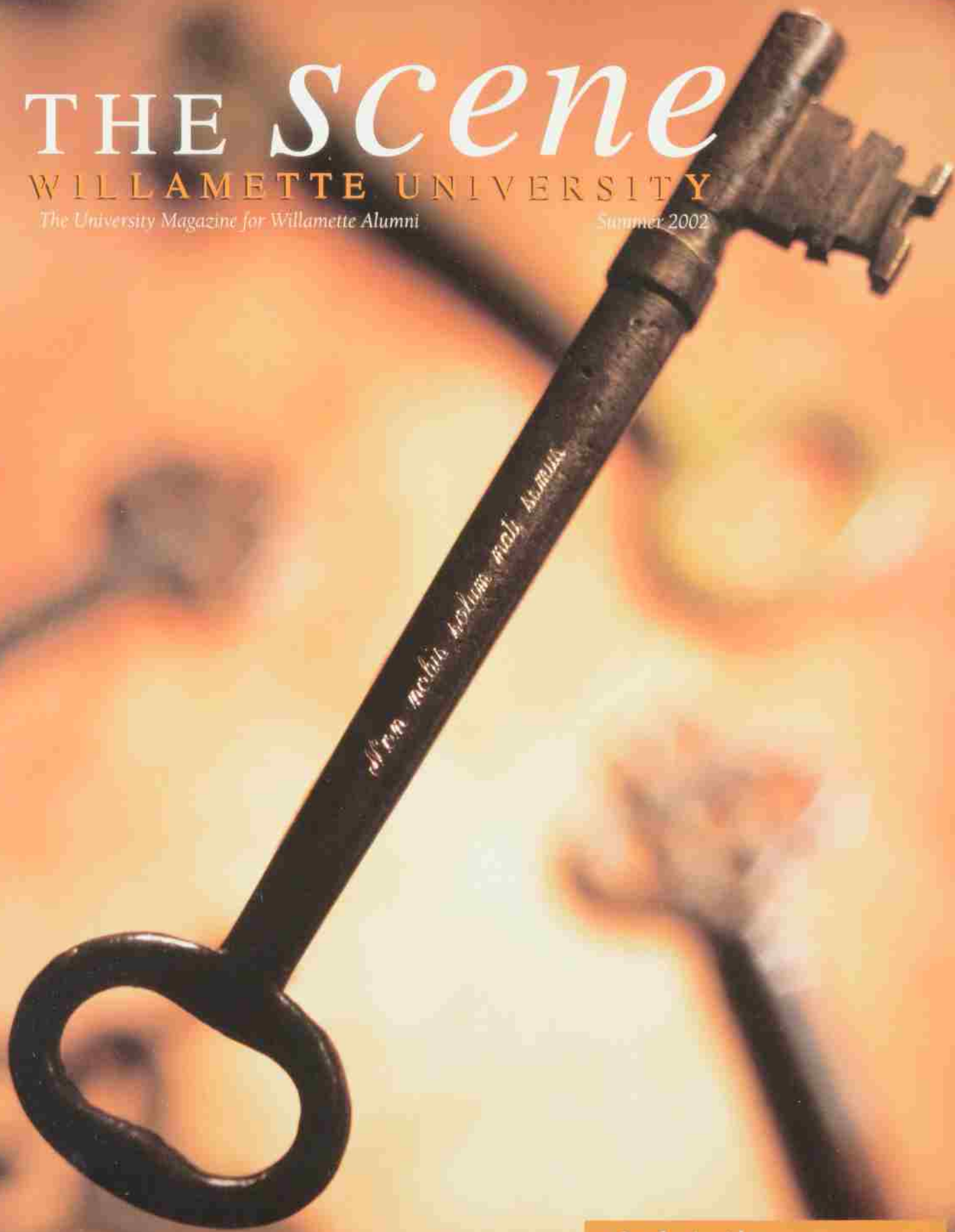


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## The Value of a Liberal Arts Education

Dear Willamette Community:

The brave men and women who founded Willamette University over a century and a half ago were ennobled by idealism, unyielding conviction, and steadfast faith in the transforming power of education. It is this same resolve and spirit of imagination that inspires us today to embrace continually the valuable foundation of the liberal arts education.

Joseph Addison, the 18th century poet and philosopher, reminds us that "education is a companion [whom] no misfortune can depress, no crime can destroy, no enemy can alienate, no despotism can enslave. . . . It chastens vice, it guides virtue, it gives, at once, grace and government to genius."

At Willamette we are confident in the virtues of a liberal arts education. The liberal arts do not merely educate our students in a set of specific skills, but facilitates the capacity to think critically and objectively; to reject cant in favor of intellectual honesty and candor; to bring to problems and issues a wide and deep historical perspective and understanding; to speak clearly and cogently; to write with grace and maturity; appreciate beauty and to work and collaborate with others while maintaining intellectual independence and creativity.

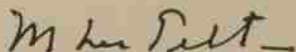
We must also be mindful that our students are not merely consumers. For while it is our duty to teach them academic disciplines and introduce them to ways of knowing and seeing the world, we must also be attentive to their moral being as well, and instill in them a firm sense of civility, a love of humanity, and adherence to the principles of social justice.

I hope for our students what Nathan Pusey, the president of Harvard College, hoped for his sons and daughters, more than three decades ago in his Harvard baccalaureate sermon: "What [we] want more than anything now to give to our country and the world is educated men and women of character. It is [our] hope that they will develop here: generation after generation, now as in the past, thoughtful men [and women] who through their beliefs and actions will go on to renew and strengthen true quality in the world's life. . . ."

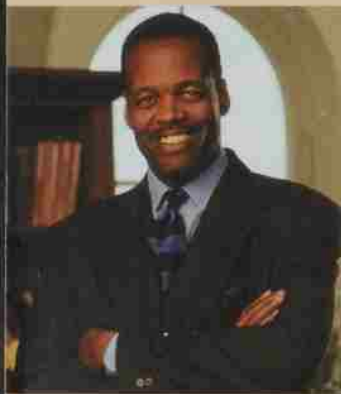
Moreover, the value of learning at a liberal arts institution like Willamette can only be that much more improved when it is one that embraces different points of view that emerge from diverse cultural and ethnic heritages as well as different geographic and economic backgrounds. We deliberately pursue and engage in the facilitation of different voices and viewpoints for that very reason.

We educate doers as well as thinkers, young people committed to serving humanity. Their liberal arts education has prepared them to tackle the complex issues that affect our lives and the lives of others locally and globally. They take an active role in the community, working to solve real life issues, for they understand in ways that only a liberal education can make clear that the only life worth living is the committed life of purpose and meaning.

Sincerely,



M. Lee Pelton  
President



## Editor's Note

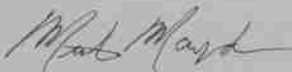
"Knowledge indeed is a desirable, a lovely possession."

— Thomas Jefferson, lawyer, author, politician, architect, gardener

In today's fast-paced, changing world, is a liberal arts education still as valuable an investment as it once was? A liberal arts education provides students with broad-based knowledge on diverse subjects and teaches students how to learn, think and question. With more parents wanting their children to graduate with a specialized bachelor's degree, some have started to question the worth of a liberal arts education.

The origins of the liberal arts date back to ancient Greece when equal value was placed on learning grammar, rhetoric, logic, art and arithmetic. Thomas Jefferson is credited with bringing the liberal arts to higher education in America. He believed a well-rounded, knowledgeable person would make a responsible citizen, someone who would use their broad views to question and shape society's values and the world around them.

The qualities of good citizenship are as important today as they were in Jefferson's time. Former communist countries like Russia and Poland are creating liberal arts institutions with the aim of introducing critical thinking and diverse education to younger generations. It is important that our society does not lose sight of the benefits of the liberal arts — an education that teaches students to search for knowledge and to question truths. A liberal arts education is important in a global society that requires flexible, innovative people who can easily adapt to a rapidly changing workplace. While the world continues to change, one thing remains constant — the fundamental need to think, reason and adapt.



Michelle Maynard  
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This cartoon, created by artist Jim Borgman, ran on the Statesman Journal Opinion page on May 24, 1999.

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## Reader Feedback

### ✉ M.S. Research Helps Alum

I was very interested in the winter 2002 article about Jim Hicks '68 and his research to help multiple sclerosis patients. I was a classmate of Jim's and also a sorority sister of Nancy Detering's. My husband has M.S. and we are always anxious to hear of any new developments that could possibly help him and others with this terrible disease.

Julie (Cramer) Knebel '68  
Eugene, Ore.

### ✉ Article Fosters Bias

A gender bias toward women in the sciences is evident in your reporter's content (winter 2002). We will have really arrived with equity in the sciences when we write about women's unique contributions, publications and advancements in the field and NEVER mention their marital status, family or children. Your article fosters the myth that career women in the sciences are sad, lonely singles or conflicted partners and mothers. The article on the previous page about Jim Hicks '68 said nothing about his married status or family time dilemmas. Ahhh, the very presentation is gender bias at its best (worst!).

Karen A. McClintock  
Psychology Faculty, Southern Oregon  
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### ✉ A Dissent on Design

In spite of your highly touted write up about the new *Scene*, I was disappointed. I pulled out my copy of *Occidental*, (which is where my daughter is currently attending school) and tried to figure out why it seemed so much more pleasant to read. The first answers are easy: They used the same font as *The Scene*, but it was slightly larger. Remember, your most interested readers are generally older. We appreciate being able to read the print without getting a headache. While your articles are still very good, I did not like the format and do not consider it the best.

Nancy Wolff '71  
Salem, Ore.

### ✉ Rekindling Memories

Thank you for including the article about Bill Braden. Although it made me sad to learn of Professor Braden's death, it also made me smile and remember his gifts to me as well. I can still hear him talk about the beauty of *Twelfth Night* with his reading glasses pushed down to the end of his nose. I don't think I ever see a play without thinking about him. Anyway, it makes me wistful, sad and nostalgic. All good.

Martha Bennett '89  
Hood River, Ore.

### ✉ Missing Sciences

I am writing to express my great disappointment and dismay over the content of the latest issue of *The Scene*. I was deeply disturbed by the fact that this official University magazine presented an incomplete picture.

NOWHERE in the entire section on the sciences is there a mention of other science departments not part of the SCRP. I can understand this, if this was an article on SCRP! In that case, the title should reflect the content of the article. Instead, I am looking at the nice figure on page 18, and I see an "advertisement" on the sciences, and – what do you know –

Exercise Science is not listed!!!!!! Nor is Computer Science!!!!!! So, the person who simply glances the image, will clearly think that sciences at Willamette means these five departments listed.

Stasinos Stavrianeas  
Exercise Science Faculty, Willamette University



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Matt Weeber '03, Shelly Ponder '02 and Amber Henderson '04 were pleasantly surprised by their catch.

### A Reel Good Time

In the shallow waters of the Mill Stream live many different organisms, but none as surprising as a 27-inch steelhead found in April by Matt Weeber '03, Shelly Ponder '02, Amber Henderson '04 and Zach Holmboe '03. Each semester, biology Prof. David Craig leads a group of students to survey the diversity and abundance of the fish community living in the Mill Stream. Additional fish varieties students found included: Pacific lamprey, red-sided shiner, large-scale sucker, riffle sculpin, slimy sculpin and leopard dace.

### 2002 Commencement

On Sunday, May 12, Willamette University celebrated the graduation of 357 students from the College of Liberal Arts, 136 from the College of Law, 67 from the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and 84 from the School of Education.

Vivian Bull, president of Linfield College, delivered the commencement address for the Atkinson Graduate School of Management, and Robert Hirshon, president of the American Bar Association, delivered the commencement address for the College of Law. Martha Nussbaum, the Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics at the University of Chicago Law School,

delivered the commencement address to the graduating class of the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Education. Willamette presented honorary degrees to Hirshon, Nussbaum and James Curio '73, director of the Harvard University Art Museum. An emeritus diploma was presented to psychology Prof. Mary Ann Youngren to honor her 23 years at Willamette.



### Graduation Fast Facts

**Total graduates:** 631

**Geographic diversity:**  
24 states, 15 countries

**Men:** 274 (43%)

**Women:** 357 (57%)

**Students of color & internationals:** 102 (16%)

**Top five undergraduate majors:**

- 1) Psychology – 34 majors
- 2) English/Politics – 33 majors each
- 3) Spanish – 27 majors
- 4) History – 26 majors
- 5) Biology/Economics – 25 majors each



### Unearthing WU



Archeology Prof. David McCreery and students Sarah Johnson '02 and Zach Sommers '04 spent part of the spring semester digging into Willamette's history. They were searching for remnants of the Oregon Institute, founded in 1842. The Oregon Institute was the original name of the University before it was changed to Willamette University in 1853.

Students in the Archeological Methodology class found a small number of artifacts including, hand-forged nails, porcelain chips, glass and a button from a federal soldier's uniform. The dig site was south of Walton Hall. The exact location of the Oregon Institute still remains a mystery, as the building burned down in 1872. The students used old photographs to locate the dig site. "We don't have definite proof we've discovered the Institute, but we have enough evidence to indicate we're on the right track," said McCreery.

# tidbits & *briefs*

## Celebrating 160 Years



Willamette University celebrated the beginning of its 160th year on Founder's Day, Feb. 1, 2002. The day was marked by an awards presentation in Hudson Hall honoring faculty and students and by President Lee Pelton's delivery of the State of the University Address.

Since its founding, Willamette has remained committed to academic excellence, strong faculty-student interaction and community service. During the next year, Pelton said the top goals of the University are: "To continue to attract the very best students to Willamette, continue with our strategic objectives, hire a new dean for the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and continue to partner with the Salem community."



Anna Deavere Smith

The 2001-02 Atkinson Lecture Series brought actress Anna Deavere Smith and author Amy Tan to campus this spring. Anna Deavere Smith, a frequent guest on the "West Wing," performed for a sold-out audience in Hudson Hall on Feb. 22. Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*, *The Kitchen God's Wife*, *The Hundred Secret Senses* and *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, also spoke to a sold-out audience in Smith Auditorium on March 7.



Amy Tan

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## MBA's Lend Expertise, Time

What do Habitat for Humanity, coloring books, antennae balls and greeting cards have in common? For a brief time, they were the focus of the PaCE Project at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management. PaCE stands for the Private, Public and

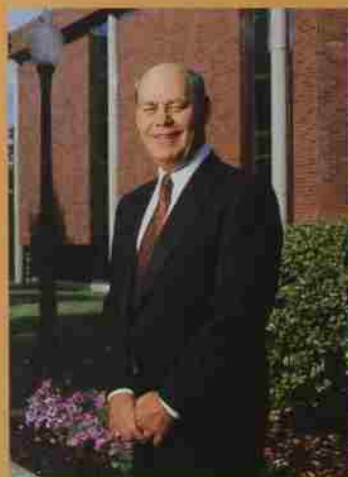


Community Enterprise Project. Organized by teams of Atkinson graduate students, participants create and market a product or service in cooperation with a non-profit agency and then donate the proceeds and substantial volunteer hours to their non-profit partner.

PaCE has a history of returning substantial profits to non-profit partners. In 1999-00, three enterprises contributed net revenues totaling more than \$17,000



to the YMCA, the Garten Foundation and Shangri-La. In 2000-01, three enterprises contributed net revenues in excess of \$5,800 and 1,100 hours of volunteer work to Habitat for Humanity, Easter Seals Children's Guild and the YMCA. This year, four enterprises contributed net revenues of \$13,719 and 2,038 hours of volunteer work to the Salem Area Habitat for Humanity, Salem Outreach Shelter, YMCA, MedAssist and Salem Hospital.

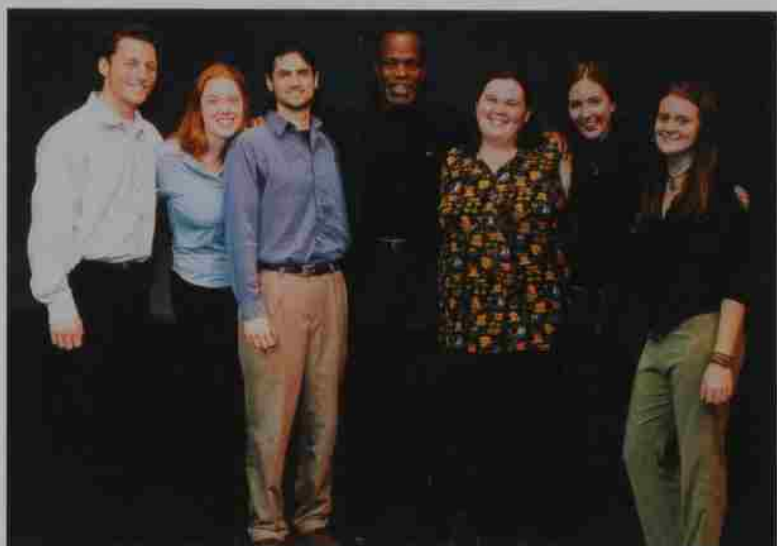


## Atkinson Bids Farewell, Good Luck

Atkinson Graduate School of Management Dean Bryan Johnston has stepped down as dean to become a candidate for the Oregon State Senate. Politics has been a part of Johnston's life for many years. He served as a member of the Oregon State Legislature from 1994 to 1998 and has been active in the political arena both before and after that period.

Johnston's contributions to Willamette have been significant. He served the University as interim president from 1997-98. In 1998, Johnston accepted the offer to serve as dean of the Atkinson

School. In his three years as dean, he launched and oversaw innovative programs such as the Executive Development Center and the PaCE Program. Willamette has launched a national search to fill the dean's position.



Six theatre students, after performing monologues and receiving advice and instruction from actor Danny Glover, posed for a group shot. Pictured left to right: Michael Lowery '03, Jessica Hopkins '02, Nicholas Williams '02, Danny Glover, Aisha Leintz-McKenzie '02, Alyssa Nielsen Brown '02 and Micael Bogar '03.

and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

In between Glover's readings, the Fisk Jubilee Singers performed soulful spirituals to add to Martin Luther King Jr.'s powerful expressions. The Fisk Jubilee Singers, from Nashville, Tenn., came a long way not just in distance, but also in time.

Fisk opened in 1866 in an abandoned Union army hospital barracks in Nashville. It was one of seven schools established in the south by the American Missionary Association after the Civil War to educate freed slaves. By 1871, the school ran out of funding, so music instructor George White created a choir out of the school's nine most talented singers to raise money through their performances. They met one hardship after the next until they performed at a church in New York, where Henry Ward Beecher, a minister of the church, so overtaken by the singers' incredible voices, emptied out his pockets and encouraged his congregation to do the same thing, collecting \$1,300 for the Jubilee

Singers. Through contacts from Beecher, the Jubilee Singers made enough money to cover their debts and establish a successful university.

On Jan. 21, 2002, more than a century after their rocky start, the Fisk Jubilee Singers entertained the Willamette community with beautiful harmonies. Jami Mickelson '01 MAT'02 said, "They were awesome. I could see that they had pride in their history and their camaraderie for each other was apparent on the stage. That combined with their natural talent made for a wonderful performance."

In celebrating the legacy of Dr. King, the Willamette community reaffirmed the belief that our diversity is our strength.

—Beth Kowal '02, from Spokane, Wash., graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology. She is teaching English at junior high schools in Iwate, Japan, for two years.

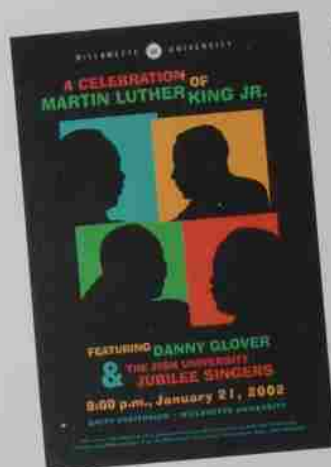
### The Celebration Continued

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day Jan. 21, the Willamette community celebrated with a variety of activities. Students organized events to honor diversity such as Hawaiian dancing, Japanese Taiko drumming and a Nonviolent Civil Disobedience Workshop. Other events included:

- A birthday cake for Dr. King
- "Solidarity" — A lecture by Johnny Lake '01
- Film critique of "Freedom Summer" and "The Civil Rights Movement"
- Poetry readings from Native American Enlightenment Association students
- A lecture on "Civil Rights Today: the Death Penalty"
- Voter registration
- A library exhibit entitled "Confronting Inequality: 1965-2000"

In a celebration of Black History month in February, the Black Student Organization presented "Harlem Renaissance" — a commemoration of a special era. They expressed this historic period through drama, music, dance and poetry.

## Celebrating Diversity



Actor Danny Glover and the Jubilee Singers of Fisk University graced Willamette University with encouragement and inspiration in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 21. In a sold-out evening performance, Glover read selected writings by Dr. King and the Jubilee Singers filled Smith Auditorium with

gospel music. Earlier in the day, Glover and the Jubilee Singers worked one-on-one with Willamette theatre and music students.

### An Unforgettable Instructor

Willamette community members watched Glover give personal instruction to theatre students in the Kresge Theatre. Six theatre majors sat in the front row, waiting anxiously to perform their monologues for Glover. Jessica Hopkins '02 walked on stage with confidence and began performing her part as Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme in the play *Assassins*. She began in a slow, deep voice, "I was like you once..." She finished her monologue and Glover waited a few seconds in silence before offering suggestions. He encouraged her to look and speak directly at the audience for her second attempt. At the end of her second performance, Glover moved from his wooden chair on stage and told her to imagine that he was Charles Manson and speak directly to him for her final effort with the monologue. The audience could feel the energy in the room shift as Hopkins performed her monologue with intensity.

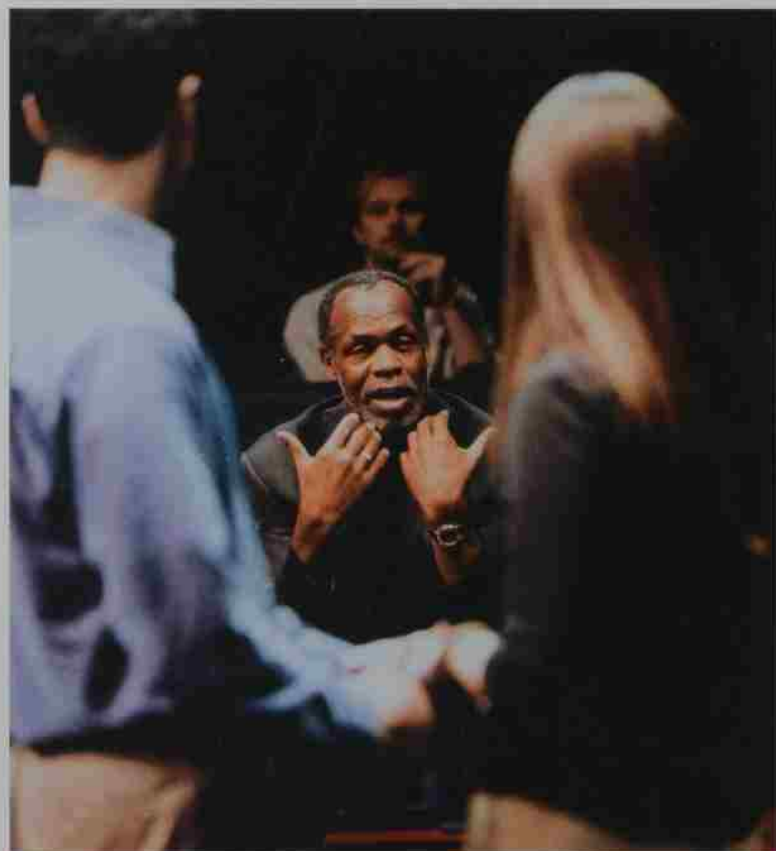
Glover suggested many different techniques to improve the performances of the theatre majors and allowed them to deliver their monologues several different times. He told them, "The key to acting is listening. All of you come with the words. Now we're going to bring life to it."

### A Historic Evening

Glover spoke to the theatre majors from his own experience during an afternoon workshop, but in the evening he addressed an attentive 1,200-person audience with Martin Luther King Jr.'s influential words. Excerpts included "I've been to the Mountaintop," "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" and "Beyond Vietnam."



Glover's deep voice resounded through the auditorium. Glover concluded his reading from "Letter from a Birmingham Jail": "Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities,



Willamette theatre students had a once-in-a-lifetime experience when actor Danny Glover conducted a one-hour master class in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.

## New Art Studio Creates Moviemakers

Move over Steven Spielberg here come Willamette students. In the fall of 2001 Willamette's Department of Art began offering a new digital art studio course. In this class, both art majors and non-art majors learn to use computers to express their creativity through movie production. They are responsible for writing their own storyboards, recruiting actors (if they are needed), filming and editing. As Andrea Wallace, professor of digital art studio, explains, "[This is] conceptually based art using a computer like one would use a paintbrush [to paint a picture]."

The digital art studio is more than just an art class – it is an experience. Students are given a new project about every 10 days. During that time, they spend an average of between 30 to 40 hours producing the film and cutting it down to a final two to four minutes. All of the work is done using one of 14 G4 Power Macintosh computers in the state-of-the-art digital lab located on the fourth floor of the Art Building.

Using the computers allows students to, "... make stronger and bolder statement[s] than you do with photographs. People are more willing to sit in front of a movie than to stand in front of a picture," says Nathaniel Willson '02. As the world modernizes it is clear that society is more dependent on technology than ever before. For the first time there is a generation of students who have grown up with video and digital technology. "It is natural that they would want to use that knowledge in meaningful ways," Wallace added.



The digital art studio offers students more than just the opportunity to learn about a medium that they have known for all of their lives. The program teaches skills that are useful in any profession. Employers no longer want to know how many words a minute you can type. They want to know what programs you can run. Computers now play a pivotal role in our daily lives and in our society.

With the new digital art studio class, students learn more than just computers, they experience how to work as a group and how to critique each other's work. While students learn part of

what it takes to be a great moviemaker, more importantly, students learn what it means to be part of a community.

As part of the long-range plan, Willamette has made a commitment to become a national leader in the use of technology. The \$100,000 digital art studio is one example of how Willamette is incorporating technology in the classroom.

– Sarah Sutton '03, a politics major, is from Corvallis, Ore.

## \$2 Million Gift Provides Art Building Expansion

Thanks to a \$2 million gift from a long-time supporter of Willamette University, the school's historic Art Building will soon be expanded with a 7,000 square-foot addition.

The existing 14,000 square-foot structure, built in 1905 as the first medical school in Oregon, will also undergo a \$1.5 million remodel.

The \$2 million gift comes from Willamette donor and friend James F. Miller, a retired investment broker who never earned a college degree. Miller began his career in the brokerage business as a "runner" for Portland investment firms in the 1920s. Eventually he became president of the investment firm Blyth & Co. He held that post until 1970 when he joined Faine Webber and served as its advisory director until his retirement in 1989.

"We are very pleased with this generous gift from James Miller," said Roger Hull, Willamette University professor of art history and chair of the art and art history department. "The Art

Building is certainly a very old and venerable place for our department, but we have a great need for renovations and expansion of the facility."

Hull is referring to a challenge the art and art history department has faced for years: managing the increased student demand for studio art classes without additional expansions in space. Since 1997, the department has experienced a 40 percent jump in the number of its majors and an 83 percent increase in the number of its minors.

"The Art Building has not seen a significant expansion since we moved into it in 1977," said Hull. "It used to be more than adequate to meet our needs, but that is no longer the case with the growing popularity of our classes."

The addition, 30 feet by 66 feet with three levels, will add enlarged print-making and painting studios, office space, a student gallery, a seminar room, a 35-seat classroom and storage space.

"The addition will upgrade our facility in several important ways," Hull said. "The current studios are now too small. They will be expanded and better designed with increased storage space that will allow us to increase capacity. Additional storage space means students' work-in-progress can be stored, thus freeing the studio for the scheduling of additional classes."

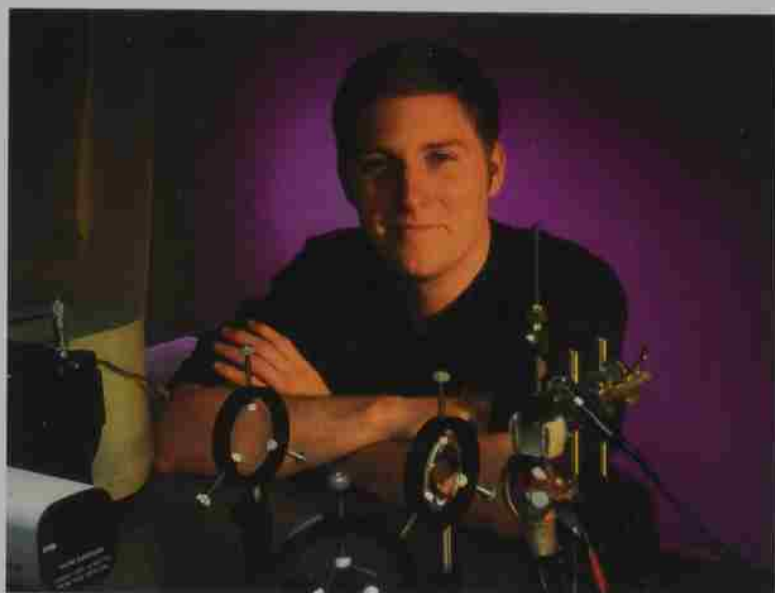
Hull added, "By taking this historic building, renovating it and expanding it, we are preparing it for another century of use. The practicality of this is obvious, but the challenge is to remain sensitive to the historic nature of this building."

The renovation will begin this summer, and the project is expected to be complete by fall 2003. Fund raising for this project is ongoing. For more information on contributing to this project, contact University Relations at 503-370-6740.

—Janis Nichols is interim associate vice president for the Office of Communications.



An artist's rendering of the new addition to the Art Building located on the corner of State and Winter streets.



Garrett Tenold '02 is the first Willamette student to receive the prestigious Watson Fellowship.

intended to extend the global perspective of participants as well as provoke inner thought and reflection. "I am overwhelmed that it happened in the year I would be eligible," says an exuberant Tenold. "I hope there will be a long tradition of fellows to come from Willamette."

Tenold's project involves traveling to island countries to investigate how effectively they are developing and utilizing renewable energy resources. Tenold chose his countries based on the unique challenges they face in meeting their global energy needs. "The islands I have selected are perfect laboratories for studying renewable resource issues because of their geographical isolation, relatively small economies and the varying energy resources being used."

Tenold, a math and physics double major, credits his Willamette experience with preparing him to not only be a good researcher, but also a well rounded scholar. "Willamette has given me a chance to explore some areas outside my technical expertise, often to my surprise, enjoyment and benefit."

### Penny Spiering '03

Willamette junior and biology major Penny Spiering '03 has always made preserving the environment her top priority. As a member of ECOS (Environmental Community Outreach Society) and vice president of Outdoor Pursuits for Children, Spiering has dedicated much of her time to educat-

*"It would have been nice to accept the Udall [Scholarship] in person, but the research I am doing now is incredibly fascinating and fun so I don't feel like I've missed out on anything."*

— Penny Spiering '03

ing kids about the environment. "I don't preach about the environment, that's not my style. Instead I try to set an example the kids can follow."

For her commitment to environmental outreach and education, Spiering received a 2002 Morris K. Udall Scholarship. The scholarship awards \$5,000 to 55 college juniors and seniors who demonstrate an unusual dedication to environmental policy or Native American rights. Spiering, of Forest Grove, Ore., was an obvious choice not only for her volunteer his-

tory but also her extensive experience as a wildlife researcher at Willamette.

She spent a semester studying the social behavior of the White-nosed Coatis, a raccoon-like carnivore, in the Chiricahua Mountains of Arizona and participated in a Science Collaborative Research Project with Willamette biology Prof. David Craig, investigating the seagull-like Caspian Terns that inhabit the mouth of the Columbia River. "Both of those experiences were incredible. Not only did I learn a tremendous amount about wildlife biology, but I also learned just as much about what it takes to do high quality observational research."

Spiering believes her volunteer and research work is perfect preparation for her eventual career as a wildlife biologist and conservationist. Like her fellow scholarship recipients, she feels honored to have been selected from a highly competitive pool of applicants. In typical Spiering fashion, however, she was unavailable to accept the award in person because she is in Tanzania, Africa, doing what she loves

best: wildlife research — this time investigating predator vigilance at water holes near the Ngorongo Crater. "It would have been nice to accept the Udall in person, but the research I am doing now is incredibly fascinating and fun so I don't feel like I've missed out on anything."

— Brad Millay '97 is the publications writer for the Office of Communications.

# WU Scholars Receive National Honors

Willamette students continue to rank among the best in the nation, receiving prestigious awards such as the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, the Watson Fellowship and the Morris K. Udall Scholarship.

## Emily West '03

When people ask, "What drives her?" Willamette junior and Harry S. Truman Scholar Emily West '03 has a response that lifts more than a few eyebrows – water. West, a politics major, has a keen interest in water policy, particularly among rural communities. She has witnessed firsthand the crippling effects of drought and federal water regulation in her hometown – Klamath Falls, Ore. "After

growing up in a community where family farmers are pitted against the environment on a daily basis, I would like to work to bring resolution to this conflict."

Truman Scholarships provide \$30,000 to 75 to 80 college juniors nationally to pursue graduate education or leadership training that leads to a career in public service. In West's case, the Truman Scholarship will fund her law

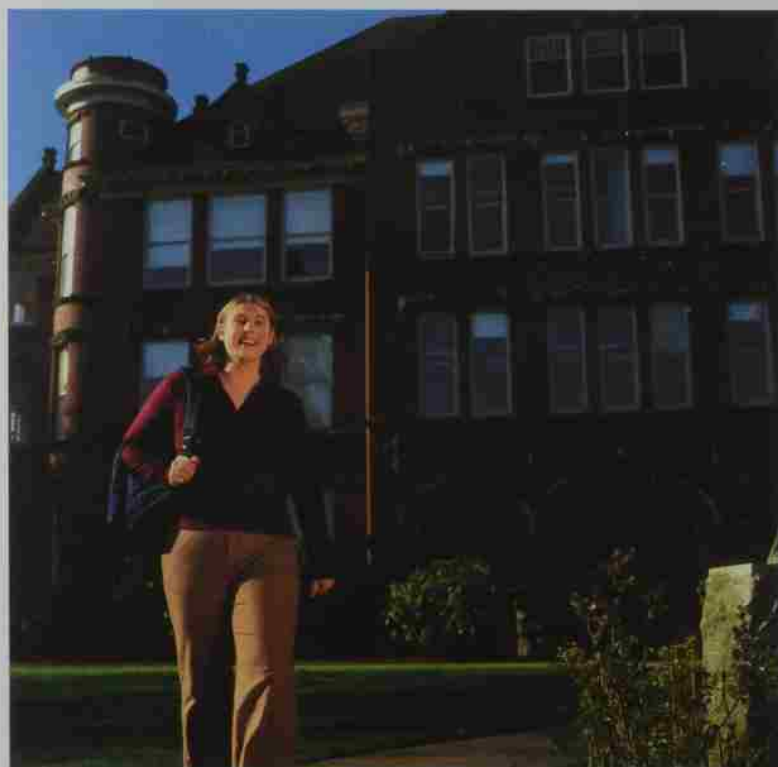
school education where she plans to focus on environmental policy. West eventually wants to run her own non-profit advocacy group and work with farmers on developing sustainable farming practices that incorporate natural cycles and "zero waste" management with traditional family farming. "In my opinion, we need to approach water issues in the West holistically. Sustainable water use offers solutions to the age-old conflict between humans and the environment."

West's Willamette career has been a model of community and university engagement, political activism and civic-mindedness. She is a senator for the Associated Students of Willamette University (ASWU) and serves on its finance board, she has been an active member of Campus Ambassadors, Intersarsity Christian Fellowship and plays bass clarinet in University Band and Wind Ensemble.

Off campus, West regularly assists classroom teachers at Bush Elementary as a classroom volunteer and she gives her time to the community service organization, the Circle K Service Club. This year she has become heavily involved in Oregon's political arena, interning for Senate Majority Whip Jason Atkinson and working on the gubernatorial campaign of Kevin Mannix. "The campaign work has given me the opportunity to mobilize voters in wide regions of the state and that, to me, is exciting."

## Garrett Tenold '02

Iceland, Denmark, Vanuatu and the Canary Islands are a long way from Salem, Ore., but Garrett Tenold '02 is about to pay each of them a visit. Tenold, of Spokane, Wash., is Willamette's first Watson Fellow, a fellowship that provides 60 outstanding college seniors with a \$22,000 grant for yearlong, self-directed research studies. The unique program is



Emily West '03 is one of 77 national college juniors to be named a Truman Scholar.

*How so?*

Allow me to give you an example. An equation published by a leading physicist (Wilhelm Weber) in 1828, if reworked and solved for two different variables, can be used both by organ builders to produce improved reed pipes and by physicists to confirm experimentally Laplace's law on the ratio of the increase in the pressure and density of a sound wave. I was so excited by this (it took the better part of a month of mathematical and mental gymnastics) that I couldn't sleep for two nights. Now let's face it: Who would find that sane?

*Why do students find your classes so interesting?*

I can only guess at this one. First and foremost, I am passionate about what I do. And it is easy for me to transfer that energy to the students. Second, I do my best to remove any barriers in the classroom. It is important to emphasize that teachers learn as well as teach. Indeed, I have learned a great deal from students. Third, the material is fascinating. It forces students to think in ways they have never before. The topics are immensely challenging, and students appreciate being forced to go beyond their limits. It shows the students that you have confidence in them.

*Why are you so interested in studying the history of science?*

I am fundamentally committed to the notion that science is a crucial part of culture, neither perched on top looking down upon it, nor below it, slavishly following the social interests of those in power. I try to argue this historically by bringing together two of my passions: history of physics and music. (I am a cellist by hobby – admittedly one who should be practicing more than he currently is!).

*Who has exerted the greatest influence on your intellectual development?*

Clearly my parents were influential. My mother insisted that I attend university, even though she never did. And my father, who was a weaving-loom mechanic in Paterson, N.J., possessed the most humane and tender soul I have ever encountered. I have also been blessed to have known individuals infinitely more intelligent than myself. I met Roald Hoffmann in a German seminar on the Romantic author Heinrich von Kleist. I had many conversations with him on the interplay between science and literary criticism. I also had the pleasure of discussing physics and politics with Hans Bethe, Nobel Laureate in 1967. He convinced a naive youth that physicists must not remain in "objective" ivory towers, but rather belonged in political marches protesting the insane proliferation of nuclear weapons during the Cold War. Both men represent (sadly) a dying breed of intellectuals committed to humanity. And before I intellectualize too much, the sit-com *M\*A\*S\*H* greatly influenced my childhood. It taught me that one could clown around and still be exceptional at what one does.

*What drew you to Willamette University?*

After teaching at major research universities (Harvard, The University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Chicago) for six years and watching others build (as well as destroy!) departments, I thought it was time to build something up by myself. A liberal arts college, by nature an interdisciplinary institution, seemed to me the perfect place to establish a curriculum that would draw upon the sciences, social sciences and humanities. My goal is to establish at Willamette a major and minor enti-

ty called STEMS – science, technology, environment, medicine and society – an interdisciplinary approach that will branch out across disciplines.

Since technology, medicine and science influence our daily lives more so today than ever before (both in very advantageous and deleterious ways), it is imperative for science students to see how their discipline shapes, and is shaped, by other forms of culture. Conversely, it is critical that non-science students appreciate how scientists, engineers and physicians analyze problems. On a more concrete level, everyone needs to know why the decision to patent human genes is important to us all.

– Brad Millay '97

## Myles Jackson: A Brief History

### Educational Background

Cambridge University, Ph.D. (1991) and M.Phil. (1988), in history and the philosophy of science

Cornell University, A.B. (1986), graduated summa cum laude with a double major in biological sciences and German literature

### Teaching Experience

Willamette University, assistant professor of the history of science, 1999-present.

University of Chicago, visiting assistant professor of history, 1995-1998.

University of Pennsylvania, lecturer in the Department of History and Sociology of Science, 1994-1995.

Harvard University, teaching fellow, 1992-1994.  
Cambridge University, teaching assistant, 1989-1991.

## Jackson proves Teaching/ Research can Coexist

*Willamette history Prof. Myles Jackson is admired by students for his intense but lightheartedly irreverent teaching style and respected by peers for his insightful research into the history of science. It was little surprise to anyone – except the self-effacing Jackson – that he was simultaneously awarded the 2002 Mortarboard Professor of the Year and the 2002 Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship. The following are excerpts from an interview with Jackson shortly after he received both awards.*

*Your scholarly expertise is in the history/philosophy of science. What drew you to this interesting combination?*

I became interested in the cultural and social history and philosophy of science in a rather roundabout way. My undergraduate degrees were in molec-

ular and cellular biophysics and German literature. After working two years on a Ph.D. in molecular genetics, I decided to stop at the master's level for two reasons. First, it was back in the mid-1980s, and molecular genetics at the time consisted of mindless genetic sequencing. It was too early to ask fundamental questions linking genetic information to the development of the organism (the type of questions now being studied). Second, I missed reading great literary works. After speaking with Roald Hoffmann [Nobel Laureate in chemistry, 1981] about my dilemma, he recommended that I attempt a Ph.D. in the history and philosophy of science – a subject I had never heard of before. I asked where one should study this, and he suggested

Cambridge University. I applied, received a full scholarship, and the rest is history.

*How did you feel when you found out you won both the Mortarboard Professor of the Year and the Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship?*

I was deeply moved. It means a great deal to have your research valued highly by your peers. But I must admit I was very touched by the Mortarboard Award, as this was bestowed upon me by the students themselves. Receiving both awards simultaneously dispels once-and-for-all (I hope!) the myth that sound research is anathema to good teaching.

*So you really value student input?*

The greatest feeling a scholar can experience is the approval of her/his students. Let's face it: academicians are just a tad insane, don't you think?



Willamette history Prof. Myles Jackson (pictured outside the National University of Ireland, Galway) was awarded both the 2002 Mortarboard Professor of the Year and the 2002 Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship, Willamette's highest honors for teaching and scholarship.

# Unlocking OPPORTUNITIES



If education is the key to success, a liberal arts education will unlock any door. Few other experiences provide the skill set, depth of perspective and ethical conditioning that come standard with any liberal education. That's why liberal arts graduates aren't just ready for a job, they're ready to take on the world.

When someone says "liberal arts education," the image that comes to mind for most people is of students trapped miles from civilization on the campus of some small, reclusive college, surrounded by dust and books, listening to a nearly fossilized professor recount the life of an obscure and long-dead philosopher.

Well, maybe that's an exaggeration, but many people have suggested that in our high-flying, knowledge-driven, globalized society, the liberal arts curriculum is showing its age. The surging expansion of community colleges, technical schools and for-profit educational enterprises are proof of a public increasingly concerned about practicality, marketability and utility.

But for those who think all liberal arts graduates are starving artists while people who study a specific trade hold the real keys to success, your view is based on a misperception — that a liberal arts education is somehow antithetical to the idea of practicality or utility. In fact, it could very easily be argued that, far from being impractical, a liberal arts education is actually the most

practical of trades in a high-flying, knowledge-driven, globalized society.


## THE PROBLEM-SOLVER

For most individuals, the issue of practicality is really an issue of earnings and quality of life. The usual question is, "Will I be able to have a rewarding and successful career with a liberal arts degree?" The short answer is "yes." You can be successful and make loads of money with a liberal arts degree. Examine any field, whether it's computers and technology, medicine, entertainment or even engineering, you will find many of the most successful practitioners are liberal arts graduates. In fact, a 2000 survey of Fortune 500 chief executives revealed that an estimated 40 percent of CEOs hold liberal arts degrees.

In a 1999 speech broadcast on C-Span, Willamette President M. Lee Pelton noted the diverse success of the University's graduates. "At Willamette, our graduates enter a wide variety of fields: high paying computer-related jobs, management consulting, financial services; management training in retail and industry; education;



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*"A LIBERAL EDUCATION SAYS YOU CAN WRITE. YOU CAN SPEAK. YOU HAVE FUNDAMENTAL QUANTITATIVE SKILLS. YOU HAVE A SENSE OF ART AND A SENSE OF HISTORY. YOU HAVE THOSE THINGS THAT CAN PUT YOU INTO ANY NUMBER OF PLACES."*

*Tori Haring-Smith  
Dean of the College of Liberal Arts*



The individuals best equipped to succeed in this unfamiliar environment are those with liberal arts degrees because their educational experience has trained them to work under these conditions. They have logged countless classroom hours, lingered in the offices of faculty, crammed themselves into every library nook, lab space and computer terminal, struggling with fundamental questions about the human experience that reach across borders, languages, cultures and time.

This training has prepared them to shoulder the weight of public scrutiny, use all the instruments of reason at their disposal, follow as well as lead through the most promising routes, and remain vigilant to avoid ethical short-cuts that seem to promise a speedier journey but end up getting their travelers lost.

"The only criticism I hear of liberal education is from individuals who, for the most part, are looking at it as just another credential," says Haring-Smith. "I would counter by arguing that a liberal education is the mother of all credentialing experiences."


These arguments aren't meant to suggest that a liberal arts education is the only path to success. Any endeavor that includes education as its focus opens a new door of opportunity. What sets a liberal arts education apart, however, is that while many degrees prepare you for an occupation, a liberal arts education prepares you for life. That is a key worth having.

*- Brad Millay '97*

lapse of Enron has revealed anything, it is that the ends do not always justify the means. As graduates transition from the classroom to the boardroom they often discover that the ethical boundaries that seem so well defined in the company handbook are sometimes overlooked in favor of cutting corners. With so much value given to getting ahead, how do we inoculate graduates from choosing expediency over their principles?

The same ethical quandaries also afflict technology and science. New developments in stem cell research and therapeutic cloning, for example, carry the potential to save lives and drastically improve health but they also have serious repercussions for how we treat and define human life. How do we decide which values and beliefs are most important?

Taking a stand in support of one extreme or the other in such debates may clear the conscience but it doesn't get anyone closer to a solution. Creating a dialogue that leads to productive action means venturing into a rough and craggy middle ground where the same moral, political and social compass that we've each been relying on for years isn't necessarily going to help us find a way out. In fact, navigating this territory successfully means we're going to have to work with other people, many of whom won't share compatible perspectives.



*A* 2000 SURVEY OF FORTUNE 500 CHIEF EXECUTIVES REVEALED THAT AN ESTIMATED 40 PERCENT OF CEOs HOLD LIBERAL ARTS DEGREES.

banking, insurance; print and television journalism; non-profit organizations of all kinds; youth and social services — even college admissions.”

The reason individuals educated in a liberal arts

curriculum are so commercially successful is they are taught how to solve problems. Being a problem solver means you carry a fairly selective set of skills including: the ability to memorize discrete facts, organize information, discover patterns, render solutions and communicate clearly. At a time when the needs of organizations and companies evolve year to year and the average worker can expect to change careers five or six times, a liberal arts degree suddenly looks quite utilitarian.

Tori Haring-Smith, Willamette's dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said, "A liberal education says you can write. You can speak. You have fundamental quantitative skills. You have a sense of art and a sense of history. You have those things that can put you into any number of places."

#### THE RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

But a liberal arts education does far more than give you the key to that big corner office on the 32nd floor; it opens your world to the challenges and opportunities of citizenship. Being a responsible citizen of the most powerful nation on the planet is not an easy job because almost none of the problems we face have a clear solution. How do we balance our freedoms with the need for security? How do we encourage productivity while protecting the environment? How do we wage war on terrorism while promoting peace and stability abroad?



And the sheer volume of information that bombards us every day is not making those decisions any easier. We can now watch events around the world unfold before our eyes but they are often blurred in a haze of quick-cut media styling, punditry and political doublespeak. At the same time, we are swamped by messages from TV, radio, movies, billboards and the Internet. Even our clothing sells us images of success, personal fulfillment and flat abs.

The only thing keeping this information tsunami from engulfing us is our own capacity for critical evaluation. A liberal arts education is the best preparation for wading through the shifting waters of our mass mediated culture to seek out issues of real substance, permanence and consequence. It cultivates a respect for truth, service to others, world-mindedness and life-long learning, which are the cornerstones of a democratic society. After Sept. 11, those values have become even more important for countering isolationism, parochialism and racial discrimination.

"A liberal education, which is the typical curriculum you will find at a liberal arts college, is broad-based in nature so it creates a flexibility of mind that is absolutely essential in all people at all ranks," says Haring-Smith.

#### THE ETHICIST

But the most important quality of a liberal arts education is its insistence that ethical reflection is as important to human advancement as the creation of new knowledge or economic opportunities. If the col-

## Jack Wilson '52

*Cattle Rancher*

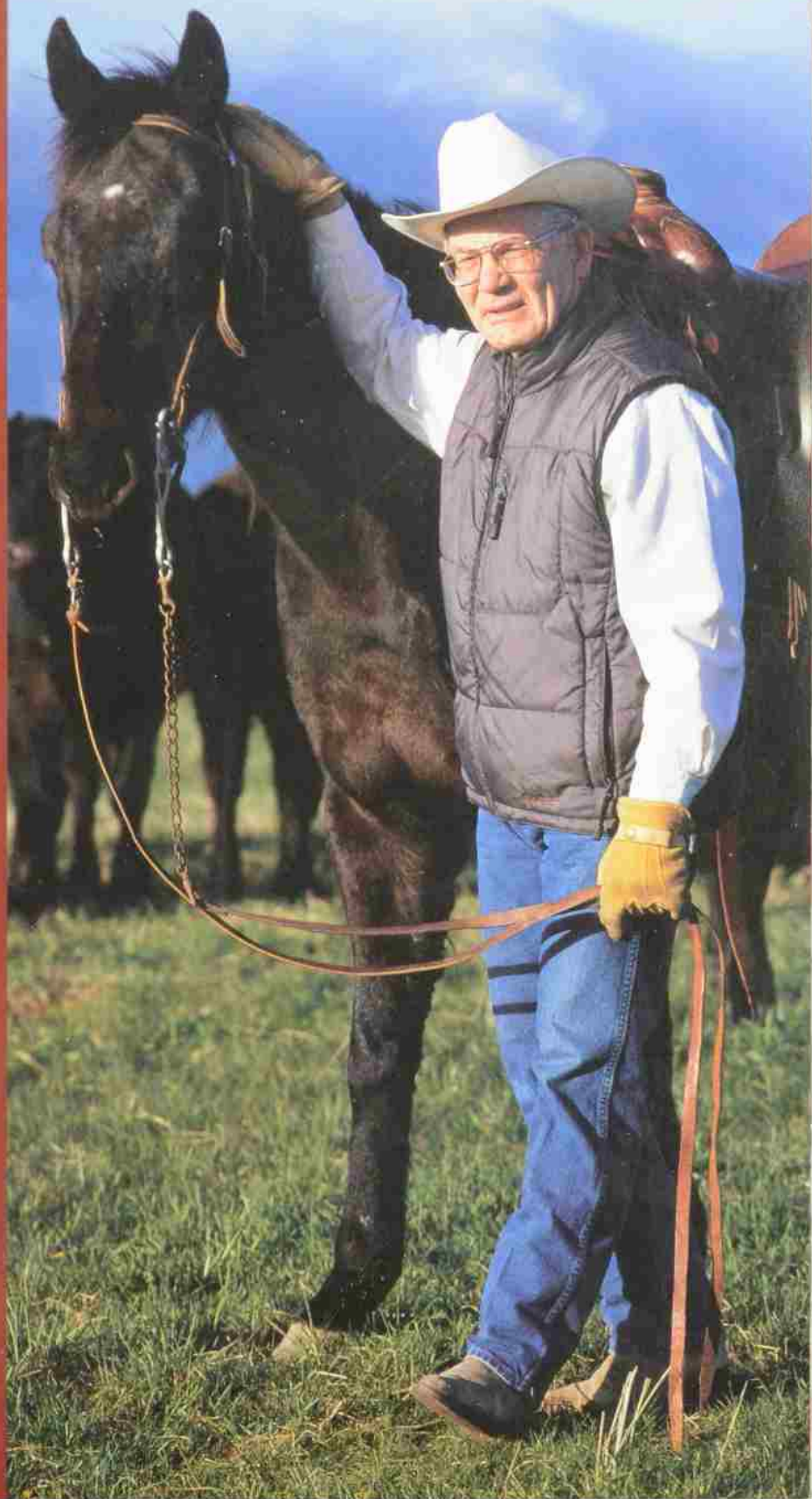
*North Powder, Ore.*

A liberal arts education prepared Jack Wilson '52 for two completely different ventures – cattle and corks. As a political science major, Jack wanted to become an attorney, moving on from the life he knew growing up on a cattle ranch in Eastern Oregon. But his love of ranching called him home.

After returning to North Powder, he married Meredith, his high school sweetheart and life partner, and together they raised a son and three daughters. Jack, along with his brother, grew the Wilson Cattle Co. into one of Oregon's largest cattle operations. "The ideals Willamette taught and the people I met there have made me a more successful business person."

Willamette also taught Jack to be responsible for the world around him. He has taken that lesson and incorporated it into his business by being a caretaker of his land and a forward-thinker in the cattle business. "I call myself a conservationist. We try to do whatever is right for our land. We are also looking into ways of identifying our cattle other than hot branding, possibly with the use of computer chips. The less stress we put on animals the happier they are."

The family business continues with the fifth generation. Jack's son and nephew now run the company, with the addition of three 30,000-head custom cattle feedlots in Oregon and Washington. Although Jack still rounds up cattle from time to time and manages parts of the business, he and Meredith use their free time to travel the world learning about different cultures and tasting and collecting red wines. Jack's love of red wines led him to invest in a start-up synthetic cork company in 1993, now the largest producer of synthetic corks worldwide. "I love what I've done and I think Willamette prepared me well for the business career that I've had."

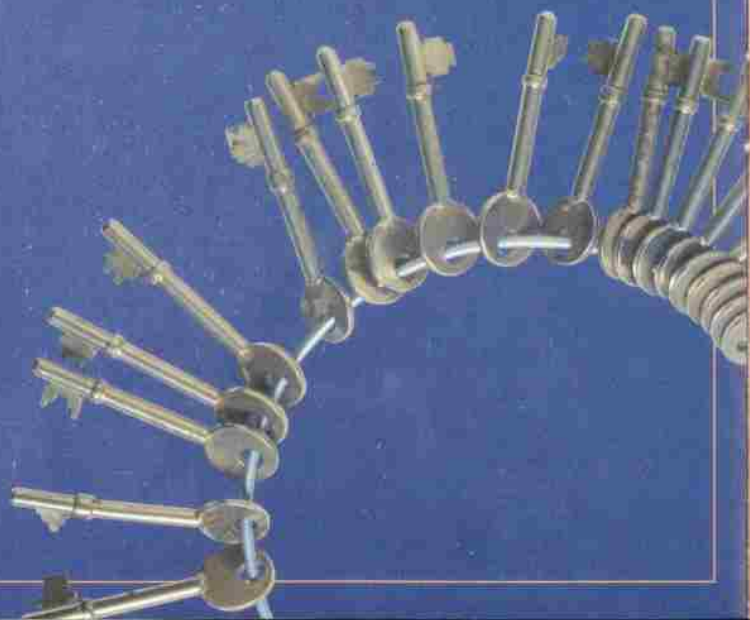




# soaring SPIRITS

**F**rom a cattle rancher to a 3rd grade teacher to a quiz show champion, Willamette alumni have used their broad liberal arts education to lead creative and balanced lives filled with personal and professional success. The following pages will introduce you to seven fascinating men and women – a sampling of Willamette’s diverse alumni – who continue to expand their knowledge of the world and to seek out new experiences.

**By Michelle Maynard**



## Ryan Holznagel '83

Writer/editor

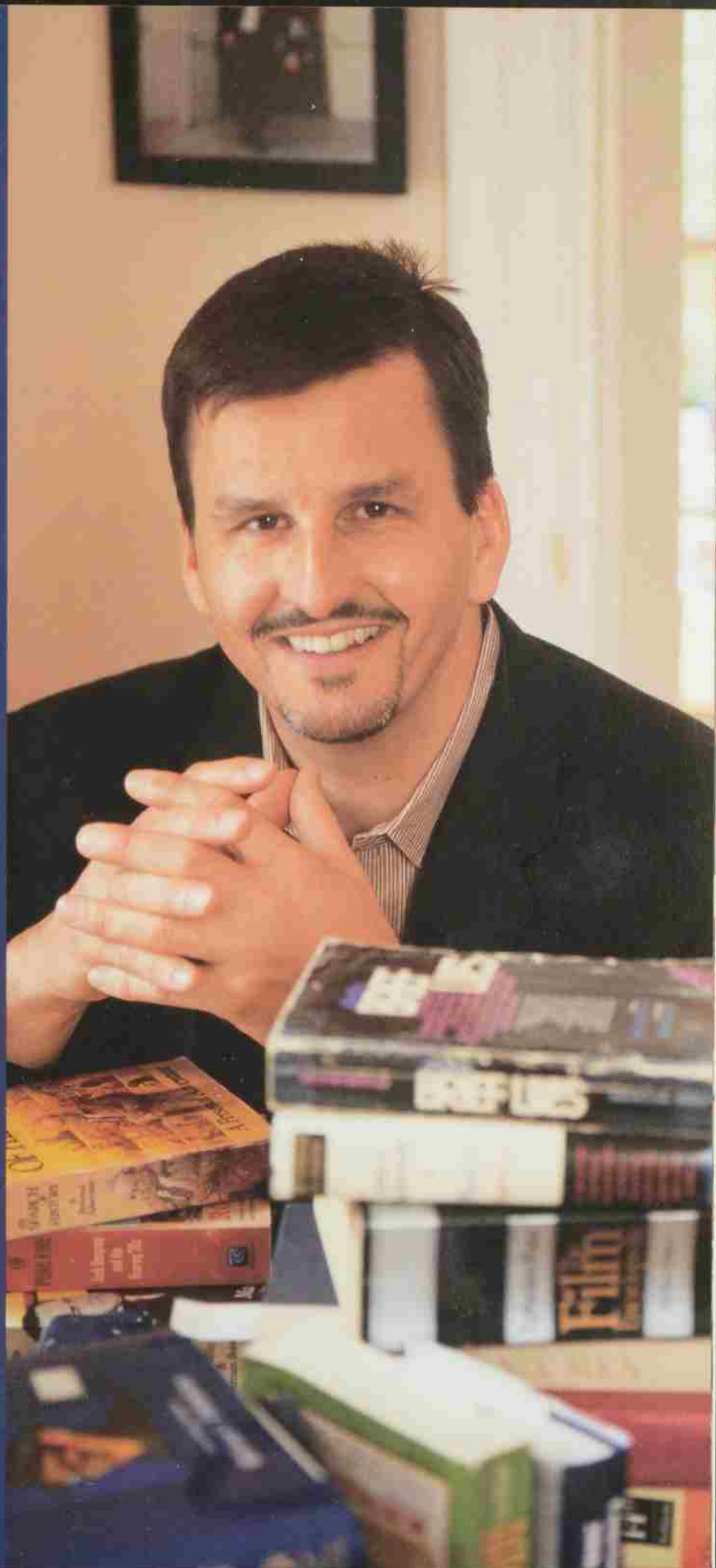
Boston, Mass.

Ryan Holznagel '83 can tell you all about Buddha, Babe Ruth and Bigfoot along with 1,700 other famous figures. As writer and editor of [www.who2.com](http://www.who2.com) – an online encyclopedia created with Paul Hehn '82, Ryan has spent the last five years gathering bits of data on all kinds of subjects. In 1995, Ryan's memory and broad knowledge were put to the test when he competed and won Jeopardy's \$100,000 Tournament of Champions.

Willamette supported Ryan's interest in varied subjects. Even as a history major, Ryan took diverse classes, including computer programming. "Many times in the past two decades I've been surprised to find that something I took as a sidelight at Willamette has proved crucial in real life. My familiarity with computing made me comfortable working in the technology field. That's a classic liberal arts 'accident' – finding you're prepared for something you never planned for."

Ryan's liberal arts background also prepared him for a diverse writing career. "My career has zig-zagged several times, from live film production to writing for the Internet, and it seems clear that my education made that possible." Ryan has written electronic learning games and worked for the Internet portal Lycos where he produced Lycos' entertainment section and created the Lycos 50, a weekly ranking of the Web's most-searched terms. Prior to writing for the Internet, Ryan wrote for television and won an Emmy Award in 1993 for writing the animated TV special "A Claymation Easter."

Ryan thrives on tackling new challenges and has used his years of writing experience to become a self-employed writer and editor; however, he continues to expand his knowledge of facts by profiling famous figures for Who2. "I've always felt I had a flexible future – that I could make my way in many jobs or many fields – and a liberal arts education helped give me that confidence."



## Cindy (Grazda) Neuschwander '75

3rd Grade Teacher  
Pleasanton, Calif.

Life has been filled with pleasant surprises for Cindy (Grazda) Neuschwander '75. While majoring in international studies at Willamette, Cindy specialized in the Germanic area, hoping that one day she would have the opportunity to visit Germany. "I could have never predicated when I left Willamette in 1975 that I would live in Germany or that I would actually be facing the Mona Lisa or walking in the trenches of WWI or climbing the pyramids in Cairo."

Willamette helped prepare Cindy to meet many of life's challenges. "Because you never know what life brings you, a liberal arts education prepares you for many things." The German she learned at Willamette made living in Germany for three years with her husband, Bruce Neuschwander '74, an unforgettable experience. She also credits her liberal arts education with giving her the skills to be a successful elementary school teacher: "You have to be very well-rounded to teach elementary school because there are no specialists. You have to be pretty good at everything."

Cindy's passion for teaching sparked her interest in writing. In her wildest dreams, she never imagined she would be the author of five published children's books. "I write children's books with mathematical themes to them, and I didn't take one mathematics class at Willamette." A series of her books is patterned after Sir Arthur and include titles such as *Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi*.

In addition to being a teacher, an author and an athlete, Cindy is the mother of two sons, Tim, 24, and Seth, 19. Life has indeed given Cindy surprises, challenges and opportunities ... more than she could have envisioned. "A liberal arts education gives you the ability to relate to people, places and situations that you may not have specifically imagined or dreamed before."



## Barry Nelson '99

Financial Planner

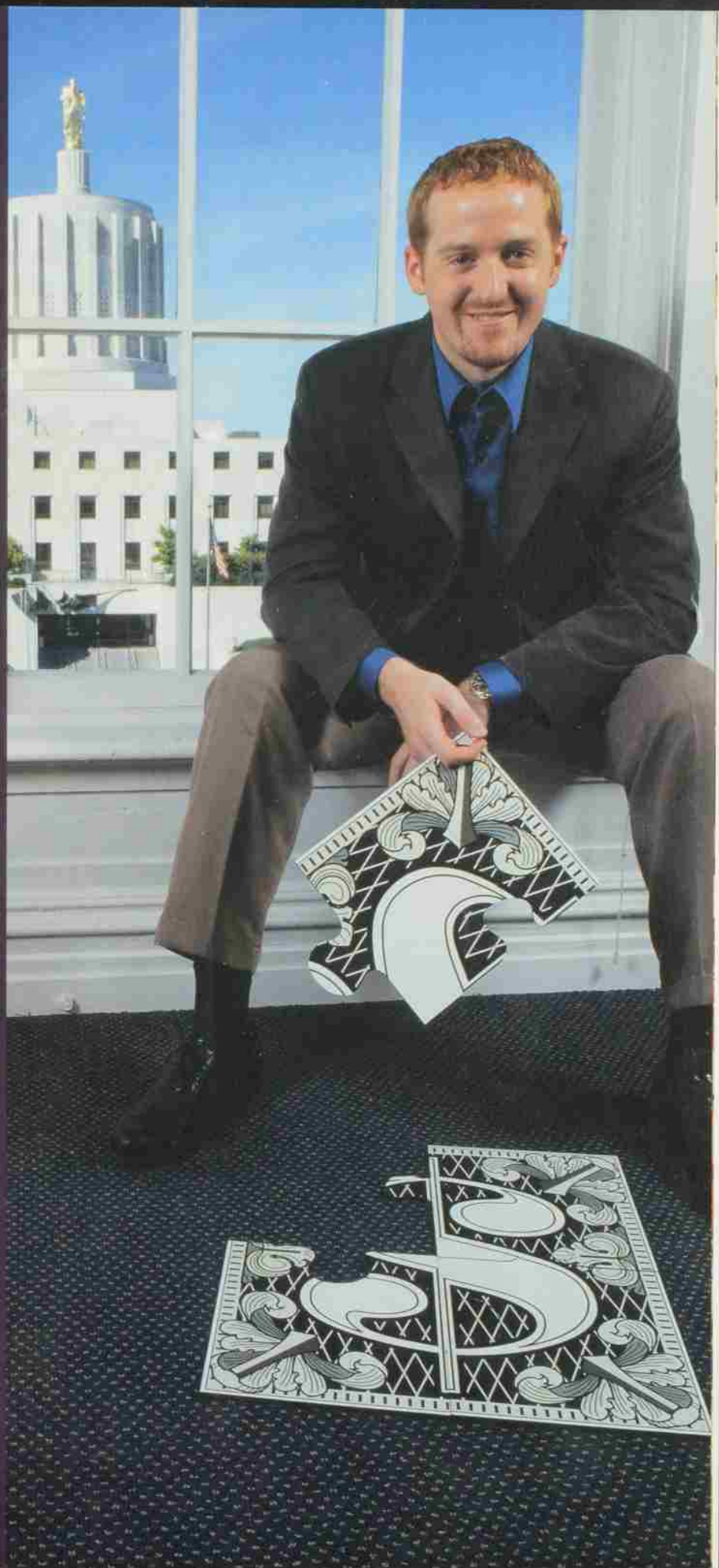
Salem, Ore.

Planning for the future is one of the biggest puzzles everyone faces. Barry Nelson '99, an associate at Capital Financial Planners, helps people assemble their financial puzzles. "I find the problem-solving very interesting in this business. I enjoy dissecting situations and building them back up." However, working in the financial world was the last thing on Barry's mind when he entered Willamette.

From the time he was a child singing in the car with his dad, Gregory '64 L'67, mom, Linda (Stewart) '67, and younger brother, David '02, Barry had a passion for music. In elementary school, he sang in the church youth choir. Throughout high school he sang in the jazz and concert choirs while balancing other school activities such as basketball and baseball. In high school, music was a hobby for Barry, and his strength in mathematics led him to dream of becoming an engineer.

A music scholarship and family history led Barry to Willamette. He entered Willamette's 3-2 engineering program, where students spend the first three years at Willamette and two more years at an engineering school. But as he explored all Willamette has to offer, Barry's priorities changed. He joined the Willamette Singers and Chamber Choir his freshman year which led to him to rethink his dream. "It was late in my sophomore year that I decided to follow my passion and change my major to music education."

Willamette's liberal arts background gave Barry the foundation to make the leap from music major to financial planner. "Willamette doesn't train you in one specific category, so you're able to adapt to any number of things that might come your way. I've always been a math guy, a music guy and a sports guy, and Willamette allowed me to experience all of those."



## Laura (Fear) Archer '79

Veterinarian

Independence, Ore.

Ballroom dancing, gardening, writing, cooking and home renovation are just a few of veterinarian Laura (Fear) Archer's '79 interests. But when she's not planting tomatoes or fixing her sons' favorite meal, Laura is taking care of her pets – two dogs, eight cats, a canary and a bearded dragon – and running Ash Creek Animal Clinic with her husband, Bob.

Willamette nurtured Laura's broad-based interests, but she chose her major very carefully. "English was a little less strict in how many actual English classes you had to take, so I had more time to take other classes. I loved history, the languages, religion, science and of course, literature."

After graduation, Laura, fluent in German, taught English in Germany, but her love of science and animals soon called her to veterinary school. She began graduate school in Europe and finished her education in the Pacific Northwest, but her liberal arts background carried her through vet school. "English helped me all the way through because it was my way of supporting myself in Germany. When I was going to vet school at Oregon State and Washington State, my work study jobs were always English related."

Even with her career, she continues to use her English skills by writing a newsletter for the Corvallis Vet Association, a column for the *Statesman Journal* and the handouts she and Bob give to pet owners. Her role as mom also keeps her busy with sons Jacob, 14, and Johnathan, 6.

When Laura speaks to children about her education, she encourages them to study liberal arts. "I think it is better for your whole life not to focus on one particular subject. Plus I still have that idea that there is something wrong with going to school just to get a job. It seems like you should go to school to improve your mind."



## Kristine (Anderson) Blodget '65

Artist

Salem, Ore.

When asked about their favorite school subject, most children will pick one, maybe two. As a child, Kristine (Anderson) Blodget '65 would have picked three. "From way back, I loved science, art and math."

Following Kris' second-grade teacher's discovery of her artistic ability, Kris' reputation as an artist grew, but art remained only a hobby for many years. Kris poured her energy into math and science, and in college, she majored in biology. "Willamette gave me a broad-based education because I wasn't sure what I was going to do, and it prepared me well for graduate school." After graduating, Kris received an American Cancer Society Scholarship to study cytotechnology at Oregon Health Sciences University, and later, a National Defense Education Act Fellowship to attend the University of Hawaii where she received a master's degree in zoology.

After working as a tenured community college life science instructor for many years, Kris' passion for art brought her to Marylhurst University where she received a bachelor of fine arts degree in 1992. Now Kris combines her love of art and science working as a science illustrator. She illustrated a new species of animal for the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport, Ore., and she drew on her science, math and art backgrounds to convert an old barn into her solar-heated art studio. Now a professional artist, she still pursues independent research in science.

Kris works with a variety of art media, including several drawing and painting methods, photography, pottery, sculpture, stained glass, etching and the computer. Her etchings can be seen in galleries throughout Oregon and as part of Chemeketa Community College library's permanent art collection. She has shown art in several regional and national science illustration exhibitions and examples of her work may be seen at [www.blodgetstudios.com](http://www.blodgetstudios.com).



## Tim McFall '87 M'90

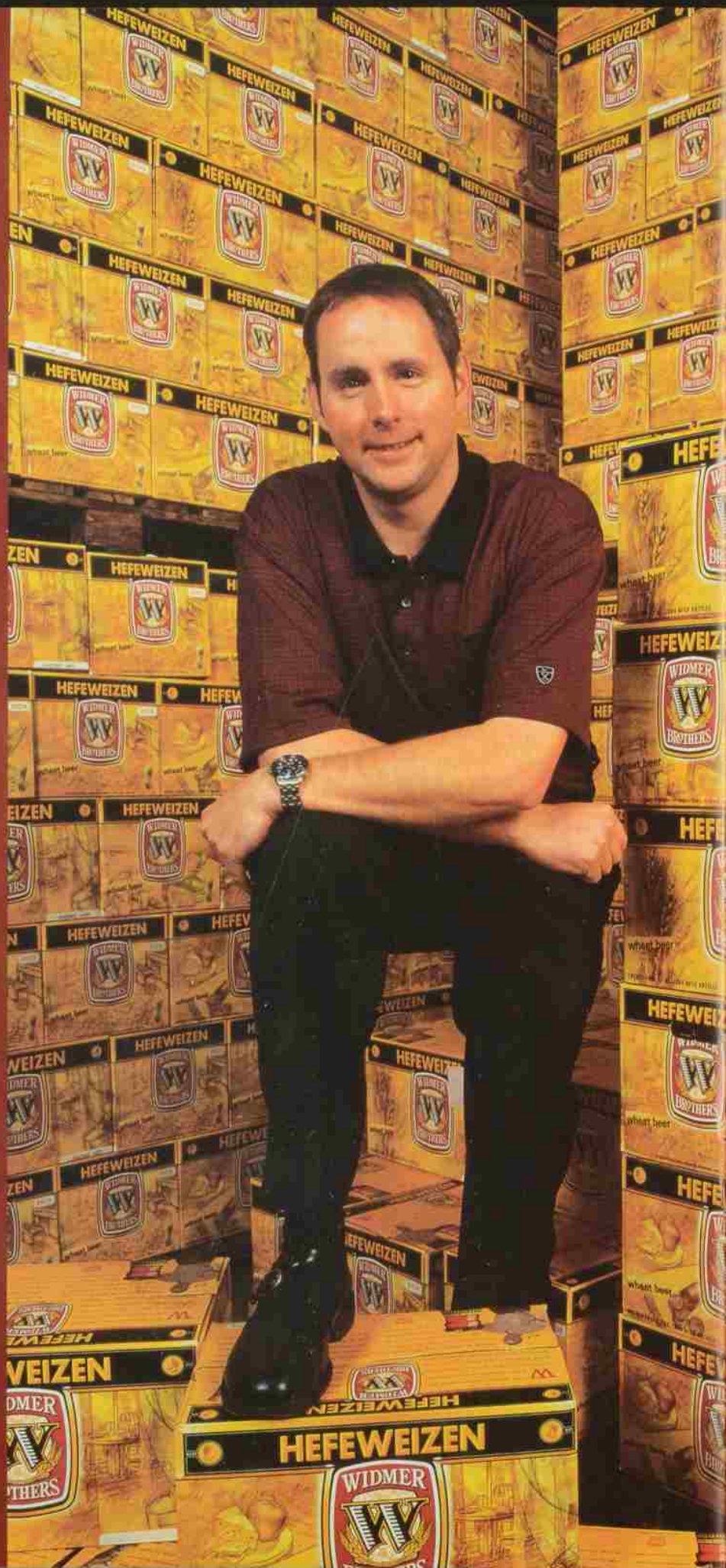
Vice President of Marketing  
Tigard, Ore.

Care for an ice-cold Hefeweizen, Hop Jack, Blonde Ale or Sommerbräu? Tim McFall '87 M'90, beer connoisseur and vice president of marketing for Widmer Brothers Brewing Co. in Portland, Ore., can tell you the intricacies of each brew. "I doubt there is a beer sold in the state of Oregon that I have not tasted. A few years ago, at the Great American Beer Festival I tasted more than 200 beers."

Not only has Tim's position allowed him to develop a discerning palate for beer, it has given him the opportunity to study the consumer. "I'm fascinated by people's enthusiasm for beer. I truly believe that such a high level of interest and passion for the product is unique to the beer business." Tim's position also involves strategic planning, new product and package development, advertising, point-of-sale development, public relations, consumer research, sponsorship and events.

The knowledge Tim gained as a psychology major and a student at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management helps him determine how to motivate consumers and build brand loyalty. Willamette's broad-based undergraduate education gave him the foundation for a career in marketing. "I believe Willamette's education provided me with a strong ability to think through situations and make strong information-based decisions. Willamette challenges you to look at situations from a variety of perspectives."

Although Tim's career demands much of his time, he does enjoy a round of golf now and then and spending quality time with his wife, Robin (Schmidt) '87, and their children Zach, 4, and Lauren, 2. Tim credits his liberal arts education for providing the tools to attain personal and professional success. "A liberal arts education results in a stronger and more well-rounded graduate. Men and women who thrive on knowledge and who have an ability to interact, think and contribute at a higher level."



Currently, Willamette athletic teams use a variety of images and combinations of University logos and letterings, including the traditional Bearcat paw. For example, the baseball caps have the traditional "WU" on the front. The font used on those caps, however, differs from the "WU" found on other team uniforms or equipment. With the introduction of the new logo and word mark, Majeski hopes to create a sense of unity among the Bearcat teams and athletes.

"I think creating a new Willamette athletic logo was a great idea," said Kari Vander Weerd '02, former co-

*"We wanted to show strength, not ferociousness. It [the logo] has a reserved confidence in knowing who we are and not showing fear."*

*—Mark Majeski, Director of Athletics*

chair of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. "I think it definitely adds consistency and a new look for Willamette athletics. A new identity is definitely needed to help Willamette athletics grow and to give us all the same look even though each sport is very different."

The Bearcat logo and new lettering began to appear on campus this spring in the Willamette Store with apparel

featuring the logo and word mark. In the fall, athletic teams will have practice gear with some form of the image. According to Majeski, though, complete implementation of the identity will take at least three or four years.

Beginning in the fall of 2002, the Willamette athletics Web site, the Willamette Store, printed materials and publications will include the logo and word mark. Ultimately, the goal is for the whole Athletic Department to have a consistent image and identity so people beyond the Willamette community recognize and associate the Bearcat face with the University.

"I designed this mark as if it was going to be branded by Nike," Noud said. "I wanted this to have a modern look, so when kids see it they get jazzed and energized. It all starts with the logo."

*—Shannah Fields '02, from Lake Oswego, Ore., graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in rhetoric and media studies. She plans to have a career in sports journalism after graduation.*



Photo courtesy of Holt-Williams '98

## So what is a Bearcat?

A bearcat, also called a binturong (hin'too rong), is a shaggy-coated mammal native to Southeast Asia. It is the largest member of the mongoose family and is nearly 3-feet long excluding a long muscular tail. The bearcat, mainly a nocturnal animal, feeds on fruit, eggs and small animals.

Willamette is not the only Bearcat among universities. Other schools that use the Bearcat mascot include the University of Cincinnati, Ohio; Southwest Baptist University, Missouri; and Binghamton University, New York.



## Creating an Identity

Willamette's Athletic Department unveiled a new Bearcat logo and word mark which will bring a consistent look to all team uniforms and athletic apparel.

The University of Washington has the Huskie, the University of Oregon has the Duck and Willamette's Northwest Conference opponent Lewis and Clark College has the Pioneer. When it comes to visualizing an image and personality of those teams, there is little trouble. However, the question of identity has plagued the Willamette community for years: What is a Bearcat?

In a continuing process to improve the University and its departments, the Willamette Athletic Department has taken a step toward answering that

question with the unveiling of the new logo. "We wanted to show strength, not ferociousness," said Athletic Director Mark Majeski. "It has a reserved confidence in knowing who we are and not showing fear."

The new logo and word mark will be the defining image of the new Bearcat athletic identity package that still includes the traditional Bearcat paw. Designed by Creative Director Chris Noud, the logo features an image of a Bearcat face staring straight ahead. Its teeth are hidden by the word mark below it, almost like a cat hiding

behind a barrier ready to pounce on its prey.

"It's an image that grabs your attention," Noud said. "It inspires a little fire in the belly and you can feel that competition. Only seeing the face and not the mouth gives it a sneaky quality." Much like the Bearcat athletes it represents, the logo conveys confidence in a respectful manner. The Bearcat's power and strength is shown as it stares back at you.

In addition to the unique personality captured in the image, the word mark is special to Willamette. Professional hand letterer and Portland resident Anton Kimball was hired to hand-draw a word mark specific to Bearcat athletics. The letters have particular features and the "r" has a tail characteristic of a bearcat. "The word mark has almost a soft look and the head of the Bearcat is more ferocious," Noud said. "It gives it a sense of balance."



This early sketch was an attempt to incorporate the Willamette "W" shape into the logo.



This sketch was the first version of what became the new athletics logo.



This is the final version of the logo and word mark which appears on athletic merchandise, pictured right.

## Portland Holiday Party

Dec. 10

Our annual Portland alumni holiday party will once again be held at the lovely Portland Golf Club. This fun alumni gathering is always sure to put any scrooge into the holiday spirit!



## Dinner Hosts Needed

Calling all local Willamette alumni ... we need your help or rather your hospitality!

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations needs 25 alumni willing to act as Opening Days dinner hosts for incoming freshmen on Saturday, Aug. 31. This is the second year for this growing Willamette tradition with the goal of connecting students with the greater Willamette family.

If you would like to share your home and a meal with a group of new students, let us know by calling 503-375-5304 or emailing [cnopp@willamette.edu](mailto:cnopp@willamette.edu). We hope you will consider being a part of this fun and welcoming event for the newest members of the Willamette family.

# Reunion 2002

## Homecoming Weekend

Sept. 27-29

Join us for Homecoming 2002 and get reacquainted with your fellow classmates and friends. All alumni are welcome but those with class years ending in a "2" or "7" should not miss this chance to attend. The classes of 1952 and 1977 will be recognized for reaching their milestone reunion years. Awards will also be presented to the Distinguished Alumni Citation recipients, Young Alumni Leadership Award recipient and Sparks Medallion recipients at the grand finale of the weekend – the Homecoming Gala. The weekend will feature a variety of events and activities that will provide you with the perfect environment to remember, rekindle and reconnect with fellow classmates. Look for a complete schedule of events and registration materials to arrive by the end of July or visit our Homecoming/Reunion web page at [www.willamette.edu/alumni/reunions/index.htm](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/reunions/index.htm)

## Show Your Bearcat Pride!

Alumni and friends who have requested a Willamette University or College of Law VISA card will soon have their wish! MBNA will provide VISA cards for both undergraduate and law alumni. An extremely attractive introductory offer will be



available, as well as a maximum interest rate of 9.9 percent. Alumni will also have the option of earning air mileage credit with their card. The best benefit

of these cards, however, will be visibility for our alma mater. Look for introductory letters to arrive in your mailboxes this summer.



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For information on any of the events mentioned in this issue of *The Scene*, or to R.S.V.P. to an event, call Alumni Relations 1-800-551-6974, or email: [alumni@willamette.edu](mailto:alumni@willamette.edu).

## Appreciating your Liberal Arts Education



Have you ever considered what your Willamette liberal arts degree could provide for you? It might be the variability of

being a major in history, yet finding that your course in economics would help lead you to a 30-plus year career in the financial services industry. It did just that for me, and I'm sure that it has done the same for many, many more of our alumni.

It has also been fascinating for me to see how the Alumni Board seeks to connect our alumni, students and faculty, while utilizing its combined liberal arts backgrounds in many and varied ways, such as:

- welcoming new freshman students during their Opening Days Orientation,
- providing alumni homes for prospective student gatherings,
- connecting Willamette alumni with

juniors and seniors for a day to learn more about possible vocations, or

- encouraging many of you to participate in the "Fifty For The Future" campaign, which focuses on 50 percent alumni participation in the Annual Fund.

As the Alumni Board continues to refine and redefine its mission, we will continue to look for new ways to reconnect our alumni to the rich opportunities that a high quality liberal arts education has provided for each of us. We look forward to your participation in future alumni programs.

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

## Alumni News Briefs



### Splendors of Imperial Japan

July 18

Portland and Salem area alumni, parents and friends are invited to attend the Splendors of Imperial Japan exhibit

at the Portland Art Museum. This fascinating exhibit will feature over 350 masterpieces from the Meiji Period (1868-1912). Join us for a pre-exhibit lecture and a self-guided tour, followed by a reception. An invitation will be mailed to you within the next few weeks or you are welcome to contact the Alumni Office for more details.

### Scholarship Golf Tournaments

Enjoy a great day of golf while raising money for local area student scholar-

ships. For those that reside in the Bay Area, you won't want to miss this year's Scholarship Golf Tournament scheduled for Aug. 16, 2002, at the gorgeous Silverado Country Club. For those who live in the Seattle area, mark your calendar for Oct. 6, 2002, and join us for the Puget Sound Scholarship Tournament taking place at the picturesque Washington National Golf Club. Watch your mail for registration materials or contact the Alumni Office for more information.

### Greece

June 2003

College of Law Dean Symeon Symeonides, a native of the Mediterranean island of Cyprus, will lead an alumni group to Greece in June of 2003. For more information on this trip, please contact Mike Bennett at 503-370-6761.

### France

October 2003



A trip to France is planned for October 2003. The itinerary will include the D-Day beaches, museums and

memorials of Normandy, the Abbey of Mont St. Michel, Chateaux of the Loire Valley, the sights of Paris and a possible extension into the vineyards of Burgundy. Alumni and friends wishing more information should contact Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Jim Booth '64 at 503-370-6746.



## New Faces in Alumni Relations, Annual Giving

**Jill Munger** joined Willamette last July as the assistant director of Alumni & Parent Relations. Munger was recently promoted to the position of associate director and now oversees such programs as homecoming, class and affinity reunions, reunion giving and the Parent's Advisory Council. Munger came to Willamette from the Humane Society of the Willamette Valley, where she served as the shelter's director of development for four years. Munger grew up in Salem and is a graduate of Oregon State University.

**Greg Jones '02** joined Willamette in June as assistant director of Alumni & Parent Relations to manage Willamette's young alumni program. Jones graduated from WU with a major in economics. He was on the Dean's List and was extremely active outside the classroom, with major involvement in Kappa Sigma, Chamber Choir and Willamette Singers. Jones is originally from Boise, Idaho.

**Corrina Hawkins** was named assistant director of Annual Giving. She manages the Town & Gown campaign and the student Telefund. She came from the Humane Society of the Willamette Valley where she worked as a development associate. Hawkins grew up in Salem and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon.

**Leslie Alfonso** came from Colorado State University where she spent the last three years as the assistant director of Annual Giving. As Willamette's new associate director of Annual Giving, Alfonso's primary responsibility will be the one-on-one cultivation, stewardship and solicitation of individuals for leadership gifts to Willamette's Annual Fund. Alfonso, a native of New Mexico, received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Colorado State University.



Greg Jones '02 and Jill Munger.



Leslie Alfonso and Corrina Hawkins.



**FORE**  
WILLAMETTE

**Join Willamette University for the 27th  
Annual Fore Willamette Golf Tournament**

**Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, Illahe Hills Country Club**

Fore Willamette is a fund-raising event for student scholarships and the Athletics Department. Tell your friends ... great food, great golf, great prizes for a great cause!

Please call 503-370-6740 for more information.

## Alumni Scrapbook

Martin Alvey '82 and his wife, Kathryn, are joined by Willamette Alumni Director Jim Booth '64 and his wife, Sandy, at a reception following a tour of the Portland Art Museum. For alumni events planned in your area, go to [www.willamette.edu/alumni/](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/).

Three former campus queens reunited recently at an alumni gathering in Palm Springs (pictured left to right): Corky (Demler) Sheffield '64 (Homecoming Queen, 1963); Gail (Larsen) Joseph '61 (May Queen, 1961); and Trish (Evans) Hall '63 (Little Colonel, 1960).

Pictured left to right, Judy Basker U81, Jim Horne U81, Leslie Wagner U81, Betsy Gilchrist '75 M/79 and over 80 alumni from the Puget Sound area enjoyed an evening of baseball on June 7. Unfortunately, they watched the Seattle Mariners lose to the Chicago Cubs, but they did see Sammy Sosa hit a home run.



### Print and On-line Directories Coming!

In preparation for a new printed alumni directory, as well as an on-line directory scheduled for spring 2003, all alumni will receive a survey to give us the most up-to-date information for these directories. PLEASE take the time to complete and return this survey – it will help us help you stay connected with your classmates and college friends. The survey will be available this fall. Thanks in advance for your participation!



America, as a missionary for The United Methodist Church. The Board of Global Ministries is the official missionary sending agency for the 10 million member United Methodist denomination. Daniel has been assigned as the area financial executive in Honduras.

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**Daniel Clare '85** of Seattle, Wash., has moved his law practice from Los Angeles, Calif., to Seattle. Daniel lives in his great-grandparents' home on Vashon Island, Wash., where he lives with his wife, Lynn.

**Brooks Houser '85 M'87 L'90**, of Portland, Ore., received the National Quality Award for Financial Planning in 2002 given by the American College of Underwriting.

**Charles M. Mitchell '86** is a counselor and therapist and is self-employed in private practice working with senior citizens. Charles lives with his wife, Angela, in Phoenix, Ore.

**Hilary Brown '87** of Orlando, Fla., has been freelancing in media and entertainment production management. Her projects include Japanese television shows, corporate meetings, and local arts events. She has her own company, Mamboland Productions. Her web site is [www.mamboland.com](http://www.mamboland.com)

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**Daniel Beacham '92** of London, England, has worked as a technician in a molecular biology lab for three years. Daniel then began the neurosciences graduate program at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Ore. Daniel is presently conducting post-doctoral research in the laboratory at the Institute of Child Health in London.

**Kris Gates '91 MAT'92** of Canby, Ore., left teaching after eight years to take a position with the Oregon State Police as a forensic chemist. Her work includes analyzing drug samples and collecting evidence at illegal drug manufacture sites. Kris and her husband, **J.D. Roth '91**, live in Canby, Ore.

**Jennifer MacDonald '92** of Boulder, Colo., graduated from the University of Colorado School of Law in 2000. Jennifer practices law at the Denver office of Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP. Jennifer is married to **Scott Mosier '92**, a financial planner with Lexmark International.

**Kristin Gannoe '93** of Florida has joined the University of Florida Department of Psychiatry. Kristin specializes in child psychiatry.

**Andreas Lühring '93 M'94** is the regional sales manager for Akzo Nobel Deco in Bavaria where he lives with his wife, Silvia. They have two children, Melanie, 3, and Henrik, 3.

**Todor T. Petev '93** is completing a dissertation at the Department of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University. Todor organized an exhibition on Dutch and Flemish art at the National Gallery of Foreign Art in Bulgaria. In March 2002, Todor curated an exhibition on the Passion of Christ in prints, drawings and illustrated books by European masters. His email address is [todor7@hotmail.com](mailto:todor7@hotmail.com)

**Ann Marie (Alden) Caplan '94** was on the rowing team at Willamette and competed in its first race back in 1993. She has since won two medals in the master's nationals competition. Ann lives in Pewaukee, Wis.

**Minda Hedges '94** is in East Timor, Indonesia, for a few months running an international rescue child trading program.

**Marisa C. Nickle '94** is employed at Sabanci University in Istanbul, where she teaches English, writing and skills for western-style education. Marisa is also training teachers in eastern Turkey and teaching textbook writing for relevance to Turkish culture.

**Malia (Watters) '94** and **Christian Hampson '93** purchased the home of **Vern Bartsch '46** and his wife, **Virginia (Barber) Bartsch '46**, near Bush Park in Salem, Ore.

**Andrew Bernhard '98** has been accepted to Wolfson College at Oxford University, England. Andrew will pursue a master of studies in Greek and Roman history beginning in October 2002. He also completed work on a second bachelor's degree in molecular biology at Portland State University this past March. Andrew lives in Portland, Ore.

**Jennifer Elaine Grose '98** is an actor and uses her screen name - Jennifer Elaine Skyler. She lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Jacqueline (Liebler) Lombard '98** moved to Tacoma, Wash., to complete her doctorate of physical therapy at the University of Southern California with a 16-week clinical internship at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash. Jacqueline is married to **Matt Lombard '98**, who is a sales/training consultant to Los Angeles area law enforcement tactical teams.

**Lora Wilson '98** of Salem, Ore., graduated in April 2001 from George Fox University with a master of art's in marriage and family therapy. Lora is working as an adolescent and family therapist at an agency.

**Monique Allen '99** of Hillsboro, Ore., has been named vice president of communications for Asset Exchange.



## MARRIAGES

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**70<sup>s</sup>**  
Madeline Louis-laques and **Jeff Taylor '73** of Corvallis, Ore., were married on Dec. 8, 2001. Jeff is the athletic video coordinator at Oregon State. Jeff and his father, Jim, videotaped every Willamette football game at home from 1952-1994. Prior to Oregon State, Jeff was the sports video coordinator at Boise State University.

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**Robin (Towell) '82** and **Louis Maillet** were married on Oct. 13, 2001. Bridesmaid was **Margaret McKeever**

'82. Also attending were **Tim Duffy '85** and **Selene (Boehnke) Andreasen '82**, who read "The Apache Prayer." The couple lives in Roy, Wash., where they recently purchased their dream home.

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**Sherry (Neumeister) '90** and **Christopher Whitmore** of Whistler, B.C., were married on April 7, 2001. The couple lives in Woodville, Wash.

**Ralph Stading '91** and **Allison Girard '92** were married on April 8, 2000, at the Great Hall in Sunriver, Ore. The wedding party included **Kimberly Stading '90**, **Tae Rhee '90**, **Jolie Kneeland '92**, **Rudy Hoellrich '93**, **Sam (Hull) Halverson '92** was one of the candle lighters. Attendants and ushers included **Brian Wilson '92**, **Tim Wonacott '92**, **Kaarta Maron '92**, **Monica Dougherty '92** and **Heather Cross '92**. The couple lives in Woodland, Wash.

**Lisa (Barnett) '93** and **Zachary Bland** of Portland, Ore., were married on Dec. 16, 2001, in Suther, Ore. Lisa and Zachary are both medical students.

**Seth Schaefer '94** and **Renee Van Hoeter** of Portland, Ore., were married on Sept. 15, 2001. Attending the wedding were **Todde Greenough '88** and **Russ Scovel '93 MAT'94**. The couple lives in Portland, Ore.

**Erin (Kleinke) '95** and **Matthew Hirt** were married on Nov. 23, 2001, in Koloa Kauai, Hawaii. **Claudette (Ebi) Kleinke '68** and **James Kleinke '68** are parents of the bride. Also in attendance were grandmother **Edna (Hopfer) Bryan '43**, **Toby Merriman '93**, **Whitney (Mehner) Merriman '95**, **Jennifer (Garner) Noble '95**, **Brenda Baumgart '95 L'99**, **Stacey (Ledbetter) McCallum '95** and **John McCallum '96**. The couple lives in Portland, Ore.

**Dianne (Criswell) '96** and **Ethan Frey '96** were married on June 30, 2001, in Troutdale, Ore. In attendance were **Jennifer Riegg '96**, **Jennifer Mullen '96**, **Ellen Coyne '98**, **Christine Heveron '98**, **Meredith Griffith '94**, **Ethan Hennessey '95**, **D'Mitri Palmateer '96**, **Kara Ritzheimer '97**, **Mark Ritzheimer '94**, and **Rob Brown '96**. Dianne has a master's in history and is in her second year of law school at the University of Washington. Ethan works at the University of Washington. The couple lives in Seattle, Wash.



## Class Links

### C.L.A. CLASS LINKS

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**40<sup>s</sup>** **Enid (Nelson) Ashford '43** and her husband, Bud, of Portland, Ore., thought Homecoming 2001 at Willamette was a wonderful day. The Pearl Harbor football players told stories, watched films and sang songs. It was a great football game and Enid sends her thanks to the committee for organizing the event. Enid and Bud are the owners and managers of Bishop Apartments in Salem, Ore.

**Glenn Nordquist '45** is a reverend living in Gainesville, Fla., with his wife, Shirley. Oct. 4, 2001, marked the 60th anniversary of Glenn's high school reunion in LaGrande, Ore.

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**Les Aldrich '51** went on to further his education at Oregon State, University of Oslo and Duke University. This led Les into a very rewarding career in teaching industrial technology. For 40 years, Les taught at California State University in Fresno, Calif. Les makes his home in Fresno, Calif.

**G. Douglas Nicoll '51** of McMinnville, Ore., taught a course in Modern Church History to non-traditional

seminarians during the spring term as adjunct professor at the northwest House of Theological Studies in Salem, Ore.

**Dolores (Spelbrink) Christensen '52** lives in Tucson, Ariz. Her children gave her and her husband a great party for their 50th wedding anniversary (June 9, 1951), which included 14 grandchildren.

**Paul '53 and Arden (Roseberry) Jewell '53** of Salem, Ore., have been appointed to the "Council of Advocates" of the Camp and Retreat Ministry team.

**Douglas G. Houser '57** of Portland, Ore., has been appointed to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Judicial Independence. Douglas is a senior lawyer with Bullivant Houser Bailey, P.C. His practice focuses on complex litigation in Federal and State Courts. He serves on the Board of Directors for NIKE, Inc. Douglas received his degree from Stanford University School of Law in 1960. As a committee member he will work to promote public awareness for the values of an independent, accountable and efficient judiciary.

**Joanne Jene '57** of Portland, Ore., really enjoyed the Willamette holiday party. Joanne was named Oregon Doctor Citizen of 2001 by the Oregon Medical Association.

**Robert Joseph '57 L'63** of Portland, Ore., has been elected to the position of chairman of the Sigma Chi fraternity risk management foundation. Robert has more than 40 years of Sigma Chi service. He serves as the chairman of the Governing Laws Committee. Robert is a senior partner

at the office of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, where he serves as an officer and member of the Oregon State Bar.

**Gerald Johnson '58** has authored two books — "Puritan Children in Exile" and "The Biography and Genealogy of Captain John Johnson." From a music major to government to author, Gerald said, "Most of my scholarly work has been accomplished since the age of 60!" Gerald and his wife, Nancy, live in Salem, Ore.

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**Nancy (Weeks) Federici '60** of St. Helens, Ore., is retired, enjoying her adult children and two grandchildren. Nancy directs her church choir and just finished landscaping her backyard with a waterfall and pond.

**Peter Verloop '63** of Starnberg, Germany, managed the Suzuki Automobile Operations in Germany starting in 1982. In 2001, he was appointed senior managing director of Suzuki Automobile Operations headquartered in Munich, Bavaria. In April, 2002, Peter was asked to also serve as president of Suzuki International Europe. Peter lives with his wife, Sabine.

**Jay E. Grenig '66** of Delafield, Wis., has authored four volumes of civil jury instructions in the new edition of "West's Federal Jury Practice and Instructions." He is a professor of law at Marquette University Law School and the author of over 50 books.

**Wesley Taylor '67** is the senior pastor of the Tualatin United Methodist Church in Tualatin, Ore. Wes has written hundreds of stories and is a regular contributor to *The Oregonian*, *Tigard Times*, *Tualatin Times* and *Beaverton Times*. Wes was also installed as president of the Board of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

**Clayton Fujie '68** of Kailua, Hawaii is the principal of Noelani Elementary School and was named Hawaii's 2001 Elementary School Principal of the Year. Clayton is among the outstanding elementary and middle school

principals from all 50 states and was honored at an awards program in Washington, D.C. He has been the principal at Noelani since 1986.

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**Jack Dale '71** lives in New Market, Md., where he is in his fifth year as superintendent of Frederick County Public Schools. He was named Superintendent of the Year in 2000. Jack has taken up flying as a diversion.

**Mary Andrews '72** relocated to Los Angeles, Calif., from Seattle, Wash. She is the medical equipment procurement manager for the new county hospital project. In her spare time she attends cat shows, showing three of her six cats.

**Gail (Kaufmann) Riley '72** is enjoying being home and catching up on projects while enjoying her sons, Ben, 16, and Thad, 13. Gail was in Portland, Ore., when the World Trade Towers were hit. Gail lives in Sunnyvale, Calif., with her husband, Thom. You can email Gail at ttgbriley@aol.com.

**Joann Frances (Young) Dannen '73** of El Segundo, Calif., is beginning her 29th year teaching science. She is active in the United Methodist Church choir and the women's board.

**Debra (Stewart) Bonde '74** lives in Livonia, Mich. Debra is sad to report that her 19-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver on March 17, 2001. She urges all students and alumni not to drink and drive, the price is much too high.

The Princeton New Jersey theological seminary recently held an academic convocation on Sept. 18, 2001, to welcome new faculty members. One of the new members is **Nancy (Lammers) Gross '78**, associate professor of speech communication in ministry. Until recently, Nancy was on the faculty of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pa. Nancy lives in Plainsboro, N.J.

**Daniel Wilson-Fey '78** of Spokane, Wash., is going to Honduras, Central

## Class of 1951 Reunion Video Available

We are proud to announce the availability of a wonderful video of all the Saturday events of the 'Big 50 Reunion' in September 2001. If you are interested in seeing a copy of the video and/or obtaining more information about a 'follow up class '51 reunion' in the fall of 2003 in Maui, Hawaii, please let us know. Send your e-mail address to Al Isenberg '51, [alisen@myexcel.com](mailto:alisen@myexcel.com), or Maggie Powell Backman '51, [things.japanese@verizon.net](mailto:things.japanese@verizon.net), for more information.

To **Corie (Collins) '92 MAT'94** and **James Julius '89 MAT'97** of Salem, Ore., a daughter, Rosalie Glenda, on March 29, 2001. She joins big sister Zuleika.

To **Mary (Coon) '92** and Michael Durrant of Salem, Ore., a daughter, MacKenzie Jade, on Nov. 3, 2001.

To **Cynthia (Farris) '92** and **Marc Kroop L'93 C'93** of Del Mar, Calif., a son, Liam Andrew, on Sept. 11, 2001.

To **Mary (Littrell) '93** and Chris Schermerhorn of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Grace Anne, on Aug. 30, 2001. Her maternal grandfather is Willamette professor Earl Littrell.

To **Andrea (Morris) '93** and Dan Cohen of Painted Post, N.Y., a daughter, Danielle Amy, on March 16, 2001. She joins big sister Amanda. Her maternal grandmother is **Mary (Pacquer) Morris '69** and maternal grandfather is **Clayton Morris '68**.

To **Lisa (Tomlinson) '93** and **Chris Simmons '93** of Washington, D.C., a daughter, Isabel Lachlan, on Nov. 19, 2001.

To **Kate (Looney) '93 MAT'94** and Nate Alvord of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Delarley Ray, on Jan. 8, 2002. Maternal grandparents are **Pamela Power Looney '66** and **Wayne Looney '66**.

To **Michelle (Murray) '94** and Marty Butler of Hillsboro, Ore., a son, Samuel, on Aug. 1, 2001.

To **Jenna (Sanders) '94** and Christian Emmingham of McMinnville, Ore., a daughter, Lindsey Madeline, on Jan. 3, 2002.

To **Heather (Saigo) '94** and Todd Weaver of St. Cloud, Minn., a son, Andrew Hirofumi, on Sept. 4, 2001. He joins big brother Jacob. His grandparents are Roy and **Barbara (Woodworth) Saigo '64**.

To **Beth (Lindley) '95 MAT'96** and David Tinseth of Salem, Ore., a son, Jacob Alan, on July 20, 2001.

To **Rachel (Champagne) '95** and Barney Smith of Portland, Ore., a son, Andrew Owen, on June 26, 2001.

To Cecily and **Jens Verloop '95** of Medford, Ore., a son, Gavin Alexander, on Dec. 5, 2001. Paternal grandfather is **Peter Verloop '63**.

To **Anna (Wallin) '95** and Dustin Coy of University Place, Wash., a son, Travis Jeffery, on Dec. 4, 2001. He joins 6-year-old twins Alexander and Samantha.

To **Rhonda (Benge) '95 MAT'96** and **James Turner, MAT'99** of Monmouth, Ore., a son, Joshua Brandon, on Nov. 15, 2001. He joins big brothers Justin and Thomas.

To Tracee and **Matthew Andersen '96 L'99** of Vancouver, Wash., a daughter, Olivia Day, on Jan. 25, 2001.

To **Erin (Benn) MAT'97** and Chris Bass of Davis, Calif., a daughter, Amella "Mia" Jeanne, on Oct. 9, 2001.

To Betsy and **Nathan Vonnahme '97** of Vancouver, B.C., a son, Beren James, on Sept. 7, 2001.

To **Gwendolyn (Davis) '98 MAT'99** and **Seth Christensen '97** of Scotia, Calif., a son, Torin Davis, on Feb. 12, 2002.



## IN MEMORIAM

**C. Gilbert Wrenn '26 H'52** died on Dec. 28, 2001, in Tempe, Ariz., at the age of 99. He was born in New Paris, Ohio, on April 2, 1902. He received his doctorate in psychology at Stanford University in 1932. He assumed a teaching position on the graduate faculty at Stanford until 1936 when he accepted a position at the University of Minnesota. Survivors include his wife of 75 years, **Kathleen (LaRaut) Wrenn '24**, a son and three grandchildren.

**William "Wayne" Crow '27** died on Aug. 26, 2000, in Merced, Calif.

**Asa "Ted" C. Zeller '28** died on Feb. 3, 2001, in Vancouver, Wash. He is survived by his wife, **Evelyn (Hartung) Zeller '30**, two sons and a daughter.

**Grace (White) Ledbetter '29** of Portland, Ore., died on Nov. 8, 2001. She was born in New York City and raised in Portland, Ore. She graduated from Washington High School and was a librarian for the University of Oregon Medical School. Grace lived in Walla Walla, Wash., for 32 years before returning to Oregon in 1974. In 1932, she married **William Ledbetter '29**. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, **John Ledbetter '65** and two grandchildren.

**Robin E. Moser '30** died on Jan. 10, 2002, in Portland, Ore. He was born on April 16, 1910, in Salem, Ore. He received his master's degree from Oregon Agricultural College, and earned a master's degree in science from the University of Oregon. He earned his doctorate in chemistry. He was a professor at Multnomah Junior College and Mt. Hood College until retiring. His wife preceded him in death.

**Theresa E. Nanney '30** died on Jan. 11, 2002, in Vancouver, Wash. She was 93 years old. She was born Dec. 25, 1908. Theresa was a treasurer for Clark County public utility district until she retired in 1973. After graduating from Willamette, Theresa worked at the Clark County courthouse from 1930 to 1942. She was a member of Pomona, state and national granges.

**Paul W. Ellis '31** died on Oct. 12, 2000, in Seattle, Wash. He was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by his daughter.

**Josephine (Albert) Spaulding '31** died on Dec. 13, 2001, in Portland, Ore. She was born May 3, 1909, in Salem. In 1933, she married **Bruce Spaulding '31 L'30**. They were married for 57 years. The First Presbyterian Church in Portland, Ore., was a central part of Josephine's life. She served as deaconess and shared her music. Her husband preceded her in death in 1990. Survivors include two daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Margery E. Hannah '32** died on Feb. 15, 2001, in Virginia.

**Mary E. (Clement) Barnett '33** died on Dec. 9, 2001, in California.

**Thomas W. Goynne '34** died on June 23, 2001, in Vallejo, Calif.

**Esther (Black) Aden '36** died on Oct. 30, 2001, in Spokane, Wash. She grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School. She then graduated from Willamette with a degree in physical education. Survivors include her husband, **Dwight Aden '37**, two sons, a daughter, a brother, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Glenn A. Heimsoth '39** died on May 1, 2001, in California.

**Paul G. Sturges '39** died on Dec. 7, 1997, in California.

**Albert H. Klassen '40** died on Jan. 5, 2002, in Grants Pass, Ore. He was born Dec. 10, 1917, in Chinook, Mont., and moved to Dallas, Ore.,

when he was 6 years old. After graduating from Dallas High School, he attended Willamette, where he was a member of the debate team. In 1940, he married Delma Jean Jones. He was a long time member of the Rotary, serving as president in 1976. He served on many civic and professional boards, including Rogue Community College Foundation and Pacific Northwest Hardware and Implement Association. He was preceded in death by a son, Alan Klassen. Survivors include his wife of 37 years, a son, a daughter, a brother, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**George J. Sirmio '40** died on Nov. 14, 2001, in Keizer, Ore. He was born in Quincy, Ore., and graduated from Clatskanie High School. He was captain of the Willamette University football team. He married Mildren W. Ostrom in Virginia Beach, Va., in 1943. George was the state director of Health, Education and Athletics for Oregon schools. Survivors include his wife, Mildren, and three sons.

**Elmer L. Scheelar '42** died on Oct. 23, 2001, in Keizer, Ore. He was born Jan. 17, 1920, in Alberta, Canada, and immigrated as an infant to Salem where he was raised. Elmer was a history teacher for David Douglas High School for 25 years, retiring in 1980. Survivors include his wife, **Doris (Holmes) '44**, a son, two daughters, two brothers, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Barbara J. Viesko '43** died on Dec. 31, 2001, in Salem, Ore. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in physical education, Barbara joined the Navy and trained wave recruits at Hunter College. She earned an occupational degree from the University of Southern California and treated patients at veteran's hospitals. Survivors include her cousin and nephews.

**Doris (Holmes) Scheelar '44** died on Jan. 24, 2002, at the age of 78 in Keizer, Ore. She was born on March 5, 1923, in Dallas, Ore., and moved to Portland in 1955, where she was a middle school teacher for 27 years. Doris retired in 1986 and lived in Palm Desert before moving to Oregon in 1999. She was preceded in death by her husband. Survivors include a son, two daughters, six grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

**Marvin Bazzel '45** died on Oct. 3, 2001, in Hillsboro, Ore. Survivors include his wife, Norma Bazzel, a son and two daughters.



Class Links (continued)

**Jeffrey Brooks '96** and Ann were married on Nov. 6, 1999. The couple lives in Bothell, Wash.

**Kristine Huey** and **Brent Cunningham '96** of West Linn, Ore., were married on Aug. 25, 2001, in Eugene, Ore. The best man was **James Peters '96**. Also in attendance were **D'Mitri Palmateer '96**, **Amy Ulrey '96**, **Tobias Read '97** and **Maija Osterholme '98 MAT'99**.

**Jennifer (Andrews) '96 MAT'97** and **Ian Dawson '97** were married on Aug. 11, 2001. The couple lives in Huntington Beach, Calif.

**Racheal (Egan) '97** and **Scott Baker '94 MAT'96** were married on Aug. 25, 2001, in Albany, Ore. The maid of honor was **Mandi McClellan '97**, and the groomsman was **Jason Thompson '95**. Scott teaches math and coaches at Reynolds High School in Troutdale, Ore. Racheal is an attorney at Multnomah Legal Aid Services of Oregon. Racheal's father is **James Egan '79**. The couple lives in Gresham, Ore.

**Chance Fewel '97** and **Teresa** were married on June 24, 2001. The couple lives in Eugene, Ore.

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**Jennifer (Duran) '00** and **Geoff Hulbert '99 M'00** of Hollister, Calif., were married on Aug. 4, 2001, at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Portland, Ore. The wedding party included maid of honor, **Anna Smith '00**,

**Rachael Ronningen '00**, **Ryan Gold '99**, **Brian Greer '00**, **Burke Eathorne '99** and **Tom Bailey '01**. Geoff is a high school economics teacher and football coach and Jen is a teacher in special education.

**Casey (Gallagher) '00** and **Michael Newman** of Diamond Springs, Calif., were married on July 21, 2001 in Napa, Calif. The wedding party included **Rebecca Detrich '00**, **Helen Atsma '00** and **Cindy Jones '00**.



FAMILY ADDITIONS

To **Nancy** and **Dennis Fast '76** of Unity, Ore., a 1-year-old adopted daughter, **Skylar Ann**.

To **Connie** and **Steven Shearer '79 M'81** of Portland, Ore., twin girls, **Lily** and **Claire**, on Oct. 3, 2001. They join big brother **Grant**.

To **Lauren (O'Neal) '85** and **Greg Westergaard** of Milwaukie, Ore., a daughter, **Erlyn Heather**, on April 16, 2001. She joins big brother **Connor**.

To **Terr** and **Rick Catalani '86** of Bellevue, Wash., a daughter, **Rachel Anne**, on Oct. 14, 2001.

To **Kimberlee (Jackson) '87** and **Charles Nicholls '87** of Sonoma, Calif., a son, **Chase Robinson**, on March 7, 2001.

To **Patricia** and **Robert Johnson '88** of Walnut Creek, Calif., a son, **Grant Robert**, on April 8, 1999. He joins big sister **Meredith**.

To **Courtney (Gwiazdon) '89** and **Matthew Van Vlack** of Portland, Ore., a daughter, **Mia**, on Sept. 10, 2001. She joins big sister **Ella**.

To **Stephanie (Payne) '89** and **Robert "Duane" Ball** of Cashmere, Wash., twins, son **Carter**, and daughter, **Allison**, on Aug. 28, 2001. They join brother **Jacob**.

To **Christeena (Folker) '89** and **Chris Tabor** of Phoenix, Ariz., a son, **Cody Wayne**, on June 10, 2001. He joins big sister **Samantha**.

To **Sue (Milne) '90** and **Jeffrey Corner '86 M'97** of Salem, Ore., a daughter, **Anna-Caroline**, on March 4, 2002. She joins big brother **Joe**.

To **Alisa (Thomas) '90 MAT'94** and **Jeff Giulietti** of Eugene, Ore., a son, **Nicolas Dean**, on Dec. 8, 2001. He joins big sisters **Jessica** and **Natasha**.

To **Donna (Yee) '91** and **Cary Yamamoto** of Honolulu, Hawaii,

**Kade Mei Lan Eri**, on Sept. 9, 2001. **Donna** is a high school math teacher and **Cary** is a fire fighter.

To **Krisanna (Gregory) '91** and **Delos Clark L'93** of Sherwood, Ore., a daughter, **Alaina Hon**, on Oct. 17, 2001.

To **Stephanie** and **Jeffrey Figeira '91** of Campbell, Calif., a daughter, **Carrie Lyn**, on Sept. 25, 2001. She joins big brother **Jake**.

To **Sarah** and **Christopher Remy '91** of West Linn, Ore., a daughter, **Laurel Marie**, on Aug. 14, 2001.

To **Lisa (Salisbury) '91** and **Michael Huycke '91** of Albany, Ore., a son, **Kale Roger**, on Sept. 27, 2001. He joins big sister **Sarah**. Paternal grandmother is **Gabriele Huycke '87**.

To **Laura (Zinniker) '91** and **Michael Hampton** of McMinnville, Ore., a son, **Ethan Michael**, on June 16, 2001.

To **Julie (Sigloh) '91** and **Joe Hambjuchen** of Portland, Ore., a daughter, **Claire Kristina**, on Sept. 30, 2001.

To **Ginger (Enden) '91 L'95** and **Christopher Burke L'94 C'94** of Portland, Ore., a son, **Mitchell James**, on Sept. 11, 2001.

To **Melissa (Huff) '91** and **Gunnar Olson** of Kelzer, Ore., a daughter, **Hannah Caroline**, on Jan. 1, 2002.



**1. Patrick Bauer '95** and **Kimberly Sayre-Smith** were married on March 23, 2002, in Cone Chapel. **David '95** and **Priscilla (Doupe) Palanuk '95** participated in the ceremony by describing the circumstances of how the newly married couple met at their wedding in July 1999. Photo by Linda Lapp Photography.

**2. Julie Gillan** and **Scott Anderson '96** of Santa Barbara, Calif., were married on July 14, 2001. The best man was **Tom Regan '97**. Groomsmen were **Max George '97 MAT'98** and **Ned Taylor '97**. **Jeff Foush '95** read scripture during the ceremony. Ushers were **Ryan Smith '97 MAT'98**, **Clay Binford '99** and **Mike Foster '99**. Also in attendance were **Jen Hess '97**, **Anna Eng '97**, **Erin (Lynett) Taylor '97**, **Kent Campbell '96**, **Casey Sims '97**, and **Ken Ray '96**. The couple lives in Santa Barbara, Calif.

**3. Norma Ramirez** and **Robert Craven '93** were married on Aug. 25, 2001, in Carranillo, Calif. Groomsmen were **David Robertson '93**, **Eric Perryman '93**, **William Bird '93** and **Nathan Lorentz '94**. Norma is an elementary school teacher in Los Angeles, and Robert is the institutional technology coordinator at South Gate Middle School in Los Angeles. The couple lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

## Atkinson Class Links

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**70<sup>s</sup>** **Grace Crunican MBA'79** was named as Seattle's transportation director in January 2002. "Grace brings great depth, breadth, and experience to Seattle," said Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels. "She is an agent of change that will help us to deliver the transportation services that the people of our city deserve. She has experience at the highest federal and state levels, as well as in local government."

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**80<sup>s</sup>** **Jack Pearce MBA'80** was promoted to chief operations and financial officer for Navis Logistics Network. He, his wife and two daughters moved to Englewood, Colo., in order to manage the company headquarters. "We currently own over 180 service locations around the country and have plans to expand to over 400 locations doing in excess of \$100 million in sales by 2006."

**Bob Ruby MBA'80**, member-owner/manager of Granite Holdings, LLC, in Burlington, Wash., says, "The commercial real estate development and construction continues to grow. This year's project, which we own 100 percent, is a 96-unit luxury apartment complex in Skagit County." Bob lives in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

**Susan Tate MBA'81**, David Morgan, along with their children, Tate and Jessica, just celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Tate's college graduation and Jessica's high school graduation with a trip to the Yucatan. The Tate family lives in West Linn, Ore.

**Guy Bengel M'83** is a CPA for Hoover & Roberts in Eaton, Ohio.

**Layne Westover M'86**, of Salem, Ore., is the vice president of marketing and business development for ESHA Research, an internationally sold food industry software designer, based in Salem.

**Brooks Houser '85 M'87 L'90**, of Portland, Ore., received the National Quality Award for Financial Planning in 2002 given by the American College of Underwriting.

**Clarke A. Coburn MBA'88** has a new email address dacob@attbi.com. He continues to work for SAIF Corporation in Salem, Ore., and lives in Keizer, Ore.

**Richard B. Mussler MBA'89** is the new director of operations in North Texas for AmCare Health Plans in

Arlington, Texas. Richard lives in Flower Mound, Texas.

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**90<sup>s</sup>** **Janice (Peterson) Colvin MBA'90** is a volunteer case manager for Mid-Willamette Valley Senior Services Agency and lives in Salem. "Having retired after 30 years with the State of Oregon, I have the luxury of serving as a board member and volunteer for organizations that mean a lot to me: Shangri-La Corp., Salem Community Concert Assoc., Oregon Basset Hound Rescue, and Habitat for Humanity."

**Andreas Luehring '93 MBA'94** moved to Pleinfeld, near Nurnberg, in Bavaria. He is a regional sales manager for AKZO Nobel Deco Ltd., Wunstorf, Germany.

**James M. Morrell M'93** was recently named chair for the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Technology Council, an organization for credit union technology professionals. He lives in Vancouver, Wash.

**Robert Campbell MBA'94** and his wife moved to Nepal. He teaches in the Kathmandu Valley.

**Shigemasa Shin MBA'94** transferred to Penang, Malaysia, to work for Kobe Precision Technology, Sdn.Bhd. for a three-year assignment. He will take charge of sales, marketing and administration, excluding the technical area.

"I landed a new job in the Bay area a few months ago and it has been crazy ever since," reports **Frank J. De Benedetti, III '82 MBA'97** who was hired as practice director for eTouch Systems Corp., in Fremont, Calif.

**Gina L. Adams MBA'98** brought a new home in Bluff City, Tenn., in August 2001. She is a market research supervisor for King Pharmaceuticals in Bristol, Tenn., and teaches on the business faculty at Milligan College, her alma mater.

**Mayu N. (Nakagawa) Daley MBA'98** and **Glenn A. Daley MBA'99** of Los Angeles, Calif., traveled to Japan recently. Mayu is assistant loan officer at Sanwa Bank Ltd., Japanese Corporation Division in Los Angeles. Glenn is a doctoral fellow attending RAND Graduate School. He continues to work for the Defense Department system of civilian governance of institutions.

**VanDyck da Silveira '95 MBA'98** is a professor and dean at Ibmec Business School in Sao Paulo, Brazil. "As of 2001, we have been ranked



### Kathleen J. Powers

Kathleen "Kathy" J. Powers, professor of human resource management at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and adjunct professor of business and management at TTUA, lost her four-year battle with cancer on Jan. 7, 2002.

Powers came to Atkinson in 1989 from Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, where she served as associate professor of health organization management since 1986. Powers graduated from Florida International University in 1975 earning both a bachelor's and master's before receiving her Ph.D. in business administration, management, and administrative science from the University of Florida in 1986.

Throughout Powers' 33-year academic career, she authored and co-authored numerous publications and delivered over 30 presentations at professional meetings as well as being active in seven professional organizations.

the number one business school in Brazil, top three in Latin America and we want to grow outside the region. Our programs are all taught in English and are molded after the best offered in the U.S."

**Mark Babb MBA'99** was promoted to assistant vice president of renovations and purchasing for Cornerstone Realty Income Trust, Inc., in Richmond, Va. Mark lives in Middleham, Va.

**Joshua C. Quarles MBA'00** has been promoted to the position of senior financial analyst for Washington Mutual Savings Bank in Seattle, Wash.

**Chad Fife MBA'01** is an e-Learning consultant for The Fisher Group. Chad just launched the firm's new online training site at [WorkTeamTraining.com](http://WorkTeamTraining.com) in Portland, Ore.

**Gang (Gorton) Luo MBA'01** accepted a job offer from Hormel Foods Co., Ltd., as sales and marketing director in Beijing, China. His email address is [gorton\\_luo\\_10\\_09@hotmail.com](mailto:gorton_luo_10_09@hotmail.com).



## FAMILY ADDITIONS

To **Steven Shearer '79 MBA'81** and wife Corinne, twin daughters, Claire and Uly, born Oct. 3, 2001. They join big brother Grant and the Shearer family in Portland, Ore.

To **Alice Margaret Alexander MBA'82** and husband, Frederick Mosher, an adopted girl, Anna Pidor Mosher, born Jun. 1, 2001. She was born in Cambodia and adopted in October of 2001. Alice is special assistant to the associate administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration. They live in Silver Springs, Md.

To **James Milanowski MBA'92** and wife Erica, a son, Jake, born March 6, 2001. The family lives in Hillsboro, Ore.



## Class Links (continued)

**Clarence L. Webber Jr. '48** died on Dec. 1, 2000, in Salem, Ore. He is survived by his wife, **Vivian (Thompson) Webber '48**, a son and two daughters.

**Jeanne M. (McLaughlin) Barbour '48** died on Aug. 11, 2001, in Woodburn, Ore. She was born in Centralia, Wash., and was a homemaker. She married Marshall Barbour on July 16, 1946, in Grants Pass, Ore., and they made their home in Woodburn in 1948. Her husband preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, five daughters, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Shirley (Durand) Beardsley '49** died on Oct. 30, 2001, in Leesburg, Fla. She was born in Rochester, N.Y., and moved to Lake County in the early 1980s. Shirley was a school psychologist and a member of the Lake Square Presbyterian Church. She was a volunteer of the American Cancer Society for many years. She is survived by her nephew.

**Thomas A. Jarvie '50** died on Dec. 18, 2001, in Springfield, Va. Thomas was an Oregon native and majored in chemistry. He also attended the University of Oregon Medical School and received two awards of the Legion of Merit. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Nancy, two sons, a daughter, a sister and four grandchildren.

**Albert R. McMullen '50 L'52** died on Feb. 2, 2002, in Astoria, Ore. He was born March 16, 1925, in Portland, Ore. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. He was a pro tem judge in areas throughout Oregon. He was Lincoln County Circuit Court judge for 12 years, retiring in 1988. He moved to Astoria in 1998. In 1949, he married **Elizabeth (Guttridge) McMullen '49**. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, two sisters and seven grandchildren.

**William "Bill" E. Bissell '52** died on Dec. 19, 2001, in Bothell, Wash. Bill was a professor and leader of the University of Washington marching band. He was instrumental for creating the stadium "wave" in 1981. Before becoming an assistant professor of music for the University of Washington in 1970, Bill had been a high school band instructor for 17 years. He grew up in Ashland, Ore. He obtained his master's in music from the University of Illinois. In 1995, he received the Don Palmer Award for service to the athletic community. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, and two children.

**Peter C. Cowan '53** died on Dec. 5, 2001, in Coos Bay, Ore. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, three sons and a daughter.

**Leonard W. Schmurr '53** died on Feb. 3, 2002, in Portland, Ore. He was born May 23, 1916, in Seattle, Wash. He lived most of his life in Portland and graduated from Benson High School in 1935. He graduated from Oregon State University and during World War II served in the U.S. Army. He was a Portland police officer and was the chief of police for the Portland Public School District for 32 years. He was a member of the First Orthodox Presbyterian Church for more than 50 years. In 1939, he married **Leone (Burdick) Schmurr '40**. Survivors include his wife, three sons and three daughters.

**Warren C. Colver '54 L'56** died on Dec. 20, 1999, in Alaska.

**Keith R. Mirick '55** died on Dec. 28, 2001, in Seattle, Wash. He was born in Kinross, Iowa, and attended high school in Medford, Ore. He graduated from the University of Oregon, receiving his master's degree in music education. Keith was a devoted father. Music, travel, fishing, golf and his favorite dog were his life's pleasures. He is survived by his wife, Joyce D' Alessandro, two sons, his father and Keith's former wife, **Charlotte (Kuchin) Behnke '56**.

**A. Curtis Culver '57** died on Nov. 30, 2001, in Salem, Ore. Curt was born in San Francisco, Calif., and graduated from Lowell High School

In addition to his bachelor's degree from Willamette, he earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Utah. Curt's interests included many friendships, singing with Salem Senate-Airs, listening to jazz music and supporting Oregon State University football and basketball. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jean, a son, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Nancy (Lagen) Geddes '57** died on Oct. 24, 2001, in Mukilteo, Wash. Survivors include her husband, **James D. Geddes '57**, four sons, and seven grandchildren.

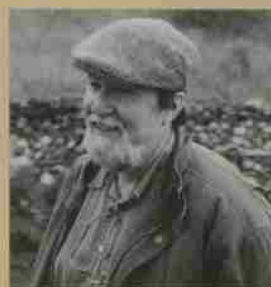
**John F. Barth '59** died on Nov. 16, 2001, in Oakland Park, Fla. He was born on Sept. 9, 1937, and attended Perrydale Grade and High School. He married Janet Page on Oct. 22, 1966, in Johannesburg. He enjoyed photography, caring for animals and volunteering at the abandoned pet rescue in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, a sister, two nieces, two nephews and several cousins.

**R. Wright Cowger '64** died on Feb. 19, 2002, in Scio, Ore. He was born on June 9, 1928, in Tolt, Calif. He grew up in Palo Alto and obtained a degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music. After spending time in the army during the Korean War, he met **Gisela (Lauenstein) Cowger '76**, and the couple married in 1954. Wright began his teaching career in 1956 at Stayton Union High School, and earned his doctorate of education at

the University of Oregon in 1968. Later, Wright joined the faculty of the Education Department at Willamette University, where he taught for 21 years, helping to initiate the Masters of Teaching program. Survivors include his wife, three sons, including **Toby Cowger '88** and **Bruce Cowger '78**, a daughter, a brother and eight grandchildren.

**Ann C. Liakos M '76** died on Oct. 13, 2001, in Alpharetta, Ga. Survivors include her husband, Chris, a son and a daughter.

**Adri-Anna (Markant) Panther '80** died on Jan. 1, 2002, in Salem, Ore. Adri-Anna was born in Encino, Calif. She married David Panther in 1982 at Oak Grove Church in Salem. She loved gardening, sewing and vacationing at central Oregon beaches. Survivors include her husband, five daughters, a son, a sister and her father.



## Kelly Ainsworth

Kelly Ainsworth, 55, associate professor of history and director of Off-Campus Studies and International Education, died May 27, 2002, in Salem after a courageous battle with brain cancer. His wife, Meg, and his mother, Liz, were at his bedside.

Kelly headed international programs at three universities before joining Willamette. Through his career he was the author and project leader for 30 grants and was the author of 20 academic publications in his field. Kelly was an engaged and energetic administrator who loved travel, history and Willamette University.

A memorial fund has been created in Kelly's memory to support international education at Willamette. Contributions may be made payable to Willamette University, noted with Kelly's name, and sent to: Willamette University, Kelly Ainsworth Memorial Fund, Office of University Relations, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301.

**Christal Winesburgh '93 MAT'01**, of Wilsonville, Ore., is working on district class requirements in Hillsboro, Ore., and is finishing her reading endorsement.

**Debbie Zigenis-Lowery MAT'01** was a substitute teacher for Salem-Keizer and is a tutor for the school district. She will complete a high school English endorsement through Western Oregon in the summer of 2002.



## MARRIAGES

**Nancy (Naugle) Griffith MAT'95** was married to Troy Griffith at Crater Lake, Ore., on July 26, 2001. Nancy and Troy have moved from Grants Pass, where she was teaching middle school. She is teaching biology and general life science at North Medford High School. The couple lives in Talent, Ore., with three Australian shepherds and two horses.

**Vanessa (Couch) MAT'96** and Todd Verrill of Colorado Springs, Colo., were married in June 2001. Vanessa has been a recruiter for the staffing industry for the last two years.

**Trish (Zonkel) Shoemaker MAT'99** was married to Lee Shoemaker on July 27, 2001. Trish teaches Global Perspectives and Global Issues at Creswell High School in Creswell, Ore. The couple lives in Eugene, Ore.

**Kendra (Smith) Brott MAT'00** was married to Patrick Brott on July 21, 2001. The couple lives in Eugene, Ore. Kendra teaches health, reading, computers and art at Central Linn High School.

**Beth (Davies) Hamilton MAT'01** was married June 30, 2001, to Alex Hamilton. The couple lives in Sammamish, Wash. Beth teaches fifth grade at Woodridge Elementary School in the Bellevue School District.



## FAMILY ADDITIONS

To **Jason Clark MAT '97** and wife Leslie, a daughter, Maple Ann, on Jan. 17, 2002. Jason and his family live in Grants Pass, Ore.

To **Raechel Perry MAT'99** and husband Scott, a daughter, Anika Marie Perry, born Dec. 24, 2001. Raechel teaches seventh grade social studies and English at Twality Middle School in Tigard, Ore. The family lives in Tigard, Ore.

To **Trish (Zonkel) Shoemaker MAT'99** and husband Lee, a son, Benjamin Harrison, born in March 2002. The family lives in Eugene, Ore.

To **Natasha and Alan Kirby MAT'01**, a son, Benjamin Michael, born Dec. 24, 2001. Benjamin was eight pounds at birth. Alan and his family live in Madras, Ore.

To **Annalivia Palazzo-Angulo '99 MAT'00** and husband Eduardo Angulo, a daughter, Ester Amelia Angulo Palazzo, born Sept. 14, 2001. The baby weighed seven pounds 10 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth. The family lives in Salem.

## GUIDELINES

Class Links are included in the fall, spring and summer issues of *The Scene*. If you have information you would like to submit for Class Links, please send it to:

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University Relations  
900 State St., Salem, OR 97301  
or email [scene@willamette.edu](mailto:scene@willamette.edu)

Please print or type all submissions, in the interest of accuracy.

If something has been written about you in a newspaper or other publication and you would like it to be included in *The Scene* Class Links as well, please submit a copy with a note giving your permission.

It is the practice of *Class Links* not to print pregnancy or engagement announcements, nor candidacies for political offices, due to the lag time between receiving such information and the publication dates.

*The Scene* reserves the right to edit or omit any information submitted.

The deadlines for submission are:

Fall issue: Aug. 1  
Spring issue: Dec. 1  
Summer issue: April 15.

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

### KEY

- L = Doctor of Jurisprudence or LLB
- M = Master of Management, Master of Administration
- MBA = Master of Business Administration
- M.A. = Joint degree, law and management
- MAT = Master of Arts in Teaching
- MEd = Master of Education
- H = Honorary Degree
- C = Certificate in Dispute Resolution



## Class Links (continued)

To **Mary Peck MBA'92** and husband Robert, a daughter, Kathryn Anastasia Peck, born Aug. 30, 2001. The family lives in Beavercreek, Ore.

To **Suzanne (Smith) Schulze MBA'93** and **Richard Schulze M/L'94**, a daughter, Elizabeth Elaine Schulze, on Oct. 2, 2001. They live in Carson City, Nev.

To **Jean Brazie '83 MBA'94** and Mark Brown, a son, Douglas John Brazie Brown, born June 25, 2001. They live in Kennett Square, Pa.

To **Christian Reichardt MBA'95** and Anne Krohn, a son, Vincent, born June 2001. He joins big brother Jonas. The family lives in Oberhausen, Germany.

### Joint Degree Class Links J.D. and M.M./MBA Joint Degree

## MARRIAGES

**Shannon Donovan M/L'01** married her high school sweetheart, Patrick Johns, Sept. 9, 2001, in The Dalles, Ore. The couple lives in Salem.

### MAT Class Links

**19** **Glen Bledsoe MAT'91** and **Karen (Lytle) Bledsoe MAT'91** have published two more children's books: *The World's Fastest Trucks* and *The World's Fastest Helicopters*. Glen and Karen live with their sons in Salem, Ore.

**Andrew Kovach MAT'91** is vice principal of Nyssa Middle School in Nyssa, Ore.

**Dave Bertholf '90 MAT'94** is the new principal of Bush Elementary School in Salem. Dave and his wife, **Michelle (Fraleigh) Bertholf '93 MAT'94**, are enjoying their role as first-time parents to Ellie Katherine.

**Patty Bauer '91 MAT'92**, of Clackamas, Ore., returned to school and received her master's degree in counseling psychology. She is a school counselor at Sam Barlow High School in Gresham, Ore.

**Mike Hettwer '91 MAT'92** is a full-time band director in the Dallas School District, Dallas, Ore. He has been teaching there since 1992. In addition to performing with the

Portland Opera, Eugene Symphony and Oregon Ballet Orchestra as a professional horn player, Mike teaches French horn lessons. Mike and his wife, Kami (Pistilli) Hettwer, have three children—Matthew, Joshua and Jenessa—and live in Salem.

**Jon Bullock MAT'95** received his administrator license and is the principal at Malabon Elementary School, a new K-8 school in Eugene, Ore. Jon is working on his doctorate at the University of Oregon.

**Susan Kernutt MAT'95** is teaching geography at Redmond High School. Susan and Wade have just purchased a house and five acres outside of Redmond, Ore., where they keep two horses, four sheep, two dogs, a cat and Wade's snakes.

**Beth Bartruff '95 MAT'96** is an adjunct professor of education at Western Baptist College in Salem and is working on the PT-3 Grant received by a consortium of colleges, including Willamette University.

**Sonny Lim MAT'96** is back in Karachi, Pakistan, teaching at the international school after being evacuated following the 9/11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Sonny reports that they are not allowed to travel alone within the city. He is excited to be back teaching and is planning labs and experiments for his students for the rest of this school year.

**Tracy (Sanguras) Norton '93 MAT'96** has been the head volleyball coach at Hood River Valley High School in Hood River, Ore., since 1996. Tracy has just been promoted to head coach for the girls basketball program at Hood River. Off the court, Tracy enjoys spending time with her son, Austin, and husband, Rob.

**Raymond Tuttle '89 MAT'96** is the acting supervisor and special education instructor for the Marion County Juvenile Department's Education Program in Salem.

**Bill Bush MAT'97** and **Melisa (Thomas) Bush MAT'97** are teaching at the Embassy School in Niger, Nigeria.

**Michelle (Nicholson) Grove '96 MAT'97**, of Woodburn, Ore., is in her second year at Southridge High School in Beaverton, Ore. She teaches IB chemistry, ESL, chemistry, biology and pre-calculus. One of her favorite

activities is coaching a "critical friends group," which is similar to guide group.

**Suzanne Kosmin MAT'97** is teaching at Stadium High School in Tacoma, Wash. She is the junior honors and creative writing teacher. Suzanne is also the forensic league coach.

**Lynn Marquez MAT'97**, of Tualatin, Ore., is teaching first grade at C.F. Tigard Elementary in Tigard, Ore.

**Jane (Shepherd) Killefer MAT'98** is teaching eighth grade language arts and social studies at Judson Middle School in Salem and is on the 21st Century Site Council.

**Tim Killefer MAT'98** teaches math at Waldo Middle School in Salem. He is also involved with a Comprehensive School Reform Design grant.

**James "Kimo" Higgins MAT'98** teaches high school in Kamuela, Hawaii, where he and his wife, Mindy, live with their daughter, Emalia, and two dogs, Ty and Daisy.

**Heidi (Webb) Blakley '93 MAT'99** and **Carrie West MAT'00** returned to the School of Education to teach a math and writing workshop to Early Childhood and Elementary MAT students from the class of '02. Both teach at Molalla Elementary in Molalla, Ore.

**Lisa Marie Johnson MAT'99** is serving with Americorps in Newberg, Ore. She coordinates recycling and environmental activities for the high school and two middle schools.

**20** **Betsy Allen MAT'00** has moved to Longview, Wash. She is a sixth grade teacher at Beacon Hill Elementary School in the Kelso School District.

**Darci Brosnan MAT'00** reports that she has been hired to teach health and health occupations at the newly constructed West Salem High School.

**Lori (Wood) Caldwell MAT'00** is in her second year of teaching a 3/4 blended class at Forest Hills Elementary School in Lake Oswego, Ore.

**Tony Marble MAT'00**, of Forest Grove, Ore., has been substituting in the Portland, Ore., area for the 2001-2002 school year. He is also helping out in his church youth group. Tony is

looking for a full-time teaching position in Forest Grove or Washington County.

**Sarah Misner MAT'00** has moved to Portland, Ore., and is in her second year of teaching for the Lake Oswego School District.

**Carrie West MAT'00** wrote and received a grant from the Department of Education to finance her ESOL graduate program. Carrie teaches first grade at Molalla Elementary in Molalla, Ore., and lives in Salem.

**Autumn (Taylor) Breitwieser MAT'01** is teaching art at McKay High School in Salem. She and her husband, Dustin, bought a new home in Salem.

**Kristin Crane MAT'01** is substitute teaching in Woodburn School District, Woodburn, Ore. Her favorite grades are first and third.

**Tracy Edwards '00 MAT'01**, of Tualatin, Ore., is teaching sixth grade in Hillsboro, Ore. She is planning a move to South Orange County, Calif., to teach and live near the beach.

**Alan Kirby MAT'01** lives in Madras, Ore., and teaches high school history, English and social studies. He also coaches football and hopes to start an auto club for students.

**Jane LaCombe '99 MAT'01** is in Napa, Calif., teaching biology at Rodriguez High School and coaching the girls' basketball team.

**Chris Lyke '99 MAT'01**, of Grants Pass, Ore., is traveling in South America this year and has visited Peru, Chile and Bolivia.

**Kelli Steele MAT'01** is enjoying staying at home in McMinnville, Ore., with her baby son, Brian. She plans to substitute teach at some time in the future.

**Melodee (Van Veldhuizen) Nolan '00 MAT'01** and **Greg Nolan '98 MAT'01** live in Stayton, Ore. Greg is teaching seventh and eighth grade math and science at Sublimity Middle School. Melodee works for her parents on the family farm.

**Jodi Scott MAT'01** is living and working as a volunteer at a youth center in Dublin, Ireland, for a year.



*Katherine Eum '05*

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I'm taking advantage of every experience I can here at Willamette." Katherine's experience is made possible through support from the G. Herbert Smith Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic and leadership abilities. Scholarships help support many bright, energetic and capable dreamers like Katherine who bring so much to our University but are unable to afford a Willamette education.

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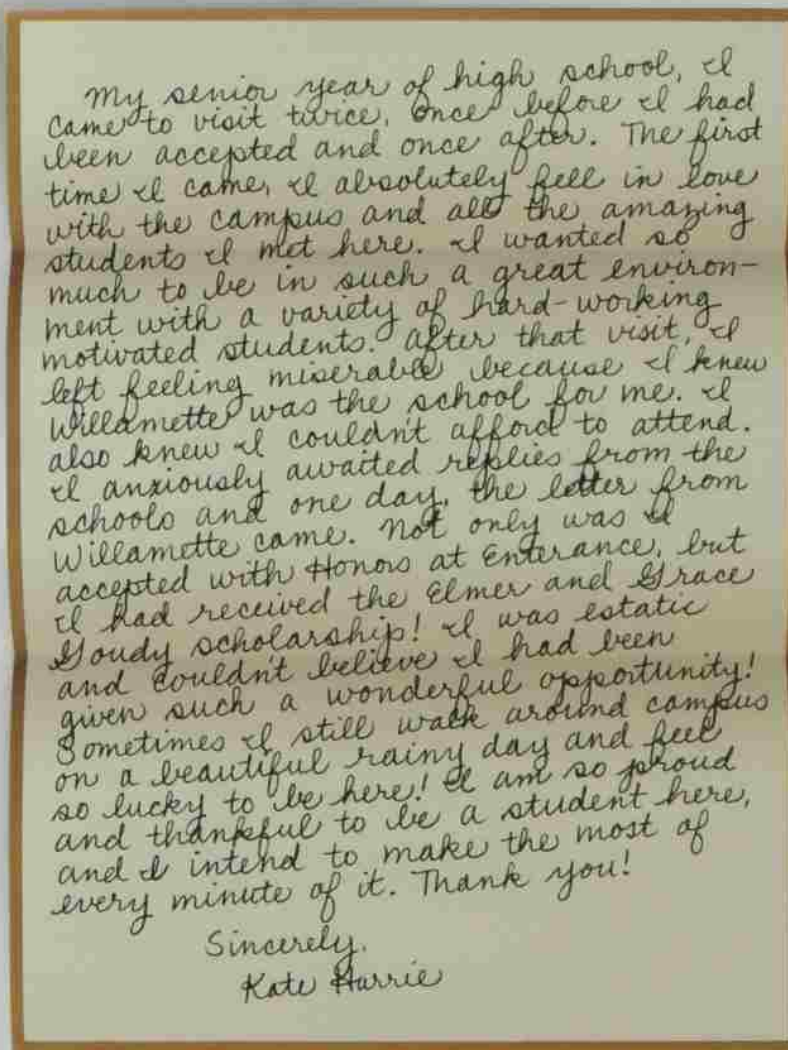
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Kate Harrie '05, an English major from Boise, Idaho, received the Elmer and Grace Goudy Scholarship – one of the most competitive and prestigious scholarships Willamette offers. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have a minimum 3.70 g.p.a. and 1300 combined SAT or 29 ACT.



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**Percentage of tuition covered in 2001:** 54%

**Total number of scholarship recipients in 2001:** 38

This scholarship was established by Elmer Goudy in honor of his wife, Grace (Collins) Goudy '22, who served on Willamette's board of trustees



## 2002 Commencement

Willamette graduates, family and friends enjoyed a glorious spring day during this year's commencement as the University celebrated the graduation of 357 students from the College of Liberal Arts, 136 from the College of Law, 67 from the Atkinson Graduate School of Management and 84 from the School of Education.



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