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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TRANSFORMING KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION



One strength of the
Willamette experience is
the opportunity for
rigorous self-examination.

As you may have noticed, higher education is in the hot seat these days as policy makers and journalists hash and re-hash theories that might explain — but not justify, certainly — the rising cost of a college degree and the adequacy of that investment's return.

While it is true that Willamette has been unable to avoid increases in tuition, we have also sought strategies to improve the affordability of a Willamette education. Nearly all of our undergraduates receive some form of merit- or need-based financial assistance from the university. Recently, at what appeared to be a low point in the economic downturn, Willamette offered incoming students and their families access to an interest-free loan that, if the student completed her or his degree in four years and maintained a 3.0 GPA or better, would be forgiven at graduation.

We are mindful of the cost of a Willamette degree and are concerned about access, affordability and student debt, but we also know there is intrinsic value in what Willamette delivers — in how we prepare our students for lives of achievement and contribution — and that delivering a liberal arts education in a student-focused and intimate learning environment is not inexpensive. We remember every day the Willamette alumni and friends who have contributed annual and endowed gifts to support our current and future students.

One strength of the Willamette experience is the opportunity for rigorous self-examination and vocational discernment; the distillation of values and passions from which a meaningful life — including a career — may be divined. We seek to foster in every Willamette graduate the ability to transform knowledge into action, a critical skill for the modern age.

This issue of *The Scene* addresses this formative process by examining contemporary issues related to ethnic studies; it also revisits the tenure of a former professor from the early 1950s who inspired students but pushed the limits of conventional thinking at the same time. Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen E. Thorsett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "S" and "T".

Stephen E. Thorsett
President

THE INBOX

Tufton Has Been Found ... Sort Of



We asked readers, via *WU News*, to find the hidden Tufton Beamish reference in the last issue; several responded with clever ideas,

but only one nailed it.

First, Nancy Hooton '67 wondered whether the initials "TB" were hidden on President Thorsett's jacket button on p. 20. Then, Paul deLespinnasse '61 — one of the inventors of Beamish — wondered about the terms "CareerBeam" or "the beaming smile..." on pp. 40 and 51.

It was Ramona (Mills) Murtha '89, however, who got it. The word "Beamish" is written in full on the mailbox in the graphic on p. 31.

We have sent her a highly valuable Willamette prize.

What's hiding in this issue?

On Facebook and Kim Jong Il

I found out about Kim Jong Il's death via Facebook. In that moment, I yelled to my mother, "Mom! Did you know Kim Jong Il died?! I didn't even hear her response as I kept scrolling through my wall to see what other people had written.

I was in shock, elated perhaps, yet didn't really register the change until it came through more prepared news outlets the following morning. I made

an obligatory "it's about time" joke online and then finished wrapping Christmas presents.

My mother damned him and tried to call family in Korea but couldn't get through. My younger sister is teaching English in South Korea, so I texted her quickly to call Mom.

She did, and Mom asked if she'd heard, found out what the South Korean media was saying, and then soberly instructed her to get on the first flight home should there be any military scuffle. I laughed — I'm numb to this in a way, a second-generation Korean-American so removed from the actual hardship of the war and nation-building that I roll my eyes at the routine scare tactics volleyed across the DMZ border lines every year.

My mother was born in Pyongyang, in 1947. The Communist regime took her father's land. Luckily, one of my mom's cousins married a military man, and one day he managed to have a large military truck drive to the house to take everyone to safety. This idea forever changed my family. My mother and assorted family members who happened to be over that day made it out. The bridge that was the main access road was blown up the next day; in that instant, my mother became a refugee in her own country.

Mom calls Oregon home now. Her brother, who stayed in Korea, brought a matte blue pamphlet once on a trip from Asia. "Look!" he said, opening it to show my mother, "that's where our house was! And there's the island we

would swim across to in the summer!" He pointed to a drawing of what had been turned into a model government farm. As always, the talk ended with wistfulness, lingering ill will toward "the reds" and a collective sigh.

That sigh is for a time before the government farm, when the peninsula was in the shape of a rabbit, with the body and tail in the south and head and ears in the north.

So Kim Jong Il is dead, and yes, it's a huge deal. But I am conflicted with wariness and hope. It's not going to be as simple as taking away the border guards at the DMZ. Strangely, Kim Jong Il's death — and his remote, mysterious life — make me feel closer to that faraway little country, the rabbit torn in two.

— Insil Kang '04

Correction

In the last issue, a description of the class of 1957's gift to the university archive mentioned a dollar value of \$1.1 million; a portion of that amount was allocated to the archive, but the figure actually represents the class's 50th-reunion giving in total.

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TIDBITS AND BRIEFS



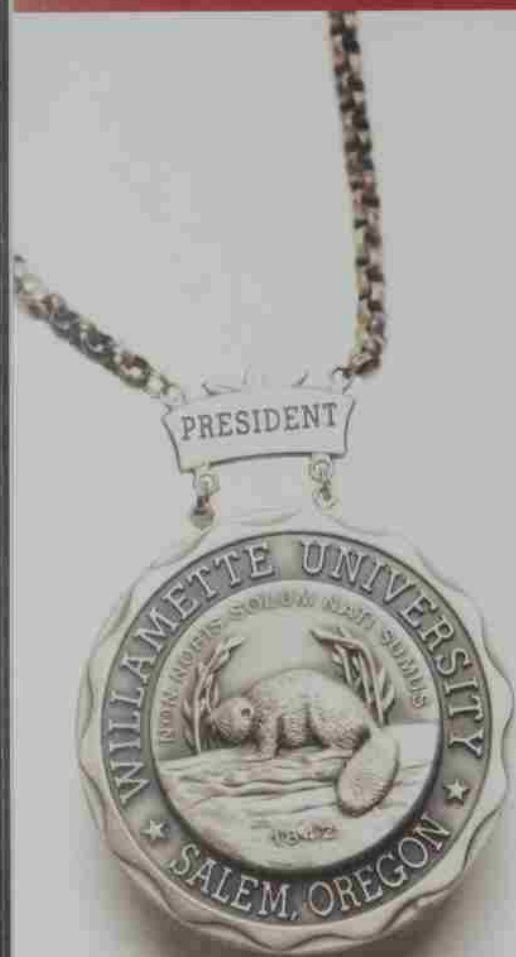
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Inauguration Welcomes President Thorsett — Officially

Stephen Thorsett's Inauguration, Feb. 10, carries on an intricate and interesting ceremonial rite. Aside from officially installing the new Willamette president, inauguration is a time for all kinds of stakeholders, including delegates from more than 60 other colleges and universities, to affirm the interconnectedness of the higher-education enterprise — and President Thorsett's authority in it.

While inauguration tugs at certain consistent themes, including the union of faculty, the administration and the community, each new president brings his or her flair. In 1998, M. Lee Pelton, the marathoner, held a foot race around the Capitol grounds. This year, President Thorsett (also a runner, for the record) will give a U Think-style lecture for students, and hundreds of Bearcats will proudly wear special cardinal-red t-shirts with their "Intergalactic President" on the front.



Tools of the Trade

Inauguration ceremonies highlight several symbols of the office, and all have their own history and function. Among them:

Regalia

Presidential regalia differ from what faculty members wear at commencement since they symbolize the president's authority and office rather than academic credentials. Willamette's presidential regalia were made this winter in Salem, Va., in preparation for President Thorsett's inauguration. The body is custom-dyed to match Willamette's cardinal red, and the arms are appointed with four chevrons rather than the three seen on doctoral robes.

Medallion

Among the oldest symbols of authority, Willamette's medallion is made of silver, features the university seal with the motto inscribed and measures four heavy inches in diameter.

Mace

Academic maces are modeled after medieval clubs carried by the bodyguards of civil officers. Willamette's mace, made of black walnut with the seal embossed in bronze on both sides of its head, is used more peacefully at formal ceremonies.

Learn more about inauguration at willamette.edu/inauguration.

Where Did the Willamette Motto Originate?

Eloquent as they were, Willamette's founders didn't create the university motto and its Latin equivalent by themselves.

The Latin motto, "Non nobis solum nati sumus," which translates to "Not unto ourselves alone are we born" (the version the university adopted) or "We are not born for ourselves alone," comes from a passage of *De Officiis* by Cicero. Marcus Tullius Cicero was, among other things, a philosopher, a statesman and one of Rome's great orators.

Not unto ourselves alone are we born.

One translation of the passage in question:

Sed quoniam, ut praeclare scriptum est a Platone, non nobis solum nati sumus: ortusque nostri partem patriae vindicat, partem amici; atque, ut placet Stoicis, quae in terris gignantur ad usum hominum omnia creari, homines autem hominum causa esse generatos ut ipsi inter se aliis alii prodesse possent, in hoc naturam debemus ducem sequi, communes utilitates in medium afferre, mutatione officiorum, dando accipiendo, tum artibus, tum opera, tum facultatibus devincire hominum inter homines societatem.

But since, as Plato has admirably expressed it, **not unto ourselves alone are we born**, but our country claims a share of our being, and our friends a share; and since, as the Stoics hold, everything that the earth produces is created for man's use; and as men, too, are born for the sake of men, that they may be able mutually to help one another, in this direction we ought to follow Nature as our guide, to contribute to the general good by an interchange of acts of kindness; by giving and receiving, and thus by our skill, our industry, and our talents to cement human society more closely together, man to man ...

Yes, Honey

The Willamette Store has some sweet new stock: honey made from Willamette bees at Zena Farm. It's a sign of the times for Willamette agriculture.

"The honey is part of a new brand called Zena's Bounty," says Jill Munger of the Willamette Store. "We plan to expand it and lend a commerce angle to what students are doing at the farm — this enables them to look at the whole process, from production to marketing and consumption."

Zena's Bounty honey has had one run — or "pull," as beekeepers say — and Professor Joe Bowersox has been instrumental. A trained beekeeper, he aims to produce two pulls each year, each of which might yield six to eight gallons of pure honey.

The honey is just one product to come from Zena. The farm still sells produce to campus caterer Bon Appetit, and this year the weekly Zena Farm market stand became a familiar sight along the Mill Stream in Jackson Plaza. The university even developed a popular Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, much like many others around the country that provide families with weekly boxes of locally grown veggies.

Zena Farm is tended by Willamette students, faculty and staff, every summer; environmental science majors and others vie for a chance to live on-site and learn the ropes. Together they manage the land, schedule the yield, conduct research and get dirty. "Building fences isn't something that all of the students are used to," says Assistant Professor Wendy Petersen Boring '89, of history. "It's good curricular experience."

And so the Willamette agriculture venture continues: If the university gets a cattle ranch, we'll let you know.



Tidbit Special OUR QUIRKY HISTORY

'Fussing' Over Those Liberal, Broad Men

Churning social change, 1950s-style. This sort of discussion, inevitably, continues today.

From *The Collegian*:

"Willamette is getting progressively more liberal and the men broader. ... [t]he trend of the University liberal policy is dramatized on the cover of the *Fusser's Guide* for the past three years.

1948-49



"Three years ago the cover showed a group of girls standing about idly in the rain — but with no evidence of male fussers.

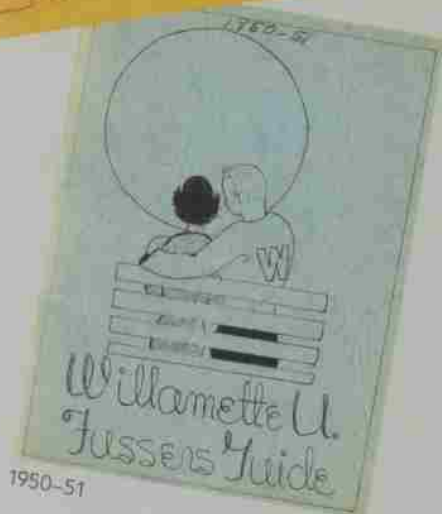
"Last year the masculine half of the university made its appearance. But still the males were separated by an unknown length of telephone wire. Things were looking up though.

1949-50



"This year the pair got together at last. His telephone call was evidently successful. The University made no mention of quiet or closing hours and there they were seated contentedly side-by-side on the cover...

"What will next year bring?"



1950-51

The *Fusser's Guide* was Willamette's original social network: a pocket-sized student roster over which undergraduates could, well, fuss. It still exists as the printed campus directory, and its cover today is an artful photo taken in the Japanese garden. Hardly risqué.

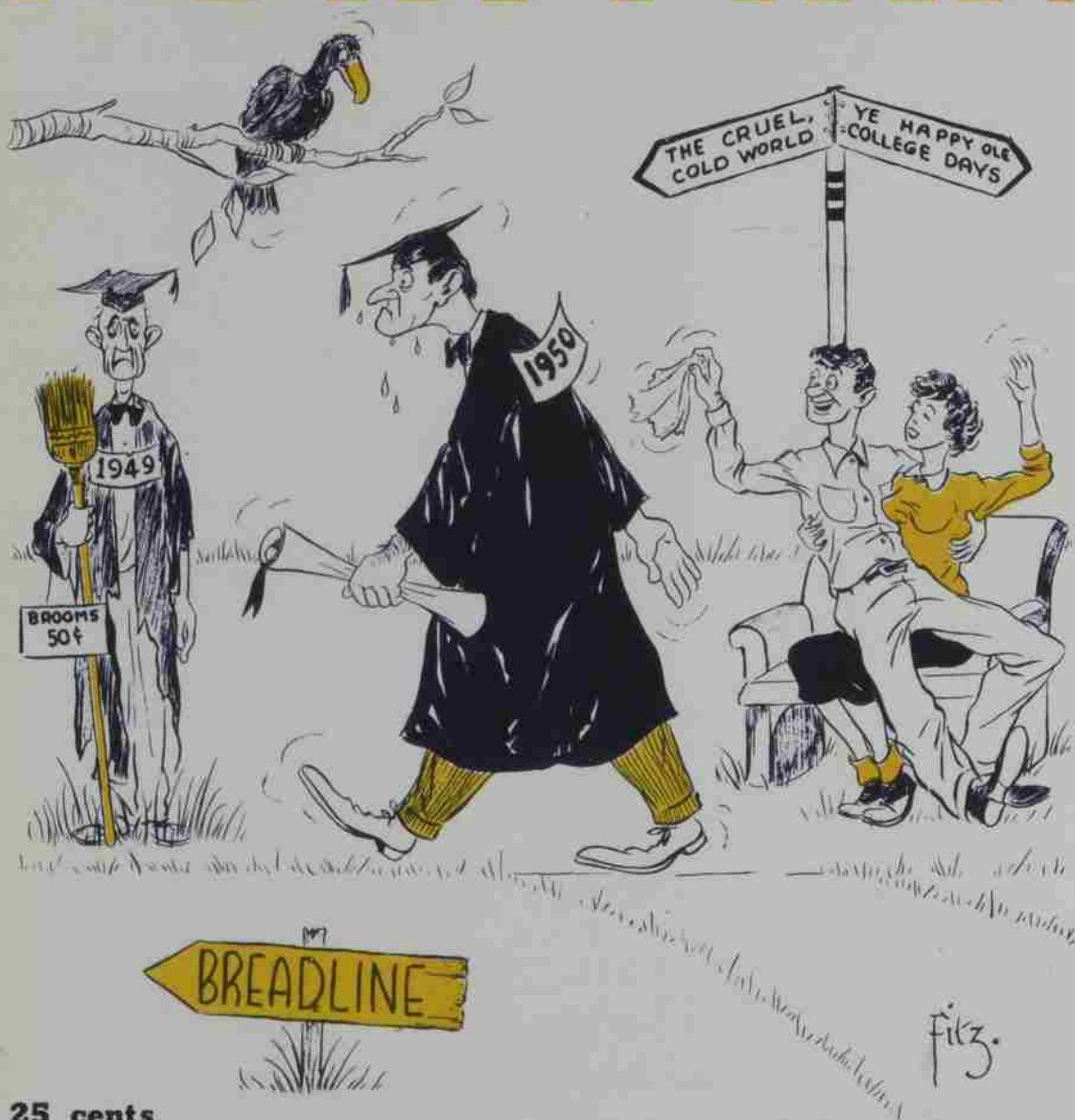
History, Tongue Firmly in Cheek

What a find this was: Archives recently shared with us some scans of an old Willamette publication that has, to the detriment of everyone, we're sure, all but disappeared from the campus consciousness. *The Puritan* was never meant to be serious, but it certainly was edgy. Here's a sample cover from 1950. So far as we know, it's one of only three that ever came to be. Apparently it never caught on.

See the other covers at willamette.edu/scene.

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changing of the **GUARD**

Head Football Coach Mark Speckman, who led the Bearcats for 17 seasons, stepped down recently to become the head football coach at his alma mater, Menlo College, in Atherton, Calif.

"I will always be thankful that Willamette gave me a chance to be its coach," he says. "It has been an honor."

Taking the reins for Bearcat football will be Willamette alumnus and program veteran Glen Fowles '96. Last year, Fowles completed his 14th season as the offensive coordinator and his 16th overall with the Willamette team. He was named national coordinator coach of the year in 2008, when Willamette went undefeated during the regular season and finished the year 11-1 after qualifying for the NCAA Division III playoffs.



Glen Fowles '96 (left) and Mark Speckman have both spent plenty of time in McCulloch stadium.

Fowles, a native of Canada, came to Willamette as a transfer student in 1994 and started two years at offensive tackle. He was drafted as a junior by the Ottawa Roughriders of the Canadian Football League, but he chose to return to Willamette as a senior and picked up a conference

honorable mention despite missing half the season with a broken leg.

"For me, Willamette is home," Fowles says. "I'm a product of Willamette, and I have a passion for this place that transcends football."

"I will always be thankful that Willamette gave me a chance to be its coach. It has been an honor."

— Mark Speckman, former Head Football Coach

Track to Ice

By Jamie Timbrell '06

Jamaica had *Cool Runnings*, a film about former track stars making an unlikely quest for Olympic glory in bobsled racing.

Maybe they'll make something similar about Nate Dick '11.

The former sprinter for Willamette's track and field team, and fullback for the football team, earned the top score in September's U.S. Bobsled/Skeleton Combine in Park City, Utah. Dick's performance secured him a spot in the USA Bobsled & Skeleton Federation's Sledding School, at which he will attempt to make the American Olympic skeleton team.

Dick, a longtime athlete, came late to skeleton. "I've had to put a lot of time and money into this," he says. "I don't have time to do these things and just hope they work out—I've got to make them work out. It's still far away, but I am doing this to make an Olympic team."

His sights have never strayed lower than that. During his last year of track eligibility at Willamette, his mother watched the 2010 Winter Olympics and told him, "You could compete with these guys. You can do this." And so it began.

When Dick broke it down, he realized that he excelled at everything that would be tested at the U.S. Bobsled/Skeleton Combine.

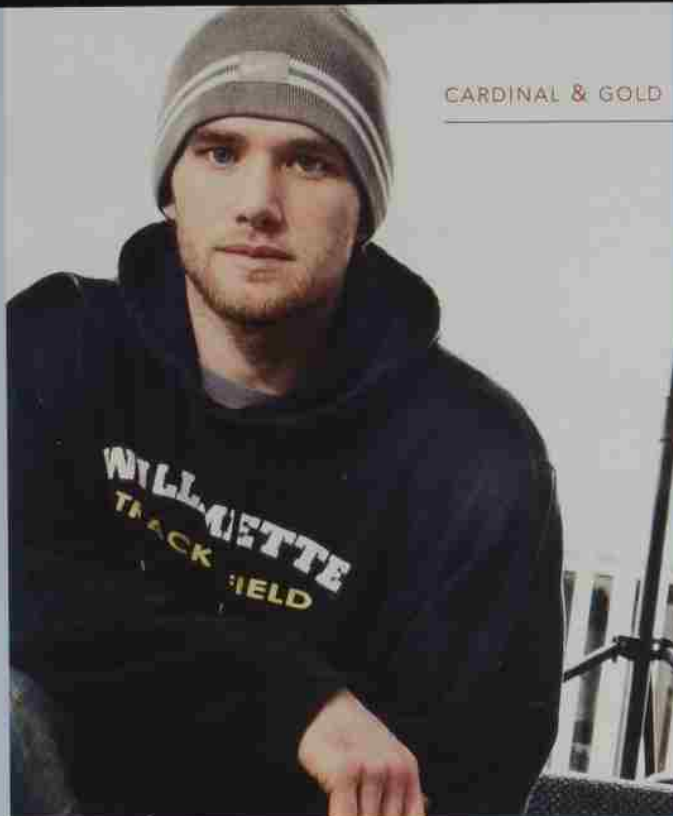
After graduating with a degree in sociology, he spent the summer training one or two hours a day under the guidance of expert and coach Jeremy Serrin '99. Dick focused on building his power and explosiveness—key elements in the competition—through a high-intensity weightlifting regimen.

When the three-day combine finally arrived, Dick outclassed his competition in the eight events that test for speed and power and scored 751. Any score over 600 puts an athlete in direct consideration for the Olympic team.

He launched the default 12-pound shot-put out of the sector, so officials gave him a 16-pounder.

Dick attributes his gung-ho attitude to his experiences at Willamette in track and football. In 2010, he was part of the 4 x 100-meter relay team that won a Northwest Conference championship in 42.11 seconds and ranks second-all-time in Willamette's record book. He is most proud of helping Willamette win the 2009 Northwest Conference team title in track and field.

And who knows where we'll see him next?



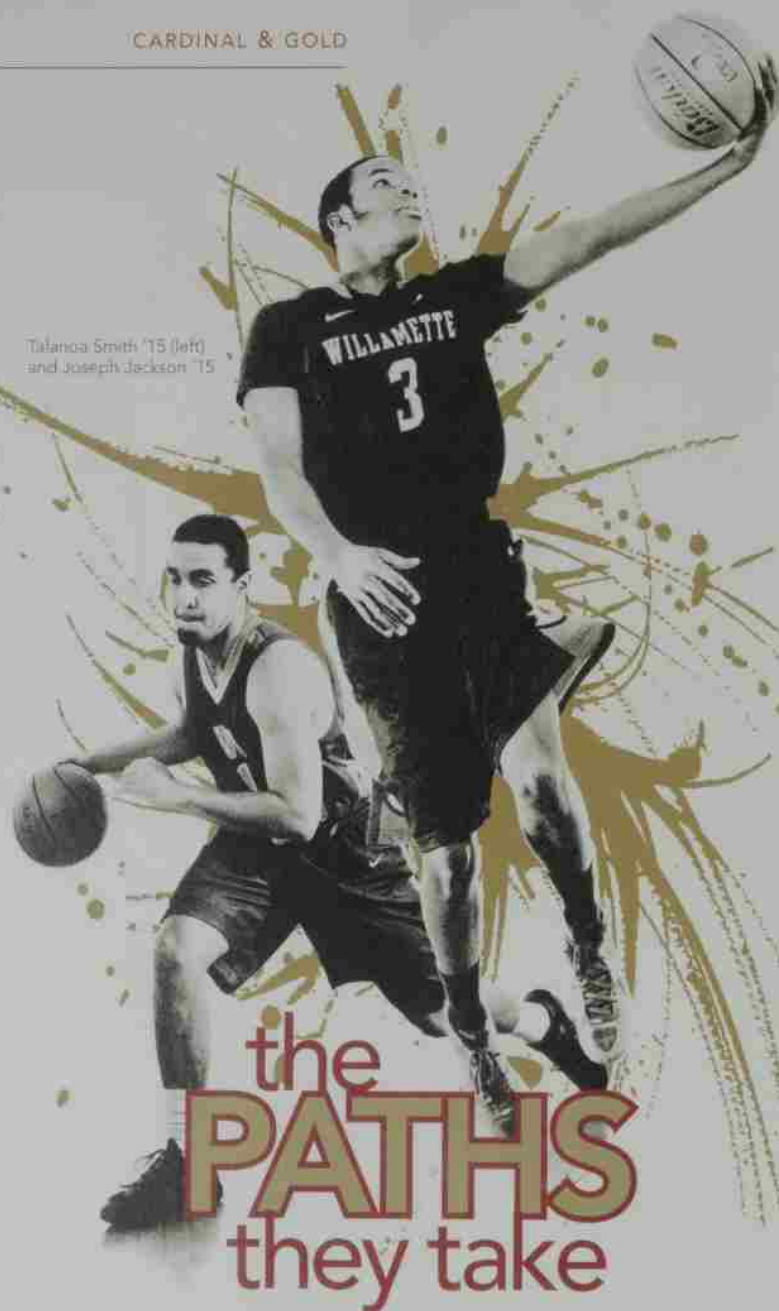
The Skinny on the Skeleton

The skeleton, a stripped-down cousin of the bobsled, is alluring for its simplicity as well as its danger.

Competitors lie three inches off the ice atop a razor-honed skid no bigger than their torso. There are no provisions for steering or braking. The event demands both strength and compactness, because an explosive running start and streamlined aerodynamics during the slide down the winding track are crucial. Racers are allowed to wear shoulder or arm pads, but few do because of the air-resistance tradeoff.

The skeleton has only been an Olympic event since 2002. So far, the U.S. leads in the medal total (6), with Great Britain (5) close behind.

Talanoa Smith '15 (left)
and Joseph Jackson '15



the PATHS they take

By Robert McKinney

Joseph Jackson '15 and Talanoa Smith '15 are the future of Willamette men's basketball. Still in their first year, they are nevertheless linked as closely as any leading pair should be.

But, until now, nobody would have guessed that their paths should ever cross.

Jackson was home-schooled in Portland through high school, and Smith grew up in American Samoa. They were, literally, a good portion of a world apart.

Jackson's parents wanted him to have a complete high school experience that would keep him involved and active, so he played basketball at Hillsboro High School. Athletics linked Jackson to others his age.

Soon he was team captain, and while considering college basketball, he attended a fateful Willamette game.

"I came to the last game of the season when the Bearcats played Lewis & Clark," he says. Willamette upset the Pioneers 76-73 in a matchup that showcased Head Coach Kip Ioane's high-pressure, up-tempo style, and Jackson noticed. "That style of play really fit with how I play." He learned later that Ioane also emphasizes developing men with a solid future off the court.

"I prayed about it, and this was where I decided I could grow the most as a player and a person," Jackson says.

Meanwhile, in the South Pacific, Smith was attending Tafuna High School in Pago Pago. He was born and raised primarily in American Samoa, though he spent the fifth through seventh grades in Orange County, Calif.

He played basketball all four years in high school, but circumstances were different than what Jackson experienced in the Portland Metro Area. "We didn't even play on hardwood courts. We played on concrete," Smith says.

Like so many other athletes, he refused to let conditions deter him. He got extra practice in games during youth nights at his church. He, too, started considering college.

"I was just looking for schools on the West Coast," he says. "I sent a highlight video and an email, and Coach Ioane emailed me back right away. My parents really liked Willamette, too."

Smith naturally stood out to Ioane, in part because of his basketball skills but also because he grew up in Samoa. The team has another player of Samoan descent in Avery Manu '14, and Ioane shares the heritage as well.

"I was really glad to be able to come here because it's tough to get recruited from Samoa," Smith says. "Willamette is a lot different, but it's a good fit."

Today, Smith and Jackson, who met during Ohana — Willamette's Opening Days program for first-year multicultural students — are working and learning together.

"The speed of play here was a shock at first," Smith says. Jackson agrees. "It's a very humbling experience. Each and every day you just have to work hard."

Though Smith and Jackson are currently behind starters Trevor Bos '13 and Terrell Malley '13, the freshmen know their opportunity to lead is ahead.

"There's a nice future here for both of them," Ioane says. "They have both really bought into our team philosophy. That's why they both came, and it's why they'll succeed."

They're doing **WHAT?**

Former athletes shaking it up in much different pursuits:

Tara O'Connor '04 (golf/exercise science): Currently director of ballpark operations with the Reno Aces minor-league baseball team (Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate). renoaces.com

Mark Hanken '93 (soccer/psychology): Works as senior vice president of sports for Special Olympics Oregon, serving nearly 8,000 participants throughout the state. Hanken also serves on the Willamette University Alumni Association (WUAA) board of directors. soor.org

Ritch Price '78 (baseball/physical education): Head baseball coach since 2002 at the University of Kansas. Price is the only coach to have led the Jayhawks to a conference championship. kuathletics.com

Mike Batlan '75, MBA'81 (football/economics): Bankruptcy trustee and official for PAC-12 football. pac-12.org



news and notes: fall wrap-up

SUPER SOCCER SEASON

The Willamette women's soccer team, picked to finish sixth in the Northwest Conference (NWC) preseason poll, finished third in the final standings. Willamette earned noteworthy wins at home over the University of Puget Sound and Whitworth, both perennial performers.

Head Coach Hillary Arthur, completing her fourth year at Willamette, was named NWC Women's Soccer Coach of the Year.

Additionally, senior midfielder Stephanie Skelly '12 was chosen NWC Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Year. She led the conference with 16 goals, making her career tally 35 (10 of which were game-winners).



For complete news coverage, remember to check willamette.edu/athletics.

(STILL) RUNNING TO NATIONALS

Nine Willamette runners competed at the 2011 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships in Winneconne, Wis. The Bearcats were represented by a team entry of seven runners in the women's race, plus two runners in the men's race.

The Bearcat women finished 29th in the country.

KICKING IT

Senior punter and placekicker Mitch Rowan '12 made Northwest Conference Football Special Teams Player of the Year. He was one of eight Willamette players chosen First-Team All-NWC.

Rowan averaged 36.7 yards per punt and forced opponents to take over inside their own 20-yard line 15 times out of 47 attempts. His longest punt covered 60 yards.

Bearcat football finished with a record of 4-6 overall, 3-3 in NWC play.

PHOTO ESSAY




A Day in the Life: The Bistro by Frank Miller

From the silent pre-dawn preparation of the day's baked goodies to the thunder of a late-night punk show during Open Mic night, The Bistro is an irreplaceable part of Willamette life.

Opened in 1986 by students Eric Friedenwald-Fishman '88 and John Donovan '88, it has served Willamette with the caffeine and sugar so vital to a functioning university. Not only is it the social hub of Willamette life; it also provides its employees with experience operating a small business. So far, more than 200 students have worked behind its counter, taking care of everything from marketing to washing floors.



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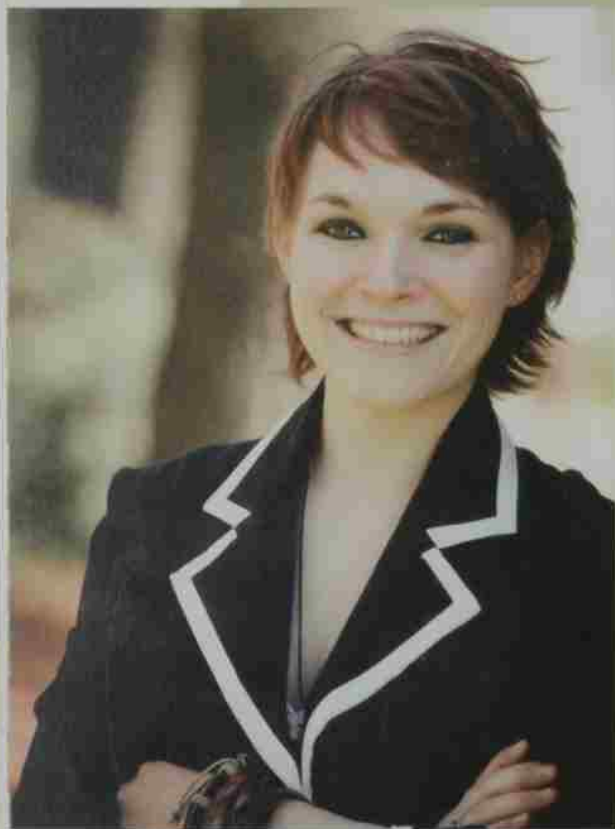
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UP CLOSE

STUDENT VOICES



Crafting the Willamette Ethic

By Hayley Hill '13

"You are expected to act in accordance to the Willamette code of ethics."

This phrase, or something like it, concludes many standard class syllabi handed out to Willamette students each term. The problem is that there isn't one specific Willamette code of ethics to which to refer.

A new honor committee, whose members comprise a cross-section of campus groups, arose from student demand last year to produce a tangible description of the code and a complementary implementation and enforcement system. Mathew Bateman '14 leads the committee, which is working to isolate the tie that binds Willamette's many

curricular options into an ethically grounded system of education.

If the committee succeeds in implementing a new code and an enforcement body within the year, the impact will be noticeable. "We don't have anything like this at WU," says David Douglass, dean of campus life.

Many other universities have used ethics codes and enforcement boards successfully. Willamette's committee has looked at several for inspiration, including Reed College, Oberlin College and the University of Virginia.



According to Tej Reddy '12, president of the Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU), this system will help Willamette articulate its academic character among its regional peers. It will also say something about the quality of students who make up the community.

"If you're applying to Willamette, it's saying that you're applying to a high-caliber student body," Reddy says. "It changes the public character of the university."

The actual Willamette ethic document will be available to students and printed in syllabi, though the method by which students will agree to this standard is still under debate. Alongside the document, the enforcement body will take up issues of academic integrity as they arise, and sitting members will suggest disciplinary action if needed — even though ultimate authority will still rest with the professor involved.

While the ethic will provide an umbrella definition for what honorable academic conduct means for Willamette students, Don Negri, associate dean and professor of economics, stresses that it should cover more than simple plagiarism and cheating — neither of which are overwhelming problems today. "The students' actions in a classroom are only part of how they demonstrate

integrity," he says. "Having members of the student body sit on the council helps to assess what Willamette students define as 'integrity,' and it encourages them to monitor each other's actions."

Reddy agrees. "Having the conversation with your peers — rather than a nameless mediator — makes it easier to take responsibility."

Douglass and Bateman have said the ethic must be perceived as a positive affirmation of collective goals, rather than a punitive measure. "The genius of the ethic is that it identifies a set of values already here," Douglass says. "It shows that these are positive values to which the members of the Willamette community adhere."

Bateman shares this view. "The ethic validates and verbalizes what the student body has demonstrated is important to them, and it sets up a more visible framework to bolster an existing aspect of campus culture."

Hayley Hill '13 is an English major in the College of Liberal Arts.

The Willamette Ethic

The Honor Code of Willamette University

Preamble

We the students, recognizing a need for student responsibility in the area of moral and academic growth, do establish this honor code to secure the tradition of academic richness and rigor deserved by Willamette University.

Personal Excellence

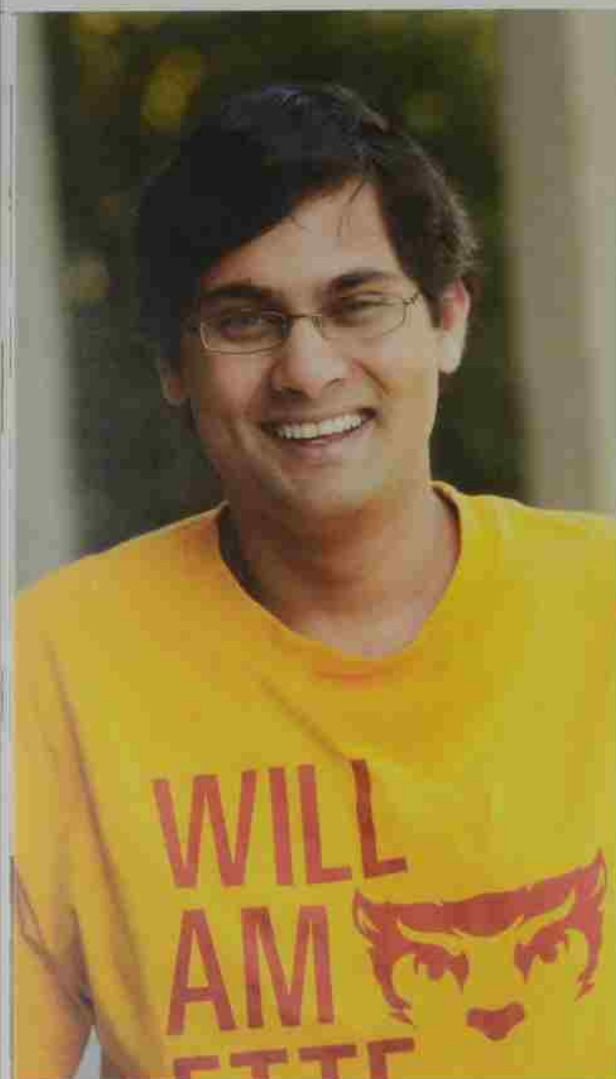
We will hold ourselves to the highest standards of moral and academic excellence. We will proudly submit only our original work. We will never attempt to give ourselves or others an unfair advantage. We will commit to upholding our honor and the value of our work. Through this commitment we will serve as an example to our peers.

Communal Trust

A partnership amongst students and faculty is central to the creation of ideas and the growth of individuals and community. The Willamette Ethic establishes that trust is the cornerstone of this partnership. The faculty should expect that we students will hold ourselves accountable in order to prevent dishonesty. Together we will pursue an excellence unattainable alone.

Empowerment

This honor code enables students to take responsibility for their moral growth. As a student body we bear the burden of keeping each other accountable to the moral excellence we expect of ourselves. If there is an alleged violation of the honor code and internal resolutions are unsuccessful, the issue should be referred to the Honor Council. The Honor Council will have authority to investigate the claim, hear the student's defense and render a decision on the matter.



CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

Tej Reddy '12

President, Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU)

Reddy has done just about everything around here. He's helped with the presidential transition, overseen Willamette's student government, researched in India on a Carson Grant, double-majored in politics and economics, and participated in the Take a Break (TaB) spring break service program. *The Scene* interrupted his productivity for a chat at The Bistro.

What's on Willamette students' minds these days? Any patterns?

A lot of seniors are thinking about life after school — for many it's GRE, LSAT or GMAT tests. It's our last year, and we want to figure out what we're doing next. There's a lot of pressure to try and answer that question.

How has your role as a campus leader influenced your view of Willamette and how it works administratively?

We're well taken care of at Willamette, which makes my job pretty easy. With any leadership position it's about creating relationships with people, and that's really how you get things done. What I like about Willamette is that everyone is open, from the president on down. You can ask pretty much any person to meet with you and they'll do it; you don't have to have a title. For our student

government, meetings with the president are already arranged; some schools' governments have a really hard time with that sort of thing.

What is it like working with President Thorsett?

It's a good relationship. President Thorsett was joking that he can't get rid of me and I can't get rid of him. He's got the university view and can make things happen, and I've got the students' perspective he wants to tap into, so it's mutually beneficial. It's a partnership, really.

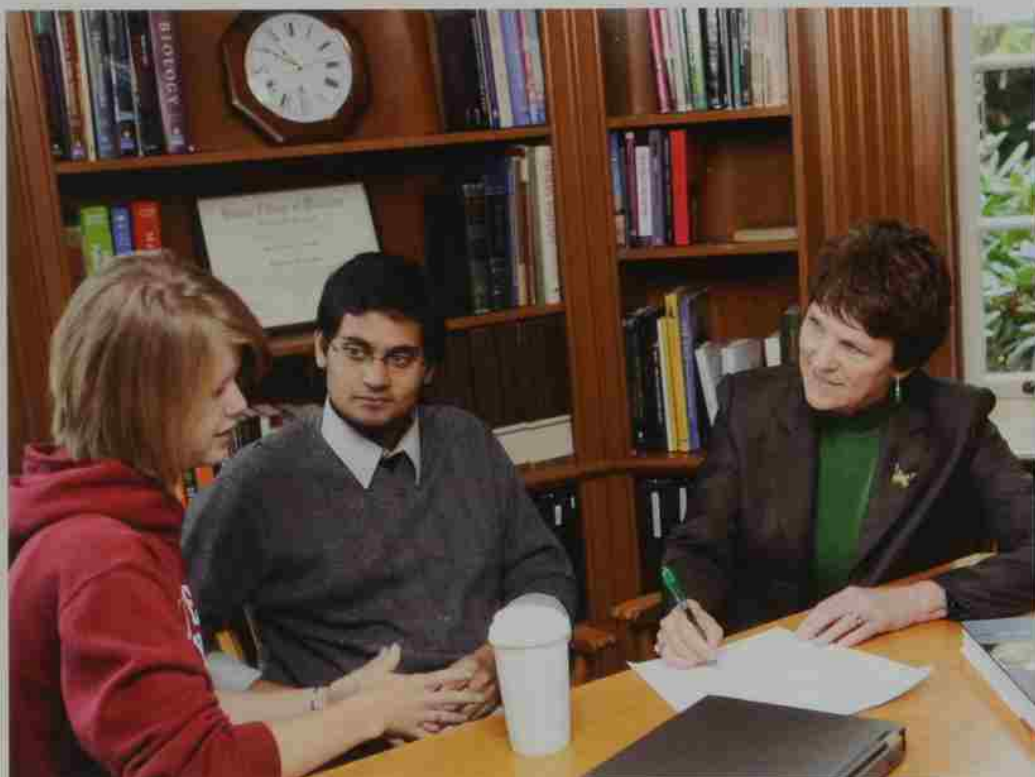
How about your academic experiences here? What, or who, blew your mind?

Every class I've ever taken with Joe Bowersox [of politics/environmental science] has been fantastic. He always finds an excuse to take us out to Zena Farm; it's great to do something

with your hands. Learning from him has been a rich part of my education here. He was my advisor for my Carson Grant and senior politics thesis.

What is Willamette good at, either from a student or administrative point of view? Things it needs to work on?

It's kind of a paradox, really. It's really easy to connect with people at Willamette — they're easy to meet, easygoing and we can make friends



Reddy and fellow student Hannah Moser '13 meet with CLA Dean Marlene Moore

"What I like about Willamette is that everyone is open, from the president on down."

easily — but I also feel that there's a lack of connectivity and lack of spaces where students and administrators can come together. Finding avenues to create more of those spaces is an opportunity. One thing I'm working on as ASWU president is to bring back the yearbook to create that sense of togetherness.

I also just met with the presidents of *WU Wine*, our online radio show, and I'd like to expand that to reach more people. It could even include a five-minute segment from President Thorsett. He could have a weekly radio address that students could listen to.

What's the silliest — printable — thing you've done while at Willamette?

[Laughs.] Actually, in my residence hall, a friend of mine and I are falling into a habit of making videos about campus. We made a parody of the movie *300* that takes place in Baxter, and we're going to do another parody of the old *Saturday Night Live* skit about that song, "What is Love?" The head-bobbing and everything. We're trying to convince campus safety to let us borrow one of its golf carts so we can take pictures of us doing that around campus.

What's something you'll always remember about WU?

One thing that has shaped my experience and helped me branch out is my fraternity. As a member of Beta Theta Pi, I've met several key people like Douglas Houser '57 and Congressman Denny Smith '60, who have been great connections. It's made me fall in love with Willamette, and I'm getting excited for the future.

NO DRIVE-BY SPEECHES

The Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series turns 10

Leigh Bernacchi '04 says that the Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series changed the course of her life, and she has evidence.

The environmental science major is conducting research for a doctoral dissertation on conservation and the endangered whooping crane through the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife Science at Texas A&M University; before that, she completed a master's in nature writing because she believes stories change people. "I stem from the Dempseys' branch," she says.

Bernacchi's spark was lit while participating in the Dempsey series at Willamette. Active since 2001, the series has come to symbolize the conversation on campus about environmental sustainability, green movements and how these things intersect with politics and policy. Organizers say it brings important speakers to campus not so they can have the final word, but so they can start a conversation.

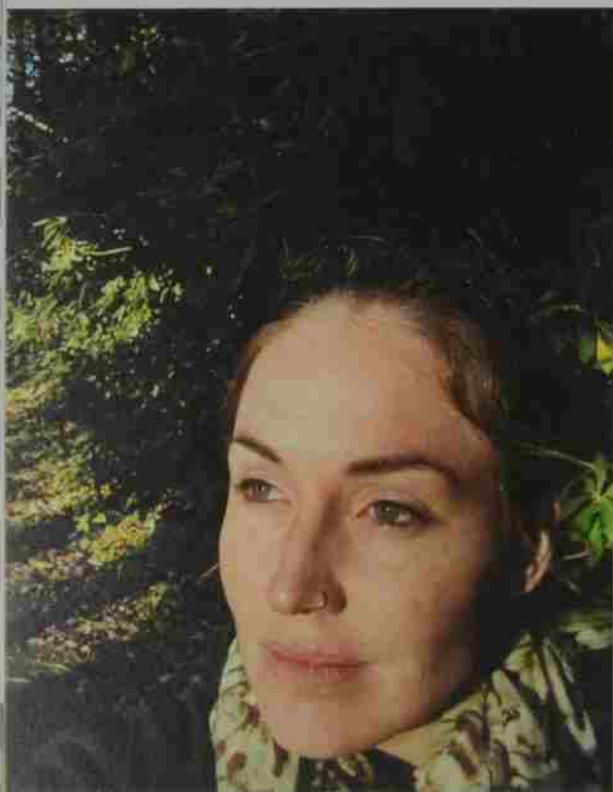
"The keynote speakers are all different," Bernacchi says, "but they tend to be comfortable working at the nexus of science and policy. There is a lot of creative capacity there."

Case in point is author Terry Tempest Williams, Willamette's guest in 2005,

whom Bernacchi remembers as "a force — she's an eponymous storm of words and ideas. She declares the democratic method as the way toward ecological ends. If not for her, I would not understand the political power of the personal narrative."

Bernacchi continues to build her own narrative. So inspired by Williams, she studied under the writer at the University of Utah after graduating from Willamette. Now Bernacchi is preparing to present at the prestigious International Conference for Conservation Biology, a group that was started by 2003 Dempsey keynote speaker Michael Soulé.

Her success is no surprise to Professor Joe Bowersox, who also straddles the line between politics and science. Bowersox holds the Dempsey Chair for Environmental Policy and Politics, a position that enables him to help steer Willamette's curricular integration of these fields and issues. He saw Bernacchi find her purpose, and he intends for there to be more like her. The Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series, he says, is part of the process.



"We don't want this to be a drive-by lecture series," he says. "Lecturers spend meaningful time with students before the main address. We're talking class time, lunch time, lab time." Often local high school students are invited, not to mention legislators from across the street at the Oregon Capitol. Former Salem Mayor Janet Taylor has been known to join in as well.

"This model is very 'Willamette,'" Bowersox says. "It can't just be about education, though that's primary. It's about outreach, impact. These campus guests make a difference at Willamette and in Salem by the nature of their visits here."

There are challenges, of course, particularly when the speakers are high-profile public figures. "I picked up Robert F. Kennedy Jr. at the airport," Bowersox remembers. "He was on his cell phone out of the arrival gate and stayed on it until we got to campus. We didn't get to chat much."

He ended up putting the phone down and spending some quality time with students, though.

About the Series and the Chair

The Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series completed its 10th year in 2011. Endowed with a gift from trustee Heather Dempsey '97 and the Dempsey Foundation, it continues to elevate the sustainability conversation at Willamette.

The Dempsey chair, endowed in 2007, adds steady curricular weight to the lecture series' periodic programming. As key parts of the Center for Sustainable Communities, both initiatives complement other programs that derive their funding from myriad alumni gifts and sources.

Part of the idea behind the Dempsey programs was to bolster Willamette's national visibility. By 2010, the university had been recognized as first in the nation for sustainable activities.

To learn more, visit willamette.edu/events/dempsey_lecture.

Past Dempsey Speakers

- 2011 Home(town) Security**
Majora Carter, environmental justice advocate
- 2010 Igniting Hope in the Galapagos and the Amazon: How Coffee and Shamanic Trees are Balancing Humans and Nature**
Maria Fadiman, ethnobotanist and National Geographic's 2006 "Emerging Explorer"
- 2009 Our Environmental Destiny**
Robert F. Kennedy Jr., attorney and environmental activist
- 2008 Global Warming: Is the Science Settled Enough for Policy?**
Stephen Schneider, environmental biologist and federal environmental consultant under Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush
- 2006 Ecological Economics: Creating a Sustainable and Desirable Future**
Robert Costanza, director of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics
- 2005 Is Nature Calling?**
Terry Tempest Williams, nature writer and author of *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place*
- 2003 Can Creation Be Saved?**
Michael Soulé, author and founder of the Society for Conservation Biology
- 2002 Forest Futures: Science, Politics and Policy for the Next Century**
Bruce Babbitt, U.S. secretary of the interior under Bill Clinton and former governor of Arizona
- 2001 The Quest for Sustainability**
Paul Hawken, author and founder of the Natural Capital Institute

Coming Up:

**The Case for Young People and Nature:
A Path to a Healthy and Prosperous Future**
March 20, 2012

James Hansen, climatologist

Fossil fuel extraction is expanding at the same time that worries about climate change and global energy imbalance escalate among researchers and



citizens. James Hansen, a preeminent climatologist and pioneer in the study of Earth's — and Venus' — atmosphere, will explore how reducing fossil-fuel CO₂ emissions today is economically sensible and can benefit all the life that occupies our planet, not just humans. Implicit in all of these discussions, Hansen says, are fundamental moral issues that today's young people must confront as they come to understand an environmental tipping point that may already be passing us by.



The Subversion of Edward Kollmann?



By Erik Schmidt '05

It would be tidy to say that Edward Kollmann was dismissed from Willamette's faculty in 1952 for an obvious breach of policy or some amoral reorganization. Or even — given the political and historical context — because his views had ruffled the wrong feathers among elected officials somewhere. But that's not really how it worked.

Kollmann's demise came about amid swirling and complicated change, and, even now, the questions outnumber the answers. What is clear is that the gentle man from New York, who wielded only ideas, created a legacy in just four years that resembles some of the fondest in Willamette's history. His teaching habits — requiring that his students examine their own minds before claiming to know what was beyond them — would put him right at home in Eaton Hall today. He demonstrated the applicability of philosophical thought, and students loved him for it.

Then, suddenly, he was asked to leave.

Kollmann's story illuminates a period of social change at Willamette, the tensions of the Cold War and the risk in transferring convictions from the haven of the classroom to the world outside. As students today wrestle with their own agency in the world, his audacity makes him more continually relevant than he might have imagined.

Imperatives

“Doc” Kollmann was a student's professor. Mustachioed and warm, he arrived in 1948 fresh from doctoral work at Harvard. Earlier, he had served with the Eighth Air Force in England during World War II. With help from Willamette President G. Herbert Smith, he rented a house on Nebraska Street for \$65 per month and quietly assumed his position as chair of Willamette's small philosophy department. In the classroom, he was tough without being overbearing; he was the kind of mentor who moved pupils to action by respecting their intellects and supposing that they owed it to themselves to do the same.

"He was a great thinker to be around," says Joe Lambert '50, who later made his own mark in philosophy and has a classroom in Eaton Hall named after him. "He didn't give us all the answers so much as he helped us formulate our own opinions. He held some views — on Kant, for example — that were not the prevailing ones, but he explained them very convincingly."

Ted Loder '52 was a senior scholar for Kollmann, which meant that he corrected some student work and interacted especially closely with the professor. "Doc Kollmann was of a modest New York background, more urban, more diverse than Salem," Loder says. "That all played out in who he was. He was humble, and he was not out to impress everyone with how much he knew."

He was quirky, too. Lambert recalls that he and the other students decided that Kollmann owned exactly two identical sport coats and three pairs of the same pants, which he could interchange freely each day. The "sartorial eccentricity," as Lambert put it, might have said something about Kollmann's priorities; it at least made him easy to pick out of the crowd on campus.

It wasn't long before Kollmann's habits of mind were put to work out in the open. In 1951, President Smith ushered in the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) at Willamette, which connected the university to the Air Force and introduced a new military presence on campus. Attendance became mandatory for all freshman and sophomore males. The drain of the World War II years, when men went to serve the country and colleges' enrollments fluctuated because of it, might have been in Smith's mind; having an ROTC program on campus would help ensure that men could serve but still remain enrolled, participatory and revenue-generating. It was a common move.

The objection among Willamette students at the time approached from a distinctly philosophical angle. The most vocal group was the Student Christian Social Action Committee (SCSAC), whose members felt that militarizing campus went against Willamette's Christian heritage and values. Materials supplied by the group to *The Collegian* quoted prominent Methodist officials: "War makes its appeal to force and hate, Christianity to reason and love ... The methods of Jesus and the methods of war belong to different worlds."

David Poindexter '51 was a member of the SCSAC, and he recalls the events with interest today. "President Smith

never really said he instituted ROTC for the economic benefits — it was to serve the nation. This was when the Korean police action was instituted and the draft was reenergized. We got a lot of press for our objections. I maintained a good relationship with President Smith, but at times I'm sure he was ready to strangle me."

And so the debate began, but only tenuously. There was enough support on campus for ROTC to be implemented easily. The editorial board of *The Collegian*, in the same edition in which news of the SCSAC objections appeared, included a fonder note. A primary benefit of the program, the editors said, was that many male students who would be future "draft bait" would be able to complete college and serve the country at the same time. The article continued: "Willamette will not lose the spirit of freedom of thought that has characterized it for over 100 years."

"The methods of Jesus and the methods of war belong to different worlds."

Poindexter studied under Kollmann at the time of the ROTC program's genesis, and the normally quiet philosopher was one of few professors on campus who supported the protest and its intellectual foundations publicly. "We felt that we had morality on our side," Poindexter says.

Conflict and Correspondence

There was a tone of austerity at Willamette in 1952. Culturally, Willamette was more hesitant than many universities to embrace the activism that began to simmer in the '50s and boiled over in the '60s. Its Methodism was an important and moderating influence, and the institution remained a predominantly white, conservative (in disposition, if not always politically) place to be. These norms were reinforced by President Smith, an ardent man, whose guiding hand was sure and effectual throughout his long tenure.

Fiscal austerity, too, was the order of the day. As the influx of male students who had resumed study after fighting in World War II declined, the university faced new financial challenges, particularly if it was to expand its curricular options and physical footprint as campus leaders knew was necessary. Internationalization, for example, was a popular topic on many campuses in the U.S., given the expiration of American isolationism and the already-discernible realities of the Cold War era. Early study abroad programs were taking root, and people were practicing Russian here and there. But while students at Willamette took in the rhetoric of change, the reality was more complicated.



"The university was in a period of fiscal difficulty, which made it necessary to retrench."

In a memoir, Don Carpenter '51 — who was one of Willamette's Russian-speakers and went on to do volunteer work in Croatia and complete the official English translation of the Yugoslav constitution, among many other things — included a section labeled, simply, "Doc." He writes: "Doc's students were excited about being in his classes. According to rumor, some were excited enough to begin reexamining the assumptions and attitudes they had brought to Willamette. If this were in fact happening, one could imagine a growing level of discomfort at high levels in the university."



G. Herbert Smith,
University President
1942-69

And here comes the question of why. Granting that President Smith faced real financial challenges (that isn't a stretch), why might Kollmann have been expendable? In a 1951 letter confirming the termination decision, Smith reiterates to Kollmann the "very difficult financial problems" that require "some adjustments in staff."

But some people thought that there was something else going on. For it is almost inconceivable that Kollmann should have been dismissed on the basis of his performance or lack of demand in a newly energized department. Several other professors were let go at the same time, but the commonality among them, according to student accounts, seems to have been that they were those most likely to speak out against the administration generally and ROTC specifically.

On Nov. 9, 1952, *The Collegian* reported that Willamette students had circulated a petition expressing disapproval of Kollmann's dismissal. It read, in part:

"We, the undersigned, feel that [Kollmann's] dismissal is in the best interest of neither the university nor the students. For the last four years, he alone has developed the philosophy department to its present peak enrollment and has broadened and enriched the intellectual development of student on this campus ...

"It is seldom that one finds a teacher with such ... ability to get his material across to the student and to engender individual thinking.

Man of His Words

Edited for length and punctuation, the following excerpt is from Kollmann's 1951 Senior Chapel Address. Full text is available at willamette.edu/scene.

The open mind sees no finality to the process of man's thinking. Instead the open mind is a flexible mind constantly subject to change in method and content, depending upon the nature of the material to be dealt with.

If, when you ask yourself about the openness of your mind, you can find no readiness on your part to entertain

the ideas of others that run counter to the mould of your own mental make-up, then you have not become the man or woman of a liberal arts education and we have failed you miserably. Then you are the containers of absolute truth and all other expressions of the human mind are in grave error.

But, if you have come to recognize the obligation of the open mind, then you do us honor. Then we have succeeded in making the dreamer and the philosopher encounter the stubbornness of facts, as well as in making the practical man of business and the applied sciences realize that men are moved by visions. Then we

have succeeded in making you realize that a narrow focus upon vocational training brings about a dangerous irresponsibility, a danger that this atomic age highlights as it has never been before.

Therefore, I do not call upon you to go bravely forth into the world. Instead, I ask you to meet the world on its own terms in the way which reveals what you have become through spending four years at Willamette University. For what matters is men. As Goethe said: "Mankind? It is an abstraction. There are, always have been, and always will be, men and only men."

"If the university is financially unable to sustain the existing departments, we feel that it would be less harmful to the university to cut down on the larger departments ..."

There were at least 19 pages of signatures attached. Varying accounts suggest that the petition was eventually signed by 400 students or more — this when total undergraduate enrollment at Willamette was just 902.

"Kollmann's impending dismissal vexed me," says Stan Aschenbrenner '52, student body president at the time and another senior scholar under Kollmann. "I went to G. Herb's office to talk with him about the great disappointment so many of us felt about laying off a professor who meant so much. His response was that the university was in a period of fiscal difficulty, which made it necessary to retrench."

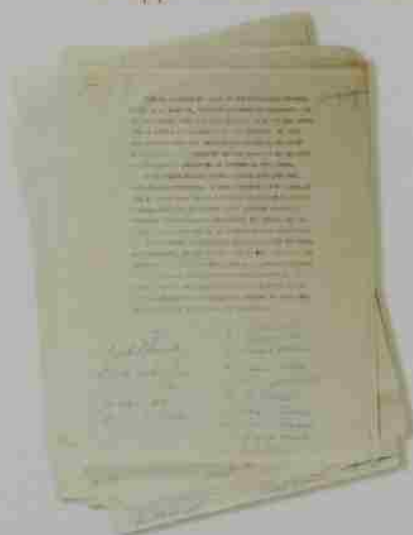
Another student sent a telling letter to Smith. "Each person must ultimately determine his or her own life," it said. "A professor can, however, eliminate some of the false ways of thought common to young people, and he can also serve as an example of the value of the Christian way of life."

"It was not until I attended Dr. Kollmann's lectures ... that my lack of faith was shaken. In [his] course, Dr. Kollmann eliminated my agnosticism with not one, but three arguments which I could not answer. I thereby came to realize the inescapable necessity of religion in my life."

The writer invoked communism, too. "I can not only reject the whole of the [c]ommunist doctrine without any doubt of mind, but I know, in addition, that I can demonstrate it to be a false doctrine. These values that I have acquired from Dr. Kollmann are, I believe, among the most fundamental values which Willamette University wishes to give to its students."

"This is a protest ..."

— Opening words of the petition expressing disapproval of Kollmann's dismissal



The talk of Christianity and communism could very well have been preemptive against charges of ideological impropriety. McCarthy's reach extended to Oregon. But this sort of testimony, while possibly strategic, was also honest. Several of Kollmann's closest pupils became ministers.

Tensions All the Time

Despite efforts against it, Kollmann left Willamette. He moved with his family back East and went on to teach for decades at Virginia's Hampton University (then called the Hampton Institute) where he played a key role in local civil rights efforts and helped push push for the integration of city schools in the early '60s.

A 2004 newspaper article in the *Newport News Daily Press* characterized Kollmann as "a campus radical who walked into segregated drugstores with his black students in hopes of getting them served ... [and] met with a Hampton department store owner to try to change his mind about segregation." The noun "radical," by this time and in this context, carried a positive connotation.

"We had a few radicals on the faculty, always did in those days," the article quotes Kollmann as saying. "Today you don't see anybody like that ... it's amazing how we've changed. You had to live in that period to realize that there were tensions all the time."

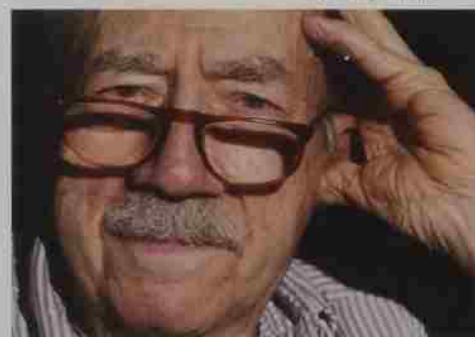
In 2001, Kollmann made one last visit to Willamette as an invited guest at the class of 1951's 50th reunion celebration. He delivered a poem he wrote, "A Time to Remember," which closes:

*Now you can be a beacon
To today's youth
As we try again to find meaning,
For again technological wonders
Have us in awe
As we tend to forget our inner selves.
For here you came to know
Yourselves as persons,
And thereby integrated
The nonhuman with the
Humanity in all of us.
The community needs you.
The challenge is still there.*

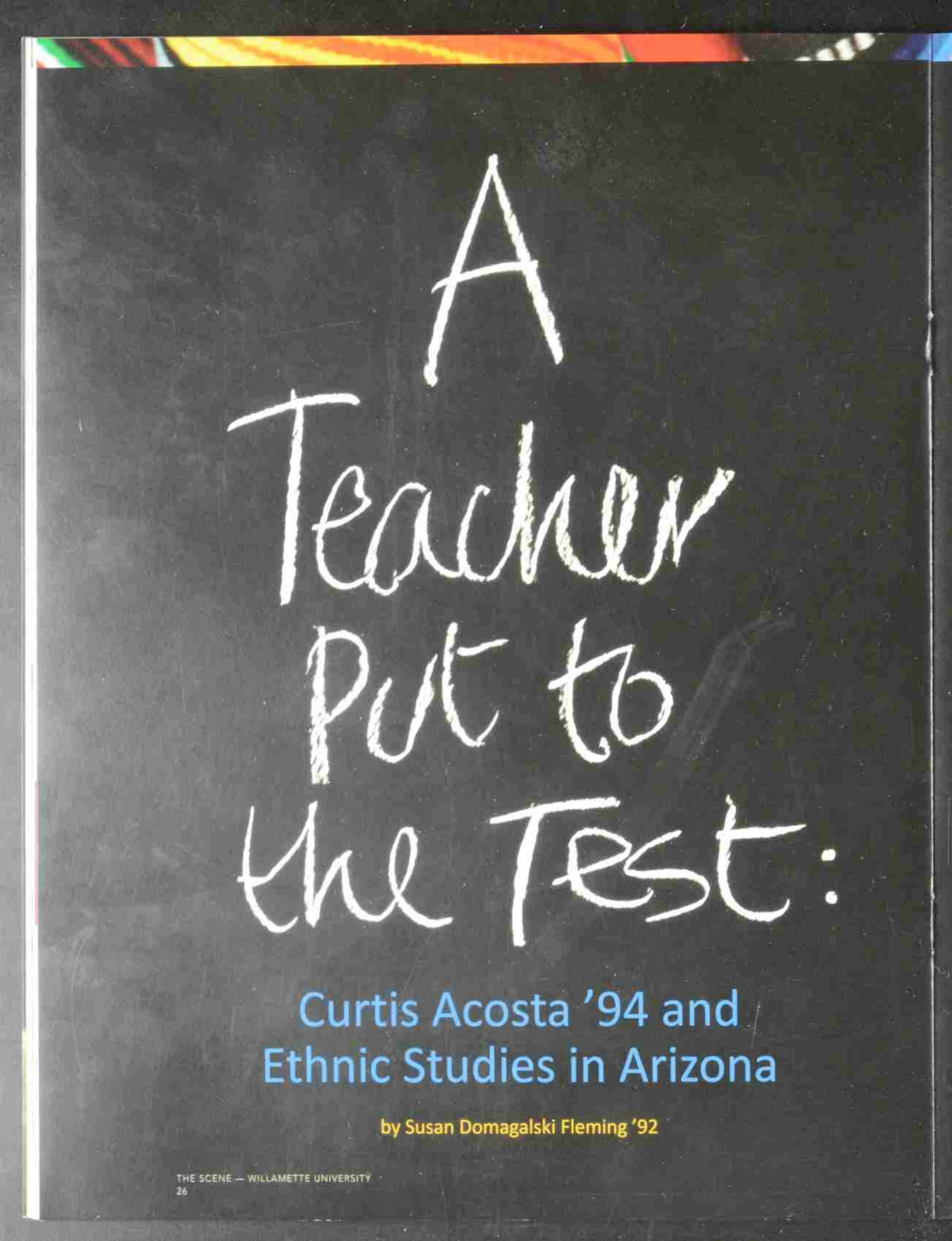
Only Kollmann and his students, perhaps, knew just what lay between those final lines,

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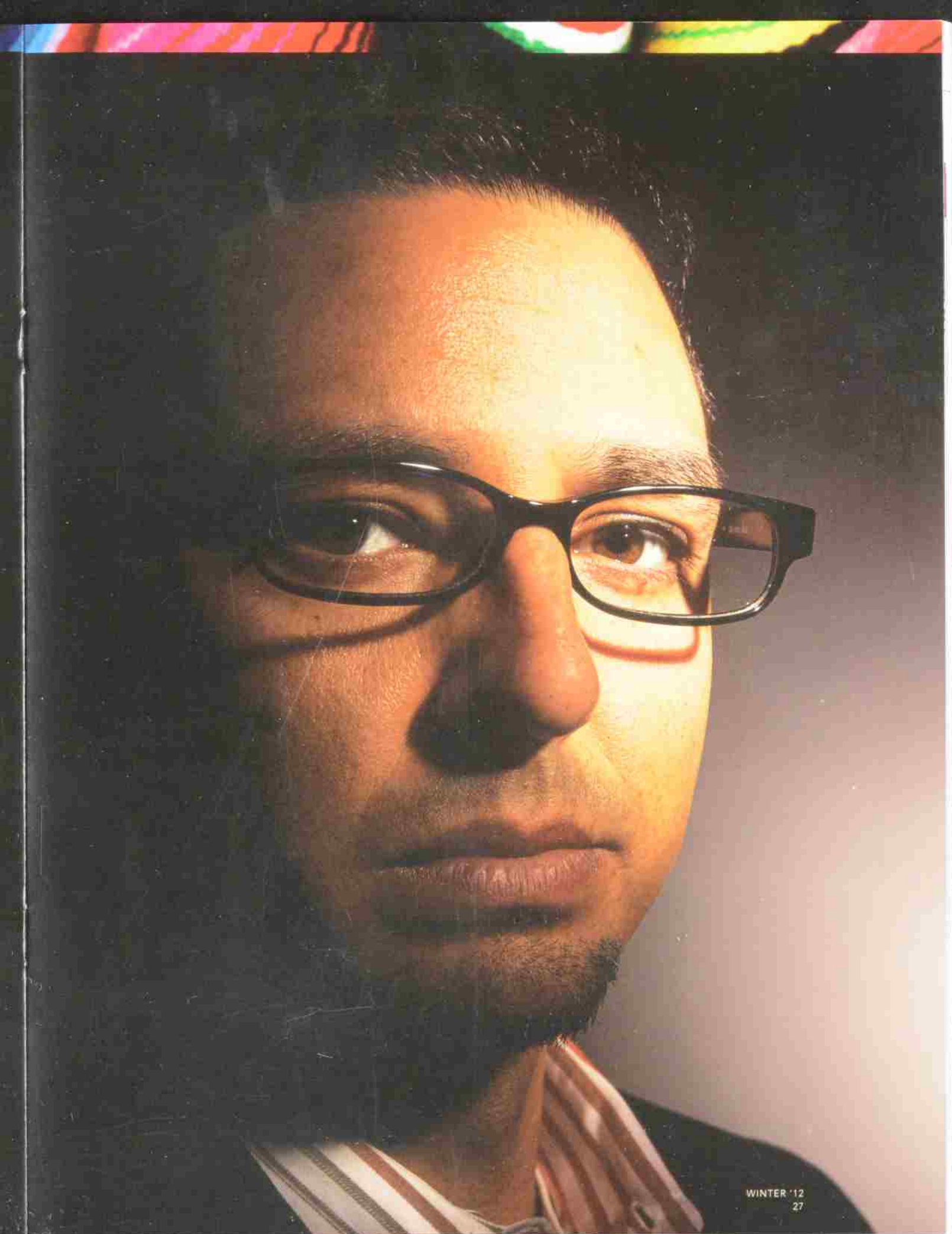
Edward Kollman, ca. 2004.
He passed away in 2005.



A Teacher Put to the Test:

Curtis Acosta '94 and
Ethnic Studies in Arizona

by Susan Domagalski Fleming '92



It's easy to see why Curtis Acosta '94 is everyone's favorite teacher. On an October night in Willamette's Ford Hall, he commands the room. Declining the microphone, he projects easily to the last row of the packed auditorium. His words jockey around the space, his voice spanning an octave. When he says the ethnic studies program he teaches in has been "shot at," he mimes target practice against the wall.

Acosta has taught high school for 16 years, the last seven at Tucson High Magnet School in Arizona. Sixty miles from the Mexican border, Tucson High is about two-thirds Latino. In a city where a third of all children live below the poverty line, Latino students historically have shown low test scores and high dropout rates. Acosta has seen students go to prison, their families imprisoned or deported. He's heard of parents going out to the post office and never coming back. Unsurprisingly, after students lose their parents, they are not enthusiastic about coming to school on Monday. Such stresses can compromise a student's ability to learn.

Tucson's Mexican American Studies (MAS) program reaches disconnected students by including a curricular focus on the positive contributions of Latino culture. Acosta's Latino literature classes cover greats such as Luis Valdez and Laura Esquivel, Homer and Shakespeare.

Students with poor attendance elsewhere don't miss Mr. Acosta's class, and those with low grades stay up all night to finish a paper. "My students have been through trauma and tragedy in the school system and society in general," Acosta says. "For us, education and lack thereof is a national crisis, and what we have tried to achieve is a real path toward hope."

Measures of Success

Hope, it seemed, was winning. A 2011 study by the Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) Department of Accountability and Research showed that last year's high school seniors who had taken one or more MAS classes scored 3 to 6 percent higher in math, reading and writing exams. The graduation rate was 89 percent,

compared to 78 percent for those who had not taken an MAS class, and in every year since 2005 the graduation rate of MAS students has been at least 5 percent higher than the comparison group. Causal or correlative, these results are intriguing.

The story might have ended there, but problems surfaced. Although TUSD also has African American, Native American and Asian American Studies departments — which, like the Mexican American classes, are open to all students — it was MAS that raised concerns for then-Arizona Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Horne.

Horne believed classes should treat students "as individuals," not as members of specific groups. "What is important about people is what they know, what they can do ... not [the] race into which they are born," he wrote in a June 11, 2007 open letter to the citizens of Tucson. He felt the classes created an atmosphere of resentment among Hispanic youth and that teaching the history of oppression of Hispanics was putting

"Latino literature is American literature."



undue blame on the dominant culture. He encouraged citizens to call for the program's end.

Acosta and his colleagues continued to defend the program. "That's the number-one thing people get wrong about ethnic studies," Acosta says. "We're not trying to bring somebody down. We're about lifting ourselves up."

Controversy Ensues

A media blitz followed, defined by dueling blogs, essays, rallies, marches and sit-ins. Acosta's classes have been visited by representatives from CNN,

Education Week and *The New York Times*. "I have the most visited classroom in America," Acosta says. School board meetings became packed with angry parents and community members, and Acosta, the father of two young children, received death threats.

It's hard to find a media outlet that hasn't weighed in on the issue. Landa Chavez, chair of the Center for Equal Opportunity, a Virginia think tank that promotes what it calls a "colorblind" society, criticized ethnic studies programs as politically correct in an op-ed for the *Dallas Morning News*. "The teaching of American history has become a spoils system in the name of identity politics, divvying up slots in the historical pantheon to various groups: blacks, Latinos, women, gays. We've elevated minor characters to major roles in American history, if they fit the right ethnic or gender profile."

Acosta, however, sees ethnic studies as American by their nature. "Latino literature is American literature," he says. "The story of the Chicano is the story of America." Professor Sammy Basu, chair of Willamette's American ethnic studies department, calls ethnic studies "a scholarly effort to hold America to its highest democratic idealism. It values an inclusionary understanding of the American social experiment, and it addresses discrepancies between that vision and the actual historical, economic and cultural of life in America."

Acknowledging and examining where these ideals fall short helps Acosta engage many of his students as they analyze social problems, research and present solutions. He notes the savvy of modern students and their eagerness to talk about what they witness in society.

"First, you as a culture have to know yourself," he says. "We just talked about male hierarchy in Latino culture. How are we going to address inequities if



Left: Class in Tucson; Right: Acosta was one of Willamette's Glee managers in 1991

"We're not trying to bring somebody down. We're about lifting ourselves up."

we don't talk about them? And if it's present all over the classroom but it's not acknowledged in what you're reading, how are you going to fix that? We need to be culturally responsive. How else are you going to move forward?"

Legal Action

Legislators in Arizona did not see similar value in the curriculum. With Horne's backing, House Bill 2281 was signed into law May 11, 2010. It prohibited courses that 1) promote the overthrow of the U.S. government; 2) promote resentment toward a race or class or people; 3) are designed primarily for pupils of a particular ethnic group and 4) advocate ethnic solidarity instead of the treatment of pupils as individuals. Schools that violate the law risk losing 10 percent of their funding. For TUSD, this amounts to about \$15 million.

Anticipating the law's passage, Acosta and 10 other Tucson high school teachers filed a lawsuit Oct. 18, 2010, against the superintendent of public instruction (Horne has since moved up to attorney general of Arizona) and the Board of Education, maintaining House Bill 2281 violates the First and 14th Amendments. Meanwhile, the bill took effect Dec. 31, 2010; three days later, teachers were told they

must comply. As of October 18, 2011, Acosta and his colleagues' lawyer filed a motion for summary judgment with their judge in the Ninth Circuit — the federal appellate court for several Western states including Oregon and Arizona. Among other things, a summary judgment would allow them to avoid the expense of a full trial. "He can strike it down on its face," Acosta says.

"Meanwhile, our program has suffered mightily. Our hope is that rulings in our favor will allow us the proper climate and lack of intrusion to rebuild the program."

Cultural Validation

Acosta is not alone in his approach to teaching. Willamette alumna Elisa Schorr '01 has taught at Roosevelt High School in Portland since 2003. Winner of the prestigious Milken Award, she is vice principal of Roosevelt's Spanish-English International School. Regardless of native language, all SEIS students are taught in English and Spanish both, with the goal of creating bilingual citizens. Juniors and seniors take AP Spanish Literature and are assigned to read *Don Quixote* and modern authors like Sandra Cisneros. "Where Hispanic students come from has a rich



Promotional materials grab attention (top) and Acosta and McGinnis visit the Ford Hall theater.

tradition of literature and culture," Schorr says. "That is powerful for kids. We're saying to them that we value who they are." The teachers have built success rates higher than the state average, and plans are under way to expand the bilingual program into the sciences.

In Arizona, Acosta says, "We have been desperate for academic opportunities that reflect who we are and what we have contributed, not because of vanity, but because it means we matter."

At Willamette, sophomore Sarai Rivas '14 is the daughter of immigrants from El Salvador. She takes two classes from the same professor, Briann Davila. One of the classes has two people of color. In this class, she admits, she does not participate. In the other, Latina/o Sociology, she more readily identifies with the texts and is a contributor. "I've experienced things that we read about," she says. "Even if I've still never read about many of the things I've experienced."

Rivas was among the crowd of students at the screening of *Precious Knowledge*,

a documentary about Acosta and the MAS program. The film was produced by Eren Isabel McGinnis, a filmmaker and parent of a former student of Acosta's. After each of two showings of the film, no fewer than 15 students waited in line with posters, DVDs they had purchased and notebook paper for "Mr. Acosta" to sign. Some approached him with the guarded-but-hopeful smile of someone meeting a celebrity.

English and film studies Professor Ken Nolley helped bring the documentary to campus, hoping, in part, to provide validation for Latino students. "If students feel like their presence is tangential or unvalued, it is difficult for them to embrace the academic process and to benefit fully from it," he says. "To make it work," Acosta adds, "the classroom has to reflect the world the students live in."

Discovering His Identity

The world Acosta grew up in is much different from that of his students. The son of a Swedish mother and a Mexican father, Acosta had a stable middle-class upbringing in California. For years he did not identify as a Latino. "I hated being Mexican when I first arrived at Willamette," he says. He was happy in school, connecting with his fraternity brothers and performing in theatre productions like *Alice in Wonderland*. But one day he had an awakening. Crossing campus with a fellow student, he saw his dark-brown arm next to one he describes as alabaster. And it hit him. He said to himself, "I need to deal with my brownness."

This wasn't easy to do. As an undergraduate, he knew only a handful

of Mexicans, "Latinos saw each other but didn't congregate," he says. Language-wise, he also felt different. "My Spanish is worse than Dora the Explorer."

At the same time, this was Willamette, and he was learning from his professors to question systems and beliefs. He went back to California in the summers to work on the warehouse assembly line of his father's employer. There, surrounded by African American and Latino workers, he felt at home. "Here I was, going to this prestigious university, and I felt really comfy on the warehouse floor," he says. His questioning continued, this time with his co-workers. "That place made me ask, 'What's your life like? Can you make it?' I embraced the folks who were struggling. Now I am one of those people who struggle."

"My classes are multicultural because they have to be. I'm preparing students for a world that is that."

After graduating in 1994, when Acosta took his growing self-knowledge south to Tucson to "dry out his wet socks," he began to feel that same sense of home he'd felt in the warehouse. He attended the University of Arizona for graduate work that would allow him to teach, and he is now pursuing a doctorate in education there. From the beginning, his goal has been to

prepare students to attend a school as challenging as Willamette.

"My classes are multicultural because they have to be. I'm preparing students for a world that is that," Acosta says. "A lot of people are stuck in a 1960s-70s ethnic studies context, thinking that it hasn't evolved. It's our generation's right and responsibility to evolve it. Just like it's the next generation's right to evolve it further."

Living Within Two Worlds

Willamette itself is part of this evolution. Rita Moore, professor of education at the Graduate School of Education, says that training educators to be culturally responsive to first- and second-generation Americans is standard. "These children often live in two worlds," Moore says. "One celebrates the richness of their history and language, and one is strongly influenced by the cultural context we share as a nation." She believes other programs in the state have a common approach and emphasis on social justice, "but this is not necessarily true across the country."

Many think it should be. "It is no longer tenable for any thoughtful and informed person in higher education to cling to the idea that the tradition of education was designed to serve the personal and social interests of privileged Europeans only," Nolley says. Some bristle at this, but Acosta says he hopes people won't give in to fear. "We're not saying anything about getting rid of European history

or British literature. We're giving students more options."

Again, this can be seen in the Willamette community, where Basu notes a commonality among junior faculty. "For them, their disciplinary and multidisciplinary vocation is inconceivable without attending to questions of race and ethnicity as well as other dynamics of identity and power. As a result, Willamette is witnessing a veritable blooming of coursework addressing matters of difference and advocating on questions of social justice."

Would Acosta choose teaching all over again? Did he see himself as an advocate for social justice when he started out? Teaching, yes, he is quick to answer. But activism? He starts to answer but never really finishes. His eyes scan the line of Hispanic students waiting to talk to him. He will chat with each one, shake their hands, ask about majors and how they're doing at Willamette. He wishes each student well, tells them to graduate. They smile.

And as they readjust their backpacks and prepare to head out into the night, they all say the same thing: Thank you.

The documentary, Precious Knowledge, is scheduled to air in May 2012 on PBS.

Susan Domagalaski Fleming '92 is a Portland-based writer. She graduated from Willamette with a major in English and completed her master's degree at Johns Hopkins University.

Acosta et al v. Horne et al: Is This Case Unusual?



By Shelaswau Bushnell Crier, assistant professor of law, Willamette University College of Law

Cases regarding a state or school district's control over curricula and text books are not

unusual. Nor are the bases for the claims Acosta and advocates assert against H.B. 2281, which include equal protection, free speech and due process violations. What makes this case unusual is the peculiar language of H.B. 2281. The discriminatory nature of the law and the political history that produced it and its subsequent enforcement are reminiscent of cases from the 1920s and 1960s.

For example, *Meyer v. Nebraska* (1923) involved a Nebraska state law prohibiting the teaching of "any subject to any person in any language other than the English language" until the child has passed the eighth grade. The law was enacted after World War I, primarily on the basis of anti-German sentiment. The Supreme Court struck down the law, concluding that it was arbitrary and had no "reasonable relation to any end within the competency of the state."

When evaluating freedom-of-speech cases in the education context, the Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasized the students' "right to receive ideas." Sample cases include *Board of Education, Island Trees Union Free School District v. Pico* (1982), which involved the school board's removal of books some parents found objectionable; and *Keyishian v. Board of Regents* (1967), which involved a suit brought by university employees protesting a New York law requiring them to certify that they were not Communists and/or write under oath that they did not advocate or teach the overthrow of the U.S. government.

The majority opinion in *Keyishian* (and several subsequent Supreme Court cases) emphasized the following sentiment:

"Our nation is deeply committed to safeguarding academic freedom, which does not tolerate laws that cast a pall of orthodoxy over the classroom. The nation's future depends upon leaders trained through wide exposure to that robust exchange of ideas which discovers truth 'out of a multitude of tongues, [rather] than through any kind of authoritative selection.'"

Legal Update

As of Dec. 27, 2011, Administrative Law Judge Lewis Kowal ruled that one or more MAS courses are not in compliance with former H.B. 2281, now A.R.S. 15-111 and 112, as written, and that Arizona State Superintendent John Huppenthal can legally withhold 10 percent of Tucson Unified School District's funding. The district is reviewing the ruling.

Still to be determined is the larger issue of the constitutionality of the law itself, pending at the federal level with Judge Wallace Tashima of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

ALUMNI RELATIONS



MBA student Laura Braithwaite '12, MBA'13 is a veteran student caller.

Of course they're dialing for dollars — campus wouldn't function the same otherwise — and they tend to enjoy it considerably.

Just the other week callers raised \$12,000, but not by twisting any arms. They raised \$12,000 by reconnecting people: chatting about what's going on around campus these days, what today's students hope for and worry about and who the hardest professors are. And the exchange goes both ways, since the callers learn from alumni as well. Student outreach team members tend to be social, experienced and well-versed in WU lore, and they are also, so far as we know, Willamette's most numerous and effusive brand of campus employee: 20-plus fill the roster; each

WILLAMETTE CALLED

When was the last time you talked to a student caller?

semester and retention is uncommonly high.

Laura Braithwaite '12, MBA'13 is a seasoned veteran. Currently on the front end of her MBA at Atkinson Graduate School of Management (AGSM), she has spent several years as an undergraduate working as a caller and managing the team. "Sometimes people say right away, 'Ok, what do you want from me?' What I want to do is talk — help them feel reconnected with Willamette. Giving comes when people actually want to do it."

The job has given Braithwaite resume-building takeaways, too. She recalls entering graduate school and realizing she was better equipped than many of her peers for business-to-business work and forming alliances. Part of it is due to her nature, but part of it, she says, came from learning as a student caller how to relate to people who are different than she is and find a launch point in just about any kind of conversation.

In other words, she learned how to network effectively.

It's not all fun and games, naturally. Braithwaite once talked to a man who was skeptical that she was getting her MBA because she is a woman. It was

an exercise in tactfully reorienting a chat, even if it didn't bear fruit in the end.

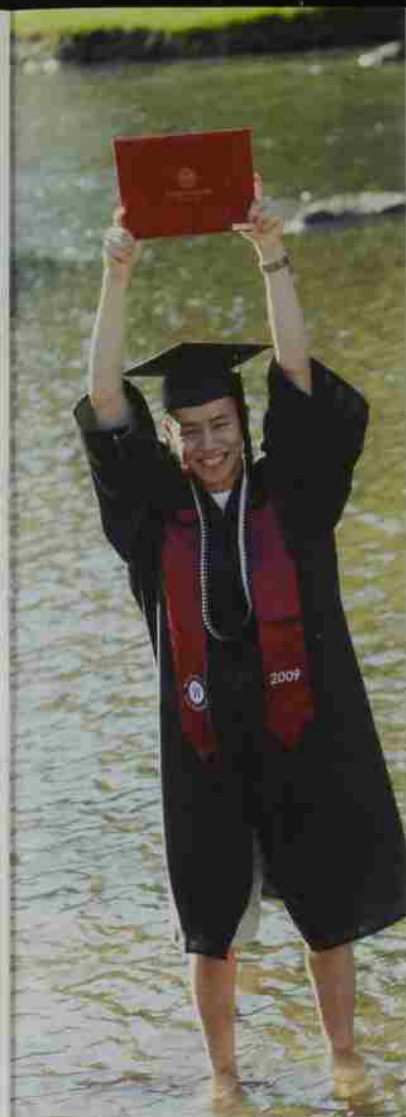
Then, two minutes later, when it was time for the next call, she reminded herself: "The next person has nothing to do with that guy." And she was right.

Things to Ask Your Next Student Caller

If you find yourself without questions to ask a student caller, here are some to start the conversation:

- Can you tell me the Buzz Bar recipe? The slacker magazine editors couldn't get it from The Bistro last issue.
- What happens if your candle goes out floating down the Mill Stream at matriculation?
- Are the Preview Day streakers an official campus organization yet?
- Does Bill Duvall in history still have his righteous beard?

Disclosure: The Scene, like basically everything on campus, is funded in part by dollars raised by student outreach callers. But we'd admire them even if it weren't.



RECENT GRADS UNITE!

The Recent Grad (2006–11) Advisory Group

Alumni relations has recently enlisted more than 30 alumni from the classes of 2006–11 to advise on future events, initiatives and services. We want to know what you need — and there's nothing better than going to the source.

You're in the driver's seat.

Want to help? Willing to give a little time to send periodic feedback or suggestions? Drop a note to Amy Erikson Varga '97 at aerikson@willamette.edu, and she'll fill you in. Otherwise, stay tuned over the next year for even more offerings geared toward you.



Remember that you can join the conversation right now on Facebook: facebook.com/willamettealumni.

YOU'RE SAYING WHAT ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES?

(Say more!)

It's time again, Bearcat advocates, to nominate your peers for awards at this year's You're Doing What With Your Degree? event, set for May 16.

Mark your calendar to attend the event and reception in Portland (details to come), but, more importantly, consider Willamette graduates you know who exemplify creativity or innovation in the professional paths they have chosen since graduating. In the past we've heard about a psychology major who has mastered artistic Native American basket- and pottery-making, and a business economics major who made it to the big leagues of specialized groundskeeping with the Arizona Diamondbacks. There are plenty more where they came from.

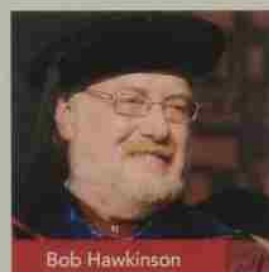
Consider it for a moment: Who comes to your mind?

Send us your nomination(s) at willamette.edu/alumni/ydwyd/nomination. We'll accept entries until March 15.

BOB, SUE AND JULIE PAY IT FORWARD

It's reasonable to say that just about all these three people did while at Willamette was give, give, give — of their time, energy, creativity and advocacy. Bob Hawkinson, Sue Rauch '75 and Julie Abendroth are Willamette icons of the highest order.

And while they left us far too early, their work is still boosting the university. All three have special funds set up to provide continual resources for programming — and many alumni have chosen these as ways to show their support.



Bob Hawkinson

Hawkinson Student Initiative Fund — supports new student/club ventures in the CLA



Sue Rauch '75

Sue Rauch Scholarship — provides continual financial support to CLA students



Julie Abendroth

Julianne Abendroth Exercise Science Fund — supports curriculum and hands-on programming

These three legacies are far greater than money, but you might consider these funds if you're thinking of making a contribution to something — or someone — you value.

Visit willamette.edu/support or call 503-370-6552 if you're interested.



THE WU CONNECTION

As if you needed any more incentive to attend alumni events or come back for Alumni Weekend, let's observe the tangible ways alumni and friends help us all out.

For instance, by creating the WU goodies we enjoy giving out so much and providing us the space to host our events.

Ron Koskondy '88 is one of many people who make a living perfecting the promotional materials that endear businesses and universities to their audiences. The business economics/sociology major went on to create GELZEEZ, a series of USB thumb drives encased in figures that scream school spirit (see left, top). The drives themselves are removable, adding utility to a product that is already very handy, and the Office of Alumni Relations recently teamed up with the Office of Student Activities to offer Bearcat editions to all incoming students (they need somewhere to store all those papers). Alumni at events can still score some, too.

"It's been quite a process trying to make these work," Koskondy says. "I wanted to be an entrepreneur before college, but Willamette taught me how to ask smart questions and adapt. Working with partners in China, that's what it takes."

Alongside Koskondy and the GELZEEZ is Sarah (Bischoff) Knepper '97 of Jumping Ink Promotions, who has been with us for several years providing giveaways like WU-branded gum, hand sanitizers, various writing implements and plenty of imaginative T-shirts over the years.

And speaking of events, remember the Portland holiday reception a couple months ago? We were able to hold it in the spectacular ZGF Architects building in downtown Portland in part because of Trustee Bob Packard '73. The vintners and brewers who provide adult beverages at Alumni Weekend? They're all alumni connections, too. We partner with alumni for many other projects and venues, but you get the idea.

Next time you attend an event or pick up some swag, remember that these are WU-family productions.

The first person to email scene@willamette.edu with the page number of this issue's little inside joke (look around) gets a bundle of goodies. It'll be worth it.

WE'VE NEVER BEEN TO SOUTHEAST ASIA (But We've Been to Ashland)

The travel program combines the old with the new this year, with the ever-popular trip to see the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., coupled with the university's first trip to Southeast Asia. These two are still open to all Willamette alumni and friends, but they'll fill up.

Angkor Wat and the Mekong

Oct. 30–Nov. 15, 2012

Almost half of the Angkor Wat and the Mekong trip will take place along the great Mekong River. Among many other things, you'll see deep jungles and the Mekong Delta, stay in Bangkok and experience the famous Buddhist temple complex, Angkor Wat.

The epic trip package includes no fewer than 27 sightseeing tours, 37 paid-for meals and roundtrip international airfare from the West Coast.

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

June 14–17, 2012

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland is your chance to be play-reviewer par excellence (you know you want to) alongside Pat Alley '73, our perennial expert leader. This is the year's easy, leave-the-driving-and-logistics-to-us trip.

Over three days, you'll see six outstanding plays; excellent seats are reserved for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *Henry V* and *Twelfth Night*, as well as Chekhov's *Seagull*, the world premier of *The White Snake*, and the manic farce *Animal Crackers*.

For information, pricing and logistics on all trips, visit willamette.edu/alumni/travel.



CLASS NOTES



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

College of Liberal Arts

1950s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

Shirley Dean (Smith) Plummer '52 returned to Oregon a couple years ago and joined a wonderful writing group. After a few publications, followed by a 40-year publishing hiatus, this year has been her "coming out." Her accolades this year include a top-20 poem from the Spirit First contest and another of her poems won second place at the Northwest Poets' Concord and will appear in an anthology. A haiku from the Haiku Wall in Bend, Ore., chosen at the quarterly meeting of the Haiku Society of America (HSA), will be anthologized. Three of her pieces appeared in "Tuesday," one each is coming out in the HSA members anthology and in the fall issue of Frog Pond. Recently, she and staff of the Oregon Poetic Voices project organized a visit to Waldport, Ore., for members of Tuesday Writers and other central coast poets to record and archive works at the State Library.

Bob Anderson '54 authored a new book, *Stories of Healing: A Family Doctor's Journal*. In it, he describes 44 stories of patients who were healed or cured by thinking "outside the box." His previous books were written for health professionals, but this one was written for the general public. Outside of writing, he is the founding president of the American Board of Holistic Medicine and is an adjunct instructor at Bastyr University in Seattle.

Douglas G. Houser '57 was elected the 28th general frat-

nity president of Beta Theta Pi at the fraternity's 172nd general convention in Seattle. Houser joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity as an undergraduate in 1954. His continued devotion to the fraternity made him an obvious candidate for the position. In 2007, Houser was appointed chairman of the Beta Theta Pi Foundation board of directors, which is responsible for funding Beta's acclaimed and award-winning Men of Principle initiative.

R. Gregory Nokes '59 is chairman of a committee developing a memorial to the approximately 34 Chinese gold miners massacred in Hells Canyon on the Oregon-Idaho border in 1887, a crime for which no one was held accountable. The massacre was the subject of his nonfiction book, *Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon*, published by Oregon State University Press in 2009. The memorial will be dedicated in Hells Canyon on June 22. More information is available at chineseremembering.org and massacredforgold.com.

1960s

CLASS OF 1962 AND 1967 REUNIONS

Richard Buck '66 retired after 15 years as senior editor at Merriman Inc. in Seattle. Previously, he worked as a business reporter for *The Seattle Times*. He is a co-author of a book published in 2011 by McGraw-Hill, *Financial Fitness Forever*.

Larry Potts '66 new album, "Gone West," reached the ninth spot in the top-20 Western DJ playlists. "Gone West" is his fourth award-winning album, with "Close to Home," "All Things Considered" and "The Shape of Things to Come" spanning 12 years of writing

and recording. He retired after 31 years of teaching high school English and psychology and is still a practicing marriage and family therapist, in addition to his songwriting.

1970s

CLASS OF 1972 AND 1977 REUNIONS



Glenn Steiner '72, a professional photographer, spent three weekends mentoring Monterey, California's best high school students through Carmel's Center of Photographic Arts Photo Focus program.



David Bixby '76, Scott Fluhrer '93 and Kevin Rieve '97

find themselves on the same softball team in Miami, Florida, 2,500 miles from campus.

Sally Godard '76 was ordained as a clergy member of the United Church of Christ, following her graduation from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif. She will pursue justice ministries in Yamhill County, Ore. She continues her psychiatry profession with the Student Health Services at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., where she lives with her husband Ron Olisar. In May 2012, all three of her children, **Carey McFaddin '03, MAT '04, Read McFaddin '06 and Maya McFaddin '12**, will have graduated from Willamette.

Carla Piluso '77 was awarded the Provocateur Award from Metropolitan Family Services for her years of involvement with the organization. She is the former Gresham chief of police, and is redefining her

"retirement." After her 30-year career, she has become a full-time volunteer addressing vital community needs.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982 AND 1987 REUNIONS



Jeffrey J. Cain '81, a family physician in Denver, has been chosen president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Richard Whitley '83 was appointed acting administrator for the Nevada Division of Mental Health and Development Services, which oversees a public and private network of programs involving mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities, as well as the operation of two psychiatric hospitals and a forensic faculty.



The Bellevue (Wash.) Rotary Club's board of directors approved **Alan Fulp '85**

as the 2011-12 club president. He has been involved with the organization for more than 15 years.

Dennis D. Swanson '85 was named international business development vice president for Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS) in India.

1990s

CLASS OF 1992 REUNION

Monte Y. Pescador '93 graduated from Colorado Christian University with a master's in counseling. He intends to open a private practice in Colorado and start an agricultural ministry aimed at supporting homeless families.



To **Kerry (Jones) McQuisten '94**, and husband David, a

daughter, Vivien Grey, born Aug. 10 in Baker City, Ore.

Kelly Evans '95, an associate with Gevurtz Menashe, the Portland-based family law firm, was included on the 2011 Oregon Super Lawyers list as a "Rising Star." Of the 12,000-plus lawyers in Oregon, only 5 percent were named to the state's annual Super Lawyers list. Each November, Super Lawyers® Magazine publishes its list of Oregon's best lawyers based on a poll of active Oregon State Bar members.



To **Heather (Ahlstrom) Coldwell '97** and husband Matt, a son, Benjamin

Rowan, born May 29, 2010, in Seattle.

To **Anmarie (Eggert) Dwyer '97, MAT '04**, and husband Ryan, a son, Grant Charles, born Oct. 13, 2010. He joins brother Collin, 4.



To **Laila (Cook) Umpleby '98** and husband Chuck, a daughter,

Amara Hope, born Sept. 16 and adopted a day later.



To **Laura (Dittman) '98** and **Aaron Peltz '98**, a daughter, Lily Jane, born

Feb. 17. She joins older brother Evan Joseph.

To **Gerianne (Mikasa) Fujihara '99** and husband Troy, a son, Easton, born June 20. He joins older brother Hoyt, 4.

Brooke (Stearns) Lawson '99 earned her doctorate in policy analysis from the Pardee RAND Graduate School in Santa

Monica, Calif. Her dissertation — which involved field research in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Haiti — tested the hypothesis that development and reconstruction efforts can feasibly implement sound development and reconstruction across a relatively wide spectrum of conflict, but varying levels and natures of violence can affect its delivery. She is currently serving as the counternarcotics and crime advisor for USAID's Africa Bureau.

2000s

CLASS OF 2002 REUNION



To **Libby (Emery) Coolidge '00** and husband Hermann, a son, Hermann

William IV "Will," born June 23. The family lives in Savannah, Ga., where Libby is a criminal defense attorney.

To **Chelsea (Morton) Frankovich '00** and husband Steve, a daughter, Emma Rose, born May 25. She joins brother Cruz.

To **Johanna (Clark) Myers '00** and husband Ned, a daughter, Ellie Jo, born June 1. She joins big brothers Teague and Grant. Johanna teaches for the Bend-LaPine School District.



To **Shauna (McCaslin) Purcell '00** and husband David, a daughter, Maura Kate,

born Aug. 31, 2010. She joins older sister Daphne, 3. The family lives in Salem.

To **Christopher Roberts '00** and wife Heather, a son, Clark Edward, born Feb. 12. He is the grandson of Jane (Dedrick) Roberts '60.

James Grant '01 and **Melissa (Kanzler) Grant '02**, and their daughter Georgia, relocated to Seattle in June. Melissa

joined Microsoft as a senior marketing manager in the office division and James is an associate attorney at Gordon Rees LLP, practicing labor and employment law. Georgia is conducting her pre-doctoral studies at The Cottage School of Montlake, Seattle.

Tony Jones '02, MBA '05 accepted a new position with the global public relations agency Waggener Edstrom Worldwide as senior manager of insight and analytics. He oversees three teams that provide traditional and social media analysis for the agency's largest client, Microsoft. He is currently working out of the agency's Lake Oswego, Ore., office.

Ben Christiansen '03 was promoted to the lead NFL senior account representative for Nike's Sports Authority strategic account. Aside from the NFL, he also manages Nike football, running, basketball, training, baseball, soccer and tennis for Sports Authority.



To **Sonja (Dorrance) '03** and **Christopher Jernstrom '03**, a son,

Benjamin Dorrance, born Jan. 29 in Seattle.

Geoffrey Winkler '03, JD '06, MBA '08, of The Grassmuck Group, was recognized with a 2011 Turnaround of the Year and Transaction of the Year Award at the Turnaround Management Association's Annual Convention in San Diego. The TMA Turnaround of the Year Award honors professionals who aid struggling companies by fortifying operations and leadership, improving cash flow and increasing production.



Deanna Lund '04 and **Jesse Kinsey** were married July 2 at his parents' private residence in Woodland,

Wash. The couple and their two kittens live in Vancouver, Wash., where Deanna manages a chiropractic and massage clinic and Jesse is co-owner of Kinsey Hardwood Flooring.



Blake Shinn '04 and **Sarah Abe '04** were married July 16 in the International

Rose Test Garden in Portland. The bridal party included **Kat Murakami '04**, **Seiji Hara '04** and **Helen Yi '04**.

Alyssa Struck '04 was recently honored as a member of the Business Examiner's 40 Under Forty Class of 2011, and she won The President of the United States Council on Service and Civic Participation's Volunteer Service Award.

Felicia Struve '04 is the managing editor at the Coast River Business Journal in Astoria, Ore. The monthly journal reports business news in six Oregon and Washington counties.

To **Celeste (Brooks) '04, MAT '05** and **Jay Zimmerman '05**, twin sons, Luke Axel and Oliver Graham, born July 25. The family lives in Linköping, Sweden.

After five years at the Lionsgate entertainment studios in both Santa Monica, Calif., and Manhattan, N.Y., **Nathan Love '05, MBA '06** left the digital and home entertainment groups to join New Video in New York as its senior manager of digital accounts. New Video markets and distributes its content through digital distribution channels. With more than 16,000 films and TV episodes under license distributed to more than 30 partners, it is the largest independent aggregator of video content in North America.

Christopher Murphy '05 graduated "with great honors" from Oregon Health & Science University in Portland in June. At that time, he was inducted into the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor



There are four Willamette alumni in the new MD class (of 2015) at Oregon Health Science University. Left to right: Dana (Lundstedt) Londe '07, Mike Kiefer '04, Corey Constantino '09, and John Turner '04. They all got together and sent us a photo! The Class of 2015 matriculated and received white coats on Aug. 19. There were more than 4,500 applicants for 120 positions in the class. We wish them all the best!

Medical Society. He began his three-year residency in internal medicine/primary care at the University of Washington in Seattle.



AJ Nash '05, MBA'06 and Sheena Renee Gleason were married Aug. 20 at Eola Hills

Winery in Rickreall, Ore.

Scott Overby '05 teaches math at Thuringia International School in Weimar, Germany. He moved there in July with wife, Heather, and children Stanley, 3, and Holly, 1.

To Heather Sly-Haley '05 and husband Brian, a daughter, Lily Jane, born June 2.



Jacob Baran '06, MAT'07 and Melissa Allen were married at Mt. Hood Bed

and Breakfast in Parkdale, Ore. on July 9. Several Willamette alumni were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. The couple met at Beaverton (Ore.) High School, where they both work as teachers. Jacob teaches math and coaches baseball and girls basketball, while Melissa teaches English and is the school's activities director.

Michelle Levin '06, MAT'07 and Jonathan Barsock were married Sept. 4 in Malibu, Calif. Erin Fenning '07 signed their

ketubah, and wedding party members included Jessica Smith '06 and Sara Chaison MAT'07. For their honeymoon, the couple spent two weeks driving, touring and hiking around the perimeter of Iceland. They live in Studio City, Calif.

Sarah Miller '06, MBA'11 has been appointed director of communications for Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. She previously served as communications specialist for Girl Scouts OSW while completing Willamette's MBA for Professionals program in Portland.

Sara Barnes '07, MBA'11 and Will Patton '08, MBA'11 were married Aug. 27 at Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood in Oregon. The ceremony was attended by 100 close friends and family, including several Willamette MBA alumni. Sara and Will are extremely thankful for all the well wishes, and they are looking forward to beginning married life in the Portland area.

Sam Brown '07 wrote to tell us he's currently living in Winona, Minn., and has helped start a community-wide music festival there. The festival has raised \$14,000 for five local non-profits in its first two years.



To Mariah (Lett) Clark '07 and husband Brian, a son, Jaxson Dwaine,

born Aug. 7. The family lives in Clackamas, Ore.

Ben Crop '08, MBA'09 was hired as the technical director at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). Crop is the full-time technical director for the theatre arts department, where he supervises students and technical staff. "I engineer, budget and manage all theatrical productions at SBCC," he writes. "This is my dream job, and I hope to stay in this beautiful place for years to come."

Elena Noyes '08, MBA'09 has just accepted the position as development programme coordinator for the New Zealand High Commission in Tonga, a position she is excited to take after being involved in development in the country for some time. After working for two years in Tonga via Peace Corps at Tonga Development Bank, she and her husband are concluding their Peace Corps service and are looking forward to starting other full-time work in the next few months.

Dominique Lomax '10 is excited to report she has a new job teaching AP Calculus in Wuxi, China, where she is putting her math major and Chinese studies minor to work.

Atkinson Graduate School of Management

1970s

Takao Yamamoto '74, MBA'76 retired from his position as senior vice president of Union Bank. "I am finishing 35 years of a wonderful banking career after I graduated from Atkinson Graduate School of Management," he writes.

1980s



Mary Ann Harty MBA'87 completed her first year of service in Peace Corps

Armenia. "I live in a remote village (population 2,500) in Lori Marz, near the Georgian border," writes Mary. "Work is scarce here; subsistence agriculture and animal husbandry help most families eat well throughout the year using locally grown organic food and dairy products. I work on a variety of projects for the mayor's office and am active with the youth group teaching English classes and organizing camps."

Scott McIntyre MBA'89 has been named PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's Global Government and Public Sector leader responsible for PwC's \$1.5 billion public sector practice in 152 countries. He continues to lead PwC's U.S. public sector practice, which is focused on delivering management consulting services to the U.S. Federal Government, state and local governments and multilateral development organizations.

1990s

Forrest Rodgers MM'90 was appointed executive director of the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (aka "the MAC") in Spokane, Wash. The MAC features regional history, art and artifacts of the Plateau Indian tribes, it serves as the Eastern Washington State Historical Society and it's a member of the prestigious Smithsonian Affiliates. In addition to serving as an assistant dean at the Atkinson School, Rodgers has worked at Pacific, Marylhurst and Oregon State universities, and has served as chief executive officer of the High Desert Museum in Bend, Ore.

Erika (Murnieks) Colson '91, MBA'95 and Scott Colson MBA'94, recently merged their company, Autonomix Inc., with another information technology consultancy, Fine Solutions, in the Seattle area. The Colsons each gained a minority ownership share in the combined company, which continues to operate under the Fine Solutions brand. Fine Solutions (www.fine.com) was just named to the 2011 Inc. 500/5000 list of fastest-growing companies.



Amanda Durkee MBA'97, a partner at Zanthus, was named marketing

research emerging leader by the American Marketing Association (AMA) at the annual marketing research conference in Orlando, Fla. in September. The "4 under 40" award, established by the AMA last year, recognizes and showcases contributions of the next generation of leaders in the market research industry. Specifically, the award is given to a select few researchers who consistently demonstrate a commitment to their industry by serving as passionate collaborators — leading by example, mentoring, transferring knowledge and taking risks to achieve a desired outcome. For the 2011 award, Durkee was the only woman, and the only American, to win.

2000s

In her role as applications development manager, **Angela Mahoney '93, MBA'00** is presenting for the second time at the annual Salesforce.com conference in San Francisco. Salesforce.com invited PECL to showcase work by Mahoney and her team in their session titled, "The New Field Work: Mobile Data Collection and the Force.com."

Nick Jwayad MBA'01 completed an executive education program on 21st century leadership at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in Cambridge, Mass. Nick serves as the deputy chief operating officer and chief information officer of Portland Public Schools.



To Mark Brown MBA'03 and wife Amy, a son, Jonas Patrick, born

June 1 in Rochester, Minn. Jonas joins siblings Holden, Lili, Asher, Miriam and Eliza in the Brown household. Mark recently accepted a new position within Mayo Clinic Health System (MCHS). He is now an operations administrator at MCHS in Owatonna, Minn., about 40 miles west of Rochester. Mark serves as the administrative liaison for the family practice, pediatrics, urgent care, laboratory and radiology departments within this large, multispecialty group practice.



To Tricia (Palmer) Olson JD/ MBA'03 and husband Troy, a daughter,

Madelyn Yihong Olson, adopted May 9, 2010. Madelyn was born Feb. 16, 2009, in the Fujian Province of China.

Sid Parakh MBA'03, an analyst at McAdams Wright Regen, was cited in a Bloomberg article about Microsoft's new tablet software challenging the iPad. Said Sid in the article, "It's very important for them to get this right. They can't compete with what's out there today in tablets." He was recently assigned an interim role as the company's director of research.



To Amy (Crocker) MBA'04 and **Michael Thomas MBA'03**, a

son, Jack Henry, born June 17. He joins sister Anna, 2.



To Woody English MBA'05 and wife Anna, a daughter, Ebba

Linnea, born Sept. 24. They live in Washington, D.C., where Woody works for the Department of State in the foreign service. The family is preparing to move to Angola in the spring for a few years for Woody's first post.

Tony Jones '02, MBA'05 accepted a new position with the global public relations agency Waggener Edstrom Worldwide as senior manager of insight and analytics. He oversees three teams that provide traditional and social media analysis for the agency's largest client, Microsoft. He is currently working out of the office in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Jorge Ordonez MBA'05 recently returned from Costa Rica, where he made a presentation and led a roundtable discussion on "Calculating the Cost of Capital" at a two-day meeting of the Coordinating Association of Central American Energy Regulators (ACERCA). The meeting was made possible through a USAID cooperative agreement with the Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He works as a senior financial economist for the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Courtney Ranstrom MBA'05 was appointed treasurer of the Salem YWCA board of directors. She is excited to donate her time and expertise to an organization that provides such valuable services to the community.



Benjamin Reim MBA'05 and **Nancy Cherng** were married Aug. 6 in Peshastin,

Wash. The venue was Beecher Hill House. They now live and work in Seattle.



To Alycia Huskins Bleeker JD/ MBA'06 and husband, Adam, a

daughter, Graysen, born June 2.

Josh Caldwell MBA'06 joined ESI's construction team. He will work with a team broadly focused on the firm's business development and marketing across 37 states and throughout multiple and diverse sectors, including retail, medical, hospitality, education, government and high tech.



Kirsten Changstrom MBA'06 and **Adam Eades** were married at the Beaver

Creek Chapel in Colorado July 30.

After five years at the Lionsgate entertainment studio in both Santa Monica, Calif., and Manhattan, N.Y., **Nathan Love '05, MBA'06** left the digital and home entertainment groups to join New Video in New York as its senior manager of digital accounts. New Video markets and distributes its content through digital distribution channels. With more than 16,000 films and TV episodes under license distributed to more than 30 partners, it is the largest independent aggregator of video content in North America.



AJ Nash '05, MBA'06 and **Sheena Renee Gleason** were married Aug. 20 at Eola

Hills Winery in Rickreall, Ore.

In August 2011, **Dan Olson MBA'06** left Gallup Consulting to accept a position at Apple as operations product manager in the iPod division. He will be extensively involved in the product development cycle, working with the international manufacturing locations to ensure product delivery and quality.



To Heather (Buxton) Roberts MBA'06 and husband:

Chris, a son, Coen Kwasi, born July 31. He was born in Ghana, West Africa. Throughout the adoption process this past year, Heather traveled to Ghana three times. She and her husband have also become involved in charitable works in the country. Coen joins older brother Carter, 1.

Nancy Beaudry MBA'08 is a financial advisor with Waddell & Reed in Salem. She specializes in helping people develop a plan for achieving their financial goals — such as saving for retirement and establishing college education funds.

Geoffrey Winkler '03, JD'06, MBA'08, of The Grassmuck Group, was recognized with a 2011 Turnaround of the Year and Transaction of the Year Award at the Turnaround Management Association's Annual Convention in San Diego in late October. The TMA Turnaround of the Year Award honors professionals who aid struggling companies by fortifying operations and leadership, improving cash flow and increasing production.

Ben Crop '08, MBA'09 was hired as the technical director at Santa Barbara City College (SBCC). Crop is the full-time technical director for the theatre arts department, where he supervises students and technical staff. "I engineer, budget and manage all theatrical productions at SBCC," he writes. "This is my dream job, and I hope to stay in this beautiful place for years to come."

Elena Noyes '08, MBA'09 has just accepted the position as development programme coordinator for the New Zealand High Commission in Tonga, a position she is excited to take after being involved in development in the country for some time. After working for two years in Tonga via Peace Corps at Tonga Development

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Bank, she and her husband are concluding their Peace Corps service and are looking forward to starting other full-time work in the next few months.



Task Force Gridley, 1249th Engineer Battalion, Oregon Army

National Guard Soldier 1st Lt. **Maribel Ortega MBA'09** participated in a Satellite Run of the Hood to Coast held on Forward Operating Base Sharana in Paktika Province, Afghanistan on Aug. 27, mirroring the Hood to Coast being held in Oregon. Participating runners in the relay race included National Guard soldiers from Oregon and Nebraska, as well as engineers from the 18th Engineer Brigade and civilian contractors. Teams Warrior and Oregon were comprised mainly of Oregon National Guard soldiers. One team, which included several runners from the Oregon race, had a soldier run as a shadow runner in Afghanistan. There was a live hand off via satellite phone to the runners in Oregon, as the major finished his legs.



John Powell JD/MBA'09 and **Abby Nelson JD'08** were married.

Oct. 8 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Portland. A reception followed at Waverley Country Club.

Camille Mercier MBA'10 took a job with Ameristar Casino and Hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa last spring. She worked at Spirit Mountain Casino in Oregon for nearly 15 years and moved to Nebraska to work as Ameristar's human resources director. The career move will allow her to gain additional experience in the gaming industry for a corporate casino property. Ameristar owns and operates seven casinos in six states.

Sarah Miller '06, MBA'11 has been appointed director of communications for Girl Scouts of Oregon and Southwest Washington. She previously served as communications specialist for Girl Scouts OSW while completing Willamette's MBA for Professionals program in Portland.

Sara Barnes '07, MBA'11 and **Will Patton '08, MBA'11** were married Aug. 27 at Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood in Oregon. The ceremony was attended by 100 close friends and family, including several Willamette MBA alumni. Sara and Will are extremely thankful for all the well wishes, and they are looking forward to beginning married life in the Portland area.

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2000s

To **Anmarie (Eggert) Dwyer '97, MAT'04** and husband Ryan, a son, Grant Charles, born Oct. 13, 2010. He joins brother Collin, 4.



Jacob Baran '06, MAT'07 and **Melissa Allen** were married at Mt. Hood Bed

and Breakfast in Parkdale, Ore., on July 9. Several Willamette alumni were in attendance to celebrate the occasion. They met at Beaverton High School, where they both work as teachers. Jacob teaches math and coaches baseball and girls basketball, while Melissa teaches English and is the school's activities director.

To **Celeste (Brooks) '04, MAT'05** and **Jay Zimmerman '05**, twin sons, Luke Axel and Oliver Graham, born July 25. The family lives in Linköping, Sweden.

Michelle Levin '06, MAT'07 and **Jonathan Barsook** were

married Sept. 4 in Malibu, Calif. **Erin Fenning '07** signed their ketubah, and wedding party members included **Jessica Smith '06** and **Sara Chaison MAT '07**. For their honeymoon, the couple spent two weeks driving, touring and hiking around the perimeter of Iceland. They live in Studio City, Calif.

In Memoriam

1930s

Virginia A. (Durkee) Richards '33 died July 1 in Sequim, Wash. She was born in 1912 in Battle Ground, Wash., where she was raised. During World War II, she took over her husband's job as a reporter for a local newspaper to support their family of two small children until his commission came through. After the war, they built a house overlooking the Columbia River. Once her children were in high school, she began her long-delayed career in public education. She was on the staff at Hudson Bay High School for 17 years, both as a teacher and a student counselor. Throughout her life in Vancouver, Wash., she was active in community affairs as a member of the American Rhododendron Society, Columbia View Garden Club, League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women. She volunteered with the Red Cross, the American Association of Retarded Citizens and the Grandview Group Home. A sister, **Dorothy (Durkee) Harris '36**, and a daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

William B. Voss '36 died June 12 in Sonoma, Calif. He was born in Rockwell City, Iowa, in 1915, and his family moved to Oregon when he was 2. After Willamette, he attended the California Institute of Technology. He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps and was stationed in England and France during

World War II. He was in Paris on Victory in Europe Day. After the war, he worked for Hughes Aircraft in El Segundo, Calif., from 1946 until his retirement in 1982. While there, he worked on such projects as the surveyor and moon buggy. He received the County of Los Angeles Award of Honor for the Coastal Planning Commission, Golden State Award from the Who's Who Historical Society, the Who's Who in the West 1982-83 by the Marquis Who's Who Publication Board and Who's Who in Engineering for his electrical patents. His book, *Free Will in the Bible*, was published in 2001. He enjoyed mountain climbing in the eastern Sierra Nevada, skiing, spending time with his family, visiting friends, discussing theology and taking long car rides. A brother, **John Voss '38**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

John P. Voss '38 died March 11, 2008, in Hollis, N.H. He was born July 7, 1917 in Salem. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Valera E. (Amort) Lanier '39 died June 16 in Dallas, Texas. She was born in Shaw, Ore., in 1917. After Willamette, she graduated from the University of Portland Nursing School in 1939. She was commissioned into the Navy Nurse Corps and stationed at the naval hospital in Shoemaker, Calif., as an ensign. There, she met a Louisiana boy and naval officer, Dr. Jack Lanier. Shortly after their wedding, Jack was ordered to China and then on to the Philippines, where they began their marriage at Sangley Point Naval Station. They raised six children, who remember their mother as the ultimate homemaker. As her children grew, she pursued more personal interests, such as tennis, sewing, gardening and nursing. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include three sons and three daughters.

1940s

Corliss S. Berry '40 died Sept. 27, 2009, in Portland. He was born in Lake Oswego, Ore., in 1918. He sold insurance for Equitable Life Insurance Co. of Iowa. Survivors include two daughters and two stepsons.

Warren C. Bertelson '41 died Jan. 9, 2009, in Salem. He was born June 18, 1918. Survivors include two sons and two daughters.

Barbara Ann "Bobbie" (Hollingworth) Whalin '42 died June 24 in Medford, Ore. She was the daughter of **Carl Hollingworth '13** and **Pearl Bradley Hollingworth '13**. She was born in St. Helens, Ore., in 1920 and grew up in Portland. At Willamette she met and married **Edwin McWain '41**. They were married for 35 years until his death in 1978. In 1980, Bobbie married Don Whalin, whose wife, **Lois Herman Whalin '40**, had also died. Bobbie and Lois were good friends at Willamette. Bobbie and Don put together a great blended family, with annual reunions and other events celebrated together. Lots of "Willamette" talk during those fun times! Her hobbies included traveling, reading, sewing, knitting and playing cards. Throughout her life, she was always volunteering for something. She was a member of PEO and Westminster Presbyterian Church, and she belonged to several bridge groups and a book club. Her husband and a sister, **Jean (Hollingsworth) Nohlgren '38** preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, **Judith (McWain) Armstrong '68** and **Marlee (McWain) Dutli '71**; two stepdaughters, **Barbara (Whalin) Olsen '66** and **Charlotte (Whalin) Marsh '72**, eight grandchildren including **Donald Olsen '98** and **Michael Olsen '01**, and five great-grandchildren.

Mary J. (Cutler) Achor '43 died April 13 in Rochester, Minn. She was born in Portland

in 1920, and after attending Willamette, graduated with a degree in home economics from Oregon State University. She moved to Minnesota in 1950 and taught at the Aldrich Nursery School for 22 years. She enjoyed current events, reading, the opera and theater. She also enjoyed working with and teaching children. Her husband, **Richard Achor '42** preceded her in death. Survivors include two sisters, **Dorothy Cutler '40** and **Louise (Cutler) Baxter '45**; two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Reba F. (Lehman) Dunlap '43 died June 26 in Portland. She was born in 1919, and her family moved to Portland in 1922. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1938 before attending Willamette, where she studied music and played the flute and piccolo. She attended the University of Oregon school of nursing and graduated in June, 1948. Most of her nursing was at Emanuel Hospital, from which she retired at age 75. She lived in a number of small towns in Oregon, where the city band always talked her into playing in its Saturday evening band concerts as the only piccolo player. Her hobbies were music, stained glass windows and meeting twice a year with her college nursing class. Survivors include her husband and five children.

Hubert P. Schmidt '43 died June 13, 2008, in Puyallup, Wash. He was born May 5, 1919. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren.

Samuel A. Godfrey '44 died June 29 in Corvallis, Ore. He was born in Seattle in 1922. His childhood was spent in Seattle and San Francisco during the Depression, which had a direct effect on his upbringing. Life provided little opportunity, and he had to quit school to work and provide for his mother and sister June. He attended night school to obtain his high school diploma, and once he did so, enlisted in the U.S. Navy during

World War II. While in the Navy, Godfrey was identified for the V-12 Officer Program and then transferred to attend Willamette. It was there that he met

Florence (Lee) Godfrey '44. He transferred to Harvard University to continue his studies, and when he returned to the Willamette Valley, he was married. Following the end of the war, he was obligated to finish his military commitment and was sent to the Aleutian Islands for six months. After his discharge from the Navy, he finished his college education at the University of Washington. He was hired by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, where he spent his entire career with the Bell system. In 1998, he endowed the Florence Lee Godfrey Scholarship Fund, and his estate will provide an additional contribution to the fund. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include four sons.

William "Bill" R. Habernicht '45 died May 12 in Salem. He was born in Astoria, Ore., in 1923. His family moved to Salem when Habernicht was in his early teens, and he remained a Salem resident for the rest of his life. Habernicht graduated from Salem High School. While at Willamette, he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and he remained active with the fraternity throughout his life. He served in the Army at Fort Lewis in Washington. He was employed in Salem by Heider's TV and Appliances and The Capital Press before going into advertising. He was a representative for The Vernon Company of Newton, Iowa before becoming a district sales manager for Benmatt Industries of Anaheim, Calif., specializing in automobile dealer identification products. During his lifetime, he served on the education committee for the First Congregational Church in Salem and organizational committees for the annual March of Dimes. He was also a Master Mason of Pacific Lodge No. 50 A.F. and A.M. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, two grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

Mary J. (Nims) Beegle '46 died Jan. 16 in Long Beach, Calif. She was born Feb. 22, 1925 in Portland. Survivors include her husband, **Donald Beegle '47**; a brother, **Donald Nims '56**; a son and a daughter.

Thomas L. Stern '46 died May 28 in Sun Lakes, Ariz. He was born in San Francisco in 1920 and served in the Navy for four years during World War II. In 1950 he received his medical degree from Oregon Health Science University School of Medicine in Portland, completing residencies at St. Vincent Medical Center. He had a general medical practice in Sherwood, Ore., from 1952-60. In 1960, Dr. Stern moved to Southern California, where he maintained a practice in Manhattan Beach from 1960-74. He built and directed the Family Practice Residency Program at Santa Monica Hospital Medical Center, one of the first residency programs specifically dedicated to the training of family practice physicians. He then moved to Kansas City, Mo., to fill the post of director of the Division of Education of the American Academy of Family Practice (AAFP). After leaving the academy, he was named the first vice president of professional and corporate affairs for the Family Health Foundation of America. After his 1991 retirement from the foundation, the Thomas L. Stern, M.D. Lectureship was established in Dr. Stern's honor. His wife, **Gladys "Glad" (Crawford) Stern '44** preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Winsor Acton '47 died May 7 in Houston, Texas. He was born in 1925 in Salem and attended Salem schools until World War II, when he entered Willamette through the V-12 program before graduating from Salem High School. He joined Willamette's Gamma Sigma Chapter of Beta Theta Pi and became an active alumnus of the fraternity. After his U.S. Navy service, he returned to finish a degree in

chemistry. He completed his master and doctorate degrees in organic chemistry from Pennsylvania State University. His work life led him to Wilmington, Del. with Hercules, Inc. for 12 years; Burlington, Vt., with E.B. and A.C. Whiting Company for four years; St. Louis with Monsanto for one year; and to New York City as the technical service person with ITT Rayonier for 21 years. Upon retirement in 1988, Acton and his wife left New York City to return to Salem. For the next 20 years they were active in supporting the Oregon Symphony, the Salem Culture and Tourism Board and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They were founding shareholders in his special love, Willamette Valley Vineyards. He also served a term on the Willamette Alumni Board of Directors. Survivors include his wife and a daughter.

Beverly J. (Briggs) Cross '49 died Aug. 17 in Portland. She was born in Moorhead, Minn., in 1926 and grew up in Great Falls, Mont. She was a member of Phi Beta Phi sorority while at Willamette. She was a resident of Portland for 36 years, the last 15 of which she lived at Holladay Park Plaza and enjoyed the company of many friends. Always interested in current events, she kept up with the lives of family and friends. She served patients and their loved ones as an active Providence St. Vincent Hospital volunteer. In 1997, the Travis and Beverly Cross Guest Housing Center at St. Vincent was named in her honor. A daughter and her husband, **Travis Cross '49**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, two sons, a sister, **Lillian (Briggs) Larson '39**, and five grandchildren.

Alan G. Robertson '49 died July 22 in Beaverton, Ore. He was born in Salem in 1925 to Louise (Benson) Barton '18. His parents were musicians and he became one as well, playing the French horn. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and became a signalman. Back in Salem after the

war, he attended Willamette University and landed his first music teaching job in Ione, Ore. He was the longtime band director at Beaverton High School, where he developed the music department into a strong and competitive program. In 1966 he was recruited to teach in Lewis and Clark College's graduate education program, where he remained for 11 years. For the Portland Rose Festival, where he was first a volunteer then a director for 35 years, he was chairman of the Starlight Parade, the Festival of Bands and the Stage Band Classic. A fateful luncheon with another Rose Festival director, a realtor who told him he could double his income, caused an abrupt career change to real estate. He received many accolades from both the metro and state organizations, including the Distinguished Service Award and Realtor of the Year. His leadership was marked by fun and friendship, often with the aid of rubber chickens and whoopee cushions. Survivors include his wife, four sons, two stepsons, 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1950s

Albert E. Miller '50 died Sept. 24, 2007 in San Francisco. He was born in 1926 in Hubbard, Ore. Survivors include his wife, **Camille (Pappert) Miller '53**, and three sons.

Ellen (Montague) Miller '50 died April 27 in Sunnyvale, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include two sons and a daughter.

Elwood "Woody" E. Obert '51 died Sept. 26 in Keizer, Ore. He was born in Robbinsdale, Minn., in 1925 and moved with his family to Oregon in 1942. When he turned 18 he enlisted in the Army, completed flight training school and became an Army Air Corps pilot. In 1944, he was sent to the China Burma India theater of World War II as a C-47 pilot, logging as many as 100 hours of flight time per week in support of

ground troops. He received numerous citations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. Following discharge from the service, he attended Oregon State University and then Willamette. He was recalled to active military duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1960. Afterward, he restarted his military career and flew the C-119 "flying boxcar" aircraft for the 939th Tactical Airlift Group based in Portland. Later, he flew the 303rd Air Sea Rescue group based in Riverside, Calif. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel in 1980. He moved to McNary Golf club 20 years ago, and escaped the Oregon winters to a winter home in Palm Desert, Calif. at the first sign of rain. Survivors include his wife, **Patricia (Zosel) Obert '51**; a son; a daughter, and four grandchildren.

Donald E. Beecroft '52 died April 28, 2006 in Kelso, Ore. He graduated from Salem High School in 1942 and served in the U.S. Army from 1943-46. He completed an engineering degree from Oregon State University and spent his entire career working for the State of Oregon as a civil engineer. He retired in 1984 after 33 years of service. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son and five grandchildren.

Lucy (Collins) Bellinger '52 died Sept. 12 in Salem. She was born in 1930 and raised in Berkeley, Calif. She met her husband of 62 years, **Allan Bellinger '52**, on the dance floor at Willamette. After completing her teaching degree at Oregon College of Education, Lucy taught at Hoover Elementary School and later at Little Red School House. Family members remember her for her wonderful sense of humor, her warmth in entertaining and her tender heart for animals. She loved playing cards, especially playing bridge at the Salem Bridge Club, where she became a life master. She had fun vacationing at Cultus Lake in Oregon with family and friends. In her earlier years, she enjoyed

skiing and playing the cello and piano. She had fond memories of camping as a youth with her family at Yosemite National Park in California. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, including **Jennifer (Bellinger) Todd JD '83**; a son; and four grandchildren, including **Spencer Todd '10, JD '13** and **Haley Todd '12**.

Prudence (Edwards) Denney '53 died June 15 in Portland. She was born in Portland in 1931. Her family moved to Longview, Wash., before she started school, and she completed her elementary and secondary education in the public schools there, graduating from Robert A. Long High School in 1949. She started her college career at Willamette University as an English literature major and joined the Pi Beta Phi sorority. After two years, she transferred to Pomona College in Claremont, Calif., where, in her last year, she changed her major to biology and worked very hard to cram in the required courses. She was a lifelong member of the Mazamas, a member of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, West Hills Racquet Club and Great Books. She was truly a student of the natural world. To the very end of her life she loved the textures and colors of rocks, wildflowers and mossy twigs. She was a musician, an athlete, an outdoorswoman, a student of Shakespeare and a deep and critical thinker. A brother, **Miles Edwards '51** preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, **D. Duane Denney '53**; two daughters; and a son, **Colin Denney '83**.

Dorothy I. (Shoudy) Judd '53 died Aug. 11, 2010, in Salem. She was born in 1916 in Kansas City, Mo., and moved to Oregon in 1926. In 1932, at the age of 16, she graduated as valedictorian from her high school. During World War II she was a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy at the Klamath Falls air base. After graduating magna cum laude from Willamette, she earned her master's degree in education

from Oregon State University. From 1954-61 she taught at North Salem High School. From 1961-63, she served as the assistant director of admissions at Willamette. She returned to public education as head of the business and counseling departments at South Salem High School, retiring in 1980. She served as president of Zonta International, an international organization of women business and education professionals. She was a life member of the American Association of University Women, a member of the honorary women's teachers organization, Alpha Delta Kappa, and a member of Town and Gown, a group that gave scholarships to Willamette music students. She loved reading, roses, cooking, bowling, playing golf and traveling throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe, especially France. Survivors include a daughter, **Virginia Judd '64**, and many nieces and nephews.

Loren "Buz" L. Sawyer '53 died Aug. 31 in Ashland, Ore. He was born in 1931 in Redmond, Ore., where he was raised. After Willamette, he completed a law degree at the University of Oregon Law School. The youngest appointment to the bench, he was only 29 years old when he became a judge. At his retirement, he was the second-longest serving judge in the history of Oregon, having completed 37 years on the bench. He was known for his courage to make difficult and often controversial decisions. As a senior judge, he continued to serve as an arbitrator and mediator. He was truly an outdoorsman and was well known for his love of hiking, back-packing, skiing and bicycling, having ridden his bicycle to work from Ashland to Medford for 25 years. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander. He was named Medford Oregon Safety Council Citizen of the Year, and he was honored with the Medford Education Association Award for Service to Education and the National Judicial College Hall of Honor award. He

helped found the Star Gulch home for troubled children; he was an initiator of the Jackson County Alcohol Offender Program and the Jackson County Driver Improvement School. He organized Jackson County's first drug rehabilitation program and Jackson County's Volunteers for Juveniles Program. He also served on boards for more than a dozen local and national organizations. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, three sons, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Robert "Bob" B. Batchelder '54, JD '57 died Feb. 14, 2011 in Omaha, Neb. He was born in 1933. He retired as general commerce counsel for Union Pacific Railroad. An avid supporter of Omaha's cultural arts, he served on the Community Advisory Board of KVNO Classical Radio; the Omaha Symphony Board; and the board of Countryside Community Church. His wife **Frances (Miller) Batchelder '56** preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, **Kenneth Batchelder '83**; two grandsons; and a sister.

Betty (Walser) Hamilton '54 died April 8 in Fremont, Calif. She was born Nov. 3, 1932, in Spokane, Wash. Survivors include a sister, **Doris (Walser) O'Neill '50**.

Eldon "Eric" Erickson '57 died June 22 in Corvallis, Ore. He was born in Gresham, Ore., in 1935 and graduated from Gresham High School in 1953 before enrolling at Willamette, where he was a member and president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After graduating, he went on to attend the University of Oregon Medical School, where he graduated in 1960. After the completion of his residency in internal medicine at the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital in 1963, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., for two years. In 1966, he moved to Corvallis with his family. He joined the Corvallis Clinic, specializing

in internal medicine and diabetes. He was a member of the medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha, and he was a fellow of the American College of Physicians. Survivors include his wife, **Carol (Hewitt) Erickson '56**; two sisters including **Norma (Erickson) Hulett '54**; three daughters; and four grandsons.

Gerald "Jerry" L. Gritsch '57 died Oct. 20, 2010, in Gresham, Ore. He was born March 1, 1935. Survivors include his wife, **Carol (Lusch) Gritsch '58** and sister **Judith (Gritsch) Wigell '65**.

Aaron Novick '58 died June 4 in Roseburg, Ore. He was born in Goshen, N.Y., in 1930. He graduated from Tannersville Pennsylvania High School in 1947 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, where he served six years. After his honorable discharge, he moved to Oregon and attended Willamette. He graduated from the University of Oregon School of Dentistry in 1961. He began his profession in Myrtle Point, Ore. shortly after graduation and established a private dental practice in Winston, Ore., in 1963. He moved his office in 1968 to Roseburg, where he retired in 1995. He was a pioneer in the dental application of nitrous oxide and was recognized by the International Dental Implantology Society. He was a member of the Umpqua Dental Society, the Oregon Dental Association and the American Dental Association. He lived an active life and enjoyed activities as varied as jogging, golfing, cross-country skiing, scuba, dancing and cycling. His greatest passion was aviation, earning his private pilot's license in 1968 and later attaining his flight instrument rating. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, two sons and four grandchildren.

Josephine "Jo" A. (Heald) Simpson '59 died Aug. 26 in Portland. She was born in Brush, Colo., in 1937, and her family moved to Oregon in her youth. On the day of her gradu-

ation from Willamette she married **Robert Simpson JD '59**. They settled in Portland, where Bob started his law career. Jo gave the term "homemaker" the greatest possible meaning. Not only did she give birth to three children, but she also canned food, made meals from scratch, utilized her green thumb in vegetable and flower gardens galore and supervised three additions to the home she and Bob bought in 1961 and lived in ever since. She later lent this same expertise to a beach house they bought in Pacific City, Ore. She volunteered for numerous parent and student organizations at Riverdale School and attended nearly every activity in which her children participated. In addition, she was instrumental in the creation of Tryon Creek State Park, lending her energy and organizational skills to Friends of Tryon Creek. Her many years of helping with Republican political campaigns culminated with her own successful run for the Oregon State Legislature, where she served as a representative in the 1979-80 session. After her children left home, Jo took on a family history project for Bob's family, transcribing 52 small hand-written diaries of relatives. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, a son and four grandchildren.

1960s

Nettie A. (Hansen) Weaver '60 died Sept. 26 in Edgewood, Wash. She was born in Portland in 1938 and was a long-time resident of the Seattle area. She was a talented artist and Christian counselor. She was also the past PTA president of the Woodside School in Burien, Wash. Her husband, **William Weaver '58** preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons.

George Clark '61 died June 29 in Buffalo, N.Y. He was born in 1939 in Portland. After earning a degree in music at Willamette, he went on to earn a master's degree from

the University of Portland. He was a gifted musician and was employed as an organist and choir master at Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish and at St. Joseph Church in Niagara Falls, N.Y. Prior to that, he worked as an organist for various other area churches. Clark was a member of the American Guild Organist and the Church Musicians Guild. Survivors include his wife, two sons and two grandchildren.

Henry I. Dahlberg '61 died Sept. 4 in Lebanon, Ore. He was born in Teien Township, Minn., and raised on a small farm in Drayton, N.D. He attended college at North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis. Upon graduating in 1942, he pastored a church in Culbertson, Mont., until 1945. In the fall of 1945 he traveled to Montreal to learn French, and in 1946 he left for missionary service in Upper Volta (Burkina Faso), West Africa. He returned to Upper Volta, where he served until 1954. He pastored a home missions church in Pine City, Minn., and then in Madras, Ore. Henry then attended Willamette and obtained his teaching credentials with a master's degree in French. In 1961, he began teaching school at Seven Oak Middle School in Lebanon, where he taught for 20 years. After retiring in 1981, he became the senior pastor at First Assembly of God in Lebanon, where he served until 1999. Those were 18 wonderful years. Dahlberg was a family man. The joy of his life was being with his children and grandchildren. He loved to garden and visit with people. Survivors include his wife, three sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

Lee R. James '64 died Aug. 24 in Portland. He was born in Minneapolis in 1942 and graduated from Madison High School before attending Willamette. He worked in the burgeoning field of corporate marketing for nearly a decade before being recruited to the Federal Energy Administration during the 1970s oil crisis,

using his marketing skills to encourage conservation. One result of his work there was the adoption of "right-turn-on-red" traffic laws in all 50 states. When he returned to Portland in 1976, James served as chair of the Portland Energy Commission, developing one of the first large-city energy policies in the country. Turning his attention to the new Silicon Forest, James joined Regis McKenna, Inc. Later, he formed Alliance Consulting Group and was principle in the formation of Adventure Partners. James' community involvement included serving as scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 293, supporting Portland's Arts and Lectures Series and holding multiple volunteer and service positions at Valley Community Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder. Survivors include his wife, **Sherrie (Steele) James '63**; a daughter; a son and seven grandchildren.

Linda L. (Torkelson) Deighan '66 died April 14 in Lincoln, Calif. She was born May 12, 1944. Survivors include her husband.

Louis "George" B. Wells '67 died Dec. 26, 2005, in Motopalo, Costa Rica. He was born in Bryn Mawr, Penn. He lived in Blue Hill, Maine, but spent his younger years and many more in San Francisco. He attended Lick-Wilmerding High School, where he was an all-city fullback. He was a restaurateur in Blue Hill and Costa Rica. He also managed a leasing office for many years. Survivors include five sons, six grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

1970s

Steve D. Hunnicutt '77 died Aug. 17 in Roseburg, Ore. After graduating in 1973 from Roseburg High School, he attended Willamette, where he played football and track. He pursued a career at Umpqua Dairy. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, brother **Gregory Hunnicutt '74**, and five grandchildren.

1980s

R. Kevin Stewart '84 died Oct. 1 in Hopkinton, Mass. He was born in Pomona, Calif., in 1962. He graduated from Salem High School in 1980 before attending Willamette. An avid fisherman and Red Sox fan, he lived in Japan for two years as part of the JET program and maintained friendships around the world. After working for many years in the import/export field, Stewart founded Health Tech Export Associates in 2004. He grew his business into a successful enterprise, connecting U.S. and European human and veterinary health-product companies with interested customers in Japan. Survivors include a wife, two daughters, a son, sister, **Paula (Stewart) Brust '81**, and his parents.

Salvador Reyes '89 died May 29 in Salem. He was born in 1967 in Mexico City, Mexico. Survivors include three sons.

1990s

Nancy (Bledsoe) Itano '92 died June 7 in Scottsdale, Ariz. She was born in Seoul, South Korea in 1970. She grew up in McMinnville, Ore., and graduated from McMinnville High School as valedictorian in 1988. At Willamette, she met **Kelly Itano '92**, and the two married in 1995. She graduated with honors from WU. She went on to medical school at Oregon Health Sciences University and graduated at the top of her class in 1996. She chose urology as her specialty and worked at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., for her residency. Afterward, she joined the staff at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. In 2003, she became part of the Mayo Clinic Urology Department, where she earned the highest regard and respect of her colleagues and patients. Throughout her residency and career, she won numerous awards and was asked to present papers at many national meetings. She also helped start a urol-

ogy residency program at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale. She enjoyed traveling to various locales, such as the Pacific Coast, Hawaii and Colorado. She had a love of music, scrapbooking, board and word games, golf and skiing. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, her parents, a brother and a sister.

2000s

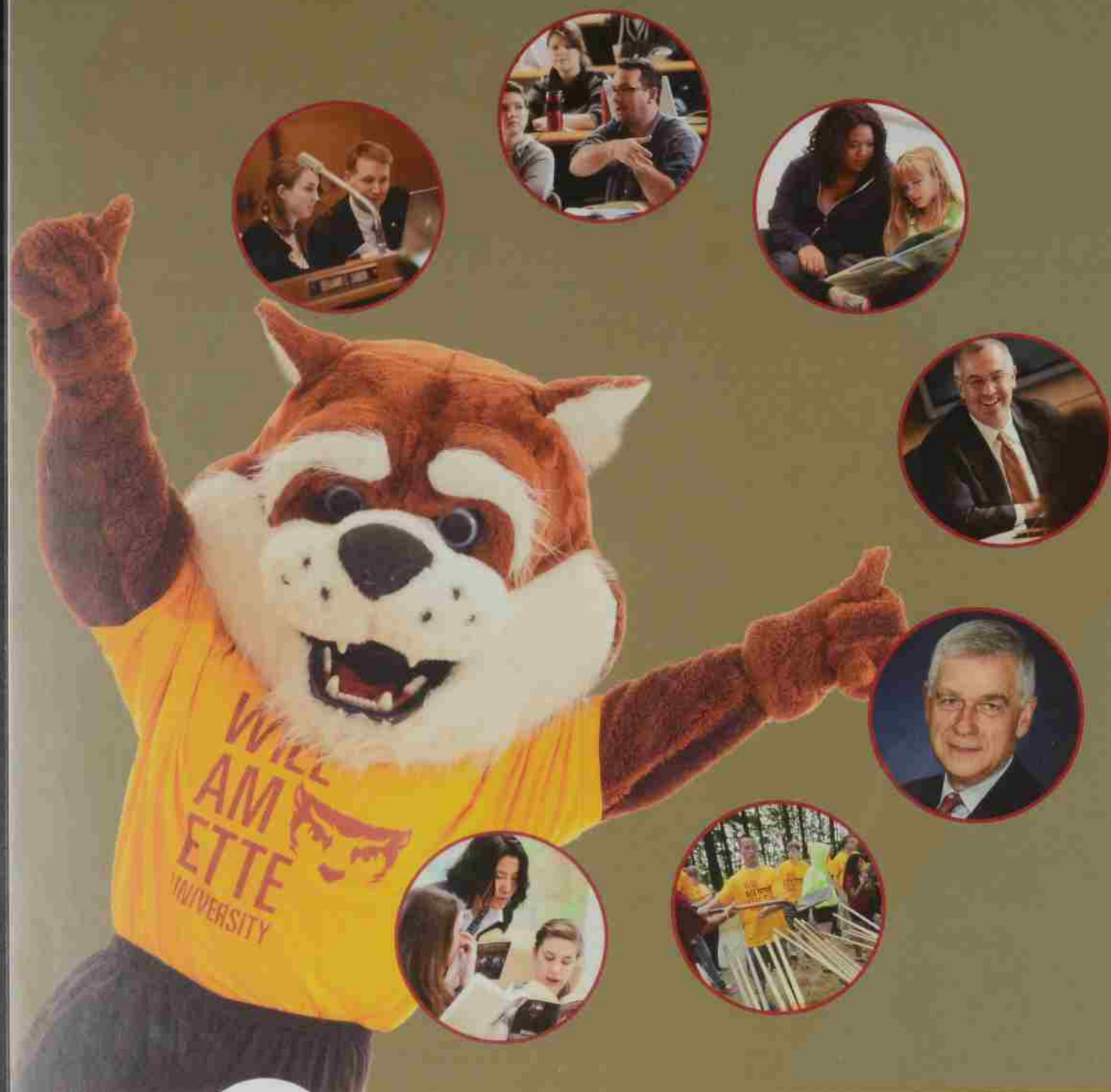
Robert "Patrick" Bransfield '09 died July 24 in San Francisco. He was born in 1987 in Grants Pass, Ore., and graduated from Grants Pass High School in 2005 before attending Willamette. At Willamette, he played football and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He enjoyed hunting, playing video games and spending time with his family and friends. Survivors include his parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, a brother and two sisters.

Faculty

Robert "Bob" Hawkinson died May 22 in Salem. At the time of his death, he was emeritus dean of campus life/associate professor of politics at Willamette. He was also Kaneko Faculty Commons mentor, a position created as part of the Residential Commons system he initiated during his tenure. During his nearly 30 years at Willamette, he was a revered educator, advisor and mentor who reached out to generations of students through his inspired teaching and committed dedication to the intellectual life of the university community. Although he was rewarded with emeritus status in 2009, he continued to teach in the politics department at Willamette for the remaining two years of his life. Raised in Chicago, Hawkinson was a 1966 Swarthmore College graduate and received a master's and PhD in political science in 1969 and 1977, respectively, from the University of Chicago. Over the course of his career, his devotion to the promotion of

excellence in higher education never wavered. He taught at the University of Chicago, the University of Alabama in Birmingham and the University of California in Santa Cruz. In 1982, he joined the faculty in the politics department at Willamette University. He served as associate dean of the college of liberal arts from 1993-96. In 1998, he was named interim vice president for student affairs, and later served as dean of campus life. Among his greatest accomplishments was creating a residential commons program at Willamette. He sought out advising roles both on and off campus and served as a mentor to countless students and student organizations. As a researcher and author, he was a keen scholar of American political life, writing numerous publications and conference papers on the meeting points between political ideology and public policy. In his later works, he focused on local politics in Oregon.

Nathaniel "Nacho" Cordova died July 16. A longtime Willamette professor, mentor and advocate, he was chair of the Department of Rhetoric and Media Studies. His academic interests included studying the formative power of public discourse, social movements, and identity and subjectivity. He also studied religious discourse in liberal democracy. Beyond academia, he was an avid photographer. Survivors include a wife, two daughters and a son.



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Above: President Thorsett visits with members of the class of 2015 during Opening Days.

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Fall 2011 Reader Responses

Kathy Barker '83 identified the three men in the T-shirt tuxedos as members of the class of 1983 during Glee, and Dana (Hixson) Reames '83 added the names of Bill Adams '83 (left) and Steve Ball '83 (center). Sally (Coffman) Coffman-Coen '85 and Virginia (Keats) Ball '62 corroborated the Steve Ball ID; Kathy (Cook) Wraith '85, MBA'86 adds that it might have been Scott Greenwood '83 at far left, and that Klaus Reich '83 is on the right.

Elsewhere, Daniel Wilson-Fey '78 identified two of the men in the Mill Stream as Shep Earl '78, MAT'91 (far left with glasses) and maybe Gary Matson '78 (white hat). Steve Fullmer '78 says that the photo was taken on Blue Monday 1975, that he might have been the photographer, and that the faces include Earl, Cara Bailey '78, Kelli (Brown) Stephens '78, Wendy (Carlson) Carlson-Koll '78, Jan Rimmerman '78 and Sandy (Gould) Kelly '78. Whitney (Heimlich) Ingersoll '79 again identified Earl, plus Jim Kniffin '79, Jay Dressler '79, David Yeaworth '80, Jennifer (Ray) Jurusik '79, Roberta Wood and Deb (Lewis) Givens '79.

Finally, Meg (Christensen) Griffith '02, MAT'03 recalled the color photo as having been taken Labor Day weekend in 1999. She named Rebecca Anderson '02, Carolina Clyborne Ramirez, Paula Edwards '02, herself, Hannah Bohard '02, Sita Davis '02 and Sabrina (Robinson) Koester '03. WU Associate Professor of Art Heidi Grew also emailed, confirming Davis.