could have happened.

If the tower where he works had been hit first ... If he had stayed at his desk, like some of his colleagues ... If the elevator had come sooner, after the "all clear" was given ... If he had been faster in the stairwell, or slower ...

Hoekman, a senior vice president at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter, said those "ifs" could haunt him if he let them.

to be in his corner office anymore. "I grabbed my two assistants, and we high-tailed it to the stairwell," he said.

Some of his colleagues — people who hadn't seen the plane's impact as clearly as he did — stayed behind. But Hoekman found that he wasn't the only one in the stairwell either. It was slow going, and there was bottlenecking as people on the lower floors flooded into the stairwell. In his hurry to leave, Hoekman had left his cell phone and

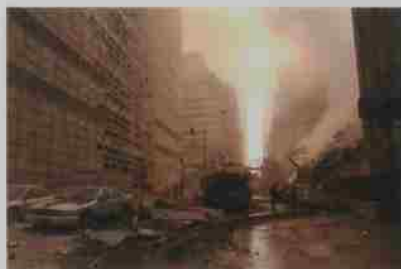


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Hoekman had a corner office in the World Trade Center, on the 77th floor of Tower One. A nice view of the Hudson River, of New Jersey and of Tower Two. He had his back to the windows that day, when a plane came out of the sky to the north and hit Tower Two. The plane sent a fireball straight through the building, and it shot out level with Hoekman's office.

"There was just an enormous noise," Hoekman said. "It rattled our building. I looked over my shoulder to see a huge cloud of flame engulfing our building."

His first thought was that there had been an explosion inside the building directly opposite him. Or that a helicopter had tried, unsuccessfully, to fly between them. No matter what it was, Hoekman knew that he didn't want



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world what had happened. The initial panic subsided

Around the 50th floor, word came that the building was not harmed when the plane hit the other tower, and the evacuation was called off. That was how Hoekman came to be standing at a bank of elevators, scratching his head and wondering what to do, when the second plane hit. "I heard the explosion above me, and it got louder and louder," he said. "All the elevator doors opened. There was all kinds of shrapnel and debris flying out of the elevator doors, and there was a lot of screaming."

Women curled up into fetal positions, Hoekman said, and the people in the elevators were surely dead. But he could think only of his wife and four-month-old son, and he knew he had to get home.



This photo was taken by Bryce Mercer '98 MAT'99, from the top of Mount St. Helens after Mercer and John "JO" Waller '98 summited on Sept. 16, 2001. The flag reads: "Mt. St. Helens, September, 2001. Life Devastated. Life Rebuilds. In honor of the WTC victims. God Bless."



In response to the Sept. 11 tragedy, many students and staff turned out for the blood drive on Sept. 26 coordinated by Panhellenic Council. This drive collected 106 units of blood. The Red Cross recognized Willamette last spring for 50 years of sponsorship, from 1951-2001 during which 16,277 units of blood were donated.

Former Diplomat Foresaw Terrorist Threat

The following are excerpts from an article by R. Gregory Nokes '59 which appeared in the Nov. 11, 2001, issue of The Oregonian and features Willamette alum Robert Sayre '49 of Falls Church, Va.

The United States faces "a long twilight struggle" against terrorism that will require improved intelligence and more of the nation's resources.

That's the position of the Bush administration today. It was also the position 17 years ago of former ambassador Robert M. Sayre, Portland-born diplomat who served as the Reagan administration's top anti-terrorism expert from 1981 to 84.

"I felt certain that this problem of terrorism around the world was going to get into the United States," said Sayre, 77, now retired.

Few Oregonians have served their country in so many prestigious government positions during their careers as Sayre. A career diplomat, he was ambassador to Brazil, Panama and Uruguay before being named to the administration's top anti-terrorism position.

"The mistake we made, we didn't give it enough priority," Sayre said. "I really couldn't get the money I wanted to run my office."

Sayre predicted in his 1984 address that while most of the attacks then occurred abroad, U.S. shores would be vulnerable if the United States didn't stop it abroad. Improving the nation's intelligence capability was essential, he said.

"We need to strengthen our efforts to deal with it there, including the root causes, or we run the substantial risk that it will grow and spread into the United States," he said. "The facts suggest that the problem will continue to grow," he said in his 1984 address. "We are, indeed, engaged in a long twilight struggle."

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Field of Flags Fight Hate

During a sunny afternoon in October, Willamette's Quad came alive with a rainbow of color. Kristen Smith '02, of Redlands, Calif., and Sabrina Andrus '02, of Kelseyville, Calif., decided they wanted to make a statement on campus by creating a visual representation of violence.



"We were looking for new ways to create awareness and this is a good one because no one can miss it," said Andrus. The little flags that blossomed on the field represented victims of hate crimes

worldwide, such as victims of genocide, the Holocaust, the Japanese-American internment, the Oklahoma City bombing and the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"We wanted a thought-provoking display," said Smith. "We wanted to create awareness of hate and how it plays a part in our daily lives."

Cranes Express Message of Hope, Peace

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, the 91 students of Tokyo International University of America (TIUA) presented Willamette University and President Lee Pelton with 1,000 cranes as a symbol of friendship and condolence.

The crane became a symbol of peace with the inspiring story of 12-year-old Sadako Sasaki. Sasaki was diagnosed with leukemia as a result of being exposed to the radiation of the Hiroshima bomb. While she was in the hospital, her closest friend reminded her of the old

Japanese legend that if she folded 1,000 paper cranes, the gods might grant her wish to be well again. With courage and faith, Sadako began folding.

Though she was only able to fold 644 before she died, Sadako had a profound impact on her friends and classmates. They completed her 1,000 cranes and raised money from school children all over Japan to build a statue to honor Sadako and all children affected by the bomb.

Today, in Hiroshima's Peace Park, there is a statue of Sadako standing on top of a granite pedestal holding a golden crane in her outstretched arms. At its base a plaque reads:

This is our cry.
This is our prayer.
Peace in the world



Post-Sept. 11 Reading List from Willamette Faculty

From James Hanson, professor of economics:

- *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2001
Special section of articles on "9/11 and After."

From Pamela Moro, professor of anthropology:

- Elizabeth Fernea, *Middle Eastern Muslim Women Speak*, University of Texas Press, 1977.

From David McCreery, professor of religious studies:

- Karen Armstrong, *Holy War: The Crusades and Their Impact on Today's World*, New York, 1991.

From Joe Bowersox, professor of politics:

- Meron Benvenisti, *City of Stone: The Hidden History of Jerusalem*, University of California Press, 1996.

"As our nation continues to grieve and call for justice, we must, as educators, turn our attention outward. We must play a lead role in conducting reasoned analysis to provide answers to the broader question of 'why?' – not just 'who?'"

Excerpt from President M. Lee Pelton's commentary, "Universities must keep 'open borders' to the world," which appeared in *The Oregonian* on Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2001. Full text can be found at www.willamette.edu/news/commentary.htm.

Penny Spiering '03 loves wildlife. Last summer she spent 8-10 hours a day – starting at 4:30 a.m. and ending as late as 10 p.m. – bird watching on the

banks of the Columbia River. She spent beautiful sunshine-filled and windy, rainy days sitting in a "blind" – a man-made hut that makes animals blind to a human's presence. She watched Caspian Terns, seagull-like birds, taking copious notes on their diet and behavior. It was her summer vacation, but Spiering did not want to be anywhere else. She was living her dream of conducting wildlife research and working collaboratively with a Willamette faculty member. "My summer experience secured my love for wildlife biology and I knew that I would not be satisfied with any other career," said Spiering, who plans to pursue a career in wildlife biology research after graduate school.

"Penny's curiosity was invigorating, and I could feed off her excitement," said David Craig, professor of biology. "I trained her to identify different kinds of fish that the Caspian Terns caught while flying 45 mph through the air."

For the past four years, Craig has been researching the diet of the world's largest colony of Caspian Terns, which live around the mouth of the Columbia River and feed on juvenile salmon, one of the totem items of the

[Prof. Karen Arabas taught a group of students how to study and track fire history in tree rings.]

Pacific Northwest. His research included moving part of the colony from Rice Island to see if they would feed on other kinds of fish, saving the salmon in the Columbia River. His results are promising, and he would not be as far along in his research if it were not for students like Spiering who participate in Willamette's Science Collaborative Research Program (SCRIP).

OPENING THE DOOR TO SCIENCE

During an intensive 8-10 weeks in the summer, the SCRIP presents students with an amazing opportunity

to explore scientific questions by collaborating with faculty from biology, chemistry, environmental and earth sciences and physics. The SCRIP provides students with a \$3,000 stipend, housing on the University's campus and reimbursement for the cost of food, travel, supplies and equipment. Other than the hands-on experience working one-on-one with faculty, students get a

[Penny Spiering '03 spent an unforgettable summer studying the diet and behavior of seagull-like Caspian Terns.]

glimpse at what it would be like to have a career in the sciences. "You see students catching on fire and getting excited about their career," said Craig. Chemistry Prof. Chuck Williamson, who has participated in the program for the past two summers, added, "We may have students that come away saying 'research isn't for me,' and there are others who come to feel at home in a lab and decide to pursue a career in the sciences." At the end of the research program, students are also given the opportunity to travel to conferences and present their work.

In addition to the students, the faculty receive many rewards for participating in the program. In a liberal arts university like Willamette where teaching comes first, the program provides faculty with much needed time to work on their research with students eager to help. "For faculty the key thing is that it's a place for them to develop their own research agenda," said Scott Hawke, biology professor and director of the SCRIP.

A FLARING PASSION FOR TREES

When Evan Larson '02 applied and was accepted in the SCRIP, he had no idea his research would have him hiking through an old Ponderosa pine forest with a chainsaw on his shoulder cutting wedges from trees that displayed fire scars. He assisted Karen Arabas, assistant professor of geography and environmental sciences, with her research and now says passionately, "There's just something about tree rings."

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SCIENCE SPARKS PASSION, OPENING A WORLD OF DISCOVERY

{ How one science program is changing the
lives of Willamette students and faculty. }

accomplished something. I started with several separate components, and I ended up with a functional instrument that gave reproducible results."

Schuboth, a chemistry graduate student at the University of California – Davis, said her two summer experiences with the SCRP gave her the confidence to work in any laboratory and tackle any scientific problem. "The biggest reward was definitely being able to think critically in new environments. I can now walk into any new laboratory and learn new things, and it doesn't frighten me away. If it wouldn't have been for the summers I spent working in the labs, I wouldn't know the joy of doing research and I wouldn't have chosen to go on to graduate school, which feels like one very long SCRP project."

SEARCHING FOR PURITY

Physics Prof. Mark Beilby is on a mission, searching for materials that have a pure frequency. Once identified, these materials can be used for building high precision gravitational experiments. To measure a pure frequency, Beilby excites the vibration of the material akin to striking "a tuning fork," Beilby said. "We get a piece of material, strike it and if it rings for a long time, it has a pure frequency." Beilby's latest experiments have been on steel music wire – such as guitar strings; fused silica – a synthetic pure glass; and metallic glass – a new material available for only the last few years.

Juniors Mark Mosson '03 and Zach Holmboe '03 assisted Beilby with experiments last summer to measure the frequency in several materials. "I had no prior physics experience, so I was really jumping into some-

thing I knew very little about," said Holmboe. "From that standpoint, I was able to see research in a field very different from my own – biology."

Both students agree that the biggest rewards for participating in the program are the knowledge and relationships they take with them after the project is completed. "The biggest

[Dan Sluss '02 assisted chemistry Prof. Chuck Williamson in setting up and performing the first experiments in the laser lab.]

reward is definitely the knowledge I gained through this experience," said Mosson. "Following this program, I feel as though I have a very strong understanding for a whole new branch of physics," Holmboe said. "The biggest reward was learning how research was done. In addition, the personal relationships with professors that I developed were great."

A PATH FOR LIFE

Each summer, the Science Collaborative Research Program opens a world of discovery and excitement for students, strengthens the bond between faculty and students and provides an effective way for faculty to continue their research. The SCRP is an example of Willamette's commitment to academic excellence – providing students with an outlet to challenge themselves, discover their passion and succeed in their field of interest.

"Scientific research isn't really about the discovery. It's about the journey that you take to get there and what you learn along the way," said Schuboth.

– Michelle Maynard

HISTORY OF WILLAMETTE'S SCIENCE COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Established in 1996, the SCRP was originally funded for three years with a \$375,000 gift from M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. In 1999, the Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation pledged \$1 million with an additional \$1 million received in 2000 to endow the program. Murdock recently renewed its funding for three years. Willamette hopes to double the endowment of the program to give students with an interest in computer science, exercise science or psychology the same opportunities the SCRP gives students interested in biology, chemistry, physics and environmental and earth sciences. Over the past six years, 82 students and 48 faculty have participated in the program.

Arabas' research consists of a team of researchers and students working in forests isolated 6,000 years ago by lava flows in Newberry Crater National Volcanic Monument in central Oregon to determine how the forest has changed over time, specifically in relation to fire. Forest managers may be able to use the data collected to improve forest health by using prescribed fires. "This is a timely research topic because recently Oregon has had extraordinary fires," said Arabas. "My interest is looking at the historic effects of fire on the landscape. When a fire scars, the date of that fire may be recorded in the tree's rings. We found fires were returning on a 20-year basis until the late 1800s when European-Americans started suppressing fires."

Larson was given the responsibility of examining and labeling the wedges he cut from Ponderosa pine trees. "Using samples from live and dead trees, I was able to give calendar dates to

{ Pictured left: Meg Christensen '02, Janice Belknap '03 and Evan Larson '02 spent the summer performing hands-on research in Eastern Oregon. }

all the fires that were held in the wedges," said Larson. "This data created a fire history that extended back to 1470. That's right, 22 years prior to Columbus." Arabas has participated in the SCRIP the past three summers and believes she would not have the research results without the program. "We wouldn't be where we are now if I hadn't had students helping for the past three years."

Larson believes the SCRIP opened several doors for him, including opportunities to present his research at a number of conferences. Larson said the SCRIP was one of the best decisions he made in college. "I laughed more during our time in the field than at any other point in recent memory. The friendships I developed with my fellow Willamette researchers... have become incredibly important to me. My experiences have inspired me to look at a number of possibilities for future research and perhaps a career that would let me continue to work in the field. I have a strong feeling science and research will play a big role in my life and the SCRIP played a major role in this."



SHEDDING LIGHT ON RESEARCH

There is a small room on the third floor of Olin Science Center, which looks like a stereotypical lab, filled with interesting and expensive equipment. A person who asked, "I wonder what this equipment does," with Chemistry Prof. Chuck Williamson around would be in for a treat if he was willing to show off the laser lab he established when he came to Willamette. With the lights turned off and the equipment turned on, the little, unsuspecting room fills with amazing light. A small child would be hypnotized by the fantastic colors – teal, violet and crimson. Williamson can quickly demonstrate the force of the illuminating lasers and the need for the safety goggles when he places his business card in the path of one of the lasers, and the business card immediately begins to smolder.

Williamson's participation in the SCRIP over the past two summers gave him the time and student help needed to set up the laser lab and start performing experiments with the powerful lasers. The laser lab includes a diode laser – similar to a laser pointer; an argon ion laser – 1,000 times more powerful than the diode laser; a nitrogen laser; and a half-ton table upon which the lasers rest. This unique table, purchased in part with a gift from Mitch Taylor '83, floats on pistons to dampen any vibrations in the building allowing for precise laser manipulation and experimentation.

Dan Sluss '02 and Kate Schubothe '01 helped set up the lab and performed experiments on liquid-liquid mixtures to try and understand how molecules mix and interact. The lasers specifically measure at what temperature the separation of the liquids occurs and how the microscopic environment of the molecules changes. This research, called basic or fundamental research, can lead to advances in purifying products.

Sluss, who is planning to pursue a Ph.D. in physical chemistry, said, "I was allowed to think creatively and solve my problems instead of following the procedure from the lab manual. For me, the biggest reward after completing the program is having the feeling that I

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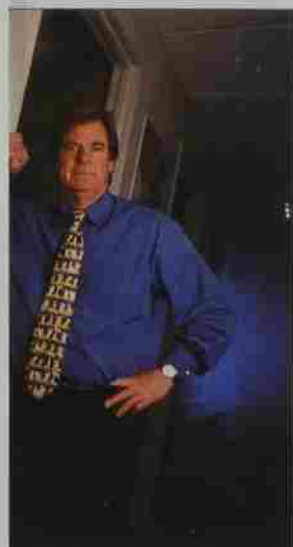
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Of that 12,000, only about 3,000 have been studied and of those, only 350 have drugs designed to target them. So the potential of the market is enormous."

While Hicks has been working in private industry for about 12 years, his career began in academia. He graduated in 1975 from the University of Oregon's Institute of Molecular Biology with a Ph.D. in biology and genetics and was subsequently named a postdoctoral fellow in the department of molecular genetics at Cornell University. After Cornell, Hicks pursued his academic career at research locations, including Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, and Scripps Research Institute, where his colleagues included the likes of Dr. James Watson and Dr. Francis Crick, the two men credited with discovering the structure of DNA.

During this time, Hicks was conducting research on the mating practices of yeast cells to better understand how genes are copied. The research he says was "important at the molecular level and intellectually appreciated by people in science" but he really wanted to work on research that would have some "practical benefit."

In 1990, Hicks made the leap to private industry, becoming a founding member of ICOS, a Bothell, Washington-based company that has recently become a significant player in the development of disease-fighting drugs. In the past 10 years he has helped launch a number of ventures including Sapien Health Network, an online health site recently sold to medical-web giant, WebMD.

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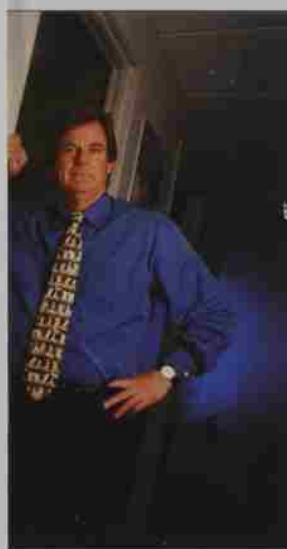
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Hicks enjoys his new position as director of technology at Virogenomics because he is on the front lines of a battle to eradicate diseases that have eluded the best efforts of conventional treatment. "Fighting disease is an old frontier but genetic research has made it a new frontier."

Virogenomics is already moving ahead with plans to test its first product by 2003, a new class of drug therapeutics the company licensed through a partnership with Oregon Health and Sciences University (OHSU) that are designed to help multiple sclerosis (MS) patients.

The development of this new drug therapy is particularly important to Hicks because MS claimed the life of one of his closest Willamette friends, Nancy Detering '68. Detering was a chemistry major and a scientist herself. She received a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Arizona before succumbing to MS in 1986. "Nancy was a wonderful friend to me and a talented scientist. Her death was very tragic but I'm grateful that I've been able to work on a treatment that I think provides a real answer to multiple sclerosis and how it gets started."

Hicks and his partners at OHSU have also exploited a new technology called a Gene Microarray. The technology will allow them to look at genes as potential drug targets for fighting diseases like cancer and cardiovascular disease. The Microarray works by taking a snapshot of thousands of immobilized DNA sequences on a slide the size of a business card. When a foreign agent is introduced into a cell, certain genes in these DNA strands are activated, which the Microarray captures and then reproduces digitally as a false color image.

Hicks points to a poster board hanging up in the lobby of Virogenomics that contains a blow-up of an image created by the Gene Microarray. The DNA strands are cast in orderly horizontal rows while the genes they

contain flare in a dramatic spectrum of color – some in highly active red and orange tints while others remain dark and inactive.

By comparing the pattern of gene activation in a normal cell with that of an infected cell, Hicks notes that researchers can figure out which genes they need to knock out to prevent foreign agents from replicating and multiplying. "If those genes can't be expressed, the virus can't grow."

As to the future of genetic research, Hicks says, "Where we're going is Star Trek. It is exactly Star Trek, where every genotype for every individual is catalogued and

treatments are tailor-made." As an example, he cites advancements in computer hardware and software technology that will soon allow scientists to create a "silicone cell," a computer model that precisely replicates a living cell. "The old way of doing the science – old being 20 years ago – was to find out what was connected to what. Shinbone connected to the thighbone connected to the hipbone. So the average researcher might make one or two discoveries about a particular gene system during his lifetime. Now, we're able to simultaneously observe all of the genes at once and see how any effects the whole."



Jim Hicks '68, chief technology officer for Virogenomics

While the field of genetic therapy remains a vast mystery that will take decades of research and billions of dollars to unravel, Hicks and his team are working overtime to create a world where even the most debilitating diseases will be as treatable as the common cold.

"The potential for gene-based therapies to enhance our quality of life is astounding. I feel very fortunate to be working in an industry that is shaping the future of people's health and well-being." Beam me up.

– Brad Millay '97



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it's safe to say that jim hicks' molecular biologist. He was a natural high-school courses were biology and he enjoyed the mystery of

"I really got turned on by the way molecular biology works. It's a very orderly and yet mysterious thing at the same time—I had a good visual feel for what was going on and there was a lot of great detective work to be done."

His freshman year at Willamette however, Hicks chose to rebel against his instincts, enrolling in one entry-level biology class while jumping headfirst into an honors political science course. But the political science reading material was so sleep-inducing, that Hicks often found himself awakening to discover that someone had swapped the book he was reading for another. "After that experience, I pretty much gave up on the idea of being anything but a biochemist."

Though Hicks' political career met an inglorious end, his abilities as a scientist and his interest in molecular biology flourished under the tutelage of a young biology professor named Dr. Grant Thorsett. "Grant Thorsett came my senior year, and that was significant because of his experience at Yale [University], his interest in molecular biology and his exposure to big time science and research."

Hicks is now chief technology officer at Virogenomics, a Portland-based biotech company developing genomically crafted drug therapies to treat autoimmune and viral diseases. The company is just six-and-a-half months old, but it is already claiming its stake in an industry that is projected to be worth billions.

"The amazing thing," says Hicks "is that of the 50,000 known genes there are about 12,000 that have names,

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defense secretary Casper Weinberger convinced her that she would be a more effective policymaker if she had an advanced engineering degree and understood the capabilities of modern weapons systems. During her graduate experience at Stanford University she became fascinated with space exploration and decided to work in aerospace on NASA projects.

As soon as she entered private industry however, Wickman's sex became a liability. For the next 12 years she was the target of constant sexual discrimination. The attitudes of her male colleagues annoyed Wickman because they were not just slighting her, they were needlessly wasting company resources. "I had colleagues go around and over me to get the design of a component approved and then they would show it to me after it was already built. I would have to tell them 'This is all wrong, an astronaut is never going to be able to use this in space,' and it would have to be rebuilt. It was costing us a lot of time and money."

On other occasions, Wickman faced outright sexual harassment, not only from peers but also from supervisors. This included everything from snide sexist comments to requests for dates. "If it's just affecting you, you think 'I can suck it up. I can deal with this. I'm a strong person, and I'll deal with it for myself and just keep doing a good job and the right thing will happen.'"

Wickman's decision to "suck it up" rather than march out after the first week was not only a sign of her personal strength; it demonstrated just how committed she was to becoming a better engineer. "Part of the dichotomy of my experience was that because of the fact that there were so many good things coming out of my actual technical career, there were a lot of good reasons to just suck it up and deal with it."

Fewer women today face the kind of openly hostile work environment that Wickman endured for much of her career. But there are other forms of more subtle social and institutional influence that can significantly affect a woman's decision to enter science. These filters take any form, from reinforced gender stereotypes to a lack of peer support.

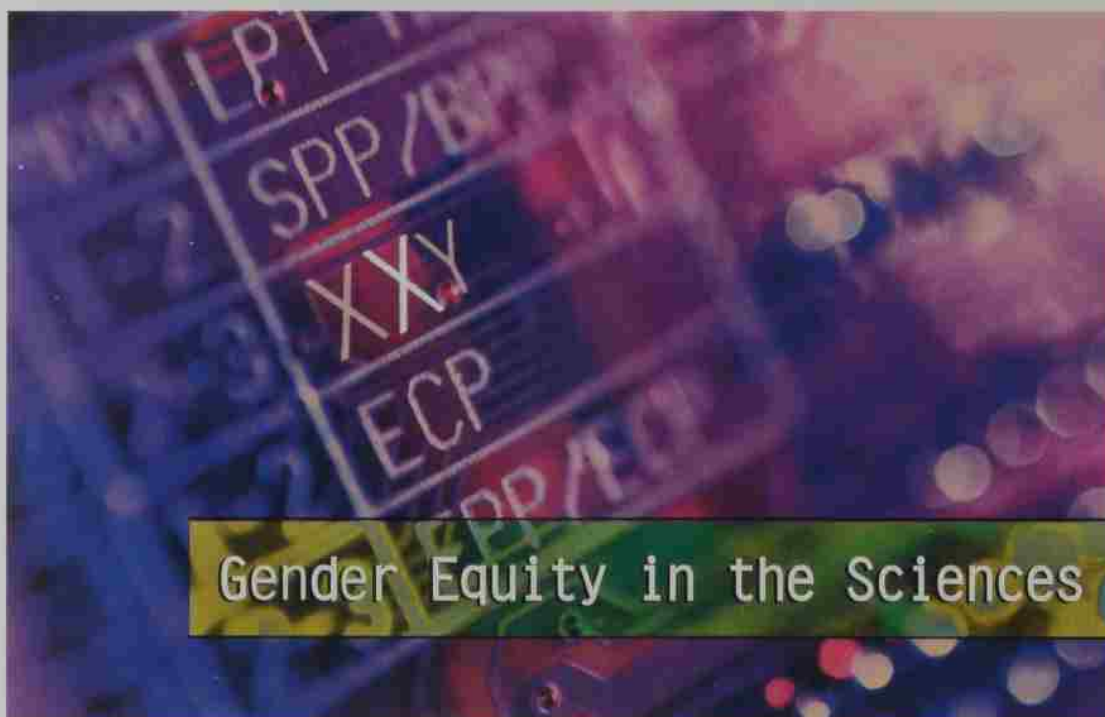
With degrees in both mathematics and computer science, Cathy (Burles) Ammirati '90 defies a lot of conventional stereotypes. She is a project manager at Hewlett-Packard (HP), one of the largest developers of office technology in the world. She says that her parents, particularly her father Bob Burles '66, were very important in sparking her interest in computers, science and mathematics. "I think a big reason I was so math and science oriented was the reinforcement I received from my dad."

She was also one of the only freshmen in 1982 to enter her high school with a personal computer and the only one in 1986 among her Willamette friends to own one. "I've never typed on a typewriter. I've always had a computer."

Ammirati's early exposure to computers was atypical, even in the early '80s, and particularly rare for a young woman. That probably explains why she was the only female computer science major to graduate from Willamette in 1990. Though none of the women she encountered were interested in majoring in computer science, Ammirati remembers that many of them actually took computer courses. "My very first class, Intro to Computer Science, was almost half women. I remember one of my lab partners did much better than I did in the class and I said, 'Why don't you go into computer science?' and she said, 'It's such guy stuff.' She was premed. The other girls just thought they wouldn't be able to get a lot of support from their peers."



Leslie Wickman '80, director of the Center for Research and Science at Azusa Pacific University



Gender Equity in the Sciences

If you've ever strolled down Las Vegas Boulevard and stopped to admire the spectacular fountain that graces the outside of the Bellagio hotel, you've seen the work of Leslie Wickman '80. Wickman was one of the engineers responsible for designing the fountain's unique hydrodynamic system. But that is not the most remarkable part of her story.

What is truly remarkable about Wickman is that she has established a successful career in an industry where women – particularly women with advanced degrees – are few and far between.

Since the end of World War II, women have successfully asserted their presence in traditionally male-dominated vocations and now comprise roughly 45 percent of the nation's workforce. The future is encouraging, but for women entering fields of science and engineering, progress is mixed. A recent survey released by the National Council on Women, which charts women's progress in science, revealed that while women have made substantial gains in fields such as medicine and biotechnology, they constitute only 12 percent of science and engineering jobs in business and industry.

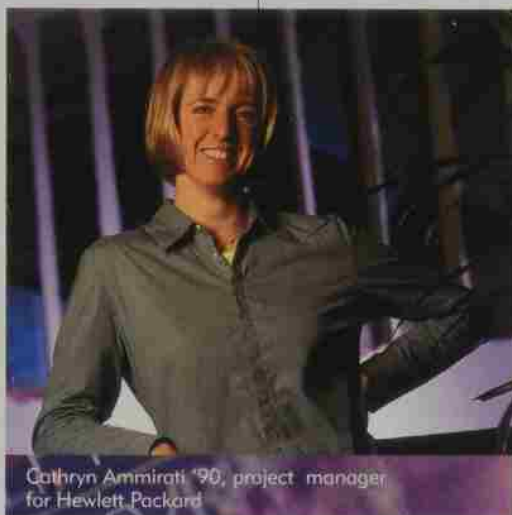
Why are so few women breaking into scientific industry? That is a complicated question and one with enough theories and research behind it to fill an entire library stack, let alone one article. The most illuminating answer to this question is found in the stories of women who have chosen science as a career path, which reveal their motivations and the subtle and not-so-subtle barriers they have faced. This brings us back to Leslie Wickman.

Before she was developing fountains, Wickman worked for a major aerospace company designing components for space vehicles like the Hubble Telescope and the International Space Station. Wickman had majored in political science at Willamette and was interested in arms control policy, but a correspondence with former

Wickman says she would like to marry but career plans have kept her busy. "I guess between all of the things I've been up to with my career it's been difficult."

Wickman and Ammirati's stories suggest many areas of the science industry simply aren't available to women unless they are willing to prioritize career over family.

The experiences of these three women tell a complex story about the nature of women and science. While women continue to make inroads into science industries, they often succeed "in spite" of social and organizational conditions rather than "because" of them. Whether and when women achieve true parity with men in the sciences is difficult to predict but these three women share the optimism expressed by Ammirati:



Cathryn Ammirati '90, project manager for Hewlett-Packard

"You don't see as many women in the highest ranks but it is growing. I look at 11 years ago, and now I think we're seeing, particularly in the last five years, a lot

more women getting promoted. I finally do see them filtering up now in HP. It was a major breakthrough when HP hired a woman as their CEO."

More breakthroughs for women into scientific industries are coming, hastened by a high-technology boom that demands ever-greater numbers of technically trained workers. But the success story of women in science will remain a mixed affair as long as the social, cultural and organizational influences

that discourage women from entering science persist.

—Brad Millay '97

A Unique Opportunity for Willamette Women

William B. Webber has always known that women are just as capable as men in the field of science. In order to provide women an opportunity to explore science, he endowed the Webber Scholarship, providing a \$4,000 one-year scholarship to four women majoring in physics, environmental science, biology and chemistry. As part of the scholarship, these women spend 13 weeks teaching science to fifth graders and leading scientific discoveries such as: dissecting cow eye balls, examining bacteria from the principal's mouth or calculating the trajectory of hand-made rockets.

Kirstin Fox '02, an environmental science major said, "I have had a lot of fun being in the classroom. It has been great to help the students have hands on experiences, and it also makes me appreciate the variety of work my own teachers do."

Emeritus Chemistry Prof. Kiki Brink developed the program during her 1995-96 sabbatical. Over the last seven years of this program, the Webber scholars have influenced hundreds of student lives. Brink remembers a fifth grade girl who had aspirations to be a beautician or clerk at a convenience store. But, after 13 weeks, the girl knew she could be the first college student in her family, possibly in science.

"These women are not just bookworms," said Webber. "They make perfect role models for young women in the classroom."

Ammirati's observation confirms what contemporary research suggests. While women perform about equally well with men in mathematics and computer science, they lack the significant peer support networks, which foster interest and encourage participation.

Fortunately, Ammirati did receive the support she needed through family, teachers and a Willamette alum named Robert Miller '88, who recommended her for an internship program at HP specifically targeted to attract women and minorities. Ammirati believes HP has been very progressive in its hiring of women engineers but she notes that despite the company's best efforts an imbalance still exists.

The problem is that the vast majority of the company's women engineers are software developers while in comparison there are much fewer hardware engineers. When Ammirati asked the female hardware engineers why they became interested in computer hardware, most had the same response:

"A lot of the female hardware engineers were out with their fathers and brothers working on cars and doing things that are not stereotypically considered female. I also think the reason more women are involved in the software side is because it is more of a team effort. Once you get to a large set of software, no one can do it on their own. From what I've observed, the mechanical engineering path can be very isolating, so I think that the software side draws more women because of that."

Perhaps the greatest single factor affecting a woman's decision to enter the science industry, or any profession for that matter, is the conflict between family and career. Among women who change from science to non-science

careers, family concerns are the most often cited variable. This isn't surprising because most professional women live in dual income homes where the husband remains career tracked while the wife scales back her plans in order to care for the children.

Paula Brust '81, a former biology major, is now director of quality at Paragon Biomedical Inc., a contract research organization that specializes in managing clinical

trials for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. She is responsible for overseeing and ensuring the quality of all of the clinical trials conducted by Paragon. Brust says many women with medical and science degrees enter her line of work because, "the flexibility in the work environment and scheduling allows for women to continue careers and have families at the same time."

Brust says that kind of flexibility is just not apparent in other professions. "It's not work-friendly to have kids in certain professions. If you look at the demand on the female doctor, it almost requires that they either drop way back or take time off when they have a family." In contrast, Brust can set the number of projects she takes on and she is able to accomplish much of her work from a home office.

The flexibility of her career path has allowed Brust to succeed in science and have a family while Wickman and Ammirati have largely remained career focused. "HP has set it up so that if you are willing to put in the extra time and work, you will really be rewarded. In my 12+ years at HP, it has been really easy to focus my career without kids at home. Now being married three years, priorities may change."

Female Scientists at WU

According to Willamette's records, the first women to graduate from Willamette with a science major came from the class of 1915.



Aggie Alford '15, of Salem, Ore., majored in education and biology.



Ethel Casebere '15, of Salem, Ore., majored in chemistry.



Mary Pigler '15, of Salem, Ore., majored in chemistry.

Number of female alumni who have majored in science over the past 50 years.

- Biology 523
- Environmental and earth sciences 136
- Chemistry 119
- Physics 30
- Computer science 10

WU has had a 46% increase in female science majors over the past 50 years.

A Memorable Finish

Few collegiate athletes have experienced the excitement and satisfaction of making it to national playoffs. For the seniors on the Willamette University women's soccer team, their collegiate soccer careers are not only marked by four consecutive appearances at the NCAA playoffs, but by lessons, memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

"I've made life-long friendships while enhancing my skill level in the game I love," said Amy "Buffy" Morris '02, the 2001 Northwest Conference Player of the Year.

The first year Ashley Holmer '02, Karen Heaston '02, Heather Ebert '02 and Morris put on their Bearcat uniforms was also the first year that Willamette was a member of the NCAA Division III. While the Bearcats had to adjust to tougher competition in the NCAA, the four women quickly realized what it would take to play at the collegiate level in general. Each had a standout high school career, but upon coming to Willamette they found that their teammates were just as good, if not better than themselves.

"It's always hard going from the high school level to play for a team where all the players were all-stars from their individual high schools," Holmer said. "But the feeling is great because you feel like you are right up there with the best."

During their four years at Willamette, Holmer, Heaston, Ebert and Morris competed with and against some of the top players in Division III. Of the four years the team made the playoffs, they went to the Final Four twice and to the quarterfinals once.

Even more remarkable is the record they accumulated. In four years, the

Bearcats were 73-6-8, 54-4 in conference play and an unblemished 46-0-1 at Sparks Field. "It is quite a highlight to not have lost a home game these past four years and also make two trips to the Final Four," Coach Jim Tursi said. "They have all been an integral part in the continuance of Willamette University's women's soccer program."

Team wins, losses and playoff appearances mean little to the four seniors in the larger scheme of their athletic experience at Willamette. "Games become more than just winning and losing, they become symbols of hard-work, togetherness and personal heart," Heaston said. "I learned about silent and vocal leadership, how to mesh with different people, dedication, character and adversity."

The lessons Heaston and the other seniors learned are exemplified through their actions on the field. Besides competing at the national playoffs for four years, their work ethic on and off the field earned them the respect of the younger players. "We really learned what Bearcat soccer is all about through them," Laura Kunnen '03 said. "We want to accomplish all they had before we got here."

Five or even 10 years from now, Holmer, Heaston, Ebert and Morris may not remember the scores of the 99 games they played as Bearcats. What they will remember, though, are the friends, memories and lessons from their days on the Willamette soccer team. "I've had a blast these four years on the soccer team and I wouldn't trade the friendships or memories for anything," Morris said.

—Shannah Fields '02



Pictured l-r, Karen Heaston '02, Ashley Holmer '02, Heather Ebert '02 and Amy "Buffy" Morris '02 celebrate the end of their successful four-year soccer career at Willamette.

Willamette Recognizes Top Athletes

Hard work, dedication, commitment and leadership describe the athletes who were inducted into Willamette's Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 27 in recognition of their athletic talent and service to the University.

Bruce Anderson 1962-1966

Bruce Anderson '66 was a dominant defensive lineman during his four years at Willamette. He was named to the All-Northwest Conference team each year and also won all-district and all-coast honors. Anderson capped his collegiate career by being named to the Little All-American team in 1965. Anderson went on to play six seasons in the National Football League. On Oct. 11, 1970, he was named NFL Player of the Week.

Athletic program ranks 15th

Willamette ties for 15th in the Sears Cup after the outstanding fall efforts by Willamette's athletic teams! The Sears Cup is the benchmark for athletic excellence and represents broad-based excellence, not domination in one or two sports.

With the philosophy of Division III, the Sears Cup represents much more than simply athletic success. It represents an institution's commitment to co-curricular activities and student interests. Other schools in the top 15 included: Williams (Mass.), Ithaca (N.Y.), Ohio Wesleyan and Amherst (Mass.). Willamette tied with Redlands (Calif.) and Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Erik Clarkson 1987-1991

Leaving his mark in the record books of Willamette basketball, Erik Clarkson '91 broke every major University scoring record during his four-year basketball career. He was a two-time NAIA All-America honorable mention selection (1990-91) after winning Northwest Conference Player of the Year honors those same seasons. Clarkson also helped Willamette win the NWC during his freshman and sophomore years. "Some of my greatest memories all happened in the gymnasium with my teammates," Clarkson said.

Carrie Pietig 1987-1991

Carrie Pietig '91 has won more individual national championships (three) than any woman, to date, in Willamette history. As a junior, she won the NAIA discus and shot put titles. Pietig followed that up by winning the 1991 NAIA discus crown as a senior and placed second in the shot put. Her NAIA-winning discus throw of 167-4 in 1990 set an NAIA record at that time. That mark, along with her 1990 national champion shot put toss (48-11 3/4) is a Willamette school record. "I came to Willamette to get a good education as well as do athletics," Pietig said. "I learned not to set my expectations too low."

Carla Piluso 1973-1977

A four-sport athlete, Carla Piluso '77 kept busy during her time at Willamette. She won all-conference honors in three of the four sports (field hockey, badminton and basketball) and all four teams won conference titles at least once during Piluso's tenure. She also played on the softball team. "This is one of my most proud achievements and accomplishments because those were the days," Piluso reflected.

Bill Trenbeath – Meritorious Service

Bill Trenbeath served Willamette for 27 years as director of athletics (1988-2000), head baseball coach (1974-1986), assistant football coach (1974-1978) and assistant professor of physical education. During his 11 years as director of athletics, Trenbeath oversaw the construction and expansion of many athletic facilities including the baseball and football stadiums, the new softball field and the boathouse and dock for the rowing program. "This is a great honor," Trenbeath said. "I'm very proud to join the ranks of great people."

1979 Men's Cross Country Team

Led by the trio of David Fleming, Kelly Sullivan and David Johnson, the 1979 men's cross country team placed 14th at the NAIA national championships after winning the Northwest Conference and NAIA District II titles in convincing fashion. The trio placed 1-2-3, respectively, in both the conference and district championship meets to earn all-conference and all-district honors.

— Shannah Fields '02

The estimated cost of the trip is \$3,100, including airfare, hotels, programs and many meals. If you are interested, reply by email directly to Truitt at <truitt@willamette.edu> as soon as possible.

New Zealand & Australia Winter 2003

A trip 'Down Under' is being planned for the winter of 2003. Any alumni or friends wishing for more information should contact Director of Alumni & Parent Relations Jim Booth '64.

Regional Events

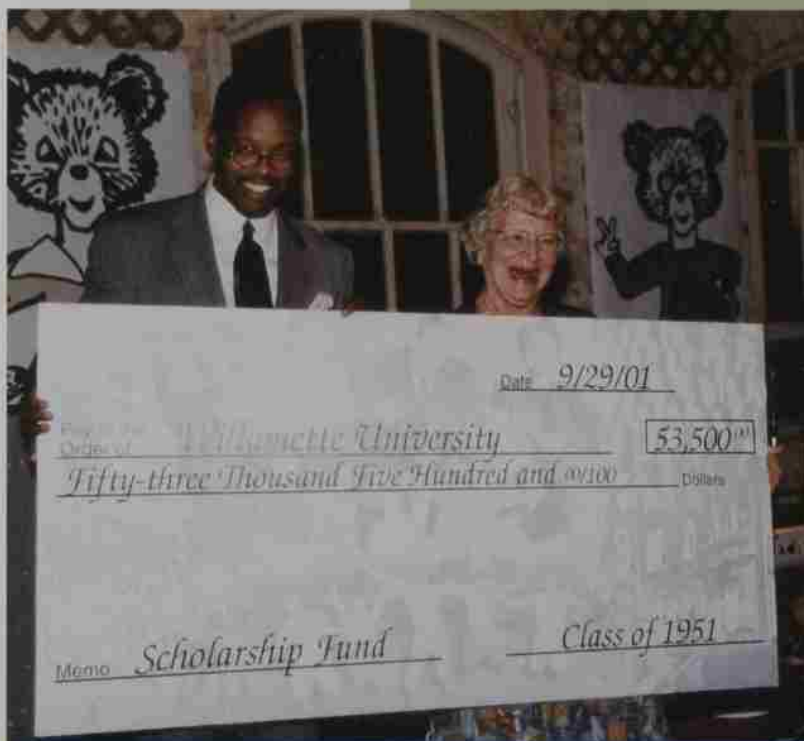
Look for mailings and Web information on upcoming regional events in New Orleans, Palm Springs, San Diego, Phoenix, Portland, Salem, Maui, Honolulu and Washington, D.C.

Reunion 2002

Homecoming Weekend

Sept. 27-29

Don't miss out on the opportunity to connect with fellow classmates and friends at this year's Homecoming/Reunion weekend. All alumni are welcome but those with class years ending in a "2" or "7" should make it a priority to attend. The weekend will highlight the 50th and 25th reunion classes of 1952 and 1977. Awards will also be presented to the Distinguished Alumni Citation recipients, Young Alumni Leadership Award recipient(s) and Sparks Medallion recipient(s) at the grand finale of the weekend, the Homecoming Gala. The weekend will feature tours of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, faculty lectures, the football game, barbecue, lunches, receptions and dinners. If you have not yet received information about your reunion or would like to volunteer to help with your class reunion planning or reunion giving, please contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations.



« Class of 1951

Jackie Aschenbrenner '51 presented a check on behalf of the class of 1951 to President Lee Pelton during the reunion in September 2001. The \$53,500 gift established an endowed scholarship fund, which will provide valuable financial support for students in perpetuity.

Check out our brand new Web site!

www.willamette.edu/alumni has all the information about alumni events coming to a town near you.

For information on any of the events mentioned in this issue of *The Scene*, or to R.S.V.P. to an event, call Alumni Relations 1-800-551-6794, or email: alumni@willamette.edu

The 'Science' of Alumni Relations



As president of your Alumni Association Board of Directors, I am pleased to tell you that your board has met

twice already this year, and our committees are actively working on current and future programs.

The Financial Support Committee is working toward the 50 percent participation goal established in 1997. "Fifty for the Future" aspires to encourage at least 50 percent of our alumni to sup-

port Willamette financially. With over 90 percent of our students receiving financial aid, the need has never been greater. The Career Support Committee just put on the 11th Career Mentor Day in Portland, in which juniors and seniors spent a half day with an alum in a field of the student's interest. The Admission Support Committee has divided up by territory to assist the territory organization of our Admission Office. The Community Relations Committee is delighted with the results of the first ever alumni dinner for Opening Days freshmen in which freshmen were invited to dinner at

alumni and parent homes in the Salem area. The Continuing Education Committee is looking at possible programs that might attract alumni to regional events. They are planning to survey alumni to see if there is interest.

The idea of surveying our alumni is one that virtually all of our committees would like to use. Your board has been active for the last 10 years without stopping to evaluate alumni satisfaction or determining if interests have changed. If alumni relations does involve science, it is in the matching of programming to interests... and that's what we will be doing in the near future. Please respond when and if you get one of our surveys!

— Rocky Johnson '70 is serving a two-year term as the president of the Alumni Association board of directors.

Alumni News Briefs

Portland Art Museum tour April 21

Portland and Salem area alumni, parents and friends are invited to the "Matières de Rêves: Stuff of Dreams from the Paris Musée des Arts Décoratifs." The exhibit will make its world premiere at the Portland Art Museum and will be featuring elaborate jewelry, sculpture, furniture, ceramics and glass. Join us for a tour and reception in April. Please contact us for more details.

Commencement Weekend May 11-12

Willamette's commencement will be held on the quadrangle on Sunday, May 12 at 3 p.m. followed by a reception. The CLA baccalaureate will be held at 11:00 a.m. and departmental

open houses begin at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. More information will be mailed to parents of seniors in March and will be announced on Willamette's Web site www.willamette.edu.

Shakespeare Festival in Ashland

July 26-29

Take a summer trip to delightful Ashland, Ore., for a dose of Shakespeare with Foundation Relations & Government Grants Director Patricia Alley '73 and Alumni Director Jim Booth '64. Over the course of your four-day, three night stay, attend six outstanding plays while investigating a few of the many restaurants and shops that Ashland has to offer. Cost to attend will be \$695 (double occupancy) or \$895 (single occupancy), which includes

transportation, two meals en route, preview lectures and dinner one evening. Tour group is limited to 22.

Chilean Study Tour

May 15 - May 30 (tent.)



Alumni and parents are invited to join Prof. Fred Truitt while he leads a group of Atkinson MBA students

on a study tour of Chile. This educational program will consist of a full slate of lectures by Chilean professors of economics, politics and management. The trip will also include site visits and participation in various scenic, historic and cultural places and events aimed at providing a high level introduction to the political economy and social structure of contemporary Chile.



Hard work and a commitment to excellence have been the benchmarks for **Janis Rue '81** career.

She graduated magna cum laude from Willamette with a degree in chemistry and went on to complete a medical degree from Oregon Health Sciences University. In 1989, she completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Massachusetts.

Rue has devoted her medical talents to providing health care to rural agricultural communities. Since 1989, she has worked for the Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, the largest community health care clinic in the Northwest, servicing migrant farm workers.



Young Alumni Leadership Awards
A business and art double major, **Jay Booth '91**

has an accomplished career in real estate appraisal. After obtaining a master's degree in real estate from New York University, Booth received the MAI designation from the Appraisal Institute at age 26, becoming one of the youngest members admitted to the organization. As the youngest professional to be made director with Cushman & Wakefield – an international, full-service real estate organization, Booth is responsible for managing the appraisals of major national retail properties.

Booth is also an active member of the alumni board and has served as president of the Portland Alumni Club.

chair of both the Portland and New York Young Alumni Clubs, and as an admissions representative to New York-area college fairs.



Dale Miller '91 has a demonstrated record of accomplishment in every aspect of his life. The English literature

major and business economics minor is vice president of Merrill Lynch, one of the world's largest investment firms. In 1998, Miller founded Virta Vote, which developed an online election tool. Virta Vote has expanded to become Validity Systems, providing businesses and organizations with data collection tools.

Under the pseudonym John C. Hudelson, Miller has written a number of articles for outdoor publications. In addition, he has authored a book called *Sleeping Like a Baby Investing in Volatile Markets* which provides strategies for building and protecting investment portfolios.

Miller still finds time to serve as principal French horn for the Emerald City Philharmonic and other community orchestras. He chairs the Willamette Forum and is a member of WU's Puget Sound Alumni Board.

Lestle J. Sparks Medallions

Richard Buck '66 is a consummate supporter of Willamette. At his 25th



reunion, Buck helped facilitate the creation and full endowment of the Class of 1966 Scholarship. Buck served as president of the Seattle Alumni Club, was instrumental in helping extend the Willamette Forum to the Seattle area and established the Olympic Scholarship for Willamette students from the Olympic Peninsula.

After being elected to the Alumni Association Board in 1993, he was elected president in 1997. His leadership launched the alumni board's involvement in the successful "50 by 2000" fund raising campaign. For his unwavering leadership, Buck was elected to Willamette's board of trustees in 1997 and continues to play host to special events for alumni and prospective students.



Chuck Peter '56 has been involved with Willamette in a number of ways. The former music major is

often spotted at special events (such as graduation) helping out the Willamette band. Peter has been an important professional resource for students in the School of Education. He has also served as chairperson for the Salem Alumni Club and provided valuable fundraising service. He has been active on class and reunion committees and served as chairperson for a number of them.

Peter has been particularly active with WU athletics. In addition to serving on the selection committee for the Hall of Fame, he has been a timer at track meets and football games for more than 25 years. He sets an example for current students by acting as associate advisor for the Willamette chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Willamette Alumni Continue to Shine

Willamette recognized eight outstanding alumni with the 2001 Distinguished Alumni Citation Awards, Young Alumni Leadership Awards and Lestle J. Sparks Medallions during the Alumni Banquet on Sept. 29.

The Distinguished Alumni Citation Award was established in 1957 to honor graduates who, in professional achievement and service to their communities, reflect the highest ideals of Willamette University.

Distinguished Alumni Citation Awards



Don Carpenter '51 epitomizes the term "renaissance man." During his Willamette career, he double majored in philosophy and political science and was creator of the humor magazine, *The Puritan*. With thoughts of becoming a linguist, he earned an M.A. from Columbia University. But a love for engineering took him to Stanford, where he earned his Ph.D.

Carpenter is highly recognized for his pioneering work in using data from radio signals to determine the shape, movement and mass of electric particles and plasma in space. His discoveries led to the coining of the

term "Carpenter's Knee," which is used to describe a particular atmospheric event. Carpenter is a senior researcher at Stanford University, and his work is widely published and highly regarded in the geophysical science community.



Before earning his Willamette degree, **Jim Fitzgerald '50** was earning medals for his bravery as a

Marine radio gunner during World War II. He was awarded a Flying Cross and three air medals for meritorious service and, in 1991, received a certificate of commendation from the U.S. Navy for contributions made as a member of the Willamette football team at Pearl Harbor in December of 1941.

After graduation, the Portland native moved to Alaska to serve as an assistant U.S. attorney. When Alaska became a state in 1959, Fitzgerald was appointed its first commissioner of public safety. In a 50-year legal career, Fitzgerald became a justice of the Alaska Supreme Court and four years later, President Ford appointed him to the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, where he continues to serve as a senior district court judge.



After graduating from Willamette with a double major in history and political science, **Bruce Harmon '66**

received a law degree from U.C. Hastings College of the Law. While he decided not to pursue a law career, Harmon's work as a screenwriter has been both eye-opening and award-winning. He has won four Emmy Awards for productions such as "A Child Betrayed" (HBO 1995), "Dead Drunk" (HBO 1993), "Public Law 106: Becky Bell Story" (HBO 1992) and "Taking a Stand" (ABC 1986). His screen writing talents have also garnered him seven Cableace awards, one Humanitas Award, two Writers Guild Awards, two first prize awards by the Chicago Film Festival, and numerous other honors.



Twin brother to Bruce, **Mark Harmon '66** thought he would become a dentist, but soon discovered

law was his overriding passion. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in history, he attended U.C. Hastings College of Law. During his legal career, Harmon has distinguished himself for his dedication to prosecution in the environmental and civil rights arenas. A federal prosecutor in the U.S. Department of Justice, Harmon successfully prosecuted Exxon Corporation for its role in the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. Today, he continues to fight for humanitarian causes as a lead prosecutor for the United Nation's International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in its efforts to indict and convict war criminals for atrocities committed in the former Yugoslavia.

Christmas and summer holidays she calls Bozeman, Mont., her home. Diana is a student at Chinese University studying Mandarin. She and her husband, Dennis, have two boys ages nine and 11.

Gail (Olds) Kouame '85 completed her master's degree in library and information science at the University of Washington in 1999, and recently accepted a position in the library at Highline Community College as director of circulation services. She is living in Milton, Wash., with her husband Kouame Nzi, and two daughters.

Janet (Cuff) Waggoner '89 graduated magna cum laude from Yale University Divinity School in May of 2001. Upon graduation, she received two additional awards for excellence in liturgies. Janet and her husband, **Ed Waggoner '91**, moved to Darien, Conn., where Janet is the assistant rector of St. Luke's Episcopal parish.

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Michael Lysobey '91 graduated in May from U.C. Berkeley with a doctorate from Boalt Hall. He and his wife, Jennifer, work full time and moved to a new apartment in Berkeley, Calif.

Jennifer MacDonald '92 is an attorney practicing at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews, & Ingersoll, LLP in the firm's business and finance department. Her husband, **Scott Mosier '92**, is in the master's program and is a financial planner for Lexmark. They are living in Boulder, Colo.

Kaarta E. Maron '92, of Seattle, Wash., left her job in community relations with the Seattle Seahawks to work for Seahawks' defensive back Shawn Springs as the executive director of his "Springs for Life" foundation.

Eric Perryman '93 is beginning his third year as a high school English teacher in Westborough, Mass. Eric received his master's in English from

Boston College. He and his wife, Diane, are living in Cambridge, Mass.

Tracy M. Warwick '93 is a physician completing her last year of pediatric residency at Marshall University in West Virginia and hopes to move back to the West Coast next year.

Jennifer F. Fellers '94 graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine and is now living in Boise, Idaho, where she is beginning her residency in family practice.

Angela Murray '94 M'00, of Portland, Ore., has joined Riley Research Associates as project manager. She is fluent in Spanish, and will oversee all international and non-English language research for the agency. The agency is located in Washington County and has been serving the Portland, Ore., area for 12 years.

Trina Roth '93 MAT'97 and **Joseph Rosevear '94** recently celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary. They have uprooted from their public school positions in Salem, Ore., to teach in a private international school in Bogota, Colombia. Trina is teaching 12th grade world literature and English, while Joseph is teaching 9th grade English. Together, they make up half the English department.

Jodi L. Connolly '96, of San Diego, Calif., received her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from Vanderbilt University in May of 2001 and is working at the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif.

MacCormac Rinehart '96, of Portland, Ore., has just finished authoring *Java ServerPages for Dummies*, a technical reference scheduled for release in November of 2001. He is starting a new technology consulting business called Sextant Technology Consulting, which provides a variety of consulting services.

Fotinia M. (Hanches) Roll '96 was recently promoted to assistant vice president and financial sales manager for Northern Bank in Anchorage, Alaska. She has been with the bank since August of 1998.

Amanda Cornwall '97 moved from Oregon to the coast of Maine where she studied at the Maine photographic workshop in Rockport. She moved to Boston to begin work on her master's degree in September of 2001.

Nancy Paulsen '97 is living in Portland, Ore., and is working as a social worker for the State of Oregon with its senior and persons with disabilities services agency in Portland. Her caseload consists of people who live in a 24-hour retirement facility. Nancy's younger sister, **Karen Paulsen '04**, is a sophomore at Willamette.

Michelle (Nicholson) Grove '96 MAT'97, of Woodburn, Ore., teaches college level chemistry and chemistry for students with English as a second language in the Beaverton, Ore., school district. She coaches a professional development group for teachers and has traveled to Chicago and Florida to gather information and training for the implementation of a smaller learning communities grant at her school.

Willamette students, faculty and staff celebrated with donors at the second Donor Recognition Gala, held at the Portland Hilton on Oct. 20. The black tie affair is organized by the University to honor the extraordinary generosity of alumni, trustee and friends.



1: Pictured l-r, Sharna and Matt Fitzgerald L'02, College of Law Dean Symeon Symeonides, Amy Brenner L'02, Kristen Flickinger L'02 and Kelly Arthur '01.
2: Kristen Flickinger L'02.
3: Gail (Larsen) Joseph '61 and B.J. Wright '03.
4: Pictured l-r, Tom Bartlett '51, Sally Bollinger, Trustee Ralph Bollinger '53 L'55 and Molly Bartlett.



Class Links

C.L.A. CLASS LINKS

19
20's **Kathleen (LaRaut) Wrenn '24** and her husband, Gilbert, celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2001, in Tempe, Ariz.

19
30's **Marjory (Miller) Marsh '30**, of Sebastopol, Calif., is blind but still has her "Oregonian" sense of humor. While her general health is good, she is no longer ambulatory and resides in a convalescent hospital near her daughter, Manan. Marjory's husband, Ralph, is living in a care facility in Carmel, Calif. Marjory has very fond memories of her years at Willamette.

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40's **Marge (Herr) Caldwell '41** is living in a Keizer, Ore., retirement center and adapting to a new way of life.

Beth (Guttridge) McMullen '49, of Astoria, Ore., recently returned from a trip to China. There are many new hotels and roads in anticipation of the 2008 Olympics. Her husband, **Al McMullen '50 L'52**, lives in a nursing home.

19
50's **Class of 1952 Committee Member Contact Jackie (Johnson) Mader 503-364-2980 jhmader@aol.com**

Class of 1957 Reunion Chairs Gary and Gayle (Rogers) Lockwood 503-363-6330 galock@teleport.com

G. Douglas Nicoll '52 is living in McMinnville, Ore. The fall issue of the *Oregon Historical Quarterly* contains an article about Oregon's most noted architect, Pietro Belluschi, written by Douglas. Belluschi designed Baxter Hall, the Collins Science building and the old library.

Donald A. Bennett '54, of Littleton, Colo., had a great visit with **Layton Gilson '54** and **Mary Jo (Ewell) Gilson '55** in Salem, Ore., in the spring and has returned from a tour of eastern Europe.

Robert G. Kaufman '56 and his wife, **Marilyn (Russell) '56**, are living in Medford, Ore. Robert has just retired as physician hospital surveyor for the joint commission on accredita-

tion for health care organizations. Marilyn is retired as well, and both enjoyed the recent 45th reunion. It was great fun!

Curt Culver '57, of Salem, Ore., has been re-elected to the board of directors of Salem Electric for the fifth year in a row. He was awarded the National Service to Youth Award, has participated in the Boys and Girls Club for 15 years and is past president of the United Way.

19
60's **Class of 1962 Reunion Chairs Peter and Bonnie (Scott) Kremer 208-726-2199 pkremer@mindspring.com**

Class of 1967 Reunion Chair Jane (Neville) Mink 541-593-5684 Rjminkster@aol.com

John N. Gallagher '61, of Tulsa, Okla., received the Outstanding Instructor of the Year Award. John also won the award in 1998 for teaching physics at Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla.

Barbara "Bobbie" (Giberson) Billings '62, of Boise, Idaho, was awarded her Ph.D. in education at the University of Idaho in December of 2000. Her dissertation research examined ethnicity and individual differences in motivation in kindergarten children and was presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development.

J. Nicholas Fax '62 has semi-retired as an orthopedic surgeon. He and his wife, Jane, live in McMinnville, Ore. His hobbies are gardening, traveling and is doing part time orthopedic exams two to three days a week for various organizations.

Six friends from Willamette University's class of 1962 enjoyed a unique reunion in the village of La Bussiere sur Ouche, Burgundy, France during the fall of 2000. They are **Marcia (Finzer) Schultz '62**, **Chris (Ryer) Meny '62**, **Susie (Williams) Kaylor '62**, **Susan Jean Wilson '62**, **Penny (Post) Lewis '62**, **Nancy (Gray) Snyder '62**. They first met in the summer of 1958 as freshmen, and have been friends for over 32 years. If you would like to read more about the gathering, go to the Web site www.yourtravelsource.com, and then select "France Reunion."

Lorraine "Corky" (Demler) Sheffield '64, of Palm Desert, Calif., received her doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California. She is the dean of Organizational Development at San Bernardino Valley College and is a visiting professor at the University of Redlands.

Gregory J. Johanson '69, of Branchville, N.J., does post graduate education in psychotherapy as a trainer of Hakomi therapy and international family systems. Greg is the part-time pastor of the Frank Ford Plains United Methodist Church in Augusta, N.J. His son, **Leif Johanson '04**, is a sophomore at Willamette.

Cheryl (Burge) Young '69, of Issaquah, Wash., has returned to teach in the Spanish immersion program in Bellevue, Wash., and is teaching fifth grade. Cheryl, **Jan (Cooper) Wright '69**, of Newark, Calif., and another friend spent five days in New Orleans during spring break.

19
70's **Class of 1972 Reunion Chair Gary Funes 503-698-3707 gfunas@wgrantusa.com**

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Joann Frances (Young) Dannen '73 has moved to a beachside condo with a pool in El Segundo, Calif. She loves teaching earth science and biology at El Segundo High School. She has two daughters; one is a school psychologist, the other a medical claims adjuster.

Peter Donohoe '74, of Lakewood, Wash., and his wife have been foster parents for the last three years and have filled their house with a number of children. They have two girls and two boys and anticipate adopting their present foster children in about six months. These children have brought enrichment to their lives.

Jane (Buelteman) Ganahl '74, of Half Moon Bay, Calif., has been writing a column for the *San Francisco Chronicle* called "Cosmopolitans" which appears on Sundays in the living section. The article is a semi-fic-

tionalized serial about her single friends. Jane has had offers to turn it into a novel, which she will work on in the next few months. Jane's daughter, Erin, graduated with honors from Bates College in Maine, and has come home to work for a law firm downtown.

Margo (Keirsey) McCafferty-Rudd '74, of Emmenton, Penn., and her husband, Tom, work full time making art, which they show at various galleries across the United States. In the Toledo, Ohio, newspaper they were mentioned as the "Best of Toledo" in an article this year. Margo and Tom are working on an old church they purchased in Pennsylvania, transforming it into living and studio space.

Marsha (Hawkins) Strode '76 enjoys coordinating community services for 12 public and private agencies located at a neighborhood-based public career information center. She lives in Sacramento, Calif., with her husband, Jim, and enjoys camping at Yosemite National Park.

Christine HEMP '78, of Port Townsend, Wash., is a self-employed writer whose poetry and commentary recently aired on television. She sent a poem into space on a NASA mission, and recently worked with London, England, metro police and youth offenders using poetry as a tool for crime prevention.

19
80's **1982 Reunion Chair Lisa (Johnson) Aubin 503-977-1870 lisa.s.aubin@tektronix.com**

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Kevin Higgins '82 was presented the Stevens Award for outstanding public service in the field of law at a ceremony at the United States Supreme Court. Justice Clarence Thomas presented Kevin with the award in his chambers, praising him for his dedication to public service. Kevin has been with the office of the attorney general for 14 years and is married to Tamara Durbin Higgins, and they have three children. The couple lives in Sparks, Nev.

Diana (Zuck) Ibarra '82 has been living in Hong Kong for three years. At

Chelsea Rose (Morton) '99 and **Steve Frankovich** were married on July 21, 2001, in the Old Church in Portland, Ore. The wedding party included **Andrea Gray '00**, **Jen Davis '00**, **Elizabeth Gregus '00** and **Laurie Klecan '00**. Chelsea is working in human resources at J. Frank Schmidt & Son in Boring, Ore., and Steve is a mechanical engineer with Aitman.

Staci LaNae (Welcher) '99 and **Dean Hisashi Nakanishi '98 MAT'00** were married on July 7, 2001, in Seattle, Wash. The maid of honor was **Jennifer Worley '00** and best man was **Aaron Kenagy '99**. The couple lives in Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

2000's **Allison (Myers) '00** and **Timothy S. Blair '00** were married on Aug. 4, 2001. Bridesmaids included

Jennifer Isley '99 and **Amanda Nobel '01**. The best man was **Paul Colby '00** and groomsmen were **Tim Stewart '00** and **Chris Hailey '00**. The couple lives in Walnut Creek, Calif., where Tim is getting a second bachelor's degree in animation and Allison is getting her master's degree in rhetoric studies.

Rebecca Lynn (Palmer) '00 MAT'01 and **Michael Robert Foster '99** were married on July 21, 2001, in Bellingham, Wash. The couple lives in Walnut Creek, Calif.



FAMILY ADDITIONS

To **Laura** and **Daniel Gonzales '80** of Oregon City, Ore., twins, Antonio and Maya, born in Jan. of 2001. They join big brother Alexander.

To **Jill Stear** and **Bob Jenks '81** of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Macy, on July 9, 2001.

To **Jean (Brazie) '83 M'94** and **Mark Brown** of Kennett Square, Pa., a son, Douglas John, on June 25, 2001.

To **Jill (Ezzell) '84** and **Ed Bennett** of Portland, Ore., a son, Theo William, on Aug. 29, 2001. He joins big brother Milo.

To **Maria** and **R. Kevin Stewart '84** from Arlington, Mass., twins, Aiden and Carlin, on Sept. 21, 2001. They join big sister Isla.

To **Betty** and **Thomas Rheuben '86** of Sisters, Ore., twins, Tasman and Jackson, on April 14, 2001. They join big sister Jenna.

To **Lori (Baughman) '86 L'89** and **John Lassen** of Salem, Ore., a son, Theo Alexander, on Aug. 12, 2001. He joins big sister Taylor and big brother Trevor.

To **Elizabeth (Hansen) '87** and **David Kaufman '88** of Louisville, Colo., a daughter, Darina Elizabeth, on Dec. 16, 2000. She joins big brother Drew. Paternal grandmother is **Ann (Fields) Kaufman '60**.

To **Erica** and **Kevin Connors '88** of Gilroy, Calif., a daughter, Isabel Alford, on May 21, 1999.

To **Julie (Bauman) '88** and **John Rieth** of San Ramon, Calif., a son, Christopher John, on May 23, 2001.

To **Anne (Gastineau) '88** and **David Searce '87** of Portland, Ore., a son, Ty Johnathan, on May 14, 2001. He joins big sister Sophia. Maternal grandfather is **Jerry Gastineau '65** and paternal grandfather is **Robert Searce '55**.

To **Kimberly (Friedley) '88** and **Scott Allen '88** of Phoenix, Ariz., a son, Isaac, on April 27, 2001. He joins big sisters Kalia and Jenna and big brother Luke.

To **Nancy (McLane) '89** and **Bruce Kropp** of Beaverton, Ore., a son, Tyler, on April 2, 2001.

To **Kym** and **David Manula '89** of Duval, Wash., a daughter, Olivia, on Oct. 5, 1999.

To **Pamela (Reynolds) '89** and **Eric Semple** of Redondo Beach, Calif., a son, Tyler Nilsson, on May 13, 2000.

To **Kathryn** and **Michael Gile '90** of Mercer Island, Wash., a daughter, Lillian, on July 28, 2001.

To **Suzanne (Child) '90** and **Rex Kim** of Honolulu, Hawaii, a son, Ryan Chang, on Jan. 1, 2001. He joins big sister Sophia.

To **Lauren (Kelling) '90** and **Keith Forman** of Portland, Ore., a son, Jack Allen, on June 11, 2001.

To **Nancy (Maxwell) '90** and **Christopher Mathias '88** of Portland, Ore., a son, Van Levi, on Aug. 24, 2000.

To **Elizabeth (Newcomb) '90** and **Thomas Hatcher '89** of Portland, Ore., a son, Bryce Thomas, on July 26, 2001.

To **Tracy (Pavlicek) '90** and **Pat Charlton '89** of Centennial, Colo., a daughter, Caylie Rachelle, on May 12, 2001. She joins big sister Claire.

To **Gretchen (Daly) '90 MAT'91** and **George Hazelwood** of Highlands Ranch, Colo., a son, Lee Isaac, on Aug. 27, 2001. He joins big sister Hannah.

To **Marie Morel-Seytoux '90** and **Ronald Skoletsky** of Hercules, Calif., a daughter, Freya Shai, on Sept. 10, 2001.

To **Kristin (Taylor) '90** and **Mitch Randall** of Oakland, Calif., a son, Jack Henry, on Jan. 27, 2001.

To **Amy** and **Eric Freidenrich '91** of Woodside, Calif., a daughter, Lucille Elise, on Aug. 27, 2000. She joins big brother Theodore.

To **Janelle (Paxton) '91** and **Raoul Villalpando** of Stockton, Calif., a daughter, Alexis Hope, on Aug. 3, 2001.

To **Teresa** and **Martin Loring II '91** of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Josephine, on March 30, 2001. Her paternal grandfather is **Martin Loring Sr. M'80**.

To **Michelle** and **Bertrand Gottschalk '91 MAT'94** of Bend, Ore., a daughter, Kiana Noelle, on Feb. 2, 2001.

To **Karen (Mercer) '91** and **Whitney Hunter '88** of Seattle, Wash., a daughter, Marissa Grace, on Oct. 28, 2000.

To **Anne (Stetson) '92** and **William Medak** of Lake Oswego, Ore., a son, Charles Stetson, on July 5, 2001. He joins big brother William Jr. His maternal grandmother is **S. Jane Drinker Stetson '64**.

To **Dianna (Ohlde) '92** and **Albert Reinemer** of Redmond, Ore., a son, Anthony Mitchell, on Nov. 6, 2000.



Trivia Answers

1. The EW Olin Foundation provided a \$7.1 million gift for the construction of the EW Olin Science Center, which houses the departments of biology and chemistry. The state-of-the-art building contains teaching labs, faculty offices, faculty/student research labs, technical support spaces, classrooms and a greenhouse.
2. Over the past 50 years, 1,116 alumni (7 percent) have majored in biology, followed by 436 (3 percent) in chemistry, 273 (2 percent) in physics, 265 (2 percent) in environmental and earth sciences and 116 (1 percent) in computer science.
3. The X-Ray Diffractometer, a \$225,000 piece of equipment located in the Physics Department, uses x-rays to probe the structure of materials. It allows faculty and students to see the spacing between atoms at levels of 0.1 billionth of a meter.



Class Links (continued)

Erin (Duffy) Sweeten '97 and her husband, **Gary Sweeten '97**, have finished two years of Peace Corps service in Benin, West Africa. They are now living in Washington, D.C., where Gary is pursuing a masters degree in criminology at the University of Maryland. Erin is working and developing her writing.

Nicole Palmateer-Salkeld '97, of Portland, Ore., has joined Friends of the Children, an innovative mentoring program. This program is a national, non-profit organization that provides at-risk children with opportunities to realize their potential. This program has received national media coverage as well as extensive local coverage.

Kara Erlwein '97 MAT'98, of Anchorage, Alaska, teaches fourth grade at William Tyson Elementary School in Anchorage and spent her summer working for the municipality of Anchorage summer playground program.

Jeremy Teissere '97 received his doctorate in neuroscience from the University of Wisconsin this past July. **Angela Carden '97** and **Alex Rodinsky '96** were present at his thesis defense. He will begin postdoctoral research at the University of Bristol in the summer of 2002. Jeremy is currently an instructor at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta, Ga., where he teaches classes in chemistry and psychology.

Serena Z. Brewer '98, of Kirksville, Mo., is a national health service corps scholar attending osteopathic school in the Midwest.

Michelle Teresa (Loperena) Brown '98 and her husband, Douglas Allen, have moved to New Zealand for two years. They are living in Auckland. She will be going back to school to become an athletic trainer.

Jennifer L. Grist '98, of Poway, Calif., has been awarded the Thomas Jefferson School of Law Award. While at Thomas Jefferson, she made the honor roll and the national dean's list.

Jeremy Johnson '98, of St. Louis, Mo., spent the summer in Kansas City, Mo., as a summer associate with the law firm of Blackwell, Sanders, Peper, Martin. He is completing his final year of law school at St. Louis University but will return to the Pacific Northwest to practice.

Andrew Edelman '99 and wife **Jenna (Lamb) '98** have moved to Tucson, Ariz., where Andrew is attending graduate school at the University of Arizona. He is studying the endangered Mt. Graham red squirrel.

20 00's **Shannon (Pun) Simmons '01** sang the national anthem at the Seattle Bowl on Dec. 27, 2001, where Stanford played Georgia Tech. While she was a student at Willamette, Shannon frequently sang the national anthem at volleyball and basketball games.



MARRIAGES

19 80's **Sally Jo (Benninghoff) '82** and **William Brigham Walton** were married on Feb. 3, 2001, in Neiskowin Beach, Ore. Parents of the bride are **Edith (Wheeler) Benninghoff '53** and **Joseph Benninghoff '53**. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and lives in Portland, Ore.

Derek M. Louch '88 and **Jacqueline Silder** were married on July 8, 2000. The couple lives in Mobile, Ala.

19 90's **Berkeley (Brown) '90** and **My Nguyen** were married in Vietnam. The couple lives in Renton, Wash.

Paula (Portinga) '93 and **Jeff Booth '95** were married on Sept. 30, 2001, in the Octagonal Barn at Cornelius Pass Roadhouse in Hillsboro, Ore. **Marcus Brownell '93** officiated the ceremony. Wedding party included **Jay Booth '91**, **Brian Booth '93**, **Andrea (Reese) Streedain '95**, **Erika Malone '95**, **Marcus Peterson '95**, **Justin Klure '98** and **Ward Hiesterman '96**. The couple lives in Salem, Ore.

Bryan Russell Boehringer '93 and **Kassie McLellan** were married on Oct. 21, 2000, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland. The wedding party included **Julie (Wacker) Pfeiffer '93**, **Tim Bernasek '93 L'98**, **Poppy (Wheaton) Bernasek '94 M'00**, **Ryan Scott '94**, **Laura Bunker '95**, **Sandi (Collins) Hildreth '93** and

Blythe (Gardner) Butler '93. The couple lives in Portland, Ore.

Elizabeth Ann (Behrend) '95 and **Robert Wick** were married on Oct. 7, 2000. The couple lives in Raton, N.M.

Kimberly Michelle (Pinckert) '95 and **Ryan Seely** were married on Oct. 28, 2000. The couple lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Suzanne (Berry) '96 and **Christopher Sniffen** were married on July 7, 2001, in Denver, Colo. **Amy Flindt '97** and **Cynthia Folland '97** attended the wedding. The couple lives in Temple, Texas. Suzanne received her master's in education from the University of Colorado at Denver.

Melanie Jean (Hawkes) '96 and **Christopher M. Hodge** were married on Aug. 17, 2000, in the United Kingdom. The couple lives in London.

Michael J. Reynolds '96 married **Christine Spencer**. The couple lives in Wilsonville, Ore.

Keith Carrato '96 and **Sarah (Jacobsen) '97** were married on Sept. 2, 2000, in Portland, Ore. The wedding party included **John-Christopher Smith '96**, **Josh Rudd '96**, **Brandy (Gill) Oglesby '97**, **Tiah Sanderson '98** and **Mandi McClellan '97**. **Racheal Egan '97**, **Kaedi Garvin '97** and **Olga Supardan '96** also participated in the ceremony.

Tucker Jones '96 and **Stacy (Hercu) '97** were married on June 9, 2001, in Baker City, Ore. The wedding party included maid of honor **Traci Roberts '99**, groomsmen **Clayton Carter '96** and **David Williams '96**, and ceremony readers **Jennifer Hess '97** and **Patricia (Humphrey) Wagner '97**. The couple lives in Princeton, N.J., where Stacy began a master's program in public affairs at Princeton University in August. Tucker received his master's in fisheries biology from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., and is employed as a biologist.

Angela (Carden) '97 and **Jeremy Shaver** were married on Sept. 29, 2001, in Ann Arbor, Mich. The maid of honor was **Erin McNicholas '97**. Also in attendance was **Beatrice Murch '98**. Angela and Jeremy live in Ann Arbor while Angela finishes her Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Michigan.

Kristine Michelle (Hough) '97 and **Brandt Erich Eilers '98** were married on Sept. 1, 2001, at the Elk Cove Vineyards in Gaston, Ore. The wedding party included **Leslie Roberts '97**, **Amy Bernardi '97**, **Andrew Connellan '98**, **Brendan Hughes '97**, **Ryan Murphy '97** and **Lisa Tilney '98 MAT'99**. The couple met during opening days at Willamette and lives in Portland, Ore.

Sarah (Mattox) '97 and **Mike Frost** were married on Sept. 22, 2001, in Seattle, Wash. The maid of honor was **Christine Heveron '98** and the couple lives in Seattle, Wash.

Kara (Ritzheimer) '97 and **D'mitri Palmateer '96** were married on July 22, 2000. The ceremony was performed by Willamette Chaplain **Charlie Wallace at Cone Chapel**. The wedding party included **James Peters '96**, **Dianne Criswell '96**, **Mark Ritzheimer '94** and **Tobias Read '97**. Kara and D'mitri are both doctoral candidates in history.

Gina (Devincenzi) '98 and **Todd Davenport '98** were married on June 9, 2001, at the main post chapel in San Francisco. The maid of honor was **Julie Devincenzi '03**, sister of the bride and current Willamette student. The best man was **Trevor Davenport '01**, brother of the groom and current Willamette student. Groomsmen included **Greg Doherty '98** and guests included **Siri McElliott '98**, **Erin Venable '99**, **Lonny Knabe '98** as well as **Jeff Corner '86 M'97** and his wife, **Sue (Milne) Corner '90**. The couple lives in Sherman Oaks, Calif., where Gina works in education and Todd in physical therapy.

Slavey Slaveykou Tolev '98 and **Meredith Martin** were married on July 7, 2001, in Winona, Minn. The best man was **Josh Bode '99**. The couple lives in St. Paul, Minn., where Meredith is an accountant with Lockheed Martin, Inc., and Slavey works as a migrant labor representative for the state of Minnesota.

Greg Nolan '98 MAT'01 and **Melodee (Van Veldhuizen) '00 MAT'01** were married on June 23, 2001, at Willamette's Cone Chapel and now live in Salem. Included in the wedding party were **Shannon Sullivan '99**, **Brenda Parker '99**, **Dave Richardson '98**, **Mark Nolan '95 MAT'97** (brother of the groom and best man) and **Jay Douglass '00**.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, a daughter and two grandchildren.

Waldo O. Mills, Jr. '36 died on Oct. 12, 2001, in Bellevue, Wash. He was born Oct. 30, 1915, in Hood River, Ore. He was a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Medicine. Survivors include his wife, Helen, a son, a stepdaughter, a sister and four grandchildren.

Leonard "Len" E. Ranton '38 died on Sept. 4, 2001, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include his wife, **Rosalie (Goulder) Ranton '39**, two daughters, **Patricia (Ranton) Lewis '65** and **Barbara (Ranton) Gerrish '71**, two brothers, **Harold Ranton '48** and **Loren Ranton '53**, and two nieces, **Sandra (Ranton) Schmor '73** and **Judith Ranton '75**.

Wilmer McDowell '39 died on Aug. 24, 2001, in Bellevue, Wash. He was born in Ontario, Ore., on Oct. 31, 1917, and moved to Oregon when he was 10 years old. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1940 and served as a B-25 pilot in China and India during World War II. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Myra (Madsen) McDowell '45**, four sons, seven daughters, 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Enid (Winnigham) Sharp '40 died on Aug. 14, 2001. She was born on Sept. 24, 1918, in Centerville, Miss. She was raised in Klantath Falls and moved to Beaverton, Ore., in 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Frank D. Sharp**, in 1971. Survivors include her daughter, three sons, a sister, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Alfred E. Vosper '40 died on July 22, 2000. Survivors include his wife, **Geraldine**, and daughter, **Claudia (Vosper) Knudtson '69**.

William Sceva Laughlin '41 H'68 died on April 16, 2001, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include his wife, **Ruth (Finney) Laughlin '44**, a daughter, **Sara Burke Laughlin**, a brother, **John S. Laughlin '40**, a sister, **Mary (Laughlin) Barlow '45**, and a niece, **Francie (Laughlin) Tucker '72**.

Wayne E. Hadley '42 died on Aug. 14, 2001, in Salem, Ore. He was born in Portland, Ore., in 1921, and celebrated his 80th birthday in July at the family's summer home in Neskowin, Ore. He attended Lower Columbia Community College for two years. In 1942, he entered the U.S. Navy and served until 1945 as a flight instructor.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, **Shirley (McKay) Hadley '44**, two sons, two daughters, a sister, a brother, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

W. Keith Roberts '42 died on July 17, 2001, in Pittsboro, N.C. He was born in Naples, Idaho, on July 25, 1919, and grew up in Arlington, Ore. Survivors include his wife, **Floydine Jones Roberts**, a daughter, a son, a brother, a sister, **Mary (Roberts) Adent '45** and three grandchildren.

Jean C. (Holtzman) Adler '44 died on June 23, 2001, in Tigard, Ore. Her spouse preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, two daughters, a sister and four grandchildren.

Betty (Wirth) Beardsley '44 died on March 21, 2000, in California. Survivors include her husband, **Russell Beardsley '40**, two sons and one daughter.

Horace H. Mounts '47 died on July 31, 2001, in Shelton, Wash., at age 82. He was born July 28, 1919, in Ashby, Minn. A pastor for churches throughout the Northwest, he served at Beaverton First United Methodist Church from 1950 to 1959. Survivors include his wife, **Zella (Zink) Mounts '47**, one son and three daughters.

James L. Gilmore '48 died on March 27, 1999, at LaConner, Wash. Survivors include his wife, **Florence (Waespe) Gilmore '48**.

Dean C. Thomas '48 died on June 28, 2001, in Arlington, Texas. He was born Jan. 9, 1927, in Bellingham, Wash. His family moved to Salem, Ore., when he was a small child. He participated in the V-12 Navy Program in 1947 and served in the Korean War. He retired from the Navy Reserves as a captain. Survivors include his wife, **Dorothy (Boyd) Thomas '46**, two sons, a daughter and sister, **Mary (Thomas) Hide '52**.

Helen "Kris" (Montag) Pickett '49 died on July 18, 2001, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include one brother, **Daniel Montag '52**, and one sister, **Daline (Montag) Gregory '54**.

Frank E. Bales Jr. '50 died on July 9, 2001, at his winter home in Cathedral City, Calif. Survivors include his wife, **Wilma Bales**, two sons, a daughter, two stepdaughters and seven grandchildren.

Alan Bickford '51 died on May 23, 2001, in Hood River, Ore. Survivors

include his wife, **Jeannette Bickford**, and two sons.

Richard N. Bolton '51 died on July 9, 2001, in Tigard, Ore. He was born July 7, 1929, in Toledo, Ore., and was raised in Camas, Wash. He enjoyed cooking, music, gardening and travel with friends. Survivors include his wife, **Betty (Weber) Bolton '53**, four sons, including **Robert L. Bolton '80**, two daughters, and a nephew, **Brian Shoemaker '91**.

Earl Killefer '51 died on June 17, 1999, in Nebraska. Survivors include his wife, **Sook Park**, three sons and two daughters.

Ruth E. McCormick '57 died on June 22, 2001, in Portland, Ore.

Thomas G. Crabtree '61 died on June 25, 2001, in Dallas, Ore. Survivors include his wife, **Kief Daugherty Crabtree**, a son, a daughter and his parents, **Lynore (Ingles) Crabtree '40** and **Dale Crabtree '38 L'58**.

Carolee Erickson '67 died on Oct. 8, 1997, in San Jose, Calif.

Mark T. Long '76 died on Oct. 2, 2001, in Rock Island, Ill. Mark worked in retail for 25 years, moving to Rock Island, Ill., in 1995, where he worked at Von Maur and Gordan's. Mark enjoyed reading, wine, daisies, tea and meditation. He was a world traveler and avid art collector. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his partner, **Jon Stuckenschneider**.

Jed G. Thomas '96 died on Oct. 6, 2001, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include his parents, three brothers and a sister.

Karen M. Wyckoff '98 died on Aug. 28, 2001, in Minnesota. She is survived by her parents. Her classmates said she was an amazing student and a great community outreach contributor.

Atkinson Class Links

1990's Forrest B. Rodgers M'90 was named president of The High Desert Museum in Bend, Ore. Forrest was assistant dean at Atkinson from 1984 to 1994. He joined the museum in February of 2000 as vice president for development and public affairs and

has served as the museum's acting director since September of 2000. Museum board of trustees Chairman John Shalk said, "Forrest brings marketing and fundraising experience to the job, as well as experience in building educational programs at a variety of institutions. His positive relationships with the museum's board and the local visitor industry will help us achieve our goals, and his knowledge of Oregon's universities will allow us to expand our educational partnerships." The High Desert Museum is nationally acclaimed for its indoor and outdoor exhibits and animal habitats and for making the High Desert come alive through presentations on the region's people, cultures, science, art and history. Forrest lives in Bend, Ore., with his wife, **Sally Sederstrom M'83**, and their three daughters.

Mark Green M'92 former assistant dean of Atkinson (1999-2001) joined Oregon State University as the Coleman Professor of Family Business and Director of the Austin Family Business Center. Mark, his wife and daughter live in Salem, Ore.

Diane Rogers M'92 started her own company, Paradise Pet Care, in Portland, Ore.

Voralak "Nink" Kosakul M'93 is a development assistant for Danish International Development Assistance (Danida) in Bangkok, Thailand. Her work has taken her to Cambodia where she visited Phnum Penh, Siem Reap, Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom and Bayon. She noted the Angkor area as "impressive and unable to describe in words."

David Ming Liu M'94 of Mongkok, Hong Kong, is the president of Longwell Technology International Ltd. in Hong Kong, which engages in computer hardware trading.

Sandy K. Baruah M'95 senior consultant with Portland-based Performance Consulting Group has been named by the Bush Administration to serve as the new senior advisor for policy and strategic planning for economic development at the U.S. Department of Commerce. His previous government experience includes service to the presidential administration of Pres. George H.W. Bush (1989-1993) and to U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood. Sandy noted, "I am very humbled by this appointment and am honored to serve the Bush Administration."



Class Links (continued)

To **Holly (Womelsdorf) '92** and **James Bedingfield** of Keizer, Ore., a daughter, Raegan Olivia, on Jan. 5, 2001. She joins big brothers Collin and Braden.

To **Maren (Cole) '92 MAT '94** and **Christopher McLaren '89** of New Orleans, La., a daughter, Sofia Ruth, on May 23, 2000.

To **Amy (Carr) '92 MAT '93** and **John Divilbiss MAT '93** of Loveland, Colo., a daughter, Zoe Elaine, on May 22, 2001. She joins big brother Logan.

To **Tracy (Craig) '93** and **James LeBlanc '93** of Vancouver, Wash., a son, Joseph. He joins big brother Benjamin.

To **Kristina (Detwiler) '93** and **Kevin Grossman '93** of Seattle, Wash., a daughter, Emma Katherine, on Sept. 27, 2001.

To **Michelle (Fraleigh) '93 MAT '94** and **David Bertholf '90 MAT '92** of Salem, Ore., a daughter, Ellie Katherine, on April 30, 2001.

To **Kendra (Hammer) '94** and **Kevin Black** of Everett, Wash., a daughter, Karissa Marie, on June 27, 2001.

To **Kathryn (Lea) '94** and **David Canales** of Salem, Ore., a daughter, Madelin, on June 22, 2000.

To **Rhonda (Mayhew) '94** and **David Squires** of Beaverton, Ore., a son, Zachary.

To **Tiffany (Reynolds) '94** and **Kevin Krake** of Portland, Ore., a son, Carson John, on April 15, 2000.

To **Suzanne (Wittke) '94** and **Jeff Hahn** of Vancouver, Wash., a son, Ryan Oliver, on Oct. 14, 2000.

To **Suzanne (Floegel) '95** and **Keith Putt '95** of Issaquah, Wash., a son, Ryan, on Oct. 24, 2000.

To **Jennifer (Landis) '95** and **John Croft** of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Lillian Claire, on June 11, 2001. She joins big sister Madeline.

To **Jennifer Smith '95** of Hillsboro, Ore., a son, Zachary, on Aug. 5, 1997.

To **Wardah (Bisharat) '96** and **Jeffrey Harmon** of Kalispell, Mont., a son, Mikah, on Oct. 11, 2000. He joins big sisters Haniya and Naomi.

To **Lisa (Pennington) '96** and **M. Naveed Baggia '95** of Lafayette, Ore., a daughter, Surayah Meghan, on July 1, 2001. Her maternal grandmother is **Carolyn Pennington '69**.

To **Jennifer (Gustafson) '96** and **Christopher Storey '96** of Hayward, Calif., a daughter, Rachael Janae, on March 21, 2001.

To **Deborah (Swearington) '96 MAT '97** and **Iden Asato** of Bend, Ore., a daughter, Madilyn Grace, on March 6, 2001.

To **Sunny and Jason Kelly '97** of Pendleton, Ore., a son, Catch Coleman, on Sept. 5, 2000.

To **Christina (O'Connor) '97** and **Jeff Goldy** of Delta, Colo., a son, Peter Pural, on May 13, 2001.

To **Jessica (Crutchfield) '99** and **Peyton Pietsrup** of Leavenworth, Wash., a daughter, Quinnan, on March 14, 2000.

To **Kimberly and Donald Judson '00** of Salem, Ore., a daughter, Claudia Clarice, on Aug. 3, 2001. Her paternal grandmother is **Rhonda Judson '73**.



IN MEMORIAM

Louise (Benson) Barton '18 died on Sept. 12, 2001, in Tigard, Ore., at the age of 105. She was born in Klamath Falls and was the daughter of Ore. Supreme Court Judge Henry L. and Susan Benson. She lived most of her life in Salem, where she was active in the St. Paul Episcopal Church choir. She was a receptionist in a Salem medical clinic before moving to Tigard in 1995. Her first husband was **Richard H. Robertson**, who died in 1935, and her second husband, **Richard Barton**, died in the 1950s. At the time of her death, Louise was the oldest living graduate of Willamette University. Survivors include her son, **Alan G. Robertson '49**, four grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Velora (Foote) Timms '22 died on March 17, 2001, in Anderson, S.C. Her husband preceded her in death.

Merl E. Bonney '25 died on May 29, 2001, in Long Beach, Calif. He was preceded in death by his wife, Myrtle Doane Bonney, one son and one daughter.

Mildred (Tomlinson) Phillips '27 died on July 30, 2001, in Portland, Ore. She was born on Feb. 11, 1905, in Marshalltown, Iowa. She taught English, Latin and music at Woodburn High School until becoming a homemaker. She was a member of the church for more than 70 years. Mildred was the 1927 May Queen while at Willamette University. Her husband, Clarence, preceded her in death in 1988. Survivors include her son, daughter, a nephew, **John C. Poling '65**, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Viola (Carrier) Renshaw '27 died on Aug. 17, 2001, in Portland, Ore. She celebrated her 95th birthday on July 6, 2001, at her daughter's residence in Beaverton, Ore. Viola is survived by her three children, Byron, **Kenneth C. Renshaw '57** and **Patricia (Renshaw) Robinson '59**, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Cynthia B. (Pier) Plowman '28 died on July 30, 2001, in Spokane, Wash. Cynthia was born in Curtis, Wash., and was a 54-year resident of Spokane. She was a graduate of the Northwestern School of Commerce and a teacher at Omak Central Valley and Lewis and Clark high schools. Her husband, **Blair E. Plowman**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

George Gustav VanNatta L'29 died on June 12, 2001, in his home on the Roman V ranch near Apary, Ore. George was born in the family farm house near St. Helens, Ore., on Jan. 19, 1907. He lived his entire life in Columbia County, Ore., except for his years at Willamette University. He practiced law in St. Helens for more than half a century and was awarded a 50-year certificate by the Oregon State Bar Association in 1978. He was preceded in death by wife **Irene (Breithaupt) VanNatta '28**. He is survived by three sons: **Kay (K.C.) VanNatta '57**, **Robert VanNatta '66 L'70** and **Fred VanNatta '60**. He is also survived by eight grandchildren including **Cathy Rose '85**, **Kathryn VanNatta '85 M'86**, **Mary Louise VanNatta-Gail '86**, **Lisa VanNatta '98** and three great-grandchildren.

Frances (McGilvra) Litchfield '30 died on Sept. 19, 2001, in Newport, Ore. She was born Oct. 23, 1908, in Draper, S.D. She had lived in Newport, Ore. since 1940. In 1915 she moved to Portland, Ore., where she met her husband. Preceding her in death was her husband, **Kenneth Litchfield '29**. Survivors include two sons, **Ralph Litchfield '60** and **Richard Litchfield '63**, two daughters, **Carol (Litchfield) Rehffuss '56** and **Ruth Litchfield Clark**, and three nephews, **Mark Hoyt L'92**, **Paul McGilvra '61** and **James Dixon '64**.

Edna M. (Card) Fleming '31 died on July 11, 2001, in Dallas, Ore. Survivors include her son, daughter-in-law, daughter and son-in-law.

Alfred J. French '32 died on Feb. 16, 2001, at the age of 91 in Portland, Ore. He graduated from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1936. During World War II, he served as a flight surgeon in the U.S. Army Air Corps and practiced medicine as a family practitioner in Coos Bay from 1937-1942 and from 1947-1985. Survivors include his wife, Janet Stowell, two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Pauline (Lockhart) McMahon '34 died on Aug. 1, 2001, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include one son, two daughters, granddaughter, **Gina A. Johnnie '84 L'87**, and grandson, **Christopher S. Reiten '93**.

Frederick P. Harris '35 died on Sept. 20, 2001, in Portland, Ore. He was born Aug. 28, 1911, in Portland. Survivors include his wife, Hester Almira Larson, five daughters and nine grandchildren.

Carol (Fleming) Markee '35 died on Sept. 25, 2001, in Anchorage, Alaska. She was born June 21, 1911, in Long Prairie, Minn. She grew up in Schaller, Iowa and Fairview, Ore. Preceding her in death was her husband, Gerald. Survivors include her son, daughter, brother and sister, **Anna Jo (Fleming) Phares '35**.

Harold P. Hoyt '36 died on July 16, 2001, in Roseburg, Ore. He was born in Stuart, Neb., on Oct. 9, 1912. He met his wife, **Anna May (Unrath) Hoyt '37**, at Willamette University and they were married on June 18, 1939. They recently celebrated their 62nd anniversary. His athletic career culminated in his being chosen as a "Little All-American" in 1936, and he continued to support various youth athletic activities throughout his life.

Jennifer White '99 MAT'01 is teaching a four-five blended class at Hallman Elementary in Salem.



MARRIAGES

Tim Killefer MAT'98 and Jane Shepherd MAT'98 were married on July 21, 2001, at the Riverfront Carousel in Salem. They were the first couple to have their wedding performed at the new carousel. Jane is teaching language arts at Judson Middle School and is on the school site council. Tim is teaching math at Waldo Middle School and is involved with a CSRD grant for overall school improvement. Jane and Tim met each other in the MAT program.

Rebecca Lynn Palmer '00 MAT'01 married Michael Robert Foster '99 in Bellingham, Wash., on July 21, 2001. The couple lives in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Melodee Van Veldhuizen '00 MAT'01 married Greg Nolan '98 MAT'01 in Cone Chapel on Willamette's campus on June 23, 2001. The couple lives in Stayton, Ore. Greg is a seventh and eighth grade math and science teacher in Sublimity, Ore., and Melodee is a bookkeeper for the family business in Turner, Ore. Along with other attendants, there were five Willamette graduates: Shannon Sullivan '99, Brenda Parker '99, Dave Richardson '98, Jay Douglass '00, and Mark Nolan '95 MAT'97, brother of the groom and best man.



BIRTHS

To Gretchen (Daly) '90 MAT'91 and George Hazelwood, a son, Lee Isaac on Aug. 27, 2001. George joins big sister, Hannah. The Hazelwoods live in Highlands Ranch, Colo.

To Amy (Carr) '92 MAT'93 and John Dibelbiss '93, a daughter, Zoe Elaine on May 22, 2001. Zoe joins big brother, Logan. The family lives in Loveland, Colo.

To Michelle Fraleigh '93 MAT'94 and David Bertholf '90 MAT'92 a daughter, Ellie Katherine on April 30, 2001.

To Heather (Eckles) MAT'94 and Paul Huzefka, a son, Hayden Taylor, born Nov. 4, 2000. Heather is the principal at East Elementary in Tillamook, Ore.

To Clint Raever MAT'99 and wife Jennifer, a son, Kaleb Clint, born Oct. 14, 2000.

To Kelli Steele MAT'01 and husband Thomas, a son, Brian Thomas, born on Aug. 16, 2001. The Steele family lives in McMinnville, Ore.

GUIDELINES

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KEY:

L = Doctor of Jurisprudence or LL.B.
M = Master of Management,
Master of Administration,
Master of Business Administration
JVL = Joint degree, law and management
MAT = Master of Arts in Teaching
MEd = Master of Education
H = Honorary Degree
CD = Certificate in Dispute Resolution

Dr. Wilbur Braden

Jan. 7, 1940 – Sept. 9, 2001

Dr. Wilbur (Bill) Braden, professor of English literature for over 30 years, retired from Willamette this past spring and lost his battle with cancer in September. The following are excerpts from the comments fellow English Prof. Carol Long delivered during Braden's retirement dinner: "Wilbur Braden came to Willamette University in 1970 via Idaho, Ireland and Virginia. He taught tirelessly in his chosen field of 18th century British literature, drawing students to the reading of Swift and Pope. . . . Perhaps Bill's greatest gift to Willamette was his unflagging support for the arts on campus – all the arts – theatre, music, visual arts and, of course, literature. . . . Bill particularly contributed to the life of poetry on campus and consistently found grant money to support poets in residence at Willamette. . . . Students were continually at the center of Bill's life and work. He encouraged and supported their ideas and their imagination in ways that allowed them to flourish."

The following are excerpts from Pat Alley's '73, director of foundation relations and government grants, eulogy delivered during Braden's memorial service in the Cone Chapel on Oct. 14, 2001: "To everyone who knew him, Bill Braden was an indefatigable lover of poetry, theatre, classical music and especially opera. . . . In conversation, I remember he once described himself 'the perfect audience,' and indeed he was, with the gift of informed appreciation. This past spring, when Bill retired from teaching, all of us who knew him as part of the human landscape of the place realized that it would not be easy to think of Willamette without Bill, emerging from his office with books and paper in hand, chatting with students and colleagues, making plans to invite some new poet or writer to the campus, seeking out the performances, lectures, concerts and poetry readings that he had already caught wind of before anyone else had even seen the poster. It is still not easy to think of him as absent. . . . It takes time, intelligence, humor, energy and finally love to work in a university setting in the ways that Bill Braden did for 31 years. No one did more, simply by being who he was and sharing what he loved."



Class Links (continued)

Sharon (Miller) Blus M'95 has been named the first western regional director of development for AFS-USA in Portland, Ore. AFS Intercultural Programs/USA is a non-profit organization that promotes world peace through international education and intercultural learning for high school students and young adults who study abroad while living with host families. Sharon served as the director of development and alumni relations for the College of Law at Willamette from 1998 to 2001.

Michael Foresee '96 M'96 is a business finance officer for the Department of Oregon Economic Development. He lives in Salem with his wife, Usa. He is a Seattle Mariners' fan and was disappointed in their loss in the playoffs.

Justin Dickerson M'99 of Minneapolis, Minn., is a corporate finance manager with Target Corporation. His job is focused on corporate bond issuance, derivative

strategies and support of financing decisions. He traveled to Costa Rica this summer.

Elena (Kryukova) Krotova M'99 is a finance manager for Intel in Nizhny, Russia.

20 00s Angela Murray '94 M'00 has joined Riley Research Associates, located in Washington County, Ore., as a project manager. She oversees international and non-English language research for the firm, which specializes in research for marketing, public relations and planning.

Pablo Ugarte '98 M'00 of Quito, Ecuador, is a production/operations manager with Bivá del Ecuador, a subsidiary of Bureau Veritas, which is a French multinational company.

Matthew Arnold M'01 is a financial analyst/major accounts for Xerox in Wilsonville, Ore. He enjoys rock climbing, mountain biking and skydiving. He has recovered from a skydiving mishap that involved a few breaks, a couple casts and an operation.

Mallika Bhatkal M'01 is an associate project manager over E-business development and implementation for Seagate Technology in San Jose, Calif.

Shane Riddle M'01 is a business financial analyst for Summit Information Systems in Corvallis, Ore., which is a subsidiary of Fiserv Corporation. The company develops and produces software. He lives with his wife, Jill, in Salem, Ore.

Joint Degree Class Links

J.D. and M.B.A./MBA Joint Degree

19 80s Joe Schierhorn M/L'85 of Anchorage, Alaska, was promoted to chief financial officer of Northrim Bank. Schierhorn will be responsible for financial reporting, asset liability management, accounting functions and continues to oversee the bank's Community Reinvestment Act and compliance functions. He is a member of the Alaska Bar Association and is a certified public accountant.

19 90s Bryan T. Pocock M/L'99 is working as manager of strategic development for Embratel (Empresa Brasileira de Telecomunicações, S.A.) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Embratel, a subsidiary of Worldcom, is the main long-dis-

tance and data carrier in Brazil. Bryan's duties include international marketing and analysis work and strategic corporate planning.

20 00s Alison Hohengarten M/L'01 has been named interim assistant dean at Atkinson. She has served as PaCE tutor, research assistant for legal research and writing, member of SHRM and representative of the Joint Degree Association to both the Student Bar Association and to the Atkinson Student Association. Alison grew up in Colorado and graduated from the University of Colorado at Boulder. She moved to Oregon with her husband in 1997 to attend Willamette. She recently passed the Oregon Bar examination.

MAT Class Links

19 90s Shelley (Reed) Freirich '90 MAT'92 was chosen by the Estancia school board to be the principal of Estancia Elementary in New Mexico. Shelley received her administration degree from the University of New Mexico. Shelley and her husband, Mike, have two children, Skyler and Shayla, and live in Tijeras, N.M.

LeeAnn W. McKelvey MAT'95 and husband David have moved back to Salem to be closer to family after "six fantastic years in Alaska." Their email address is still lwmdwm@usa.net.

Sahn Chiet "Sonny" Lim MAT'96 reports that he had to relocate to Bangkok, Thailand from Karachi, Pakistan after the riots and unrest in that area. Sonny was evacuated from his school and home in Karachi. He and his fellow teachers are trying to teach via the Internet to students left in Pakistan.

Joseph Rosevear '94 and Trina Roth '93 MAT'97 are teaching at a private school in Bogota, Colombia for the next two years. Trina is teaching 12th grade English and AP English, and Joseph is teaching ninth grade English.

Michelle (Nicholson) Grove '96 MAT'97 is teaching chemistry for the Beaverton School District. She and husband, Derek, live in Woodburn, Ore. Michelle will be developing and teaching chemistry for students with English as a second language. She has traveled to Chicago and Florida to gather information and training for the implementation of a smaller

learning communities grant at her school.

Kara Erlwein '97 MAT'98 teaches fourth grade at William-Tyson Elementary in Anchorage, Alaska. She spends her summers working for the Municipality of Anchorage Summer Playground Program.

Geoffrey Lake MAT'99 is teaching ninth and 10th grade world history and geography and 12th grade civics at Philomath High School in Philomath, Ore.

20 00s Brian Barry MAT'01 is teaching sixth grade in Lincoln City, Ore.

Sam Breyer '96 MAT'01 is teaching second grade at East Gresham Elementary in Gresham, Ore.

Liatris Cottam MAT'01 is teaching eighth grade language arts at Dayton Middle School in Dayton, Ore.

Ronda Couch-Eberz MAT'01 is teaching art at South Salem High in Salem.

Tracy Edwards '00 MAT'01 is teaching sixth grade at W.L. Henry Elementary in Hillsboro, Ore.

Ellen Epperson '99 MAT'01 is teaching biology and chemistry at Gig Harbor High School in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Laura Foster '99 MAT'01 is teaching Freshman House English at South Salem High in Salem.

Brooke Harnden MAT'00 is teaching third grade at Corridor Elementary in North Eugene, Ore.

Kristi Henjum '99 MAT'01 is teaching second grade at Clear Lake Elementary in Keizer, Ore.

Katy Ogdahl MAT'01 is teaching fourth grade at Clear Lake Elementary in Keizer, Ore.

Eli Parker-Girino MAT'01 is teaching health and physical education at Central High School in Independence, Ore.

Elizabeth Peirce '00 MAT'01 is teaching math and English at Sherwood High School in Sherwood, Ore.

Brooke Warren MAT'01 is teaching seventh grade social studies at Five Oaks Middle School in Beaverton, Ore.

Dr. Donald G. Smith

Students and faculty who were at Willamette around 1970 will be sorry to learn of the passing of Dr. Donald G. Smith, who died in Toronto, Ontario, on July 31, 2001, at the age of 81. He was a Canadian citizen, who served his country in World War II. He received his bachelor's at McGill University in Montreal and his Ph.D. in English from Duke University. He was a professor in several American universities and in Tripoli, Libya. He came to Willamette in 1969 as professor of English and chair of the department. During that time he became recognized as an outstanding teacher of Shakespeare. For the many students who crowded into his classes during those years, it was a stimulating and unforgettable experience.

—Richard D. Lord, Willamette professor emeritus of English



Kristin Sinclair '04

XENOPUS LAEVI-WHAT?

XENOPUS LAEVIS: THE AFRICAN CLAWED FROG. SOPHOMORE BIOLOGY MAJOR KRISTIN SINCLAIR '04 CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THEM.

Through support from the Arthur A. Wilson Scholarship Fund, she studied how 2,4-D, a commonly used herbicide, affects the normal cell development of eggs from African Clawed Frogs. Her work is helping researchers better understand how chemicals like 2,4-D affect the reproductive process of animals. "It was amazing," says Kristin. "I was an undergraduate but I received a graduate-quality experience."

Kristin's extraordinary experience would not be possible without the support of people like Eleanor Wilson-Berg '44, who endowed the scholarship fund to honor her late husband, Arthur A. Wilson '42. The fund provides opportunities for biology majors to pursue independent research in molecular biology.

"Creating an endowed scholarship with Willamette has been a wonderful opportunity," says Wilson-Berg. "It has allowed me to invest a part of my estate in something I care about and I know is going to help people for many, many years."



Eleanor Wilson-Berg '44

By naming the Wilson Scholarship Fund as a beneficiary of her retirement funds, Eleanor is not only securing the future of Willamette's students, she's also avoiding the extraordinary double tax that depletes retirement assets remaining at death.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support Willamette's students through planned giving opportunities, contact Steve Brier, director of planned giving, at 503-370-6022 or at sbrier@willamette.edu.



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Honoring Excellence

Fred Butler '58 is having a great time. It's Oct. 23rd, and he and his wife, Karen, are sitting around a table in the Willson Hines Room at Goudy Commons listening to nine students from the Atkinson Graduate School of Management recount how they ended up in Willamette's management program.

The Butlers are particularly interested in the lives of these students because each is receiving financial support through the Fred M. and Karen S. Butler Scholarship – a scholarship the Butlers created for promising first and second year management students attending the Atkinson School.



The scholarship recipients come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences but they share two commonalities: 1) they are at the very top among the nation's management students; and 2) they wouldn't be here without the support of the Butlers. "I was looking at a number of graduate programs," says recipient Alex Carmichael M'03, a graduate in chemical engineering from Brigham Young University who is interested in opera-

tions management. "The Butler Scholarship was the reason I chose the Atkinson School."

The scholarship was established in 1997 as part of a charitable remainder unitrust created by Fred Butler to honor his alma mater and the memory of one of the most influential figures in his life, George H. Atkinson. "He's a man I admire more than anyone else I've ever known," says Butler.

George H. Atkinson '26 is the former alumnus and trustee whose remarkable contributions to Willamette forever enshrined his name on the University's management school. Butler knew Atkinson on more personal terms. He spent 25 years at Atkinson's construction firm, The Atkinson Company, learning the ropes of management and leadership that would be so crucial to his own later success as a company president.

"He had a very high sense of ethics and a very high sense of duty to everything that he came into contact with," remembers a grateful Butler, who felt the best way he could repay Atkinson's kindness and indispensable counsel was to support something that had been dear to his heart – Willamette.

Back at the table in Goudy, the Butlers have heard the students tell their stories. There is a smile on Butler's face and a note of satisfaction in his voice

as he shares a joke and some advice with them. It is clear in his mind that he is honoring Atkinson the right way, with a gift rooted in respect.

If you would like to honor someone special with a gift that truly impacts others, consider endowing a scholarship. Endowed scholarships provide opportunities to hundreds of outstanding Willamette students each year. For more information, contact Bob d'Entremont, associate vice president of development, at 503-370-6949.

— Brad Millay '97

Facts about Butler Scholarship

Established: 1998

Award: \$5,000 per student

Percentage of tuition covered: 29%*

Total number of scholarship recipients: 32

Male: 56%

Female: 44%

States represented:

Oregon
Washington
California
Idaho
Utah

Sampling of undergraduate degrees earned by recipients:

Accounting
Biology
Business Economics
Engineering
English Literature
Psychology

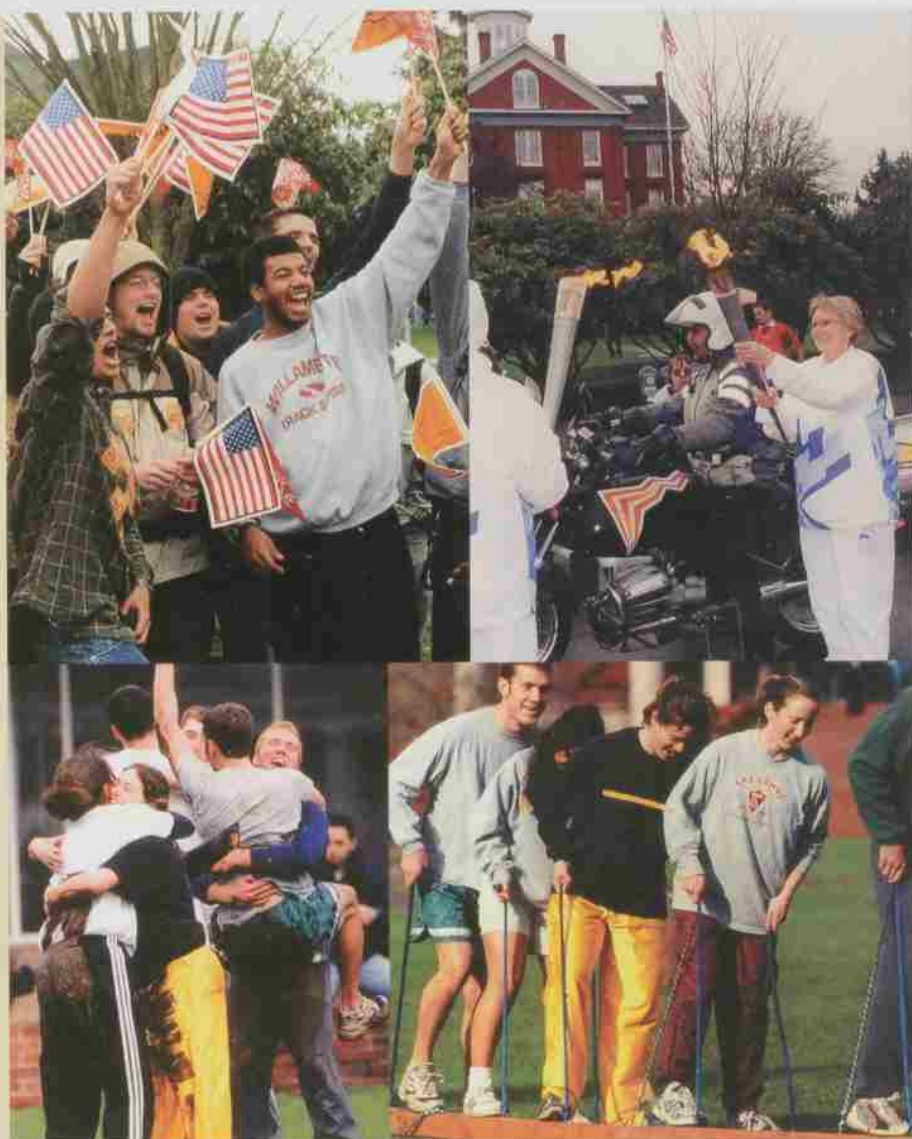
*All recipients of the Butler Scholarship receive the Atkinson School Scholarship, which covers the remainder of their tuition needs.

WU celebrates Olympic flame



While on route to the winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Olympic flame danced through campus on Jan. 22, travelling north on Winter St. and east on State St. Willamette students and faculty held flags, which read "I saw the flame," and lined the streets to cheer for the runners. The excitement grew when the torch was passed from one runner to another in front of Waller Hall.

To celebrate the torch's appearance in Salem, Willamette students organized a mini-Olympics on the Quad just hours before the torch passed through campus. Some of the mini-Olympic "sports" included a 2 x 4 race, winter clothes relay, water torch relay and mudslide. All winners received official Olympic merchandise.



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