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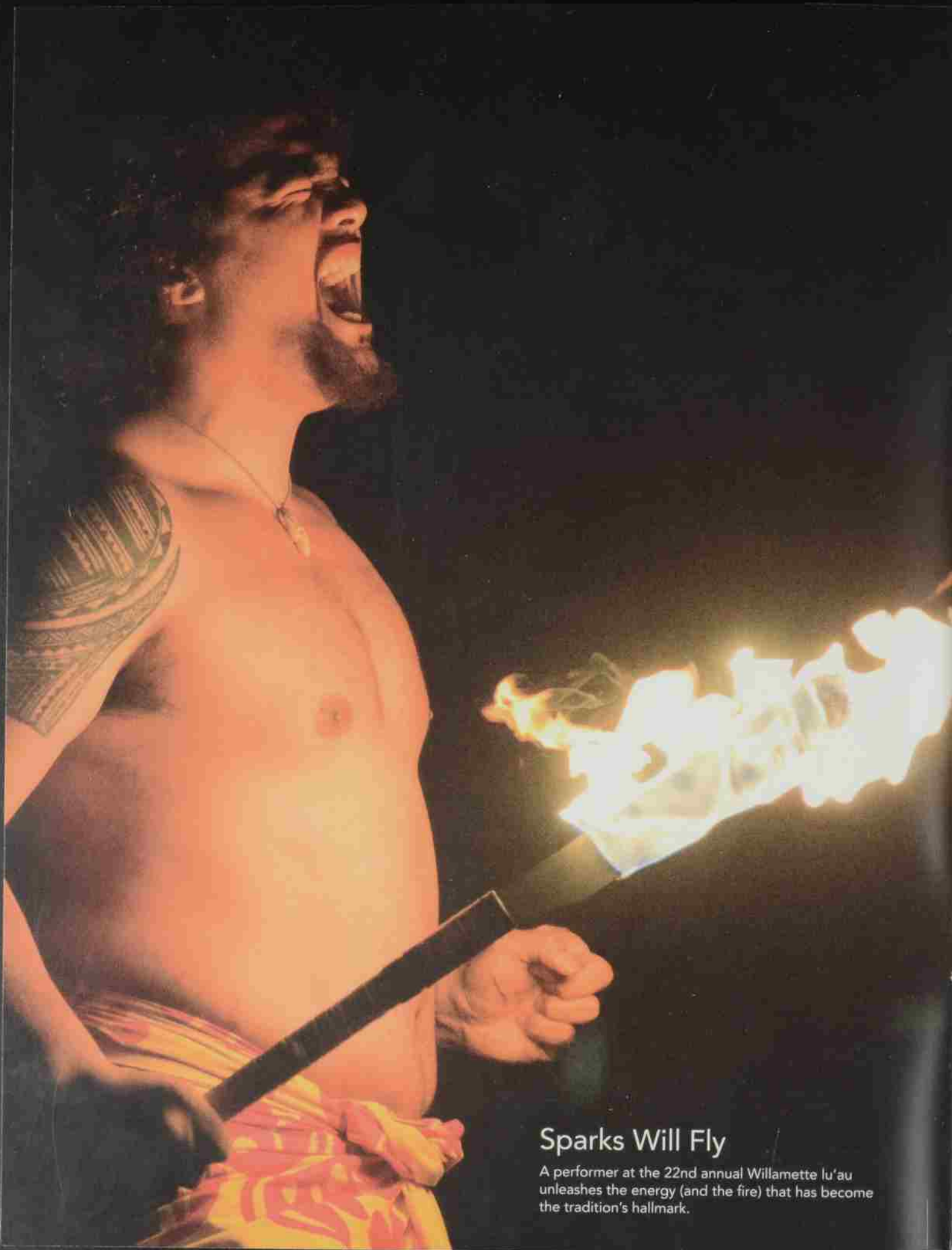
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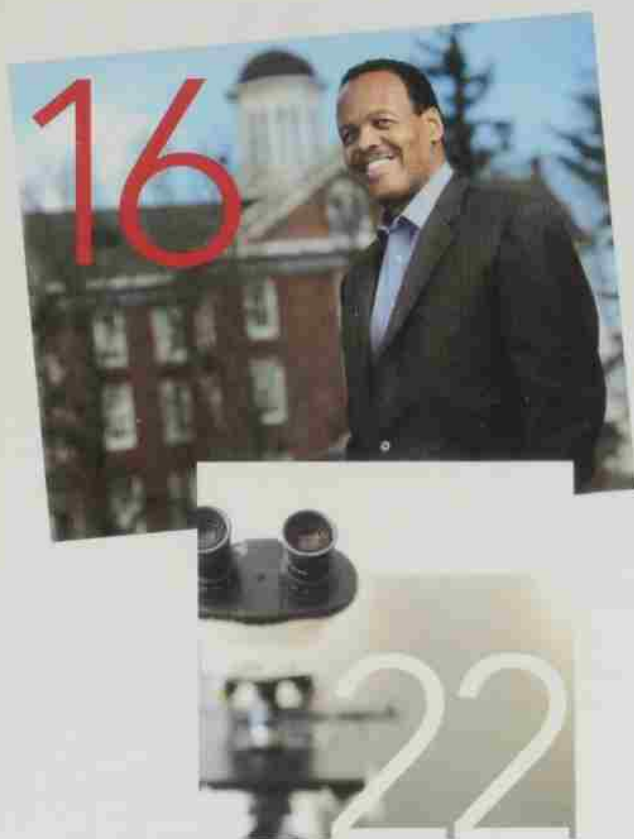
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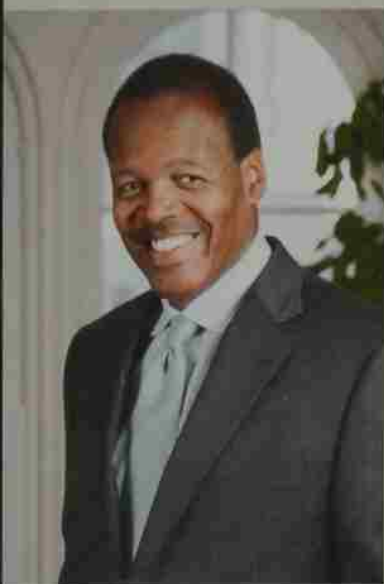
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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



Dear Friends:

These are my final *President's Remarks*.

Thirteen years passed quickly. As I have said elsewhere, I did not come to Willamette intending to stay this long. And now that it's time to leave, I'm surprised at how suddenly it has come to an end.

As you might guess, I am frequently asked to reflect on what is endearingly referred to as my "legacy." While that's a job best left to others, there are certain features of our commonwealth of learning that I — immodestly, perhaps — look to with satisfaction: the increase in the academic profile and number of applicants to the College of Liberal Arts (more than 8,000 apply for 500 spots,

up from 1,500 in 1998); national recognition of our sustainability efforts; five academic centers that promote interdisciplinarity and faculty-student research; increased diversity in several dimensions; the capacity of Willamette Academy to prepare first-generation middle and high school students for lives of meaning, hope and purpose; and our steady allegiance to the values expressed in our motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born," now more than ever a central and distinctive attribute of Willamette's character.

As I reflect on my time as Willamette's president, I am alternately nostalgic, proud and astonished at all we have undertaken together.

Heracitus, the late-sixth-century Greek philosopher and empiricist, wrote that "everything flows and nothing abides, everything gives way and nothing stays fixed." And while it is true that many things have changed and opportunities arisen since my arrival at Willamette, many essential Willamette elements persevere.

Every fall, the 11 chestnut trees between Eaton and Waller Halls drop prickly bombs on the heads of unsuspecting passers-by, and the Star Trees still capture the wonder and romantic notions of students and visitors alike. The Quad still teems with activity from August to May with rugby, ultimate Frisbee, sunbathing, or the temporary relocation of class discussions on sunny afternoons. At the Bistro,

one still hears 1970s Simon & Garfunkel songs — albeit from an iPod, presumably, instead of a CD player. Behind Waller, from his perch atop the Capitol dome, the Oregon Pioneer, a blaze of gold against cloud-darkened skies, gazes ever westward.

Another Willamette standby: wonderful students — a new crop every fall, some quite giddy with freedom and the power of their own potential, others turgid with aspiration or merely with youth "trailing," as the 19th century English poet Wordsworth once wrote, "clouds of glory ... [and] intimations of immortality."

Like the hundreds of students who came before them, each has come to Willamette in search of answers to the big questions: *Who am I? What will I become? What will my contribution be?*

So begin their journeys into a world of incredible and unrelenting change. We light the way.

As a capstone to my departure, this edition of *The Scene* highlights my presidential accomplishments. Let me qualify: None of what you will read would have been possible without Willamette's enormously gifted faculty, dedicated staff and many, many alumni, donors and friends.

As I reflect on my time as Willamette's president, I am alternately nostalgic, proud and astonished at all we have undertaken together. I am also profoundly humbled when I consider the faith placed in my abilities and aspirations when I was hired — a promising but untried president-to-be — and by the support given to me by so many members of the Willamette community. Because of my time here, I will happily bring to my new position at Emerson College knowledge born of experience as well as a sympathetic understanding and appreciation for the concepts of shared governance and collaborative leadership.

My gratitude is deep, and my joy at having been given the opportunity to be a part of Willamette's history and to help shape its future is undying. My warmest and most heartfelt farewell to you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "M. Lee Pelton". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

M. Lee Pelton  
President

## THE INBOX



### Before Tufton Beamish...

In the Fall 2010 copy of *The Scene* I was amused by the story about Tufton Beamish, class of '61. He was at Willamette after my time, but it brought to my mind a little-known piece of WU lore.

I was a baseball player back in the early 1950s at Willamette. Each year it fell upon the coaches to submit the names of players they felt deserved to be on the all-star team of the Northwest Conference. Our coach, John Lewis, put in the name of "Oonie Gagen." Oonie was an entirely fictitious player. However, he made the honorable mention list of the Northwest Conference that year.

John was a great coach, and he enjoyed good humor.

— Jack Hande '53

### My Cousin Tufton

The unsigned article in the current issue of *The Scene*, "Finding Tufton Beamish," brought to mind many memories of my cousin Tufton.

In the fall of 1959, I enrolled as a freshman at Willamette, living in South Hall. My cousin Tufton Beamish could usually be found in our tiny lounge in South or in the basement of Baxter Hall across the driveway. He "showed me the ropes" about Willamette, introduced me to the important people I needed to know, and taught me the way to acquire a free meal at the nearby Sloppy Joe's restaurant a few blocks north on 12th Street.

I was able to register for a full schedule of freshman courses that year without paying any tuition or fees, thanks to several helpful faculty members to whom I was introduced by Tufton. A dean named Walter S. Blake signed all my registration cards so things went smoothly.

My own information can be found in the 1959/60 *Fusser's Guide for Busy People*, where I am listed as a "townie." My telephone number listed was unfortunately misprinted, so that when dialed, it yielded only a recorded daily prayer sponsored by some church. It was a lonely year.

I was, however, quoted once in a campus newspaper article (titled "Many are

Cold, but Few are Frozen") with an insightful comment about the weather.

— Donald Tasker '63

### Grammar Gaffe

I applaud *The Scene* for an attractive layout and many articles of interest. This alumni magazine is a treat to read!

I was dismayed, though, to spot a grammatical error in the latest issue. On p. 30, "a lot" is a plural verb: Use "are," not "is."

— Sharon Beardsley '64

[Whoops — thanks to Sharon, we see that we let one slip by with "There is a lot of them!" — Ed.]

### Pictures and Memories

Thank you for honoring my father, Dr. Chester F. Luther, emeritus professor of mathematics, and our family with not one, but two pictures in your Fall 2010 *The Scene*. Although he retired in 1972, his legacy continues through the hundreds of students whose lives he touched and influenced.

— Marilyn (Luther) Egans '67

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## Presidential Search Update

As we look back on President Pelton's tenure at Willamette, readers are probably also interested in the search for the next president. As of press time, the search committee is finished with several rounds of interviews and on schedule to name our next president by early summer.

Check [willamette.edu/committees/pres\\_search](http://willamette.edu/committees/pres_search) for the most up-to-date information.

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## TIDBITS AND BRIEFS



For the most up-to-date Willamette news and events, remember to check your email inbox each month for *WU News*, our electronic newsletter. Not receiving it? Just email us: [alumni@willamette.edu](mailto:alumni@willamette.edu).



Window dressings: Can you spot the random flamingo?

### Science Inaction

There's a lab window on the south side of Olin Science Center that proves that scientists have fully developed senses of humor. For years, odd-printed messages have shown up randomly, all taped face-out so passers-by can have a read. Call it the co-curricular part of students' science training at Willamette.

Sample bits of wisdom:

"If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the precipitate."

"It was recently discovered that research is the leading cause of cancer in rats."

"Biology in action: square peg, round hole, hammer, survival of the fittest."

"Ohnosecond: that miniscule fraction of time in which you realize that you've just made a big mistake."

### Kaye's Rose

A decade or two ago, Kaye Lee and her husband, William '56, gifted two roses to Willamette. They were planted along with several dozen others in the garden that serves as the north-side campus entryway. The first was planted in honor of the couple's son, William Jr., who had died as a teen on the trip out to live in Oklahoma; the second celebrated William's grandfather, an Oxford graduate who had planted the college seed in his grandson's young mind.

But there was a third rose Kaye never knew about.

She found it for the first time while visiting campus in 2010. Much to her delight, William had planted it in her name and then never mentioned it before he passed away in 2003. Kaye found her surprise in full bloom in the corner of a vibrant bed:

*'Perfume Beauty'*  
Hybrid Tea

*For the love and support of my wife,  
L. Kaye Lee*

*William N. Lee '56*

"I'd been to the garden before," Kaye said afterward, "but had never looked in that spot. I was so excited when I saw it I was just squealing."



## Showdown: Buzz Bar vs. Barz Bar

Everybody seems to know these cookie bars. They're sugar-high-inducing Willamette traditions that vie for our buck-fifty. Students crave them; alumni remember them and request them at events. Some days in the Bistro they're gone before noon.

Wanting an excuse to go and buy a couple (for research) The Scene's editors visited the Bistro and asked a few Willamette community members about their beloved bars. Opinions run strong:

"Buzz Bars are my all-time favorite," says Director of Admission Teresa Hudkins '69, "and they have been a feature of our Preview Day Bistro reception for years. They're wonderful."

Sue Rauch '75, former associate vice president for admission and financial aid, remembered the genesis of the Buzz Bar name. "I was in line behind 'Buzz' Yocom '49, who was there buying one of them, and the student worker made some laughing comment about how Buzz was their best customer for that particular confection. Someone, I don't remember who, said, 'You should call them Buzz Bars.' And that's how they got their name."

Karen Wood, associate chaplain for vocational exploration, respects Yocom and his legacy but goes for the Barz Bar instead. She reports bouts of "Barz Bar Deficiency Disorder (BBDD)" and a system of preserving Barz Bars over the summer while the Bistro is closed. Laura Payne '06 offered a similar assessment: "The trick with the Barz Bar is to



Don't let the visual likeness fool you. The Buzz Bar (left) and the Barz Bar (right) are very different delectables.

hand-pick which one you want, since each has a different ratio of cookie to chocolate. You can't get that same customized order with the Buzz Bars."

"Team Buzz Bar," continues Madeline Yoste '12, "will tell you that what makes their cookie bar the best is that initial crunch of a cold top chocolate layer, followed by a slight ooze of peanut butter that dissolves quickly and leaves a mouthful of sweetness. Team Barz Bar resents the fickle, instant gratification of the Buzz Bar and prefers the hearty, thick swirls of baked oats and fudgy chocolate."

And no, we can't have the recipes.



Chemical equations, power chords — it's all smiles to Holman.

## Make it an Even Half: Holman '90 is Willamette's Tenth Oregon Professor of the Year

Since 1990, half of the men and women chosen as Oregon Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education have been Willamette faculty.

To alumni, these are some of the biggest names of recent years, and they cover all sorts of disciplines: Richard Ellis (politics), Jerry Gray (economics), Suresh Bald (politics), Bill Duvall (history), Daniel Montague (physics), Art Payton (chemistry), Roger Hull (art history), Mary Ann Youngren (psychology), Frances Chapple (chemistry).

This year's winner is Karen McFarlane Holman '90 of chemistry, an alumna-turned-faculty-member known for her research and her punk-rock tendencies (she's a guitarist in her off-hours) as well as her primary skills of engaging small groups of students and explaining chemistry in an accessible way.

"Professor Holman's curiosity and enthusiasm are hard to resist," says Natalie Muren '06, a chemistry graduate who is now seeking her PhD at the California Institute of Technology. "Her students engage in her lectures because they want to discover for themselves just what new concept has made her so excited."

To hear a little from Holman, see "Blurring an Old Line," p. 22.



Members of the Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils  
 Top row: Jessica Meyers '12, Marshall Curry '13  
 2nd row: Sarah Sormanfeld '12, Josh Rice '12  
 3rd row: Dan Boorman '13, Laura Braithwaite '12  
 4th row: Jaci Abeloe '13, Nathan Combs '13, Judy Lee '12  
 Bottom: Mitch Wood '13, Lyndsy Clark '12

## Keeping Up With the Greeks

A collection of recent Greek-life happenings, courtesy of the Office of Student Activities:

- During the 2010–11 academic year, 82 women joined Willamette's three sororities and 99 men joined the five fraternities.
- Currently, 482 students (27 percent of the CLA student body) are members of fraternities and sororities.
- Following Serenades, a yearly music/dance competition among fraternities and sororities, the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils hosted Serenades Share, which showcased all of the chapters' performances for the wider Willamette community. An entry fee of \$1 was charged and proceeds donated to the Marion-Polk Food Share; last year's Share raised \$1,330.
- Service and philanthropy highlights from this year:
  - Alpha Chi Omega's Acapella Night raised more than \$2,600 for the Mid-Valley Women's Crisis Service.
  - Beta Theta Pi collected 2,734 items of clothing during their annual Penny Coat Drive.
  - The Delta Gammas have raised more than \$1,100 for Service for Sight and donated more than 900 hours of service.
  - Kappa Sigma's interest group has raised \$350 in philanthropic dollars and served more than 80 hours.
  - Pi Beta Phi women volunteered almost 500 hours during the spring semester and raised more than \$600 for philanthropic causes in the fall.
  - Phi Delta Theta's Lou Gehrig Softball Tournament raised \$750 in support of ALS research.
  - Sigma Alpha Epsilon members have donated more than 300 hours of community service as of press time and sponsored the Kalan Morinaka Memorial Basketball Tournament to raise money for the ALS foundation.
  - Sigma Chi's Willamette Bachelor event raised \$3,700 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

- Kappa Sigma is working toward reestablishing itself as a chapter. The group recently pledged 27 men and is applying for recognition from the university as an interest group, the second of a three-step process for returning to full chapter status. With special help from Paul Boaden '77 and others, Kappa Sigma has opened a renovated off-campus house to its members.





## THE SPORTS PAGE

[willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics)



### Historic Game, Perfect Mismatch?

Let's sum up the differences between Willamette and Portland State.

Willamette is a member of NCAA Division III; Portland State plays in Division I. Willamette offers no athletic scholarships; Portland can offer 63 for football. Willamette enrolls about 2,000 undergraduate students; Portland State has around ten times that many.

So why are these football teams going to play each other this year?

Bearcat Head Coach Mark Speckman says that it's part scheduling and part challenge. Willamette typically plays a small California college or two so players can get the field time, but this season it didn't work out that way. So, when Portland State (who had run into a similar scheduling

issue) called, the idea sounded curiously reasonable. The Bearcats would benefit from the challenge, and it would cost far less for the team to travel to Portland than it would to find a game in Wisconsin or Texas.

It's possible that there hasn't been a single Division III school to play a scholarship Division I team — anywhere in the country — over the last decade.

Still, the biggest mistake would be to think that Willamette's squad expects to get squashed. "Our program is based on competition," Speckman says. "We routinely play a tough schedule. We look at this game as a tremendous opportunity to compete."

The Bearcats will take the Vikings of Portland State by surprise at the renovated JELD-WEN Field (formerly PGE Park) in Portland on Saturday, Oct. 22. Kickoff is at 5:05 p.m.

For tickets and other information, visit the athletics website at [willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics).

### Welcome to the Hall of Fame

Nine inductions were made to Willamette's athletic Hall of Fame this spring semester. As usual, these were mostly individual nominees whose prowess and performance made them standouts among the athletes of their era. However, one highly successful team was also inducted, as was an alumnus who has shown uncommon dedication in service to athletics programs over the years.

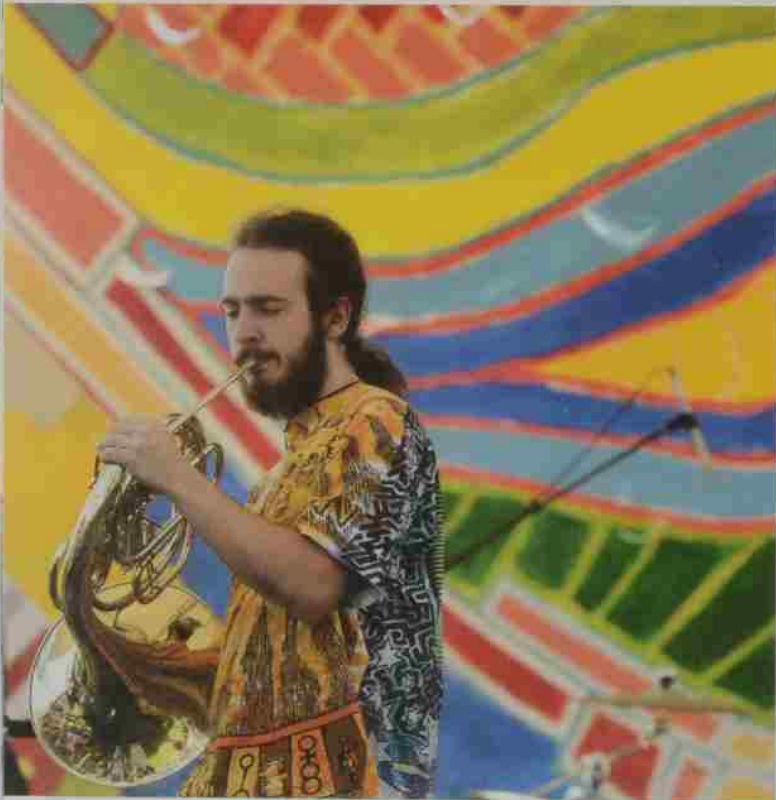


#### We send hearty congratulations to the following inductees:

- Robin (Heard) Buckingham '99, MAT'01 (soccer)
- Beth (Fitzgerald) Rainford '99, MAT'00 (cross country, track and field)
- Bill Hartman '63 (football)
- Nik Lubisich '01 (baseball)
- Jimmy Watts '99, MAT'00 (basketball, track and field)
- Marlene Piper (volleyball coach)
- Kelly Sullivan '79 (cross-country coach)
- 1998 women's soccer team
- Dick Carney '64 (meritorious service)

Hall of Fame inductions are made every other year. If you have a nomination in mind for the future, make it at [willamette.edu/athletics/hof](http://willamette.edu/athletics/hof). The site also provides a great primer on the program and all the work involved.

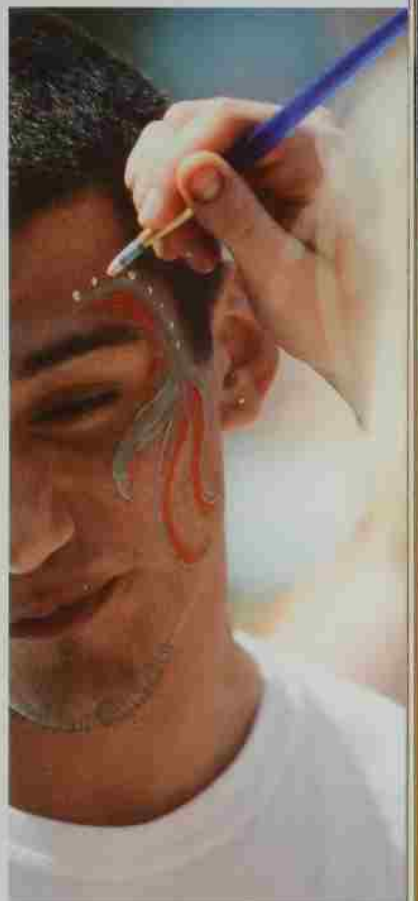
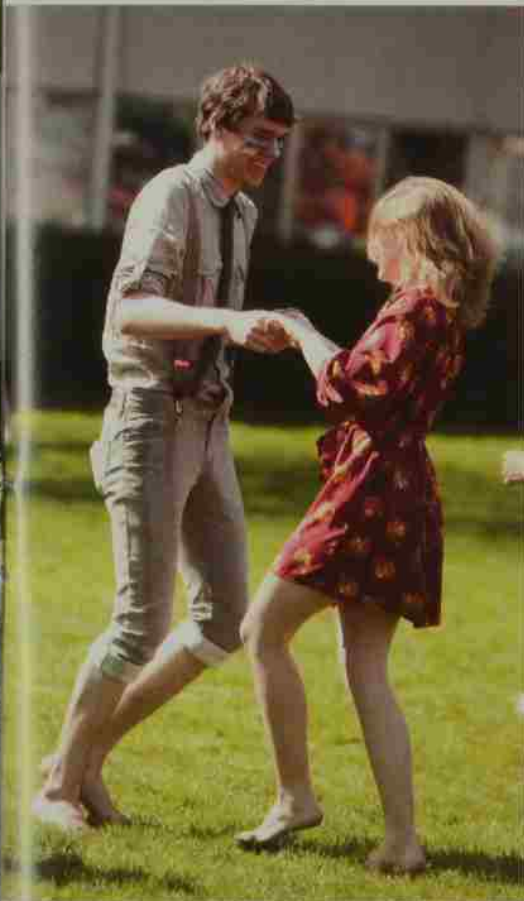
## PHOTO ESSAY



### The Colors of Wulapalooza by Frank Miller

Equal parts rite of spring and Willamette tradition, Wulapalooza celebrates the end of winter with music, mud wrestling, bubbles and face painting. This year 22 bands played to a crowd basking in the long-awaited sunshine. Some raced rubber ducks, some painted chairs for the Bistro, and many danced. The festival has celebrated art, music and the earth annually since 1998.







## CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

Marlene Moore

Dean, College of Liberal Arts

Marlene Moore has had just about a year to settle into her deanship. Here she discusses how she arrived at Willamette, opportunities and challenges ahead, and the value of a liberal arts education today.

**Tell us about your higher-ed background.**

I got into a wonderful liberal arts school as an undergrad. I loved it, and it changed my life. I started off going through a biology degree, and I worked in research labs during the summer at the Texas Medical Center — a very exciting place to be. I finished that up and went to Baylor College of Medicine for a PhD.

As with many faculty members, I never intended to be an administrator — to go to the dark side [laughs]. I finished my post-doc at Oregon Health Sciences University and there was an opening at the University of Portland. It just rekindled for me the wonderful experiences I'd had as an undergraduate, and I found myself able to be part of the opportunities that were given to me.

**Why did you want to come to Willamette?**

I read the motto and I was done for, because that so resonated with my

personal value system. "Not unto ourselves alone are we born." The goal of graduating people of purpose and passion totally speaks to my heart and what I do. So I got better acquainted with Willamette's mission and its values, and the rest is history.

**What strengths do you bring to Willamette?**

I'm a strategic thinker. I love to learn and gather information, analyze it and decide on a course of action. I am a person who executes. I enjoy taking ideas and turning them into reality, and I work very hard to make that happen.

**What do you believe are Willamette's strengths?**

Willamette has a wonderful tradition of people who are dedicated to the same vision, and who have worked toward improving the quality of this institution. Current and past faculty, alumni, trustees and administrators have all been united by personal and social responsibility.

Willamette is also strong for its interdisciplinary nature. People here are good at addressing complex, real-world issues through the lenses of their own disciplines, while also valuing the perspectives that other disciplines provide.

Why do you think that's important?

That's where the world is. That's what we have to learn to do. Everything now is so complex that no one person will ever know enough to address each issue. We have to learn to work together; we have to learn to value the contribution of a different viewpoint, even if we don't fully understand it; and we have to learn to trust people to know things we don't know and to bring those ideas to bear.

Why is a liberal arts education valuable?

When we educate at Willamette, we emphasize enduring truths — the things that persist no matter what is happening in society — and we teach people how to solve problems and how to innovate. That's because we are educating for a world that doesn't yet exist; we don't know how the world might change.

What do you hope to accomplish here?

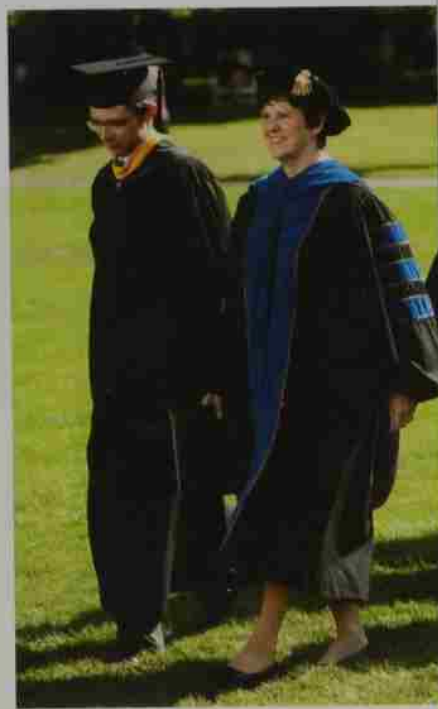
In general, success involves meeting students where they are; understanding how they're different than we were as students; and knowing how to motivate them, how to encourage

them, and then how to challenge them. We want more than their personal fulfillment. We want them to graduate mobilized and ready to serve society.

We also will continue work this year on earning reaccreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. The accreditation process is like an interview — someone asks us what is special about Willamette, what we care about, what kind of resources we are devoting to what, and whether we are making progress. This is something that will involve all of us in a great deal of reflection and conversation.\*

— Sarah Evans

\*Since this interview, Willamette has finished the process and earned its reaccreditation. — Ed.



Clockwise from top right: Moore strolls into the big tent on the Quad alongside neuroscientist and 2010 opening convocation speaker Jonah Lehrer (bet we know their field of conversation); in Sroullin Hall, the Dean meets with CLA students; a common scene; and Moore in her pre-dean days hones her lab skills

"Success involves meeting students where they are; understanding how they're different than we were as students; and knowing how to motivate them, how to encourage them, and then how to challenge them."



## CLIMATE CHANGE REINTERPRETED

Lauren Dimock '13 went to Peru to help a community build more efficient stoves and explore a pressing spiritual dilemma. She came back with a new view of her place in the world.

For residents of Media Luna, one among many small communities that share the captivating

landscapes of the Peruvian Andes, a source of spiritual livelihood is slowly disappearing.

The prevailing local belief system, which is partly rooted in a heritage shared with the Incas, holds that elements of the landscape — in this case, vast deposits of ice that rise above the green valley in which Media Luna is built — are religious figures. The glaciers are said to have wide-ranging impacts on daily life: Aside from providing fresh water runoff for farming, cleaning and sustenance, they also show their influence by warding off thieves who might steal crops or other property.

Unfortunately, the glaciers are shrinking because of recent changes to the climate. To outsiders, at least, this seems to pose a troubling question: Are these anchors of the indigenous religious system gone when the ice melts away?

Dimock pursued the issue a semester ago while studying and working in Peru. She was there on a Willamette College Colloquium grant because issues of climate change and indigenous cultures had piqued her interest while she was completing her first-year introductory work on campus.

"People call the glaciers 'Apus.' This nomenclature designates them as deities," she says. "You could also say that the word translates to 'mighty' in the indigenous Quechuan language. One woman described a nearby glacier to me as the god of farming and livestock — if you have faith in the Apu, she said, and do the yearly blessing in August, it will take care of your cattle."

A man drew Dimock a sketch of what the glacier coverage used to look like on the landscape and noted how massive amounts of mountain rock, previously covered by ice, are now bare and dry.

"When I asked people what they would do when the glaciers melted, I got a wide variety of answers," she says. "Some people said that they would have to leave and go somewhere else; some said that they would have to find a different water source. One family looked at me like I was crazy and said that the glaciers would always be there."

Dimock confronted the fact that issues like climate change affect people around the world in ways that many of us might not imagine. "The drastic changes in the climate are uniquely obvious to the people here," she says. "They, like us, are seeing and experiencing climate change first-hand. Their views on these issues can teach us something."

### Get a Research Grant

(AS A FRESHMAN)

Dimock's experience in Peru was facilitated by a College Colloquium grant, which allows freshmen to extend academic work they began in their opening seminar.

"I went into anthropology Professor Rebecca Dobkins' office one day," she says, "and said basically, 'I want to write a grant proposal so good that the committee will have to choose my project.'"

So began the grant-writing process, which Dimock had never gone through before. With Dobkins' mentorship, the proposal was accepted and Dimock was soon making arrangements to go to Peru through a study program called ProWorld. It was her first trip outside the U.S.

The challenges didn't end when she returned, either. Just as Dimock wrestled with reentry to her own culture's norms ("What to do with all of my stuff?"), she had to prepare an extensive report, which she submitted to an academic journal.

"This program surprised me," she says. "Where else can freshmen get grant money to go spend a semester in Peru? When I arrived at Willamette, I didn't really know what I wanted to do. Now I have direction and a passion for something."

## STUDENT VOICES



## Say No to "Silos"

By Hayley Hill '13

Students at Willamette hear the word "interdisciplinary" a lot. But what does that really mean for us?

If you ask current undergrads, they'll give you a variety of responses. Many simply think that "interdisciplinary" refers to the liberal arts and the fact that, in the interest of being well-rounded, we are required to take a handful of classes here that (on the surface) have nothing to do with our majors or our post-Willamette plans.

That's definitely part of the answer. But surely it's broader than that — what about this concept is unique to Willamette, and what does it mean

for us students who chose to come here above other liberal arts universities?

According to Dean of Campus Life David

Douglass, being "interdisciplinary" is not just about sitting in on random classes. It's about learning to communicate across disciplines to solve problems we wouldn't be able to solve otherwise. "The core of interdisciplinarity is the intersection of different perspectives, methodologies and assumptions," he says. It's not enough for them to exist peacefully side-by-side. They have to mingle.

This is illustrated in part through the Liberal Arts Research Collaborative (LARC), a program that Douglass helped design. The idea is to encourage both faculty and students to break out of their methodological "silos" (as Douglass put it) and learn

how to use their disciplinary differences more productively in research. There are other programs, too, like timely majors in international studies, women and gender studies, and American ethnic studies; these blend disciplines even more formally. And students can still make their own majors through a proposal system — if they're committed enough.

Matthew Bateman '14 is undertaking this task. The major he is creating, called complex systems analysis, combines biology, physics, math, and computer science in a way that explores "the science of complexity" — how large-scale, organized and adaptive behavior emerges from simple interactions among large numbers of individuals. "It's not exactly a new science, but it is a new perspective, and it is the ultimate interdisciplinary major," he says. "I think that offering the ability to tailor one's own major is huge for an institution that wants to stay ahead of the game."

As students, we have to understand the concepts behind our education. We must try to extend our horizons as far as we possibly can during our four years here at Willamette, and while "interdisciplinarity" is already an integral aspect of any liberal arts education, there are plenty of ways for us to take it further here. We just have to meet the challenge.

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It's about learning to communicate across disciplines to solve problems we wouldn't be able to solve otherwise.

# 13

## Thirteen Years at Willamette: M. Lee Pelton

Maybe it says something that President Pelton asked us to avoid making this feature all about him.



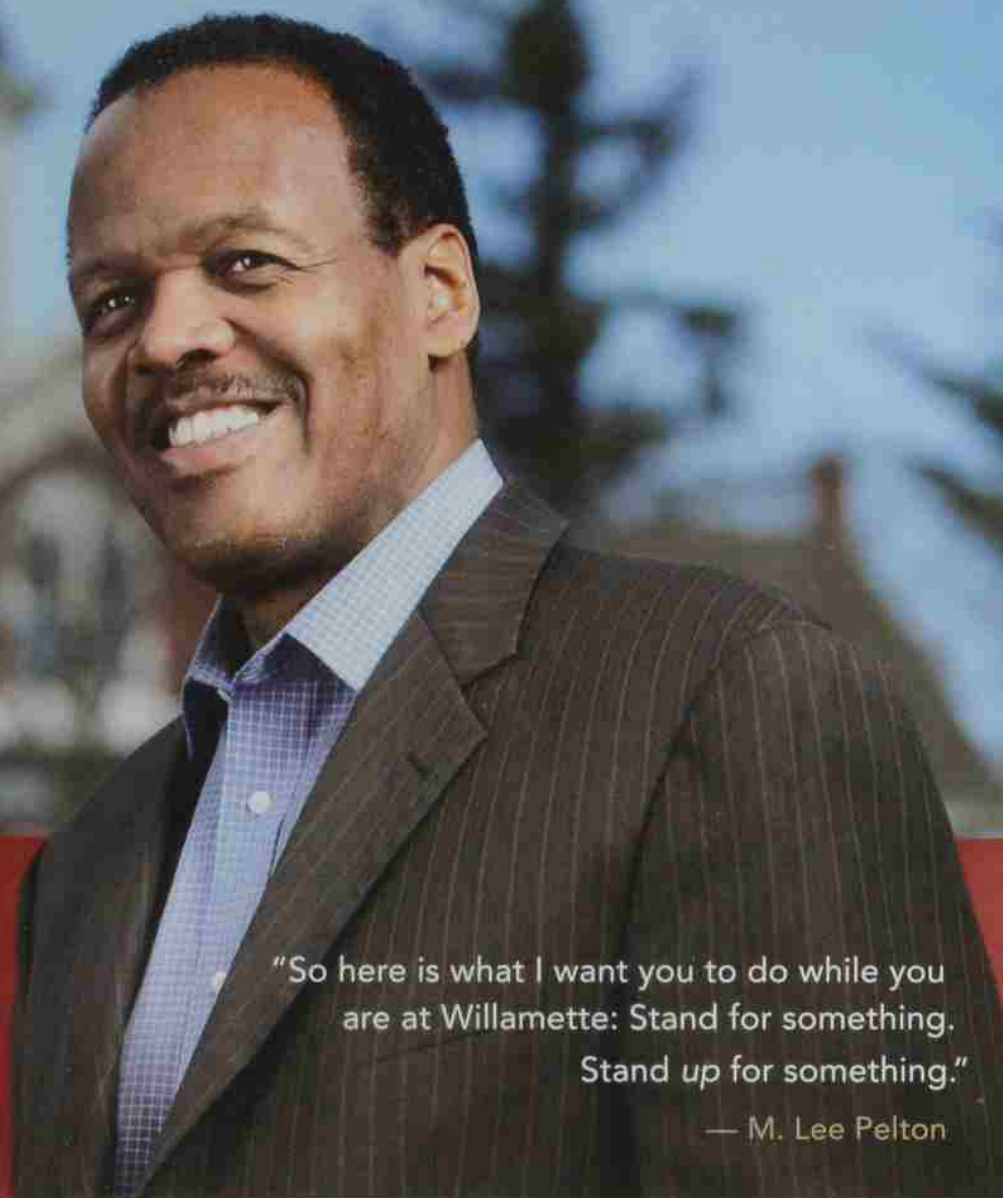
Of course we intend to recognize Pelton's distinct influence on Willamette, acknowledge his dozen-plus years of forward-looking work, and offer something that can help readers engage with a presidential legacy consisting, among many things, of great ambition and the willingness to seek out meaningful challenges. But what Pelton was saying, as

we chatted in the fifth-floor Waller Hall office he keeps so wide open, was that, in his mind, the last 13 years comprise a story about a university and not just a president.

Rewind to the summer of 1998. One and a half thousand high school seniors applied for admission to the College

of Liberal Arts (CLA). There was no Ford Hall, no Kaneko Commons, no Campaign for Willamette, no Willamette Academy, no Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series. "Sustainability" wasn't a hot word yet, and Willamette wasn't known as first in the nation for it. It was already a great time to be a Bearcat, but President Pelton stepped on campus with the future on his mind.

His arrival caused quite a stir. After his inauguration, a February 1999 article in the *Statesman Journal* contrasted his background and experiences with his new role and setting: "M. Lee Pelton is an Ivy Leaguer in the land of Pendleton-plaid shirts. He's an East Coast intellectual with a Midwesterner's sensibilities. He's a black man in a predominantly white state, an academic in a CEO's role, a man of letters in a job that requires crunching the numbers, a man of faith in the largely un-churched Northwest."



"So here is what I want you to do while you are at Willamette: Stand for something. Stand up for something."

— M. Lee Pelton

Very soon, however, the man from the East was the man from Willamette, and Pelton went to work employing fond, closely held Willamette ideas (such as "Not unto ourselves alone are we born") in new, energized ways.

Today, Willamette receives more than 8,000 applications to the CLA per year. The graduate programs have seen corresponding measures of growth and academic refinement. Willamette Academy, especially dear to Pelton, is considered one of the most effective mentorship and college-prep programs for underrepresented students anywhere near the Northwest. Colin Powell, Desmond Tutu, Barbara Ehrenreich, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Brooks and Robert F. Kennedy Jr., all have fond memories of recent trips to campus.

This isn't just a how-big-can-we-make-the-list exercise: It's a snapshot of outcomes that have sprung naturally from

one of Pelton's clearest goals: raise the profile and recognition of Willamette on a national level to attract able minds, engaging commentators, people of diverse outlooks and backgrounds, and group upon group of promising young citizens to our patch of green campus.

As President Pelton departs, Willamette is positioned to emerge from national economic woes in a favorable position relative to its peers. People are hopeful here.

There are assorted reasons why, many of which go back a hundred years or more to ideas and liberal arts priorities whose relevance only seems to get clearer with time. One of the reasons, though, goes back almost exactly 13:

# In His Words

**M. Lee Pelton has given hundreds of speeches, in dozens of settings, while presiding at Willamette. The following is a composite of some of them. Among Pelton's most enduring qualities at the helm, as those of us who spend a lot of time on campus have seen, were his willingness to think big and his presence at the podium.**

Welcome.

We have all arrived at this moment together because of countless gestures of hope made by the generations that preceded us.

We know that this century will depend increasingly on knowledge: knowledge discovered, knowledge gained, knowledge tested, knowledge shared, knowledge applied. And these things, in turn, will require wisdom: the way in which knowledge is weighted and used.

**"Acquire ... those habits of mind that give you the capacity to think deeply and ... to think for yourselves."**

My hope — one that I know you share with me — is that we can create out of the rich diversity of human experience communities of learning — communities made both beautiful and effective by their pluralism, communities of learning that will turn the tide of human want into a sea of joy and light.

The most invigorating part of your years at Willamette will be those moments in class — or in interaction with a classmate, in conversation with friends in your residence hall, over dinner at Goudy Commons, on strolls along the Mill Stream, or in a student committee or club meeting — that will help you understand how you wish to live your life.

Although Willamette can offer you a great deal — professors, your advisor, labs, the library, fellow students, an art museum, computers — you will be the ultimate arbiter or architect of meaning. As a fellow president said, "You will perceive your own meanings, develop your own values, and make your own choices."

At Willamette we educate the young women and men who will solve the problems and change the world. We educate them to humanity by helping them understand their connectivity to the world around them: not only their connectivity to natural laws or outward expressions of aesthetic and cultural forms or economic and political structures, but also to the earth and the environment that sustains life.

In your communities — wherever you live, work or study — you will encounter the increasing diversity of the United States. You will encounter how a new "globalism" has changed our relationships with neighbors that once seemed so far away and so abstract, and how 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 you, in your lifetime, the very best companies will have as an expectation that you, for a portion of your work life, will live and work in a country outside the United States.

What is required is that you acquire through your time at Willamette — in the classroom as well as your many associations outside the class — those habits of mind that give you the capacity to think deeply and —

this is most important — to think for yourselves.

The noisy drum beat of slogans, the jangling discords of the news, the great storm of sound bytes that rain down ceaselessly upon the citizen make democracy vulnerable to those messages that are the loudest or most persistent rather than those that are



most reasonable or well considered. The waves and bits of detritus we endure now surpass anything that previous generations ever knew.

So here is what I want you to do while you are at Willamette: Stand for something. Stand *up* for something.

Live a life of no regrets. Where you see wrong, right it; where you see hurt, soothe it; where you see a broken heart, mend it.

Live a good life and all of the other things will not matter.

When you depart from this commonwealth of learning, may your life bring you some work of noble note, may you find meaning in your commitment to others and may your memories of Willamette be undying.

Good luck and good cheer.

# Presidential Notes

## A Parent's Thanks

I had already left my son at Willamette two weeks previously, for football camp — one of the hardest things I have ever done. I flew back to Oregon from Arizona to attend Opening Days and sat in the auditorium with 400-plus freshman students and their families. President Pelton started to speak about this journey we were all on, our students' limitless possibilities and the changes coming for families.

I felt that Lee was speaking directly to me, yet I know every crying parent there felt the same. When he thanked us for trusting the university with our most precious gift, he also said that he does not take that trust lightly, and neither does the university. I cried leaving my son that afternoon, but I knew he was in the right place.

— Veva Eickelberg P'10, '12

## Thoughts from the Board Chair

Lee's presidency was marked by a long list of achievements, including a significant increase in Willamette's academic profile, a new commitment to faculty and collaborative student-faculty research, the strengthening of our graduate schools, building the university's national reputation, completion of the largest fundraising campaign in Willamette's history, increased access for students of color and first-generation college students, and closer ties between the university and the world around it. But perhaps his most significant legacy will be his leadership in extending Willamette's long-held motto — "Not unto ourselves alone are we born" — to every part of Willamette's community.

— Steve Wynne '74, JD'77

## Willamette Academy Support

If it weren't for President Pelton and his strong advocacy and support of Willamette Academy, I would not be attending Willamette University right now. He had a huge impact on this university, especially around issues of social justice.

— Irving Corzo '13

## Remembering Matriculation

I was walking to the flag-raising ceremony, marking the symbolic beginning of my college career. As we walked from the matriculation at the Mill Stream, past the quad, I saw President Pelton on his bicycle. He was standing there, calmly watching the incoming class walk by. I stepped out of the procession to shake his hand. Thank you, President Pelton, for your leadership and for your lasting legacy on this great campus.

— Eli Utne '14

## Ninja Run

A friend and I were on a midnight ninja run (meaning we were in all-black spandex) and we decided to run up the Mill Stream. President Pelton came out of the UC and yelled out to us, "Have a lovely night, ladies!" It was hilarious. It was also pouring rain while we were doing this.

— Emily Burke '13

## Nice Shoes

My friend and I went to President Pelton's open office hours once. It was the first time I had been up to his office, and I was surprised how beautiful everything is up in Waller. We talked to him about our classes for most of the time because he kept asking us about them. Then he turned to me and said, "Nice shoes," referring to my pink Chucks, like it was the most natural thing to do. I thought it was funny in the setting of his fancy office, with him dressed in a fancy suit. My shoes were very un-fancy, but all I could do was laugh and say, "thank you."

— Jillian Toda '12

## Reflections of a Former Board Chair

Lee's vision to improve the university and elevate it to the next level was central to all that he did. He always pushed for excellence from the faculty and students and he took on timely issues. He added faculty, expanded programs, and increased the quality of the student body.

He also had the courage and stamina to launch a massive \$125 million fundraising effort in tough economic times, and then managed to surpass the campaign goal.

I was always impressed with how many activities he championed at one time; working with him gave me an up-close view of how challenging the role of being president of a small liberal arts college can be.

— Bob Packard '73  
former chair of the Board of Trustees

# 13 Thirteen Years at



February  
College of Liberal Arts  
applications reach 1,500

July  
M. Lee Pelton chosen to be  
Willamette's 22nd president

October  
Hallie Ford Museum of  
Art opens



August  
CLA enrolls its most diverse  
entering class: 19 percent  
multicultural students

October  
Long-range strategic plan  
focuses on academic  
excellence, student life,  
technology, diversity and  
visibility



WILLAMETTE  
ACADEMY

July  
Willamette Academy opens

May  
Pelton accompanies  
Willamette Chamber  
Choir to South Africa

November  
Sustainability Council  
established

1998

1999

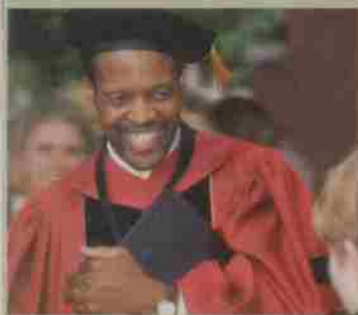
2000

2001

2002

2003

2004



February  
Pelton inaugurated  
on campus

March  
Mary Stuart Rogers Music  
Center dedicated



September  
Dempsey Lecture Series  
launched

**DEMPSEY**  
LECTURE SERIES  
*an environmental focus*



February  
CLA applications reach 2,000

April  
Archbishop Desmond Tutu  
delivers spring Atkinson  
Lecture

September  
Art building expansion/  
renovation completed

November  
Eaton Hall 4th floor  
renovation completed



# Willamette University



**January**  
Willamette ranked No. 3 in Peace Corps volunteers for schools with fewer than 5,000 undergraduates



**January**  
AGSM Professional MBA program opens in downtown Portland

**August**  
Kaneko Commons, Willamette's first residential commons, opens its doors

**November**  
Council on Diversity and Social Justice established

**February**  
CLA applications reach 4,000

**May**  
Ground broken for Ford Hall

**August**  
National Wildlife Federation recognizes Willamette as No. 1 in the country for sustainability

**September**  
Newly renovated Carnegie Building and Oregon Civic Justice Center dedicated with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**October**  
Willamette purchases Zena Forest to establish a 305-acre research station



**February**  
CLA applications reach 8,000

School of Education granted independent status (separate from CLA) as the Graduate School of Education

**September**  
Theatre building reopens after \$5-plus million expansion and renovation



2005

2006

2007

2008

2009

2010

2011

**February**  
Pelton elected chair of the board for the American Council on Education

**June**  
CLA applications reach 3,000

**August**  
Waller Hall renovation completed

**December**  
The Campaign for Willamette kicked off with a gala event featuring Colin Powell

**April**  
Five centers of academic excellence established

**June**  
Willamette Academy graduates its first class



**February**  
CLA applications reach 5,000

The Campaign for Willamette surpasses \$125 million fundraising goal

**August**  
Ford Hall opens

**December**  
Tokyo International University of America's largest-ever class (147) arrives in Salem

**May**  
CLA successfully renews its accreditation from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

M. Lee Pelton departs Willamette after 13 years of service



**WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY**  
*from exceptional to extraordinary*  
THE CAMPAIGN FOR WILLAMETTE



BLURRING AN OLD LINE:  
TEACHING AND  
RESEARCH IN  
THE SCIENCES

BY ERIK SCHMIDT '05



THERE'S A CLASSIC TUG-OF-WAR IN HIGHER EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE SCIENCES, BETWEEN HARD RESEARCH AND TEACHING — TWO EQUALLY DESIRABLE PROJECTS THAT SEEM TO BE, IN SOME INHERENT WAY, LESS THAN COMPATIBLE.

Teaching, so it goes, is usually what liberal arts colleges do best. Professors get to know their students from the first day of class and propel them along a nurturing, discursive curricular experience. It's the "softer" side of science education, where breakthroughs in the lab might take the back burner to a more general engagement with ideas, the growth of academic perspective and mental agility.

On the other hand, top-shelf research — the kind that produces the world's new solutions, products and processes — often happens within the airy walls of larger research institutions that have the resources to run such programs. The undergraduate students might take their introductory courses from a dot on a far-away podium, but the graduate students work with high-powered faculty who, with appropriately restrained teaching and grading loads, solve pressing contemporary problems. These teams shape the economy of scientific research and productivity.

The notion of these two realms ("silos," as some faculty call them) is propped up in part by generalizations that don't apply equally to every school and situation; still, they seem to represent something of a default stance in the U.S. about

how academic science is conducted. They are the products of years and years of precedent and the structural norms of higher education in this country.

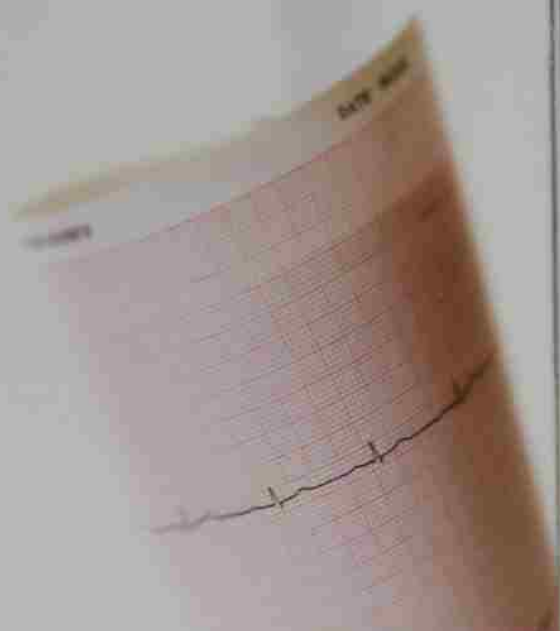
They're also part their useful shelf life.

Willamette is one institution that has challenged the dichotomy, using one pursuit to benefit the other. New programs and guiding principles, all tugging at long-held curricular priorities that grow from liberal arts foundations, have begun to demonstrate that smaller colleges can, in fact, be leaders of production at the same time that they are teaching their scientists to be citizens, worldly thinkers, and so forth. Moreover, there are national-interest reasons for this to be happening right now.

A handful of current programs and trends at Willamette are good illustrations, even if they don't account for all the ways in which faculty and students (in plenty of departments, for the record) are erasing these old distinctions. The big idea, which some faculty would just as soon have broadcast from the rooftops, is that deconstructing the boundary between teaching and research benefits both projects.

#### CITIZEN SCIENTISTS

Stasinos Stavrianeas and Mark Stewart believe in science literacy. The pair of professors — Stavrianeas from exercise science and Stewart from psychology — say that this is the outcome when scientific inquiry is normalized as a popular mode of thought. As young community members gain fluency in science, they gain decision-making skills, become better analyzers and think critically and globally. They are equipped to handle the issues — from stem cell research to climate



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— Stasinos Stavrianeas  
Professor of Exercise Science

## GIVE ME AN IPA ... AND QUANTUM MECHANICS



Every few weeks, Salem residents enjoy Science Pub, a program in which science faculty from Willamette give easy-to-understand lectures on complex topics to anyone over 21

who wants to come to Browns Towne Lounge (on Liberty Street) for a listen. These aren't talking-head lectures, either: They're conversations with incredibly smart people that generate lots of questions and answers and lingering musings at the door (or at a table over a second pint).

Science Pub is a collaborative program between Willamette and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). OMSI also coordinates similar events with partners in Portland, Hillsboro, Corvallis and Eugene.

Learn more and buy the special Science Pub pint glass at [omsi.edu/sciencepub](http://omsi.edu/sciencepub).

change to cloning — that will continue to present new challenges for everyone.

"For too long we as a society have mystified science — it's something that is happening 'over there' when it should be accessible to everybody," Stavrianeas says. "Our national policies depend on that."

At a place like Willamette, where many students major in the sciences but many more dip their toes in and then move into politics or economics or Spanish, great gains can be made by reevaluating the way learners experience science in small doses.

"One of the great things about being here," says Stewart, "is that there are opportunities for four or five dedicated students to engage one-on-one with a mentor in intense scientific research. But there are hundreds of others to impact in the introductory classes. They won't necessarily turn into science majors, but a lot of them will be our leaders down the road. We still owe them an experience."

That experience is now defined in part by iScience, a muscular curriculum meant to expose introductory classes to the widened intellectual contexts of science policy, civic engagement and ethics models, all while providing students with meaningful research capabilities. The most obvious signs of life for the program so far are a powerful new lab on campus and an interdisciplinary course in neuroscience.

The lab, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation (iScience was boosted more recently by an even larger grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation — see sidebar p. 27) introduces students to a new package of research tools. Electronic gear housed in blue boxes beside each computer station integrates several data acquisition systems on-the-fly; these could include an array of sensors to measure heart rate, brain activity, muscle contractions or

temperature, for example. Because of the system's automation and speed, students and professors can manipulate increasingly complex layers of data, either to explore established physiological and psychological phenomena or to pursue new hypotheses according to plans they create on any educated whim.

Groups all over campus benefit. "Maybe a rhetoric and media studies class wants to measure people's visceral reactions to advertisements or images," says Stavrianeas. "They can do that here."

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"Fundamentals of Neuroscience," iScience's second pillar, asks students to enter the study of the brain by constructing their own questions: (*What's the difference between the brain and the mind? How is my frontal lobe like a computer?*), questioning their own answers, and exploring interpretations — including, for instance, social/cultural ones. The coursework combines lab techniques with narrative writing, historical inquiry and ethics conversations. If students forget the ins and outs of neurological pathways five years down the road — which, let's face it, some will — they will still retain many other transferrable lessons.

iScience is thematically related to another project at Willamette called the iHuman Science Initiative (iHSI), which first came about two years ago when a different grant (science students learn to identify patterns — one of them is that their work can be expensive) enabled professors to reevaluate how they were teaching teamwork among groups of students from different academic backgrounds. iHSI has helped highlight opportunities for academic cross-pollination, a

discussion that has taken hold at Willamette more generally in recent semesters. (For a student's perspective on interdisciplinary work, see p. 15.)

Peter Harmer, professor of exercise science, has been involved in iHSI from the beginning. "The big questions," he says, "are answered at the interface of disciplines." A physicist knows the full weight of her discovery when a historian helps her contextualize it. A law student reevaluates a high-court decision when an anthropologist provides an alternate lens to see it through. To use a current Willamette example, childhood obesity is best addressed as an economic and urban-planning problem, rather than merely a physiological one. Undergraduates extract more complete meaning from a taste of science, even a little one, when tangible research skills are coupled with beyond-the-walls perspective and close teaching.

#### RESEARCH BEYOND THE "ZERO-SUM"

David Craig, one of Willamette's most visible researchers over the

last few years, knows the challenges of leading a serious research program at a serious teaching institution. "Sometimes there's a perceived tension between teaching and research," he says, "and sometimes there's a real one." Liberal arts colleges aren't always comfortable asserting themselves as major research hubs, partly because they have historically operated with different market promises (*We will teach your son/daughter to adapt and contribute as a citizen, etc.*) and partly because they haven't been big enough to acquire the equipment and programmatic support that would be needed.

One commentator, Kate Shaw, of the online science and technology publication *Ars Technica*, reframed this as the "zero-sum" problem in science education, which holds that as either teaching or research is emphasized, the other must suffer proportionately. Add a dyed-in-the-wool researcher to the faculty and the net teaching quotient of the department goes down by some related degree.



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— Mark Stewart  
Professor of Psychology

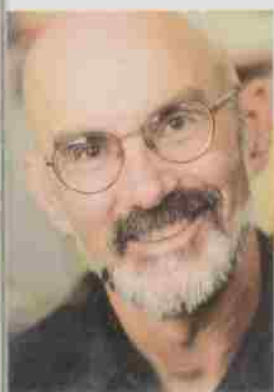
"We've always enjoyed the teaching, and it's icing on the cake that these students are contributing to their scientific communities."

— Karen McFarlane Holman '90  
Associate Professor of Chemistry



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— David Craig  
Associate Professor  
of Biology



"The big questions are answered at the interface of disciplines."

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Professor of Exercise Science

The solution to the problem, according to Craig, comes from deconstructing the idea that teaching and research are so different. "When we say research," he says, "what we're really talking about is the essential component of the liberal arts: measuring what's around us and evaluating what's possible, what's next, what's right and what we need to rethink." Research is teaching, if you do it right. Moreover, liberal arts students are fundamental assets to their institutions when they are able to contribute to serious lab and field work, right alongside their professors, from the get-go.

Surprising hard-research productivity is feasible. "All chemistry majors get research experience with a faculty member," says Professor Karen McFarlane Holman '90, who won the 2010 Oregon Professor of the Year Award (see p. 7). "These scientists who emerge are experienced with research that impacts our fields because they take it on as undergraduates. We've always enjoyed the teaching, and it's icing on the cake that these students are contributing to their scientific communities."

One way Holman facilitates this is by involving students in cancer

work. Many researchers know that ruthenium-based treatments combat metastatic cancers (those that spread to other parts of the body), but they haven't isolated the specific mechanisms that make it happen. Holman studies the fundamental chemistry to figure out what's going on at a molecular level, and, while she's at it, she makes the time to take a group her students each year to Berkeley and Stanford to collect data using a particle accelerator that's only available to a handful of well-connected researchers around the world. Jeff Weber '10 was one of them; now he's in a PhD program having received a \$250,000 graduate school grant for his role in the cancer project.

"THINKING LIKE A RESEARCHER HAS BEEN A KEY DRIVER OF INNOVATION IN THIS COUNTRY."

A convenient side-effect of such successes, as Willamette has been learning for a few years, is that money and capability follow performance. The productivity of the science departments in terms of grant acquisition and structural growth — as measured by, among other things, the addition of a new electron microscope and a half-

## THE BUSINESS OF SCIENCE

The members of Willamette's science faculties are extremely prolific because they have to be. Alongside institutional funding, they collect operating resources from aggressive grant writing, usually with the help of the university's Office for Faculty Research and Resources.

But it's tricky business. The grants below, for example, are one-time infusions of money that facilitate projects that are already supported by institutional resources (like the Willamette Fund, for example). Foundations and other groups, logically enough, often won't give money if they don't feel that projects have the institutional backing to be sustainable afterward.

Here are some recent grant acquisitions to come out of the science departments.



**Sarah Kirk (biology)**  
Murdock Charitable Trust award of \$15,000 for the "Partners in Science" program, which allows a South Salem High School science teacher to join Kirk in summer research



**Karen Arabas (environmental and earth sciences)**  
\$211,749 award from the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

for working with students restoring endangered Oak Savannah at Willamette's Zena Forest

**Stasinos Stavrianeas and Mark Stewart (exercise science/psychology)**

National Science Foundation grant for \$121,000 (2007) and \$250,000 from the W.M. Keck Foundation for the development of iScience and a faculty networking component to expand programming to incorporate regional peer institutions



**Emma Coddington (biology)**  
\$47,000 to perform neuroscience research at the Marine Biological Laboratory

in Woods Hole, Mass.

**Karen Holman and David Craig (chemistry/biology)**

\$25,000 to support the hire of a new bioanalytical chemist and \$25,000 to support the hire of a microbiologist



**David Altman (physics)**  
Nearly \$72,000 in grants from the Murdock Trust and Research Corporation

for his work with students in researching myosin, which stimulates motor function



**Chris Smith (biology)**  
\$149,674 grant from the National Science Foundation for work researching the evolution of Joshua

trees and their unusual pollination mechanisms



**Drew Duncan (chemistry)**  
\$50,000 Undergraduate New Investigator Grant from the American

Chemical Society-Petroleum Research Fund to support his work in pharmaceutical synthesis



million-dollar NMR spectrometer, which Holman calls the "MRI for chemists" — has greatly expanded future possibilities.


The national-interest element here is derived from the fact that colleges and universities in the U.S. know they have to generate more scientific producers. "All the evidence says that the process of thinking like a researcher," Craig says, "regardless of the field, has been a driver of innovation in this country since World War II." But now, in the absence of some of the 20th-century influences that pushed the country ahead so startlingly (like the Cold War), the lay of the higher-ed landscape has shifted. Right when all sorts of institutions — both within higher education and totally detached from it — are being asked to do more with less, places like Willamette are addressing the challenges of productivity by pushing forward liberal-arts solutions.

"Students propel us into real-world problems," Craig says. "That's the thing about research here: You're part of a community that perceives contemporary challenges by breaking them into pieces that we can work on, details that contribute to a larger dialog of discovery. These are authentic problems we're working on."



Three alumni and a group of savvy MBA students are reorienting the discussion about state land management and how the public takes part in it.





# 100,000 Views of Oregon

By Erik Schmidt '05

It's easy to forget how vast Oregon really is.

There are almost 100,000 square miles of land inside the state's borders, making it the ninth-largest in the union, right behind Colorado, in terms of outright acreage. And what a captivating patch of earth it is: Oregon is home to hundreds of miles of sandy coastlines, rivers large and small, high-desert and sunburned ridges, farmland, glittery cityscapes and quiet towns, forests and honest-to-goodness mountains. These geological systems comprise a complex whole; add in about four million people and it's easy to recognize what a challenge it is to keep track of everything.

For the last few decades, one smallish state agency has been charged with helping. The Oregon

Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), established in 1973, provides cities and counties with a framework for deciding how their landscape should be allocated and stewarded. As a result, every inch of the state is covered by a detailed usage plan.

These plans have produced Portland's well-known urban growth boundaries, facilitated increases in coastal tourism while keeping the beach intact, and ensured that rich areas of ranchland in the central and eastern parts of the state will still be available for ranching years from now. The protections haven't come without opposition, as their existence was predicated on a new government organization, statewide oversight (which many Oregonians, the original Western individualists, don't always take

lightly) and public money. But since the DLCD came to life under Governor Tom McCall, it has withstood many tests, and no other state in the U.S. has developed its land-use approach as fully.

Every inch of the state is covered by a detailed usage plan.

The department today faces two compounding challenges, however: the need for systems modernization and a seemingly inescapable dearth of funding with which to make it happen. Fortunately, three Willamette alumni who work with the department have put together a timely partnership with Atkinson Graduate School of Management (AGSM). They've spent the last year learning from one another and finding innovative solutions.

## Land Conservation

Darren Nichols '95 wandered into government planning via a private-sector career in construction, and he credits his former economics advisor, Russ Beaton '61, for showing him the way. Nichols came back to campus several years after he had graduated for a "what-should-I-do-now" chat with Beaton, and the professor piqued his interest with something called economic sustainability.

"Planning to preserve resources and not smother growth at the same time — I knew then that this was going to be my angle," Nichols says.

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So he went to work with the community services division of the DLCD, which occupies the second floor of the Oregon Agriculture Building a few blocks north of Gatke Hall, and today he helps communities across the state get their plans together. A few cubicles away from his office, those plans (and the myriad bits of correspondence required to assemble them) are all filed in one room. The bundles of letters and maps, all

paper and cardboard, plot out district grids, describe how to manage the state's enormous open spaces, and establish the chain of responsibility for statewide compliance. Want to know how The Dalles defines its flood plain, or who's in charge of the two-lane road that runs around the rim of Crater Lake? Nichols and his colleagues have the answers, even if finding them might take a little time thumbing through manila folders.

These documents don't script how everyone uses their land per se. The DLCD typically provides local authorities with a list of 19 priorities to use in drafting their own guidelines, based on the needs of their area, and then gives a stamp of approval when the localities submit compliant end-products. From then on, the DLCD is fairly hands-off. This makes some sense, Nichols says, given that Oregon's communities and landscapes vary dramatically from region to region and the ones who understand them the best are often those who actually live there; it also means that communities' strategies don't always overlap neatly.

Teddy (Ramsey) Leland '88, operations services division manager for the department, sees some of these management challenges through a budgetary lens. "The DLCD is one

of many departments that have adjusted to diminishing resources," she says, "and it's a challenging time right now to meet Oregonians' various needs." A history major at Willamette, Leland grew up in Klamath Falls and has been around as Oregon's land-use story has evolved. Her perspective has helped her deal with the quantity and variety



## Senate Bill 100

In a 1973 speech to the Oregon Legislature, Gov. Tom McCall railed against what he called "sagebrush subdivisions, coastal condo-mania, and the ravenous rampages of suburbia." These concerns provided the genesis for Senate Bill 100, which enacted the land use regulations now maintained by the DLCD.

According to the bill's preamble, "Uncoordinated use of lands within this state threaten(s) the orderly development, the environment of this state and the health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity and welfare of the people of this state." By 1976, Oregon citizens and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) had outlined 19 planning goals that local governments must observe when writing their comprehensive plans. These pertain to citizen involvement and coordinated

planning, agricultural and forest lands, historic and natural resources, urban development, and so on.



One attempt at repeal was made in 1982. During an economic slump, opposition groups feared that land use regulations would hinder future economic growth, while support groups maintained that the regulations stimulated it. Legislation in the 1990s attempted to strip away powers of

Senate Bill 100, but these were also unsuccessful.

To learn more and see all 19 planning goals, visit the DLCD website at [lcd.state.or.us](http://lcd.state.or.us)



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of information, as well as the current fiscal balancing act — which hit home recently with a 17-percent cut and the disheartening decision to shelve a digitization and modernization program the DLCD was just beginning to frame in.

### Modernization in Pixels

The DLCD needs technology. What the department should be going after, Nichols says, is better engagement among Oregonians using new digital tools. "Our biggest enemy in planning is lack of public understanding," he says. "If we do our job right, we can use technology to teach citizens how to take ownership of their community and its future."

To do this, Nichols and his colleagues began a modernization project in 2008 to take advantage of new web

portals and GPS mapping, plus Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) readouts, which record every bump and wobble on Oregon's terrain down to a resolution of several dots per square centimeter. These technologies are cutting-edge enough to redefine how people view their land and understand their place on it, but they are also accessible enough now to be viable tools for governments. The DLCD came up with several goals, including: (1) creating an online library of historical documents, like plans and legislation, that are keyword searchable and public, (2) mining useful predictive data from existing materials, and (3) using real-time mapping and analysis of the landscape to inform current land-use and investment discussions.

Above: MBA students (left to right) Tuan Doan MBA'12, Sandeep Ramesh MBA'12 and Sultan Bugshan MBA'12 get to know the lay of the land. Right: DLCD members Darren Nichols '95, Teddy (Ramsey) Leland '88 and Steve Lucker '79.

Steve Lucker '79, a third member of the Willamette DLCD contingent, was especially interested in the latter goal. Among other things, Lucker maps flood-prone areas and those at risk for other natural hazards, and he saw right away that there is a practical incentive to use as much technology as the department can get its hands on. Using digitized terrain bases, it is now possible to introduce any number of data-sets as overlays (think of clear overhead-projector sheets with specific information on them — stack them up and the picture gets more and more detailed) to produce



## Practical Applications

The PACE program is one anchor of AGSM's experiential curriculum, and it remains an in-demand resource for organizations within and outside of the Northwest. Professor Larry Ettner reports that he received formal working proposals from 22 government and nonprofit organizations last year. He could accept 12 of them.

"We always have to look at the nature of these projects and assess them for fit," he says. "Are the students capable of doing the work? Is the scope appropriate? Do the organization's resources support the program?"

Government agencies currently connected with a PACE group include the Bonneville Power Administration, the City of Albany and the Oregon Department of Transportation. Non-profits include Friends of Children, Mercy Corps Northwest, Oregon Public Broadcasting and the Children's Justice Alliance.

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a graphical representation of what would happen in a 100-year flood, for example, or how property values might change with new public investments like roads or parks.

To use Nichols and Lucker's examples, these data and systems can enable builders to see how traffic changes and construction affect the cost of public transportation; schools can tell with better certainty if a new roundabout might enable more students to walk safely to class; homebuyers can evaluate new lots for how well they use natural sunlight to ease energy costs. These are the kinds of outcomes the department is after.

Trouble is, they're complicated to execute and they aren't free. When the economy tumbled, so did modernization for the DLCD.

### Consulting Power

Enter Atkinson Graduate School of Management (AGSM). Larry Ettner, longtime member of the faculty and professor of management practice, got in touch with the DLCD early in 2010 and proposed what he thought might be a mutually beneficial working group. Jim Rue, deputy director of the DLCD, remembers the day and time: "Willamette came to us

between the first and second budget cuts and said, 'We'd like to work with you on a project,'" he says. "That definitely got our attention."

The collaboration came about through AGSM's Practical Application for Careers and Enterprises (PACE) program, which puts incoming MBA students into teams who connect with external organizations to do valuable consulting work that fills up each student's real-world tool belt. Ettner and Rue discussed how a PACE group might be well-suited to pick up some of the strategic work the DLCD needed but could no longer afford to contract out, and they came up with a plan.

By the fall, the DLCD had retooled and started version 2.0 of their modernization program. Department representatives began meeting regularly with 10 MBA students to identify needs and possible solutions. In one meeting the group assessed the current state of affairs and got familiar with the vast archive of information they were dealing with; in another they decided that third-party software systems and data storage were probably

Opposite: Thiru Selvan Sathiamoorthy MBA'11 and Lindsey Fecteau MBA'12 lend new views on an old plot of land. Below: Margareth Njau MBA'12.

going to be necessary to account for what would soon be a staggering amount of uploaded data; later, they explored business models and assessed what kinds of external relationships they would need to build in the near future.

"We had ratcheted down what we were doing as a division aside from what was required of us by law," Rue says. "The time we were spending on the data and the technical end went away. But we saw right away when we met with the PACE group that, if these 10 students put in nine hours a week, we'd be gaining 90 hours per week of free

consulting. It's been wonderfully helpful, and it costs nothing."

As it happened, the PACE group assigned to the DLCD project was uniquely qualified for the work. The team consisted mostly of international students who brought an array of perspectives on government and land development. "All but three of the students in the group come from outside the U.S.," Leland says, "and it's been very helpful to us for problem solving." She notes that one student, Tuan Doan MBA'12, who comes from Vietnam, lent a professional background in architecture and urban design to the conversation. Sandeep Ramesh MBA'12 brings experience in geographic information systems from India.

"We're considered an 'MBA for Career Change' group, meaning that we've all had previous work experience," says Lindsey Fecteau MBA'12. "Our backgrounds cover finance, accounting, engineering, HR and architecture, and the dynamics of the group have proven

to be a challenging, yet beneficial, experience. We're encouraged to think outside of the box. We're helping the DLCD do the same."

Over the course of an academic year, the process has yielded a new Request for Proposal, which the DLCD and the PACE team members hope will garner support and funding from legislators. One important event is still in the future, though: The teams have planned a summit of around 20 parties, all of whom are interested in the work the DLCD and the PACE students have been doing. Amazon Web Services will be

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at the table. ESRI, grandfather company of GIS, or Geographic Information Systems, will be at the table. The DLCD knows it can't succeed alone — there's no current way for them to fund and build a new data center to house all the new terabyte-sized maps, for instance — but others can help, and if the DLCD/PACE team can articulate the profitability of partnerships, everyone involved can reap the rewards.

The takeaway from this, looking at it from an outsider's point of view, is that the DLCD's operation has evolved from a collective brainstorm into a nimble business model.

The work, of course, will go on for a while, and the MBA students' time with the project is coming to a close. "Aside from money, there's always a learning curve and a time commitment to finishing such a big project," Rue says. "The budget cuts and the work with the PACE team have sharpened

our ability to see what's critical and what isn't." There are new systems involved — software, hardware — as well as many staff hours that will have to be allocated to bring the project to fruition and keep new partnerships going. But current conditions have produced innovation, and that's what all partners in the conversation are after.

"The collaboration isn't about making more work for anyone," Rue says. "It's about giving students a project they can sink their teeth into and providing insights that are central to our business model. We're all getting tangible benefit. So are Oregonians, we think."

## Is the Beach a Highway?



In Oregon, one popular assumption related to land use says that the sandy beach running all the way down the coastline is technically classified as a state highway. And it used to be true.

The highway designation dates from the early 1900s as a way to count the beach as public land and thus set it aside from development. This early conservation effort did the job for a few decades, but, so far as we can tell, the highway rule was nullified by the 1967 Oregon Beach Bill, signed by Gov. McCall. That bill clarified directly that any sand between the low tide and vegetation lines is to remain public land.

Sources: [oregon.gov](http://oregon.gov), [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org)

**ALUMNI  
WEEKEND**  
September 16-18, 2011

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## ALUMNI WEEKEND: CAN WE BEAT 675?

Last year's Alumni Weekend was a whopper. Almost 700 alumni and guests returned to campus for their reunions (the largest attendance on record) to enjoy the sun, the food, the new events and format — and, most of all, each other.

The groups enjoying special recognition and specific reunion activities this year are the classes of 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 2011, as well as the Half-Century Plus Club.

However, as usual, **alumni from any graduating class are welcome to attend.** And trust us: Even if it's not your reunion year, you'll stay entertained.

Here are a few reasons why:

- » On Saturday, you can meander with your peers from the family-friendly **barbecue on the Quad** to the **home football game** at McCulloch stadium. The sun will shine. Fun will ensue.
- » The classrooms will be open and filled with alumni for **mini-classes from current faculty.**
- » The weekend will culminate with a **party in the big Quad tent**, for the adults, featuring all the things that made last year's version so great — plus some extras we're cooking up. (Translation, to paraphrase some of our 50th-year alumni: It'll be long on friends and short on speeches.)

Make those plans to come back to campus Sept. 16–18. It'll be great to see you.

*For complete details, visit [willamette.edu/alumni/alumni\\_weekend](http://willamette.edu/alumni/alumni_weekend). While you're there, be sure to check out the individual classes' [webpages](#).*



Post-barbecue mini-golf: Who knew Blitz was also a caddy?

## THREE IN A ROW

### For the Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund



Kenny Miller '12, football center and 2011 scholarship recipient.

The class of 1961 is on its game. Its dynamic reunion website has been up since before *last year's* classes even had theirs going, and the communications stream coming from the event and fundraising committees is robust and organized.

For two years now, one of the happiest outcomes of the class's work has been the Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund. Classmates have raised enough money together to have already given scholarships to three current Willamette students who need the help in the current economy.

This year's scholarship recipient, Kenny Miller '12, might be the prototypical Willamette multi-tasker: He's managing a role as the center for Willamette's football team, serving as the recruitment chairman for Sigma Chi, and pursuing a decidedly ambitious physics major. He's a busy, energetic, thankful man.

The class of '61 continues its work in event planning, friend-raising and fundraising, and if there's anything certain about the 50th-class reunion in September, it's that the class of 1962 is going to have a tough act to follow.

## THINGS WE LEARNED AT ALUMNI WEEKEND

A few lessons we took away from last year's groundbreaking event:

- » There is a regulation that requires lighted exit signs for an event held under a giant tent that has no walls.
- » "Virtual" reunions work, too: All you need is a wireless connection, Skype and a laptop on the Quad.
- » Student volunteers now respond to text messages more than emails or phone calls.
- » If you're holding an event outdoors at night, make sure the signs aren't printed on black card stock.
- » Unplanned crowd pleaser: current students playing ultimate Frisbee on the Quad on a hot day, wearing appropriately "airy" attire.
- » **And our favorite realization of all:** The members of the class of 1960 still know their Glee songs by heart. Their singing enlivens the rest of us.



## ON THE CALENDAR

Summer and fall alumni events around the country:

### JUNE 24

Alumni Night with the Boise Hawks

### JUNE 26

Alumni Night with the Seattle Sounders

### JULY 7

Travel Program trip to Ashland for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

### JULY 29-31

Travel Program kayaking trip in the San Juan Islands

### JULY 30

Alumni Night with the Portland Timbers

### AUGUST 26

Alumni Night with the Salem/Keizer Volcanoes (first-year student event)

### SEPTEMBER 16-18

Alumni Weekend 2011

### OCTOBER 17

Seven Cities, One Night career networking events (Los Angeles; San Francisco; Portland; Seattle; Washington, D.C.; New York City; Honolulu)

### OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 8

Travel Program trip to Australia and New Zealand

*For details and registration for any of the above, visit [willamette.edu/alumni/events](http://willamette.edu/alumni/events), or [willamette.edu/alumni/travel](http://willamette.edu/alumni/travel) for the Travel Program.*

## THE SENIORS SALUTE

We always ask seniors what their favorite WU memories are as they're preparing to make the switch from students to alumni. Here are a few of our favorites from this spring.

"Staying up until 6 a.m., **talking about everything and nothing**"

"Hanging out in the sun by the Mill Stream with friends and Bistro treats"

"Initiation Week at Alpha Chi Omega — friendship, warm weather, and fun adventures"

"Study abroad and **making friends with TIUA students**"

"When I realized that **my friends at Willamette were actually my family**"

"Filling the resident assistant's room with **900 balloons** as a surprise"

"**Falling in love** on campus"

"7 a.m. breakfasts in Goudy after 5:30 a.m. crew practice. **Yum!**"

"**Streaking on Spring Preview Day**"

"**Mill-Streaming my friend** after an epic hunt that involved stealing his stuffed chicken and holding it hostage"

## A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT YOUR EXCELLENT PEERS

In the last issue of *The Scene*, we put out a call for alumni award nominations; you responded, and several weeks ago the winners — as chosen by the Willamette University Alumni Association Board of Directors — were honored at locations around the country with a special events for family, friends and even coworkers.

Here's a brief introduction to this year's phenomenal four.



Left to right: Dorr Dearborn '61; Dale Mortensen '61; Scott Tomlins '01; Peter Kremer '62 and his wife, Bonnie '62

### **Dorr Dearborn '61** **Distinguished Alumni Citation**

Dearborn has led a prolific career in medicine, beginning with a chemistry major at Willamette and a PhD in biochemistry.

Some of Dearborn's most cited work came about in the fall of 1994, when he recognized a pattern of pulmonary hemorrhage in Cleveland infants and traced the problem to a type of toxigenic mold. The infants, he saw, had been living in water-damaged homes and were continually exposed to what people now call "black toxic mold," which contains a toxin whose compounds are the same as some chemical warfare agents.

### **Dale Mortensen '61** **Distinguished Alumni Citation**

Mortensen, an economics major, became Willamette's first Nobel laureate when he shared the 2010 Nobel Prize in Economics for his "analysis of markets with search frictions."

Mortensen and two partners studied wages and unemployment (two relevant topics in the U.S. today).

"Search friction," as it's called, describes the interplay between businesses and potential employees; according to Professor Per Krusell, a member of the prize committee, Mortensen's work amounted to "the first full theory of unemployment and how it evolves over time."

### **Scott Tomlins '01** **Young Alumni Leadership Award**

Tomlins' PhD thesis in molecular and cellular pathology was a historic leap forward for the understanding of prostate cancer. His discoveries netted multiple awards, including the Horace H. Rackham Distinguished Dissertation Award from the University of Michigan, the American Association for Cancer Research Team Science Award, and the Harold M. Weintraub Graduate Student Award (an international award given for outstanding graduate achievement in the biological sciences).

At 31, Tomlins has already co-authored more than 60 manuscripts on the molecular genetics of prostate, breast and bladder cancers.

### **Peter Kremer '62** **Lestle J. Sparks Medallion**

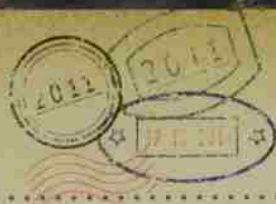
After graduating with honors, Kremer picked up an MBA from Stanford and navigated a successful career in real estate investment and development, which largely took place throughout California and saw him rise to positions of vice president and CEO of several companies. He and his wife, Bonnie, also a member of Willamette's class of 1962, have kept up a consistent focus on philanthropy through the years, giving both time and resources to many organizations, including their alma maters.

Peter serves on Willamette's Board of Trustees (1979-present) and helped start the Peter & Bonnie Kremer Scholarship (est. 1983) and the Peter C. and Bonnie S. Kremer Chair of Economics, an endowed faculty position currently held by Professor Jerry Gray. In 2009, the Kremers' capstone gift to the Campaign for Willamette was the one that pushed the university past its goal of \$125 million ahead of schedule.

*Learn more about the awards, our present and past winners, and how to make a nomination at [willamette.edu/alumni/recognition](http://willamette.edu/alumni/recognition).*

## I DON'T THINK WE'RE IN OREGON ANYMORE: New Travel Program Options

The Travel Program is coming off an extremely successful 2011 season — several trips went to waitlists even with up to 40 traveler spots available — and plans are underway to keep the momentum in 2012. Here are three brand-new attractions to consider.



### Kayaking the San Juans

July 29–31, 2011

There's still time left to register for our new, smaller, local trip to the San Juans. No kayaking experience required!

The "explorer expedition" is fully catered and supplied, so interested alumni and friends need only to sign up and show up. (Our partners with the program provider say you "only need to bring underwear and sunscreen," but we suggest more preparation. Maybe bring a hat.) This trip will be conducted in small groups of eight kayakers, each of which will be accompanied by one professional guide/cook.

The trip is being conducted by Discovery Sea Kayaks, a company that was selected as a "best travel company on earth" two years in a row by *National Geographic Adventure Magazine*. Base cost for Willamette participants is \$535 per person (including all gear, tents, three days' food and drink, guide services and transportation between the travel company's base in Friday Harbor and the kayaking site).

### Patagonian Frontiers

February 10–27, 2012

What a rare privilege it will be to come face-to-face with two of the world's last great frontiers: the majestic fjords and glaciers of Southern Patagonia and the stunning scenery of Torres del Paine.

This 18-day adventure begins with three nights in Buenos Aires, followed by a flight to Ushuaia, the world's southernmost urban

center. Then, set sail on a three-night cruise aboard a 100-cabin expedition ship built specifically for sailing the Patagonian channels. Cruise through the Strait of Magellan and the Beagle and Murray channels to Cape Horn. Visit Magdalena Island, home to more than 120,000 Magellanic penguins. Disembark in Punta Arenas and spend three complete days immersed in the natural wonders of Torres del Paine, a 700-square-mile World Biosphere Reserve of jagged mountain peaks, ice-blue glaciers, lakes, rivers and waterfalls.

### Angkor Wat

October 30–November 14, 2012

The past mingles with the present along the 3,000-mile-long Mekong, the historic river that flows through Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Join us aboard the brand-new *RV Saigon Pandaw*, a river vessel modeled on the colonial steamers of the past, to cruise from the jungles and temples of Cambodia to Vietnam's bustling Mekong Delta. The *RV Saigon Pandaw's* shallow draft enables it to land ashore almost anywhere, so travelers can call at small villages, browse local markets, and visit hidden destinations. The trip will begin in Bangkok, one of the most dynamic cities of the "new Asia," and includes three nights at Angkor Wat, the great Buddhist temple complex that has been compared to the pyramids for its mystery and grandeur.

#### For More Information

To learn more about all of these trips and sign up, visit [willamette.edu/travel](http://willamette.edu/travel), email [alumni@willamette.edu](mailto:alumni@willamette.edu) or call 503-375-5304 — and act fast!

## CLASS NOTES



Submit class notes at The Compass:  
[willamette.edu/alumni/compass](http://willamette.edu/alumni/compass)

### College of Liberal Arts

## 1950s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

**Albert Wardin '50** received a tribute from the Tennessee Baptist Historical Society, which reviewed his career in its 2010 journal. He has written 12 books about Baptist history in Oregon and the United States and received glowing recognition from former students and colleagues.

**Weldon Ward '53** wrote to say hello to all his classmates and give us an update. He notes that he wrote two songs for the freshmen glee, "Jason Lee Blues" and "Moonbeams." After Willamette he married Emily Clark; they moved to Chicago, where he worked at Montgomery Ward, and later to Ventura, Calif. There he got a job as a buyer for Rhodes department store. In 1968 he opened his own business, from which he retired 35 years later. In retirement he counseled for SCORE with the Small Business Administration and took up playing the banjo. He retired from SCORE and became president of the Sacramento Banjo Band three years ago. He is celebrating his 60th wedding anniversary next year.

## 1960s

CLASS OF 1961 AND 1966 REUNIONS

**Susan Trueblood Stuart '60** was profiled in the *Statesman Journal* for her exhibition "Painting My Way Through Cancer," 21 works made during the past three years on display at the Oregon Coast Community

College in Newport. Earlier versions of the exhibit showed at Project Space 2 and Salem Hospital in 2009. Her plan is to show the works where medical professionals are likely to see them.

**Lanae Isaacson '67** finished her tenure as editor of the *Dictionary of Literary Biography: Norwegian Writers, 1500-1900*. The work was published as Volume 354 in the DLB series, and was published by Brucoli Clark Layman of Columbia, S.C.

## 1970s

CLASS OF 1971 AND 1976 REUNIONS

**Mick Luce '70, MBA'76** retired in October 2010 after 26 years with PacifiCorp and its descendant, Iberdrola Renewables. Mick was the first student admitted to the Atkinson School.



As a student, **John West '73** wrote songs for Glee, a treasured campus

tradition of student song and dance competitions. Today he is involved in a better-known "Glee" — the hit television show. He appeared on the episode "Special Education" as a member of the Hipsters, a competing glee club.

**Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76** was appointed chief administrative officer of the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan and Juan De La Cruz Pension Plan after serving in an interim role. He oversees all administration of these Taft Hartley plans, which provide benefits to United Farm Workers (UFW) employees and their families.

**LeAnn Oliver '77** is the program manager for the weatherization

and intergovernmental programs at the Department of Energy in the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy division. For the last four years she has served as the deputy administrator for cooperative programs in the USDA Rural Development area.

Since November of 2009, **Suzanne Kersh '78, MBA'86** and her husband **Karol Kersh '73, JD'76** have been preparing for republication of a book written by her uncle in the 1930s, *Swish of the Kris, the Story of the Moros*, which the couples says has become current and topical all over again. It pertains to cultures of suicide killers, is a study of Islamic Filipinos (Moros), and examines past and present U.S. military strategies and tactics, as those of the Spanish over the years in which they occupied the Philippine Islands. Much more information about the book is available on their website: [kardssales.biz](http://kardssales.biz).

## 1980s

CLASS OF 1981 AND 1986 REUNIONS



**Donald L. Krahmer, Jr. '81, JD/MBA'87** was named to the Regence

BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon board of directors, where he will help guide the company's strategic direction as it strives to transform health care. He currently serves as co-chair of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt's technology and business practice.

**Deston Nokes '81** launched "Portland Essentials," a new, iPhone/iPad application that guides residents and visitors to the Rose City's best destinations, including parks, restaurants, golf, bike rides, festivals

and many of the quirky and refined places that make Portland one of the nation's most livable cities. Available through iTunes, the application has 258 entries and more than 2,050 photos.

**Kerry Tymchuk '81, JD'84** was appointed interim executive director of the Oregon Historical Society. He comes to the Oregon Historical Society from his position as corporate communications advisor at CFM, Strategic Communication, Inc. He is a member of the Oregon State Bar Association and serves on the board of directors for Special Olympics of Oregon and the Oregon Law Foundation. He is also a member of Willamette's board of trustees.

**Emily Batlan '84** completed her Masters in education at Antioch University Seattle in December 2010. Emily continues to live, work and play in Seattle.

**Brett Strobel '87** successfully defended his dissertation and was awarded his PhD July 29, 2010, while at Oxford University. The degree was granted by the Graduate Theological Foundation. His dissertation is entitled "Spiritual but Not Religious: An Examination of the Post-Christendom Church and Postmodern Paradigms of Authority." He lives in Portland with his wife and two sons.



To **James Bailey '88, MM'95** and wife, twin daughters,

Alyvia Mae and Annabella McCormick, born May 10, 2010. The family lives in Boise.



To **Bianca (Barbachan) Lutes '89** and husband John, a son, Thomas

Manuel, born April 13, 2010. He joins older brother Spenser, 13, and sister Grace, 3.



**Jennifer Sasser '89** celebrated her 10th year as chairperson and associate

professor in the Department of Human Sciences at Marylhurst University. In June 2008, Jennifer received the Marylhurst Award for Excellence in Academic Service and Teaching, and in May 2010, she was the first recipient of the board of trustees' Excellence Award for Individual Achievement. She is finishing her final year as president of the Oregon Gerontological Association and is beginning a second two-year term on the board of directors for Mary's Woods at Marylhurst, a continuing care retirement community. In addition to her position at Marylhurst, Jennifer is visiting faculty at Pacific Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, Calif. Her most recent scholarly work includes co-convening The Intentional Aging Collective blog with colleague David Rozell and serving as consulting editor for the 2010 edition of *Aging: Concepts and Controversies*, by Dr. Harry R. Moody. Jennifer volunteers at Sisters of the Road Cafe and is involved in several community projects focused on food security, community-supported agriculture, and beautiful food for all.

**Wes Woolbright '89, JD/ MBA'93** is employed by Safeway as director of pricing in Pleasanton, Calif. He is now speaking internationally for the International Quality and Productivity Center. He began his career at Safeway in Salem on Center Street, and has remained with the company for all these years. After receiving his law degree, he decided not to pursue law because it would be too time consuming and would take away from helping to raise his family.

## 1990s

CLASS OF 1991 REUNION



To **Daniel Evans '91** and wife Deborah, a daughter, Emma Amelia, born Dec. 29.

She joins sister Abigail Grace.



**Dagny Haug '92** and Mac Maccree were married June 1, 2010, in the Great Room above the

Widmer Gasthaus in Portland. Dagny was profiled in a previous Scene for her undergarment company Bonus Pants. She notes that the skirt of her wedding dress was fashioned out of men's underpants.



**Mark Hanken '93** completed the inaugural Super Plunge by jumping into the chilly

Columbia River in Portland once an hour for 24 straight hours to raise money for Special Olympics Oregon, where he is senior vice president of sports. Pictured alongside him is **Geritt Wood '00**, whose company, Prime Time Sports, provided logistical support. For more info visit [www.spor.org/](http://www.spor.org/).

**Jane Jackson '93, MBA'95** is one of five worldwide project managers working to transform Intel's office space, one floor at a time. A recent article in *The New York Times* featured some of the transformative work going on at Intel, not in chip design or manufacturing, but in the way people work.

To **Casey (Strickland) Faulkner '94** and husband Richard, twin daughters, Chloe Rose and Clare Olivia, born in London Aug. 14, 2010.

**Crayton Webb '94** is director of corporate communications and corporate social responsibility for Mary Kay in Dallas, Texas. Previously he was chief of staff for the mayor of Dallas and a television news reporter for the CBS affiliate in Dallas. Crayton is currently serving as chairman of the board for Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity. Recently, he was named one of the "Five Outstanding Young Dallasites" by the Dallas Junior Chamber of Commerce and was subsequently named one of the "Five Outstanding Young Texans" by the Texas Junior Chamber. He and his



**Philippson '97**, Georgina's husband. Visit [consonarechorale.org](http://consonarechorale.org) for more information about world premieres and musical collaborations of the 2010-11 season.



Bearcats who have sung with Consonare Chorale during its first four seasons include: **Amanda Beggs '13**, **Andrew Hallberg '12**, **Beth Dittman '02**, **Caitlin Stephens '05**, **Catherine Van der Salm '96**, **Celia Elder '00**, **Christine Greger '04**, **Cullen Philippson '97**, **David Greger '72**, **David Nelson '02**, **Eric Hill-Tanquist '07**, **Erin Buckmaster '98**, **Georgina Philippson '98**, **Jennifer Ruljancich '00**, **Joey Razzano '89**, **MBA'90**, **John R. Turner '04**, **Jonathan Hicks '07**, **Karen (Hendrick) Gerber '99**, **Katie (Skiff) Hatzenbuehler '04**, **Kirk Masterson '97**, **Krysta Drechsler '05**, **LaKisha Clark '99**, **Renee Schwab '04** and **Stevie Greenwell '07**.

wife Nikki have two sons, Nelson and Cabot.

**Eric Salkeld '96, MAT'02** ran his second solo marathon, completing 216 miles of the Cascades Lakes Relay by himself, dedicating the run to one of his students, Levi, who is battling childhood leukemia. In 2009 he ran the Hood-to-Coast relay by himself.



To **Grant Stockton '96, JD'02** and wife Melissa, a son, Jackson Douglas, born Sept. 18.

**Jeff Eager '97** was elected mayor of the city of Bend, Ore. Jan. 5. He continues to

practice law full-time at his firm, Balyeat & Eager, LLP, in Bend. His primary practice areas include business, litigation and employment law.



To **Amy Erikson Varga '97** and husband Jason, a daughter, Marlo Ellen, born Nov. 16. Amy works as

the director of alumni events at Willamette.

To **Jennifer (Hess) Mouat '97** and husband Hayden, a daughter, Siri Kathleen, born Nov. 25, 2009. She joins big brother Haakon. The family lives in Walla Walla, Wash.

To **Christina Robertson-Gardiner '97** and husband Mike, a son, Felix William, born March 25, 2010. The family lives in Portland. He was welcomed by big sister Ada.



To **Greg Gonzalez '98, MBA'12** and wife Virginia, a daughter, Diana Irene,

born Jan. 21. She joins older brother William. The family lives in Salem and both parents work at Willamette. Greg works in building maintenance and Virginia works in advancement services.

To **Cary (McAdams) Hamilton '98** and husband Steve, a daughter, MacKenzie Lee, born July 29, 2010.



To **Lindsay Hunter '98** and husband Christopher, a son, Miles

Joseph, born June 26.

To **Han (Nguyen) Gourley '98** and husband Josh, a son, Isaac Nguyen, born Nov. 8.

**Douja Mamelouk '98** defended her PhD dissertation at Georgetown University in the Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies. Her husband, Moataz ElShehawy, and her two daughters Lili, and Mimi, watched her graduate May 22, 2010. She continues to teach at Georgetown University.

**Brandy O'Bannon '98, MBA'00** was honored to be one of the 2010 Crystal Apple Award nominees. The Crystal Apple awards honor excellence in education. Brandy has worked as the development director of Blanchet Catholic School for 10 years. Blanchet is a private school, open to students of all faiths, that provides college prep education for more than 400 mid-valley students annually in grades 6-12.

**Shana Cooper '99** was named a Princess Grace Theater Fellow, which will allow her to build on her foundations with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and define herself in the

artistic community. The fellowship, distributed by the Princess Grace Foundation-USA, is awarded each year to continue the legacy of Grace Kelly, who anonymously assisted emerging young artists.

To **Jennifer (Nichols) '99** and **John Lovin '97**, a daughter, Rosemarie Christina, born April 22. She joins her big brother Jack, 2. The family lives in Seattle, where John is a police officer.



To **Joanna (Piatek) Sooper '99** and husband

Justin, a son, Levi Everett, born Nov. 23.

**Matt Spencer '99** is the chief executive officer of the Colorado Mountain College Foundation.

**Kirsten Olson Wyatt '99** is the assistant city manager for the city of West Linn, Ore.



To **Geoff Hulbert '99, MAT'00** and **Jennifer (Duran) '00, MAT'03**, a daughter,

Paige Kaitlyn, born May 14. She joins sister Allison Grace. Geoff is a vice principal at Visions in Education and Jennifer teaches part-time for the same school. The family lives in Woodland, Calif.

## 2000s

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In March 2010, **Nikolas Caoile '00** and his wife Melissa presented a recital

in Hudson Hall at Willamette: *Wine, Women and Song*. The performance featured music by female composers celebrating the Womens' Suffrage Centennial in Washington State. In July 2010, he was named the music director and conductor of the Wenatchee Valley Symphony Orchestra. He is also the director of Orchestral Activities at Central

Washington University and has recently guest-conducted the Philharmonic Orchestra of the Americas (New York), Rainier Symphony Orchestra (Renton, Wash.), and the Gig Harbor Symphony (Gig Harbor, Wash.).

To **Marc McAllister '00** and wife Meghan, a son, William, born Aug. 6. The couple recently finished urology residencies at Loma Linda University and have moved to The Dalles, Ore.

To **Erik Van Hagen '00** and wife Andrea, a daughter, Eloise Rose, born March 8, 2010. She joins older brother Atticus.

To **Chad DeHaan '01** and wife Tiffany, a son, Tate Robert, born Sept. 20. Tate joins big brother Caleb. The family lives in Sammamish, Wash.

**Adam DuVander '01** is the executive editor with Alcatel-Lucent. He has been writing for a website called [programmableweb.com](http://programmableweb.com) for the last year, which was acquired by Alcatel-Lucent, who wanted to expand their editorial coverage. He is leading that effort.



**Scotty Iseri**

'01 was profiled in *The Oregonian* for his series of short videos,

*Scotty Got an Office Job* where he pokes fun, pulls pranks and points out his job's absurdities: He dances in office chairs, walks between cubicles like "Office-saurus Rex" and writes songs about his dress pants. Visit [scottygottanofficejob.com](http://scottygottanofficejob.com) to watch.

To **Anne (Evans) Kramer '01** and husband Anton, a son, Andrew Michael, born Sept. 2. Andrew joins siblings Monica, 7, and Jack, 4. Anne is the campus minister at Kennedy Catholic High School in Burien, Wash. The family lives in Seattle.



**Jason Niedermeyer '01, MAT'05** received the 2010 National Association of Biology Teachers

(NABT) Evolution Education Award. He has been teaching at South Salem High School since his graduation from Willamette's Graduate School of Education in 2005. He was honored for his unique approach to tackling the subject of evolution in high school classrooms.

To **Melinda Crane '02** and husband Dylan, a son, Carter Xavier, born Sept. 1. He joins sisters Zia and Dilyn. The family lives in Clermont, Fla., where Melinda and Dylan work at Walt Disney World.



**Kat Swanson '02** and **Jeff Bennett** were married in

Eugene, Ore., on Aug. 7.

After exploring career paths at Adidas America and Netflix, **Ben Christiansen '03** was hired by Nike Inc. His new role is working in Nike's Strategic Sporting Goods Sport Authority Group. Ben's new position as a senior account service representative oversees all order management for Sports Authority's men's apparel.

**Alex Fiksdal '03** is a data and systems analyst for the Bonneville Power Administration in Portland.

**Matthew Ericksen '04** recently graduated from Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine in Glendale, Ariz., and is in his first year of a five-year Otolaryngology/Facial Plastics residency program in Joplin, Mo. He and Crystal Ericksen were married Feb. 28, 2010, at the Orangetree Golf Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.



To **Carrie (McIntyre) Jones '04** and **Anthony Jones '02, MBA '05** a daughter,

Lucy Olivia, born July 11, 2010. She joins brother Spencer, 5, and sister Tatum, 3.

To **Lesley (Meyer) '05** and **Shaun Lavery '05**, a daughter, Maya Isabelle, born June 30, 2010. The family lives outside Seattle.



**Nathan Love '05, MBA'06** and **Karen Alinauskas** were married Jan. 17 in

New York City. He works as a senior analyst in the New York office of Lionsgate Films. He assists in sales planning and analysis in the digital and home entertainment group.

**AJ Nash '05, MBA'06** was promoted to sales manager with Willamette Valley Bank in Salem.



**Michael Robinson '05, MBA'07** and his college sweetheart, **Melissa**

**(Dean) Robinson '07** were married July 10 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The best man was **Mike Armstrong '05, MBA'07**. The couple had a small family wedding five minutes from where Michael grew up.

The University of Washington School of Law announced that **Sarah Sprinkle '05** will be a member of the 2010-11 *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal* editorial board.



To **Megan (Scheelar) Jones '06** and husband Travis, a daughter,

**Rylee Marie**, born July 17, 2010. The family lives in McMinnville, Ore. She was welcomed by grandfather **Jim Scheelar '75**.

**Jennifer Kirkman '06** joined the Vancouver office of law firm Staharicyk, Kent & Hook. She will be primarily practicing family law.

**Kylie Pine '06** was profiled in a June 4 article in Salem's *Statesman Journal* highlighting her extensive volunteer work at the Mission Mill Museum and her work with the Oregon Museums Association and Oregon State Hospital Museum.



**Mariah (Lett) Clark '07** and **Brian Clark** were married Aug. 9 at Barton Park near Estacada, Ore.

**Meuy Saeteurn '07** works for the Western United States Agricultural Trade Association (WUSATA), where he helps small, local agribusinesses develop their global markets by connecting them to buyers and distributors in Southeast Asia, Europe, India, South America, Central America and in regions/countries all around the globe.



**Lauren Andrzejewski '08** and **Connor Malone '08, MBA'09** were married Aug. 14 in Bellevue, Wash. The

bridal party included **Jessica Motaïs de Narbonne '07**, **Elise Helvie '09**, **Daniel McCusker '08**, **Steve Haberkorn '08** and **Emilio Solano '09**.



To **Matthew Harris '08, MBA'08** and wife Sheena, a son, **Makai David**, born Dec. 30.

**Sylvie Nelson '08** finished her MAT and is a teacher of English in Seoul, South Korea.



**Lukkes Gilgan '10**, **James Perez '10** and **Andrew Ross '10**, upon finishing their senior football seasons signed contracts to play American football in Finland for the Jyväskylä Jaguarit. They play in the Maple League, which is the highest level of play in Finland.

## Atkinson Graduate School of Management

### 1970s

**Mick Luce '70, MBA'76** retired in October 2010 after 26 years

with PacificCorp and its descendent, Iberdrola Renewables. Mick was the first student admitted to the Atkinson School.

**Patrick Pine '74, MBA'76** was appointed chief administrative officer of the Robert F. Kennedy Medical Plan and Juan De La Cruz Pension Plan after serving in an interim role. He oversees all administration of these Taft Hartley plans, which provide benefits to United Farm Workers (UFW) employees and their families.

Since November of 2009, **Suzanne Kersh '78, MBA'86** and her husband **Karol Kersh '73, JD'76** have been preparing for republication of a book written by her uncle in the 1930s, *Swish of the Kris, the Story of the Moros*, which the couples says has become current and topical all over again. It pertains to cultures of suicide killers, is a study of Islamic Filipinos (Moros), and examines past and present U.S. military strategies and tactics, as those of the Spanish over the years in which they occupied the Philippine Islands. Much more information about the book is available on their website: [kandssales.biz](http://kandssales.biz).

### 1980s



**Donald L. Krahmer, Jr. '81, JD/ MBA'87** was named to the Regence

BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon board of directors, where he will help guide the company's strategic direction as it strives to transform health care. He currently serves as co-chair of Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt's technology and business practice.

### 1990s

**Jose Eugenio Alati MBA'90** is currently living in Zurich, Switzerland with his wife and two kids, **Isabella**, 9, and **Stefano**, 6.

**Michael Mockler MBA'91** has achieved the milestone he has sought for many years, moving from behind the pharmacy counter into teaching all aspects of pharmacy, including business management, at the college level.

**Juan Aguiar JD/MBA'02** currently works for Ecuador's Ministry of Non-Renewable Natural Resources, which is in charge of mining and petroleum. Juan has been busy with the efforts of the Ecuadorian government to re-negotiate the contracts it has with major oil companies.

**John Marick MBA'92**, CEO and co-founder of Oregon-based Consumer Cellular, was featured on the front page of the business section of the *The Oregonian*. On May 22, 2010, an article titled, "Consumer Cellular Thrives in Wireless Niche," highlighted John's company as one of Oregon's fastest-growing, with revenues surging by 57 percent last year and reaching more than \$100 million for the first time. Targeting budget-minded seniors, Consumer Cellular has a half-million customers and hopes to double that number in three years.

**Chris Newhouse MBA'92** and his wife Jennifer live in Salt Lake City with their four kids: **Madeline**, 20; **Abigail**, 17; **Olivia**, 15; and **Christopher**, 12. Chris is a district sales manager for Staples.

**Ted Crawford JD/MBA'03** is the mayor of Dundee, Ore. Since moving to the city of 3,000 in 2004, Ted has spent two years on the city's budget committee and planning commission. In 2008 he decided to run for an elected position on the city council and won a seat. Then, in 2010, he set his sights on unseating the incumbent mayor. He continues to work as a patent attorney as well.

**Voralak "Nink" Kosakul MBA'93** recently took a new job at the Embassy of Sweden in Bangkok. She is responsible for regional cooperation supported by the Swedish gov-

ernment, which means more traveling for her in the region.

**Wes Woolbright '89, JD/MBA'93** is employed by Safeway as director of pricing in Pleasanton, Calif. He is now speaking internationally for the International Quality and Productivity Center. He began his career at Safeway in Salem on Center Street, and has remained with the company for all these years. After receiving his law degree, he decided not to pursue law because it would be too time consuming and would take away from helping to raise his family.



**To James Bailey '88, MM'95** and his wife Karen, twin daughters, Alyvia Mae and Annabella McCormick, born May 10, 2010. The family lives in Boise, Idaho.



**Jason Cody MBA'95** formed an intellectual property and internet law firm, Mod Law, to provide strategic counseling, protection and litigation services to domestic and international companies. Mod Law focuses on trademarks and unfair competition, copyrights, trade secrets, internet law, false advertising and related business litigation. After several years at a large AmLaw 100 and Global 50 international law firm, Jason decided to put his AGSM skills to use as an entrepreneur. Learn more about Mod Law: [www.mod-law.com](http://www.mod-law.com).

**Jane Jackson '93, MBA'95** is one of five worldwide project managers working to transform Intel's office space, one floor at a time. A recent article in *The New York Times* featured some of the transformative work going on at Intel, not in chip design or manufacturing, but in the way people work.

After 15 years in the investments industry, **John C. Raaf MBA'95** has launched his own company — Raaf Invest-

ment Advisors, LLC. "My wife Mitzi (**Mari Margaret Piva Raaf MBA'95**) is actively involved in managing the business, allowing me greater freedom to spend time with clients," writes John. Raaf Investment Advisors will provide a range of services, including investment management, financial planning and retirement planning.

**Michael Eber MBA'97** and family are on the move. "After five years in Washington, D.C., we packed our things, loaded the car, and made our way cross-country to Denver," writes Michael. "We are thrilled to be here and establishing a new home and life, and welcome visitors." Michael works with a small private investment firm automating their business processes, implementing new technology, assisting with organizational change and readying a 100+ year-old historic building for occupancy.

**Rolly (Roland) Roup MBA'97** is currently in San Diego working for LPL Financial as the VP of Internal Audit. "The little kid that ran around the fourth floor [of Atkinson] in a yellow cape and blue denim hat has graduated high school," says Rolly. "My son, Fabrice, who was a contributing part of my Atkinson experience, is heading off to the University of Hawaii this fall to major in marine biology."



**Matthew Randall MBA'98** was named the first executive director of York College's Center for Professional Excellence. The Center for Professional Excellence (CPE) was created in 2009 to build upon the college's tradition of preparing students as professionals. The CPE has two purposes: to develop and execute a regional and national poll that defines the characteristics of professionalism, linking York College with professionalism nationwide, and to assist in developing meaningful co-curricular programs that exemplify professional characteristics.

**Robert (Bob) Anderson MBA'99** was promoted to the position of line of business controller for the Financial Solutions and Services Group at Xerox Corp. His online day/lily nursery, Midnight Gardens, was also highlighted in a *Portland Tribune* article by Barbara Ashmun on August 12.

**AJ Nash '05, MBA'06** was promoted to sales manager with Willamette Valley Bank in Salem.



**To Justin Barsotti MBA'99** and wife Becky, a son, Owen Peter.

**Kevin B. Dull JD/MBA'99** was recently promoted to executive consultant, HR Business Partner for Care Delivery, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest.



As a part-time writer, **Eric Lin MBA'99** published his first horror/sci-fi novel, *Mecha of the Dead*, in Hong Kong this July. It has been serialized in a local magazine for the past two years, and is now published in book form. There is also an e-book version.

## 2000s

**Brandy O'Bannon '98, MBA'00** was honored to be one of the 2010 Crystal Apple Award nominees. The Crystal Apple Awards honor excellence in education. Brandy has worked as the development director of Blanchet Catholic School for 10 years. Blanchet is a private school, open to students of all faiths, that provides college prep education for more than 400 mid-valley students annually in grades 6-12.

**Taryn C. (Fuchs) Burnett JD/MBA'01, CDR'01** became a partner at Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP, one of Canada's largest law firms. She practices almost exclusively in the area of

product liability and professional liability and insurance defense, including a significant time on medical malpractice cases. Taryn lives in Calgary, Alberta with her husband **Dean Burnett MBA'00** and their two boys, Quentin, 5, and Preston, 4.

**Nick Jwayad MBA'01** has been named 2010 IT Executive of the Year at InnoTech Oregon. The award from Prospera Events, which produces the InnoTech conferences nationwide, recognizes executives who have implemented innovative technology, boosted their employer's competitiveness and demonstrated "leadership in the information technology community."



Atkinson alumni in Japan gathered Dec. 9 to welcome **Note Vongslai MBA'04**, who is working in Japan for two years, starting in October, and to celebrate Christmas and the end of 2010. Alumni who attended were **Ichiro Nakajima MBA'06**, **Note Vongslai MBA'04**, **Hideaki Azuma MBA'05**, **Hisashi Ozaki MBA'03** and **Hideyuki Sato MBA'04**.

**Fadi Bouri MBA'05**, vice president of corporate finance for Rasmala Investment Bank Ltd., was married on August 7 in Amman, Jordan. Fadi works for the corporate finance team of Rasmala, a regional investment bank. Fadi is based in the Dubai office, but he flies often to Dammam/Khobar in Saudi Arabia.



**To Carrie (McIntyre) Jones '04** and **Anthony Jones '02, MBA '05** a daughter, Lucy Olivia, born July 11, 2010. She joins brother Spencer, 5, and sister Tatum, 3.

**To Jeremy Maughan MBA'05** and wife Heidi, a son, Croix Simmons, born June 8. Croix joins older brother Jax.

To **Jorge Ordonez MBA'05** and **Jessica (Brown) Ordonez MBA'04**, a son, Daniel Felipe, born May 27. Jorge works as a senior financial economist for the Oregon Public Utility Commission and Jessica works as a freelance writer and editor. They live in southeast Portland with their two-year-old son, Adrian.



**Janice Watson JD/MBA'06** was offered a postgraduate research fellowship

at King's College School of Law, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, beginning January 2011. She has been invited to study for a PhD, Philosophy in Law. Her thesis will examine eminent domain or "takings" for the "public good." Watson proposed to research the philosophical, legal and ecclesiastical concepts of liberty and laws as they pertain to property, and what influence the Scottish Enlightenment had on the U.S. Constitution.



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**(Dean) Robinson '07** were married July 10 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The best man was **Mike Armstrong '05, MBA'07**. The couple had a small family wedding five minutes from where Michael grew up.

"Thanks in large part to the tutelage of Professor Maltz and the recommendations of Dr. Hand and Dr. Dothan," writes **Jameson Watts MBA'07**, "I was accepted and have started the doctoral program in marketing at the University of Arizona."



To **Matthew Harris '08, MBA'08** and wife Sheena, a son, Makai David, born Dec. 30.

**Pete Schonebaum MBA'08** was promoted to team leader within the Private Client Reserve of US Bank. With the promo-

tion, Pete relocated back home to Minneapolis, Minn., from Portland, Ore. The Private Client Reserve offers various services, including private banking, financial planning and investment banking.

**Roland Zapata MBA'08** accepted the position of post-sales and programs product manager for Xerox Worldwide. In this new role he is responsible for developing and implementing marketing campaigns for Xerox Color and Monochrome product lines.

**Jessica Balsam MBA'09** accepted a position to lead the marketing and communications team for the State Energy Program at the Department of Energy. The State Energy Program provides financial and technical assistance to states through formula and competitive grants to address state energy priorities. She lives in Washington, D.C.

**Kristy Bolsinger MBA'09** left RealNetworks in December to join a small start up consultancy called Art's Eye View as a consultant with a focus on strategic customer experience consulting with large-scale clients.



**Kushal Chakrabarty MBA'09** and **Beverly Schwarz MBA'09** were

married Oct. 1, 2010. They had a small family wedding in Marin County, Calif., and honeymooned in Hawaii.

To **Courtney Kipp MBA'10** and husband Brian, a son, Parker Michael, born June 17.

Two Atkinson alumni proudly support the Spirit Mountain Community Fund, which donates about \$5 million each year to local programs and services that benefit citizens striving for self-sufficiency. Tribal member **Camille Mercier MBA'10** is one of eight trustees of the fund and tribal member **Shelley Hanson MBA'96** is the fund's director. At the Celebration of Giving in September, Willamette's Zena Farms will receive a special celebration grant of \$5,000.



An Atkinson alumnus is recently published his first novel, *Shadow of a Distant Morning*. The book has been published as an e-book and is available on several sites including Amazon and (soon) Barnes & Noble. Information about the book can be viewed on the publisher's link. The novel is a private detective mystery set in 1934 Kansas City. The alumnus, who wishes to remain anonymous, goes by pen name William Topek.

## Graduate School of Education

### 1990s

**Joy Hatch MAT'97** happily taught middle school for over a decade before she started work on her first book, *The Ecological Baby Guide: Down-to-Earth Ways for Parents to Save Money and the Planet* (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, March 2010). Showing how families can raise an eco-baby without breaking the bank, this guide to green parenting focuses on progress instead of perfection as it educates parents about cloth diapering, buying used gear, and finding the best green values.



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born May 14. She joins sister Allison Grace. Geoff is a vice principal at Visions in Education and Jen teaches part-time for the same school. The family lives in Woodland, Calif.

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### 2000s



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### In Memoriam

#### Remembering Sue Rauch '75 and Julianne Abendroth

Two very special members of the Willamette community passed away over the winter: Sue Rauch '75, associate vice president for admission and financial aid, and Julianne Abendroth, associate professor of exercise science.

Sue belonged to a select group of administrator-alumni whose tenures at Willamette (in Sue's case, 38 years, including her student days) began well before today's students were even born. She was as dedicated an advocate for Willamette — a "force of nature," said one of her peers — as anyone is likely to know, and she built sincere and fruitful relationships all around campus and the Salem community. Sue passed away Jan. 15. (For more complete notes, see In Memoriam, p. 52.)

Julianne was, to paraphrase a current professor, one of the most genuine and well-loved members of the faculty. She studied the kinds of activities she was adept at herself — skiing, hiking, running — and led by example, inviting students and many others into her home and into her research lab. The current generation

of students received the best kind of Willamette initiation by watching Julie put into practice those values of solidarity, openness and integrity that the university seeks most in its community of teachers. Julie died Jan. 5. (For more complete notes, see In Memoriam, p. 53.)

## 1930s

**Mary (Allen) Miller '31** died Oct. 25 in Oregon. She was born in Portland in 1909. She married **Howard Miller '31** in 1930 and they both taught at Newberg High; later they moved to Salem, where she taught at the State School for the Blind. After retirement, they moved to Hemet, Calif., where they enjoyed golf and traveling. After Howard's death in 1983, Mary lived at Willamette View Manor in Portland, where she was active in the library and assisted visually-impaired residents. She continued to enjoy cruising, bridge, opera and reading. A sister, **Lucile (Allen) Clark '28**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, a son, two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

**Eleanor (Yarnes) Mosher '35** died Oct. 22 in Newark, Del. She was born in Brooks, Ore., in 1913. After earning her bachelor's degree, she married William A. Mosher, with whom she shared 36 years of marriage before his passing in 1972. She was a longtime member of the Newark United Methodist Church, as well as a life member of the American Association of University Women. A talented homemaker, she enjoyed gardening and sewing, and in her leisure hours she liked to travel. Her husband, **William Mosher '35** and two brothers, **Raymond Yarnes '30** and **Lawrence Yarnes '34**, preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Helen W. (Knight) Beaver '36** died July 10 in Spokane, Wash. She was born in 1913 in Hubbard, Ore. She graduated

from Hubbard High School in 1930 and from Willamette in 1936. In 1944, she married James H. Beaver of Missoula, Mont., and moved to Seattle, where she lived until moving to Spokane, Wash., in 2005. She taught English and special education in the Edmonds School District and completed her Masters of Education at the University of Washington in 1966. She received the Freedom Foundation National Award in 1965, and became a member of the honorary women's teacher organization Alpha Delta Kappa in 1970. She retired in 1976, and in 1986 was named an Edmonds School District Living Legend Teacher. Survivors include a daughter, **Elizabeth "Betsy" (Beaver) Ashleman '72**.

**Roberta E. (Smith) Dymond '36** died June 28, 2010. She was born in 1914 in Sandy, Ore.

**Guy H. Heimsoth '37** died Nov. 18 in California. He was born in 1915 in California. Two brothers, **Glenn Heimsoth '39** and **Lloyd Heimsoth '47**, preceded him in death.

**June (Dahlgren) Johnston '37** died Jan. 15, 2005 in Oregon. She was born June 13, 1917.

**Ruth M. (Bunzow) Gilmore '38** died June 16 in Oregon. She was born in Vancouver, B.C., in 1916. She worked as a secretary for Eugene Public Schools. Survivors include two sons.

**Veda R. Sexton '38** died June 21 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. She was born in 1915 in The Dalles, Ore., and graduated from high school there before attending Willamette and Oregon State University. She married Everett Sexton in 1937 and the couple moved to Coeur d'Alene that year. Veda was a homemaker, interior decorator and mother, and she helped in the family jewelry store. When the jewelry store sold, Everett's job involved traveling throughout the Northwest, and the pair had plenty of time to visit The Dalles. Church was always important to Veda and Everett; they held almost every office through the years that the church had to offer. Her hobbies

included doll making and china painting; her basement was home to Veda's Studio for several years. A son preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Echo (Johnson) O. Polinsky '38** died Jan. 6 in Stockton, Calif. She was born in Watford City, N.D., in 1915. After graduating from Willamette she served as a Navy Ensign during World War II. She taught school in Madison, Wisc., and Stockton. In retirement she enjoyed emailing friends all over the globe. She was an active member of Holy Cross United Methodist Church and several other organizations. Survivors include her three sons, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Lorene "Jimmie" Tompkins '38** died Jan. 29 in Oregon. She was born Aug. 28 in Dayton, Ore., and was a teacher. Her husband, **Verne Reiersen '38**, a brother, **Russell Tompkins '38**, and a son preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter.

**Ruth (Yocom) Carkin '39** died June 14 in Eugene, Ore. She was born in Corvallis, Ore., in 1916. During World War II she was a junior high school teacher. At Willamette she played a variety of sports all four years, participating in six sports her sophomore and junior years. She was a conference all-star for four years in basketball and won the conference doubles championship in tennis as a junior. She was named Willamette's Outstanding Female Athlete after her junior and senior years. She was also named to the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Bruce Carkin '38**, sister **Rachael Yocom '37**, brother **Richard "Buzz" Yocom '49**, brother **Raymond Yocom '49**, and sister **Roberta (Yocom) Fox '46**. Survivors include a daughter, two sons and six grandchildren.

**Rosalie M. (Goulder) Ranton '39** died Oct. 17 in Oregon. She was born in 1918 in Portland and graduated from Grant

High School. At Willamette, she was a double-major in French and political science. As a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority she fell in love with the house boy, **Leonard E. Ranton '38**. They were married for 61 years until Leonard's death in 2001. Rosalie was an active participant in local organizations and charities. She played bridge with the same group of friends for over 60 years, and was an elder and deacon of Valley Community Presbyterian Church — as well as its wedding coordinator for 20 years. She was also a member of Broadmoor Women's Club, Portland Golf Club's "9-Hole" group, and P.E.O., Chapter A, serving as chair of the scholarship committee. Her interests included reading, crossword puzzles, sewing, quilting, attending the symphony, entertaining, and surrounding herself with family and friends. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, **Patricia (Ranton) Lewis '65** and **Barbara (Ranton) Gerrish '71**, and four grandchildren.

## 1940s

**Mary I. (Sadler) Harris '40** died Sept. 2 in Seattle. She was born in Bremerton, Wash., in 1918, and graduated from Bremerton High in 1936 before attending Willamette. She married **James C. Harris '41** in Bremerton in 1942; they settled in Wedgwood in northeast Seattle, where they resided for over 50 years. Always active in her community, she was a member of the garden club, president of the Wedgwood PTA, and recipient of the PTA Golden Acorn Award. They were longtime members of Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, where she served as co-chair of the worship committee and president of the Ladies' Aid. She was a tireless quilter and accompanist for the choir. Mary worked at the Federal Reserve Bank, National Bank of Commerce, and was a retiree of IBM. She was a proud participant in the Women's Health Initiative Study. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, includ-

ing **Paula (Harris) Wolkerstorfer '66**, a son, a sister, and five grandchildren.

**Harold R.B. Hutchinson '40** died Jan. 17, 2008 in Salem. He was born May 15, 1915, in Medford, Ore. A brother, **Leonard Hutchinson '42**, and sister, **Patricia (Hutchinson) Coffeen '43** and preceded him in death. Sister **Aileen M. (Hutchinson) Steeves-Pobanz '45** passed in Oct. 2010. Survivors include a brother, **Raymond Hutchinson '45**.

**Della (Willard) Wiegand '40** died Dec. 18 in California. Her husband, **Clyde Wiegand '40** preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter and two sons.

**Marian E. Robertson '41** died June 24 in Salem. She was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on March 3, 1920. She moved with her family to Oregon in 1925 and began school in Shaw, graduating from Scio High School. At Willamette she was a member of the varsity debate team, and went on to graduate from the Oregon College of Education. She was active in the Crimson O Club and directed college drama productions. Her teaching experience included schools in Mill City, Albany, Scio and Hillsboro. She later served as a consultant for a textbook company in Oregon and Washington for 17 years. She was a master gardener and a member of the Partners of the Americas, which took her to Costa Rica. Her husband and a son preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, two granddaughters, including **Krisanna Clark '91**, and four great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth "Betty" (Moser) Smith '41** died Oct. 24 in Salmon, Idaho. She was born in 1919 in Tacoma, Wash., and grew up in Tenino, Wash. She attended Willamette, Western Washington University, and received her degree from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Mont. In 1941, she married **Don Ian Smith '40**, a Methodist minister, of Rupert, Idaho. They served churches in Illinois, Idaho and Montana before his retirement in 1983. Betty

enjoyed history and research. In the 1970s she compiled the histories of the Salmon National Forest and the Boise National Forest. As historian for the United Methodist Churches in Idaho, she catalogued Methodist historical materials and deposited the collection in the archives of the Idaho Historical Library. She also acted as reprint publisher for five books written by her husband. Her husband, a brother, **Dix Moser '44**, and a sister, **Marjorie (Moser) Durham '32**, preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

**Barbara (Byrne) Hughes '42** died April 26 in Washington. She was born Dec. 30, 1920 in Vale, Ore.

**Robert Purbrick '42**, professor emeritus of physics, died Oct. 6 in Salem. He was born in Salem in 1919 and attended local public schools before attending Willamette. After graduating he earned his master's and PhD from the University of Wisconsin, and worked as a nuclear physicist at the Metallurgical Laboratory of the University of Chicago — codename for the atomic bomb project at Chicago. The research was carried out for the Corps of Engineers, Manhattan District. He worked mainly at the Argonne Laboratory, located in the Argonne Forest 30 miles west of Chicago, and was under the direction of Enrico Fermi, a Nobel-winner in Physics. Robert helped construct and operate the world's first two nuclear reactors and performed many nuclear physics experiments, all classified "secret." In 1945 he received a certificate of appreciation from the Army Corps of Engineers. By 1947 he had become a professor of physics at Willamette, where he remained until retirement in 1985. In the mid-1950s he helped start the first nuclear-medicine laboratory in the area. Survivors include his wife, **Ursula (Glaeser) Purbrick '53**, three daughters, including **Sally Purbrick-Illek '76** and **Edith Purbrick-Gilder '78**, and four grandchildren.

**Jeanette Lois (Graber) Dukes '43** died Aug. 19 in Oregon. She was born in 1921 in Salem and graduated from Salem High School in 1939 before attending Willamette. Afterward, she attended the University of Washington and earned a degree in library science. She taught high school in Waldport, Ore., before moving to Tacoma, Wash., where she worked as a librarian at Fort Lewis. She married Lamar H. Dukes, a U.S. Air Force sergeant, on her birthday in 1950; the couple had four sons. After a stint in New York, they returned to Salem and Jeanette served as head of the Circulation Division and at the reference desk of the Salem Public Library. She retired in 1984 but was soon back on the job as a substitute reference librarian. She always enjoyed traveling and eventually saw Africa, Russia, China, Spain, Switzerland, Peru, Australia, Fiji and many other places throughout the world. Survivors include four sons, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Samuel "Sam" Orcutt '44** died Oct. 16 in Keizer, Ore. He was born in 1922 in Salem, and graduated from Salem High School in 1939. He attended Willamette until his enlistment in the Army Air Corps after Pearl Harbor. He flew a B-24 in the China-Burma-India theatre. Sam was honorably discharged in December 1946, and in 1947 he and his father built and opened Orcutt's Market in Keizer. Sam married his high school sweetheart, **Sally McClelland '45**, on Nov. 30, 1947, together they ran the market until his retirement. Sam was also a founding member of the Keizer Fire Department and served on numerous community organizations and boards. He loved to fly his plane and enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family and friends. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**John M. Kennelly, Jr. '45** died Aug. 29 in Washington. He was born 1924 in Delta, Wash., and moved to Hillsboro, Ore.,

in 1932. As a youth, he was a Boy Scout and became an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Hillsboro High in 1941 and attended college at Pacific University and Oregon State University prior to joining the Navy under the V-12 program. John continued his service with the Navy for many years. He was active in the Naval Reserves, retiring as a commander. He graduated from Willamette and received his medical degree from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., in 1947, and was a urologist for the remainder of his professional life. He was a member of the faculty at the UW Medical School for many years and in 1956 began a urology practice at Highline Medical Center in Burien, Wash. He was active in politics, serving on the Burien city council throughout his career. He was also an avid golfer and enjoyed his time at the Rainier Golf and Country Club for many years. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son and nine grandchildren.

**Kenji Kurita '45** died Jan. 10. He was born in 1923. He was honored in 2008 during a Day of Remembrance, and again by a 2011 campus ceremony, as one of 10 Willamette students whose studies were interrupted because of their incarceration during World War II.

**Janet N. (Blake) Slater '45** died Feb. 20, 2008 in Fresno, Calif. She was born Aug. 20, 1922. She retired as an elementary school teacher for the Encinitas School District. Her husband, **John Slater '45**, and a brother, **F. Leighton Blake '40**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

**Aileen M. (Hutchinson) Steeves-Pobanz '45** died Oct. 31 in Oregon. She was born Nov. 16, 1923, in Hood River, Ore. She initially attended Willamette but graduated from the University of Washington when her minister father was assigned to a church in Seattle. Aileen began her working career at the Hood River Library and then joined Children's Service Division, where she worked with families, children and girls

in trouble. She had a passion for helping people in need and a desire to help them establish a stable life and hope for the future. She was a driving force to establish a hospice organization in the Gorge area, whose board she served on, and was involved with the organization for 25 years. In 1988, Soroptimist International of Hood River recognized her as a Woman of Distinction. Aileen was a member of Riverside Community Church and a founding member of Riverside Evening Guild. PEO and AAUW also counted her as a member. Two brothers, **Harold Hutchinson '40** and **Leonard Hutchinson '42**, and sister **Patricia (Hutchinson) Coffeen '43**, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, brother **Raymond Hutchinson '43**, two sons, five stepchildren, and six grandchildren.

**Henry Hank Quade '46** died Aug. 24, 2010, in Arizona. He was born Oct. 13, 1926. Survivors include a daughter and two sons, including **Dennis Quade '70**.

**Charles E. Wicks '46** died July 29 in Corvallis, Ore. He was born in 1925 in Prineville, Ore., and spent most of his youth in Albany, Ore., graduating from Albany High School in 1942. At Willamette, he met his wife, **Miriam (Day) Wicks '46**. After one year he entered the U.S. Coast Guard, serving in the Pacific from the Aleutian Islands to the Philippines from 1943 to 1946. After completing his military service he went to Oregon State University. He earned a BA in chemical engineering 1950, an MS from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1952, and a PhD from Carnegie Tech in 1954. At that point he joined the OSU chemical engineering department. There, "Doc" was beloved as a teacher. He was recognized for excellence in teaching and advising, and received many awards, including three Carter Awards, the Dar Reese Excellence in Advising Award, and the OSU Alumni Award for Outstanding Teacher. He was nationally and internationally recognized in the area of mass-transfer operations, and was the author

or co-author of four engineering textbooks. He received the Distinguished Alumni Citation from Willamette in 1992 and was an active member of the First United Methodist Church and Corvallis Masonic Lodge No. 14. He also served in many volunteer positions for the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. A brother, **Clarence Wicks '47, JD'49**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

**Janet (Rogers) Wilder '47** died Sept. 27 in McMinnville, Ore. She was born in 1925 in Condon, Ore. She grew up in Salem and, after graduating from Willamette, married her high school sweetheart in 1947. In 1963 the family moved to Newberg, where they lived for many years. She began her teaching career in 1947 at Lafayette High School and retired from Newberg High in 1989. She always enjoyed meeting with her "coffee klatch", a group of teachers who had taught together for many years at Newberg High and remained close after retirement. Her husband and a grandson preceded her in death. Survivors include four sons, a brother, a sister, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Clarke C. Brown '48, JD'48** died Aug. 1 in Redmond, Ore. He was born in 1921 in Clatskanie, Ore., where he attended school and was a star athlete. He attended the University of Oregon and joined the U.S. Naval Reserve in 1941, serving in the South Pacific before his release from active duty in 1945. He was recalled to serve on the USS Orleck during the Korean War and worked in Naval Intelligence. Prior to his recall, he graduated from Willamette and the Willamette College of Law. He was a senior partner in the law firm of Brown, Schlegel, Bennett and Milbank in Salem, which later grew into an eight-person firm. He was eventually appointed to the circuit court bench in Marion County and retired in 1987. He was also a director of the Illahe Hills Country Club. Upon his retirement, he and his wife moved to Chapala, Mexico for eight years

prior to returning to Redmond in 1991. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, three stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Robert Guild '48** died July 20 in Washington. He was born in Ohio but grew up in Madison, Wisc. After high school he attended the University of Wisconsin for a year and a half before being activated by the Naval Reserve. He spent the next five years of service on combat vessels in the Aleutian Islands and the South Pacific, then he attended Willamette and completed a year of graduate work in psychology at the University of Wisconsin before earning a PhD at the University of Washington. He worked for the RAND Corporation of Santa Monica, consulting with the US Air Defense Command, then for Boeing in management. Later, he joined the University of Washington faculty, where he remained for almost 25 years. He accepted an early retirement offer in 1983 and enjoyed many happy days with good companions, kayaking white-water rivers of the northwest, skiing, backpacking, and sailing inland seas. He continued to enjoy reading, and also pursued his research in the philosophy of science. Survivors include a daughter; two sons; five grandchildren, including **Bridget Sutherland '08**; and six great-grandchildren.

**Richard Portal '48** died Sept. 30 in Salem. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., and his family moved to Oregon in 1935. They farmed in South Salem before buying land in nearby Shaw. Richard served from 1942 to 1945 in the U.S. Army Air Force, island-hopping from Hawaii to the Philippines, Guadalcanal and New Guinea. He earned the rank of sergeant and received eight battle stars. He began in the 394th Bombardment Squadron and left from the 434th. After Willamette he earned a teaching certificate from the Oregon College of Education, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Washington. His library career included stints at the Oregon State Library,

Jackson County Library, and Mount Angel Abbey. He also organized the book collection at Colegio Cesar Chavez in Mount Angel. He also worked later in his life as a caretaker at City View Cemetery in Salem, and as a security guard for the City of Salem. After retiring, he volunteered at the Salem Public Library, the Willamette library, and Blanchet Catholic School in Salem. Survivors include a son, a daughter and two granddaughters.

**Eldrid L. Hutchison '49** died June 24 in Playa Colorado, Venezuela. Survivors include his second wife, Camille, a daughter, **Danae Hutchison-Michael '72** and a son.

**James "Jim" Purdy '49** died Dec. 22, 2009 in Bellingham, Wash. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters and a son.

## 1950s

**Donald D. Baker '50** died Nov. 4 in Salem. He served in the U.S. Army from 1940-1945 and deployed to New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan. After attending Willamette he lived in Corona, Calif., for 25 years before returning to Salem upon his retirement in 1988. His career covered various government positions, including employment development supervisor, director of a juvenile court, and teacher. He enjoyed time with family, reading, politics, history, travel, bridge and golf. A daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a son and six grandchildren.

**Richard M. Bloise '50** died June 13 in California. He was born Aug. 28, 1927.

**Bill G. Cogswell '50** died Sept. 30 in Salem. He was born in 1922 in Valentine, Neb., and grew up in the Salem area. He came to Willamette after two years in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After Willamette he worked in the car business until 1962 when he began his career with the State of Oregon. He served as a Parole and Probation Officer in Bend

and Pendleton until 1976, when he was appointed by Governor Straub to the Oregon State Parole Board. He retired in 1986. During retirement he and his wife often traveled to Arizona for winter camping in their RV. Bill and Mary celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in February. He was an avid golfer and remained competitive well into his 80s. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren.

**Thomas A. Grimm '50** died Dec. 13, 2008 in Arizona. Survivors include his wife.

**Marilynn "Lynn" L. (Meister) Scott '50** died Dec. 3 in Spokane, Wash. She was born in 1927 and graduated from North Central High School before attending Willamette. She began working as a dental assistant and later enjoyed a long career in insurance as a claims adjuster for Safeco and Mutual of Enumclaw. She was very involved in Spokane Insurance Women's Association, sang with Sweet Adeline's and performed in plays in the Firth Chew Studio at the Civic Theatre. She was known for her humor, spunk, wit and overwhelming love for her grandchildren. A sister preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, four grandchildren, three stepchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Roy Shelton '50** died Oct. 7 in Springfield, Ore. He was born in Bowling Green, Ky., and raised in Watertown, S.D. During World War II he served in Anzio, Italy as a court-marshal clerk. Shortly after arriving in Italy he joined the U.S. Army band and played until the end of the war. When he returned to his home in Watertown, he completed his bachelor's at South Dakota State and started taking flying lessons. He later completed degrees in music and education at Willamette. Roy taught 5th and 6th grade music in the Salem-Kaiser School district for 35 years. He also played in dance bands, taught private music lessons, started a music instrument repair business, built his own experimental airplane, and flew his own Cessna 182 for the Civil

Air Patrol search and rescue. Beyond family, the two loves of his life were music and flying; Roy was a licensed pilot for over 50 years. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, two sons and four grandchildren.

**Barbara (Garrett) Burger '51** died Sept. 10 in Kallua. She was born in Ventura, Calif., in 1929. After graduating from Willamette she received a direct commission as an ensign in the U.S. Navy. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, a son, a brother, two sisters, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Ray L. Pearson '51** died July 19 in Orem, Utah. He was born in 1930 in New York and went on to receive his master's and PhD in metallurgical sciences from the University of Utah. He worked as a scientist at Aero Jet and Oak Ridge National Laboratories for 33 years and was a dedicated member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was instrumental in the building of the Danville-Alamo CA chapel, as well as the Knoxville, Tenn., branch chapel, which was dedicated in 1967. He served as a branch president, high councilman, stake clerk, young men's leader, and in numerous other callings. He and his wife served two missions, first as branch president in LaFollette, Tenn., and then as missionaries to the SLC Family History Library. He was an avid genealogist and loved trains, nature, baseball (especially the New York Yankees), and traveling with his family all across the U.S. His parents, **Gerald Pearson '26, H'56** and **Mildred (Cannoy) Pearson '31**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, a son, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Dorland "Buz" E. Swan '51** died Oct. 14 in Salem. He was born in 1928 in The Dalles, Ore., and lived in Oregon most of his life. He enlisted in the U.S. Army immediately after graduating from high school in 1946. For an adventure and the extra pay, he became a paratrooper, serving in the 11th Airborne Division, 674th Parachute

Field Artillery. Dorland was a member of the occupation forces in Japan, and received the World War II Victory Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), Good Conduct Medal, and Presidential Unit Citation. At Willamette he met his wife, Carol (Klecker) Swan '49. He then worked for the Oregon State Highway Department for more than 32 years. Known as "Buz" to his Highway Department colleagues, Dorland was a civil engineer, starting out pounding stakes and working his way to a senior position where his abilities as a manager inspired his employees. He was a volunteer firefighter during time in Roseburg, Ore. Long active in the Salem Elks Lodge, Dorland also took responsibility for the Lodge college scholarship program year after year, dedicating hours to the applications and counseling of local high school students. A sister, **Shirley (Swan) Wedel '52**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Carol (Klecker) Swan '49**, two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren.

**Donald J. Benson '52** died Jan. 16 on Mercer Island, Wash. He was born in 1929 in Bend, Ore., to **Vivian (Rasmusen) Benson '30**, and attended Bend High School, where he was active in sports, band and the Boy Scouts. He earned a BA in Civil Engineering from OSU, was drafted by the Army in 1953 and was stationed in San Francisco before becoming a member of the Army Corp of Engineers. After his discharge, he moved to Portland to work for the State of Oregon. During his employment with the State, he spent two years at Harvard earning a degree in sanitary engineering. In 1963, Don took a job with the Northwest Pulp and Paper Association, and he and his wife Patsy moved to Mercer Island to raise their three children. In 1977 Don joined the Consulting Firm TAMS (later CH2M/Hill), a job that took him to spots all over the world, including Cairo, Egypt for three years. He and Patsy settled back on Mercer Island when he retired in 1995. He spent his retirement years

listening to jazz, enjoying nature, bird watching, and sharing meals with his wife, family and friends. A brother, **Dean Benson '56**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Suzanne "Patsy" (Older) Benson '52**, two daughters; a son; four grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

**Betty Jean (Mullin) Joseph '52** died June 22 in Oregon. She was born in Portland in 1930 and grew up in the Eastmoreland area. She graduated from Washington High School in 1948. She majored in music at Willamette, where she met and married **Tom Paul Joseph Jr. '52, JD '55** in 1952. She had a successful career with Meier & Frank, St. Vincent's Hospital Guild and the Portland Volunteer Bureau. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter and six grandchildren.

**Leta J. (Adams) Marchington '52** died Dec. 25 in Medford, Ore. She was born in 1930 in Santa Fe, N.M. She moved to Portland in 1943 and graduated from Franklin High School in 1948. From 1948 to 1949, she attended Willamette and earned a bachelor's degree from Southern Oregon College (now Southern Oregon University) in 1969. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority. In 1949, she married **Stanley Eugene Marchington '51**. They lived in Salem before moving their family to Clatskanie in 1952. In 1955 they moved to Grants Pass and then to Medford in 1966. She was a homemaker and worked as a bank teller for many years. In 1970, she started working as a second-grade teacher at White City Elementary School, retiring in 1983. She was a member of the Rogue Group Sierra Club and participated in many day hikes and backpacking trips during the 1970s and 1980s. She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening and RV camping. She also enjoyed traveling across the country and around the world. Her husband preceded in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, a sister, seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy I. (Shoudy) Judd '53** died Aug. 11 in Salem. She was born in 1916 in Kansas City, Mo. She and her family moved to Oregon in 1926 and she lived at Klamath Agency, Ore., where her family worked for the U.S. government. She graduated from high school as valedictorian in 1932. During World War II, she was a civilian employee of the U.S. Navy at the Klamath Falls air base. In 1949, she moved to Salem and attended Willamette. Later, she earned an MA from Oregon State University. From 1954-1960, she taught at North Salem High School. In the early 1960s, Dorothy was assistant director of admission at Willamette. She returned to teaching as head of the business and counseling departments and at South Salem High School, retiring in 1980. Dorothy contributed to various organizations. She was a member of the American Association of University Women, president of Zonta International, a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, a teacher's organization, and belonged to Town and Gown, a group that gave scholarships to Willamette music students. A recipe collector, she cooked memorable meals for her family and friends. Survivors include a daughter, **Virginia Judd '64**, and many nieces and nephews.

**Daniel E. Snyder '53** died in Sublimity, Ore. He was born in 1919 in Silver Creek, Neb., and moved to Silverton in 1933. He graduated from Silverton High School in 1936, and in July of that year joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, serving two years in Camp 928 at Zigzag and two years at the CCC headquarters in Vancouver, Wash. During his CCC years he received a personal commendation from General George C. Marshall. Dan served in the Army during WWII, along with three brothers and two brothers-in-law. Dan taught in a one-room schoolhouse in the sand hills of Nebraska for the 1947 and 1948 school years, and for the rest of his life could name all of his students. In 1953, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Willamette with a degree in business administration. He worked for

Producer's Co-op cannery, and then for Flav-R-Pac in Salem, before finishing his career working as secretary-treasurer for Stayton Canning Company. He loved opera and classical music, was an avid reader, was interested in Indian artifacts and ways of life, and enjoyed traveling. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

**Donald A. Bennett '54** died Jan. 1 in Colorado. He was born in Tillamook, Ore., in 1932, to **Frank B. Bennett '21** and **Ethel (Mocroft) Bennett '22**. He attended Willamette before graduating with a degree in elementary education from Eastern Oregon University. He served in the Army Signal Corps in Germany for two years before completing his master's and doctorate in education at the University of Denver. Prior to his retirement in 1994 he worked as a professor at Long Beach State College, Temple Buell College and Metropolitan State College, and also for the Colorado Department of Education. Don was active in the City Club of Denver and numerous education-related groups for Denver Public Schools. He also supported a number of charitable organizations. He was preceded in death by brother **Richard Bennett '52** and sister **Mary E. Bennett '45**. Survivors include brothers **Frank Bennett '47** and **Robert Bennett '50**, as well as 22 nieces and nephews.

**Dwight E. Gralap '54** died Aug. 5, 2008 in El Paso, Tex. He was born in 1931.

**Robert Randolph Van Orsdal Jr '54** died July 22 in Eugene, Ore. He was born in 1923 in Dallas, Ore., graduating from Dallas High School and then attending Oregon State University for a year prior to entering the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942; he served until 1945. During WWII he served as a bazooka man as a member of the First Marine Division, 1st Battalion Regiment, B Company. He received the Purple Heart for wounds received at Okinawa. He then returned to Dallas, married, and moved to Salem, where he attended Willamette

After graduating with a degree in history, he began his job search driving from school to school to look for an open position. He set out for his first teaching search in 1956 and found a job in Crescent City, Calif. In 1966 he completed his master's degree at Utah State University. He enjoyed fishing, camping, played basketball, tennis, golf, and was an avid swimmer; he also belonged to Toastmasters and the CTA. He helped his sons in their sporting endeavors and academic pursuits, and particularly loved reading. After retiring from teaching in 1983, he and his wife spent a comfortable retirement traveling to meet new grandchildren. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a sister, a daughter, a son, eight grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

**Richard "Dick" C. Wilkins '54** died Oct. 16 in San Mateo, Calif. After Willamette he attended the School of Dentistry at New York University. He practiced dentistry for over 40 years. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters and four grandsons.

**William Franklin Gusey '55** died Sept. 1 in Spring, Texas. He was born in Portland and, after Willamette, completed a master's at Kansas State College. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was active with the Upper Room Healing Ministry and Academy of Spiritual Formation, and was a Lay Chaplain of the Community of Hope. Bill retired from Shell Oil as a senior staff wildlife specialist. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, brother **Richard "Dick" Gusey '50**, and five grandchildren.

**Albert "Bill" Lidtke '55** died Dec. 12 in Salem. He was born in Avon, S.D. in 1924 and moved to Oregon in the 1930s. After graduating from Salem High School he enrolled at Willamette before serving with the Army during World War II. He returned to Willamette after the war and graduated with degrees in drama and business. In 1952 he began his 35-year career at First Interstate Bank,

where he managed several branches. His interests included antique cars and car shows, and he proudly owned eight Packards. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and reading the Bible. He was active in many organizations including the American Legion, Silverton Lion's Club, Salem Chamber of Commerce and Woodburn Kiwanis Club. Most recently he enjoyed attending the Young at Heart Group at Salem Evangelical Church and was a frequent attendee of the South Salem Neighbor's Senior Center, where he had many close friends. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Augusta "Gussie" Sandstrom '55** died Nov. 7 in Fairfield, Iowa. She was born in Portland Oct. 30, 1933. Survivors include two sons.

**Eunice Arlene Webb '55** died March 8 in Salem. She was born in Kalspell, Mont., in 1933 and moved to Salem in the mid-1940s. She attended Salem High School, where she was a song queen and took an active role in the debate team, receiving many accolades and awards. After Willamette she continued on to the University of Oregon, where she met the love of her life, Norman Floyd Webb. They were married in 1959. She worked as a homemaker and president of Webb Publishing Company for many years; she and Norman founded Norman Webb's School of Real Estate. She spent her later years with her grandchildren, making trips to Bend and joining family vacations to Maui. Eunice enjoyed attending Oregon Duck football games, cooking, reading, spending time with loved ones, and getting together for a "bite to eat" and a chat. She loved watching the sunset in Maui and walking on the beach. Above all else, her time spent making memories with her family was her dearest. Survivors include her husband, a son, a daughter, a brother and three granddaughters.

**Frances A. (Miller) Batchelder '56, E'62** died Dec. 23 in

Omaha, Neb. She was born in Prescott, Ariz., in 1934. Her life was one of civic engagement, and she was a founding president of the Assistance League of Omaha and served on many boards, including the Omaha Symphony Board for 20 years, the Western Heritage Museum Board, the Omaha Symphony Guild and many others. She was a member of Chi Omega sorority while at Willamette. In 1987 she was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Citation. She also received one of 75 Girl Scout Woman of Achievement and Pan Hellenic Woman of the Year awards. A son preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, **Robert Batchelder '54, JD '57**; a son; and two grandsons.

**Dale Richard Gustafson '56** died Jan. 25 in Portland. He was born on May 26, 1934 in Eugene, Ore. He attended Harrisburg High School, where he starred on the basketball team and was student body president his senior year. In the fall of 1952 he entered Willamette and earned a BA in French literature. He joined Beta Theta Pi fraternity, played on the varsity basketball team, sang in the university choir and was part of the ROTC program. In 1956 he married **Sally Bridgeman '54**. In the spring of 1957 he entered service with the U.S. Air Force and spent time stationed in Texas and Arkansas, where his first daughter, Barbara, was born. In 1959 the family returned to Oregon, where Dale began his long career as a lumber broker — first with North Pacific Lumber Co., and then with Gustafson Forest Products. Two more children joined the family: Sara in 1960 and Richard in 1964. Outside the business, Dale was active in his church, the Portland Symphonic Choir, Willamette's alumni board, French Circle and Alliance Francais, and overseas travel. He served on the Willamette Board of Trustees from 1974–1982, and was awarded the Lestle J. Sparks Medallion in 1981. Survivors include three children, including **Barbara Gustafson-Rice '79**, and seven grandchildren including **Amanda Rice '06**.

**Jack L. Bishop '57** died Jan. 29 in Bend, Ore. He was born in 1935 in Newton, Kans. He attended Salem High School before enrolling at Willamette, and he served in the U.S. Marine Corps as an aviator from 1957 to 1960, attaining the rank of captain. He lived in Dallas, Tex.; Port Angeles, Wash.; and Bend, Ore. He flew for Delta Airlines until retiring as an MD-11 captain in 1995. Jack was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, a lifelong member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks, and served as the captain representative for the Air Line Pilots Association Local Executive Council in Portland. Family members remember him for his storytelling and devotion as a father and husband. Survivors include three sons, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Lawrence "Larry" F. Klang '57** died Sept. 29 in Oregon. He was born in 1931 in Anacortes, Wash. After graduating from Willamette he earned his law degree at Lewis and Clark College. He worked for PGE's land acquisition department and for Albertson's as a corporate attorney. In 1970, he moved to Fort Worth, Tex., where he was a real-estate attorney and commercial developer. His business friends nicknamed him "The Enforcer" because he could always close the deal. Larry was an avid outdoorsman and had logged in the woods of the Pacific Northwest at the tender age of 18. Young and strong, he also appeared as the "Masked Marvel" in carnival wrestling matches. Later in life, he became a big-game hunter, rafted the Zambezi River in Africa, and traveled across the North Pole on a dogsled. In 1997, after living in Texas for many years, he returned to Portland. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a son, a sister and three granddaughters.

**Donald "Don" B. Ross '57** died Dec. 20. He was born in 1935 in Portland. Don graduated from Washington High School in 1953 and attended Willamette, where he was a member of Sigma Chi. In 1958 he graduated from Oregon

State College with a degree in mechanical engineering and business. Don was an owner of Brett-Ross, Inc., for 30 years and enjoyed the people he worked with as a manufacturers' representative. However, not much surpassed the enjoyment of racing his custom Mini. A member of numerous car clubs, Don's passion for cars and collecting culminated in his collection of over 15,000 Hot Wheels. Avid travelers, Don and his wife Joanne stopped counting at 50 countries. Family and friends remember Don for his sense of humor, positive disposition, moral compass and unconditional love. A brother, **William Ross '51**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Joanne (Lindstrom) Ross '58**, three children, five grandchildren, and a sister.

**Lou Ann (Mergler) Sobieski '57** died Aug. 21 in Pasadena, Calif. She was born in 1935 in Salem, and moved to Mount Vernon, Wash., in her youth. At Willamette, she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She founded the library at Sequoyah School and served as its librarian for 25 years. She loved good books, travel, and the arts. Her father, **Stephen Mergler '41**, and sister, **Stephanie (Mergler) Baker '60**, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

**Nadine "Dina" (Small) St. Louis '57** died Sept. 29 in Chipewick Falls, Wisc. She was born in 1936 in Salem and raised on her family's 80-acre farm south of Silverton, Ore. She graduated from Silverton High School in 1953 before attending Willamette. After two years and a subsequent year working for the State of Oregon, she transferred to the University of Oregon. She later contributed to the English Department of the University of Minnesota, studying English and working with international students. She took graduate work in English at UCLA, obtaining her MA and PhD there. She moved to Eau Claire, Wisc., in 1968 and began work on her dissertation, a study of various editions of the play *The Fancies Chaste*

and *Noble* by seventeenth-century English playwright John Ford. Nadine was hired as an instructor in the English department at UW-Eau Claire in the fall of 1969 and spent the rest of her professional life there. She retired in 2000. She taught English composition, literature, drama, science fiction, book publishing, Shakespeare, bibliography and other courses. Survivors include a daughter, two granddaughters and a great-granddaughter.

**Judith M. Eberhardt '58** died Feb. 2. She was born June 1, 1936.

**Lola Lane '58** died Feb. 25 in Ohio. She was born Jan. 10, 1937.

## 1960s

**Alan Girod '60** died Aug. 19 in Oregon. He was born in Salem to **Elsie and Lloyd D. Girod '32, E'40** in 1938. He moved several times in his childhood, and his family eventually settled in Stayton, Ore., in 1950. He graduated from Stayton High School in 1955 before attending Willamette. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Air Force and in 1962 he earned his pilot's wings. He flew B-50s with the Hurricane Hunters in the Bermuda weather systems. He transferred to photo mapping in Atlanta, Ga., and also was assigned to temporary duties in New Guinea, Colombia, Brazil, and American Samoa. By 1964, he entered Squadron Officers' School. Trained at Dover Air Force Base in 1966, he flew the MAC Line C-133A. Many missions took him to Vietnam carrying cargo. He eventually clocked over 1,000 combat hours in Vietnam and received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service. He retired from his military career in 1982 as a lieutenant colonel and settled in Mill City, Ore., where he managed a Sports Center and then purchased the business in 1984. He found joy in playing poker, hunting, fishing and supporting the Portland Trailblazers. Survivors include two brothers and many nieces and nephews.

**David Evans Scott '60** died July 5 in Virginia Beach, Va. He was born in 1938 in Los Angeles. At Willamette he excelled in football, track and field, boxing and theater. Between college and graduate school at University of Southern California, he and three friends formed a folk group called The Wayfarers. They played the same venues as Peter, Paul and Mary and the Kingston Trio. There was a time when the group considered making singing their career, but they eventually went their separate ways to pursue other fields. David's career and PhD in anatomy took him from California to Rochester, N.Y., where he served as chairman of anatomy, to Columbia, Mo., and then to Norfolk, Va. He also served for 29 years in the Army Reserve Medical Corps, retiring as a colonel. He enjoyed teaching in unconventional ways, such as by using humor and music in anatomy classes. Survivors include his wife, a sister, two sons and a stepdaughter.

**Dorothy J. Verschuere '62** died July 27 in Coos Bay, Ore. She was born in 1940 in Astoria, Ore., and graduated from Astoria High School in 1948. After Willamette, she went on to earn a Master of Fine Arts from Kansas State University. Later, she moved to Coos Bay and taught art, English, math and photography at Millicoma Middle School. For several summers she operated Skipper's Locker, a bead and macramé shop, at the Charleston Boat Basin. She was actively involved in local museum and theatre groups, and enjoyed making posters for many local events. She loved theatre, traveled extensively and enjoyed attending plays and concerts with family and friends. Inspired by the Beardstown Ladies, she inspired a group of friends to start their own investment group, Epic. She tried her hand at creative writing, completing a number of short stories. More recently she had been working on family history and creating albums for the younger members of the family. She also enjoyed the company of her many tropical fish. Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

**Mary B. (Schwyhart) Pote '65** died July 11 in Mead, Colo. She was born in 1943. Survivors include her husband, a son, a daughter, her mother and three grandchildren.

**Sharon Schroeder '65** died March 2 in Oregon. She was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1943. She was a teacher in northern California and Beaverton, Ore. Survivors include her parents and a daughter.

**Jeffrey W. Hellyer '67** died Dec. 18 in Warrenton, Va. He was born in San Bernardino, Calif., in 1945, and grew up there. He attended Willamette for two years before graduating with a degree in political science from the University of Wyoming at Laramie. He served in Vietnam in the Navy on the USS Ticonderoga for three years as a private first class. The ship was active, earning three Navy Unit Commendations, one Meritorious Unit Commendation, and 12 battle stars. From 1971-72 he lived in Washington, D.C., and worked at Ford's Theatre and Wolf Trap Performing Arts. He returned to San Bernardino and worked in a law firm for 10 years, then moved permanently to the east coast to work as a special assistant to Martha Roundtree, the founder Meer the Press. After several years, he began work as the deputy director of Du Plain Enterprises, Inc., a public relations/special events firm and speaker's bureau owned by Jeffrey's cousin, Jan Du Plain. In 2001 he retired and moved to Warrenton, Va., where he was very active in community and civic organizations. Survivors include a brother and a stepbrother.

**Jane K. (Neville) Mink '67** died Aug. 10 in Oregon. She was born in 1945 in Corvallis, Ore. She lived in Springfield, Ore., for more than 20 years with her husband, and in that time Jane led the Heart Association and Parent-Teacher Association. She was a donor recruiter for a blood bank and eventually landed in the financial service business. In 1992 she moved to Sunriver, Ore., and continued her financial service business. She also con-

tinued to volunteer, participating with the Sunriver Christian Fellowship, Metanoia Society, the Bend-area Delta Gamma SMART Reading Program, and as chairwoman of Sunriver's Authors Lunch. Her father, **Charles "Chuck" S. Neville '38**, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, a daughter, a son and four grandchildren.

**C. Lee Sturgeon Jr. '67** died Dec. 21, 2009 in California. He was born Jan. 2, 1945. Survivors include his wife.

## 1970s

**Robert D. Lundahl '71** died Sept. 22 in Washington. He was born in 1949 in Portland, and attended Washington High School, where he starred in basketball, football, and baseball. After high school, he continued his basketball career at Willamette and still resides in the top four all-time for scoring and rebounding. Bob loved to watch sports with his family and friends; discuss politics until the morning hours; and eat a good, rare steak with a Manhattan. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and seven grandchildren.

**Susan "Sue" J. Rauch '75** died Jan. 15 in Salem. She was born in Vallejo, Calif., in 1953, and grew up in Napa, Calif. She attended St. Helena High School, where she was student body president and worked at the local A&W. Sue turned down an offer from Stanford and enrolled at Willamette in the fall of 1971, where she began a lifelong commitment to the university and to Salem. As a student she majored in history, worked as a residence hall assistant, and spent a semester in France at the Université de Caen in Normandy with a group of 20 students and Professor Bill Duvall. After graduation she worked as an admission counselor for two years, spent the following two years in the Carroll University admission office, and then returned to Willamette as assistant director of admission. She played a major role in moving Willamette into the computer

age, and she applied a useful gift for math in designing the university database. Among Sue's many interests were the Willamette music programs and Bearcat athletics. Survivors include her parents, a brother and a sister.

**Craig T. Cookingham '76** died Aug. 23. He was born in Fresno, Calif., and grew up in the Clovis, Calif., area with his three brothers. After Willamette, he began his career in the lumber business in Fresno, Calif., but moved back to the Northwest, where he and his wife Elaine had two children, Emily and Paul. Craig continued his lumber career with various companies, only to have his career interrupted by a brain tumor in 1993. After a long recovery, he went back to work. In 2008 he moved back to Fresno to be nearer to family and friends, but he always enjoyed Oregon. His mother, **Melva (Williamson) Cookingham '47** preceded him in death. Survivors include his mother, a son, a daughter, three brothers and many nieces and nephews.

**David W. Fleck '77** died Jan. 2 in Oregon. He graduated from Grant High School in 1973 before attending Willamette. After graduating with a degree in economics from Portland State University, he began a long career at Tektronix. In 1988, he received an MBA from the University of Oregon. The opportunity of a lifetime arrived when Tektronix sent him to manage their field offices in Cologne, Germany, and London. After returning to Oregon, he took a few years off to enjoy his family and remodel his childhood home. For the past five years, he had been working for The Children's Clinic as their finance director. He enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe, long bike trips, and hiking. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and two brothers.

**Robert G. Reynolds '77** died Dec. 28 in Las Vegas. He was born in 1955 in Santa Maria, Calif., and raised in Oregon. He attended the University of Oregon before coming to Willamette, where he played

football. He worked as a purchasing manager for an international construction firm and spent time in the Republic of South Africa, South Korea, the Virgin Islands, Venezuela, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Panama and Kazakhstan. Survivors include his wife, his parents and a brother.

**Bruce M. Williams '77** died Aug. 25 in Salem. He was born in Salem in 1948, to **Jean '42** and **Ollie Williams '47** and graduated from South Salem High School before attending Willamette. There, he went with a group of political science students to Costa Rica for one term. He was honorably discharged from the National Guard in 1985; after attending one year of graduate school, he was hired by Hammerback and Associates, which merged into A.G. Edwards. He later joined Shearson Lehman Bros. He earned a pilot's license and an instrument rating in 1994 and flew his small airplane until his health suffered. He coached basketball and softball teams in Morrnouth and retired from Smith Barney in 1998. After moving to Salem, he sponsored youth teams through the Boys and Girls Club. His father preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, his mother, a son, a daughter and two granddaughters.

**James A. Connolly M'78, JD'78** died Dec. 22 in Olympia, Wash. He was born in 1952 in Oceanside, Calif., and moved to Shelton, Wash., in 1953. He attended Gonzaga University before attending Willamette for graduate work. He moved to Olympia, Wash., in 1978, where he started as a law clerk and eventually became a partner in the firm now known as Connolly, Tacon, and Meserve. In 2010 he received the Daniel Bigelow Award (attorney of the year) from the Thurston County Bar Association. He was a man of enthusiasm who enjoyed salmon fishing and shrimping on Hood Canal at the family summer cabin, involvement with St. Michael Catholic Church, the Seattle Mariners, Gonzaga basketball, Lewis and Clark, volleyball, poker, trips to Italy, and telling long jokes.

He served on the founding board of John Paul II Catholic High School, which opened this year, and the Olympia Heritage Commission. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and two sisters.

## 1990s

**Tania E. Preston '94** died Jan. 31 in Iowa. She was born Aug. 9, 1972 in Stuttgart, Germany.

**Beth A. Bartruff, '95, MAT'96** died Dec. 25 in Salem. She was born in Salem in 1973 and soon moved to Tualatin to start school. At Tigard High School, she was senior class president, yearbook editor, and prom queen. She double-majored in Spanish and psychology at Willamette, then earned a master's degree in teaching. In 2009 she earned her doctorate in education from George Fox University. Beth taught sixth grade at Mt. Angel Middle School for five years and then decided to use her experience and training to teach others to be teachers at Corban University, where she was an associate professor. Survivors include her parents and a brother.

**Christopher L. Folsom '95** died April 13 in Salem. He was born April 15, 1968. Survivors include a son.

## 2000s

**Michael Alberts MBA'01** died Sept. 7 in Keizer, Ore.

## Faculty

**Julianne Abendroth** died Jan. 5 in Salem. She was an associate professor of exercise science, having taught at Willamette since 2000. A popular and well-loved instructor, "Jules" was known for her love of teaching, her close relationships with family and friends, and her love of the outdoors — especially telemark skiing, hiking, and running with her border collies, Bella and Darcy. Her hobbies included restoration and modification of classic automobiles and she was particularly fond of her Hawaii-blue 1977 king cab pickup, christened "Elvis."

Julianne previously taught at SUNY Brockport and Utah State University at Logan. She earned a doctorate from Northern Colorado University (1993), a master's from the University of Oregon (1988), and a bachelor's from the University of Colorado, Boulder (1985). Her professional associations included the American College of Sports Medicine, Northwest Chapter; the International Society of Biomechanics; the American Society of Biomechanics; and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Survivors include two daughters, her fiancée, her parents, a brother and a sister.

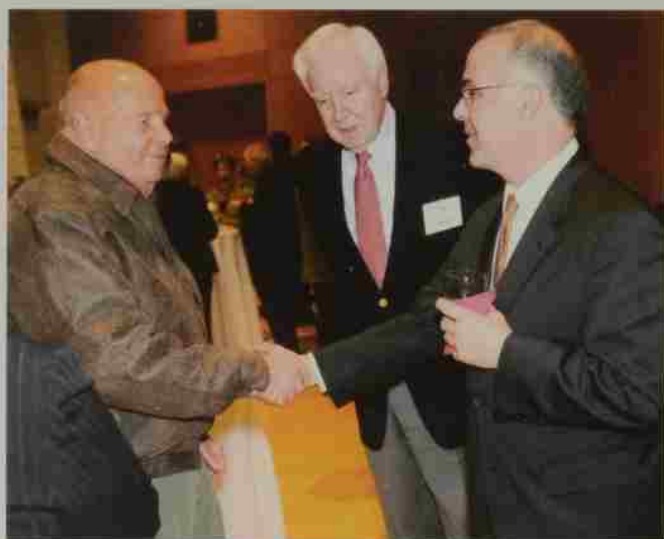
**David L. Ingram** died June 27 in McMinnville, Ore. He was born in Dallas, Texas and began studying piano in 1966, giving his first premier of original compositions at a National Fraternal Congress of America convention in 1972. He made his first appearance as a piano soloist with an orchestra in 1977 at Kilgore College. After receiving a bachelor's degree in music in 1981 from East Texas State University (now Texas A & M University-Commerce), he earned a master's from the University of Arkansas in 1983. In 1992, he moved to McMinnville, Ore., with his wife and family. He joined Willamette in the fall of 1995 as a staff accompanist and instructor of music. Recent engagements took him throughout the northwest, including an appearance with the Salem Chamber Orchestra and a world premiere, also with Salem Chamber Orchestra. He was actively involved with the OMTA and the Oregon Junior Bach Festival. In 2006, he became part of the First Baptist Worship Team, which he enjoyed thoroughly. David had two original compositions recorded, *Etchings and Etchings II*. Survivors include his mother and father, his wife, two daughters and two grandchildren.

**Robert Purbrick '42**, professor emeritus of physics, died Oct. 6 in Salem. He was born in Salem in 1919 and attended local public schools before attending Willamette. After graduating he earned his master's and PhD

from the University of Wisconsin, and worked as a nuclear physicist at the Metallurgical Laboratory of the University of Chicago — codename for the atomic bomb project at Chicago. The research was carried out for the Corps of Engineers, Manhattan District. He worked mainly at the Argonne Laboratory, located in the Argonne Forest 30 miles west of Chicago, and was under the direction of Enrico Fermi, a Nobel-winner in Physics. Robert helped construct and operate the world's first two nuclear reactors and performed many nuclear physics experiments, all classified "secret." In 1945 he received a certificate of appreciation from the Army Corps of Engineers. By 1947 he had become a professor of physics at Willamette, where he remained until retirement in 1985. In the mid-1950s he helped start the first nuclear-medicine laboratory in the area. Survivors include his wife, **Ursula (Glaeser) Purbrick '53**; three daughters, including **Sally Purbrick-Iliek '76** and **Edith Purbrick-Gilder '78**, and four grandchildren.

## GIVING BACK

### WHAT'S INSIDE THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE?



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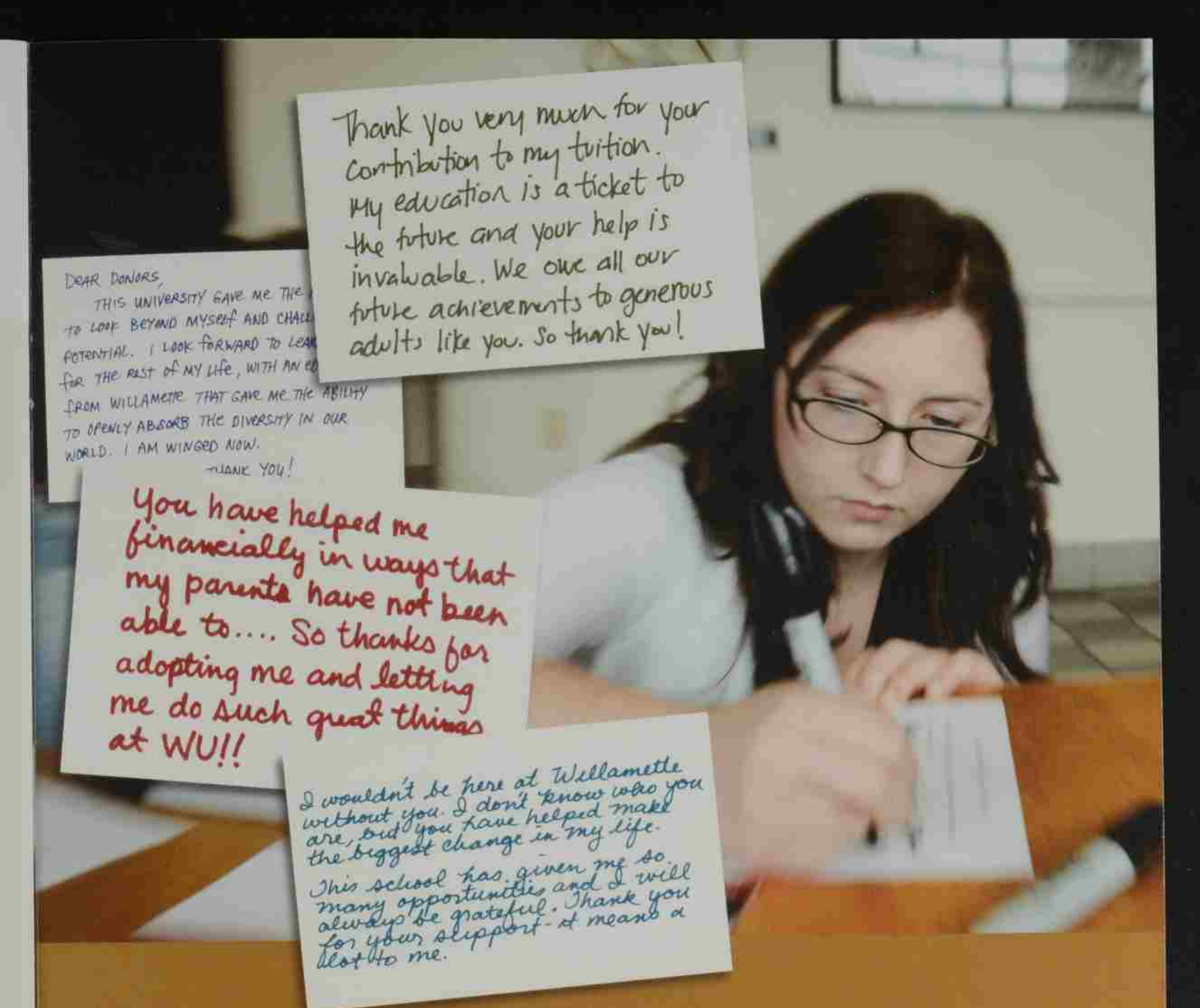
Willamette was proud to introduce its new giving society this year: the Leadership Circle. Created to involve and honor alumni and friends who demonstrate their commitment to Willamette with generous support of \$2,500 or more annually, the Leadership Circle bears special opportunities for engagement with the university exclusive to its members.

In November and February, the university hosted its inaugural Leadership Circle events — exclusive receptions with *New York Times* reporter and author David Rohde and *New York Times* reporter and writer David Brooks — prior to both the fall and spring Atkinson Lectures. Leadership Circle members will continue to be offered unique opportunities to stay even further connected with the university.

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## BEHIND THE SCENES: IMAGES OF THE PAST

### Special Content: Goudy Commons Historical Display

The photos below are part of a new campus initiative to share Willamette's history more graphically and publicly, and they currently occupy the walls in the Goudy Commons entryway. These displays rotate four times a year, and they always seem to make students and other passers-by linger.

Do you remember these photographs? Remember some of these people? As usual, we'd like to know. Please send recollections or comments to [scene@willamette.edu](mailto:scene@willamette.edu) or call 503-375-5304. We'll incorporate your feedback into the university's records. We'll also share what we learn in a future edition of *The Scene*.



**Seeking photos:** If you have Willamette shots from the 70s, 80s and 90s, we would love to add them to our collection. If digitized, just email them to us; otherwise, mail them in and we'll return them to you. Thank you!

### Fall 2010 Reader Responses

The ROTC image last issue generated some great input. Larry Kimble '56, Jerry May '61, Roland Stewart '69 and Phil Meyers '69 all wrote in with memories of "drill days" on campus. Scott Mader '77 identified Mark Long '76 and Bill Stevens '77 as the furniture-piling culprits in the SAE hallway, and Jeanne (Robinson) Orders '48 identified the group shot of youngsters as taking place during the 1940s. Finally, Jill (Estes) Rice '96, Anastasia Meisner '94, JD'97, and Dave Kenagy recalled the flood picture and the effect the historic water flows had on the College of Law in 1996.