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The work of a new century



A few short months ago, Willamette began the work of a new century, with the aim of strengthening the educational values of our heritage on behalf of future generations of students. During the past 18 months, a committee made up of faculty, trustees, alumni, administrators, students and parents has engaged in a comprehensive long-range planning process. The purpose of this ambitious effort is nothing less than to create a map for future institutional development that will define Willamette's educational profile in the 21st century.

At this stage, I am pleased to report that the committee's work has progressed on schedule, with positive results. Out of this process, a portrait has emerged of a small private university of regional excellence and national distinction. In the years ahead, Willamette will continue to be a place of intellectual excitement and challenge. Student life on campus will be as interesting as it is varied. The campus community will reflect the diversity of the world in which we live and be richer for that variety. An ongoing theme, based in our mission and historical foundation, will be Willamette's commitment to service in all academic and co-curricular programs.

As important "guide posts" in this effort, the board of trustees adopted five priorities at its February 2000 meeting for the development of a strategic plan:

Strengthen academic excellence

Academic excellence must characterize all that we do. The campus must enable students and faculty to experience the excitement of education and provide the opportunity for them to share their insights with the community. Thus we must invest in people, programs, and facilities that will strengthen Willamette's academic excellence.

Strengthen student life on campus

As an educational community, we as educators endeavor to satisfy the students' desire to learn, to become educated citizens, and to influence their society as informed leaders. Thus we must invest in programs and facilities that will reinforce our institutional values of civility, integrity, and moral and ethical awareness.

Strengthen institutional visibility

In the 21st century, Willamette will increase the number of people who have heard about the University and their depth of understanding about the institution. Traditional interest groups that have long supported the University will be joined by new groups, representing a variety of ethnic, cultural, religious, geographic and socio-economic circumstances. Thus we must invest in Willamette's visibility so that we will become better known, especially in the Western states and in selected regions across the nation.

Strengthen leadership and innovation in technology

Willamette must become a national leader in the innovative use of information technology; innovation in this regard will quicken intellectual life on the campus and help to distinguish Willamette from its peers. Thus we must invest in technology on behalf of the students and faculty, for whom the "information age" is manifested in the world they inhabit.

Strengthen the commitment to diversity

The University's commitment to diversity reflects our moral duty to overcome racism, bigotry and discrimination in all forms as well as the undeniably diverse world in which we live. Thus we must invest in people, programs and activities to strengthen our appreciation of and commitment to diversity.

The planning process thus far has spurred many bright minds to think about Willamette in fresh ways. The committee's work over many months has focused light on institutional planning, even at this early stage. As the planning committee continues its work, further discussion will help us to allocate our educational resources in the most effective manner to give Willamette a competitive advantage among our peer institutions.

At this early phase of an ambitious effort, we remain confident in Willamette's future and committed to the work that will sustain this institution in the new century and beyond.

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

M. Lee Pelton

President

Give a hoot. Don't pollute!

By Michelle Maynard

Grand waterfalls, lush vegetation, flowers blooming, smell of the outdoors and birds flapping their wings overhead looking for fish in the stream all add to the tranquility of nature and our escape from the real world. My husband and I walk along the trail, our dog bouncing through the bushes. This is when we leave our worries behind. Suddenly, our meditation with nature is interrupted – trash. Soda cans, bottles, dirty diapers, newspaper, tissues and food wrappers litter the trail.

I never understood why people leave trash in the forest. Do they think it's a landfill? Do they think someone else will pick it up? Do they not notice they dropped something? Or think it will biodegrade?

Obviously, people know it is wrong to pollute. We are taught as little kids to pick up after ourselves. Do we forget the rules as adults? Do the rules change in the woods?

I remember little cartoons at the beginning of movies showing viewers what the large trashcans are for,

depositing drink containers, candy wrappers and popcorn tubs. Even with the "don't litter" advertisements, a movie theatre floor is covered with garbage at the end of the show. Do people not feel guilty throwing garbage in public places? Is it the same feeling that someone else will pick it up?

This brings me back to Mother Nature. Even though we don't see anti-pollution ads in the forest – thank goodness – people need to feel some sense of responsibility when they spend time in nature. It's the simplest thing you can do. Pick up after yourself. Bring enough garbage bags along to carry out your trash. Also, don't be too proud to pick up someone else's trash.

Picking up another person's trash goes against the norm of society. "I didn't do it, so I shouldn't have to correct it." Or, hikers comment on the lack of integrity of the people who left the trash, then walk on by. Having that attitude doesn't help, and more importantly, it doesn't get rid of the garbage problem.

People should be responsible and pick up after themselves. In addition, campers and hikers can make a large contribution to nature simply by picking up other garbage they see. Many nature lovers participate in clean-up days hosted by the park service throughout the year. This is a step in the right direction, but it is not enough. One day will keep the trails clean for about one week, maybe. Everyone must play a part. Participating in a clean-up day is great, but every day spent in nature could be a clean-up day.

Perhaps my strong feeling comes from the message I heard as a child from that larger-than-life owl named Woody – "Give a hoot. Don't pollute." I carry that message to the neighborhood, nature and even the movie theatres. (My mother still wonders where I got the notion to pick up other people's trash in the movie theatre.) I don't ask people to go that far. I just suggest that the next time you walk in the woods or through a local park, you make a small effort to make a big difference: Pick up a can or piece of paper that you might otherwise walk by.



Michelle Maynard is the media relations specialist for Willamette. She coordinates the University's public relations efforts, and acts as editor of the Scene.



In 1970, a fanciful creature named Woody Owl entered the lives of children all around the country. This outdoorsy new friend from the forest invited them to help him spread the word on protecting the environment. "Give a Hoot, Don't Pollute." As years passed, more children became Woody's allies by developing awareness of the local environment and a desire to use its resources in appropriate ways.

Perspectives

Love the new color scheme/theme and the paper stock and weight are fantastic. Those simple elements really added to a cohesive and important looking publication and helped make it compelling for me to read promptly. But, the text is impossibly small.

Shannon (Campbell) Savelle '81

A Russian connection

I read with great interest the article "To Russia With Love" in the winter 2000 *Scene*. I studied Russian under the tutelage of Marja Udris from 1959 to 1963, as a second major – one which I returned to school and finished in 1990 at Washington State University.

I was fortunate to visit Russia twice – once in 1983, as the reins of Communism were beginning to loosen, and again in 1998, when I saw change that I had never thought possible. In both cases, I was struck by the generosity of spirit, the sense of dignity and the wonderful sarcastic sense of humor which seems to get people through each day. Those who have had the privilege to visit Russia come away with similar reflections, as stated so well in the article. It was a special feeling to be able to converse with the Russians in their native language as it allowed me to gain special insight into their daily lives. I am very grateful for the basis given to me at Willamette in Dr. Udris's classes, and the opportunity to build on it at WSU.

Willamette University should be proud of its Russian program and all that has been accomplished with it. I sincerely hope that it will be possible to meet Professor Magda Schay someday – she is to be congratulated for the education and background she has provided to her students, as did Dr. Udris before her.

Sally Bowe Beaton '63

Sarnia, Ontario, Canada

Type too small

I enjoyed reading the winter edition of the *Willamette Scene*. Being a former desktop publisher/graphic designer, I have some comments. Love the new color scheme/theme and the paper stock and weight are fantastic. Those simple elements really added to a cohesive and important looking publication and helped make it compelling for me to read promptly.

But, the text is impossibly small! I'm only 40 and my eyesight is still pretty good, but to read the *Scene* I had to put glasses with magnifying lenses on, something I only do when using the computer and doing fine crafts and sewing. Seems logical that most alums, due to growing older, have eyesight issues and dislike fine print.

Finally, I don't see the point in separating the marriage category in *Class Links*. It was inconvenient and user unfriendly.

Thanks for a great alumni publication. Overall it's one of the nicest things that arrives in my mailbox.

Shannon (Campbell) Savelle '81

This letter was sent to Willamette President Lee Pelton.

Just a short note to let you know how much I enjoy receiving my *Willamette Scene* these days. Your message on the inside cover never fails to make me proud and hopeful to be a graduate of Willamette. In your brief time at W.U., you have

already become, for me, such a part of the school. Your sense of the past and its connection to the future is a wonderful thing to me. I will continue to look forward to your quarterly messages and to many more years of your service to Willamette.

Margaret Barton-Ross '69

Sense of community

We really enjoy the *Willamette Scene* articles. I found especially interesting the support given to the W.U. grad teaching at Columbine. As parents, we were very encouraged to see that the sense of community our daughter loves now will continue long after she graduates.

Margaret Norton

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Presidential Senior Scholar Program established

The Presidential Senior Scholar Program, which was recently announced by President M. Lee Pelton, will enable two Willamette seniors to devote one or two semesters to complete a research or creative project under the guidance of a faculty advisor.

In addition to the one-semester tuition remission award, a \$2,500 stipend will be given to the scholar to cover research expenses. The scholar's principal advisor will receive a \$1,000 stipend in recognition of the time spent advising the student.

"The Presidential Scholars Program is intended to enrich the intellectual environment of the campus and to provide intellectual and creative opportunities to talented undergraduates who pursue advanced research or creative work in a specific field," said Pelton.

The Undergraduate Grants and Awards Committee selects the Presidential Scholars after review of each applicant's proposed project, record of achievement, potential for intellectual or creative endeavor and independence of character.

Willamette bids farewell

Jim Sumner, vice president for enrollment, ends a 26-year career at Willamette University, as he joins Grinnell College, in Grinnell, Iowa, as the dean of admission and financial aid. Sumner will leave the University in June.

He joined Willamette in 1974 as the associate director of admissions.



Following his service as assistant to the president (1982-1984) and director of university relations (1984-1987), he became dean of university admission in 1987. In 1996, he was appointed vice president for enrollment. Under Sumner's leadership, Willamette increased the number of students enrolled, enjoyed a dramatic increase in the academic profile of the student body, expanded the enrollment pool from a regional to a national base and strengthened minority recruitment to a point at which diversity is at an all-time high.

In his new position, he will assume additional responsibilities, including oversight of both the admission and financial aid programs at Grinnell.

University relations gets new vice president

Willamette University welcomes Ronald J. Korvas, as the new vice president for development and alumni relations. In this position, he will oversee University Development, Academic Grants and Awards, Foundation Relations, Government Grants, Alumni Relations and the Office of Communications. Korvas begins his new position in May.

Korvas comes to Willamette from Minnesota State University in Marikato, Minn., where he served as vice president of university advancement. In six years at Minnesota State, Korvas increased the university's annual fundraising five-fold, helped implement an integrated marketing and communications plan that resulted in a 20 percent increase in applications and spearheaded the development of over \$20 million in new campus construction. He brings over 20 years of higher education experience to Willamette University.



Ron J. Korvas, Ph.D., is not a newcomer to the Pacific Northwest. Prior to Korvas' position at Minnesota State University, he served as vice president of Washington State University's foundation for four years.



When John F. Kennedy became president in 1961, he issued a call to Americans with these words: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." He manifested this vision by establishing the Peace Corps to promote world peace and friendship. Two Willamette grads were in the first Peace Corps class — Sam Farr '63, now a U.S. Congressman from California, and Everette Holt Williams '63.

Willamette ranks eighth in number of Peace Corps volunteers with 16

Many graduates travel to remote corners of the world after they receive their Willamette diplomas. Some accept jobs in the private sector, while others choose to donate their time to international organizations. 16 Willamette alumni are volunteering with the Peace Corps.

Willamette University ranks eighth nationally on the list of small colleges, those with fewer than 5,000 undergraduate students, in the number of alumni currently serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

"Willamette students dedicate a significant amount of time to the community while in school," said M. Lee Pelton, Willamette University president. "I am delighted when this civic contribution extends beyond graduation. I am proud of the alumni who volunteer around the world. They embody Willamette's motto, 'Not unto ourselves alone are we born.'"

More than 7,000 volunteers are serving in 78 countries around the world, working to help fight hunger, bring clean water to communities, teach children, help start new small businesses and stop the spread of AIDS.

In the 38 years the Peace Corps has been sending volunteers,

overseas, almost all have been college graduates. Today, 97 percent of Peace Corps volunteers hold at least a bachelor's degree, while 13 percent have a graduate degree.

Willamette creates exchange partnership with Fisk University

On top of its many study abroad programs, Willamette is now providing students with an opportunity to study in another area of the country. For the first time in the University's history, Willamette is partnering in a student exchange program with another university — Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., a historically African-American university.

Beginning in the 2000-2001 academic year, two juniors from each university will live on the other campus, attend classes and experience diverse academic programs under a new perspective.

"Fisk University has a long tradition of providing an outstanding liberal arts education," said President M. Lee Pelton. "This partnership furthers our commitment to developing a diverse campus."

Pelton plans to travel to South Africa in September to investigate study abroad opportunities for Fisk and Willamette students.

Fisk University was founded in 1866 as the Fisk School. Its first student body consisted mainly of former

slaves. Today, Fisk is a small, predominantly African-American institution with a strong liberal arts and science emphasis.

Atkinson changes degree from M.M. to M.B.A.

On Feb. 12, 2000, the board of trustees affirmed a vote of the faculty of the Atkinson Graduate School of Management to change the title of the degree awarded by the Atkinson School from "Master of Management" (M.M.) to "Master of Business Administration for Business, Government and Not-for-Profit Management" (M.B.A.)

The new degree title acknowledges the widespread acceptance of the M.B.A. degree for management careers in business, government and not-for-profit organizations. The Atkinson School's mission and curriculum remain unchanged, as does the school's philosophy of treating management as management.

Students entering Atkinson after January 2000 will receive the M.B.A. degree. Students currently enrolled may choose the degree they prefer, and alumni have the opportunity to change their degree.

Alumni interested in a degree change should contact the Atkinson School Admission Office by calling 503-370-6167 or email cagsm-admission@willamette.edu.

tidbits

Restoring a piece of living history

By Ben Worsley '98

It's one thing to preserve what's left. It's another to restore what's already gone.

That's exactly what Karen Arabas, assistant professor of geography and environmental science, has undertaken at Bonesteel Park outside Salem. Working with the Marion County Department of Public Works, she is researching the history of the 30-acre park to understand what the land was like prior to European settlement.

"Though not complete, this collaborative research effort indicates that there was oak savanna at the site dating back to the early 1800s," Arabas said. Since European settlement, the oaks have been replaced by upland forest, primarily comprised of Douglas fir and bigleaf maple.

Arabas believes Native Americans may have used small, frequent fires for agriculture and hunting. These fires also maintained the oak savanna by killing competing vegetation. When the Europeans came west in the mid-1800s and displaced the Native Americans, the fires stopped, and the more aggressive forests that we know today overtook the delicate oaks.

The research at Bonesteel Park has offered a laboratory for Arabas' students. Classes, such as her Biogeography course, assisted with data collection and analysis. Two of Arabas' students, Sara Coffey '01 and Cindy Jones '00, worked with

Arabas to conduct independent research on the park last summer.

"This has been a wonderful opportunity to be involved in a hands-on local restoration project for me, but more so for my students," said Arabas. "It has given them the chance to see how political and ecological theory they learn in the classroom is applied in the real world. It has been a tremendous learning experience for us all."

Arabas has taught at Willamette for four years and, with Professors Gil LaFreniere and Peter Eilers, is part of a burgeoning environmental and earth sciences program at Willamette. Thirty-five students are majoring in environmental science (earth science is available only as a minor).

Arabas came to Willamette with a strong research background. She has worked for a variety of research organizations, like ICF Incorporated and the World Resources Institute. Locally, she has participated in dendroecology research in Klamath National Forest and Lassen National Park.

Once her research at Bonesteel Park is completed, the county will decide whether to proceed with the restoration. "Most likely, restoration of the oak savanna will not occur. It is expensive and would require tremendous mechanical manipulation of the site," Arabas said. She is, however, encouraged that oaks are beginning to regenerate at the fringes of the 10-acre forest.

The county will encourage the growth of these oaks, and attempt to create a mini-savanna in a portion of the park. While it may not be a full restoration, it will provide a small glimpse of what was.

Photo: Reiter, Statesman Journal



Karen Arabas, assistant professor of geography and environmental science, works to preserve Bonesteel Park outside Salem.

Oh, oh, it's magic!

By Michelle Maynard

It's not every day that local and national media descend on Willamette's campus. Then again, it's not every day that a freshman locks his limbs in chains, jumps into the deep end of a swimming pool and escapes triumphantly. On March 2, an audience of about 1,000 and a gallery of media cameras gathered to witness Willamette's 19-year-old magician perform a two-hour magic show and attempt his first underwater escape.

"I thought it was awesome to have that many people there, and it was fun working with the media," said Jason Rowton. "I heard the story reached from Seattle to Mexico."

While Rowton planned the details of his show, he thought of ways to get the word out. Rowton petitioned the *Statesman Journal* to run a feature story about him, and the newspaper obliged by printing a front-page story and photo in the local section.

"There was the initial shock of the media covering me, but then I felt it should be this way every time," said Rowton.

The Associated Press picked up the story, and within hours, two television stations from Eugene, four television stations and one radio station from Portland and the national, syndicated show "Extra" announced they were coming to campus to cover the escape.

Meanwhile, Rowton tried to focus his excitement on the details of his show. While most magicians prepare months in advance, Rowton prepared only four weeks for his underwater escape, so it was important for him to remain calm.

"Many magicians do underwater breath training, so they can hold their breath for a long time in case something goes wrong," said Rowton, also a quarterback on the Bearcat football team. "I only had four weeks to plan the escape, rehearse and practice my breathing."

For his underwater escape, Rowton had shackles placed around his ankles and wrists and with a 15-pound weight attached, which would make Rowton sink quickly. The timer was set at 30 seconds, the amount of time he could hold his breath, and he slid off the edge. With a scuba diver standing by in the pool, the clock hit 30 seconds. Rowton was still underwater. A hush came over the crowd. Then the audience noticed a little movement at the bottom of the pool. Rowton rose to the top, causing the crowd to erupt in celebration.

In his childhood and teenage years, Rowton used his charm and magic with one goal in mind — to bring happiness to his audience. His grandmother first introduced him to magic at the age of nine when she gave him a deck of trick cards from Disneyland. By the age of 12, his passion for magic led him to perform at birthday parties. Rowton, an economics major, dreams of showcasing his magic in Las Vegas someday, but right now, his mind is occupied with plans for next year.

"After completing the last show, I started working on the next show right away," said Rowton. "I am planning on a major escape from a casket wrapped in chains, with a two-minute timer, so after the two minutes, the casket will blow up. But I still have a long way to go in planning and getting permission to make this work."

Rowton also said he's considering charging for next year's performance with the proceeds going to a charity because "there's nothing like trying to kill yourself for charity."



Freshman Jason Rowton's magic show included an escape from a straight jacket (top).

The media frenzy at the pool (right) mounted, while Rowton had campus safety lock him in chains for his underwater escape (above).



Let me say just one word: Plastics!

By John Olbrantz, the Maribeth Collins Director of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art

From ceramics to Plexiglas to prints and finally plastics, David Gilhooly, an internationally recognized Oregon artist, has created a unique style, characterized by some as utterly outrageous and humorous. Since the mid-1980s, David Gilhooly has focused on the medium of plastics. Although his ceramic work has been shown extensively in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia, his Plexiglas and plastic pieces have not received the kind of critical attention they deserve.

In the mid-1990s, Gilhooly moved from Plexiglas to recycled plastics as the "carrier" of his ideas and concepts. Reminiscent of the work of Joseph Cornell, but with a punch, these new pieces were assembled from found objects – jigsaw puzzles, action figures and cheap plastic frames, often purchased at thrift stores, garage sales, toy stores, fast food restaurants or given to him by friends. Gilhooly liked that a work could be conceived, assembled and resolved in a single day if the right materials were at hand, compared to the days or even weeks it might take to make one of his Plexiglas pieces.

Gilhooly's plastic pieces ask each viewer to deliberate on art, religion, food, mass consumption and other aspects of American culture, often through the use of irony and humor. The subject matter and inspiration for these humorous and satirical

constructions come from life, history and the social sciences. Although some critics have attempted to demean the work as "show tunes or jingles," Gilhooly is quick to point out that humor is like a refrigerator door handle. It makes it easier for people to look inside a refrigerator if the door has a handle. Otherwise, they may walk away without stopping to take a look and muss its contents completely.

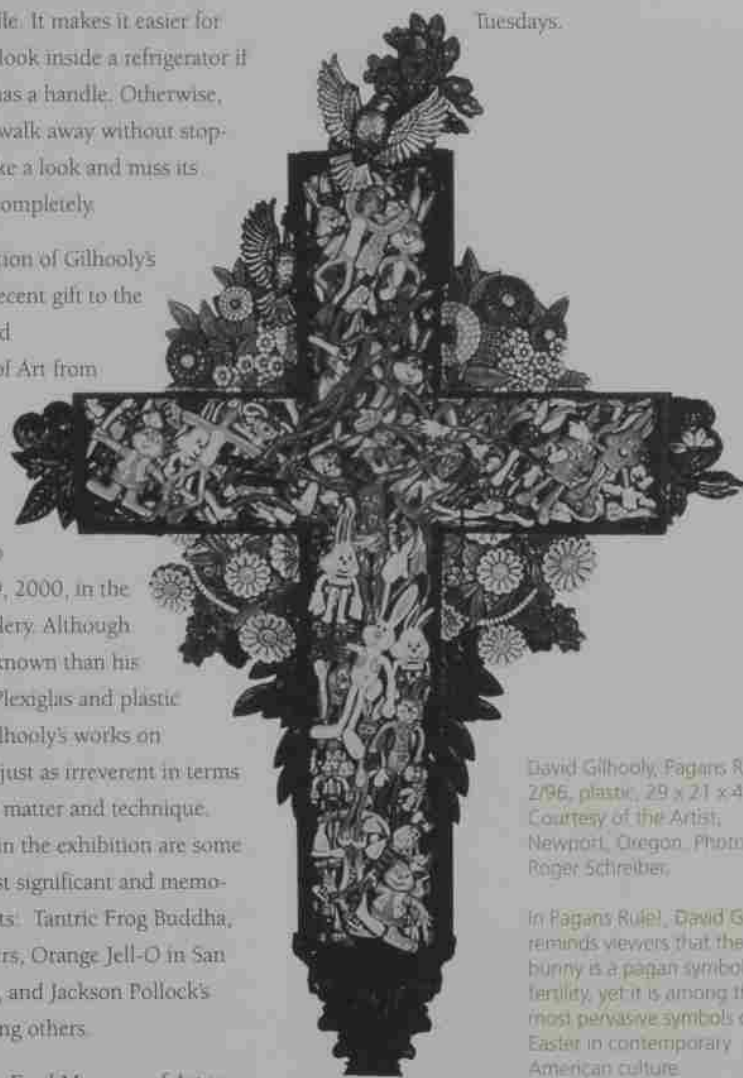
An exhibition of Gilhooly's prints, a recent gift to the Hallie Ford

Museum of Art from the artist, will be on view from

June 10 to August 19, 2000, in the Study Gallery. Although less well-known than his ceramic, Plexiglas and plastic works, Gilhooly's works on paper are just as irreverent in terms of subject matter and technique. Included in the exhibition are some of his most significant and memorable prints: Tantric Frog Buddha, Frog Astairs, Orange Jell-O in San Francisco, and Jackson Pollock's Dog, among others.

The Hallie Ford Museum of Art is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. The galleries are closed on Sundays and Mondays. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for seniors and students (13+). Children under 12, Willamette facul-

ty, staff and students, Hallie Ford Museum of Art members, American Association of Museum members and school groups receive free admission. In addition, the museum offers free admission to everyone on Tuesdays.



David Gilhooly, *Pagans Rule!*, 2/96, plastic, 29 x 21 x 4" Courtesy of the Artist, Newport, Oregon. Photo: Roger Schreiber.

In *Pagans Rule!*, David Gilhooly reminds viewers that the bunny is a pagan symbol of fertility, yet it is among the most pervasive symbols of Easter in contemporary American culture.

Weaving a basket of wonder

By Beth Kowal '02

There is no such thing as a basket-weaving machine," says Connie Graves, class attendee and descendant of the Grand Ronde Indian tribe. Every basket in the world is handmade. The \$3.99 baskets for sale at Walmart were made by someone's hands, but the tradition and beauty of basket weaving began centuries ago.

Native Americans in the Pacific Northwest celebrated nature by using cedar bark to create grass skirts, bark hats, clam baskets, canoe bailers,

picnic baskets, medicine bags, laundry baskets and ceremonial baskets, to name a few.

"Basket weaving is important because it is a connection to our past. We need the connection since people have gone astray," said Anna Rose Jefferson, basket instructor and member of the Lummi coastal tribe.

During the first week of March, a small class of women participated in a basket weaving workshop at Willamette's Hallie Ford Museum of Art. The 20 limited spots filled up almost instantly. Jefferson, of Bellingham, Wash., taught the women how to make cedar Lummi storage baskets.

The first step of basket weaving requires collecting the materials.

Anna Rose Jefferson, basket instructor and member of the Lummi coastal tribe, showed students the weaving technique used by the Pacific Northwest Native Americans.

Weavers collect bark and roots from cedar, willow or wild cherry trees. They gather the materials in the summer, dry the bark all year long to release the toxins and use the supplies the following summer. Patricia Hawk, co-teacher of the workshop, takes her sons out to gather cedar bark together.

"My sons find a tree, cut around the bottom of the trunk and pull the strips up," said Hawk. "Some strips can reach up to 50 feet long."

Once the materials have been gathered and dried, the weaver can begin to turn ordinary trees into artistic beauty. The participants used cedar kits that Jefferson put together to make the baskets. They had to pull apart the cedar strips, making them thinner and more flexible. The women wet the strips and criss-crossed them to form the bottom of the basket. Once the base was formed, the women took cedar root and began twining the strips together. Some people used different materials such as wild cherry to add contrasting color. Slowly and steadily, the women wove — twining around strips and spraying water on the bark to keep it moist and pliable.

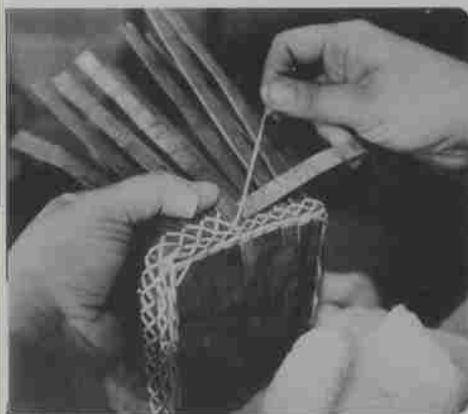
"It's important to continually wet the bark that I'm working with to keep it flexible," said Graves.

"A year later, I'll hose the basket down to prevent it from drying out too much. Wetting my baskets and letting them dry helps them regain their strength."

Once the first basket is completed, Jefferson suggests giving it away. Another view comes from a class participant who thinks it's important to keep the first basket as a benchmark to compare with future projects and use as a measure of improvement.

In contrast to the basket weaver who spends anywhere from six hours to several days crafting a masterpiece, it takes only five minutes to purchase it in a store.

"My husband and I collect baskets, so I took the class to learn how they are made," said Becky Miller-Moe, Willamette University counselor. "It's challenging, takes a lot of skill but is very relaxing."



Students in the basket weaving workshop learned the art of making cedar Lummi storage baskets.



Fixing the environment

By Robyn White '00

"Everyone should be concerned about environmental issues," said Jennifer Taylor '00, a 21-year-old environmental science major. Taylor believes environmental science is "very important" because "big corporations need to realize there is a limit to human impact" on the environment, and corporations will be pressured to change their environmental policies.

Taylor understands the challenge of restoring a natural habitat after human abuse. Her senior project, chosen because of its "positive impact on the environment," involved attending meetings on Brown's Island Restoration Project and helping to coordinate the planting of hundreds of native trees around the Willamette River in Salem.

"I was the only student involved, so I mostly listened during the meetings. But it was a really interesting learning process," said Taylor.

Minto Brown, a public park located in south Salem, has traditionally been leased to local farmers, but this year, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, in cooperation with Marion County Solid Waste, formed a committee to restore the native habitat of the surrounding field and river area — called the Brown Island Restoration Project.

"I am hoping the native trees planted in the area will survive and will help prevent further erosion of the area," said Taylor.

Taylor's senior thesis focused on comparing her experience at Minto Brown to other sites in Oregon.

"I compared my experience to other sites and wrote about methods used between sites, problems they faced and how much guess work is involved," said Taylor.

As one of four Webber Scholars at Willamette, Taylor was able to share her love of environmental science with a fourth grade class at McKinley Elementary in Salem. Along with another Webber Scholar, Taylor taught 30 children aspects of geology, biology and methods of conservation for five weeks.

Taylor said, "We spent a semester planning for those weeks, and it was really challenging."

Taylor has no plans to teach but will pursue a post-graduation internship in oceanography beginning in June. Taylor plans to attend graduate school within the next few years and dreams of working for a private environmental consulting firm.

Her experience with the Brown's Island site showed her how "many different people can work together for a common cause," and she wholeheartedly agrees with the project's motto, "Include everyone." To which she adds, "then it becomes an educational experience for everyone."



Jennifer Taylor was caught in action while climbing up from the river at Opal Creek, Ore.

Panama and Oregon: Not so different after all

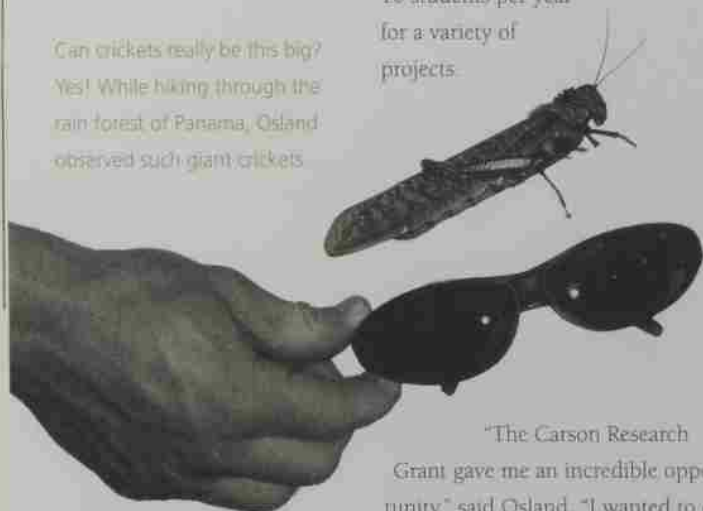
By Michelle Maynard

What is the difference between Panama and Oregon? (Other than the obvious – location, environment, culture, size and weather.) The answer: the amount of water you have to drink per hour in the middle of summer.

According to senior biology major Michael Osland '00, while in Panama he "had to drink a quart of water every hour and put on sunscreen all the time."

What do Oregon and Panama have in common? Osland uncovered the answer. Oregon and Panama have similar creatures living in a marine, rocky habitat. To research his theory on the coast lines of Oregon and Panama, Osland applied for and received a Carson Grant, an undergraduate, summer grant program that awards \$2,500 to approximately 10 students per year for a variety of projects.

Can crickets really be this big? Yes! While hiking through the rain forest of Panama, Osland observed such giant crickets.



"The Carson Research Grant gave me an incredible opportunity," said Osland. "I wanted to do a project where I'd become more familiar with a specific habitat.



Michael Osland hiked through the Panama rain forest to arrive at his research site on Isla Taboga where he studied marine species diversity.

Doing species diversity. I got to look at all kinds of organisms and not one specific one. I also wanted to compare a tropical and temperate site, so I chose Panama and Oregon."

Based on the background information Osland gathered for this project, he expected the two habitats to be completely different, but the 22-year-old said he was "really surprised by the results on how similar the habitats are."

Osland examined four sites on both coasts during low, medium and high tide. His experience on the Oregon coast was non-eventful compared to his adventure in Panama.

"I went down to Panama thinking there would be a field guide to organisms but there wasn't, so I had to find tons of little sources to identify organisms, which made it a lot harder," said Osland.

Having lived in Guatemala, Peru, Costa Rica, Senegal (West Africa) and Panama, Osland would like to continue to expand his worldly knowledge after graduation.

"I have applied to the Peace Corps and Teach for America," said Osland. "I eventually want to go to graduate school, but I want to take at least a year or two between graduation and grad school."

Osland looks forward to an opportunity when he can share his knowledge and fondness for the sea.

"I've always been interested in marine biology, ever since I was a little kid," said Osland. "Growing up, my family visited a lot of different coasts. Eventually, I'd like to teach at a high school or college level, but it would have to relate to marine biology or marine science."

But, as William Shakespeare once said, therein lies the rub. The struggle exists between concerned citizens and environmental groups striving to keep the natural beauty of the forests intact, and timber and forest products companies aiming to answer to consumer demands for their products. This struggle has resulted in an ongoing, sometimes caustic dialogue about how these forests should best be maintained to benefit all.

Historically, the aims of these two groups have appeared to be at odds, but in the last few decades, there have been inklings of change. This has come about as a result of a combination of government regulations, changes in forest management practices and increased cooperation between environmental groups and forest industry companies.

Signs of an emerging commitment to the adoption of sustainable forestry practices is resulting in a new way of doing business — one that enables forest-product companies to respond to consumer demand for their products, while at the same time helping to ensure that “we will continue to derive all the benefits we currently enjoy from our forests for generations to come,” said Mark McKelvie, forest administration manager of the Albany, Ore., office of Portland-based Willamette Industries.

In simple terms, sustainable forestry challenges companies to organize their forest management activities in a way that allows them to meet their economic needs without depleting existing natural resources. In the Northwest, the concept of sustain-

able forest management practices is not entirely new. The Oregon Forest Practices Act, adopted in 1971, was the first official regulation in the United States to promote the idea of sustainability through a combination of clean air and water laws, protection of wildlife habitats and development of a sustainable timber supply. The act served as a model for other states, some of which eventually adopted similar laws.

The modern notion of sustainable forestry emerged in the 1980s in reaction to concern over threats to the world's tropical rain forests. The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 resulted in a set of criteria that were to be used as guidelines for sound forest management practices that could best promote sustainability. These guidelines addressed issues of maintaining the overall health of forest ecosystems, promoting a diversity of species within forests and preserving the existing stock of available forests through responsible harvesting practices. Once again, Oregon was the first to officially adopt these criteria.

Given this existing commitment to sustainability within the state, it comes as no surprise that several Oregon forest products companies have made great strides in incorporating the guidelines of sustainable forestry into their everyday activities. In fact, several of these companies had their own historical commitment to the development of sound forest management practices long before the 1992 Rio de Janeiro conference.

Collins Companies, for example, has been incorporating many of the ideas behind sustainable forestry

into its corporate mission for several generations. “We have a history of stewardship that is translated throughout the company,” said Mosby.

With its beginnings as a timber company in Pennsylvania in the mid-1800s, the organization was an early pioneer of sustainable forestry, largely because of third-generation owner Truman Collins ’22 (whose name now graces Willamette University’s Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center).

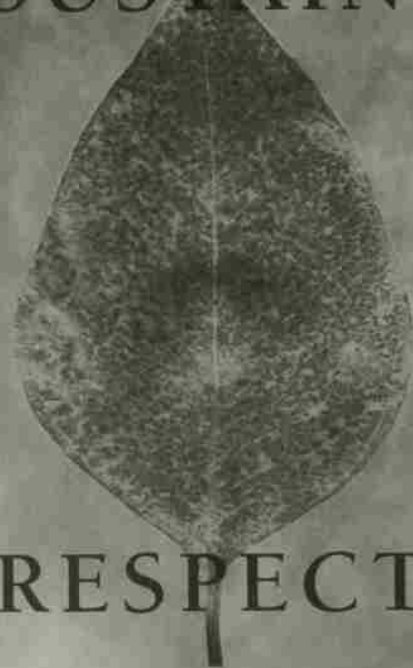
According to Mosby, Truman Collins learned about basic sustainable forestry practices while working in Louisiana in the 1940s. With the help of a former employee of the U.S. Forest Service, Collins crafted a plan for the company based on these principles of sustainability, which still serves as a framework for many of the organization’s current practices.

Today, the Collins Companies has 1,100 employees and owns 293,000 acres of forests in Pennsylvania, California and Oregon. The company’s sustainable forestry practices include selective harvesting and the growth of a diversity of species.

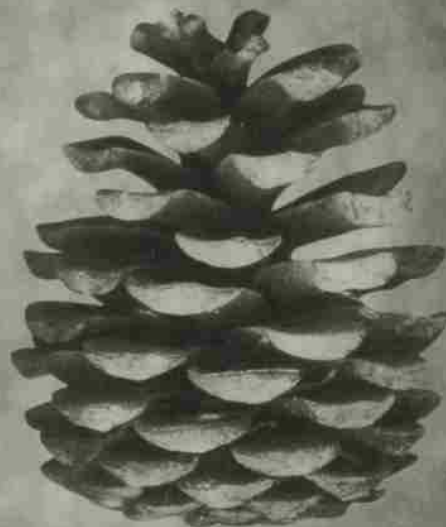
In 1993, Collins underscored its commitment to sustainable forestry by becoming “the first privately-owned forest industry company in North America to be independently certified” as a sustainable company, said Mosby. This third-party certification process, he explained, stemmed from the creation of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), a nonprofit organization established to ensure that the forest management activities of timber industry compa-



SUSTAINING FORESTS



RESPECTING NATURE



THINKING AHEAD

By Andi Stein

A catch 22 ... protecting the forest while providing consumers with the lumber and paper products they demand.

"Timber industry people have as much credibility as used car salesmen," said R. Wade Mosby, vice president of marketing for Portland-based Collins Companies. This is largely because of the public's perception that any industry devoted to cutting down trees for profit must, by its very nature, be anti-environment, he explained.

But in reality, Collins and several other Oregon-based forest products companies appear to be as concerned with preserving the future of the nation's forests as they do with maintaining a bottom line. And a com-

mitment to a practice called sustainable forestry is helping them achieve this balance. Without a commitment to sustaining the forest, there will be no bottom line for most paper companies.

When seen from the air, the forests of the Pacific Northwest spread out like a lush, green carpet covering the ground below. They offer a scenic environment for outdoor recreation, serve as a habitat for diverse wildlife and provide a source of wood and paper products for millions of consumers throughout the world.

"We're a small timber company," he explained. With only seven full-time employees and a few thousand acres of timberlands in Washington, he joked, the company could cut down everything it owns and not make the slightest impression on a large company like Willamette Industries. But despite the organization's small size, he said, "sustainability is really where we started."

The company recently did an estimate of the amount of board feet of timber it is currently growing and set a goal to have at least that amount growing in the year 2025.

"As we remove the trees from the forests, we're planting that same year," he said. The advantage of sustainable forestry is that the benefits can be passed on to future generations. "We are planting trees today that we may get some value out of, but the fully-emergent value goes to the next generation."

Like his colleagues in the industry, Pine is in the process of working toward third-party certification of his company's forests. The organization had an assessment done by the Forest Stewardship Council last November and received a report with recommendations for conditions that needed to be met before full certification could be received.

O'Neill Pine Company is in the process of addressing these conditions, and, said Pine, the company hopes to receive full certification within the next few months. "I don't have any doubt that we will be certified. This just accelerated the process of the path we were on anyway." The next goal, he said, is to

help consumers understand the benefits of purchasing certified products.

"Certification really doesn't work unless the consumer of the product understands what certification is all about," and gets used to the idea of requesting certified products, he explained. As consumers do begin to understand these benefits, Pine said, he hopes more and more companies will work toward third-party certification through a commitment to the implementation of sustainable forestry practices.

McKelvie believes this is not an unrealistic goal. Since Willamette Industries had its forests certified last year, the company has received many phone calls from other organizations asking them how to go about getting their forests certified as well. "I think there will be a trend of more and more companies going that way," he said.

In addition, noted Mosby, as some of the large-scale consumers of timber products begin to buy into the certification process, they can help promote the idea of the benefits of third-party certified wood products to their customers. In 1998, for example, the Home Depot, a leading building materials company, decided that it would phase out its purchase of wood products from non-certified sources over the next few years.

"Home Depot touches 10 percent of all the building materials in North America," said Mosby, which can ultimately have a tremendous impact on a change in individual consumer buying habits. "I liken it to a snowball starting to roll. It's

rolling now, and it's really picking up speed."

But whether or not the certification process catches on, the ultimate goal for all three of these companies is to continue to practice responsible forest management and to ensure that they remain sustainable well into the 21st century.

Sustainable forestry not only makes good business sense, noted McKelvie, it provides intangible benefits to those both inside and outside the timber industry. By making a commitment to sustainability, he said, "We will continue to have renewable, recyclable, and energy-efficient forest products. We will maintain clean water for drinking and for recreation. We will continue to provide quality habitat for fish and wildlife. And we will continue to experience the beauty of our forests."

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nies adhered to a set of standards that promoted responsible, sustainable forestry practices.

To be eligible for third-party certification, Mosby said, Collins allowed a team of independent certifiers to audit the company's records, look at its timberlands, talk to employees and members of the community about the company's practices.

When the certification idea was initially proposed to Collins' forest managers, Mosby noted, several of them were "madder than hell." They believed the company was already doing a good job and didn't need to change its practices.

In the end, however, as they worked with the certifiers, said Mosby, "Our forestry people's opinions changed. They found they could agree on 90 percent of the issues" and came to realize the value of having the outside audit, since it essentially served to reinforce the company's already-existing commitment to good forest management practices.

But Collins is not the only company that has made a commitment to sustainable forestry.

"Willamette Industries wants to be a leader in sustainable forestry in the United States," said Mark McKelvie. With 14,000 employees and 1.7 million acres of forest lands in the Western, Eastern, Central, and Southern regions of the country, Willamette Industries is a timberland owner and a manufacturer of paper and wood products.

Like Collins Companies, the organization can trace its commitment to

forest stewardship to its early days, when founder George Getlinger served as a member of the Oregon State Board of Forestry. There he helped create a series of forest management standards that called for the protection of wildlife and the development of seedlings for reforestation. In later years the company had a hand in the improvement of the Oregon Forest Practices Act, which was revised in the 1990s to limit the maximum size of all clear-cut harvests to 120 acres.

"We are planting trees today that we may get some value out of, but the fully emergent value goes to the next generation."

"Our company has for decades harvested our timber conservatively," said McKelvie. "We are aggressive in replanting trees after harvest to make sure forests will be regenerated. We want to make sure the forests of the future are as productive or more productive than what we currently have."

Willamette Industries was the first forest practices company to receive third-party certification under the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Although similar in concept to FSC certification, the SFI certification process was developed by the American Forest & Paper Association, said McKelvie, and has

a slightly different set of standards than those developed by FSC.

While the individual standards behind the two certification processes may vary, he noted, the general idea behind third-party certification is similar for both groups. The main purpose, he said, is to promote the use of sustainable forestry practices throughout an organization.

Willamette Industries received third-party certification for its western forests in 1999, said McKelvie. "We are planning to follow up with third-party audits in our Southern, Eastern, and Central regions to be completed this year. Through our example we want to encourage other major forest landowners, as well as small forest owners, to embrace sustainable forestry," he said.

While both Willamette Industries and Collins Companies are large enough to have sufficient resources to devote to the practice of sustainable forestry, size is not necessarily a prerequisite for good forest management.

The O'Neill Pine Company, based in Salem, Ore., came into existence specifically because of an interest on the part of its owners in developing a company devoted to sustainable forestry practices. Started in January 1996, the business was a fourth-generation spin-off of the Hemphill O'Neill Company. President Richard Pine, a 1982 Willamette graduate, and his associates broke off from the larger company because they believed that on their own, "we could be involved in more active management of timberlands."



DÉJÀ VU

By Peter Jenkins '00

Last year's backpacking trip brings to mind one of those eerie experiences, as if it were a prearranged path by destiny. Our trail-weary ISAT (Incoming Student Adventure Trips) group neared the top of Oregon's 10,358-foot South Sister under the blazing August sun and above a solid layer of clouds. A perfectly beautiful day was in marked contrast to the raging winds, driving rain, thunder and lightning of the previous afternoon and evening.

Approaching the top after a long climb is a special feeling. Anticipation begins to build. The summit lies near. You can feel its presence, knowing there is no higher place on the mountain. After cresting the last steep section, and crossing the crater's permanent snowfield, we noticed people on the summit.

These crazy people had camped on the summit? Upon reaching the summit, I heard a voice. "How do we keep meeting like this?" It was the voice of my good friend Loren Myers '99. I spun around to see Loren and recent Willamette graduates Carey Schmidt '98 and JQ Waller '98 and instantly noticed the bag of assorted candy they were munching on. After satiating the sugar cravings of our group with Smarties and Tootsie Rolls, snapping the obligatory summit photos and basking in the glory of our goal and the mountain's splendor, we headed back down the mountain in awe of our good fortune.

Some people claim that you'll run into Willamette grads wherever you go. They must be right because this has happened before, in Whitefish, Mont. Our paths crossed and resulted in a crazy day of skiing that ended up in a clutter of peanut shells at a pizza place called Moose's in Kalispell. I had taken the train to Montana from Seattle to tear up the slopes with my mom. Walking towards the lift, I ran smack into Carey Schmidt. He and a bunch of Willamette students had rented a ridiculously large house just outside of Whitefish and were enjoying their winter break in style. We skied hard all day. With the lifts closed, our noses frozen and our legs burning, we went in search of trouble. It wasn't hard to find. Maybe our crossing paths had to do with the snow, or the mountains or just plain luck. Meeting them again on the summit of one of Oregon's highest mountains with a group of soon-to-be Willamette freshmen was truly a passing of the proverbial torch.

Following the summit at South Sister, we sat around the camp stove at Moraine Lake yearning for the forbidden campfire and sharing tales of Willamette experiences with our group of soon-to-be-freshmen. After days of complaining about too-small food rations, the skinniest guy in the ISAT group convinced his newfound friends to lighten their packs of excess food and to this day claims that pasta never tasted so good.



Three Sisters Trail

The participants in this ISAT trip covered about 70 miles in an eight-day backpacking trip. This trip was geared for experienced backpacking travelers as they hiked an average of 10 miles per day. The trip included spectacular views of Mount Hood, Mount Bachelor and Mount Jefferson.

WHAT IS ISAT? Incoming Student Adventure Trips (ISAT) are weeklong, student-led trips for incoming freshmen, celebrating the abundant beauty and diversity of the scenic Northwest. The five-year-old program's overall objective is to build a sense of community. Each participant is a co-adventurer on the trip — helping with chores and learning how to enjoy the wild while getting to know fellow adventurers. Each freshman is given an extensive list to assist with the proper equipment needed for the trip — backpack, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, tent, clothing, etc. Two examples of past trips include an exploration of Mount St. Helens, Wash., and an extended backpacking tour of the Three Sisters Wilderness Area, Ore.

A GOOD STURDY BUMPER AND EERIE CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

Tales of outdoor adventure from two Willamette students

CASCADE HEAD — LOOK OUT!

By Nathan Kice '00

In the spring of '99, a good friend, Aaron*, and I decided to lead a group hiking trip to the coast as a fun getaway. Aaron was familiar with the trails at Cascade Head just north of Lincoln City, and I had hiked there once previously.

We advertised the trip as a short day trip; all that was needed was a sack lunch and appropriate clothing for the rainy coastal weather. As we pulled up in the parking area at Cascade Head, sprinkles softly doted the windshield. We all gathered at the trailhead and began our single-file mule-like progression up the steep start.

The trail begins under a canopy of hemlocks and spruce, and as the trail winds toward the coastline the evergreens begin to thin out and small diameter deciduous trees become more prevalent. The last habitat change we traveled through was open grassland on the southwest corner of the head jutting out into the ocean. This was only about one mile into the hike and we soon found out that the storm sprinkling us with raindrops also had a gnarly wind associated with it. The wind originated on the open waters of the ocean and as it hit the coastal landmass of Cascade Head the winds whipped up the steep slope. At that point we decided to turn back and count our blessings because an imposing 500-foot drop nearby awaited any especially unlucky hikers.

We slowly descended the trail retracing our steps in the defeat of accomplishing only a measly two-mile hike. Even in defeat, we were more than happy to shuffle back into the warm, dry confines of a Willamette van. Aaron hopped into the driver's seat, turned on the ignition, flipped on the lights, switched on the van heat and began backing up. Suddenly the van came to a jolting stop. Aaron and I verbally took inventory of our fellow passengers and we hopped out of the vehicle to see who was the culprit of such an undeserved collision. Well, Mother Nature had duped us again. In our hastiness to leave, Aaron had not seen the monstrous Sitka spruce tree about 25 feet behind the van. We had violently interrupted the quiet stillness of the ever-steady beacon of the Oregon coast.

Aaron and I found out why the Willamette vans have been compared to army tanks; they are built to absorb the biggest hits with little damage.

The van-denting outdoors club trip has been replayed in my mind several times. A resounding feeling of happiness and humorous disbelief remains. I would not trade that experience for anything. It's one of those stories that builds character and makes life a whole lot more interesting.

**Name has been changed to protect the innocent.*



Cascade Head

seven miles north of Lincoln City, Ore., adjacent to the Salmon River Estuary is noted for its outstanding scenic beauty. The orange and brown Oregon silverspot butterfly, federally listed as a threatened species, resides in this area. Other animals spotted in this area include the peregrine falcon, bald eagle, and northern sea plant seal.



"I love hiking because it's away from the city, relaxing and a great way to keep in shape."

— NATHAN KICE

Sitka spruce is native to Western Oregon. Growing to over 175 feet high, it is one of the largest of all conifers. Due to age and size, it is able to withstand a direct hit from smaller vans and light passenger vehicles.





Predators in

Oregon's cougars and black bears are beautiful,



Ln many ways, they define Oregon and the West: independent, rugged, beautiful. They have become a part of Western folklore, depicted as wild predators living in our canyons and forests. When the Willamette Valley was settled, there were grizzlies, wolves, cougars and black bears. The two most feared predators, the grizzlies and wolf packs, are gone, but the cougar and black bear remain an integral part of Oregon's ecosystem.

Today, it's estimated that there are over 4,000 cougars and about 30,000 black bears in Oregon. They roam the national forests and pastoral landscapes, unaware that they are woven into the politically-tinged tapestry of a complicated human drama. The question of how we can co-exist with Oregon's predatory animals touches on a bevy of Oregon hot-button issues. On one hand, it pits the preservationist and animal activist concerns against the interests of hunters and ranchers. On the other, it exposes Oregon's two often-distinct viewpoints: the rural and the urban.

Their very presence has fueled controversy for decades. These are predatory animals that can do great harm if they choose. And their presence is being felt: Oregon's populations of cougars and black bears have increased in recent years, leading to more contact with humans and continued conflict about how they should be managed.

Animal activists say that people are the problem. As Oregon's population has grown, people have moved into cougar and black bear territory. We're encroaching on them, and that's why there are more sightings. But the typical cattle rancher or resident in Eastern Oregon will tell you a different story: that increasing cougar populations in particular pose a threat to livestock and homeowners in rural areas.

Now throw in the fact that people on both sides of the issue are not only stubborn, but can get their agendas in front of voters by using the state's ballot initiative process, and it only fuels the fire. "Welcome to Pandora's Box," one wildlife biologist said jokingly after I had plied him for information. But really, he wasn't kidding.

Finding common ground on how to manage these predators is a polarizing issue with no easy solution. "The viewpoints get personalized and politicized," says John Koprowski, professor of biology at Willamette University. While we humans try to find a solution, our state's cougars and black bears remain at the center of controversy. The question becomes: How can we find the balance?

In some ways, it's hard to believe that such a beautiful animal could create such controversy. Long, sleek and extremely secretive and shy, cougars can be eight feet



in the midst

secretive and caught up in a very human drama.

by Chris Pentilla '90



long, including the tail, and weigh between 75 and 170 pounds. Native Americans refer to them as "spirit of the mountains." They are usually tan colored with long-tipped tails and black coloration on their ears. They mate year-round, and after a three-month gestation, the female has two or three cubs in a litter. The female cougar is the sole caretaker for up to two years until the cubs can care for themselves. They can live between eight and 12 years in the wild and usually die from disease, accidents, and encounters with people, bears or other cougars.

Today, the cougar – which falls under the name *Felis concolor* (Latin for "cat of one color") – is also known as the puma, panther, and mountain lion and lives in every corner of the state. In Western Oregon, it inhabits the Douglas fir forests; in Southwestern Oregon, it roams land populated by hardwood and mixed conifer. Heading northeast, you'll find it living in the canyons of pine bunchgrass that weave through the Blue and Willowa

Mountains. This is a solitary predator. "They've tended to stay away from people," says Gil LaFreniere, professor of earth and environmental science at Willamette University.

Vegetation holds little interest for the carnivorous cougar. It generally lives on large game like deer, elk, and

bighorn sheep but will hunt smaller animals like raccoon, mice and birds. If the cougar can't find its usual menu items, it will dine on livestock and domestic pets. Its hunting manner is similar to that of the average housecat: it watches its prey secretly, then pounces.

LaFreniere says that predators such as the cougar are very important to the overall health of the ecosystem. Without natural predators, deer tend to overpopulate and over-run vegetation. "We need to maintain our top predators," he said. "They are very important in maintaining ecosystem health."

Despite their value to the ecosystem, cougars have often been viewed as a problem. Early pioneers in the 1840s saw them as a threat to safety and livestock and

The greater cats with golden eyes

Stare out between the bars.

Deserts are there, and different skies,

And night with different stars.

— From *The Land* by Victoria Sackville-West (1892-1962)



Predators in the midst

period and taking their body parts. He sold ursine gall-bladders on the black market for between \$150 and \$300 apiece. For other people, the black bear is a trophy animal. Some have hunted them to take only their claws.

Some people probably think of black bears as being ferocious meat eaters, but vegetation makes up 90 percent of their diet. Unlike the carnivorous cougar, the black bear is omnivorous. It will munch on almost anything when its favorite berries, roots, fruits and nuts are gone. Black bears particularly like berries. Early in the season, there are huckleberries, and later in the summer there are blackberries and abundant salal berries. Late in the summer season, they search for ripening cascara berries. Much to the disdain of tree farm owners, they also love cambium, a treat found under the bark of young trees.

When they can't find berries or other vegetation, black bears will become predators, preying on deer fawns and elk calves. By late September, these bears begin their preparation for winter by eating everything they can find, feeding up to 20 hours a day to build up their body fat for hibernation time. They can add as much as 35 percent to their summer body weight, which averages between 250 pounds for females and 300 for males.

As plants get scarce in fall, a black bear searches for a hollowed-out tree or some other sanctuary and goes into hibernation. Later in the winter, female black bears will have between one and three cubs. "The cubs are small, only a few inches in length at birth," Koprowski said. "They'll stay with their mother for about a year and a half and can reproduce at two years old." Most black bears in the wild live between 15 and 20 years.

Surrounding these amazing animals is the swirl of human drama, the politics of our relationship with them through the ballot box. In 1994, Oregon voters narrowly passed Measure 18, a citizen's initiative ballot measure

that made it illegal for hunters to use dogs when pursuing cougars and also banned the practice of baiting black bears (using food and other enticements to lure the animal so it can be hunted). Under current law, killing cougars and black bears is illegal except during open hunting season or anytime one's livelihood or life is threatened. A livestock owner or ordinary citizen who catches one of these predators causing harm on his property is allowed to kill it.

When the measure — which passed by a narrow margin of 52 to 48 percent — is viewed on a county-by-county basis, there's a trend in the numbers: This measure tended to be favored by residents of Portland and the Willamette Valley and opposed by residents of Oregon's rural counties. Hunters particularly didn't like the measure, saying that it was usurping their sporting rights. If Oregonians outlaw dogs and baiting, how long will it be before we can't hunt at all? For hunters, this was the haunting question. Ranchers worried that growing predator populations would threaten their livelihood.

Opponents of Measure 18 gathered enough signatures to put Measure 34 on the ballot for the general election in November 1996, which would have overturned Measure 18 to once again allow hound hunting of cougars and baiting of bears. It was defeated. For the second time, Oregon's rural counties tended to support the measure, while the more urban counties tended to vote against it.

**As soon as questions of will
or decision or reason or
choice of action arise,
human science is at a loss.**

— Noam Chomsky, 1978

Contrary to popular belief, black bears do not seek out human contact. They are primarily vegetarians, which accounts for 90 percent of their diet.





Predators in the midst

began paying \$50 bounties for their demise. They could be shot on sight year-round. Under the bounty system, it's believed that roughly 6,500 cougars were killed in Oregon over 120 years.

By the early 1960s, only 200 cougars remained in the whole state. In 1961, the Oregon legislature repealed the state's bounty system and the cougar began to recover. In the late 1960s cougars were given game mammal status, meaning that they could be hunted during a controlled hunting season, and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife was put in charge of regulating the animal. No hunting was allowed again until 1970, when hunters could once again apply for licenses and take their dogs along to sniff out cougars.

Cougars cover an amazingly wide territory. They can travel as much as 25 miles in one day in pursuit of prey, especially in the colder months when deer and elk move to lower altitudes. A male cougar can stake a claim to as much as 200 square miles and a female up to 65 miles, making them so mobile that their movements are hard to track. But they are among us.

The black bear, or *Ursus Americanus* (American Black Bear) is a cousin of the grizzly and is the smallest of the North American bears. Its name is misleading, because black bears can also be blond or brown, with tan muzzles or white chest spots. The black bear is usually about three

feet tall on all fours, five feet tall on its hind legs.

Oregon's black bears tend to like the mountainous areas of the Coast Range, the Cascades and Northeast Oregon. Bears like habitat that has a combination of open and forested area with streams and berry patches. Female black bears tend to nest in a smaller area, about 500 acres. Males, however, cover a larger territory that usually averages about 1,000 acres.



"Males roam large distances as a part of their mating strategy," Koprowski said.

The black bear is intelligent, with good eyesight and an acute sense of smell. In the warm summer months, the black bear will

often rise up on its hind legs to sniff the air, just to see what interesting fragrances are on the breeze. If they smell or sense something interesting, watch out. The black bear is able to reach speeds of 35 mph when it's in pursuit and can climb a tree as quickly as a squirrel. And as most of us know, it's really not a good idea to get between a mama bear and her cubs.

Contrary to popular belief, black bears are not vicious predators that seek out human contact. In fact, they are shy animals, not very tolerant of our human presence, preferring to slip away quietly before we see them. "These bears are actually really leery of humans," Koprowski says. They are leery with good reason, because we are their main enemy. In fact, some people consider this animal to have special healing powers. Asian cultures, for example, believe that the bile in the black bear's gallbladder can cure a wide array of maladies including liver and heart problems, carbuncles, gallstones and sinus infections.

Demand for black bears has spurred black market poaching in Oregon. Last fall, hunter Ray Hillsman, Brownville, Ore., was convicted in Douglas County on 49 wildlife violations and one federal RICO count for illegally poaching as many as 1,000 black bears over a 10-year

— Isn't it funny how a bear likes honey?

Buzz! Buzz! Buzz! I wonder why he does?

— Excerpt from *Winnie the Pooh* (1928)





Predators in the midst

When these animals are overabundant, Mother Nature will control their populations. Malnutrition and disease will set in and their numbers will fall. Nature, in effect, keeps everything in balance.

Group spokesman Brooks Fahy thinks society has created an irrational fear of these animals and approach cougars and bears differently from all other animals simply because, as predators, they remind us of our mortality. "When we see these animals, we realize that they have the capacity to kill us. Humans aren't used to thinking this way; it scares us and we react," he said.

People on both sides of the issue agree on a few things. They say that it's hard to get an accurate estimate of Oregon's cougar and black bear populations because their secretive nature and movement patterns make them difficult to track. But this is where the agreement ends.

Rep. Deborah Kafoury (D-Portland) is one Oregon legislator who treads the line on this complicated issue as a member of the House Water and Environmental Committee. She says that she's gotten more emails regarding Measure 18 than any other topic, most from her constituents urging her not to overturn it. Last session, the legislature considered at least 11 bills including HB2874, which would have directed the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to reduce populations of bears and cougars in wildlife management areas where deer and elk populations have decreased since the enactment of Measure 18. But after many hours spent in hearings on the issue, she said there was no room for compromise. It left her conflicted. "We tried to find a middle ground, a balance, but we couldn't," she said. "I want to represent my constituents, but I'm trying to be open to both sides."

Right now compromise seems a long way off. Hunters and ranchers continue to argue for more regulation of these predators while activists argue for more protection, and both sides take their cases to the voters. Politicians, meanwhile, try to listen to the interests of their constituents, which leaves Kafoury wondering if legislators are really being responsible to citizens considering Oregon's growing number of initiatives like Measure 18 that make it onto the ballot. Signatures are already being gathered for an anti-trapping initiative that would ban leg holds and steel jaw traps without a permit from the

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. "Maybe we as legislators aren't listening to the people, and it's time for some self-evaluation," she said.

Koprowski said that the challenge for the future is to get people to listen to science. "The good out of all this [conflict] is that it's increased the need for information. People had discounted the need for studies, but now they see the need for them." Science might just be the balance, the neutral ground that allows us to find a solution. ODFW is conducting scientific studies to learn more about Oregon's cougars and black bears, but the scientists themselves feel under siege in a political firestorm and don't like to comment about the politics of Measure 18.

And amid all this there remains no end in sight, no resolution that all can agree on. "This issue will be back with us next session. You can count on it," Kafoury said. And as



we ponder, the cougar and bear populations continue to roam the Oregon wilderness as they have for thousands of years. 🐾

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Predators in the midst

When populations of cougars get too high, their predation reduces the numbers of available prey such as deer, and cougars make their way onto ranches to look for cattle and sheep – “easy pickins” in the words of one rancher. There have been more sightings of cougar encroaching on ranchland in recent years. There were 23 reported cougar sightings in Central Oregon alone in 1999. Luckily so far, no citizens have been killed by a cougar in Oregon (although a handful of attacks have occurred in California and other states), but there was an attack a few months ago that raised concern that cougar populations are getting out of control. A wildlife biologist encountered a cougar while inspecting a partially eaten sheep in the Eagle Cap Wilderness. The cougar pounced on him, and the biologist had just enough time to grab his gun and shoot the cougar in self-defense.

E.H. Van Blaricom, a retired Eastern Oregon rancher, says that Measure 18 has led to growth in cougar populations and to something called “habituation”: when these animals get pushed more and more into man’s territory and lose their fear of people. For La Grande residents Denny and Kathy Ferguson, habituation came to fruition early one morning last fall, when they heard noises on their five-acre spread just outside the city limits. When the Fergusons went onto their deck to see what was happening, they saw a female coyote that was poised to defend her pups. Suddenly, a cougar emerged from the brush, slapping at the coyote. For the Fergusons, seeing a cougar on their property wasn’t a complete surprise: One of their domestic geese had already been “thoroughly chomped” by one, Kathy said. “All that was left were some feathers. There were cougar tracks in the mud.”

Black bears can also outgrow their habitat, because more black

bears mean less vegetation. Bears can wander into urban areas to look for food, bird feed, livestock feed and pet food. Garbage cans are a prime target, a sort of “one-stop-shopping” for the average bear. They can return time and again, which often gives them the label of “nuisance bears.”

A case like this happened last June, when a 150-pound young black bear was found wandering around Gresham. One city resident watched as the bear walked alongside his fence, stood on its hind legs about 50 feet away, watched him for a few minutes, then disappeared. To take

care of the problem, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists used sweets to lure the bear into a trap, where it was sedated, trucked to a remote location in the Mount Hood National Forest, and released. Bear encounters are becoming more common. In 1997, 17 black bear complaints were

made in Sandy, Corbett, and Estacada; by 1998 the number of complaints rose to 87.

Ferguson sees the boundary between these predators and humans decreasing and feels there’s no end in sight. “The problem has gotten worse over the years, and it will only get worse,” she said. “This may not be a big issue in Beaverton, but it is here.” She thinks it’s only a matter of time before a tragedy happens and someone is killed, adding it’s basically going to take a few up-close encounters or even deaths in an urban area for Oregonians to finally see this as an issue.

Groups such as the Eugene-based Predator Defense Institute, however, are in favor of letting Oregon’s cougars and black bears regulate their own populations without human intervention, arguing that these predators are more affected by non-human factors – social structure, prey availability, disease, territory and weather – that keep their number in check.

**If an animal does something, we call it
instinct; if we do the same thing for the
same reason, we call it intelligence.**

— Will Cuppy 1884-1949
US writer, critic



The path less traveled

By Jeremy Hall '98

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There is no question that Oregon should continue to produce wood products. While the American people can do a better job to limit consumption of paper and wood products, there will always be a demand for dimensional lumber. The heritage of logging in Oregon is not a tradition that is in its final chapter, and that is good for Oregon's economy.

That being said, there are some forms of logging that degrade the collective quality of life of the people in this state. In this day in age, there is no excuse for clear-cutting old growth forests on public lands in municipal watersheds. Yet that is precisely the logging practice which the Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management engage year in and year out.

Under the Northwest Forest Plan, 90 percent of the board footage cut from public lands comes from mature and ancient forests. To put it simply, the federal government has chosen to ignore a basic rule of forestry — it is agriculture, not mining. While trees may be a renewable resource, old growth forests are not. The federal government and the timber industry have not made any old growth forests in the Pacific Northwest, but they have teamed up to make a lot of clear-cuts.

We have a lot to lose if we continue to allow the primary form of forest management to consist of clear-cutting old growth. Here is a run-down of what is at stake:

1) Money. Taxpayers subsidize logging and road building in our public forestlands. Studies deemed credible by the Congressional Budget Office demonstrate that the timber sale program loses hundreds of millions of dollars every year. Since 90 percent of the forests targeted for logging are native forests, taxpayers subsidize the liquidation of forests that have the greatest value to provide habitat, recreation, clean air and clean water.

2) Clean Water. About 2 million Oregonians get their drinking water from surface water with its headwaters on public forestlands. Pristine forests produce the cleanest drinking water that is easy and inexpensive to treat. Ground disturbing activities like logging and road building on high elevation steep slopes increase the frequency and severity of flooding and sedimentation events. High levels of sediment in the water not only increase the cost of treatment but decrease the chances of effectively killing waterborne pathogens like cryptosporidium and giardia.

3) Our Strong Economy. While the timber industry is a valuable component of Oregon's economy, less than 10 percent of the logs processed in the state come from public lands. Yet the fastest growing segments of Oregon's economy, like high technology, and traditional industries, like food processing, depend on plentiful and inexpensive water. Growth industries do well in Oregon because we have a high quality of life here — clean water, clean air and ample recreational opportunities.

Our quality of life continues to attract business. To borrow a lesson from economics professor Russ Beaton, it is the natural resource base in its undeveloped state that promises to support a healthy developed local and regional economy in the years ahead.

4) Habitat. Protecting public lands provides a refuge for interior forest dependent species. Not only do healthy populations of species like the plumed woodpecker, Cascade salamander and coral fungi sustain the forest ecosystem, but keep the species off the Endangered Species list. Endangered Species listings cause decreased productivity at increased costs for private landowners. Logging the last native forest results in a bureaucratic nightmare for private foresters.

5) Viable rural economies. Continued logging of old growth continues to push rural Oregonians down a boom-and-bust track that leads to eroding landscapes and eroding communities. The greatest tragedy in this whole affair is a fallacy supported by the Forest Service and the BLM. That fallacy is this: although sustained prosperity hasn't come to rural communities by logging all the native forest on private, state, and county lands, or by logging over half the native forests on federal lands, it will come by logging a significant portion of what is left on federal lands.

We can push for a transition now, when our ecosystems have a chance to heal and thrive, or we can continue to stress our forests for another few decades. The key to the viability of the rural Northwest, as well as the quality of life for all Oregonians, is to change our thinking about towns adjacent to public forestland as public timber-dependent communities to public forest-dependent communities.

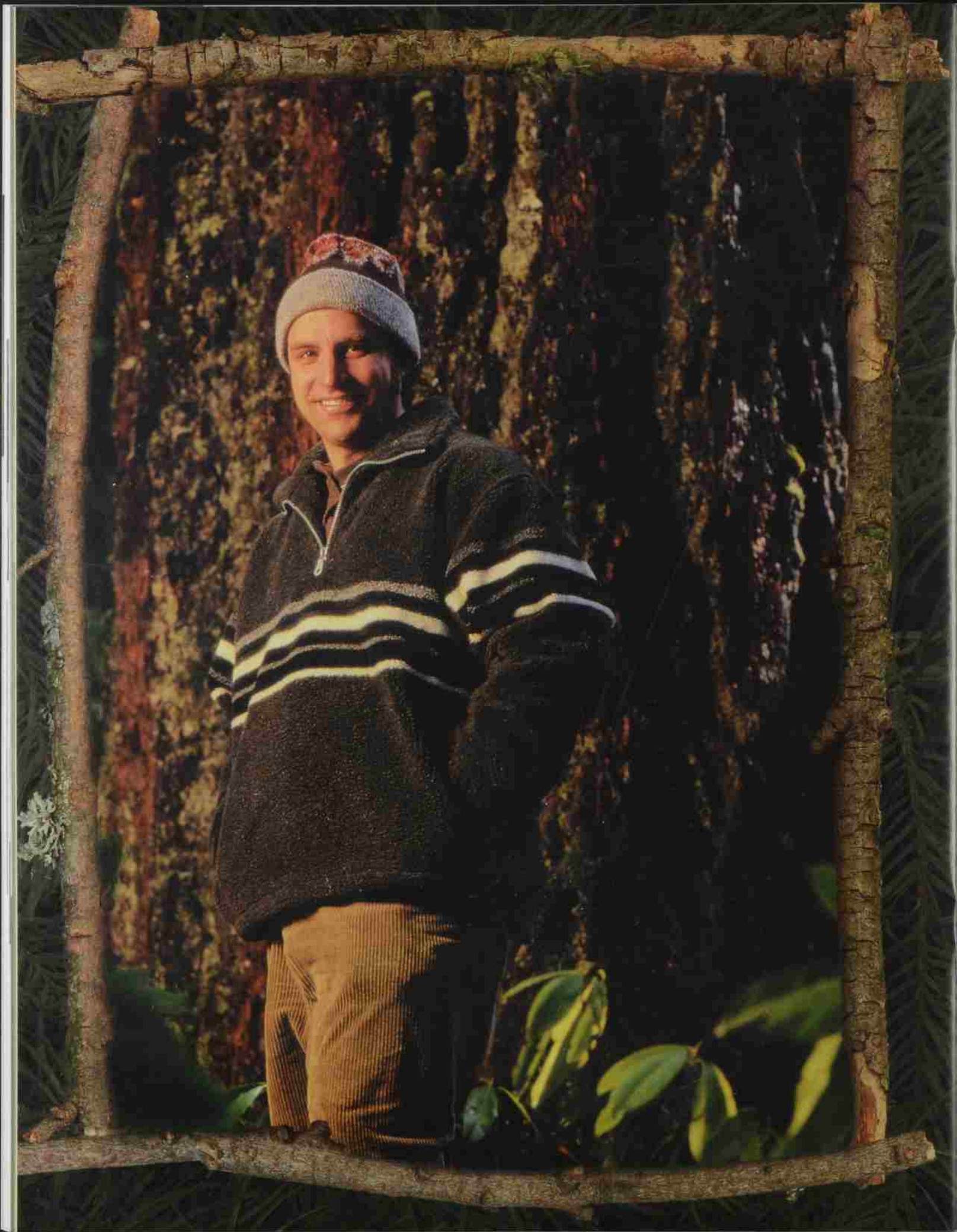
We have to start restoring Oregon's watersheds by obliterating thousands of miles of sediment-producing roads in areas where access is not critical. We have to reintroduce fire into fire-suppressed forest. We have to be more committed to replanting cut-over landscapes. We have to place rock and woody debris in our streams.

All of these are labor intensive, long-term projects that can provide jobs for generations. Best of all, these jobs restore, rather than degrade the public's watersheds, while supporting the potential for increased growth of the recreation sector.

Clearly, Oregonians have everything to gain from protecting our old growth and late-succession forests.

Let's make a commitment to leave a legacy we can be proud of when we look into the eyes of our grandchildren. I don't want to be the last generation to hear the scream of a peregrine falcon as it picks off a songbird in midair, or the last generation of Oregonians to drink water that needed only minimal treatment. We must convince our decision makers to choose the path less traveled by, so we might arrive at a better future.

Jeremy Hall won the U.S. President's Service Award in 1998 for his Heal Start Community Garden project and now works for the Oregon Natural Resources Council.



Watts taking it one bite at a time

By Shoshannah Fields '02

Baseball

Willamette (14-14) got off to a strong start, but has had its problems in Northwest Conference action (5-7) and was in a tie for fifth place with 12 NWC games remaining.

Softball

The Bearcats (21-7, 11-4) are in the midst of one of the best seasons in school history. The 21 wins is a school record and W.U. is ensured of its first winning season since 1993.

Track & Field

Led by graduate students Beth Fitzgerald and Jimmy Watts, the Bearcat teams are challenging the top squads in the conference this year. Fitzgerald and Watts qualified for nationals in more than one event.

Tennis

Both teams are headed to the conference tournament at 9-8 overall. The men had a 9-3 conference mark; the women were 5-7 in NWC action. The men are led by Eduardo Kohlberg, the top-ranked singles player in the West Region.

Golf

Pacific Lutheran and Linfield are showing their power on the men's and women's side. Willamette is defending its NWC championships. Ben Brooksby opened the season by sharing for medalist honors in the Willamette Invitational.

Rowing

The Women's Varsity 4 won the prestigious Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association title on April 15. Also in that event, the Women's Lightweight 8 and Men's Second Novice 8 earned second-place finishes.

What do eating an elephant and training for a decathlon have in common? To do either, you must take one bite, according to Jimmy Watts, a 1999 graduate of Willamette University.

"I remember coach Gary Elbee asked me, 'How do you eat an elephant?' It was kind of a joke, but it is true in real life. He said, 'You have to take it one bite at a time,'" Watts said.

This concept has become the foundation for Watts' quest for success in the decathlon, a track and field event in which athletes compete over a two-day period in 10 events - the 400-meter dash, high jump, long jump, 100-meter dash, shot put, javelin, pole vault, 1,500-meter dash, discus and the 110-meter high hurdles.

A true athlete, Watts has all of the basic abilities to compete in the event. Before he came to Willamette, he spent four years running cross-country and participating in the high jump, long jump, 4 x 400 relay, discus and javelin. As a senior in high school, his coach introduced him to the decathlon.

When Watts arrived at Willamette, a school that offered him an opportunity to pursue his career goal of teaching through the Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) program, he found that he was stronger than in high school. His javelin throws were up to 180 feet and his long jumps improved to almost 22 feet.

"I talked to Gary Elbee mid-way through my freshman year," Watts said. "I started to mess around with

the hurdles and tried to do the pole vault, but I was really struggling." It was at that point that Elbee told Watts to take it one bite at a time.

Although Watts had the basic components down for the decathlon, the hurdles and the pole vault were the two events he had never tried. He worked diligently to improve, but when it came time for the Northwest Conference decathlon meet, Watts came up just short of qualifying for nationals. However, after the decathlon meet, he competed in the conference championships and placed in the high jump, long jump, 4 x 400 relay and the javelin.

Following a successful freshman year, Watts came out the spring of his sophomore year, after playing basketball for the Bearcats, and qualified for nationals in the first decathlon meet of the year.

"That kind of set the tone," Watts said. "I went and got fifth at nationals in the decathlon, and I also went for the javelin and got fourth. The javelin is what has saved me."

Like any athlete, however, Watts would quickly learn his limitations. Once again, as a junior, Watts resumed training for track after the basketball season.

"I started off well. At the Willamette Open, I set a personal record in the jumps and felt good," he said. "Three or four days before the conference decathlon and spring break, I was training hard. I went over a hurdle and felt a pain in my groin. I got up to Pacific Lutheran University, went to take my sweats off and it felt tight."

Watts proceeded to warm up, but something did not feel right.

"Coach said to call it. He knew at that point I was going into the M.A.T. program and I would have that extra year," Watts said. "I'm glad he held me back. I don't think I would have been smart enough to stop."

Under head coach Kelly Sullivan's advice, Watts' track season came to an end early enough for him to red-shirt the remainder of the spring.

A year later, Watts returned to the track with the hopes of going to nationals again, and at a decathlon meet in McMinnville early in the season, Watts qualified. Later in the season, Watts went to the conference decathlon meet, but his streak of bad luck in conference continued.

"I rushed to get ready for the conference decathlon with a week's worth of training. I ran the 100, went to the long jump and scratched all three jumps," he said. "At that point, coach said to stop again. I was pretty upset. How could I scratch three long jumps?"

Although Watts was already going to the national meet, he competed in the regular conference meet and won the high jump and the 4 x 400 relay, placed second in the javelin and fourth in the long jump.

"I was consistently throwing over 195 feet in the javelin and that was encouraging," Watts said.

At the national decathlon meet, Watts learned a lesson that he will always remember. Going into the meet, he was ranked number one,

but ranking means nothing if one does not compete well.

"On the first day, I had the worst day ever. I had the worst 400 since high school, a below-average high jump, the worst long jump, my 100 was average and my shot was average," Watts said. "After the 400, I was dehydrated and felt horrible. I was wondering what Willamette, my friends, and coaches would think about my finishing fifth even though I was ranked first. Getting second, I still would be losing."

That night, Watts could not sleep and doubted his ability to finish the next day. Once again, his coach, Elbee, came through with positive motivation.

"Gary said to open up the Bible to Mark 9:23. I was at such a loss anyway that I opened it up and read it," Watts remembered. "It basically said, 'Jesus says to be who believes, anything is possible.'" Watts took those words of advice and fell asleep repeating to himself, "I can do well."

The second day of competition was a complete turnaround. Watts set personal records in the javelin, pole vault, 1,500 and the 110 high hurdles. With that performance, Watts went from fifth place to national champion. His 7,111 points were only a few hundred points off a national record.

Last May, Watts not only graduated from Willamette with a bachelor's degree, but he made a name for himself nationally in the decathlon. The exciting part was that he had one more year of eligibility.

The training cycle began all over again this past fall when Watts enrolled in the M.A.T. program as planned. He has found that teaching brings him great satisfaction.

"I love teaching and making a difference with these kids," Watts said of his teaching experience at Whitaker Middle School, in Salem. "I knew what I wanted to do and what I love. I love sports, and you come to a point where you can't do it anymore, so through coaching, I could live on through others."

With his teaching career up and running, Watts began his quest toward achieving his athletic aspirations. Unfortunately, once again, he was confronted with limitations. A back injury last summer and illness in February hindered his training this spring. During the fall, he trained through the pain, but had to ease up.

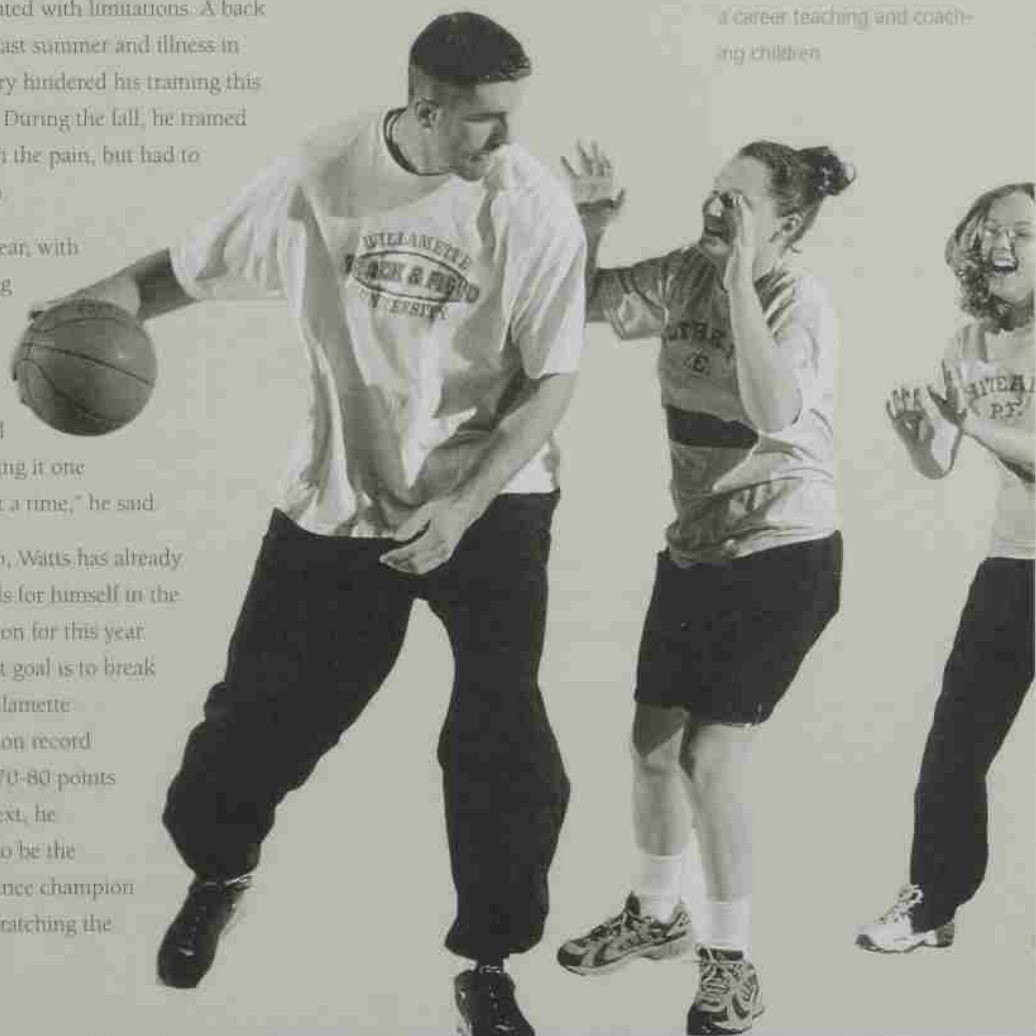
"This year, with teaching and the back injury, I am taking it one week at a time," he said.

Even so, Watts has already set goals for himself in the decathlon for this year. His first goal is to break the Willamette decathlon record (He is 70-80 points off). Next, he wants to be the conference champion after scratching the

previous two times. On April 18, Jimmy Watts achieved his goal of winning a Northwest conference championship in the decathlon. Third, he not only wants to win the national championship in the decathlon, but he wants to break the record. After achieving these, Watts hopes to continue on to qualify for the Olympics in 2004.

"If you get any of these out of order, you don't do yourself any justice," Watts commented. "Unless you take one bite at a time, you aren't going to accomplish anything."

Olympic decathlon hopeful Jimmy Watts looks forward to a career teaching and coaching children.



from the assistant director

Alumni in

New trends in alumni relations

By Brian Hess '95, Assistant Director for Alumni Relations



Brian Hess '95 was named assistant director of alumni relations in the fall of 1997. Prior to that, he served as development associate in University Relations, heading the Town & Gown Campaign. Brian received his bachelor's in biology taking special interest in botanical science, and was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

We are finding that the content offered on the alumni Web site must reflect changes in the way we communicate and promote the University. The hope being, more alumni can find out about the University's plans and objectives through researching the Web site.

We are working on four basic components to facilitate the development of our alumni relations Web site: content, communications, community and commerce. Here are some of the ideas we would like to share for your information and input.

1) Provide a gateway (portal) site – this site would most likely be managed by an outside vendor, that would provide subscribed users with access to local news and weather, e-commerce, University news and information, the WU online community, etc.

2) Online community – this would be a Web site where alumni can update their address information, view their last gift, look up a lost

friend, view information about a regional event(s), order a transcript, find volunteer opportunities etc. Parts of this site would most likely be housed on a secure server.

3) Online alumni directory – this directory would allow alumni to look up lost friends/classmates, post resumes and job information, career network within their field, etc.

4) Alumni profile management system – this system would contain current information the that University keeps, and would allow you to update your home, business and personal information. Of course, alumni/ae will be able to select the information that they would like hidden from others when others search the online directory.

5) Mailing lists, discussion forums and chat rooms – areas that connect people with others who have similar interests.

6) Permanent email forwarding for life – with something like alum.willamette.edu domain that

will forward email to your current mailbox. No more worries about losing email when changing jobs or ISPs – just change it once with Willamette.

How is this related to environmental issues? In the near future there may be the ability to add a code to your alumni record stating you should receive information via the web or email, rather than through "snail" mail. (We are already sending email reminders for regional events and programs.) There will also be opportunities to connect with people from near and far, which in the past was not as easy – all without the use of letterhead, envelopes and postage!

Our office is still researching these types of opportunities. We hope to have services that will allow alumni to become connected through interactive web interfaces. We would like to have your input! Please give us a call, 503-375-5304, or email alum-m@willamette.edu with ideas, suggestions or input.

Alumni News Briefs

Two day Mini-course planned – World Views: Athens 5th century

Stimulate your mind and sample two days of Willamette's first-year student seminar, World Views: Athens 5th Century. The mini-course is set for October 12-13 and will begin with a dinner, an opportunity to

enjoy authentic greek cuisine, and introductory session. On Friday, there will be a brunch and tour of the exhibit "Treasures of Antiquity: Greek and Roman Art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston" at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. This exhibit features over 80 objects of Greek and Roman art.

Take advantage of this opportunity to earn in-service credit or professional development at the mini-course on October 12-13 — Oregon's statewide teacher in-service day. Cost is still being determined. If this sounds interesting to you, please call or email Alumni Relations.

Travel opportunities

Shakespeare Festival trip

Join Alumni Director Jim Booth '64 and Professor Bill Braden for their annual four-day dose of Shakespeare in Ashland, Ore. The trip, July 26-29, will include *Hamlet*, *Twelfth Night*, *Henry V* and *Taming of the Shrew*. Trip is limited to 25. Estimated cost is \$625 (double occupancy) and \$795 (single occupancy).

Society Islands cruise

A few cabins remain for the Society Islands Cruise scheduled Nov. 11-18. Alumni and friends can travel together and visit the islands of Tahiti, Bora Bora, Moorea and others, while experiencing the intimate (320 passenger), ultra-luxury of the m/s Paul Gauguin. In addition to all ocean-view staterooms, the ship has a retractable marina from which to snorkel, water ski, kayak and windsurf.

Costa Rica adventure

Assistant Alumni Director Brian Hess '95 and Dr. Barbara Bentley '64, alumna and environmentalist with Noetica Naturalists, will lead an adventure trip to Costa Rica in February 2001. This trip will emphasize Costa Rican natural history, including nature walks and hikes from the tropical rain forests of the Atlantic lowlands to the dry-deciduous forests of the west coast. The trip will begin in San Jose (the capital city) where the group will tour the National Museum, which boasts pre-Columbian artifacts and displays on the natural history of the country. Accommodations will be in hotels, motels or in field stations (with few amenities). Cost for the trip will be

approximately \$2,250 for 10 days, plus airfare and personal expenses. Cost includes in-country expenses: food, lodging, travel, usage fees and guides.

International alumni reunion set July 21-25, 2000

Join other international alumni and friends for the first-ever international alumni reunion. A reception, beach gathering and other activities are being planned. If you have not yet been contacted or want more information, contact Donna McElroy, 503-375-5404, <dmcelroy@willamette.edu> or visit <www.willamette.edu/dept/international> for "old" photos, updates on activities and names of those alumni who are planning to attend.

Reunion 2000 - Homecoming Weekend Sept. 22-24, 2000

If your class year ends in "0" or "5," attend Reunion 2000 — an exciting and celebratory weekend excursion. The weekend will highlight the 50th and 25th reunion classes of 1950 and 1975, in addition to the Distinguished Alumni Citation recipients, Young Alumni Leadership Award recipient and Sparks Medallion recipient(s). Tours of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art, lectures by faculty, the football game, lunches, receptions and dinner banquets are planned.

New York City, June 4

A Sunday afternoon box lunch in New York City's Central Park will be followed by a tour of the Rose

Center for Earth & Space and Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History on June 4. The museum is located at Central Park West at 79th Street. The new Rose Center addition boasts 333,500 square feet of gallery space, including the 2000-ton Hayden sphere (for space shows) and a suspended pathway that uses multi-media to mark the timeline of the Universe. Invitations have been mailed, so please send back the RSVP card or call the Alumni office. Director of Alumni Relations Jim Booth '64 will attend.

Boston, June 7, 2000

Meet with Willamette University's president Lee Felton and Boston area alumni/ae on Wednesday, June 7. Director of Alumni Relations Jim Booth will also attend. An evening reception is planned at the Harvard Club of Boston.

Central Oregon, June 12, 2000

Visit with alumni and friends at a special Willamette-only reception and tour of the High Desert Museum in Central Oregon on June 12 from 6-8 p.m. Assistant Alumni Director Brian Hess and John Olbrantz, director of the University's Hallie Ford Museum, will attend. Olbrantz will also make a special presentation entitled, "Missionaries and Masterpieces: The Story of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art." Heavy hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar will be available.

For information on any of the events mentioned in this issue of the Scene, or to RSVP, call Alumni Relations 503-375-5304, or email: alumni@willamette.edu

50 by 2000 campaign update

Dear Willamette Alumni:

Thank you to all alumni who have given an annual gift this year through the 50 by 2000 Campaign. The Campaign is designed to increase annual alumni support to 50 percent by the year 2000. Willamette alumni have embraced the challenge and the number of alumni annually supporting the University has steadily increased since the beginning of the Campaign in 1997. We are within sight of the 50 percent goal. Why is it important to reach 50 percent? It is a benchmark used by foundations and ranking organizations that signals critical alumni support. In practical terms, this translates to more resources available to Willamette from corporate and philanthropic organizations across the nation.

Last academic year, we reached 38 percent participation to the Alumni Annual Fund (AAF). Through April 2000, alumni support of the AAF is over 35 percent and we have until May 31 to reach 50 percent. Your participation does make a difference—whether you give \$1 or \$100. Please support Willamette with your annual gift to the AAF by May 31.

Thank you for your support,
Kate Speckman '88
Director of Annual Giving



Check the following chart to see the progress of your class as of 4-24-2000.

Class of 1923	0%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1961	38%	21 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1924	33%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1962	39%	22 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1925	25%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1963	43%	12 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1926	25%	2 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1964	44%	12 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1927	44%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1965	37%	31 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1928	38%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1966	41%	22 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1929	18%	4 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1967	42%	16 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1930	29%	3 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1968	31%	44 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1931	50%	Congratulations!	Class of 1969	44%	14 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1932	48%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1970	47%	6 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1933	52%	Congratulations!	Class of 1971	33%	35 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1934	45%	2 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1972	31%	51 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1935	54%	Congratulations!	Class of 1973	32%	43 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1936	53%	Congratulations!	Class of 1974	38%	30 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1937	69%	Congratulations!	Class of 1975	34%	37 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1938	46%	2 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1976	36%	33 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1939	48%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1977	36%	34 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1940	48%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1978	30%	50 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1941	50%	Congratulations!	Class of 1979	31%	45 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1942	59%	Congratulations!	Class of 1980	31%	51 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1943	36%	9 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1981	28%	57 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1944	43%	5 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1982	36%	36 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1945	49%	1 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1983	30%	49 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1946	54%	Congratulations!	Class of 1984	29%	57 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1947	45%	5 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1985	34%	37 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1948	41%	9 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1986	24%	61 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1949	41%	12 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1987	26%	55 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1950	43%	10 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1988	33%	56 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1951	48%	4 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1989	29%	68 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1952	51%	Congratulations!	Class of 1990	28%	72 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1953	51%	Congratulations!	Class of 1991	32%	59 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1954	47%	5 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1992	31%	63 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1955	53%	Congratulations!	Class of 1993	32%	75 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1956	38%	18 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1994	26%	95 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1957	39%	19 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1995	32%	70 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1958	49%	2 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1996	25%	92 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1959	35%	21 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1997	29%	81 more to reach 50% goal
Class of 1960	37%	19 more to reach 50% goal	Class of 1998	25%	112 more to reach 50% goal

Books by Willamette authors: The environment to history

By Ben Worsley '98

The Earth on Trial: Environmental Law on the International Stage

By Paul Stanton Kibel L'93

The Earth on Trial: Environmental Law on the International Stage offers a unique perspective on the most pressing environmental policy issues around the globe. Paul Kibel sees these issues as both ecological dilemmas and legal puzzles, resulting in a "page turner that makes international environmental law accessible," according to the Rainforest Action Network.

Kibel is a lawyer, teacher and writer. He teaches classes at both Stanford and Golden State University while practicing at Fitzgerald, Abbott & Beardsley in Oakland, Calif., where he works mostly with water rights disputes.

Storm Riders

By Craig Lesley

Craig Lesley, Willamette's Hallie Ford professor of English and writer-in-residence, recently published his latest novel. *Storm Riders* is a fictional story of a father's devotion to his mentally challenged son, born with fetal alcohol syndrome.

The story echoes Lesley's personal life. The child in the novel is based on Lesley's Native American foster son, whose mother gave birth to 18 children with fetal alcohol syndrome. Lesley's son is the only child still living.

Conflict of Laws Web Site

By Symeon Symeonides

College of Law Dean Symeon Symeonides has authored a new page on Willamette's Law Online Web site. For nine of the past 23 years, Symeonides has conducted a similar survey for the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Conflict of Laws, which have been published in the *American Journal of Comparative Law*. The AALS has called these surveys, "enormously informative and influential," and "extraordinarily helpful to the members of the section, other academics, the bench and the practicing bar."

Dean Symeonides' Web page surveys all U.S. state and federal cases that discuss the choice-of-law question in any significant way.

Homeric Stitchings: The Homeric Centos of the Empress Eudocia, and Eudocia's Centos

By M. D. Usher

Willamette professor of classics M. D. Usher has recently written two books. The first is entitled *Homeric Stitchings: The Homeric Centos of the Empress Eudocia*. A cento is an original literary work comprised entirely out of old material. In his book, Usher discusses the Homeric Centos composed by the Theodosian Empress Eudocia in the 5th century using verses taken only from the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*.

Usher's second book is a critical edition of the Greek poem on which *Homeric Stitchings* is based. In pro-

ducing this critical edition of *Eudocia's Centos*, Usher consulted the one surviving ancient manuscript of the work. The manuscript is in the possession of the Iviron monastery on Mount Athos, Greece. Usher traveled to Mount Athos to transcribe the manuscript in 1995 as a University of Chicago graduate student.

George Wilkins Kendall Dispatches from the Mexican War

By Lawrence Cress

Pioneering war correspondent George Wilkins Kendall (1809-67) wrote from Mexico about America's first foreign war, which enlarged our borders to include California, Texas and New Mexico. Willamette's Lawrence Cress, a noted military historian, collected and annotated Kendall's more than 200 dispatches for the first time.

Kendall brought a keen eye, a good ear, and a critical voice to the war coverage, writing sometimes several times a day the cogent reports published in the New Orleans *Picayune*. His reports reveal a dry wit, an abiding faith in America's "Manifest Destiny," and a clear understanding that warfare involved much more than the marching of armies.

In a single volume, these dispatches are indispensable for understanding the Mexican war, which trained the generals who later served, on both sides, in the Civil War.

Editor's Note: Lawrence Cress, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Dwight and Margaret Lear professor of history, passed away on Monday, April 3. Please see page 39 for full obituary.

Class links

This year's reunion chairs are listed at the top of each decade. See page 29 for more information about Homecoming 2000.

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Barbara (Crookham) Euler '38 and husband Harry moved to the Holladay Park Plaza retirement apartments in Portland, Ore. Their view of Mount Hood, Mount St. Helens, Mount Rainier and Mount Adams compensates for the move from their home of 32 years on Alameda Drive.

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Dorothy (Palmer) Knox '41 remains in retirement in Salem.

Franklin W. Herrick '43 and wife Norma moved to Wesley Homes in Des Moines, Wash., after living in Shelton, Wash., for 50 years. Retired from ITT Industries, Franklin is enjoying the slower pace of retirement. He attended his 50-year reunion at Willamette and has many happy memories of his time spent on campus and in Salem.

Mark Crunican '48 sold his insurance agency and now owns 16 rental units in Beaverton, Ore., where he also lives.

R. Holmes Johnson '49 lives in Kodiak, Alaska, where he is a member of the Kodiak Jazz Company. The Company plays at the Kodiak Inn Lounge every Friday night.

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William Moynihan '50 of Lebanon, Ore., returned from his 43rd trip to England with wife Viola.

Sophie E. (Guyton) Smith '50 and husband Ross live in their travel trailer. They spend their summers in Oregon with their four children and 10 grandchildren.

Sara Louise (Smith) Gunn '51 of Banner Elk, N.C., gathered with 14 Phi Phi members who pledged in 1947 for a pledge class reunion at Whidby Island, hosted by **Marie (Glasse) Tapp '51** and **Nancy (Welch) Kennedy '51** in the summer of 1999. Another reunion is planned for May 2000 in Virginia at the home of **Margaret (Guice) Thomson '51**.

Philip L. Phipps '51 and wife Ruth live in Saint Paul, Minn. This year they enjoyed a rafting/camping trip in the Grand Canyon and a trip to Finland, Sweden and Norway.

Eugene H. Walters '52 and wife **Carolann (Snarr) '52** of Vancouver, Wash., spent seven weeks in Australia, New Zealand and the Tonga where they visited **Leta '87** and **Drew '79 Hanea**.

John F. Weisser Jr. '52 L'55 and wife **Dorothy (Engelhart) '53** still live in Salem and are mentoring two first-year law students. They celebrated their 45th anniversary on a cruise around the Hawaiian Islands with **Katherine (Anderson) '51** and **Richard Sabin L'57**.

Daniel E. Snyder '53 of Salem started growing ginseng in partnership with his daughter and son-in-law. Their farm in Sublimity, Ore., is named the Wild Peacock Ginseng Farm.

Karolyn (Kremer) Cooper '55 is retired and lives in Salem. She enjoys being close to her three children and grandchildren who live nearby.

Julia (Fullager) Hume '55 and husband George of Newport Coast, Calif., have enjoyed traveling since their retirement. They have visited Australia, New Zealand, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Greece, Morocco and Portugal.

Jim Verdieck '55 is retired and back in Medford, Ore., with wife Jane after living in Wisconsin, New York, Michigan, Connecticut and California. He sings with the Rogue Valley Choral.

Gay (Kent) Bossart '56 and husband Donald of Denver, Colo., spent the spring quarter in Russia where Don taught in Moscow. They spent September on tour of China including six days cruising up the Yangtze River.

Peter C. Harvey '56 is city manager of Red Bluff, Calif., where he lives with wife Hanna Sue. He was invited by the World Bank and Arab Urban Development Institute to present a paper on "Budget Planning and Optimizing Available Resources" in the city of Al-Ain in the United Arab Emirates.

Charlene (Miner) Honaker '56 lives in Hemet, Calif., with husband Dave. They recently met **Don and Gay (Kent) Bossart '56** in Palm Desert, Calif., to catch up on old times.

Ronald Kinmark '56 retired after 41 years with the Farmers Insurance Company. He relocated to Las Vegas, Nev., where he lives in the Summerlin retirement community. He enjoys playing golf and traveling with wife Sharon.

Marian (Rutledge) Smith '56 of Prineville, Ore., enjoys retirement and having both her children living in Oregon. She continues to hike in the Canadian Rockies and spends a lot of time with her mother, **Carolyn (Schneider) Rutledge '34** at her home on the Rogue River.

Jean (Whiteside) Conrad '57 of Petaluma, Calif., retired in January 1999. She and husband Rolfe took two trips before he passed away in July. They visited Hawaii on a sailboat belonging to her brother, **Mel Whiteside '62**, and traveled through the Northwest.

Margaret Ann (Denman) Hultgran '57 lives in Fair Oaks, Calif., and paints watercolors and cultivates bonsai. She spent three weeks in Tibet where she unexpectedly met a current WU student in a restaurant in Lhasa.

Joanne Jene '57 of Portland, Ore., received the first Distinguished Service Award at the Oregon Society of Anesthesiologists in November 1999. She completed a term as the secretary for the American Society of Anesthesiologists in October 1999.

Nadine (Small) St. Louis '57 of Eau Claire, Wis., retired from the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire English Department after 30 years of teaching. She was the first assistant to the chancellor for affirmative action and the first woman to chair the faculty senate; chaired the English department and initiated a faculty exchange program with the University of Bielefeld, Germany. She is looking forward to herb gardening, writing, reading and walking.

Frank Lebold '58 retired from teaching music in the Beaverton School District. He and wife Mary live in Cornelius, Ore., where they are enjoying their eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Truman Baird '60 retired after 33 years with the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. He and wife Linda live in Eugene, Ore. He is active in community events and they travel as often as possible.

Cynthia Shaw Conrad '60 lives in Gig Harbor, Wash., with husband John Cristello. She is a child forensic interviewer for the Kitsap County Attorney's office. She assists in child abuse investigations. They enjoy traveling, the performing arts and their three grandchildren.

Charles R. Foster '60 is the 1999-2000 interim dean and professor of religion and education at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He lives in Atlanta, Ga., with his wife, Janet.

Howard Nelson '60 lives in Madison, Wis., with wife Gloria. His Web site, www.wellife.org/omar_centers around holistic health practices.

Carol (Dixon) Oakes '60 retired after 27 years of teaching music in Knox County Schools. She enjoys traveling, volunteering and spending time with her four grandchildren.

VanNatta Public Relations has been named "Best in its Class" in the Willamette Valley in the field of public relations by the editors of *Oregon Business Magazine*. The company is an association management, lobbying and public relations firm founded in 1967 and headquartered in Salem. The principal owners are **Fred VanNatta '60**, **G. Harvey Gail M'88** and **Mary VanNatta-Gail '86**.

Virginia (Keats) Ball '62 manages apartments and investments as owner of Woodruff Properties. She lives in Whittier, Calif., but enjoys visiting her three daughters and two grandsons who all live in Chula Vista, Calif.

Valerie (Boden) Darby '63 moved to Sacramento, Calif., to be near her daughter and closer to her son who lives in Medford, Ore. She was an executive assistant and market research analyst for Oracle Corporations prior to her move.

Rich Litchfield '63 lives in Eugene, Ore., with wife **Jacque (Graber) '64**. He is an orthodontist and is enjoying his sixth season as a member of the Eugene Opera Chorus.

Gregory Nelson '64 L'67 and wife **Linda (Stewart) '67** live in Keizer, Ore. He was elected board chair for the Better Business Bureau of Oregon and Western Washington. Linda is a secretary in the art department at W.U.

Richard L. Stewart '65 retired after 29 years as a geologist with the Unocal Corporation. He and wife Evelyn live in Anchorage, Alaska, where he plans on enjoying whatever comes after retirement.

Patricia (Casson) Bonyng '66, director of nursing, retired from the Carmel Valley Manor, a retirement care facility. She and husband Thomas live in Carmel, Calif.

Jeffrey R. Slottow '67 lives in Los Angeles, Calif., with wife Joan. He is an accounting clerk for the City of Los Angeles. They added a new member to their household, 18-year-old, Catrina Jaramillo.

Lorie Barker '68 of Porterville, Calif., joined the faculty at Porterville College as a reference librarian.

Richard Meeder '68 of Redmond, Wash., joined the public affairs group at Intel's Washington site in DuPont, Wash. Rick had worked in broadcasting and marketing for several non-profit organizations prior to starting with Intel.

Jack Baker '67 is a financial advisor for The Trust Company of Washington and his wife, **Marcia (Hunt) '69**, is a real estate appraiser for Baker Appraisals. They live in University Place, Wash. They enjoyed seeing the start of the new millennium on a beach in Maui.

Peter M. Carlson '68 and wife **Rhonda (James) '69** live in Smithfield, Va. Pete retired as regional director for the Federal Bureau of Prisons and is now an associate professor at Christopher Newport University. He teaches government, public affairs and criminal justice.

Joy (Gustafson) '69 and **A. Douglas '69 Gilmore** are glad to be home in Seattle, Wash., after two years in Boston, Mass. He owns a mail pre-sort company, Mail Movers, and she continues to work as an endoscopy registered nurse.

Greg Johanson '69 is doing a post-doctoral fellowship at the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University. His book, *Grace Unfolding*

in the Spirit of the Tao-te ching, has been translated into German, Spanish and Chinese. He and wife Hope live in Branchville, N.J., with their son Leif.

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Stephen Gerrish '70 L'74 moved to Ketchum, Idaho, with wife **Barbara (Ranton) '71** and their children, Christopher and Timothy. He maintains his law office in Palo Alto, Calif., by telephone, the Web and actual commuting.

Gale Vaandering '70 is the production manager of NorPac Foods in Keizer, Ore. He lost his wife of 23 years, Susan, to cancer this past August.

Cynthia (Carlson) Widmer '70 lives in Walla Walla, Wash. She works for Community Connections, a public-private partnership that works on behalf of children.

Jacquelyn Agee '71 moved to Vancouver, Wash., and is the publisher of the *Vancouver Business Journal*.

Karen Boone '71 is a doctor of Oriental Medicine on hiatus while being the architect/general contractor of a dome home she designed and is building in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. She loved working on her new home and is excited to be moving in.

William Brewer '71 of Eugene, Ore., is serving as president of the Eugene Estate Planning Council.

Victoria (Sutro) Graham '72 completed her teaching qualification in Further Education at Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland. She lives in Edinburgh, Scotland where she has spent the last 20 years performing with the Edinburgh Festival Chorus.

Debra A. Larson '72 lives in Portland, Ore., where she works with Multnomah County Human Resources analyzing jobs and developing fair and equitable pay through a joint labor/management compensation committee.

Mike M'79 and **Charlotte (Whalin) Marsh '72** live in Salem. She is an ele-

mentary school counselor and teaches parenting classes.

Sue Winters '72 is the vice president of operations for the Jaguar Yerba Company, an importer of medicinal herbs from South America. She lives in Carbondale, Colo., just outside of Aspen.

Joli Sandoz '73 of Olympia, Wash., manages her own research and writing business while teaching at Evergreen State College. She co-edited the book *Whatever It Takes: Women on Women's Sport*.

David '72 and **Caroline (Langlais) Greger '74** live in Portland, Ore., with their two daughters. She is establishing a career as an artist after earning her bachelor of fine arts degree this past June.

Jack LeMenager '74 is the owner of Strategic Business Communications in Winchester, Mass. He provides marketing and employee communications counsel to growth-oriented businesses.

Bruce '74 and **Lucinda (Grazda) '75 Neuschwander** live in Pleasanton, Calif. He is the corporate controller for Centillum Technology and she teaches third grade and has published five children's picture books.

Janet (Brook) Carlson '75 is active in politics. She and husband Kevin live in Salem.

David S. Coppock '75 is the vice president of data analysis at FCB Direct in New York, N.Y. He lives in Belle Mead, N.J., with wife Julia Raven.

James D. Hilton '75 lives in Portland, Ore., with wife Trudy. They honeymooned in New Orleans, La., where he watched his son in the production of *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Tom '75 and **Eileen (Thomas) '76 McHill** live in Lebanon, Ore. Their daughter, **Courtney**, is a freshman at W.U.

Dee (Miller) Staple '75 lives in Salem with husband Donald and their daughter, Dionne. She is a real estate appraiser and he makes custom weather vanes.

Gary C. Barbour '76 opened a governmental relations firm specializing in energy and environmental policy after working for 14 years with Senator Mark Hatfield and eight years with Portland General Electric. He lives in Washington, D.C., with wife Leslie.

Douglas B. Kays '76 left the legal field to become the vice president of operations for Heilig Meyers Furniture. He oversees 160 stores in the Western

United States. He lives in Pacific Palisades, Calif., with his four children, Megan, Tara, Christopher and Kelsey.

Lei-Ann (Stender) Durant '77 co-owns Floreotica Hawaii, a wholesale distributor of silk plants and flowers, and is a representative of Kurt Adler Christmas products. She lives in Kailua, Hawaii, with husband Ron and their two sons.

Susan Barmeyer '77 has temporarily relocated to Washington, D.C., from Missoula, Mont., with husband Jonathan Haber and their two sons. She is enjoying the museums and all that the East Coast has to offer.

Debra F. Cleaver '78 is the principal of the Hawaii Preparatory Academy. She returned to Kamuela, Hawaii, after 25 years in Oregon.

Carol L. Schriener '78 of Santa Cruz, Calif., is going back to school to become a scientific and medical illustrator.

Carol (Baker) Bowman '79 works half-time as a music therapist in San Jose, Calif. She enjoys spending time with her two children — sailing, dirt bike riding and bicycling.

William L. Craine '79 lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with wife Debbie. He recently retired from the Air Force and is now flying for US Airways.

Whitney (Heimlich) Ingersoll '79 is in her 20th year at Santa Barbara Middle School. She teaches photography, guitar, doll making and manages an outdoor supplies store for the school's extended bicycling and backpacking trips. She lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., with husband Robert and their two sons.

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J. Pete '80 and **Kathryn (Mork) '82 Strobel** live in McMinnville, Ore., with their three children. He teaches fifth grade and is an adjunct professor at George Fox University. Kathryn works part time for the Yamhill County Mental Health department and is a part-time graduate student in the M.S.W. program at Portland State University.

Laura Bayless '95 MAT'96 married Brandon Harder on July 10, 1999.
Robin Smith '94 and **Kathy Smith '95** were in the wedding party. They live in Kent, Wash., where she is a first-grade teacher.

Priscilla Doupe '95 married **David Palanuk '95** on July 24, 1999, in Portland, Ore. Members of the wedding party were **Molly Wiens '95**, **Lisa (Roberts) Christiansen '95**, **Annalie Herrmann '95**, **Andrew Trelstad '95**, **Patrick Bauer '95**, **Brett Joyce '95** and **Patrick Welsh '95**.

Pete Goertzen '95 married **Stephanie Hamrick '96** on September 18, 1999, at Fallina's Gardens in Portland, Ore. Many WU alumni attended the wedding. They live in Sherwood, Ore.

Alexis Wetzel '95 MAT'97 married Alfredo Mendez in Pueblo, Mexico, on July 17, 1999. **Angella Graves '97 MAT'98** was a bridesmaid. They had a second ceremony in Portland, Ore., in November. She is a bilingual first-grade teacher at Myers Elementary School in Salem.

Anne Berube '96 married Steven Gard on August 7, 1999, in Summerland, Calif. The couple lives in Ojai, Calif., where she is a kindergarten teacher.

Elizabeth Bromen '96 married Tom Leman in August 1999. Members of the wedding party were **Laura Morgan '94**, **Dave Lippert '95**, **Heather Wilder '97**, **Scott Crane '94 MAT'95**, **Nancy Doerfler '96** and **Carrie Sessarego '95**. They live in Portland, Ore.

Alida Godfrey '98 married Christopher Copping in Cone Chapel on January 22. They live in Portland, Ore.

Sophie Allen '99 married Joshua Roberson on September 4, 1999. Many W.U. alumni attended the wedding. The couple lives in Ashland, Ore.

Family Additions

To **Margo (Keirse) McCafferty-Rudd '74** and husband Thomas of Eminton, Pa., a son, Thomas Maximilian, on May 25, 1999.

To **Carrie and W. Christopher Culver '75** of Anniston, Ala., a daughter, Madison Lorraine, on November 9, 1999.

To **Andrea and John Shank '77** of Arlington, Va., a son, Michael Gordon, on January 10. Michael joins big brother Joseph Anthony, who was born in August 1997.

Luanne (Barnes) Nelson '78 and husband Paul traveled to Vietnam in July to adopt their daughter, Madison Marie Anne, who was born on June 11, 1999. They live in Salem, Ore.

To **Colleen (Spelman) '81** and Werner Nistler of Portland, Ore., a daughter, Diana Frances, on October 22. Diana joins siblings Louise, Werner, Elliott and Molly.

To **Amy (Wilson) Hardin '83** and husband Mark their first child, Genevieve Pauline, on May 30, 1999. Amy is on leave from the Portland Public School district to spend time with Genevieve. The family lives in Portland, Ore.

To **Robert Fisher and Susan Wilson '83** of Ann Arbor, Mich., a daughter, Esther Aileen "Alli," on July 12, 1998.

To **Paula and Donald Crosatto '84** a son, Peter David, on November 3, 1999. They live in Emeryville, Calif.

To **Darcy and James "Jim" Burchell '85** of San Diego, Calif., a daughter, Hanna Jacqueline, on May 27, 1999.

To **Maria (Rucci) Dolan '85** and husband Jim of Rockville, Md., a son, Liam Wayne, on November 8, 1999. The couple has two other sons, Aidan Thomas and Brendan James.

To **Kristen and William Potter '85** a daughter, Molly Louise, born October 20, 1998. They are living in Guinea West Africa, working on education reform for the public elementary school system.

To **Matthew and Annette (Predeek) Gandy '86** of Springfield, Va., their first child, Gregory James, on April 7, 1999.

To **Gary and Tina (Neuneker) Gerber-Winn '86** a daughter, Kaitlyn Rose, born June 18, 1999. Kaitlyn joins brothers Kyle, six, and Tyler, four.

To **John and Stacy (Westergard) Dawson '87** of La Crescent, Minn., a daughter, Rylee Jane, born July 6, 1999.

To **Renee Fortain '87** and David Godosky twin daughters, Isabelle and Alexandra, on October 15, 1999. Renee is an attorney for the New York Police Department. The family lives in New York, N.Y.

To **Yue Qui (Julia) and Brian Dresbeck '88** of San Jose, Calif., a daughter, Holly, on October 21, 1998 — her great-grandmother's birthday.

To **Janell (Schuetze) '88** and **Gregory Ginsburg '88** a daughter, Siena Alexandria, on August 6, 1999. Janell will practice dentistry part time with Greg in Redmond, Ore. They live in Powell Butte, Ore.

To **Courtney Gwiazdon '89** and husband Matthew VanVlack a daughter, Ella Annette, on September 8, 1999. They live in Portland, Ore.

To **Heather and Jeffrey Girod '90** of Plainfield, N.J., a daughter, Parker Rose, on September 14, 1999.

To **Christine (Baker) '89** and **Bradley Hill '90** of Vancouver, Wash., a son, Carter Joseph, on January 28.

To **Kristi and David Schultz '90** of Marysville, Wash., a daughter, Jenna Lyn, on December 6, 1999.

To **James and Holly (Womelsdorf) Bedingfield '92** a son, Braden Douglas, born March 12, 1999. Braden joins older brother Collin James. The family lives in Keizer, Ore.

To **Dan and Andrea (Morris) Cohen '93** a daughter, Amanda Helen, born on December 31, 1998. Dan and Andrea were married in May 1997. They live in Corning, N.Y.

To **Silvia and Andreas Luehring '93 M'94** of Munster, Germany, a son, Henrik Maximilian, born February 1, 1999.

To **Roger and Alicia (Rotoia) Smith '93** of Juneau, Alaska, a son, Justin Samuel, born December 1, 1999.

To **Lisa (Martin) '94** and **John Harrison '94** a daughter, Claire Mackenzie, on January 20. Older brother Max looked forward to having a new baby brother or sister. The family lives in Everett, Wash.

To **David and Beth (Lindley) Tinseth '95 MAT'96** of Salem, Ore., a son, Jonah Michael, on December 14, 1999. Beth is on leave from the Salem-Keizer School district where she teaches.

To **Rhonda (Benge) '95 MAT'96** and **James Turner Jr. MAT'99** of Monmouth, Ore., a son, Justin Robert, on November 12, 1999.

To **Bekki and Michael Bullert '98** of Redding, Calif., a daughter, Emily Morgan, born on July 19, 1999. Emily joins older sister, Kaylin Elizabeth, who was born on August 11, 1997.

In Memoriam

Tracy E. Strevey '23 H'51 died January 15 in Laguna Woods, Calif., five days before his 98th birthday. In 1930 he received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Chicago. He spent his life in the field of education from history teacher to dean, sharing his knowledge with others. Survivors include his wife of 70 years, Margaret, sister Mildred (Strevey) Patton '23, a son, a daughter, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Esther (Lemery) Maxwell '24 died November 8, 1999, in Tillamook County, Ore.

Doris (Klindt) Gundersen '28 died January 3, in Lebanon, Ore. She was a grade school teacher in Scio, Lebanon and Sweet Home, Ore. She also worked as a correspondent for the *Statesman Journal*. Survivors include a daughter, a son, three grandchildren and a sister.

Ronald D. Craven '30 died November 8, 1999, in Salem. Early in his career he was a printer for the *Statesman Journal* and the *Capital Press*. He retired from the Oregon State Printing Department. He was a soloist and choir director for several churches and was director of the Rickreall Christmas Pageant for 25 years. Survivors include wife Judith, one son, two stepsons, two step-daughters, eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

George L. Poor '30 died January 30 in Seattle, Wash. He was a Methodist minister, anti-war activist and counselor. He counseled draft resisters, led peace rallies, worked with the Church Council of Greater Seattle and was active in the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Survivors include three sons and a daughter, brother **Clarence Poor '32**, sisters **Sarah (Poor) Hallin '30** and **Frances (Poor) Brown '35**.

Leta (Hale) Roehl '30 died October 25, 1999, in Vancouver, Wash. A scholarship at W.U. is named after her. She is survived by a son, two grandchildren and two sisters.

Lena (Medler) Tower '31 died December 18, 1999, in Portland, Ore. She was an elementary school teacher in Linn and Washington counties until 1953, then for the Portland Public Schools until her retirement in 1973. She is survived by one son, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a sister.

Dorothy (Eastridge) Gillam '32 died January 6 in Springfield, Ore. She was a caseworker for the state welfare system in Marion, Crook and Jefferson counties. She was a member of a bowling league and Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include two daughters, a son, two sisters, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Sister **Jean (Eastridge) Birrell '37** and nephew **G. Bruce Birrell '62** were fellow W.U. grads.

John D. McLennan '33 died September 27, 1998, in LaJolla, Calif., and was followed in death by his wife, **Beulah (Cramer) McLennan '33**, on December 28, 1999. Survivors of the couple include their three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Class links

Mary (Beeson) Holmes '82 is a part-time instructor for Mount Hood Community College. She and her family moved to Gresham, Ore., after spending 13 years in Eastern Oregon.

Vangie (Warren) '82 and **Stan '85 Shaw** live in Portland, Ore., with their two children, Lukas and Jacqueline. She coaches soccer and fifth grade girls' basketball and he designs feature pages for *The Oregonian* and writes a bike column.

Sara (Noah) Dills '83 performs a one-woman show that she wrote, "I Have Run From Bear." It's the story of Nancy Kelsey, the first female American emigrant to cross overland to California. She and husband Roger live in Orangevale, Calif.

Mark Lambert '83 and partner Laura live in Beijing, China, where he is a diplomat and human rights officer for the American Embassy in Beijing.

Karla J. Wenzel '83 and husband **Fred Miller '64** live in Portland, Ore. She is an attorney and a board member of the Portland School District.

Mark '84 and **Deborah (Lee) '85 Lipke** live in Houston, Texas, with their sons, Wade and Chad. They both work for Farmers Insurance. He is the division marketing manager and she is a human resource specialist.

Ryan Roley '84 L'87 practices law and is a part-time personal financial analyst. He lives in Anchorage, Alaska, with wife Jessica and their daughter, Monica.

Martin Letourneau '85 is a program manager for the U.S. Department of Energy. He recently completed a three-year project to rewrite and reissue the Department of Energy's National Standards for managing its radioactive waste. He and his family live in Braaddock Heights, Md.

Kristine Peterson '87 is a computer information specialist in Boise, Idaho. She received an Outstanding Volunteer award from the Mountain States Refugee Center for her work designing "Talk Time," an informal learning program that allows refugees to practice speaking English.

Richard Ash '88 owns Global Mapping Technology. The company works with the satellite technology known as the "Global Positioning System" (GPS as it applies to surveying/mapping and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)). He also distributes GPS/GIS hardware and software, provides training in mapping and surveying and is a consultant. He and wife Maria live in Corvallis, Ore.

Lisa Morehead-Neuner '88 lives in

Auerbach, Germany, with her husband, Florian.

Jonathan Radmacher '88 is a partner at McEwen, Gisvold, Rankin, Carter and Streinz, LLP, the law firm where he has practiced since 1992. His practice focuses on real estate and commercial litigation.

Akiko (Nakategawa) Tsutsumi '88 is an in-house interpreter for McDonald's in Japan. She lives in Yokohama, Japan, and encourages those interested in business expansion there to contact her.

Darryl '88 L'92 and **Tracy (Thom) '88 Walker** live in Portland, Ore. Darryl is an attorney with Bullard, Smith, Jerstedt and Harnish specializing in labor and employment law. Tracy is a registered nurse with Oregon Health Sciences University.

Ramona (Mills) Murtha '89 lives in Irigon, Ore., where she and husband Paul are enjoying the virtually rainless weather east of the Cascades. She is a school secretary for the Sam Boardman Elementary School.

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90's
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Helen (Ames) Gorman '90 lives in Redmond, Wash., with husband James and their 16-month-old son. They sold their business to Tully's Coffee and are now concentrating on James' construction and real estate businesses.

Lila Brown '92 returned to Salem from Twin Falls, Idaho. She works in the critical care center at the Salem Hospital.

Lisa Fernandez '91 purchased a home in Seattle, Wash. She is the director of communications and public relations for Forest Ridge School.

Jason Hoerner '91 is participating in an international law fellowship in Tübingen, Germany. He received his J.D. from the University of Washington Law School in June 1999 and passed the Washington Bar in August 1999.

Christopher Angell '92 is a law student at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn.

Dawn Gillette '92 is the coordinator of Kahua O Maluhia, a mentoring program for pregnant teens in North Hawaii. She and husband Charles Longerbeam live in Waikoloa, Hawaii.

Dagny Haug '92 manages enrollments and student accounts for the University of Minnesota's Technical Education Center. She lives in Minneapolis, Minn.

Blythe (Gardner) '93 Butler joined fellow W.U. alumnae for a weekend in Chicago to see **Carrie Lee Patterson '93** in the cast of the English version of *Ghetto* by playwright Joshua Sobol.

Greer Gerson '93 of Portland, Ore., ran the Honolulu Marathon in 1998 raising \$3,500 for The Leukemia Society of America. She plans to raise the same amount when she runs the marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, this June.

Ryan Howes '93 received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the Fuller Theological Seminary. He lives in Pasadena, Calif., where he teaches, works in a private practice and plays guitar in his rock band "Siggys."

Joe R. Morgan '94 lives in Chonan City, South Korea, with his wife, Kwang Hee. He is an English professor at the Chonan University where he has worked for two years.

Sidney (Jennifer Wangaard) Reynolds '94 of Seattle, Wash., is a first-year law student at the University of Washington.

Tami (Burkhard) Syverson '94 moved to Denver, Colo., with her husband, Dan. She is a competitive analyst for corporate marketing for Sun Microsystems.

Joelfre L. Grant '95 T'96 is a third-year Head Start Teacher/Supervisor with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes in Polson, Mont.

Katie Hinnenkamp '96 lives in Morgan Hill, Calif.

Haley Pepper '96 is an instructor in the sailing program for Outward Bound. She spends summers in Baltimore, Md., and winters in Everglades City, Fla. For fun she sails tall ships, traditional wooden sail boats. She has sailed in the Baltic Sea, primarily in Germany, and sailed to France.

Barbara Weber '96 of Kirkland, Wash., recently returned from a six-week trip through Bangladesh and India.

Amy Albrich '97 is an accountant for Woodburn Construction Company. She is excited about buying her first home in Salem.

Pontus Jaderholm '97 of Corvallis, Ore., worked as a ski instructor in Val Thorens, Haute Savoie, France, in 1997 and '98. He is a doctoral student in pharmacology at Oregon State University.

Alexandra "Alex" Rodinsky '96, **Kendra Speirs '97** and **Jeremy Teissere '97** of Philadelphia, Pa., are graduate students who took time off to drive nonstop from Madison, Wis., to Salem to be present for the 1999 Commencement Ceremony.

Brian (Jose) Torres '97 lives in West Lebanon, N.H. He is a pilot for U.S. Airways Express.

Alisa Harvey '98 of Beaverton, Ore., visited Hawaii in October. She left the March of Dimes as an event planner and fundraiser and is now the corporate development manager at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI).

Marika Paetz '98 teaches second grade in the South Bronx, N.Y. She was accepted in the master's degree program in elementary education at Bank Street College of Education in New York.

Lynnette Snell '98 of Kalispell, Mont., has managed a private island, Cayo Espanto, off the coast of Belize since October. She plans to open a day spa in San Pedro, Belize, pending residency acceptance.

Kelly Haskell '99 of Portland, Ore., is taking a break from school. He works at the Guilds Lake Inn.

Marriages

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70's
Sally Godard '76 married Ron Olisar in May 1999. She is the medical director of psychiatric medicine at Salem Hospital. They live in McMinnville, Ore. Oldest daughter, **Carey**, is a freshman at W.U.

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90's
Kristin Taylor '90 married Mitch Randall in November in Tiburon, Calif. They are attorneys with the San Francisco-based law firm Morrison & Foerster.

Robert Moore '91 and **Elisabeth Barney '93** were married on July 11, at McMenamin's Edgefield. The wedding party included **Karla (Meyer) Coglizer '91**, **Sam Williams '93** and **Michael Hames-Garcia '93**. Both work at Intel Corporation and live in Portland, Ore.

Eric P. Holley '92 was married recently in Hawaii. **Mike Holley '92** was best man. He and wife Christine live in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Eric is a general manager for Pyxis Corporation.

Kathryn Colombo '93 married John Pugh III in August 1999. Daniela **Almeida '93**, **Sandra (Collins) Hildreth '93** and **Jennifer (Irving) Fetrow '93 MAT'94** were bridesmaids. The couple lives in Bend, Ore.

Freedom, Kenya and something of value

By Everette Holt Williams '63

Africa is in all of us, from the childhood wonder of the animals on the Ark to the endlessly fascinating search for the missing link between humans and monkeys. Rev. Ron '63, and Diane Ray, United Methodist missionaries, have far more wealth in knowledge and spirit on this subject than most of us.

Kenya is one of those magical places where childhood fantasies can be realized. Recently with the Rays, I gleefully cavorted under the warm African sun with three baby elephants, amidst an approving entourage of warthogs and two adolescent rhinoceros. Ron and his wife guided me to where I almost felt like Mufasa the Lion King with these amazing creatures around us. I patted each little elephant, respectfully approached the rhinos to within a few feet and prudently fraternized with the warthogs. This was one of those ideal moments when all seems to be well in the universe.

Kenya of course has its share of problems. Vicious atrocities and human degradation are sometimes the result of population pressure on the land and corruption in government. Greedy elites manipulating tribal conflicts for political and economic self-interest make democracy problematic. The ruling Kanu political party utilizes democratic rhetoric while pursuing dictatorial purposes. Americans who work and travel in Kenya have to be careful how they go about helping this kaleidoscopic country of agonies and ecstasies. Some anti-American sentiment sur-

faces after the horror of the U.S. embassy bombing which killed mostly Kenyans.

The lush and fertile Limuru highland at 7,000 feet, where St. Paul's United Theological College is located and where the Rays work, is 30 minutes outside of mile-high Nairobi. Previously the Rays worked at another ecumenical theological college in West Africa's "big apple," Nigeria, where tourist sights are far fewer but where the population and oil wealth are far greater.

The Rays have breathed a veritable Garden of Eden around their house. I've never seen more exotic flowers. Ron is trying to encourage the college to use its land more prudently. He even grows his own firewood for those surprisingly chilly highland winter evenings.

Diane administers a diploma program whereby St. Paul's supervises the teaching at 10 Bible colleges in East Africa. She teaches English to wives of students and she and Ron support a budding women's liberation discussion group. The Rays sponsor two former street children, who are now in foster care with the Rays' part-time gardener's family.

Ron and Diane both drive their resilient old Peugeot 405 on Kenya's colonial style (narrow and with little shoulder) roadways. The greatest threat to life and limb are these roads, which are often potholed and are full of pedestrians playing chicken with many rampaging drivers. As they dodge the holes and pedestrians the car stereo plays high quality Christian music, rock and roll or classical music.

Dr. Ron, who teaches Christian Ethics and Systematic Theology, reveals a deep grasp of Christian subtleties in his publications, such as *Between Two Worlds - An Ethic of Christian Freedom*. He can also find a



car part in a grimy auto parts store where the internals of various vehicles are stacked along 10-foot high shelves. Meanwhile at home, Diane and Ron offer an array of intriguing and healthy food. Both are home-makers and professionals.

Ron and Diane have raised two sons who have become young men with plenty of insights to offer concerning Africa. Colin graduates from the Willamette College of Law and Atkinson Graduate School of Management in May. In 1992, Kevin completed a double major in economics and political science at Willamette. He is currently working as the in-country representative for a British Non-Governmental Organization (UNAIS) in Mali and is married to a charming, beautiful and talented West African woman from Benin.

Rev. Ron Ray '63 has worked with his wife, Diane, to cultivate a garden filled with exotic flowers. Ray believes in using land prudently, as he even grows his own firewood.

Class links

Bernice (Rickman) Gordon '33 died November 26, 1999, in Palm Harbor, Fla. She was a soloist who appeared with symphony orchestras, choral groups, and in recital, oratorio and concert. She is remembered in Washington, D.C., as an inspiring soloist at Easter morning services where as many as 80,000 people gathered and heard her sing. Survivors include husband Stanley, four sons and five grandchildren.

Francis "Bud" Flint '34 died November 12, 1999, in Portland, Ore. Survivors include his nieces and nephews.

Max Bigby '35 died October 1, 1999, in Astoria, Ore. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi and an honorary member of the Blue Key. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and was a lieutenant commander and deck officer on a Naval LST. He served in a variety of volunteer positions including the Astoria school board. Survivors include his wife, Roma; son, **Max Bigby Jr. '66**, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Wendell Brainard '35 of Kellogg, Idaho, died November 21, 1999. He served as a sergeant during World War II with the 556th Engineers Unit stationed in Guam and the Philippines. He was the editor for the Kellogg *Evening News*, worked in journalism for more than 40 years and was the author of *Golden History Tales*. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a son, three daughters, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sydney (Hannaford) Gustafson '35 died December 28, 1999, in Tigard, Ore.

Harry Emmel '36 of San Juan Islands, Wash., died January 23, 2000. He was commissioned into the Army and served as a surgeon in the 50th General Hospital through the invasion of Normandy and the defeat of Germany. He was one of the early partners in the Seattle Orthopedic and Fracture Clinic, taught orthopedics at the University of Washington School of Medicine, and volunteered in a variety of medical situations. Survivors include his wife, Anne, a son and daughter, niece **Elizabeth (Olson) Hill '48** and grandson **Peter Jenkins '00**.

Antoinette (Lambert) Bose '38 of Salem died November 23, 1999. She was a school teacher for 31 years starting at Airline High School in 1938 and later at Salem High School until her retirement in 1980. She is survived by two brothers.

Helen (Hammond) Mouncer '39 of Kennewick, Wash., died May 17, 1998. Survivors include three sons.

Margaret (Gary) Watson '39 of West Linn, Ore., died July 11, 1999. She is survived by her son, Mark.

Margaret (Tayler) Anderson '39 MAT'40 died June 24, 1999, in Nyack, N.Y. She was recognized by academic, professional and service organizations for her dedication to social issues and helping others. Survivors include her husband, **James Anderson '41**, two daughters, two sons, including **Bret Anderson '68**, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Belloie (Molloy) Collins '40 of Salem died February 3, 2000. She was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, League of Women Voters, United Nations group and the American Association of University Women. Survivors include her two daughters.

Jack Walker '42 died February 18, 2000, in McMinnville, Ore. Survivors include his wife, **Rowena (Upjohn) '42**, a son, daughter, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Jeanne (Sweet) Whiles '42 of Enumclaw, Wash., died August 13, 1999. Survivors include her husband, William, and a son.

Lyle Brown '43 died February 15, 2000, in Salem. He served in the Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Willamette Railroad Club, Pacific Northwest Live Steamers Club and American Legion. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy, a son, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Verna (Stocks) Roberts '47 of Oakland, Calif., died September 6, 1999. Survivors include her husband, Charles, two sons, a daughter and brother Laurence Stocks '50.

Robert Hill '48 of Reno, Nev., died December 6, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Flora.

Dolores (Bauer) Turville '50 of Portland, Ore., died December 10, 1999. She was a high school business teacher for 17 years and taught at Portland Community College for 23 years, retiring in 1992. She established the Business Technology Center at PCC's Rock Creek campus and was a coordinator for the Portland Area Vocation Educational Technical Consortium. She was the recipient of numerous educational awards. Survivors include her son, **John Turville Jr. M'88** and two grandchildren.

Mary Louise (Lee) Burum '52 died January 31, in Tempe, Ariz. She was an advocate for young and old alike and served on the Tempe Community Council, the city's social services department that oversees more than one million dollars in grants. Survivors include her husband, daughter, two sons and 12 grandchildren.

William Carl Butte '53 of Keizer, Ore., died January 25. He was a jazz musician playing bass and tuba for over 50 years. He played baseball for W.U. and was invited to try out as a pitcher with the St. Louis Browns. Survivors include a daughter, a son, a brother and two grandchildren.

Diane (Bulman) Diddock '56 died September 15, 1999, in Triangle Lake, Ore. Survivors include her husband, Roger, and two children.

James Davis '57 died February 3, in Los Angeles, Calif. He was a rare books librarian at UCLA for 38 years. He joined the staff of the Rare Book School in 1986, a continuing education institute based then at Columbia University and since 1993 at the University of Virginia. Survivors include his father, Harold, a brother and sister.

Carrie (Gillanders) White '58 of Carmichael, Calif., died November 14, 1999. Survivors include her husband, Keith, two daughters and cousin **Gene Juve '64**.

Stanley Caldwell '62 died August 14, 1999, in Gresham, Ore. He is survived by his wife, Francis.

Ellen (Campbell) Lewinsein '67 of Atlanta, Ga., died September 13, 1998. Survivors include her husband, Charles.

Douglas Courson '68 died November 28, 1999, in Portland, Ore.

Kenneth O'Connell H'83 died February 18, in Salem. He served on the Oregon Supreme Court from 1958 to 1970 and served as chief justice from 1970 to 1976. He taught at W.U. after retiring from the Supreme Court. Survivors include his wife, Esther, and four sons and a daughter.

Ashlae (Monfort-Lane) Rodgers '92 died February 6, in Portland, Ore. She was the president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Survivors include her husband, **Shawn '90**, parents, a brother and a sister.

GUIDELINES

Class Links are included in the winter, spring and summer issues of the *Willamette Scene*.

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

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

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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 date.

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

The deadlines for submission are:

Winter issue: Nov. 1
Spring issue: Feb. 1
Summer issue: May 1

We welcome photos for possible use, depending on space and photo quality. Black and white photos are preferred. Please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you would like your photo returned.

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.

Class notes for graduates of the professional schools at Willamette (College of Law, Atkinson Graduate School of Management and School of Education) will be printed in the *Willamette Professional* magazine. They will only appear in the *Willamette Scene* for alumni who also attended the College of Liberal Arts.

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L= Doctor of Jurisprudence or LLB
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Master of Administration,
Master of Business Administration
JM= Joint degree, law and management
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MEd= Master of Education
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Goodbye Dear friend

Friends and co-workers remember Dean Lawrence Cress

Dean Lawrence Cress, 53, died after collapsing on campus and being taken to the Salem Hospital emergency room on Monday, April 3. Willamette University lost a scholar, a leader, a friend.

He had been dean of the College of Liberal Arts since 1994 and also became the first Dwight and Margaret Lear Professor of American History at Willamette in 1997. He came to Willamette from the University of Tulsa, where he was associate dean and the Jay P. Walker professor of history. Dean Cress graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Pacific Lutheran University in 1969. He then went on to receive a master's degree and doctorate from the University of Virginia.

Among survivors are his wife, Linda, and his daughter, Meghan, a senior at Sprague High School in Salem.

Willamette University, in partnership with the Cress family, has established the Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship. This award will be given annually to a member of the faculty on Founders Day, Feb. 1, to "recognize Dean Cress' conviction that the very best scholarship has the capacity to strengthen classroom teaching and learning."

In lieu of flowers, the Cress family is asking that gifts be sent to the Lawrence D. Cress Excellence in Faculty Scholarship Award care of Willamette University, Office of the President.

Below Dean Cress is remembered by his friends and colleagues in quotes taken from a memorial service held in Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center on Sunday, April 9.

The thing to me about Larry was that he'd see someone from the music department or the economics department, and it would be a 15- or 20-minute description of that person, of the qualities of that person. Virtually never did he say something negative; he was always building people up. A lot of his effectiveness

as an administrator came from how much he knew about students and faculty.

Dr. Don Pisadi
Merrick Professor of Western American History
University of Oklahoma

Larry Cress was a quintessential professional. A gentleman and a scholar, but one who properly balanced his life — his home and family, that he loved so much. I was glad to call him a friend, and I shall miss him, not just as an effective Willamette dean, which indeed he was, but even more as a friend.

Dr. Jerry Hudson
President Emeritus
Willamette University

I know I speak for the deans and many of the faculty members at all of our local institutions in saying we have lost a great friend, a wonderful leader, and we now have an empty space that will be very hard to fill. We greatly appreciate what he did for us while he was here.

Dr. Linda H. Martel
Assistant Vice President for Technology Services
University of Portland

Lawrence D. Cress was a special person — wonderfully able, marvelously gifted and compassionate. During his years as Willamette's dean of the College of Liberal Arts, he gained the love of many and earned the respect of all ... He loved being dean. He was, I have thought, born to be dean of this place, at this time. For him, being dean was not just a job, but something more, an obligation, an honor, some would even say a calling ... I turned to him confidently and often for advice, and I suspect, like many of you here today, I have in the last few days — when wrestling with a particular issue — caught myself saying, "I will call Larry and see what he thinks." I will miss him dearly — both as a colleague and as a personal friend.

Dr. M. Lee Pelton
President
Willamette University

A student remembers Dean Cress in a letter.

I first met Dean Cress through a letter to accepted Willamette students. The first line said something to the theme of, "Comparatively, you know more right now than you will by the time you graduate from Willamette University. The amount of new information is increasing exponentially, and comparing your current knowledge to the amount of information available now, you will know more now than in four years." But, he went on, giving us hope and reassuring us of Willamette's wonderful qualities and why it is the best school anybody could go to.

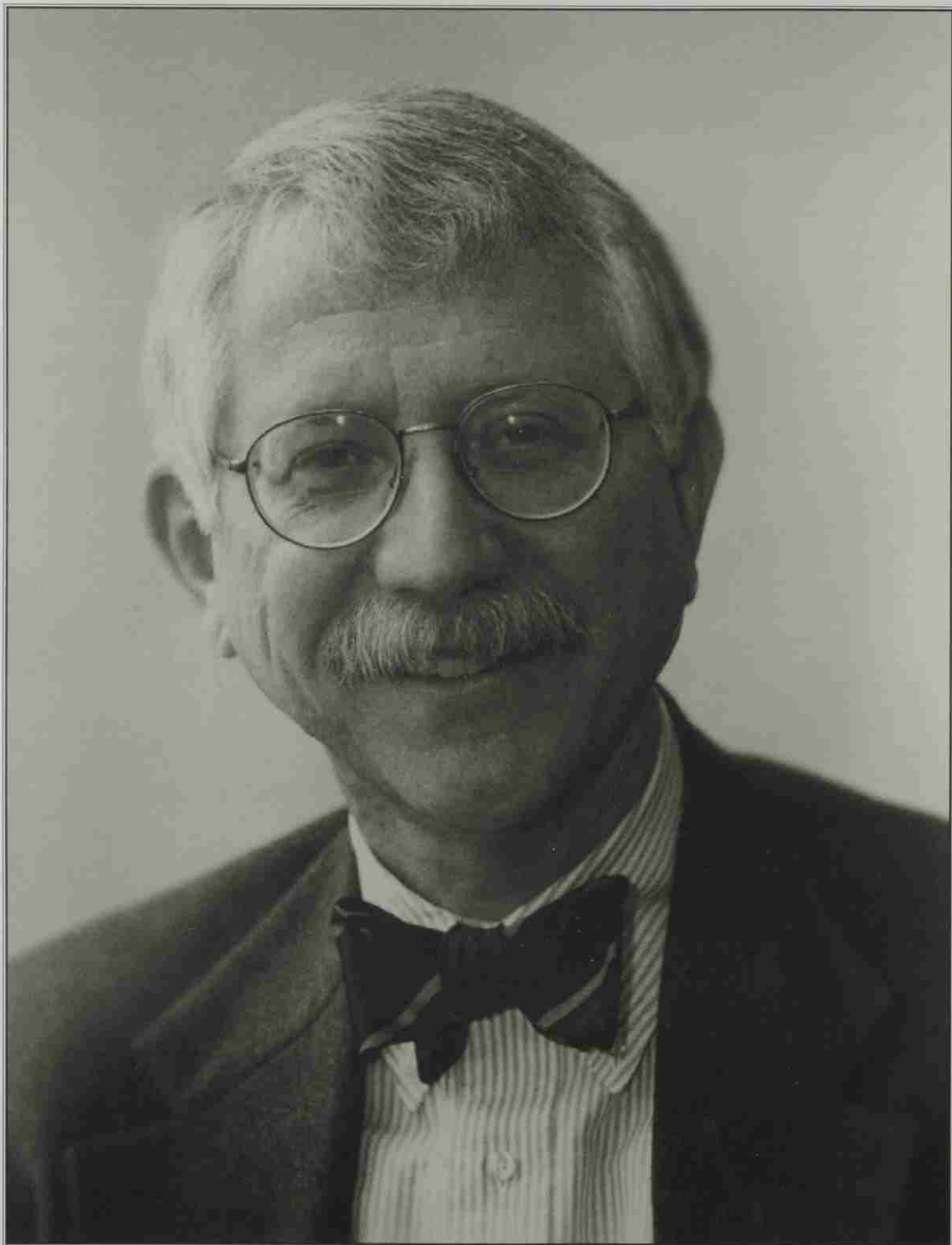
Every time Larry saw me on campus, he said, "Hi" and stopped to ask how I was doing. I saw Larry and Linda at almost every function I went to, whether it was a music concert, lecture or banquet. I enjoyed having the friendship with an administrator who went to as many events as I did. I even got to go over to his house with the men's crew team and relax in his hot tub. I was so grateful for all the opportunities I had to see him.

Larry wasn't just an administrator, he was a friend. I wasn't sure about meeting him at first since he was the 'Dean of Students.' But, the moment I met him, I saw the smile on his face and sparkle in his eye.

He was a loving and joyful person who cared about every person he met. No matter how busy he was, he made the time to connect with the people around him.

Even though this has been a difficult time for many, I have appreciated hearing other people's stories about him. We all have a story to share and the important thing is to keep communicating and to keep Larry's memories alive.

Beth Kowal '02
Anthropology Major
Willamette University





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Retirement planning: It's more than saving money

By Richard Buck '66

First you grow up, go to school and get a job. You spend the next five to 20 years establishing yourself and paying off your student loans. About the time you think you can kick back, you are faced with planning for your retirement.

It's true that if you want a comfortable retirement, you must have some wealth of your own to supplement Social Security and the company pension (if you're lucky enough to have one). But a good retirement takes a lot more than just money.

Here are a few things we've learned about retirement planning, from people who are doing it right.

Smart people take care of their health. They see their doctors periodically and follow the advice they are given. This includes mental health, too. Some of the smartest people I know aren't embarrassed to hire a therapist to help them cope with the challenges of personal and professional life.

Smart people of all ages keep themselves active mentally as well as physically. Study after study shows that people who constantly challenge themselves mentally live longer than those who get intellectually lazy. You can do this many ways: Travel, read, do crossword puzzles, take (or teach) a class in something that interests you.

Smart people cultivate new relationships – and nurture established ones – with their friends, family and colleagues. The happiest retired people I know seem to have many favorite people in their lives – including some who are younger than they are. They are unfailingly interested in other people. At the end, life can rob us of our dignity and our

builders would rather buy good financial advice than a new boat. The least effective ones turn their financial decisions over to other people so they can concentrate on boats and trips.

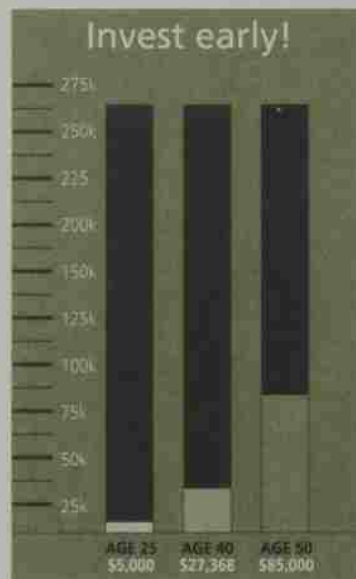
Smart people know the value of time, and they realize early in their lives that youth is a precious resource that gives us an opportunity to do a lot, for a little. A one-time investment of \$5,000 when you're 25 will grow (at 12 percent) to \$263,998 by the time you're 60. If you wait until you're 40, you'll have to invest \$27,368 to get the same result. Wait until you're 50, and you'll need \$85,000.

Here's the best one: Smart people don't wait for retirement to make their dreams come true. They know life is uncertain, and all the tomorrows we think belong to us can be snatched away in an instant. Smart people figure out what they would do with their lives if they were free from financial responsibilities. Then they find ways to pursue those interests and indulge their passions, without waiting for the "golden years."

If you do that, you'll improve your quality of life now. And you'll have a better retirement.



Richard Buck '66, is the managing editor of FundAdvice.com, published on the Internet by Merriman Capital Management in Seattle.



money. But if we have friends with whom to share joy, pain and respect, we are blessed.

Smart people don't wait for luck to make them wealthy. They cultivate habits that many others don't. Three examples: First, whatever your income, spend less than you can afford to for houses, cars, vacations and entertainment. Second, measure your financial success by your wealth, not your income. Third, pay attention to your money and treat it as important. The best wealth

Company

By Muriel Nelson '67

Where thought & thoughts associate,
potencies are shelved like kitchen knives,
where every finger's safe, where choirs sing right notes
and someone tells the singers how to feel,
I grew. Later, I helped
a grandmother search for dresses —
used ones, but beautiful, so the child would feel good. When I found
small tights in red, yellow, and pink, the grandmother said
It don't matter. If they don't match we just pretend.
I've seen a chickadee flit upside-down, in the light at the tip
of a twig — an impossible flight, but that didn't matter;
and a wild squirrel dive off our upper roof, make a small tree quake,
wave his tail, then touch noses with our old dog.
I've known a place so dark, so deep, all boundaries
are felt, not seen, where loves fade beautifully —
on paper — and then flare
as love & loves associate —
where you became my Company.

Muriel Nelson teaches writing at Pierce College, Tacoma, Wash. Her poems have appeared in *The New Republic*, *The Christian Century*, *The Other Side* and *Sojourners*, to name a few.

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