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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



"The nation has changed," declared a pre-election Barack Obama in his "A More Perfect Union" address, and one needs only to have watched the election returns for indisputable confirmation. As a nation, we have turned a corner.

Today's graduates inherit a world characterized by incredible change, a world in which paltriness of aim will simply not do. In their communities — wherever they live, work and study — Willamette graduates will encounter a country that is increasingly diverse. A new globalism has transformed relationships with neighbors who once seemed far away and abstract, and this new proximity and interdependency changes the way we think about education, commerce and society.

Let me put it in practical terms: For many of today's students, the very best companies will expect that, for a portion of their lives, they will live and work in a country outside the United States.

We look to our graduates to seek lives of meaningful work, to stand for something — to stand up for something.

This represents an enormous change.

Science now challenges our long-held notions of what it means to be human and to have a family. It also promises remarkable advances in health care. New technologies

are developed each year, increasing our access to information and expanding the frontiers of knowledge.

Therefore, it is our duty to ask of our students, "Are you the hope of the future? Do you, or will you, have the moral courage to look at a thing as it truly is and say, not merely in words but in actions and deeds, 'I want to solve the problems and change the world?' Do you feel in your heart and in your blood that you are part of the involuntary life that makes up the world, and that you can neither look out on it from your shelter of abundance nor hide your eyes in self-absorbed complaining?"

The leaders and problem solvers of tomorrow are on our college campuses today. We look to our graduates to seek lives of meaningful work, to stand for something — to stand up for something.

Parts of this nation and the world are darkened by poverty and hunger, blighted by ignorance and fear, and torn asunder by mortal conflict and war. Willamette students and graduates have talents and resources to share with those who have not had the good fortune to participate in the bounty of life.

For history will judge us by our actions and by how we answered — as a nation and as individuals — the question, "What will I do?"

This issue of *The Scene* shares stories from current students and alumni about their transformative moments at Willamette and elsewhere, and how those moments influenced and guided their aspirations and journeys. Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "M. Lee Pelton". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

M. Lee Pelton  
President

## TIDBITS &amp; BRIEFS

**Princeton Review Puts Willamette MBA in Top 15 for Marketing**

Atkinson Graduate School of Management was named a "Top 15 Program for Preparing Students for Marketing," by the *Princeton Review*. The ranking, based on a survey of 19,000 students worldwide, appeared in the April issue of *Entrepreneur* magazine.

"This designation is especially meaningful because it comes from student satisfaction surveys," says Debra Ringold, dean and JELD-WEN Professor of Free Enterprise. "It speaks to the quality of our faculty, the strength of our marketing curriculum and the career opportunities available to students upon graduation."

Willamette and the University of Oregon were the only two schools from the Northwest to make any of the "Top Programs" lists and are two of only three schools on the West Coast to be honored as a top program in marketing. The Willamette MBA is one of only two programs worldwide to be dually accredited for business administration and public administration. Willamette MBA classes are held in both Salem and Portland.

**Tokyo International University of America Celebrates 20 Years**

The Tokyo International University of America (TIUA) program was an outgrowth of an existing relationship

between Tokyo International University (TIU) and Willamette University, and since 1989 it has brought 2,091 students to Willamette's campus for year-long study. To celebrate this year's anniversary, TIU held a special reunion event June 27 in Ikebukuro, Japan.

The TIUA program continues to serve as the cornerstone of one of Willamette's strongest and most fruitful partnerships. Kaneko Hall, home of TIUA, was recently the site of a large residential expansion, and the resulting Kaneko Commons complex has reshaped housing options for all Willamette students.

This year's incoming TIUA class includes a record-setting 146 students.

**College of Liberal Arts Deans Step Down After Years of Service**

Carol Long, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will leave Willamette after 37 years of teaching, leadership and service. She moves on to serve as provost and vice president for academic affairs at the State University of New York-Geneseo, effective July 1.

"Carol's dedication to Willamette faculty and students has truly been a gift to this community, and the benefits of her many positive contributions and achievements will be realized long after her departure," President M. Lee Pelton said.



Bob Hawkinson, dean of campus life, stepped down recently after 10 years as dean. He will remain on the politics faculty for three more years before retiring.

Hawkinson is known for his energetic support of new student initiatives. In recognition of this, the university recently established the Robert E. Hawkinson Student Initiative Fund, an endowed fund that will provide financial support for individual students and student groups as determined by future deans of campus life. The fund is an option for anyone wishing to donate to the university.

**Addendum**

Many thanks to Phil Ringle Jr. '53, JD '56 for sharing his recollections of an earlier version of the Distinguished Artists Series. In the winter issue of *The Scene* we showcased the series' successes under the direction of Professor Anita King. Ringle provides us with historical context, showing how similar ventures at Willamette, including one he shared with Harley Hoppe '52, have supported the arts and artists for many years.



TIDBITS  BRIEFS**University Presents Annual Faculty Awards**

Six Willamette professors were honored in May with faculty awards for their scholarship, leadership, service and teaching excellence. Those recognized with this year's awards cover a wide spectrum of disciplines:

**Miho Fujiwara**

Associate Professor of Japanese, CLA  
 Jerry E. Hudson Award for Excellence in Teaching and  
 Professor of the Year

**Jim Hanson**

Peter C. and Bonnie S. Kremer Professor of Economics, CLA  
 Richard Itlis Award for Lifetime Achievement

**David McCreery**

Professor of Religious Studies, CLA  
 United Methodist Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service

**Ross Runkel**

Professor Emeritus and Visiting Professor of Law, WJCL  
 Jerry E. Hudson Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Patricia Varas**

Professor of Spanish, CLA  
 Lawrence D. Cress Award for Excellence in Faculty Scholarship

**Robert Wiltbank**

Associate Professor of Strategic Management, AGSM  
 United Methodist Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service

"The faculty of Willamette University set the standard of intellectual growth and exceptional learning," President M. Lee Pelton said at the awards ceremony. "You share your knowledge with our students, but more importantly, you share your time, your energy and your compassion."

**CNN Journalist to Visit Willamette**

Fareed Zakaria, editor of *Newsweek International* and host of "Fareed Zakaria-GPS" on CNN Worldwide, will deliver the fall Atkinson Lecture Oct. 16.

Zakaria's most recent *New York Times* best-selling book, *The Post American World*, explores what he considers the great story of our time — the growth of China, India, Brazil and many other countries. On his CNN program, Zakaria conducts in-depth interviews with world leaders such as Henry Kissinger, Tony Blair, Condoleezza Rice and President Barack Obama.

Zakaria joined *Newsweek* from *Foreign Affairs*, the widely-circulated journal of international politics and economics, where he was managing editor. Prior to joining *Foreign Affairs*, Zakaria ran a major research project on American foreign policy at Harvard University, where he taught international relations and political philosophy.

**Willamette Makes President's Honor Roll for Community Service**

Willamette was recently named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service to U.S. communities. Launched in 2006 by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the honor roll serves as the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for commitment to service-learning and civic engagement.

Honorees for the award were chosen based on the scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of students participating in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

Willamette students, faculty and staff volunteer about 65,000 hours annually, and their service activities are key indicators of the university's presence nationally. This year's Take a Break (TaB) alternative spring break program, for example, sent 70 students and staff to five locations around the country. Administered by the Office of Community Service Learning, TaB's mission is to expose students to complex social and cultural issues through direct service, experiential learning, group discussion and individual reflection.

Learn more about TaB and other community service-learning programs at [www.willamette.edu/dept/cs/](http://www.willamette.edu/dept/cs/).

## Robert F. Kennedy Jr. Brings Activist Spirit to Willamette

"Environmental crime is real crime," Robert F. Kennedy Jr. told a group of students March 6 during a visit to Willamette. As keynote speaker for this year's Dempsey Lecture on Environmental Issues, Kennedy demonstrated a fiery brand of activism as he encouraged attendees to take a hard look at what their government is doing to rein in environmental problems.

Kennedy described the history of Hudson Riverkeeper, for whom he is chief prosecuting attorney. Riverkeeper was started in the 1960s by commercial fishermen who were upset about "corporate entities robbing them of the Hudson River" that had long been their resource. The group led a successful fight to restore the river by tracking down polluters and prosecuting them under the law.

"We're a law enforcement organization," Kennedy said. "When people are violating the law by polluting public waterways, we step in to act. The waterways in Oregon and elsewhere are not owned by the governor, the legislature or the fisheries people. They're owned by the public. You have the right to go out to the river, pull a fish out and take it home to feed your family. If someone is polluting the river so it's not safe for you to take that fish, that's an act of theft against you."



"My advocacy has not been about saving the birds and the fishes but about recognizing we're protecting nature because nature is the infrastructure of our communities."

Kennedy is a clinical professor and supervising attorney at the Environmental Litigation Clinic at Pace University School of Law, and co-host of *Ring of Fire* on Air America Radio. His appearance was sponsored by the Dempsey Foundation and the Center for Sustainable Communities ([www.willamette.edu/centers/csc](http://www.willamette.edu/centers/csc)).



## Willamette Ranked No. 10 Nationally for Peace Corps Volunteers

Willamette ranks No. 10 in the nation this year on the Peace Corps' list of small undergraduate institutions producing volunteers. It is the only Oregon school — and one of only three Pacific Northwest universities — on the top ten list. The survey includes schools with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates. Throughout the last 47 years, 281 Willamette alumni have joined the Peace Corps ranks.

"Our motto, 'Not unto ourselves alone are we born,' captures the essence of Willamette University," says President M. Lee Peltor. "It speaks to our commitment to humanitarian outreach and to the tradition of compassionate service that is typical of our alumni. Willamette's exemplary citizenship values have defined the culture of this campus for more than 167 years."



## 2008-09 National Grants and Awards Roundup

For the second year in a row, *The Chronicle of Higher Education* listed Willamette among the top producers of Fulbright grants in the country.

Final results for 2008-09 are still pending, but in a year where applications for Fulbright awards have increased significantly, it speaks well for Willamette that four students and alumni have been recommended to their host countries — three as confirmed grant recipients and one as an alternate.

At least 13 Willamette students and alumni received national academic awards this year, including a Morris K. Udall Scholarship, a BMI Student Composer Award and two National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowships.

For more details, visit the Student Academic Grants and Awards (SAGA) website at [www.willamette.edu/dept/saga](http://www.willamette.edu/dept/saga).

## TIDBITS &amp; BRIEFS

### Willamette Community Remembers Coach and Professor

We are saddened to report the passing of women's basketball Head Coach Bruce Henderson '84 and politics Professor Bob Dash, who are missed on campus and far beyond its borders.



Henderson collapsed during practice in December and died from an apparent heart-related incident. Henderson, in his fourth year as head coach, was 47 years old. A memorial celebration was held in Cone Field House (Sparks Center) on campus.

"Bruce was an amazing man with endless energy and enthusiasm," says Mark Majeski, director of athletics. "Everyone liked Bruce."

Henderson arrived at Willamette as a student in 1981 and served in various coaching roles before taking over as head women's coach.

See *In Memoriam*, page 45.



Dash died in February after a battle with cancer. In 23 years of service to Willamette, Dash earned a reputation as a no-frills professor who could engender genuine and deep interest in the churning ideas of the political process.

"I will never forget his classes on globalization and Latin American politics," recalls Chris Murrell '05. "Professor Dash changed the way I think."

See *In Memoriam*, page 45.

### New Financial Affairs VP Named

W. Arnold Yasinski will bring more than three decades of experience in business and higher education to Willamette when he assumes the position of vice president for Financial Affairs and treasurer in August. He currently serves as executive vice president for Finance and Administration and treasurer at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD).

"Arnie emerged from a very talented national pool of candidates as someone of extraordinary financial leadership, strategic thinking and familiarity with liberal arts education," President M. Lee Pelton said. "He combines sophisticated financial management at two highly respected institutions of higher learning with substantive experience in business. In addition, his strong financial background is complemented by his personal passion for sustainability and civic engagement — two core values of Willamette."

Yasinski received a PhD in English from Indiana University and an MBA in finance from the University of Michigan Business School.

After several years in finance, strategy and marketing at DuPont, he was appointed vice president for Administration at Colby College in 1990. While there, he held an honorary appointment as professor of English and taught courses in late 19th- and 20th-century American and British literature.

Yasinski also writes and publishes poetic works.

### 2008–09 Retirements

Please join us in celebrating the following members of the Willamette faculty and athletics department, each of whom has retired after years of distinguished service to the university.



**Jim Hanson** retired after 33 years in the Department of Economics. In May Hanson received Mortar Board's Richard

Itis Award for Lifetime Achievement, which recognizes retiring faculty for exemplary service to students and the university.



**Gordie James** retired as men's basketball head coach after 22 years and a national championship (1992–93).



**Steve Prothero** retired after 46 years of teaching in the Department of Mathematics and an astonishing 44 years as men's and

women's golf head coach, making him the longest-tenured coach in Northwest Conference history.

## Campaign for Willamette Meets \$125 Million Goal — and Keeps Going

Additionally, Professor Joe Bowersox now serves as the first occupant of the Dempsey Chair in Environmental Policy and Politics.

The Dempsey Chair is one of 17 endowed chairs at Willamette, and in concert with the Center for Sustainable Communities, reinforces the university's standing in the environmental sciences among peer institutions.

The Campaign has helped to make these and many other innovations possible. However, the need for support remains acute, particularly for academic scholarships. Willamette has set an ambitious precedent in terms of financial aid (92 percent of Willamette students receive institutional aid), but with the strain of the current economy, scholarship support remains as valuable as ever.

Learn more about how the campaign has impacted Willamette at [www.willamette.edu/support/campaign](http://www.willamette.edu/support/campaign).

More than 15,000 donors put the Campaign for Willamette over the top this spring — ahead of schedule — and the results of the effort are already apparent.

Ford Hall, the new 42,000-square-foot academic building, has been under construction since May 2008 and will open as planned this fall. The Carnegie Building, home of the new Oregon Civic Justice Center, is operational after an extensive remodel.



Inside the Oregon Civic Justice Center

Breaking ground at Ford Hall in 2008

## College of Law Dean Named Inaugural Holder of Alex L. Parks Distinguished Chair



The College of Law recently hosted a public lecture and private dinner with Dean Symeon C. Symeonides, the first holder of the Alex L. Parks Distinguished Chair in Law. More than 120 members of the legal community gathered to hear Symeonides present "The Grand Dilemmas of Private International Law," the inaugural Parks Distinguished Chair lecture.

Introducing Symeonides to the audience, President M. Lee Pelton thanked Penelope Parks Knight and Philip H. Knight, who donated

\$5 million to the College of Law to endow the chair named for Mrs. Knight's father. "As exceptional as the Knights are, so is the first holder of this chair," Pelton said. "It is an understatement to describe Symeonides as an outstanding scholar; he may in fact be the world's top scholar in his field."

Pelton presented the Chair to Symeonides following dinner that evening. In his acceptance speech, the dean recounted his unlikely journey from a small village in Cyprus with no electricity or running water to where he is today.

"Just as I was supported by countless selfless acts of others throughout my life, future generations of Willamette students will benefit from the generosity of Penny and Phil Knight," Symeonides said. "I thank these two noble philanthropists from the bottom of my heart."

## Humanity in Perspective

Willamette has partnered with the Oregon Council for the Humanities to offer Humanity in Perspective (HIP), a free, one-semester college course in the humanities for low-income adults in Salem.

Through twice-weekly classes taught by Willamette professors, HIP aims to promote the intellectual and personal growth of students, spark their interest in civic and community life and encourage them to continue their education. The program began in 2001 in Portland through a partnership with Reed College, where it has provided almost 200 individuals the opportunity to study the humanities at the college level.

The summer course began May 19 on Willamette's campus, and classes will continue until August. HIP students receive free tuition and course materials, as well as child care during class, bus tickets for transportation to and from campus, and transferable college credit from Willamette.

TIDBITS & BRIEFS

## Congratulations to the Willamette Class of 2009!

### College of Liberal Arts

432 BA, BM and BS recipients  
Graduates originate from 29 states  
39 percent from Oregon  
55 percent women  
Most popular majors: economics, psychology,  
politics, English and biology

### College of Law

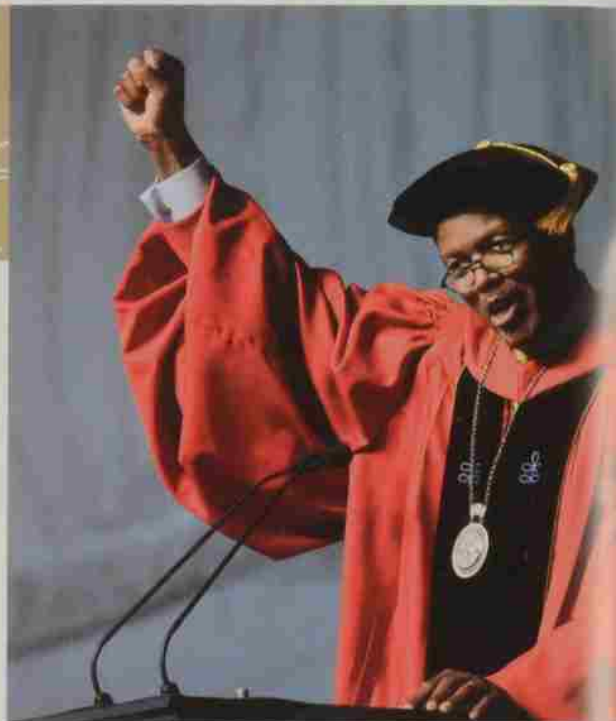
130 JD and two LLM recipients  
62 percent men  
Represent 67 undergraduate institutions

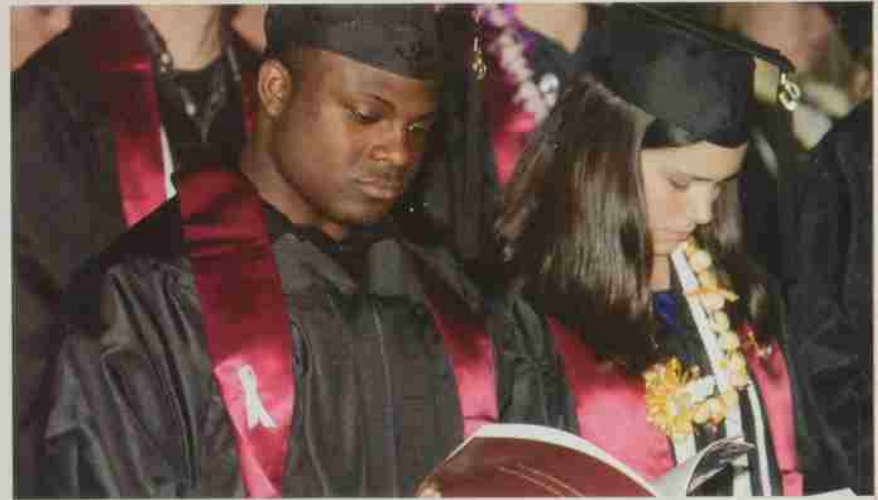
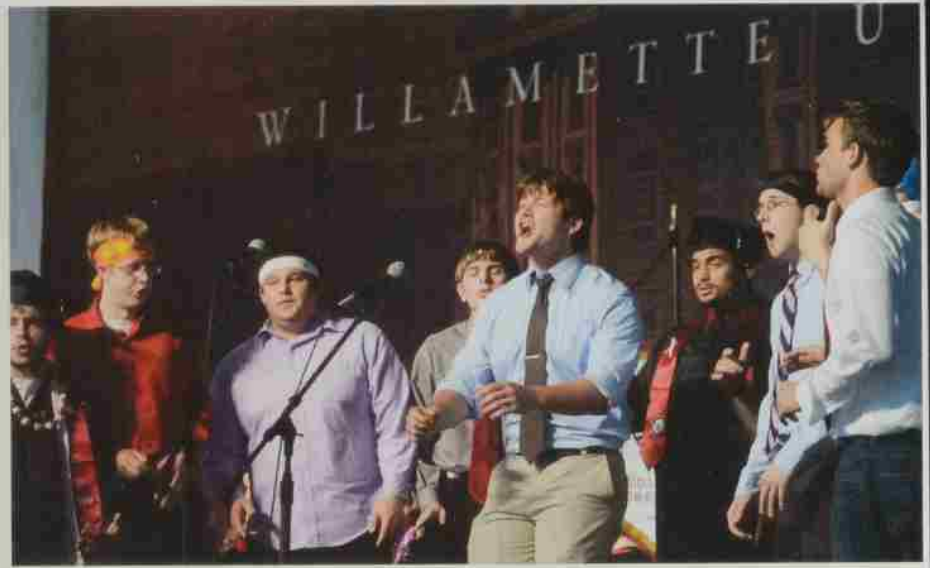
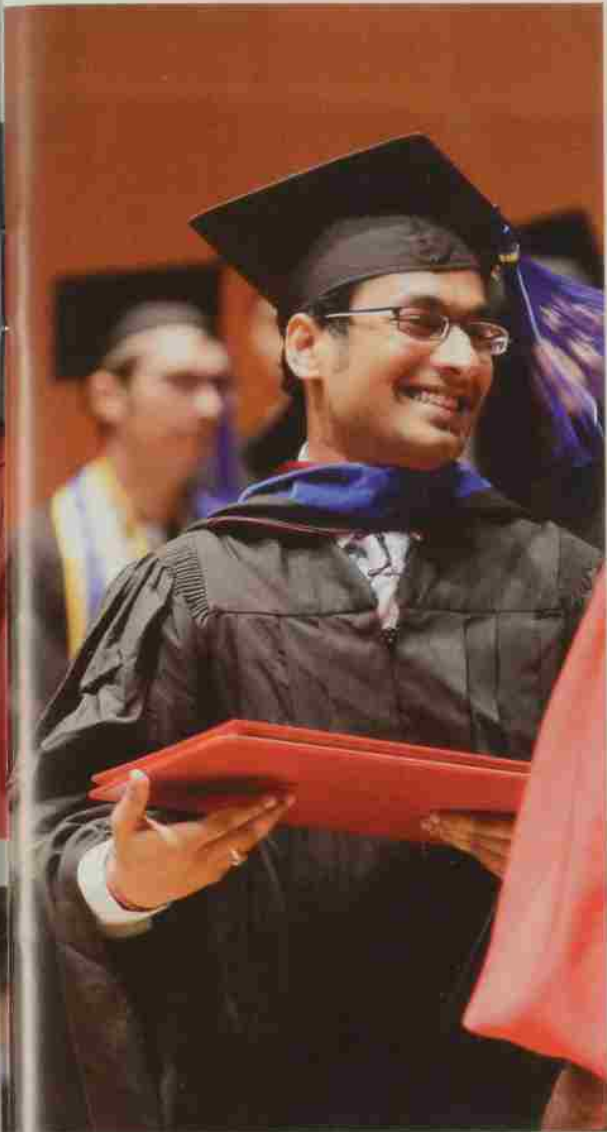
### Atkinson Graduate School of Management

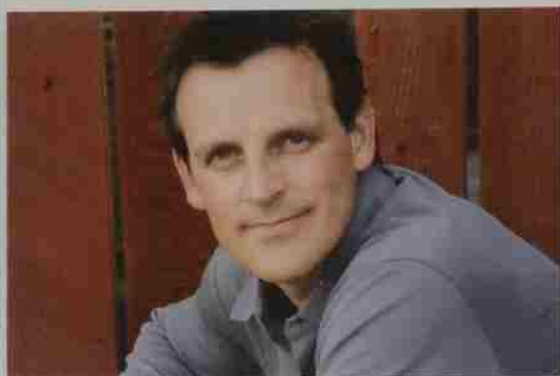
76 MBA recipients  
31 percent of graduates are international students  
Represent 10 countries outside of the U.S.

### School of Education

81 MAT recipients  
63 percent women







### — Prologue —

The answers to the three most frequent questions writer Patrick Carman '88 receives from his young fans:

A production company bought the film rights for his *Land of Elyon* books, but he doesn't know when the stories will reach the big screen (if ever).

He's sorry, but you can't be in the films.

His birthday is Feb. 27, 1966.

### — Chapter 1: *The Liberal Arts* —

With those mysteries unraveled, the story can follow Carman's path to becoming a *New York Times* best-selling author. It was partly rooted in his time at Willamette, where the liberal arts environment made him unafraid to explore new interests — like writing children's fantasy books.

"I took some art classes and some English classes and some film classes," says Carman, whose major was business economics, the precursor to today's economics degree. "The liberal arts experience really encouraged me to get out and dream big, and it gave me an open mind about what I could accomplish."

Willamette is also where he met his wife, Karen (Wilcox) Carman '89. The couple has two daughters whom Patrick once entertained with stories about a curious girl seeking adventure in the lands outside the walls of her town.

Fans of Carman's books can see where this is going.

## THE STORY BEHIND THE STORIES

"I would write up a story on a scroll and hide it somewhere in the house," he says. "The kids would find it and then I would read the story to them that night. Every week, the girl in the story would find a secret way to get out of this walled city and have an adventure. A lot of the characters I created for my kids are the same ones that ended up in my books."

The stories turned into *The Land of Elyon*, a popular five-book series released by Scholastic, the world's largest children's book publisher and distributor. The first book, *The Dark Hills Divide*, was published in 2003; the fifth and possibly final book, *Stargazer*, came out last fall. The story of Alexa's exploration of the magical land outside her city has sold more than a million copies and been printed in at least 20 languages.

### — Chapter 2: *Reading is Cool* —

Carman, a Salem native, got his degree in business economics in hopes of following in his father's entrepreneurial footsteps.

A string of successful creative projects followed. Carman ran an ad agency

"The liberal arts experience really encouraged me to get out and dream big."

in Portland, created movie trivia board and card games for Hollywood Video ("Applause" and "Action" were his handiwork), and started a dot-com business that compiled newspapers online. In the meantime he became serious about his sideline passion of writing.

After the success of the first Elyon book, Carman followed up with a series for older youths, *Atherton*,

based on a boy climber exploring the mysteries of his land. His newest series, *Elliot's Park*, is for younger children and features the adventures of a squirrel and his friends.

With *Elliot's Park*, Carman's daughters inspired him again. The setting is based on Pioneer Park in Walla Walla, Wash., his current home.

"I was walking in the park with my youngest daughter, Reece, and we saw a lot of squirrels. She told me I ought to write a book where all the characters are squirrels, and together we came up with a story."

Youths across Oregon explored Elyon and Atherton this year after two of Carman's books were placed on the reading list for the Oregon Battle of the Books. The annual event asks schoolchildren to read a prescribed set of books and later compete on their knowledge of the stories. Carman's inclusion on the list meant it was a bit tougher to find *The Dark Hills Divide* and *Atherton: The House of Power* on the shelves at the local library — kids were checking them out faster than the librarians could reshelve them.

The competition encourages a love and understanding of reading among youths — one of Carman's goals. He spends months on the road visiting schools and sharing amusing tales about his childhood — sometimes illustrated with action-figure toys — in hopes of inspiring the students to be storytellers. "For me, the magic of a school visit is having an adult tell a story about getting into trouble as a kid. It's funny, and it connects you to the students. It's kind of like a stand-up comedy act, but it gives good solid lessons about the joy of writing and reading."

Carman also promotes literacy abroad. For a decade he and his wife have supported Agros International, a Seattle-based non-profit that builds sustainable villages in Central American countries, helping rural families escape poverty. Carman convinced Scholastic to help him bring libraries to the villages. The publisher chooses a selection of Spanish-language books, and Carman purchases and donates them. They have opened 38 libraries to date.

— Chapter 3: *Beyond the Page* —

Authors are finding it tougher to capture readers' attention in recent years as books compete with cell phones, video games and computers. So for his latest writing projects, Carman winds his tales into the world of multimedia storytelling. *Skeleton Creek*, a ghost story packaged as a boy's journal, asks children to read entries in the journal and then go online to view videos that reveal more elements of the tale. The movie portions were filmed in Sumpter, Ore., at a 1934 gold dredge, a large machine once used for gold harvesting. Carman says the machine's spookiness inspired the setting for the two-book project.

Scholastic also invited Carman to write the fifth book in a series titled *The 39 Clues*, a multimedia adventure program launched last fall that will include 10 books, 355 collectible cards and an online game where young readers compete to solve a mystery for a \$10,000 grand prize. The series has millions of books already in print, and DreamWorks has acquired the film rights. Carman's book will be out in September.



Carman's work on these multimedia projects piqued a new interest: movie production. "Writing provides a lot of freedom, and the creative aspect of it is very appealing," he says. "Writing a big novel means being alone in your room with the computer for many hours a day, many days in a row, which can get boring. I like the new direction of presenting stories in an interactive format, and I might do more producing. But writing remains the foundation for whatever I do."

— Epilogue —

Good stories often end where they begin, which returns us to the most frequent fan questions. The queries about turning Carman's books into films are understandable. But what about the third question — why are children so curious about Carman's birthday?

Carman's theory: "I think kids are writing school reports and that's a question they have to answer."

Learn more about Patrick Carman's work at [www.patrickcarman.com](http://www.patrickcarman.com).

— Sarah Evans



## PATRICK CARMAN

### — Additional Reading —

#### The Land of Elyon series

*The Dark Hills Divide*  
*Beyond the Valley of Thorns*  
*The Tenth City*  
*Into the Mist*  
*Stargazer*

#### Atherton series

*The House of Power*  
*Rivers of Fire*  
*The Dark Planet*

#### Elliot's Park series

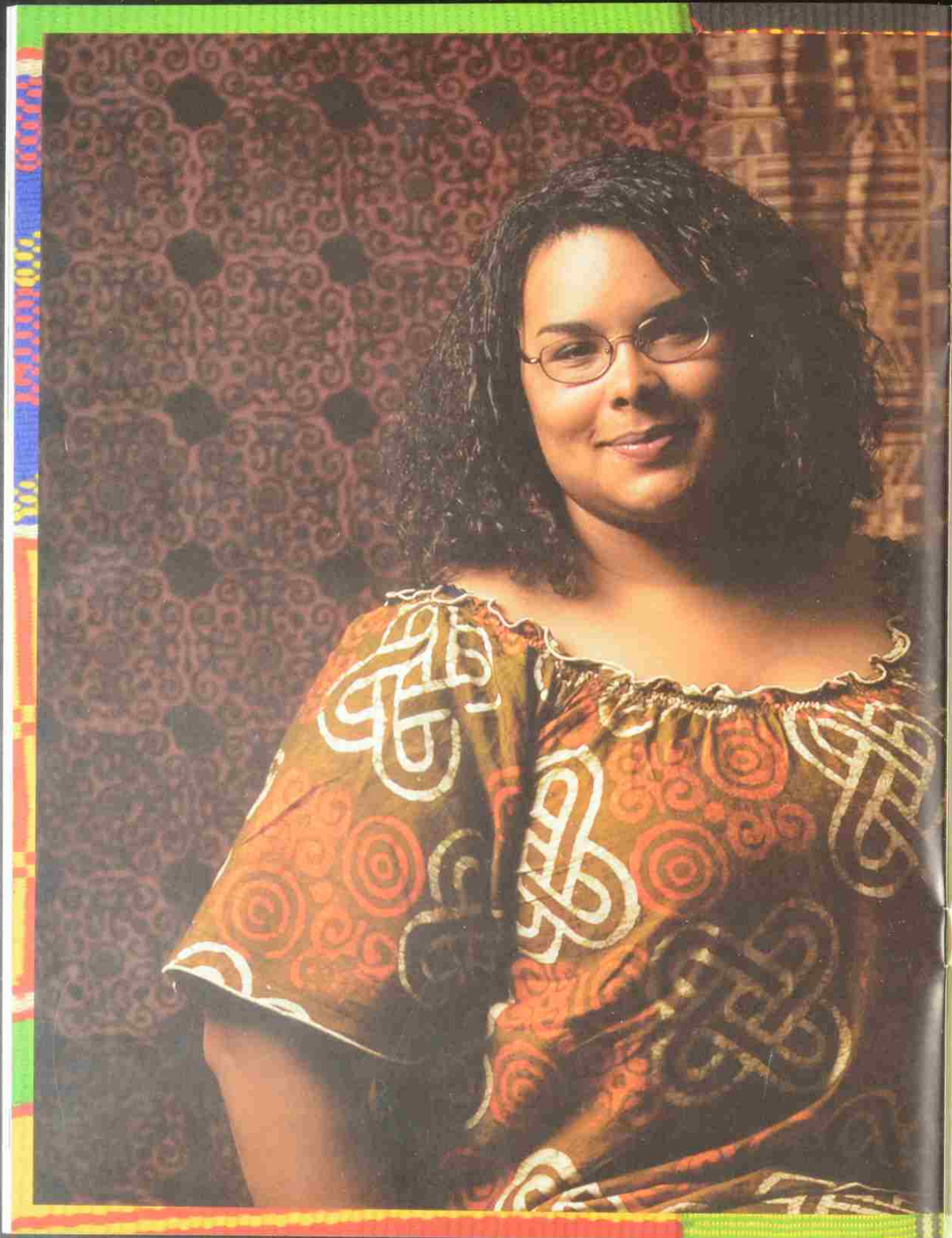
*Saving Mister Nibbles!*  
*Haunted Hike*  
*The Walnut Cup*

#### Other projects

*Skeleton Creek* (two-book series; part two, *Ghost in the Machine*, out in October)

*The 39 Clues: Book 5*  
*The Black Circle*  
(out in September)





# 'SO I HAVE A PURPOSE'

By Sarah Evans

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Sarah Kuttan '09 lay in the bed, relieved to finally have her mom by her side. It was the only thing the 19-year-old had thought about since the ambulance had brought her to the hospital.

Kuttan's memories of the previous few hours were patchy. She sat in the front seat of the car, her stepmom and 17-month-old half sister in the back, while her dad drove them back to Salem after a trip to the coast. Suddenly her dad slumped over. Sarah tried to steady the wheel; trees entered her view and the car hit. Then nothing. Her next memory was of being strapped to a stretcher for the trip to the hospital.

Her mom finally arrived to comfort her, but she also had to deliver the news: Sarah was the only survivor.

"So I have a purpose," was her response. Kutten is still trying to figure out why those were her first words. "I think at that point it dawned on me that there was a reason I had survived. It was a defining moment where I thought, 'Oh, so I do have a reason for being here.'"

Most of Kutten's actions since that day have centered on finding her new purpose. As tragic as the crash was, it doesn't completely define her life. Her story lies in her subsequent exploration of her heritage, her identity and her future. It lies in her attempts to live by the suggestion of Bertice Berry, a motivational speaker she heard several months after the accident: "When you walk with purpose, you collide with destiny."

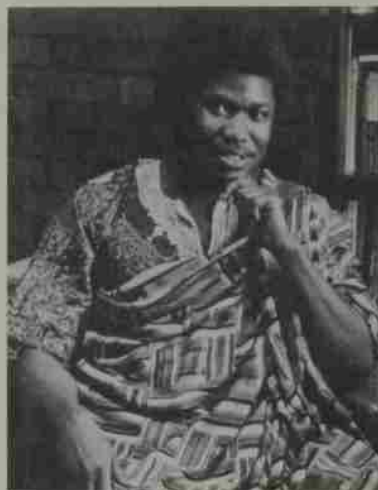
"In part, it was through the tragedy that I began to deeply evaluate my life," Kutten says. "The accident forced me to recognize I have a place in the world. The next step was to discover how my skills and interests fit in a way that allowed me to take an active role in shaping society for the better."

## TO GHANA AND BACK

It was 2003 when the accident occurred, and Kutten had only been a Willamette student for a year. She was following in the footsteps of her father, James Kutten '83, who came to Willamette as an international student from Ghana. His senior yearbook photo shows him swathed in the bold print of a traditional Ghanaian kente cloth.

Sarah's parents divorced when she was young, and she lived with her mother, only becoming closer to her father in her teenage years. Willamette became part of her life early — she remembers her father bringing her to campus as a toddler to feed ducks at the Mill Stream — but she didn't decide to apply until meeting with a university representative at her high school in Woodburn, Ore. She knew her family couldn't afford to send her to Willamette, but scholarship money through the Black United Fund of Oregon allowed her to enroll.

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James Kutten was excited about his daughter's choice to attend his alma mater. "He told everybody," she says. "When I went to Ghana for the first time, everyone was like, 'Oh, you go to your father's school.' They all knew about it. Only the most important

information makes it over to Ghana, so that made me happy to know he was so proud."

Kutten was born in the United States. Her mom was American and she never visited Ghana or learned much about her family there, but her parents tried to give her a sense of pride in her heritage. "My mom would borrow books or videos about Ghana from the public library or sew outfits for me using Ghanaian cloth. My dad used to cook Ghanaian foods or take me to festivals and parties where I could be surrounded in the culture." Still, she felt she only had a snapshot of Ghana, when she wanted a deep portrait of the country and its people.

Kutten returned to Willamette for the beginning of her sophomore year, just a few months after the accident, but she wasn't ready emotionally. She struggled. Her grades dropped.

And Ghana called to her.

"I went to talk to one of my professors one day, and while I was waiting outside her office I saw this poster for an international organization looking for volunteers in Ghana. I thought, 'Maybe I should go to Ghana.' I had always wanted to go, but my dad never took me. So I met with my professor, then went back to my room and looked up the website. I was very impulsive. I signed up right then.

"Part of going to Ghana was to reclaim this identity that I knew existed, but that I felt I had lost when my dad died. My entire time in Ghana was about walking with purpose and finding out who I was. It just opened my eyes



to the possibilities in the world and what I could do with my life. I had grown up in Salem and Woodburn and didn't have much experience with international travel. Even though I was exposed to elements of Ghanaian life at an early age, I still had a feeling of culture shock."

Kutten left with the intention of spending two months in Ghana as a volunteer kindergarten teacher. Her fallen grade-point average led to dismissal from Willamette, so Kutten decided to stay in Africa for four months.

"When my plane landed, I got off onto the tarmac and felt this humid, hot, sticky blanket of Ghana. It's always the same every time I go there. There's this dusty smell that grabs my heart. It's silly, but I keep these little Ziploc bags with cloth in them so that when I want to smell Ghana, I can go and open the bags. It's a way to be back there."

The Kutten family in Ghana is large, and Sarah met many relatives she didn't even know she had, including a half brother and half sister. She went to the kindergarten classroom where she was supposed to work as an assistant, and the teacher said, "I'm so glad you're here. I'm going to the market, and I'll be back." She didn't return. Kutten spent three weeks trying to control a room of kindergartners in a school with no electricity, no notebooks or pencils, and only five textbooks for 30 students. Life was so different from where she had grown up, but she felt as though she belonged.

"I just remember dancing and thinking I was OK for the first time since the accident."

"Our group went to this remote village, and these children came running out to the bus as we pulled in, just like in a movie. We met with the chief of the village, and they had prepared a meal for us. They were playing drums, and everybody was dancing. I just remember dancing and thinking I was OK for the first time since the accident. When people asked how I was doing, I would say, 'Oh, I'm fine,' when I obviously wasn't. But then as we celebrated in that village, I admitted to myself that I was going to be OK. If I could be there and feel like that, then whatever I ended up doing in my life, I knew I'd be happy."

After two trips to Ghana, Kutten finally sensed where her journey should go next — and it started with returning to school. She enrolled at Portland Community College to continue her degree and increase her grade-point average. "It was probably one of the best decisions I've made. I did well in my classes, which was good for my confidence. I was president of the Black Student Union and part of the Student Council." She took several anthropology classes from Christine Plimpton and discovered a field that combined her interest in sociology and psychology with her fascination for global cultures.

Kutten went to Ghana once more, this time staying nine months, and returned to Willamette to join the anthropology program. Back on the Salem campus, she experienced yet another turning point in her life: meeting Joyce Millen.

"There is a difference between people who are fully engaged in exploring the complexities of our world and their unique place in it, and those who are just going on the ride. Sarah is among the former."



Millen was a natural mentor for Kutten. The associate professor of anthropology has spent years researching global health issues in Africa, particularly the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

On campus she has worked to increase awareness and study of African issues.

Millen immediately recognized Kutten's potential when she taught her in a class called Peoples and Cultures of Africa. "She worked very hard and was committed to learning in the most profound sense," Millen says. "There is a difference between people who are fully engaged in exploring the complexities of our world and their unique place in it, and those who are just going on the ride. Sarah is among the former. She is vividly conscious of and keenly troubled by the local and global injustices she sees."

## A GLOBAL HEALTH CRISIS

When Millen invited Kutten to become her research assistant, the anthropology student was introduced to a significant problem that would come to define her academic interests: brain drain. Millen has devoted much research to the exodus of skilled health care professionals from resource-poor countries to wealthier areas of the world. The problem has left many poorer nations unable to provide adequate medical care for their own citizens.

In 2007 Kutten came to understand the effects of brain drain in a more personal way. She and her fiancé, a young Ghanaian man she had met during her first trip to Africa, decided to get married in Oregon. Kutten had hoped her half sister in Ghana could attend the wedding, but her sister said she might not be able to obtain a visa to make the trip because she was a nursing student.

Ghana loses so many medical students through brain drain that the government monitors their foreign travel. As of 2007 about half of Ghanaian physicians practiced abroad, according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"Just because my sister chose to pursue a career that's in high demand in Ghana, she shouldn't be prevented from leaving," Kutten says. "If students knew when they entered nursing school that they wouldn't be able to leave the country, then no one would want to go to nursing school. This would only make the problem worse."

Millen encouraged Kutten to conduct her own research on Ghana's nursing shortage. Kutten applied for a Carson Summer Undergraduate Research Grant from Willamette, which allows students of any discipline to undertake a research or creative project. "I had never written a grant proposal before," she says. "What I think is really cool about the Carson Grant is that it allows students to do paid research before grad school."

The following summer she went to Ghana again, this time to interview nursing students and doctors. She examined Ghana's nurse bonding program — the government pays for students to attend nursing school, and the students must sign a bond promising to pay back the loan by working in a Ghanaian hospital for five years. The hope is that after five years, nurses will be less likely to leave their country.

But when Kutten met with rural-based health professionals, she discovered the program wasn't always successful. "If bonding is working, where are my nurses?" asked a surgeon, one of just three doctors in a hospital that saw well over 200 people a day and relied on a limited number of nurses for help.

When Kutten questioned nursing students about why they chose the profession, many said they wanted to save the lives of their fellow Ghanaian citizens. Yet about half also said they hoped to work abroad.

"We continue to turn a blind eye to this issue. This was the spark behind my drive to keep going with this research. Something has to be done."

"When I visited the hospital, I saw what looked to be several hundred patients with serious health issues sitting in the reception area. I learned that some of the individuals waiting on those benches would die before they were able to receive treatment. The doctors and nurses were completely overworked. It's understandable that they might want to go somewhere else. Even with all the humanitarian heart in the world, you can only take that for so long."

Kutten also learned through her own and Millen's research that the U.S. and other powerful countries actively recruit doctors and nurses from sub-Saharan Africa to fill their own perceived health personnel shortages. For example, until recently more Ethiopian doctors worked in the city of Chicago than in the entire country of Ethiopia.

"Why is it OK to take nurses from Ghana and allow people to die there?" Kutten asks. "Our country has signed multiple international declarations on human rights, saying that all people should have access to health care, yet we're actively taking these doctors and nurses away from where they are needed most. We continue to turn a blind eye to this issue. This was the spark behind my drive to keep going with this research. Something has to be done."

## FINDING HER PURPOSE

After returning from her Carson Grant trip, Kutten presented her findings to several different groups on campus. But she wanted to reach a wider audience, so she applied to go to the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in April. Conference organizers invited her to present her work to students and faculty from across the country.

A wealth of statistical information on brain drain already exists, but Kutten wants to contribute an anthropological approach to the discussion. "Ethnographic research allows people to have a voice, whereas statistical research can have the tendency to generalize and make blanket statements. I like to find a balance between the two. International organizations want to hear statistics, but the personal voices are important to provide a soul behind the numbers."

"I realize the power of being able to research something that nobody else has looked at, or analyze things in a different way. It's really exciting to be able to change the world that way."

Her research experience also introduced her to skills and interests she didn't know she had. "I realized how much I love research. This work gives me an excellent start for graduate school. Through the recognition I've gotten for this project, I realize the power of being able to research something that nobody else has looked at, or analyze things in a different way. It's really exciting to be able to change the world that way."

"The newer generation of anthropologists are challenging global problems and looking at issues by talking to people on the ground. I think what I found with the

Ghanaian nursing students is really important, and I'd like to expand upon it. I'd like to come up with something solid that could potentially have an impact on the international discussion surrounding brain drain."



Her next goal is to study for a doctorate in anthropology, and she hopes to become a professor of anthropology with an African focus — just like Millen, who says she envisions Kutten making significant contributions in her future through research, teaching or whatever she chooses to pursue. "Sarah is intellectually gifted, she's a hard worker and she deals well with nuance and complexity. I have full faith that she will realize her life's mission, which is so intimately tied with her commitments to Africa and redressing social injustice."

Kutten's search for her purpose keeps leading back to Ghana — the country of her father and her husband, the country that has given her so much of her own identity.

"Once my husband and I are in a position to be able to give back, we want to do that. We are still trying to figure out exactly what we'd like to do to help. In the meantime, I hope to make a difference on a small scale through my brain drain research."

She continues to live by Bertice Berry's words:

**"WHEN YOU WALK WITH PURPOSE, YOU COLLIDE WITH DESTINY."**

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## REINVENTING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Dispatch from Nadene LeChéminant

For past generations the American dream stood for the promise of attainable comfort and security. More recently, a myopic focus on growth has created a dream that promotes unbridled consumption, but the "more is better" version actually harms the very things we cherish. It is

unsustainable personally, as it draws American families into a work-and-spend treadmill that clutters our lives and depletes our savings. It is also unsustainable for the planet and its people.

—The Center for a New American Dream

## THE WORST OF TIMES TO THE BEST OF TIMES — AND BACK

Fueled on hope and cheap gasoline, Gus Moore '34 and his friend drove all night to make it to Willamette's 1929 freshman orientation. A month later the stock market collapsed — his bank failed, his savings account



Gus Moore '34

was wiped out and his scholarship was withdrawn for lack of funds. "I thought the world was coming to an end," the 97-year-old says. Mary Downey '41 agrees: "People lost everything back then, their jobs and their savings, and there was no government help."

During the Depression the American dream for most Willamette students meant simply getting through the day. Moore spent nights pushing a mop in Waller Hall for 25 cents an hour, and professors were lenient when students turned in papers late, because everyone was piecing together so many jobs to get by. "We learned the value of hard work," the former senior class president says. He and many of his fellow alumni, schooled on thrift and "cash up front" habits, are a bit incredulous at our current state of affairs.

They've seen it before. "Speculation was the financial underside that propped up the overheated 1920s economy," history Professor Ellen Eisenberg says. "People bought up swampland in Florida — not to live there — but

to flip it. They bought worthless stocks on margin to sell to someone else. They bought, not because things had inherent value, but because they had value on paper. As long as prices continued to go up, everything was great, but at some point no one wanted to buy and the market imploded.

"The modern welfare system came about as a response to the Depression," Eisenberg says. "A quarter of the workforce was unemployed, and the Roosevelt administration introduced Social Security, unemployment insurance and regulations that curbed the worst excesses of unfettered capitalism. Had WaMu gone under without the FDIC insurance created during the New Deal, it would have taken many of us with it."

The worst of times were followed by the best of times, when the post-war boom jump-started the country's economic engine. Real wages rose, creating a large and prosperous middle class. "That era was the golden age for contemporary capitalism," history Professor Bill Smaldone says. "The post-Depression generation entered into a world of unprecedented wealth but retained Depression-era frugality, paying cash for purchases and saving for retirement, and workers had an unprecedented safety net, with rights to organize and receive unemployment insurance. That's what gave the baby boom generation such incredible expectations."

But the bubble began to leak in 1979, when real wage growth slowed, caused by higher food

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and energy prices, and stagflation — sluggish economic growth combined with high inflation and unemployment. Today, real median wages are still where they were a full generation ago even though productivity has tripled. “The cost of living has gone up substantially while wages have remained flat for most hourly workers,” Smaldone says. “So how do people maintain their standard of living? Spouses go to work and people live on credit, until the bubble bursts.” Nearly eight-in-ten respondents in a 2008 Pew Research Center survey

said it was becoming more difficult for middle class people to maintain their standard of living, up from 65 percent in 1986.

Economics Professor Jim Hanson asked his students to share anonymous information about how their own families have been affected by the downturn. Some parents have lost jobs, retirees are returning to work, and everyone has seen investments plummet. “This downturn is giving students a taste of the caution their parents knew,” Hanson says. Now they’re taking a long pause before they buy a car, run up credit or even eat out. •



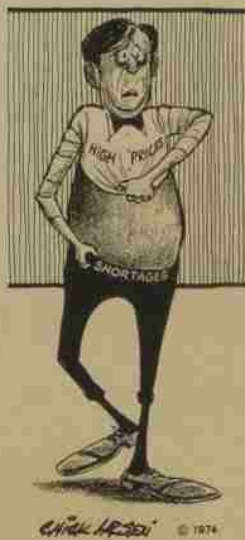
“We can finally keep up with the Joneses—he got laid off today.”

**44%** of Americans say they’re focusing more on personal relationships, including family, children and marriage.

—U.S. News & World Report, March 2009

“We would like to grow our way out of every problem, to make the pie bigger so people at the bottom can have a slice, but my worry is for the planet. This path is not sustainable.”

—Jerry Gray, professor of economics



## WHEN LESS IS THE ONLY POSSIBLE ‘MORE’

With the current economic downturn, decades of expectations are running headlong into a wall. What happens when economies based on growth begin to shrink? “Massive consumption is the lifeblood of our economy,” history Professor Seth Cotlar says. “This is the trap we’ve gotten ourselves into. If there is a massive scaling back, we’ll have to completely restructure our economy.”

We may have no choice, economics Professor Jerry Gray says. “We’ve created a real bind, where we’re using up resources in a way the planet can’t sustain, and yet we’re doing everything we can to facilitate productivity and consumption. We would like to grow our way out of every problem, to make

the pie bigger so people at the bottom can have a slice, but my worry is for the planet. This path is not sustainable.”

Maybe — just maybe — our economic engine could run as effectively in a lower gear. Maybe the social norming toward buying things we don’t need and eating more than we’re hungry for could be rethought. These changes would amount to reimagining an American dream that incorporates a more holistic economic model and a realistic assessment of finite natural resources.

But perhaps we’re not that far from a turning point. Northwestern Mutual recently surveyed Americans to find out how we define success. At the top of the list? Quality

time with families, a good relationship with a spouse or partner, health, and a balance between work and life. Although three out of four said financial security was important, “owning the home of your dreams” and earning a high income were ranked near the bottom.

“Unfortunately, an obscene amount of advertising dollars and brainpower go into making us believe that purchases are what give life meaning and make us happy,” Gray says, “but much of what we do is driven by very different motives than acquiring things. Most of us, in our daily lives, are motivated by deeper human needs — personal relationships, a sense of responsibility toward others and a sense of the kind of person we want to be.”

## When Less

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"It's too early to speculate on whether, and how, the current crisis will change us as Americans," Cotlar says. "Our prosperity is central to who we are, but we've never had to reckon with the costs. The very attributes we pride ourselves on — our industry and abundance — are the things that will lead to our destruction, and this has tainted our ability to enjoy our products. If anything positive could come out of this recession, it could be a push toward sustainability. We could all learn how to live happily with less."

We could also relearn some of the skills we've lost, Cotlar says. "For example, entertainment could be refashioned as something we make rather than

something we buy, and groceries could come from our backyards. If the cost of gas increases again, there will be an opportunity to reimagine the cities of the future and an incentive to reinvest in shared public transportation. People can respond creatively and become more self-sufficient, and that would be a good thing."

The downturn provides an opportunity to abandon politics-as-usual and be more strategic in our decision making. "What's happening now in Washington is some of the most exciting stuff I've seen in the past 25 years," said Robert F. Kennedy Jr., who spoke to the Willamette community in March. "There's an understanding that the path out of the recession is a new green energy future. We don't need to choose between a healthy economy and a healthy environment — that's a false choice."

The crisis also presents an economic incentive for investment in infrastructure, Eisenberg says. "Our infrastructure has not kept pace with population growth. For example, in Salem we have two bridges that serve a population that has quadrupled."

And the growing lines of the unemployed may nudge us toward a more compassionate response for others. "People are responsible for their own behavior," Smaldone says, "but we're also responsible for each other. Some argue that 'those' people deserve to be sleeping under the bridge, but many accept the tenet that 'I am my brother's — and sister's — keeper.' It doesn't mean we support irresponsible behavior, but we need to look at the whole system. We need a system that protects its participants."

**"WE DON'T NEED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN A HEALTHY ECONOMY AND A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT — THAT'S A FALSE CHOICE."** —Robert F. Kennedy Jr.

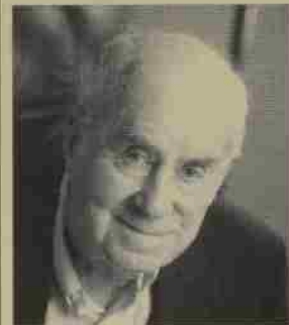
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—Simon Clark



## NEWS BRIEF

### DEPRESSION-ERA STUDENTS LOOK BACK



Oscar Specht '39

"Tuition was only \$75 back during the Depression," Oscar Specht '39 says. "The only problem was, nobody had \$75." Specht lived on the third floor of the Willamette music building with eight other students. They showered in the gym and shaved in the library. "Students lived everywhere they could find a roof over their head," Specht says.

"The uncertainty about the future created despair. I don't want anybody to ever have to live through the kind of hardship we did, but there were some good things that came from the experience. We learned to do things for ourselves and we all helped each other. Families grew closer and formed a solid base."

"We wore hand-me-down clothes, but so many of us were in the same boat we felt equal," Charlotte Theummel '37 says. "Society was more level," Mary Downey '41 agrees. "I don't think there was as much distinction between those who had money and those who didn't. And people paid cash and knew how to stretch their dollars."

## Depression-Era Students

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Now they make a big deal out of gardens, but then you either had a garden or you didn't eat."

The era was less about introspection and more about getting by, any way you could. "We didn't really think about whether we were happy or not," Downey says.

"It was so hard, working so much and having so little," says Rosalie Ranton '39, who had to drop out after she came down with pneumonia and ran out of money. But she carries an appreciation for her college experience. "Willamette changed my life," she says. "I came out of my shell, and I was accepted as myself."

"I think in old age we become more of what we've always been, and I think what we learned back then was gratitude." •



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## BUSINESS

### FINDING THE BALANCE BETWEEN PROFIT AND PEOPLE

American-style capitalism developed against the backdrop of our seemingly endless frontier, where anyone with enough pluck could have "more," and the "more" would never run out. Europe's long history of feudalism shaped economies more regulated by social contracts and reciprocity, but "in America individual initiative and freedom — in the sense of being left alone — were more important," according to politics Professor Greg Felker. People have argued ever since about the size of our safety net and the extent of our regulations.

"People on the right were frightened by the New Deal's increase in the size of government

and began working to undermine it, starting in the 1950s," Felker says. "They said, and still say, that the welfare state is a slippery slope toward socialism, but actually America's modest version of a welfare state was created in the 1930s as a buffer against social unrest. The free market gives rise to a churning of society, and regulations and social insurance act as a seat belt so you can continue to drive the capitalist car."

We drove that car a long time. "For 50 years after the Depression we had a stable form of capitalism, because it was regulated capitalism," said Nobel Prize winner and *New York Times* columnist Paul Krugman, who visited Willamette in January.

But regulation is needed in more areas than just subprime lending and derivatives, says economics Professor Jim Hanson. He agrees with Adam Smith,

widely cited as the father of modern economics, that what individuals do for themselves often serves the public interest, but he believes we need governmental policies that will alter our behavior with respect to issues like the environment. "The market alone, without government, won't get the job done," Hanson says, "but government should harness the power of the marketplace to achieve environmental goals. The cap and trade system proposed by President Obama would be more efficient than governmental mandates. If the government sells marketable permits rather than subsidizing clean-energy alternatives, this will reduce rather than increase the budget deficit and will create powerful incentives for the market to search for the most effective and efficient energy solutions." •



## EDITORIAL

### TAKE A STEP AND BREATHE

by Karen Wood, Associate Chaplain  
Willamette University

We often redefine success when we face crisis. We come to understand that the world isn't the way we thought it was.

Making a living is important, but making a life is more important. Our education prepares students to achieve financial success, but it also hopefully prepares them for lives of meaning and purpose. It helps them define success in a more thoughtful manner.

It's too soon to tell if new values are emerging, but I have some optimism. The economic crisis calls to us to bring our best selves to the task of being a citizen. I feel like that's the challenge: it's a hopeful way to be in the world. There's every expectation that we'll come through this stronger and with more realistic expectations. What we experience as hardship in this country is considered extraordinary privilege in other parts of the world. Many are suffering anxiety over lost homes, jobs and dreams, but the most difficult times in the northern hemisphere don't approach the perennial

suffering in the southern hemisphere.

I think we are going to be tested, but I'm confident that if we're resourceful enough, educated enough, and aware enough of our interconnectedness, we can get through this. I hope it will strengthen our personal and global ties. As the economic crisis permeates our lives, I hope we will become more dependent on one another. It's hard to ask for help. We're not good at it, as a nation or on a personal level. We like to go it alone. But people want to care for us. It allows them to practice generosity. I hope we reach out with less shame, with more willingness to ask for help, with the compassion to offer help.

In some ways, if we look at the overall societal need, it feels overwhelming. Or when we look at our own financial situation, it may feel overwhelming. But we need to move through this the same way we move through the world. We take a step and breathe, and then take another step — and breathe. •

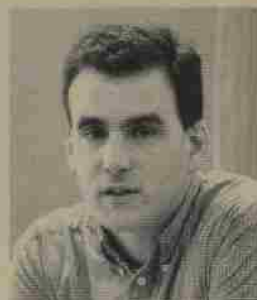
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## CRISIS CREATES OPPORTUNITY

The Depression left some positive legacies, and the current recession bequeaths us with another set of opportunities. Crisis helps us define ourselves; it can transform us for the worse or for the better, or simply reinforce who we really are. Hardship serves as a flare that throws reality into sharp relief and forces us to reflect on our values. We realize there are ramifications for our individual and collective decisions, and as we understand our limitations, we reflect on what's important.

Many of us are already making more creative business decisions. We're talking about ethical bailouts to match our financial bailouts, and we're revisiting the checks and balances associated with American capitalism. We're inventing efficiencies, stretching a buck, and becoming more conscious of energy use, and

it suddenly seems like a good idea to cook dinner at home or recycle on Craigslist. "Economic hard times reinforce sustainable behaviors," says Associate Chaplain Karen Wood.

There's fresh motivation for deepening our connections with family and friends, for sitting on our front porches together. "When adversity creates community, the results are extraordinary," Wood says. "I walk out on the Quad and see Waller Hall, and that dip in the lawn, and I remember the students and professors who put those bricks together with their hands. In our day it's students tutoring in the community, feeding the homeless, shaping a better world with their hands and hearts."

Will we redefine the American dream? Will we re-envision how we chart a meaningful or happy life? "Many social pressures still point in the same

direction," Smaldone says. "We still measure success by how much property we own and how many widgets we can pile up, but the economic crisis has dealt a severe blow to radical individualism. Perhaps it's now possible for people to move forward with greater intention toward social justice. You can see how countries are talking together to manage the challenge; two years ago that would have been impossible. If that dialogue can be extended into talk about the environment, global disparities and the split between the northern and southern hemispheres, that would be good. You can't disentangle the environmental crisis from the economic crisis, or from global poverty. My hope is that we can work together to solve some of our domestic and international problems in ways we have been unable to do in decades."

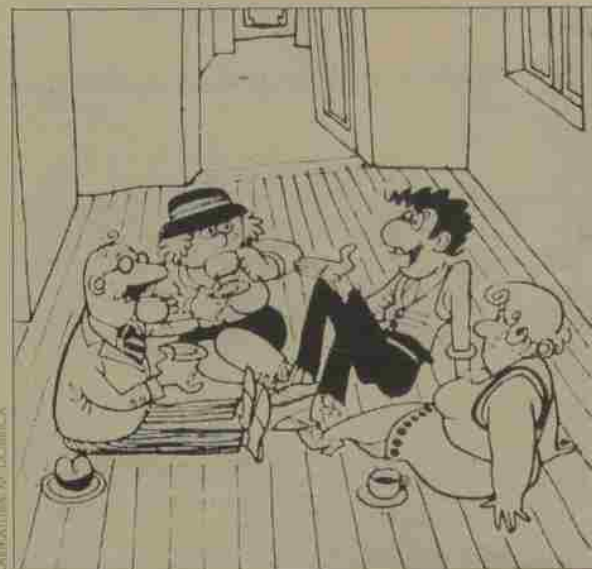
The hope of the Willamette students who were on campus during the Depression was for a better life, and perhaps no students worked harder to get an education. Gus Moore '34 says one of the high points of his life was walking forward to get his diploma. "I marched in procession with folks who had earned their degrees by working hard," he says. "I was thinking, 'I've got an education and I've got a



Gus Moore '34

job. Life can't do anything but get better."

"Hope," Kennedy told Willamette students 75 years later, "is a choice. Gratitude is a choice." •



We live OK. It was difficult in the beginning, but later we got used to price increases.

This country of ours has more wealth than any nation, but that's not what makes us rich. ... What is unique about America is that we want these dreams for more than ourselves — we want them for each other. When our fellow Americans are denied the American dream, our own dreams are diminished.

—President Barack Obama

# TURNING WRITTEN POINTS BY YOU

In the last edition of *The Scene* we added a small insert card that posed a big question: **WHAT ONE MOMENT CHANGED YOUR LIFE FOREVER?** Our hope was that the prompt would generate a bit of a dialogue — a readership response that could yield a feature like the one you'll read on the following pages.

## YOU DELIVERED.

We discovered during editing — much to our own delight — that the volume of responses exceeded the room we had available in the magazine. Thus, by the time this edition of *The Scene* hits mailboxes, the responses we've showcased here will have been supplemented by additional stories online ([www.willamette.edu/alumni/online\\_media](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/online_media)).

Take a look at what these alumni have to say. Many of their personal turning points involve Willamette specifically, but not all of them do. We think that the compilation can tell us about some of life's more interesting paths, but perhaps it also teaches about the nature of the Willamette community as a whole.

## CHRIS DOERING '81, HOLDEN, MAINE



When we graduate college, it is like we are given a box of crayons with which we color, and we make the best pictures we can.

There have been many turning points in my life, but three stand out. The first was being recruited to Willamette as a swimmer by Professor Jim Brik. Up to that point, I had assumed that I would go to the minor-state college in my hometown, and live at home while I did so. Breaking with my past and building self-reliance as I had to do at Willamette was a tremendous opportunity to grow.

The second was the time I spent in London during my last semester at Willamette. The experience was not what I might have had if I had gone to Barcelona or Moscow. It was, however, a big step for me. I had not traveled much outside the U.S., and my eyes were opened to the larger world.

Finally, after a year of post-college idling, I joined the Navy to be a naval flight officer. I flew F-14s off of aircraft carriers and visited Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Korea, Thailand and the Philippines. I was constantly in school and challenged to meet the demands of my occupation. Someone once told me that when we graduate college, it is like we are given a box of crayons with which we color, and we make the best pictures we can. Eventually, we have a few crayons left — maybe gray, black, dark blue. Accepting the challenge of a career in the military is like being given a whole new box of crayons.

## JOSH NORMAN '97, KUMAMOTO CITY, JAPAN



The biggest turning point in my life was having a Japanese roommate my freshman year in Kaneko Hall. That experience fostered in me a strong interest in Japanese people and their culture, which led me to become an international peer counselor and summer resident assistant for Japanese students three years during my time at WU.

All of these great experiences with Japanese exchange students motivated me to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program for two years after graduation. After coming back to Oregon and working for a brief period, I felt a strong desire to return to Japan. I applied for and received a Japanese government schol-

arship for graduate studies in Kumamoto, Japan, in 2000. After completing my PhD in 2006, I was fortunate to be hired as a full-time instructor of English and cross-cultural communication at a women's university in Kumamoto.

I got married in March 2008 to my fiancée, Mie Horiuchi, and I will likely be in Japan long-term. If it wasn't for having a Japanese roommate my freshman year, I'm not sure where I would be today.

## ROSE BARKER '05, SALEM, ORE.



Find adventure in every moment.  
Lighten up. Live.

It was 8 a.m. on a very foggy morning in Krakow, Poland. I hadn't slept a wink — by my own election. It was my last night in Krakow, and the furthest thing from my mind was sleep.

The purpose of my trip was to give a lecture at the International Debate Education Association symposium — Willamette sponsored my attendance. Providence would have it that my life would change forever for an unrelated reason. That last night in Krakow, a Greek graduate student attending the symposium would impart a simple truth: Find adventure in every moment. Lighten up. Live.

We spoke until 8 a.m., the hour I loaded into the hotel van with Willamette Professor Robert Trapp to head home. The night's exchange would prove to be the most pivotal discussion of my life. The Greek gentleman's words were not complex. He was not teaching me, but simply recounting his life story. I returned home with my epiphany clutched to my chest. I wrote 40 pages of reflection in one week. I was finally engaged in living life fully.

That early morning enabled me to do what I thought impossible. I have since worked for a Grammy Award-winning musician, become an ambassador for a worldwide travel organization ([www.couchsurfing.com/people/rose](http://www.couchsurfing.com/people/rose)) and recently took a leave of absence from my job in Salem to live in Ecuador for one year. I have no regrets. And I am forever indebted to God and that grad student to have the opportunity to truly embody "carpe diem."

**DOUG HOUSER '57, LIFETIME TRUSTEE,  
PORTLAND, ORE.**



In the fall of 1953, I was a freshman Beta Theta Pi pledge. I had gotten good grades in high school and planned to go to law school at Stanford following graduation from Willamette.

I had a fun first semester at Willamette and learned that if I didn't take final exams, I could still get a "B" grade. I went home early at Christmas and got a straight "B" average, 3.0 GPA. When I returned to Willamette following the Christmas break, I was taken aside by Beta House President Bob Packwood '54 (later U.S. senator) and senior Beta Dan Dearborn '56, who read me the riot act and said, "Mediocrity and a 3.0 GPA will not get you where you want to go!"

The excellent advice, friendship and mentoring I received from my Beta brothers and the fine undergraduate education I received at Willamette made it possible for me to get a full-tuition scholarship to Stanford Law School and fulfill my goal of being a lawyer.

**LEONARD S. LAWS '39, WINFIELD, KAN.**



My life changed forever when I took a mathematics course from Dr. Chester Luther at Willamette University in 1939. I decided I wanted to teach mathematics in a small college like Dr. Luther did. I obtained an EdD from Michigan State University and spent a lifetime of teaching at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan., a Methodist college.

I only wish I could have been a more promising student for him. But maybe my struggles with mathematics helped me to be more aware of struggles that my students had.

*Editor's note: Leonard Laws went on to create turning points for other future mathematics teachers in Kansas, including Joe Anderson, who wrote, "Dr. Laws was instrumental in my choice of life's work. I became a mathematics instructor and attempted to inspire others to enjoy the subject. ... Dr. Laws was a great mentor. I only wish I could have been a more promising student for him. But maybe my struggles with mathematics helped me to be more aware of struggles that my students had."*

**BART WHITE '67, BOWLING GREEN, KY.**



What changed my life? Quite simply, taking the initiative to speak with the management at KSLM radio about starting a weekly radio program to promote Willamette University. At the time, WU had no student radio station and, fortunately, my proposal was accepted. "Bearcat Roundup" began airing at 8 p.m. each Wednesday in the spring semester of 1966, and it gave me the opportunity to interview coaches, athletes, administrators, student government leaders and popular culture celebrities visiting campus.

This learning experience led to a full-time career in the radio industry after graduate school, a successful radio marketing and sales consulting business and 30 years as a professor of broadcasting at Western Kentucky University, where I have written two hardcover radio-oriented business books for major publishers.

Willamette gave me the confidence to pursue my passion, even before I had graduated. My journalism and English professors were exceptional and always encouraged me to "learn by doing," whether I was writing for the *Collegian* or stepping out into the marketplace by convincing a local radio station to give an inexperienced student the chance to become a radio host.

**MELANIE HAWKES HODGE '96, UK**



It began with the map Heather (Beebe Stevens '96) had hung on our apartment wall as we planned our trip to Europe — but that wasn't the moment. It began with a set of watercolors and a paintbrush — that wasn't the moment, either. It began with a desire to travel to far-flung places, a taste for books about polar exploration and an instinct to go north, and then farther north again. It began under the midnight sun. But, alone, none of these were the moment to change all other moments.

The moment: a table in a hostel on one of the Lofoten Islands (Norway). I was painting one of my promised postcards home. A cycling Brit sat opposite reading Gabriel Garcia Marquez. A cup of tea (or more precisely, two). Some conversation. A map painted with imagination and adventure; the promise of romance.

We're now married with two children, and I travel the world as a diplomat's wife. Britain, Jordan, Belgium, Croatia. I am still looking at maps, still painting and still reading books about polar exploration. I still never know when someone important might sit down at the table opposite.

**BRIAN F. KRIEG '82, PORTLAND, ORE.**

This trip exposed me to some of the greatest works and collections of art in the world and ignited an interest in art that remains high today.

In the early summer of 1980, I had the unique opportunity to travel behind the Iron Curtain to the Soviet Union as part of a very small group led by geography Professor Tom Detwyler. I went based on my major in political science; however, the Soviet travel bureau, Intourist, changed much of our itinerary to visiting art museums instead of learning about new towns and planned development. This trip exposed me to some of the greatest works and collections of art in the world and ignited an interest in art that remains high today.

Upon returning to Willamette, I was motivated to take several art history classes with Professor Roger Hull. Then, instead of going on to law school as planned, I went to business school and majored in marketing. What I learned in his art history classes has served me well, leading to many awards for advertising and marketing materials and a very rewarding career. Those experiences were pivotal for my career. I capped that in 2005 by finally getting to go with Roger (and Professor Adele Birnbaum) on Willamette's Florence program, where I had the joy of being a student again.

**BARBARA WOODWORTH SAIGO '64,  
SAINT CLOUD, MINN.**

I came to Willamette at a young 16, a country girl from small rural schools, full of enthusiasm, optimism, good cheer — and a full share of inexperience. My mind and spirit soared in the enormous world of knowledge and activity that opened before me. I reveled in the diverse opportunities to participate. My days were too short to take all the courses I wanted to take and do all the things I wanted to do!

I was blessed to have Professor Martha Springer as an advisor. She changed my life one day with a question followed by a statement: "Have you thought about going to graduate school? You could teach at a university." I was blown away that she saw me in that way, and I am forever grateful. Perhaps a similar moment would have come to me elsewhere, but I have my doubts.

That a professor whom I admired could have such faith in me and cared enough to perceive that I needed help and advice at an important point in my life filled me with inspiration, confidence and gratitude. That Professor Cecil Monk shared her opinion and helped me through the next stages of entering graduate school was a second amazement to me. I deeply and fondly appreciate all of my WU professors and classmates for enriching and shaping my life.

**CHRISTA (ABBOTT) HUTCHISON '03,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

I learned that life is not about what happens to you, but how you deal with it.

Given the recent political fervor throughout the country, I have been reminded of a moment that changed my life. Like many students at Willamette, I was an ambitious politics major. Late in my senior year I was notified of a position open with one of our senators in Washington, D.C.

For this small-town girl, D.C. was the ultimate in success. I quickly submitted my resume and was called for an interview. It was a long process, but it eventually came down to me and one other person. I was so convinced that I had the job, I sold all my furniture and bought a one-way ticket. The day after graduation, I learned that I had not been chosen for the job. It was devastating. I felt adrift. I had become so focused on one direction that I lost sight of all my other options.

That was my defining moment. I learned that life is not about what happens to you, but how you deal with it. I picked myself up and moved to Portland. I got a job, an apartment, and eventually met my husband, a wonderful event that would not have happened had I gotten the job in D.C. My life-changing moment was learning to deal with life, and I'm glad I did.

Read more turning points at  
[www.willamette.edu/alumni/online\\_media](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/online_media).

## FROM THE SENIOR DIRECTOR



We know that our alumni are among Willamette's greatest resources, and the submissions you've sent us about your personal turning points are proof positive.

And they have me thinking.

The idea of a turning point really has a couple of facets. Most of the time a turning point amounts to some kind of event, or a realization. Often life's turning points generate momentum and take us in new, exciting directions. Sometimes, though, as we've seen in light of the current economy, turning points can be a little less inspiring. A lost job, a drop in revenue — these are the things that temper those upswings. Unfortunately, we've seen our share of the latter in recent months. Just about everyone has.

Despite trying times, we're lucky that those who have managed the business of Willamette have done so mindfully. The university is healthy, and we continue looking ahead to growth and promising new developments. But the foundation we stand on now didn't just happen. It took years of planning and careful decision making.

Maybe all of this hints at a more subtle kind of turning point — the kind that takes a while. In a sense, I think, this touches on the value of the Willamette experience in the first place. Not every catalyst in our lives comes in a single moment. To the contrary, those who are able to succeed over time will have demonstrated — just as this university has — the value in making mindfulness a habit. For often we can look behind us and see great change, even if that change was the result of constant nudging instead of just a couple of critical moments.

Keep pushing.

*Denise*

Denise Callahan '95, MBA'00  
Senior Director of Alumni Relations



Clockwise from above:  
Jay Booth '11, president;  
Brian Hoff '01, vice president;  
Melissa Wilcox '03, secretary



### Alumni Association Elects New Officers

We're happy to report the election of three new officers to the Willamette University Alumni Association (WUAA) board. The alumni board serves as a group of advocates and advisors who help us keep in touch with alumni needs and implement their feedback effectively. The officers assumed their new roles on June 1.

We would also like to recognize the dedicated work of Julie Branford '67, president, and Kim (Foskett) Duncan '69, vice president, who recently completed their terms.

For more about the alumni board, bylaws and related information, visit the Alumni Relations website at [www.willamette.edu/alumni](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni).

## REUNION 2009: SUMMER UPDATE



Reunion Weekend 2009 arrives in a few short months!

Mark your calendars: July 1 will be the day when reunion classes can log in to The Compass ([www.willamettealumni.com/reunion09](http://www.willamettealumni.com/reunion09)) and register for Reunion Weekend events. And after you register, check back periodically to see who else is coming!

You can always stay up-to-date at the main reunion webpage ([www.willamette.edu/alumni/reunion](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/reunion)). Here you'll find all kinds of useful information, including a reunion itinerary, class gift information and social networking connections.

We'd like to extend public and heartfelt thanks to the many alumni serving on their class year reunion committees this year. Committees are crucial to the planning and implementation of Reunion Weekend events, and this year's volunteers are as active as ever.

If your reunion year is coming up and you're interested in contributing as a committee member, please email us at [alumni@willamette.edu](mailto:alumni@willamette.edu).

## Reunion Weekend 2009 September 18-20 Salem, Ore.

### 2009 Reunion Class Years

1959	1964	1969	1974
1979	1984	1989	1999

As always, we celebrate the Half-Century Plus Club, whose members are 50 years or more beyond their graduation.



### Online Resources

Alumni Relations Reunion  
Homepage  
[www.willamette.edu/alumni/reunion](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/reunion)

Customized class year webpages,  
class gift information and committee rosters

The Compass  
[www.willamettealumni.com/reunion09](http://www.willamettealumni.com/reunion09)

Reunion Weekend registration and event signup (Coming July 1)

## CAREER NETWORK: TOOLS FOR A CHANGING LANDSCAPE



Stacey Lane, associate director of alumni and career networking

It's no secret that the economy has thrown the job market into a tailspin, and alumni from colleges and universities around the country have been affected by the turmoil. But they've also found that some of the same old adages are especially true in tough times: Build your connections, know how to market yourself, search intelligently and persevere.

This is where the new Career Network comes in. In the past six months we have revamped entirely how the Career Network works and the resources it offers. It is now as robust as ever, and an introduction to the new features can serve as an appropriate primer as you — or people you know — embark on a job search.

### The Compass

The Compass provides the architecture within which many of our Career Network utilities reside. Most prominently, it houses the career advisor program, which allows alumni (and even current upperclassmen) to access the breadth of experience within our alumni base.

If you would like to give back by sharing your career experiences with other alumni, please sign up to be a career advisor at The Compass. You can customize the level of your involvement and tell us specifically which areas of inquiry (e.g. job transitions or helping with mock interviews) pique your interest.

Find the career advisor program at The Compass:  
[www.willamettealumni.com](http://www.willamettealumni.com).

**the  
Compass**

### CareerBeam

CareerBeam can be thought of as "home base" for anyone engaged actively in the job search or professional development process. It is a suite of tools offering alumni and current students self-assessments; job triggers, which are personalized notices sent to users when job postings fit their interests and skills; company intelligence and research; and an international database of companies, trends and background information providing the detail needed to stand out from the pack.

It also, of course, serves as a portal for job postings, consolidating many of the most notable online job search tools into a single utility.

Find this resource on the Career Network homepage:  
[www.willamette.edu/alumni/career\\_network](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/career_network).

### The Modern Professional's Career Guide

This extremely popular workshop morphed last year from a one-time event to a recurring series that took the Career Network throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Stacey Lane, associate director of alumni and career networking, initiated the program as a way to give local alumni face-to-face consultations on the realities and trends of managing a job search. Look for more events in the near future.

Find this resource on the Career Network homepage:  
[www.willamette.edu/alumni/career\\_network](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/career_network).

**The Modern  
Professional's  
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### Job Search 2.0 Webinar Series

The Career Network has offered two webinars (and counting), aimed at giving alumni background on using social media tools, such as Facebook and LinkedIn, in a job search. It is no longer enough just to know what these tools are; effective job searches now hinge on learning to leverage social media deliberately and wisely.

We will be holding more events like the Job Search 2.0 Webinars to keep you informed on the latest trends and tools.

In the meantime, listen to the first two webinars online at the Career Network website.

Find this resource on the Career Network homepage:  
[www.willamette.edu/alumni/career\\_network](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/career_network).

### You're Doing What With Your Degree?

Now a recurring program at the Career Network, "You're Doing What With Your Degree?" is a showcase of alumni who have followed interesting — and often unconventional — career paths.

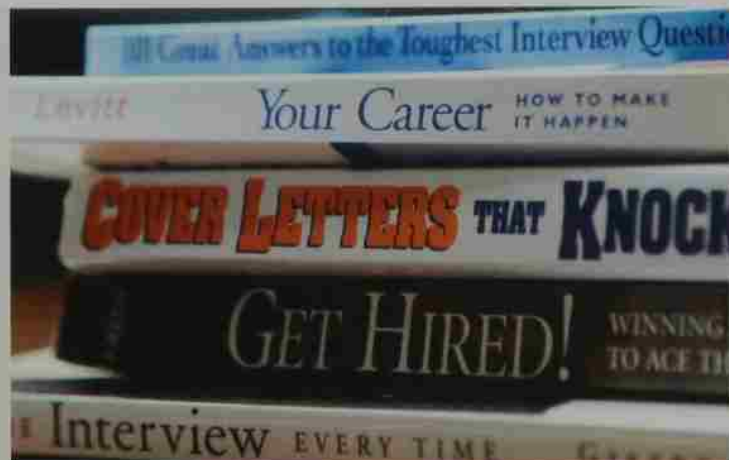
Is one of your peers doing something unexpected with his or her degree? Let us know by nominating him or her at the Career Network website. We'll be following up to gather votes for this year's nominees.

Find this resource on the Career Network homepage:  
[www.willamette.edu/alumni/career\\_network](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/career_network).

### We're Here to Help

We know the relevance of alumni career resources is tied to being current, adaptable and personalized. These are our ideals — helping you find tangible benefit along your career path is our goal.

Contact the Career Network at [careernetwork@willamette.edu](mailto:careernetwork@willamette.edu), or 503-370-6748. Our homepage is [www.willamette.edu/alumni/career\\_network](http://www.willamette.edu/alumni/career_network).



Students at a recent career event



## BO AND THE BUMBLEBEES

For Sam Brown '07, life's turning points can be composed of multiple movements.

Brown took nascent guitar skills onto the stage for the first time when he was in high school, playing in front of a packed house for his school's talent show. "I played an instrumental song with seven movements about a bumblebee living and dying," he reflects with a chuckle. "But it changed high school for me."

*Life and Death of the Bumblebee* is one of Brown's earlier compositions. It does, in fact, consist of seven movements, each detailing sonically the various elements in a bumblebee's life cycle. The movements are all named for a different life stage, and they stand alone musically while still fitting into the overall piece.

It's as complicated as it seems.

*Bumblebee* is a rollercoaster of a guitar solo that transitions from frantic to meandering and back again. But Brown knows it by heart (he rarely writes down compositions, regardless of their intricacy). And the song, along with the unexpected ovation he received from his peers that night at the talent show, altered the course of his life.

With much artistic energy, Brown left his hometown of Red Wing, Minn., to attend Willamette because he knew a little bit about Oregon and thought he'd enjoy the change from his native turf. "It just felt right," he says, echoing the sentiment of so many students who walk onto campus for the first time. But he admits that he wasn't convinced right away. "In the back of my mind I

still wondered what it would be like to go to a big public university," he recalls. With his eyes still on the music, Brown envisioned the bustling music scene afforded by a campus with more than a couple thousand students.

Oddly enough, an insurance hiccup gave Brown the chance to experience such a setting first-hand. Scheduled to participate in a Willamette study abroad program in Austria, Brown broke his foot at the wrong time and had to abandon his plans. When all was said and done, he found himself spending one semester closer to home at the big — and musically rich — campus of the University of Minnesota. But he would do more than just heal there: He would grow into his own musical persona.

"I played an instrumental song with seven movements about a bumblebee living and dying. But it changed high school for me."



He returned to Willamette with newfound drive. With his experience he was able to help shape Willamette's music scene, which already included Wulapalooza, the university's annual music and culture festival. He went on to perform at the festival four years in a row and was instrumental in its planning and execution for three of those years. By the time Brown graduated, he had left his mark on the university, just as it left its mark on him.

Today Brown goes by the moniker of Bo.Morro — a combination of personally relevant fragments — and his music resume continues to expand. He recently carved out the beginnings of a career booking gigs, and he looks ahead to a future with plenty of new songs and even more possibilities.

Add that to the list of things you can do with a history major.

Brown met new musical peers while on this excursion "abroad." He began recording his music, performed more, and by the end of the semester had produced his first full album. Iffy audio quality notwithstanding, the album was a crucial accomplishment for Brown. After years of playing from his heart, he had something to hold onto.

## CLASS NOTES

Submit class notes at  
www.willamettealumni.com

## College of Liberal Arts Class Notes

### 1930s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

**Randall B. Kester '37** retired from Cosgrave Virgeer Kester LLP, where he had served as a consultant since 2006. From 1958 to 2006 he served as an active partner at the Union Pacific Railroad Company, in charge of the law department for the North-western district.

### 1940s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

**Louise Waln '45** and husband Duane live in Camarillo, Calif. She continues to keep up with other alumni including **Yvonne Mozee '45** of Alaska, **Jean Moore '45** of Oregon and **Harriet Peterson '43** of Northern California. She stays involved in the community and decorates the local library, teaches organic classes and crochets caps and afghans for premature babies, in addition to other community service activities.

### 1950s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION,  
CLASS OF 1959 REUNION

**David Poindexter '51** received the Everett M. Rogers Award from the Ainenberg School for Communication at the University of Southern California in October. The award honors his achievement in entertainment education. He also received the School of Theology Distinguished Alumni award from his graduate school at Boston University. He was awarded an alumni citation from Willamette in 1982.

**John Roehr '55** is serving as the planning coordinator for the 50th reunion for the University of Oregon Medical School class of '59, now known as OHSU. He and his wife participated in a two-week cruise of the Rhine and Danube put on by the Willamette alumni travel program. He also notes that he and his wife are spending their summers cruising

in the Puget Sound and Canadian Gulf Islands in their boat, the Roar in Ath

### 1960s

CLASS OF 1964 AND 1969 REUNIONS

**John Sweeney '60** retired from two careers only to start a third, training a German Shepherd from Slovakia for wilderness search and rescue.

**Charles Darby II '62** retired as a proposal manager and capture team leader for The Boeing Company in Wichita, Kan. He and his wife are both ordained ministers and serve as associate pastors at the An dover Assembly of God in An dover, Kan. They have spent their retirement taking their nine grandchildren on various trips across the United States and to the Caribbean.

**Thomas Hemingway '62, JD '65** retired from the U.S. Department of Commerce and his role as a senior advisor in the Office of the Deputy Secretary. He intends to spend his time volunteering with the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security, the Military Law Committee, House of Delegates and other nonprofit and charitable organizations.

**David Hansen '65** retired from a successful career working for three San Francisco Bay Area open space districts. His work was recently honored at several events by the boards of the Marin County Open Space District, the Middle Peninsula Regional Open Space District and the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

**Jay Grenig '66** was selected as one of Wisconsin Leaders in the Law 2008 by the Wisconsin Law Journal. He is a professor of law at Marquette University Law School. He was recognized as the prolific author or co-author of more than 100 volumes.

**C. Dell Lindstrom '67** retired after 32 years serving as a train operator, supervisor and instructor for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). He and his wife moved to their new home in Minden, Nev. He keeps busy as a member of the Nevada State Railroad Museum, restoring antique and classic fire apparatus and playing in the Western Nevada Musical Theater Company's pit orchestra.

### 1970s

CLASS OF 1974 AND 1979 REUNIONS

**Michael Brown '71, JD '74** was appointed executive director of the Stayton/Sublimity Chamber of Commerce. Prior to his appointment he was an attorney for over 20 years, working as a trial attorney and partner at the firm Churchill and Leonard. He continues to operate his own business, serving as a strategic facilitator for mediation and arbitration.

**David Brenner '73** was elected as senior vice president of administration at White Oak Partners, a private equity firm. He will oversee operations relating to risk management, marketing, investor communications and human resources. He retired from State Farm on Dec. 31 after 33 years in various leadership roles.

**Elaine Zaiger '73** still relishes retirement after more than 30 years teaching junior high in Klamath Falls, Ore. In January 2008 she and her husband spent two weeks in Ecuador with her daughter, **Kristi Zaiger '05, MAT '07**, who was teaching English in the city of Cuenca.

**Lynne (Mitchell) Baab '74** released *Reaching Out in a Networked World: Expressing Your Congregation's Heart and Soul*, a book to help leaders of congregations understand the opportunities offered by many of the new forms of digital communication. She is the Jack Somerville lecturer in pastoral theology, working in the Department of Theology at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

**J. Mike Smith '74** and his partner Christopher Wallis were married Oct. 24, 2008, at City Hall in San Francisco. The couple lives in San Francisco where Mike works as a management consultant and Chris has a private psychiatry practice. Their son T aylor attends kindergarten at Marin County Day School.

**Mitzi Barker '75** was re-elected to a second four-year term as a member of the national board of directors of the American Planning Association.

**Sally Godard '76** is taking a break from her psychiatry practice to attend the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., to obtain her Master of Divinity degree. She and her husband continue to enjoy the rural life of McMinnville, Ore.

**Jonathan Hook '78** is chief investment officer and vice president at Ohio State University. He previously served in the same position at Baylor

University for seven years, carrying that university's endowment past the billion-dollar benchmark. He returned to higher education after 20 years in commercial and investment banking.

**Larry Houle '79** accepted a position with Udelhoven International, a \$120 million-per-year oil field services company headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska. Based in Calgary, Alberta, he is responsible for all Canadian operations.

### 1980s

CLASS OF 1984 AND 1989 REUNIONS

**Bruce Bolton '80** purchased Entertainment Consultants, LLC in December 2008, specializing in entertainment production and event management. He previously worked for the City of Salem Community Service Department for 21 years. He lives with his wife and son in Salem.



**John Theiss '83** has lived in Las Vegas since 1998 and is a founder of the King of Clubs Las Vegas, LLC, an executive concierge company specializing in Las Vegas nightlife. He is assistant director of special events at the World Famous Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas.

**Karen Breda '84** is a legal information librarian and lecturer at Boston College Law School. In addition to providing legal reference and research support services to the law school, she teaches Insurance Law Research and Immigration Law guided research seminars. She is also a member of the Insurance Coverage Litigation Committee of the ABA's Tort, Trial and Insurance Practice Section.

**Mari Radford '85** and Eric Lindhult were married Aug. 31, 2008, in Philadelphia. They each have two teenage boys and enjoy travel. They returned from their honeymoon in Morocco to celebrate Mari's graduation from Temple University's masters program in community and regional planning.

**Sue (Lundy) Green '87** is the choir director at Meeker Middle School in Kent, Wash., and directs two community children's choirs through the Rainier Youth Choirs organization in the central Puget Sound area. Sue is the western liaison (membership) on the executive board of the Washington American Choral Directors Association and is celebrating 20 years of public school teaching this year.

## CLASS NOTES

**Stacey Dodson '88** is region president for central and eastern Oregon for U.S. Bank and was recognized as a distinguished member of the bank's top banking team by U.S. Banker as part of its annual ranking of "The 25 Most Powerful Women in Banking" published in October. She is a 24-year veteran of U.S. Bank, responsible for 20 branches, six commercial banking locations and a private banking team.

**Robert Miller '88** left Hewlett-Packard after 20 years to pursue an encore career in biology and ecology. He is a full-time student at Boise State University.



To **Kimberly Thomas '88** and husband Bill, a son, Caleb James, born March 4. He joins siblings Wendy, William, Joshua and Sarah. The family lives in Gallipolis, Ohio.

**Joey Razzano '89, MBA'90** is among the founding mothers and is chair of both hospitality and fundraising for the newly formed Special Education PTA of Portland (SEPTAP). On Jan. 27, SEPTAP held its first meeting at Beverly Cleary Middle School with almost 40 people in attendance.

# 1990s

CLASS-OF 1999 REUNION

To **Daniel Evans '91** and wife Deborah, a daughter, Abigail Grace, born June 1, 2008. Dan works as an instructional assistant at West Salem High School, where he also coaches swimming.

**Michael De Jardin '91** and Dor Zook were married April 5, 2008, in Everett, Wash. The wedding party included **Matthew Talbert '92** and **Michael Brucker '91**, with many more alumni in attendance. The couple lives in Seattle, Wash.

**Toby La France '92** is the director of financial and information services for the City of Tigard, Ore. He was previously finance manager for the Clark County community development department. He and his family are 13-year residents of Tigard.

**Mark Hanken '93** was named in SportsEvents Magazine's Annual Readers' Choice Awards, which spotlight industry professionals who have exhibited a high level of professionalism, creativity and excellence in hosting sports events. He is the senior vice president of sports for Special Olympics Oregon.



To **Katharine (Burton) Jeffcoat '93** and husband Eric, a daughter, Reese Anne, born Oct. 24, 2008. The family lives in Portland.

**Melissa Lugar '93** and Aaron Correll were married Aug. 2.

**Kevin Morrison '93** completed a master's degree in intercultural relations from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif. He is serving as the associate director of international programs at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C.

To **Daniel Rathert '93** and wife Nicole Kimball, a daughter, Brynn, born Aug. 22, 2007. Dan is a partner in the IT firm Resource Data Inc. in Anchorage, Alaska.

To **Casey (Strickland) Faulkner '94** and husband Richard, a son, William Cody, born April 13. The family lives in London.

**Julia Murton '94, MBA'97** is now a Mary Kay sales director in qualification.

**Nathan Lorentz '94** and Natalie Pappas were married Sept. 27 in Mansfield, Ohio. Nathan is employed as a senior network engineer at Howrey in Washington, D.C. The couple lives in Chesley, Md.



**Denise Crawford '95, MBA'00** and **John Callahan '92** were married in Cone Chapel on Oct. 12 by Willamette Chaplain Charlie Wallace. A

number of Willamette alumni, faculty and staff were in attendance for the celebration. Denise is the senior director of alumni relations and John is the director of network services at Willamette.

To **Annalie (Hermann) Faddis '95** and husband Randy, a daughter, Finley Zane, born May 6, 2008. She joins brother Jackson, 3. Annalie is a partner at the law firm Abbott and Paris, P.C. in Portland.

To **Kara (McNulty) Roberts '95** and husband John, a daughter, Katharine Elizabeth, born May 8, 2008. She joins older brother Jack.



To **Jory (Hockett) Xavier '95** and husband Ben, a daughter, Amayli Esperanza, born Aug. 22, 2008. She joins sister Milaya, 3. The family lives in Salem.

To **Jodi Connolly '96** and husband Steven, a son, Gavin, born July 31, 2008. Jodi works as a patent agent in the biotechnology group of Klarquist Sparkman, LLP.

**Rachel Fillmore '96** and **Seth Smythe '97** were married July 5, 2008, in St. George, Utah. Seth serves as associate general counsel for ESCO Corporation in Portland. Rachel is self-employed as a freelance business consultant. They have a son, James Larry, born May 19, 2006, in Salem. The family lives in Tigard.

**Stephanie Harrick '96** graduated summa cum laude from the Boyd School of Law at UNLV. She is a judicial clerk with a family court judge in Las Vegas, and upon completing the clerkship will join the firm of Smith Forsberg to practice family law.

**Mac Rinehart '96, MBA'08** joined The Regence Group on July 30, 2008, as a systems analyst specializing in data analysis and data warehousing solutions.

**Jennie Drazan '97** and **Casey Ladd '97** were married Aug. 23 in Lincoln City, Ore. She is an elementary school teacher employed by the Seattle School District, and he is an online advertising tracker for The Seattle Times.



To **Bonnie (Bauer) Flynn '97** and husband Ryan, a son, Jack Benjamin, born Oct. 13, 2008. The family lives in Portland, where Ryan is legal counsel at Pacific Corp. and Bonnie works in finance at Nike.

**Lisa Henshaw '97** took sabbatical in Borneo, Malaysia, volunteering as a communications officer with Raleigh, a youth development charity. The 16-week expedition involved young people from around the world in a series of challenging community and environmental projects, including building fresh water sources and working with local rangers to preserve the Imbak Canyon and the jungle community of Batu Puteh. To learn more, visit the Raleigh blog at <http://borneo-autumn08.blogspot.com>.

**Elizabeth Ribbeck '97**, after two years of working in Texas, returned to Salem to join Willamette Valley Midwives with Salem Hospital, where she provides prenatal and gynecologic care. She and her husband have two children.

To **Emily (Randall) Woods '97** and husband Brad, a daughter, Leah Hayden, born June 12, 2006. She joins brothers Logan and Luke.

**Kendall Haynes '98** is rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Lakewood, Wash. He received his theological training at General Theological Seminary in New York

City, where he earned his Master of Divinity. He and his wife, Mindy, have two sons.

To **Debbi (Martin) Kaufman '98** and husband Cory, twin sons, Benjamin Martin and Charles Patrick, born Jan. 26. They join big sister Rachel.

**Ryan York '97, JD'01** was admitted to the partnership of Davis Wright Tremain, LLP. He is a partner in the securities law group in the Seattle office. He started there as a summer associate in 2000.



**Shannon Knepper '98** and Mark Thompson were married March 15 in Portland. The wedding party included **Joanna (Moogk) Camp '98**, **Leslie (Roberts) Buckley '97**, **Melissa Norberg '98**, **April (Allen) Sargent '98** and **Mark Knepper '95**. The couple lives in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she is a graphic designer and he is working on his PhD in rhetoric at Carnegie Mellon University.



To **Todd '98** and **Gina Davenport '98**, a son, Reece, born Oct. 27. He joins older brother Brendan. The family reports making a recent return to the Willamette campus, where they relived some memories and expanded their already growing photo album.



To **Laura (Dittman) '98** and **Aaron Peltz '98**, a son, Evan Joseph, born April 14.



To **Natanee (Olson) '98** and **Matthew Spencer '99**, a son, Talon Kern, born Oct. 17. The family lives in the Vail Valley, Colo., where Matt is a vice president of the Vail Valley Foundation and Natanee is an assistant vice president for Millennium Bank.



**Marie Diamond '99** took five months off from her job to work and travel in Australia. She spent three months in

Melbourne before exploring Australia, Tasmania and the outback, as well as spending some time in New Zealand. Read about her travels at [5monthsofftravellerspoint.com](http://5monthsofftravellerspoint.com). She currently lives in Laiden, The Netherlands.

To **Barry Nelson '99** and wife Heather, a son, Sawyer Stewart Trent, born April 26, 2008. Sawyer joins older brother Carter. Barry is an investment advisor and co-owner of Capital Financial Planners, LLC.

**Brooke Stearns '99** and **Jelani Lawson** were married May 26 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. She is a doctoral fellow at the RAND Corporation and he is a corporate attorney. They honeymooned in Cuba, where they did humanitarian work and collected art.

**Heather (Stampfli) Woodward '99** teaches at St. Mary's Catholic School in Stayton, Ore., after teaching at Blanchet High School for four years. She is a nationally certified writing and middle school language arts instructor and is teaching language arts, creative writing and conversational Spanish. She lives in Salem with her husband, Steve, and their two children.

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**To Mandlin "Mandy" (Gordon) '00** and **Benjamin Hudson '01**, a daughter, Aberdeen Rose, born Feb. 19. The family lives in Corvallis, Ore., where the couple is finishing medical school.

**To Kelly Jabbusch '00** and **Chris Burkhalter**, a daughter, Myra Sofia, born Nov. 20 in Cologne, Germany.

**Meghan (Behymer) Lindstrom '00** is completing her chief year and preparing to graduate from Maine Medical Center's Emergency Medicine Residency Program. She and her husband Jason are returning home to Alaska, where she recently accepted a position as an emergency physician at Mat-Su Regional Hospital in Wasilla.

**To Shauna (McCaslin) Purcell '00** and husband David, a daughter, Daphne Jo, born Feb. 12, 2008, in Salem.

**Erica Henrikson '00, MAT '03** and **Joseph Osorio** were married Aug. 16 in Salem. **Jacqueline (Chauvet) Jeremiah '00** was the matron of honor. Erica teaches English and Joseph teaches business and computer technology, both at Knappa High School. The couple lives in Astoria, Ore.



**George Carlsen '01** and **Lila McDowell** were married in La Jolla, Calif., on Aug. 2. **Jamie Moshin '01** was the best man. The couple each earned doctorates in Hispanic studies in June 2008 from the University of California, Riverside, and now teach at Pepperdine University. They live in Malibu, Calif.



**To Christine (Hanson) '01** and **Douglas Clapp**, a son, Finlan Calhoun. The family lives in Washington, D.C.

**Scotty Iseri '01** and **Lori Van Deman** were married June 27 in Las Vegas. Scotty is a self-employed media director and sound designer. Lori graduated from Drake University and Dominican University and is a research librarian at the Art Institute of Chicago.

**Matthew Reudink '01** and **Robyn Foote** were married June 28, 2008, in Estes Park, Colo. They met at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, where they were graduate students. **James Grant '01** was a groomsman. Matt is finishing his PhD in biology and Robyn finished her master's in biology and is a biologist.

**To Melissa (Kanzler) '02** and **James Grant '01**, a daughter, Georgia Beth, born April 22, 2008. The family lives in Sebastopol, Calif.

**Katherine Haas '02** is serving as deputy chief of staff for U.S. Representative Walt Minnick. She works in his Washington, D.C., office.



**Rashayna Moore '02** and **Jeffrey Miller Jr.** were married Aug. 16 in Los Angeles. The couple lives in Woodland Hills, Calif.



**Kathy Peacock '02** and **Dan Metcalf** were married June 21, 2008, in Takoma Park, Md. The wedding party included **Robin Tatsuda '02** and honored guest **Megen Brittell '02**. The couple met while serving in the Peace Corps. Kathy is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing from Johns Hopkins University and Dan sells residential real estate in the Washington, D.C., area. They live in Takoma Park.

**Kari (Vander Weerd) Wattenbarger '02** joined Flaming Medical Center in Dallas, Ore., as a physician assistant after completing physician assistant training at OHSU.

**To Shelly (Patton) '03** and **Justin Peterson '03**, a son, Jameson William, born Sept. 19 in Denver.



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**JLee Ann (Stur-gell) '03** and **Jeff Liepman '05** were married March 8, 2008. The wedding party included **Shelly (Patton) Peterson '03**, **Melinda (Faith) Hepp '03**, **Jami (Taufest) Bernabee '03**, **Grant Knudson '05**, **Ryan Lagod '05** and **Brett Meyer '05**. Many additional alumni were in attendance.



**Sarah Sutton '03** and **Laurance O'Rourke** were married Aug. 11, 2008, in Bar Harbor, Maine. The maid of honor was **Jessica Frazier '03**, and **Emily (West) Corsi '03** was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Boston.

**Benjamin Wright '03** and **Talkwan Chun** were married June 14, 2008, in Negil, Jamaica. The wedding party included **Brendan Price '03** and **Marques Johnson '03**. Benjamin graduated from Columbia University with PhD in chemistry on Aug. 14, 2008.

**Emily West '03** and **Matthew Corsi** were married July 19 in Arlee, Mont. The wedding party included **Erin West '07**, **Jessie Frazier '03** and **Sarah (Sutton) O'Rourke '03**. They live in Missoula, Mont., where Emily is a land use planner and Matthew is completing his PhD in fish and wildlife biology.

**Molly Bushman '04, MAT '07** teaches fifth grade at Gubser Elementary in Keizer, Ore., after four years of teaching fourth grade at Richmond Elementary School. She lives in Keizer.

**Miranda Scolari '04** and **Derek Ishida '04** were married June 28, 2008, in Eureka, Calif. **Blake Shinn '04** officiated. Derek is in his second year of veterinary school at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona, Calif., and Miranda is pursuing a PhD in experimental psychology at University of California San Diego.



**Rose Barker '05** is teaching English in Manta, Ecuador. In her free time she is learning to kite-surf and staying with different local hosts found through couchsurfing.com.

**Nicole Dahl '05** and **Adam Nelson '05** were married in Whistler, British Columbia, on July 12. The wedding officiant was **Kara Forsyth '05**, and **Michael Robinson '05, MBA '07** was one of the groomsmen. Many other alumni were in attendance. The couple lives in Issaquah, Wash.

where he owns a construction company and coaches middle school basketball, and she is a physical therapist and coaches high school soccer.

**Robert J. Sumner '05** is the deputy press secretary for United States Senator **Lisa Murkowski JD '85**, R-Alaska. He is responsible for Senator Murkowski's new media initiatives in addition to other writing and messaging tasks. He previously served in the administration of President George W. Bush as a press specialist within the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**Mike Le Chevallier '06** was in Rwanda this past summer and coordinated a group of 16 high schools students studying global health, HIV and AIDS at various health facilities. He is currently on a fellowship at the University of Chicago Divinity School pursuing a Master of Divinity.

**Jill Summers '06** is the executive director of Salem Classical Fencing, responsible for day-to-day operations of the nonprofit group, including planning, event management and fundraising. The group opened in May 2004 and has more than 160 members.

**Brandon Bennett '07** is a lineman for the Tri-Cities Fever arena football team.

**Lauren Bucholz '07** and **Jeffrey Morris '07** were married Feb. 21 in Gig Harbor, Wash. The wedding party included **Melissa Dean '07**, **Lillie Timoney '07**, **Allison Tenold '07**, **Marc Therrien '05**, **Kelly Poe '07**, **Lin Zhao '07**, **Andrew Tyler '07**, **Tyler Gerttula '07** and **Trevor Gamache '09**.

**Kristi Ka'apu '07** and **Paul Andre '07** were married Aug. 2, 2008, in Hawaii. Paul is a manager with the ARC of Kona. The couple lives in Kamuela, Hawaii.



**John Olinger '05, MBA '07** plays basketball for the Coventry Crusaders in the English Basketball League. He is also participating in Hoops for Health, a teaching program directed at school-age children to stress the importance of physical activity and good nutrition.



**Kendra Bates '08** and **Matthew Schaefer** were married Sept. 6. **Ashley Wade '08** and **Kasey Schmidtbauer '08** were bridesmaids. The couple lives in Ingleside, Texas, where Matthew works for the U.S. Navy.

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**Christopher Steere '08** and **Holly Janka '09** were married in Anchorage, Alaska, on Aug. 4. Chris teaches English in Tatou, Japan, for a Japanese company.

**Amanda Rose '08** and **Matthew Watson** were married Jan. 24. The couple lives in Newman, Calif.

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## 1970s



**Tom Feely MBA'79** and **Jennifer LaFlamme** were married Oct. 18, 2008, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in southeast

Portland. Tom and Jennifer were engaged for eight years and honeymooned in Maui. Tom will be retiring from the City of Portland in July of this year. Tom and Jennifer are looking forward to spending a lot more time at their vacation home in the Mt. Hood National Forest.

**Jim Vangelos' MAD'79** environmental business, Polymer Logistics, continues to grow with new contracts on returnable packaging. The business will exceed \$20 million in 2009. Jim also joined the Yotta Mark advisory board in January 2009. Yotta Mark is a leader of tracing and tracking systems, based out of Redwood City, Calif.

## 1980s

**Ann Jackson MBA'84** wrote an article published by the *Willamette Law Review* in November, titled "The Inevitable — Death: Oregon's End of Life Choices." Ann has remained busy since she retired as executive director of the Oregon Hospice Association and through volunteer work at the Irvington Community Association. She is also working as a consultant in end-of-life healthcare planning.

**Jay Desai MBA'89**, founder and CEO of Universal Consulting India, has been invited to deliver a lecture on the Indian Health Care System to MBA students at the Wharton School in Philadelphia in November.

**Joey Razzano '89, MBA'90** is among the founding mothers and is chair of both hospitality and fundraising for the newly formed Special Education PTA of Portland (SEPTAP). On Jan. 27, SEPTAP held its first

meeting at Beverly Cleary Middle School with almost 40 people in attendance.

## 1990s

**Dana Hurtig MBA'94** joined Rentrak Corporation as director of technical operations in September 2008. Rentrak, located in Portland, Ore., is an industry-leading information management company, providing content measurement and analytical services to some of the most recognizable names in the entertainment industry.

**Julia Murton '94, MBA'97** is now a Mary Kay sales director in qualification.

**Kris Nelson MM'97** is vice president of business development at Hydrophix of Oregon ([hydrophixoregon.com](http://hydrophixoregon.com)), a storm water treatment company. Kris works with manufacturers, civil engineers, public works departments and environmental consultants on projects to remove hydrocarbons and bacteria from runoff and develop new uses in green building, hatcheries, etc. Kris is also writing an article on videoconferencing technology for the *Oregon State Bar Bulletin*.

**Loren Harwood MBA'98, CDR'98** is an accountant for North Bend-based Hough, MacAdam & Warnick, LLC. Loren is a CPA and certified financial planner, and has five years' experience in accounting and financial services. He worked as a CPA for a large firm in the Willamette Valley, and for an international brokerage firm. His areas of expertise include individual and corporate taxation, as well as personal financial planning.

**Jon Lazarus MM'98** is the president of the Willamette Valley Salem PMI (Project Management Institute).

**Jordan Bishko MBA/JD'99** works for Green Gear Cycling/Bike Friday, a Eugene, Ore., based manufacturer of folding bicycles.

**Anita Hughes MM'99** is the registrar for Clatsop Community College in Astoria, Ore. Anita relocated from Corvallis, where she worked as the MBA program coordinator at Oregon State University.

**Robert Anderson MBA'99** was promoted to regional controller for Affiliated Computer Systems (ACS) in October 2008. The new position is located in Portland and encompasses three divisions that hold contracts with 20 major financial clients such as Capital One, Barclays Bank and American Express.

## 2000s

To **Katrina Bauman MBA'00** and **Daniel Dummer**, a son, Kyle Douglas, born July 21. He joins brother Clayton, 2.



**Denise Crawford '95, MBA'00** and **John Callahan '92** were married in Cone Chapel on Oct. 12 by Willamette Chaplain Charlie Wallace. A

number of Willamette alumni, faculty and staff were in attendance for the celebration. Denise is the senior director of alumni relations and John is the director of network services at Willamette.

**Adam W. Heaton MBA/JD'02** was elected as chair of the Minnesota State Bar Association's (MSBA) General Practice, Solo & Small Firm section. As an MSBA board-certified real property law specialist, he has also been busy co-producing and writing articles for the *Community Living Journal* of the Minnesota Chapter of the Community Association Institute.

**Jason "JJ" Jarred MBA'02** is a human resource consultant for the Cascade Employers Association, a statewide human resource consulting group headquartered in Salem. Before joining Cascade, Jarred worked for five years at Spirit Mountain Casino in employment and employee relations. He received his professional certification from the Human Resource Certification Institute.



**Hemang Kapasi MBA'02** is an advisor to the Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) Summit, whose goal is to increase the collaboration between key business executives for effective corporate governance.

**Gerald (Jerry) Mathias MBA'03** is an advisor to the Bank of Nova Scotia (ScotiaBank) in Toronto, where he has been a senior business intelligence analyst since mid-2008. He is now responsible for advising on matters of policies and procedures while continuing to manage business intelligence projects and maintaining responsibility for capital investments and corporate lending reporting for global operations.

**Gloria Yan MBA'03** works as program design manager at Conservation Services Group, Inc. at their downtown Portland office. Conserva-

tion Services Group is a national non-profit company headquartered in Westborough, Mass., focusing on energy conservation and renewable energy.

**Elvira Mammadzada MBA'04** is the country manager for Azerbaijan with the international engineering projects firm Kerotech. She has been with the organization for more than three years and has been the acting country manager since November 2007. The company's head office is located in Cork, Ireland.

**Jorge Ordonez MBA'05** is a senior financial economist for the Public Utility Commission in Salem. He will conduct applied research concerning the development and administration of regulatory policies for electric, natural gas and telecommunications utilities.

**Joshua Caldwell MBA'06**, business development manager for S.D. Deacon Corp. of Oregon, was selected as a finalist for the 2008 Rainmaker awards.



**Dan Olson MBA'06** and **Madeleine Hudgins** were married on Oct. 13 in Moraga, Calif. The couple has

moved to Sydney, Australia, where Dan accepted an internal position at the Australian city center as head consulting specialist.



To **Heather Buxton Roberts MBA'06** and husband Chris, a son, Carter O'Reilly, born Dec. 24, 2008.



**Andy Yost MBA'06** passed the Global Professional in Human Resources (GPHR) certification exam on Jan. 26, after taking Lisbeth Claus' GPHR preparation course. In addition, he has started a private counseling practice specializing in solution-focused brief therapy and cognitive behavioral therapy for individuals or couples dealing with depression, anxiety, stress management, career planning or burnout. His website is <http://www.andyyostllc.com>.

To **John Haushalter MBA'07** and his wife, a son, Kaelin Matthew, born Feb. 19.



**John Olinger '05, MBA'07** plays basketball for the Coventry Crusaders in the English Basketball League. He is also participating in Hoops for Health, a teaching program directed at school-age children to stress the importance of physical activity and good nutrition.

**Tim Tanis MBA'07** joined Cabela's, Inc. as compensation manager in Sidney, Neb. In his new role, Tim is leading the development of a compensation department. He also passed the Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) exam.

**Mac Rinehart '96, MBA'08** joined The Regence Group on July 30, 2008, as a systems analyst specializing in data analysis and data warehousing solutions.

To **Amanda Stanley MBA'08** and husband Scott, a daughter, Rachel Drew, born Oct. 1. Amanda is taking six months off from her job at AT&T Mobility as an IT systems architect to enjoy her time as a new mom.

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To **Kimberly (Logue) Fancher MAT'02** and husband Rob, a son, Logan Benjamin, born Sept. 17, 2008. He joins brother Anthony, age 2. The family lives in Aberdeen, Wash., where Kim teaches seventh grade science at Hoquiam Middle School.

**Erica Henrikson '00, MAT'03** and Joseph Osorio were married Aug. 16 in Salem. **Jacqueline (Chauvet) Jeremiah '00** was the matron of honor. Erica teaches English and Joseph teaches business and computer technology, both at Knappa High School. The couple lives in Astoria, Ore.

**Molly Bushman '04, MAT'07** teaches fifth grade at Gubser Elementary in Keizer, Ore., after four years of teaching fourth grade at Richmond Elementary School. She lives in Keizer.

**Melissa Gooley MAT'08** and Michael Gammon were married July 25 in Mount Angel, Ore. The couple celebrated with a Caribbean cruise honeymoon. They live in Keizer, Ore.

## In Memoriam

### 1930s

**Irma F. (Green) Brickell '31** died Jan. 29 in Salem. She was born in Cedar Rapids, Neb., in 1909, and as a baby moved to Oregon, where her father served as a Methodist minister

for several small valley towns. She attended Willamette before graduating from the University of Oregon. She worked as a social worker, sometimes unpaid during the Depression, until her marriage to Eldon Brickell in 1937. Most of their married years were spent in San Francisco, where, during the war, Irma did social work and worked as a postal censor. After Eldon's death in 1945 she returned to Oregon and resumed her career, becoming the Yamhill County administrator for the Department of Public Welfare. In 1951 she completed a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Washington. Throughout her career she worked in a variety of positions involving adoption and counseling in Washington, Oregon and California. Music was an important part of her life, as she had become a church pianist at the age of 12 and as an adult was a member of the American Guild of Organists. A brother, **James Green '34**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a nephew and two nieces.

**Marjorie R. (Moser) Durham '32** died Dec. 21 in Seattle. She was born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1911, the daughter of **Lila Moser 1905**, and as a child moved with her parents, who were teachers, to a series of two-room schoolhouses throughout Washington, settling in Tenino in 1923. She graduated from Tenino High School and finished a degree in mathematics at Willamette. Upon graduating she found a job as a replacement teacher at Tenino High School. After she married Robert Durham in 1936, the couple settled in Seattle before moving in 1939 to Fautleroy, Wash., where he was building their home. Marjorie was a homemaker with four active children, and a partner in her husband's increasing involvement with the American Institute of Architects, first regionally, then nationally. From the beginning of their 43 years in the neighborhood, they were active members of the Fautleroy Community Church, taught Sunday school and served on many committees. She loved the outdoors and enjoyed identifying wildflowers and birds. She also enjoyed camping trips and travel, and took backpacking trips with her husband until she was 70 years old. A lengthy trip to Europe in 1956 was the first of many for the couple, who would eventually cover nearly every continent, culminating with a safari in 1994 with their four children and their spouses. An avid reader, she enjoyed discussing ideas with the other members of the Fautleroy reader's group, of which she was a member for nearly 40 years. Two brothers, **David E. Moser '35** and **Dix V. Moser '44**, and a cousin, **Anna Swafford '29**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a sister, **Elizabeth (Moser) Smith '44**, three

daughters, including **Gail Durham '63**, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Faye M. Henderson '32** died Dec. 22 in Olympia, Wash. She was born in 1910 in Elberton, Wash., and after finishing at Willamette completed a Master of Social Work at the University of California, Berkeley. She moved to Olympia in 1943 and worked in various areas of public social welfare until her retirement in 1974. As the director of Family and Children's Services for the Department of Social and Health Services, she was instrumental in the development and passage of Washington's first child protective services and day care licensing laws. After retirement, she remained active in the social welfare arena as a board member of United Way of Thurston County and as a member of its allocations committee.

**Clifton T. Clemens '34** died Jan. 18 in Sisters, Ore. He was born in 1906 in Dixon, Iowa, and attended Willamette before earning a degree from Oregon State Agricultural College. He married Dorothy Boshard in 1931 in Salem. He taught industrial arts at Union High School in Wasco, Calif., and later owned a construction and development business. He moved to Sisters in 1973 and was active in the community, serving as a charter member and first president of the Kwanis Club of Sisters and as a member of the Sisters School Board for 16 years. His wife, a daughter and a grandchild preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Howard R. Ennor '35** died March 5 in Richland, Wash. He was born in 1914 in Blackfoot, Idaho, and arrived in the Willamette Valley via a buckboard covered wagon. After earning a bachelor's degree in German, he went on to complete a master's in German and international relations at the University of Chicago. While working for the City of Chicago, he met and dated Lucile Hennings "on a dare," and they were married in 1940. He took a job at the Bonneville Power Administration that led to a position in the budget and finance division of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. Later, he accepted a position with the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria. For 15 years he enjoyed his diplomatic experience and international travel across every continent except Antarctica. He attended numerous official receptions for heads of state and royalty in palaces throughout Vienna and acted as director general at the annual United Nations General Conference. A naturalist at heart, his position afforded him the opportunity to travel

across four oceans, visit islands and reefs, straddle the source of the Rhine and Danube rivers and watch the sun rise over Mt. Everest. He finished his career working for the Energy Research and Development Administration in Washington, D.C., before retiring to pursue his wide interests: gardening, birding, grandchildren, travel, documenting his life, co-leading a Girl Scout troop and working with the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society in assorted leadership and educational roles. He was recognized for his dedication to environmental education, conservation and his balanced approach to nurturing nature and honoring the limits of the planet. Survivors include two sons, including **Gary Ennor '69**, two daughters and five grandchildren.

**John S. Hawk '38** died Jan. 26 in Salem. He was born in Newport, Wash., in 1911. He married Marjorie Fowley in 1938. He retired from the Mead Corporation, where he had been a warehouse clerk. A long-time member of Salem First Free Methodist Church, John enjoyed gardening and traveling. His wife and a son preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, two daughters, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Samuel K. Hughes '38** died Oct. 31 in Salem. He was born in 1915 in Salem and graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette and Pacific College of Optometry. Following graduation, he practiced optometry for over 40 years, retiring in 1983. In 1939 he married (Ida) Maxine Embrey in Vancouver, Wash., and they celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in August. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping, and he and his wife enjoyed one last fishing trip on the Alsea River last fall. He also enjoyed traveling and playing golf and bridge. Survivors include his wife, a sister, three sons, three granddaughters, two step-granddaughters and four step-great-grandchildren.

**H. "Dillon" D. Jones '38** died May 29 in Oregon. He was born Feb. 12, 1916.

**Dorothy E. (Ellinger) Pemberton '38** died Sept. 25. Her husband, **Howard Pemberton '37**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

### 1940s

**Charles J. Bickner '40** died Dec. 9 in Palmetto, Fla. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army Air Force as a 1st lieutenant. He flew 51 missions in North Africa and was awarded the Distinguished Flying

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Cross for action over Spezia, Italy. He was a member of the Caterpillar Club for parachuting under combat conditions. He retired from the State of Florida Department of Plant Industry. He was active in the First Methodist Church of Palmetto and was instrumental in the founding of the First United Methodist Drive-In Church in Palmetto. Two wives, a son and a daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, three stepdaughters, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Wallace M. Turner '40** died Jan. 27 in Everett, Wash. He was born in 1916 and grew up in Portland. After graduating from Willamette with a degree in economics, he received his master's degree in public administration from the University of Minnesota in 1942. A Rockefeller Fellowship enabled him to do a one-year residency at the university and a one-year internship with the U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served on a destroyer in the North Atlantic and South Pacific, retiring in 1946 as a lieutenant commander. Undecided on a career, he started law school at the University of California but left school to work for the Arabian American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia, first in the government relations department and then as a wage and salary analyst. While working for Aramco he met his wife Mildred, and they were married in New York City in 1949. They moved back to his hometown and he bought an automotive parts store in Ontario, Ore., but it wasn't long before he was drawn back to the Middle East as a management analyst with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees. He and his wife returned to the Northwest in 1954 and he purchased a three-store automotive parts business headquartered in Everett, Wash. During the 50 years he ran the business its size ranged from three to seven stores. He was an active member of the community, involved with the Everett Rotary Club and on the executive committees of the Snohomish County United Good Neighbors, Evergreen Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Everett Chamber of Commerce. He was a tireless worker, arriving at work before 7 a.m. and working until late in the evening six days a week, until his late 80s. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, two sons, four grandchildren and a brother.

**George M. McGlenn '41** died Feb. 11 in St. Helens, Ore. He was born in 1919 in Babcock, Wis., and moved to St. Helens at age 7. He graduated from St. Helens High School before attending Willamette. He was married to Dorothy Goodman in 1941,

and they were married for 61 years. In 1942 he entered the U.S. Army and was discharged in 1945. Upon his return to civilian life he became a postman for the U.S. Postal Service until his retirement in 1977. He was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed trout fishing. Survivors include two daughters, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Thomas Terjeson '41** died Oct. 13 in Kent, Wash. He was born in 1915 in Komsmo, Norway, and immigrated to the United States when he was 10 years old, moving to Helix, Ore. The same year of his graduation from Willamette, he began his teaching career in Camas, Wash. He married Margaret Hope Coan in August 1941. The following year he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he served until 1946. Upon his discharge, he returned to teach and was appointed high school principal in Camas. He then became superintendent of schools for 30 years. From 1960 to 1975 he served as superintendent of Puyallup, Wash., School District, and while doing so he continued his studies, earning a doctorate from the University of Washington. He married Zelda Cooney in 1973, and they moved Shelton, Wash., upon his retirement in 1975. He was very active in community affairs, having served as president and lieutenant governor for the Kiwanis club, board director of the metropolitan YMCA, a member of the Pierce County Cancer Society, president of the Puyallup Valley Chamber of Commerce, and administration board chairman of the Puyallup United Methodist Church. Upon his retirement he served as a volunteer executive for the International Executive Service Corps and was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. He also wrote a book in 1998, *Ellis Island and Me*, dedicated to his parents. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, four great grandchildren and three stepsons.

**Madeline E. (Thompson) Broshot '42** died Jan. 5 in Clackamas, Ore. She was born in 1918 in Cordova, Alaska, and graduated from Fort Vancouver High School in 1937. After graduating from Willamette she served in the Marine Corps as a staff sergeant. While serving at Camp Pendleton she met Arthur Broshot, and they were married in 1947 and had two children. In 1958 she went began working as a schoolteacher, teaching fourth and fifth grades in Midlothian, Ill., until 1963, then teaching grades five through nine in a two-room schoolhouse near Rolls, Mo. Following her teaching career,

she worked as a social worker in Missouri, and then Oregon. She retired in 1977 to care for her husband. She was a gifted oil and watercolor artist, an avid gardener and a postcard collector. She was active in the Women Marines and Disabled American Veterans. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Alice U. (Unruh) Burrell '42** died Nov. 26 in Salem. She was born in Salem and was in the last class to graduate from Salem High School. She attended Oregon State University before transferring to Willamette and graduating with Senior Scholar honors. She married Robert Burrell in 1941 and was able to be with him during his World War II service as he was stationed in the U.S. as a B-25 flight instructor. In 1976 she established her own company, Nobby Notions by Allie, and copyrighted two children's books and several nursery items to raise money for children with disabilities. She was a member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, Illahe Hills Country Club, the Salem Hospital Auxiliary and an associate member of the Assistance League of Salem. She was secretary-treasurer of Interstate Auto Parts Warehouse, her late husband's company. She enjoyed family, swimming, reading and computers. Her husband, brother **Richard Unruh '56** and sister **Doris (Unruh) Silkey '36** preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters and a granddaughter.

**James E. Mallicoat '43** died Nov. 7 in Oregon. He was born in 1920 in Portland and attended Willamette, Northwestern University and Lewis and Clark College, graduating with a degree in economics. He served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the South Pacific theater. He continued in the Naval Reserve until his retirement in 1980. He retired from the Bonneville Power Administration's management staff in 1971. A lifelong mason and shiner, he enjoyed music and sports and played in the Portland Junior Symphony as a youth and with most major bands in the area during his later years. A brother preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, a brother and two grandchildren.

**R. Merle Palmer '43** died Jan. 25 in Washington. He was born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1919 and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1938. He attended Pacific Lutheran University before coming to Willamette, and after graduating he was accepted into the Naval Officers Training School at Columbia University. He was assigned to the destroyer escort *Lozier*, which served in the Pacific. After returning, he married Flora Church, and they raised three

children. He began his career with Northwest Mutual Life in 1948, retiring in 1990. In 1970 he acquired a securities license and became affiliated with MMSE Financial, at age 62 he earned a master's degree in financial services. He served as president of the Tacoma Chartered Life Underwriters Association, and also served as a mentor to many new agents. As an active community volunteer, he focused on families in financial need. He was a life member of the Salvation Army board, and he worked as a primary leader to procure funds to provide for a larger shelter. He also served as president of the downtown Kiwanis club. In honor of his philanthropy, he received the George Hixon Award, the Jefferson Award, the Municipal Award, and two City of Tacoma Proclamations. He also started his own non-profit, the R. Merle Palmer Minority Scholarship Foundation, now called the Palmer Scholars. He resigned from the foundation in 2004, though the program continues and has helped more than 250 students. In 1972 he married Rosemary Hawkins, and they recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Family members describe him as a kind, generous, selfless man who retired from life leaving the world a better place. A daughter and brother preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, two stepsons, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a sister.

**Reeva Jean Schmidt '43** died April 22, 2008 in California. She was born in 1920 in Pendleton, Ore. Her husband preceded her in death.

**Marion R. (Coke) Grosvenor '44** died Oct. 13 in Kellogg, Idaho. She was born in 1923 in Portland and graduated from Grant High School before attending Willamette. Following her graduation, she attended Columbia University in New York City, earning her library science certification. She established the metallurgical library at the Bunker Hill Mining Company of Kellogg, and then served as a librarian at Kellogg High School for 10 years. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, the Kellogg Elks, Delta Gamma sorority and the Emmanuel Episcopal Church of Kellogg in addition to serving two terms on the West Shoshone Hospital board of Kellogg. She enjoyed her family, traveling, cruises and watching airplanes. She married William Grosvenor in 1948. He preceded her in death along with a son and a daughter. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

**Marjorie J. (Sipes) Stone '44**

died Nov. 1 in Washington. She was born in Tacoma, Wash., in 1924 and graduated from Oregon City High School before attending Willamette. She married Norman Stone in 1947. She devoted her life to helping others, frequently using her extensive weaving, knitting and quilting skills. She taught weaving classes, knitted caps, donated money to animal groups, worked in group homes and was instrumental in organizing and working with the Cheney (Wash.) Recycling Center. She served as the advisor to SPURS, a service sorority at Eastern Washington University. Family and friends remember fondly her cooking and the hundreds of meals she provided for her husband's weekly poker games hosted in their basement. She enjoyed studying genealogy and traced both her and her husband's families back to the 1600s. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons and four grandchildren.

**Elinor Smith '45** died Feb. 26 in Washington. She was born on Sept. 21, 1922.

**James R. Case '46** died Dec. 13 in Monrovia, Calif. He was born in Salem in 1924 and graduated from Salem High School. At Willamette he was a member of the Alpha Psi Delta fraternity. In 1943 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and was stationed at U.C. Berkeley, Lake Michigan and Treasure Island, Calif. Eventually he became an electronics and radar instructor and a 3rd class petty officer. During his time at Lake Michigan he briefly dated his future wife, Esther Cox. Upon returning to Berkeley, they communicated through daily letters until his proposal and her subsequent move to Berkeley. They were married in 1945 and moved to Chicago, where he was employed as a salesman. In 1952 they returned to California and he went to work for Byron-Jackson, Borg-Warner and finally Resdel Engineering, from which he retired in 1987. He completed his bachelor's in electronic engineering in 1957 from USC and with his degree worked as an electronics engineer, project manager and assistant director of engineering. Among his most noteworthy projects were the research and development of the early space capsules and the first non-nuclear ballistic missile intercept. He was later honored by Lockheed Martin for his contributions to the national missile defense programs. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters, a member and past president of the Mithras Civitans, and was involved in many of his wife's civic and social events. Throughout his retirement he enjoyed traveling with his wife and spending time with family and friends. A brother, **Donald Case '55**,

preceded him in death. Survivors include a daughter, a son, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

**June E. (Eggiman) McCullum '46** died Jan. 4 in Oregon City, Ore. After graduating from Willamette she moved to Jennings Lodge in 1957. She was a teacher for the Oregon City School District and moved to Milwaukie in 2003. She married William McCullum in 1946. He and a son preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

**Douglas V. Olds '46** died Jan. 10 in Oregon. He was named the 1946 Athlete of the Year at Willamette. His sister, **Helen F. (Olds) Dunn '38**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife and a daughter.

**Frederick A. Anderson '49** died March 4 in Portland. He grew up in Wasco, Ore. He married Marilyn Olsen in 1958, and they lived on a ranch near Wasco. He worked as a mail carrier for many years and retired as a wheat rancher. He was a member of the Wasco United Methodist Church and the Elks Lodge, and enjoyed Formula 1 races, fishing, World War II airplanes, history, cars and spending time with family. Survivors include a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

**William S. Faminow '49** died Jan. 6 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He practiced medicine in Alberta for 35 years. He was preceded in death by his brother, **Peter Faminow '43**. Survivors include his wife, three sons, two daughters and brother **Steve Faminow '50**.

**John W. Lyles Jr. '49** died Sept. 26 in Portland. He was born in Bartlesville, Okla., in 1924 and served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After graduating from Willamette, he moved to Portland and was an underwriter for Hartford Insurance. He was married to **Alberta Fern '53**, who preceded him in death. Survivors include four daughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Philip S. Chambers '50** died Feb. 20 in Salem. He was born in Salem and, with the exceptions of a short time in Tillamook, Ore., and a stint in the U.S. Army, lived there his entire life. He graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. He worked at the Ladd and Bush branch of U.S. Bank for his entire career. Survivors include many cousins and friends.

**Jack R. Eby '50** died Jan. 1 in Sequim, Wash. He was born in Salem in 1927 and grew up in Portland, graduating from Hill Military Academy in 1945 on VE Day, receiving his draft notice the same day. Following his service in the U.S. Army, he attended Willamette before accepting a job in Boeing's Commercial Airplane division, which took him to Seattle. His hobbies included mountain climbing and he was a member of the Seattle Mountaineers. He became a qualified climb leader and led climbers to the top of Mt. Rainier, in addition to climbing most of the mountains in Oregon, Washington and Northern California. In 1963 he was a founding member of the Boeing Employees Alpine Society (BoeAlps), which continues today. Beyond climbing he enjoyed camping, hiking, boating and spending time with his large family. After retiring, he and his wife spent their years traveling the western United States, from Alaska to Mexico, and Hawaii. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, a son, two stepdaughters, 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Betty E. Holyfield '50** died Dec. 18 in Anchorage, Alaska. She was born in 1928 in Oklahoma City, Okla., and moved to Alaska in 1950. She graduated in pre-med with a triple-major in biology, chemistry and physics and taught at the School for the Blind. She did her initial graduate studies at the University of Michigan. After obtaining her master's degree from the University of California, she was a counselor for the Youth Opportunity Center, first in Fairbanks, Alaska, and later in Anchorage. She served as an advocate for the underserved and as counselor and director of programs for the WIN program, helping women gain an education, care for their families and obtain meaningful employment. In the late 1970s she obtained her pilot's license; she served as a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol for more than 20 years. She then obtained her master's degree in aerospace education at the University of Middle Tennessee while pursuing her doctorate in the same field. She traveled throughout the Soviet Union and China to assess the progress of their aerospace programs and continued to write, lecture and teach. Survivors include her husband, a son, two daughters and a sister.

**Donald B. MacGregor '50** died May 19, 2008 in California.

**Virginia B. (Balk) McLellan '50** died Dec. 22 in Burlingame, Calif. She was born in Portland and attended Tigard High School before coming to Willamette, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She met her husband, **Dale C. McLellan '50**, at Willamette and the couple

enjoyed 60 years of marriage, taking frequent trips and hosting family functions. She was a 35-year volunteer for Stanford Children's Hospital and an active Pi Beta Phi member for 60 years, hosting many alumni gatherings. She and her husband attended their cotillion group yearly and also traveled the United States pursuing their love of Dixieland music. She never missed a bridge game and loved to attend the theater in San Francisco and on the peninsula. She was a woman of faith, participating in the Chancel and Bell Choirs, and gave to her church at every turn. Survivors include her husband, a son, three daughters and nine grandchildren including **Michael DeMaria '06**.

**Evelyn A. (Taylor) Rucker '50** died Nov. 22 in New Brunswick, N.J. She was born in Haines, Ore., and, after graduating from Willamette, received her master's in education at the University of Washington. She taught elementary school and worked for the State of New Jersey as a caseworker for the Division of Family and Youth Services. Survivors include a son, two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Jean L. (Doolittle) Boyle '51** died Dec. 18 in Bend, Ore. She was born in Aberdeen, S.D., in 1928. She studied nursing at Willamette before her marriage to Orval Boyle in 1950 in Salem. After moving to Bend in 1958, she was a clerk at Magill Drug. She then became an administrative assistant in the Bend-La Pine School District, working at R.E. Jewell and Buckingham Elementary Schools. She retired in 1985. Survivors include a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Frank J. Hedges '51** died March 4 in Oregon. He was born in Monmouth, Ore., in 1926. He married Marilyn Grosvenor in 1948. He graduated from Turner High School before attending Willamette. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy as a medic. He was a grocer in the Willamette Valley and Redmond, Ore., for 45 years, retiring in 1988. His family remembers his great sense of humor and willingness to tell a joke. He enjoyed the daily crossword, sports, and spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, four sons, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Wesley Sue (Woodard) Place '51** died Feb. 14 in Portland. She was born in Vivian, La., in 1930 and moved to Oregon in 1944. She graduated from high school in Milwaukie, Ore., before attending Willamette. While attending, she met her husband, David Place, and

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they were married in 1953. In 1959 their son Barton was born, and in 1960 the family moved to Burlington, Wash. She taught kindergarten in the Burlington-Edison School District for 27 years, retiring in 1992. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, taking walks, traveling and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sisters, two sons and four grandchildren.

**Elizabeth J. (Mountcastle) Turner '51** died Dec. 11 in Raymond, Wash. She was born in 1928 in Portland and was a graduate of Raymond High School. She attended Whitman College before transferring and graduating from Willamette with a degree in mathematics. She married F. Scott Turner in 1951 in Raymond. In the 1960s and 1970s she worked as a substitute teacher, and from 1972 to 1989 she was the office manager of Turner and Son, Inc. In 1989 she became the president and owner of the company, positions she held for 10 years. She was a worthy matron and a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a past president of the American Association of University Women and a member of the United Church in Raymond. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and cooking. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include sons Michael Turner '76, MM'88 and Paul Turner '76, a daughter, Elizabeth (Turner) Ginther '74, a brother and eight grandchildren.

**Delman R. Asher '52** died March 1 in Midland, Mich. He was born in Merrill, Ore., and graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. After finishing his bachelor's degree he went on to complete a master's in physical chemistry at Oregon State University. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. In 1948 he married Wilman Sharpnack, who predeceased him in September 1985. He then married Mary Lee Snider in 1991, in Midland. He worked at the Dow Chemical Company for 35 years as a research chemist. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, two stepsons, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Donald L. Irwin '52** died Feb. 21 in Sacramento, Calif. He grew up in the Matanuska Valley in Alaska and, after graduating with a degree in economics, joined the U.S. Air Force. He served for 21 years, first as a navigator, and then as a pilot. He was a decorated veteran of two tours of duty in Vietnam and twice saved aircraft after complete engine failures in flight. Early in his Air Force career he met his wife, Maureen Callaghan of Sacramento. After retiring from the Air Force in 1973, he worked in real estate and banking

before managing the successful startup California Image Associates in Rancho Cordova, Calif. He was active in his Kiwanis club and also volunteered with the Sacramento Police Department. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son, two sisters and five grandchildren.

**Thomas P. Joseph Jr. '52, JD'55** died Sept. 9 in Beaverton, Ore. He was born in 1930 in Weiser, Idaho. He served in the Army and was an attorney and managing partner of the firm McMenamin, Joseph and Herrell. He served on the board at Marylhurst University and was a trustee and director of the Kidney Association of Oregon. In 1953 he married Betty Jean Mullin. Survivors include a son, a daughter and six grandchildren.

**Ronald W. Neperud '52, E'54** died Nov. 17 in Belleville, Wis. He was born in 1929 in Blair, Wis., and moved with his family to Oregon. He met Frances Zahler at Silverton High School and they were married in 1950. After completing a master's degree at Willamette, he attended the University of Oregon and finished his doctorate in art education. He began his teaching career in Salem, taught later at Eastern Washington State College, and returned to Wisconsin in 1967 for a long career at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a professor of art education. He retired in 1995. He received many awards in his career as an educator, and his writings were published in books and art journals. He served in the U.S. Army in San Francisco from 1954-56. He was passionate about many things and shared hobbies with his family — travel, nature, art, fishing, hunting, gardening and animals. His most recent hobby was raising a herd of registered polled Hereford cattle on his farm in Belleville. A brother, Stanley Neperud '54, and a granddaughter preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, three sons, two daughters and five grandchildren.

**Jerry E. Taylor '52** died Feb. 11 in Keizer, Ore. He was born in Corvallis in 1920 and spent his childhood years in Salem and on his grandparents' farm in Corvallis, Ore. He graduated from Salem High School and married Marion Coffel while enrolled at Willamette. He worked as an Oregon State Police officer, an agent for Allstate Insurance and served in the National Guard for 42 years, starting out as a mess sergeant and retiring in 1989 as the command sergeant major of the 1249th Engineer Battalion. He owned and managed several small businesses, including the Plaza Restaurant in Silverton, Ore., Pits Seafood Market in Medford, Ore., and a Union Oil station in Salem.

He was also a volunteer firefighter in the Keizer Fire Department and a member of the Keizer Kiwanis Club. In his free time he enjoyed fishing, gardening and traveling with his wife and family. Family members remember his strength, friendliness, integrity and sense of humor. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and a grandson.

**Betty J. (Weber) Bolton '53** died Jan. 3 in Portland. She was born in Gresham, Ore., and while growing up was involved in ballet and the band at Gresham High School. After graduating with a degree in nursing, she married Richard Bolton '51. She worked as a nurse at Woodland Park hospital and Emmanuel hospital. She enjoyed skiing, ballet, book club, playing her clarinet and traveling the world with alumni from Willamette, friends and family. She was a member of the Tualatin Community Band and the Beaverton Community Band, as well as a longtime member of the First Baptist Church, where she volunteered on many committees. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include four sons, including Robert Bolton '80, two daughters and 13 grandchildren.

**George W. Croisan '53** died Dec. 30 in Salem. Survivors include wife Alyce (Koch) Croisan '53 and daughter Mollie Croisan '90, JD'94.

**James A. Eddy '53** died Nov. 7 in Oregon. He was born and raised in Albany, Ore., graduating with honors from Albany High School before moving to Portland with his family. He attended one year at Willamette but left due to health problems. After a short stint working at a department store in Portland, he was hired by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to work in their headquarters. In 1953 he transferred to the Oregon State Public Welfare Commission and became their first computer programmer in 1958. The Commission later became the Oregon Department of Human Resources, from which James retired as a data processing manager. He married Frances Thompson in 1960. He also served as Grand Master for the Odd Fellow Grand Lodge of Oregon in 1986, after which he became the office manager until his resignation in 1993. He had a lifelong interest in trains and trolleys, and he enjoyed modeling, gardening and collecting phonograph records. Survivors include his wife, a sister, a stepbrother, a stepsister, two nieces and two nephews.

**Mary Lou (Ratcliff) Smith '53** died June 9, 2008, in Modesto, Calif. She was born Feb. 22, 1931. Survivors include a son.

**Harriet J. (Bennett) Miller '54** died Dec. 1 in McMinnville, Ore. She was born in Pueblo, Colo., in 1931, moved to Portland with her family after grade school, and graduated from Franklin High School in Portland. She attended Willamette for three years before transferring to the University of Oregon and finishing degrees in education and journalism. After teaching in Toledo, Ore., she moved to Carlton in the 1950s and became a partner in the C-Y Review and Amity Standard newspapers. She was also a partner in Bennett and Miller Printing and McMinnville's News-Advertiser free distribution paper. In 1971 she moved to McMinnville and in 1981 she went to work in the Yamhill County Assessor's Office. She served as Yamhill County Treasurer from 1992 until her retirement in 1999. She was a member of the Methodist Church, P.E.O., and the McMinnville Kiwanis Club. She served on the boards of Juliette's House and the Town Homes West Homeowners Association. A brother preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Yvonne "Tiny" M. (VanHollebeke) Wachtel '54** died Feb. 6 in Richland, Wash. She was born in Walla Walla, Wash., in 1931, the oldest of eight children. By the age of 10 she had learned to drive wheat trucks to help her father on their wheat farm. She graduated from Kahlotus High School in 1949 and attended Yakima Valley Community College, Pepperdine University, and Willamette before graduating from Whitworth University with a degree in education. She taught for two years in Washburn, Wash., and continued in Finley, Wash., where she taught for 28 years, retiring in 1991. She and her husband, Lloyd Wachtel, were married in 1958 in Spokane, Wash., and they adopted two sons together. Survivors include her husband, her mother, two sons, and two grandchildren.

**Philip A. Brown '55** died Oct. 29, 2006, in Oregon. Survivors include two daughters.

**Earl L. Pickett '55** died Dec. 9 in Portland. He was born in 1933 in North Bend, Ore., and moved to Portland as a child. He graduated from Franklin High School and joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from Willamette. He was an accountant with Pacific Power and Light for 25 years and was a founding member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Portland. He moved to Beaverton in the early 1960s. In 1955 he married Joyce Schmitz, who preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, a son, 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Duane W. Shield '55** died Nov. 15 in Washington. He was a long-time resident of Burien, Wash., where he owned and operated Burien Mortgage and Escrow for 35 years. Survivors include two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Alvin J. Chanda Jr. '56** died Nov. 27 in Rocklin, Calif. He was born in Seattle in 1934 and grew up in Bonneville, Ore. He graduated from Stevenson High School. At Willamette he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity and served as student body president. After completing a degree in economics, he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy until 1962. He married his wife Carolyn in 1964 and they raised their seven children in Cupertino, Calif., where he worked as a real estate broker. He was active at the Westgate Church in San Jose, Calif., and served as an elder until moving to Yuba City, Calif., in 2006. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a brother, a sister, five sons, two daughters and 18 grandchildren.

**William Dwight Rankin '56** died Sept. 26 in Oregon. He was born in Astoria, Ore., and moved with his family to Salem in 1944. He attended Salem High School and graduated from Eugene High School in 1952. He owned a bicycle and lawn mower sales and service business before working for Sterling Drug, Oregon Physician Service and Kay Bank. He retired in 1995. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, boating, camping and telling stories and jokes to friends and family. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a brother.

**Lawrence C. Ebner '57** died Aug. 18 in Washington. He was born in Woodburn, Ore., in 1925 and grew up in the Mt. Angel, Ore., area. He attended Willamette on a football scholarship and married Carol Bailly in 1955. The couple had four children. His banking career began at the Federal Reserve Bank in Seattle, and he transferred later to People's National Bank. He retired as vice president of U.S. Bank in Yakima, Wash. He served in the National Guard and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, traveling and spending time with family. His wife and a brother preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, four brothers and a sister.

**Bruce E. Fountain '57** died Nov. 11 in Pacific Grove, Calif. He was a tax consultant who grew a small office into two companies in California, Oregon and Washington with 32 offices. He was a great enthusiast of all things mechanical and particularly

loved Sunbeam Tiger sports cars. He was a founding father of the Sunbeam Tiger Owners Association that brought hundreds of Sunbeam owners together. His family notes that he modified everything for better results, including his Tiger and home appliances. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, two stepchildren and 17 grandchildren.

**Fredrick A. Roberts '59** died Nov. 18 in Salem. He was born in 1937 and grew up in Portland, attending Rose City Park grade school and Grant High School. He attended Willamette for two years before transferring to Oregon State University to study chemical engineering. He took a break from his studies and joined the Oregon Air National Guard, repairing radar equipment for airplanes for seven years before returning to school. After graduating, he went to work as an analytical chemist for the Crown Zellerbach paper mill in Oregon City, Ore., and later the Environmental Protection Agency in Corvallis, Ore., and Newport, Ore. He specialized in gas chromatography-mass spectrometry. He retired from the EPA in 1997 after 30 years. He was involved in Gideons International, the Full Gospel Businessman's Fellowship and a local jail ministry. He served on the board and volunteered at TruCenter Home, a parole group residence. He also supported several ministries locally. His family notes his exceptional handiwork and his ability to invent or repair anything. He built many things from kits including a television, various testing equipment, a motorbike and eventually his own house. Survivors include his wife, a brother, two daughters and four grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Stephanie (Mergler) Baker '60** died Sept. 10 in Washington. Born in Salem in 1938, her father relocated the family to Mt. Vernon, Wash., in 1942 when he purchased the Mount Vernon Argus, which he published for 40 years. After attending Willamette, Stephanie graduated from Central Washington University with a teaching degree. She taught elementary school in Colton, Wash., and later in the Highline School District. She and her husband adopted two children from Colombia: Jesus in 1983 and Claudia in 1986. Her many hobbies included volunteering at Mission to Unreached Peoples, two sons preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, a daughter and sister, **Lou Ann (Mergler) Sobieski '57**,

**John L. Rasmussen '60** died Dec. 24 in Twin Falls, Idaho. He was born in 1935 in Newberg, Ore., graduated from North Marion High School in 1953 and enlisted in the U.S. Army for three years immediately afterward. After graduating from Willamette he earned a master's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Hawaii. He married Blanche Christensen in 1960, and they lived their first year together in Hawaii before returning to Oregon. In 1963 he went to work for Equitable Life Assurance Society as a real estate and farm loan appraiser. He was transferred to Twin Falls in 1968 and except for 10 years working as a partner at Agland Mortgage, he worked the rest of his career there, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Twin Falls Reformed Church, enjoyed volunteer work, served on the Salvation Army board and was a member of Kiwanis. Family and friends remember his hunting trips and golf outings, as well as his accomplishment of running the Portland Marathon at age 50. Survivors include his wife, five sons, 11 grandchildren and three sisters.

**Marvin A. Cisneros '61** died Dec. 9 in Endicott, Idaho. He was born in Oregon City, Ore., in 1939 and graduated from Oregon City High School in 1957 before attending Willamette on a football scholarship. He made the NAIA All-American football team and completed ROTC, becoming a commissioned officer in the U.S. Air Force. He married Jean Kamolz on Valentine's Day, 1959. They raised five children as they were stationed in Nebraska, France, Texas, Virginia, Arizona, California and Germany. He spent 14 years in the Air Force, including a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He finished out his career in civil service, working for the U.S. Army. Aside from his love of football in his younger years, he was a handball champion for many years. He retired in 1994 and moved to Endicott, where he and his wife could be close to his daughter's family. He enjoyed buying and selling antiques but was happiest when surrounded by family, especially his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, four sons including **Tony Cisneros '91**, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Deborah A. Gray '61** died Feb. 28 in Flagstaff, Ariz. She was born in Woodland, Calif., and after graduating she worked in the Spanish department at Orme School and Ranch before moving to Flagstaff. She especially enjoyed the ocean and the mountains. Survivors include two brothers, a stepdaughter and many extended family members.

**Stanley Solomon Jr. '61** died Jan. 16 in Portland. He was born in 1939 in Kohala, Hawaii, and raised by his single mother, with whom he was very close. She shared with Stanley a belief in self-improvement through education and hard work. After distinguishing himself as a hurdler, sprinter and football player at McKinley High School in Honolulu, he attended Willamette on a full athletic scholarship. During his college career he was named to the All-Northwest Conference team four times as running back, including three First Team selections. He was also selected as the Oregon Small College Player of Year. In football, his record for career rushing stood for 30 years and his record for total points scored remains unbroken. As a result of his athletic accomplishments he was inducted into the Willamette Hall of Fame three times, in 1992 as a football player, in 1995 as a member of the undefeated 1960 football team, and in 1999 as a member of the 1958 football team. He was an assistant football coach throughout his 28-year tenure at Marshfield and for two years following his retirement in 1994. He was also head coach of the girls' basketball team from 1997-1999. Stanley was a lifelong coach of track and field, forming the first co-ed track team and organizing the first co-ed track meet at Marshfield. He served as head coach from 1974-1996 and as assistant coach from 1997 until his death. He coached numerous state champions during that time, including seven pole vault state champions in the last decade. Two weeks before his death he was recognized as the 2009 National Pole Vault Coach of the Year. Outside of coaching, he enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, hunting and fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and attending an annual gathering of family and friends for camping and whitewater rafting on the Rogue River. At home, he and his wife enjoyed maintaining their 24-acre farm, raising horses, cattle, sheep and one family of ducks that was especially attached to him. A stepdaughter and grandson preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, **Michael Solomon '83**, three daughters, including **Linda (Solomon) Behner '84**, three stepdaughters, a brother, a sister and 10 grandchildren.

**David E. Marsters '62** died March 8 in Poulsbo, Wash. He was born in 1939 in Salem, and at Willamette was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He also served in Thailand with the Peace Corps, where he met fellow volunteer Tommie Griffin. The couple married in 1965. They moved to Hawaii when David received a grant from the East-West Center to pursue graduate studies at the

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University of Hawaii. His teaching career eventually led him to corrections education, and in 1990 he was voted International Teacher of the Year. He also achieved mastery in the arts of ceramics and calligraphy. He was especially adept at making mobiles. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter and four granddaughters.

**Robert J. Jussila '63** died Sept. 28 in Portland. He was born in 1941 in Alameda, Calif., and raised in San Bruno, Calif. After graduating from Willamette he served in the Army. He worked as an interviewer for Bardsley and Haslach, and later held several jobs and was a house-husband. In 1964 he married Patricia McWilliams. Survivors include his wife, a niece and nephews.

**Bruce A. Rose '63** died March 5, 2008, in Oregon. He was born in 1941 in Portland, to **Harold '33** and **Lucille (Flanary) Rose '33**. He attended Western Oregon College of Education and Oregon State University, and after earning his master's degree he worked as an English teacher at North Eugene High School and Churchill High School. He married **Barbara (Balsiger) '62** in 1990 in Eugene, Ore. Survivors include his wife, daughter **Shannon A. Rose '97**, sister **Doris (Rose) Burkland '67**, a son and six stepchildren.

**Susan J. (Macduff) Wood '63** died Feb. 3 in Walnut Creek, Calif. She was born in San Francisco in 1941 and spent her early years in Berkeley, Calif., before graduating from Acalanes High School. After graduating from Willamette, she went on to earn her master's in medical sociology from Ohio State University. Following her marriage to Ralph Wood, she lived in Texas until returning to the Bay Area in 1992. She was the sole proprietor of Research Administration Services, an author, a docent and an active member of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

**Susan A. (Harlor) Hill '66** died Aug. 29 in Perrydale, Ore. She was born in Scott Field, Ill., and moved to California when she was 10. She earned her bachelor's in English at Willamette and a Master of Library Science from the University of California Berkeley. She lived in Berkeley for many years as a stay-at-home mother, librarian, and corporate investor relations and real estate management executive. After earning a certificate in landscape design from Cal-Berkeley, she owned a landscaping and gardening business. In 1988, remembering fondly her time spent in the Willamette Valley, she moved her family to Perrydale, teaching at Chameketa Community College, working at Meier and Frank department store and serving as a rural

mail carrier in Polk County. She was a certified master gardener through Oregon State University extension service, book chairwoman of the Hardy Plant Society and president of the Salem Hardy Plant Society. (During the 1990s she was the floriculture superintendent for the Polk County Fair, and from 1999-2004 she co-authored the Pacific Northwest and Western Region editions of *The Plant Locator*. Afterward she started *The Gardener's Gardener*, a garden design and landscaping business. She and her husband spent years restoring their Craftsman-style home, putting her design gifts to good use. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, a son, a stepson and five grandchildren.

**James G. Worden '66** died Dec. 17 in Oregon. He was born in Canandigua, N.Y., in 1944 and grew up in San Carlos, Calif. At Willamette he met his wife **Kathleen (Norris) '66** and graduated with a degree in history. He went on to complete a master's degree in history and education at Claremont. He taught and coached in West Covina, Calif., before moving to Oregon City in 1970. He taught there for 28 years in addition to serving as a technology specialist for Clackamas County ESD. After retiring, he served as a technology consultant for many school districts. During his career he coached men's basketball for 41 years at Charter Oak High School, Oregon City, Mt. Hood Community College and Clackamas Community College. He also coached football, swimming, cross-country and coached at several basketball camps. His life was dedicated to teaching and coaching, and his family notes his determination to better the lives of young people. Survivors include his wife, two sons, four grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

**Russel M. Heath '67** died Sept. 3 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Survivors include his wife and three daughters.

**Mary Lou (O'Bryan) Tompkin Thomas E'69** died Nov. 22 in Salem. She was born in 1918 in Stevenson, Wash., and graduated from Tennessee College for Women before completing a master's degree at Willamette. She was a saleswoman for Prudential Real Estate for more than 20 years and lived in Salem for 41 years before moving to Lake Oswego in 2004. In 1943 she married Joseph Tompkin; he died in 1986. She then married Jesse Thomas in 1999; he died in 2005. Survivors include two daughters, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## 1970s

**Scott R. Carpenter '71** died Feb. 10 in Oregon. After attending Willamette, he graduated from Oregon State University. He worked for the State of Oregon for many years and participated in the Oregon State Legislature. He enjoyed traveling, especially with his wife of 16 years, Paula Chan. Survivors include his wife, two stepdaughters, one grandchild, his mother, a brother and a sister.

**Leonard A. Valadez '71** died Dec. 16 in Tacoma, Wash. He was born in Yakima, Wash., in 1948 and graduated from Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Wash. At Willamette he earned a degree in physics and went on to pursue advanced degrees in metallurgical engineering and mechanical engineering from Columbia University and U.C. Berkeley. He worked at Weyerhaeuser for 10 years as a mechanical engineer before moving to California Saw and Knife, where he worked for 24 years and retired as vice president. He traveled all over the world, both professionally and personally, and also pursued lifelong fitness, with great success in distance running, mountain biking and kayaking. His family notes that he loved hot food and music, especially the blues. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, two brothers and a sister.

**Nicholas A. Drakulich '72** died Feb. 5 in Hillsboro, Ore. He was born in Portland in 1950 and graduated from David Douglas High School before attending Willamette. After graduating he attended the Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark. He practiced law in downtown Portland for 28 years, building a successful practice along with a partner. He retired in March 2008 and celebrated by taking a fishing trip to Argentina. He enjoyed coaching baseball and basketball, watching his kids play sports, fly fishing around the world, and was a connoisseur of expensive cigars, inexpensive red wine and Georgia Bulldog football. Survivors include his wife, two sons and a daughter.

**Richard H. Lavelly '72** died Feb. 5 in Manteca, Calif. He was born in Omaha, Neb., though he moved with his family to Portland at a young age. He attended Grants Pass High School before attending Willamette. He settled on a career as an auto mechanic, and by the age of 28 he owned his own service station in Portland. He met his wife Becky when she took her car for service at his station. They married in 1975 and raised two daughters. In 1994 he moved his family to Manteca to work for the Triad Corporation and Trend

Technologies, eventually owning his own fire franchise. He gave back to his community whenever possible, using his business to promote an annual "Coats for Kids" drive. He was also an active cyclist and golfer, and participated in the Seattle-to-Portland bike race for two years. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, his parents, two sisters and a brother.

**Molly A. Mack '72** died Dec. 10 in Champaign, Ill. She was born in Portland in 1950 and attended St. Mary's Academy in Portland. She graduated from Willamette with a degree in English and went on to earn her master's from the University of Vermont and her doctorate in linguistics from Brown University. After graduating she worked in a post-doctoral position at Brown and then taught psycholinguistics at Wellesley College and served as a speech researcher at the MIT Lincoln laboratory. She finished her career as a professor in the Department of Linguistics at the University of Illinois. She was the author of articles and chapters on psycholinguistics and neurolinguistics, and was co-editor of a book, *Mind, Brain, and Language*. Survivors include a brother.

**William P. Horton '73** died Jan. 28 in Portland. He was born in Baker, Ore., in 1951 and moved to Albany, Ore., with his family. He attended several colleges, including Willamette, and earned a law degree from the University of Puget Sound. For 29 years he practiced law in Portland. He lived by the motto, "Learn something and have fun," something he always emphasized to his girls. He especially enjoyed fly fishing with them, duck hunting, watching movies and reading. A brother preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and two brothers.

**Robert H. Fisher '78** died Nov. 4 in Oregon. He was born in 1954 in Fort Worth, Texas, and moved to Portland as a child, later graduating from Beaverton High School. After Willamette he was a superintendent for Walsh Construction, where he started working in 1978. In 1987 he married Barb Dever. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and three sisters.

**Barry E. Sullivan '78** died Jan. 16 in Portland. He was born in 1955 in Rocky Ford, Colo., and moved to Dayton, Ore., in 1965. After Willamette, he lived in Seattle before moving in the early 1980s to Wilsonville, Ore. He operated the Westview Texaco gas station in Woodburn, Ore., for 14 years. Survivors include his mother, two sisters and a brother.

## 1980s

**Stanley E. Spurgeon '81** died Sept. 6 in Washington. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

**Bruce L. Henderson '84** died Dec. 8 in Salem. He was born in Honolulu and graduated from Willamette with a degree in economics. After graduation he returned to Hawaii to coach at Roosevelt High School, his alma mater, where he discovered a passion for the job. He then returned to Oregon, serving as assistant basketball coach at Jesuit High School, Portland State University, Oregon State University and finally Willamette. In 2005 he became head coach of Willamette's women's basketball program. His family notes that he saw every person in his life as important and was always one to lend a helping hand, throw out one-liners or tell a "lame" joke to brighten someone's day. In addition his focus on basketball, Bruce also pursued golf. Survivors include his wife, **Nikki Binnie-Henderson '85**, a sister and many extended family members.

**Richard T. Holmes '86** died Nov. 5 in Salem. He was born and raised in Washington, D.C. He moved west and attended Yakima Community College and Willamette; he played basketball for both. His love for the game continued as he coached and refereed various teams and tournaments. He worked for the State of Oregon for over 20 years. A sister and two brothers preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, six children and five grandchildren.

## 2000s

**Daniel W. Humphrey '05** died Jan. 8 in Middlebury, Vt. He was born in Middlebury in 1982 and graduated from Middlebury High School before attending Willamette. He worked for many winters as a snowboard instructor at the Middlebury College Snow Bowl and worked at the Middlebury Natural Foods Co-Op and Weybridge Elementary School. He also taught piano and saxophone to local students. His family notes that he loved the simple things in life, especially music. Survivors include his wife, parents and a brother.

**Matthew A. Russell Mapp '06** died Jan. 22 in Idaho. He was born in Boise in 1982 and attended Boise High School, lettering in football, basketball and track, before attending Willamette. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and lettered in football before graduating with a major in international studies. In 2006 he lived in Germany for eight months as a participant

in the CBYX Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, sponsored by the United States Congress and the German Parliament. Survivors include his parents, two brothers and a grandmother.

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**Thomas B. Stoel** died Sept. 27 in Oregon. He was born and raised in Clayton, N.Y., and from a young age was a quick learner, entering the third grade at age five with help from tutoring by an older sister. At age 11 he opened a checking account with money earned as a Western Union delivery boy. As a child, he enjoyed boating so he and a friend purchased a boat, nicknamed the "Red Devil," unbeknownst to his parents. He graduated from high school at age 15 and attended Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y., on a New York Regent's Scholarship. He then attended Duke Law School on a scholarship and, after graduating in 1937, he moved to Portland, passed the bar exam and began working at the law firm of Cary, Hart, Spencer and McCulloch. In 1938 he married Duke classmate Caroline Phillips, a marriage that lasted nearly 69 years until her death in 2007. The only extended periods of separation during their marriage occurred when he served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 until 1946 as an officer aboard troop transports and as the commander of armed guard contingents on merchant ships in the Pacific. Within five years of joining the law firm he became a partner, practicing business and tax law, and he represented many Oregon and national businesses and families. In 1970 he was named managing partner of the firm, and he presided over the 1979 merger with another firm, creating the largest law firm in Oregon. In 1995 the firm adopted the name Stoel Rives. He had a strong interest in the arts and he was involved with Portland's Civic Theater and the Portland Art Museum. He was also a trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council, demonstrating his commitment to environmental protection. He exercised his interest in higher education by serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Willamette, which honored him by establishing the Thomas B. Stoel Professorship, an endowed chair in the college of law. He was a member of many charitable and civic organizations, including the City Club of Portland, Metropolitan Family Services, the Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, and the Collins and Wessinger Foundations. He also established the Tom and Caroline Stoel Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. He enjoyed skiing and boating, playing golf, reading, snorkeling and travel, especially to Kauai, Hawaii, where

he and his wife lived a few weeks a year without television or telephone. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a brother, two sons, two daughters, seven grandchildren, including **Alexandra Rodinsky '96** and one great-grandchild.

**Mark W. Teppola '60** died Jan. 30 in Oregon. He was born in Portland and graduated from Jefferson High School before attending Willamette. He served in the U.S. Navy as an officer aboard the USS Dennis J. Buckley in the early 1960s. He and his brother purchased National Builders Hardware Co. from their parents in 1967, and he was president of NBH until his death. He was devoted to preserving the Central Eastside as a viable industrial neighborhood and was past president of the Central Eastside Industrial Council. His wife and brother preceded him in death. Survivors include two nieces.

## Faculty

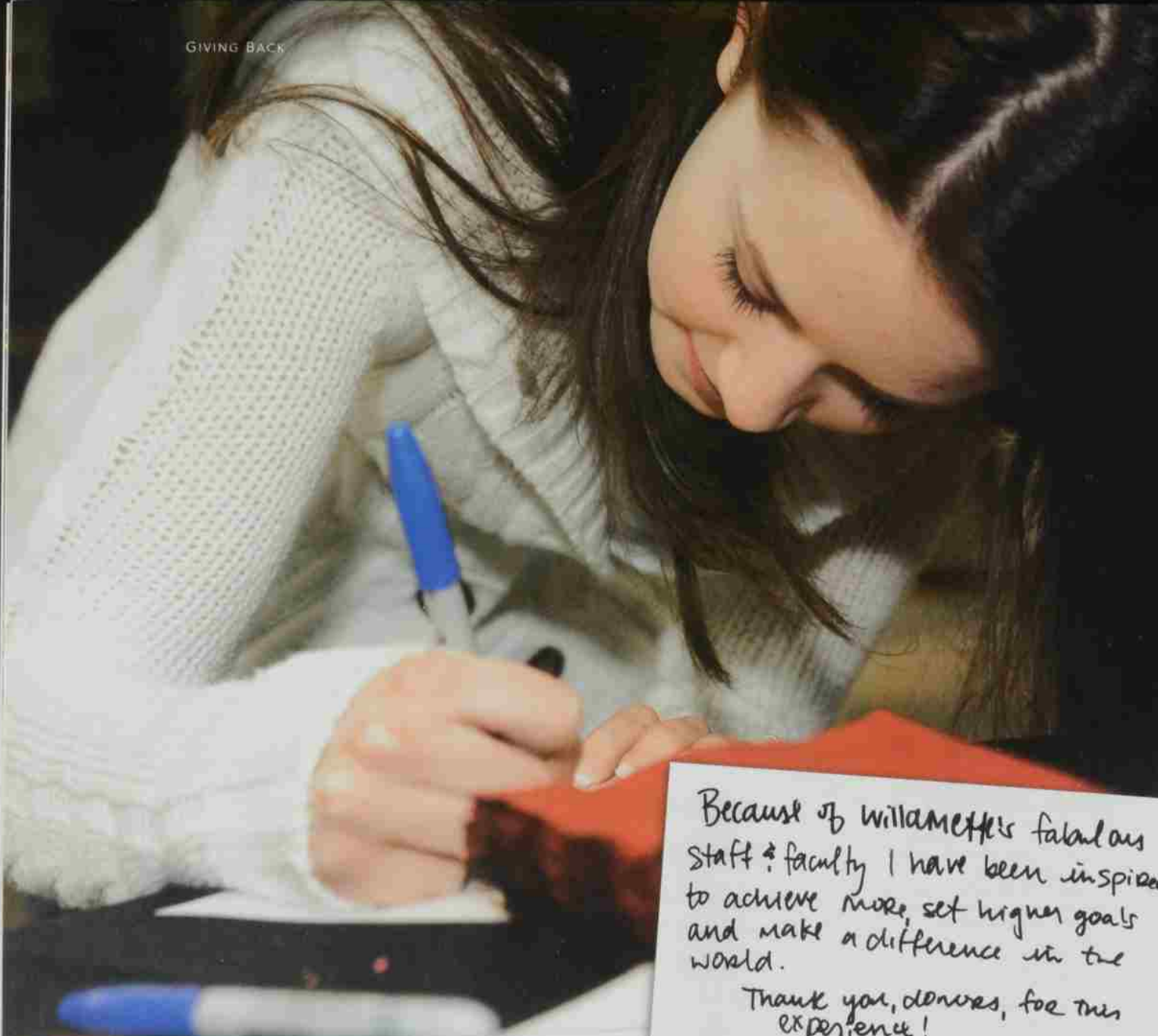
**Maurice W. Brennen** died Feb. 2 in Oregon. He was born in Chicago in 1914 and was a National Merit Scholar in high school. As a 21-year-old wanting to see the world, he joined a dance band on the Aquatania cruise ship while traveling the Mediterranean and the Middle East. He graduated from Northwestern University with bachelor's and master's degrees in music. In 1940 he married Libbie Valek, the couple then moved to Salem, where Maurice began his 40-year career at Willamette as a professor of music education and band director. He also served as the organizer at St. Mark's Lutheran Church for 34 years and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for 18 years. During World War II he worked as a draftsman and ship designer in the naval yards at Swan Island and taught mathematics to new naval flight officers. He enjoyed tennis and badminton, which he played with fellow Willamette professors into his late 70s. And while his first love was music, his primary hobby was woodworking. In retirement he joined the Termites woodworking club, whose members meet monthly to share accomplishments and techniques. In retirement he and his wife traveled extensively to Europe. She preceded him in death. Survivors include son, **Bruce Brennen '68**, daughters **Jeanne Griggs '71** and **Sherry Snider MAT '92**, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert C. Dash** died January 27 in Salem. He was 61. He joined the Willamette politics faculty in 1988 as a researcher and writer in Latin American studies. He served as editor for the journal *Latin American Perspectives* and contributed to

many other journals in the field with essays, reviews, interviews and translations. In 1995 he received the United Methodist Award for Exemplary Teaching and Service. Survivors include his wife, Irma Fernandez Dash, and two children.

**John C. Paulus** died Dec. 25 in Chico, Calif. He was born in 1920 in Iowa City, Iowa, and grew up on his family's farm until they moved into the city when he was in high school. While a member of the Iowa Medical National Guard he was called to active duty in February, 1941 and served in the U.S. Army until 1946. While stationed at a hospital in Modesto, Calif., he met Jean Engdahl, who was in nurses' training. They married on Christmas, 1945. After completing a law and doctor of jurisprudence degree at the University of Iowa, he accepted a professorship at Willamette in 1949. He founded the Paulus Bar Review course, the first in Oregon. After his retirement from Willamette in 1985, he and his wife moved to the Oregon coast, where they spent 18 years in Pacific City. In 2002 they moved to Chico to be with his daughter. His family recalls his intelligence, kindness, sense of humor and deep love and dedication to his family. He enjoyed travel, tennis, gardening and crossword puzzles, and was a member of Cracker Barrel, a current events discussion group. A daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters and three grandchildren.

**Margaret B. Ringnald** died March 16 in Salem. She was born in Santa Ana, Calif., in 1905, and completed her bachelor's degree at UCLA and her master's at the University of Southern California. She taught at UCLA for 11 years before coming to Willamette in 1940, along with her husband Murco. They worked together — he in journalism, English and philosophy and she in theater and English — for 25 years. They joined the Pentacle Theatre group in 1956, where she directed plays and he managed sets. After leaving Willamette she taught drama at Mt. Angel College. She and her husband published articles on college English and a text for remedial English. She wrote magazine articles from her tutoring experience in Hollywood during the 1930s, and a biography of a long-time friend, poet-professor Carlyle MacIntyre. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



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