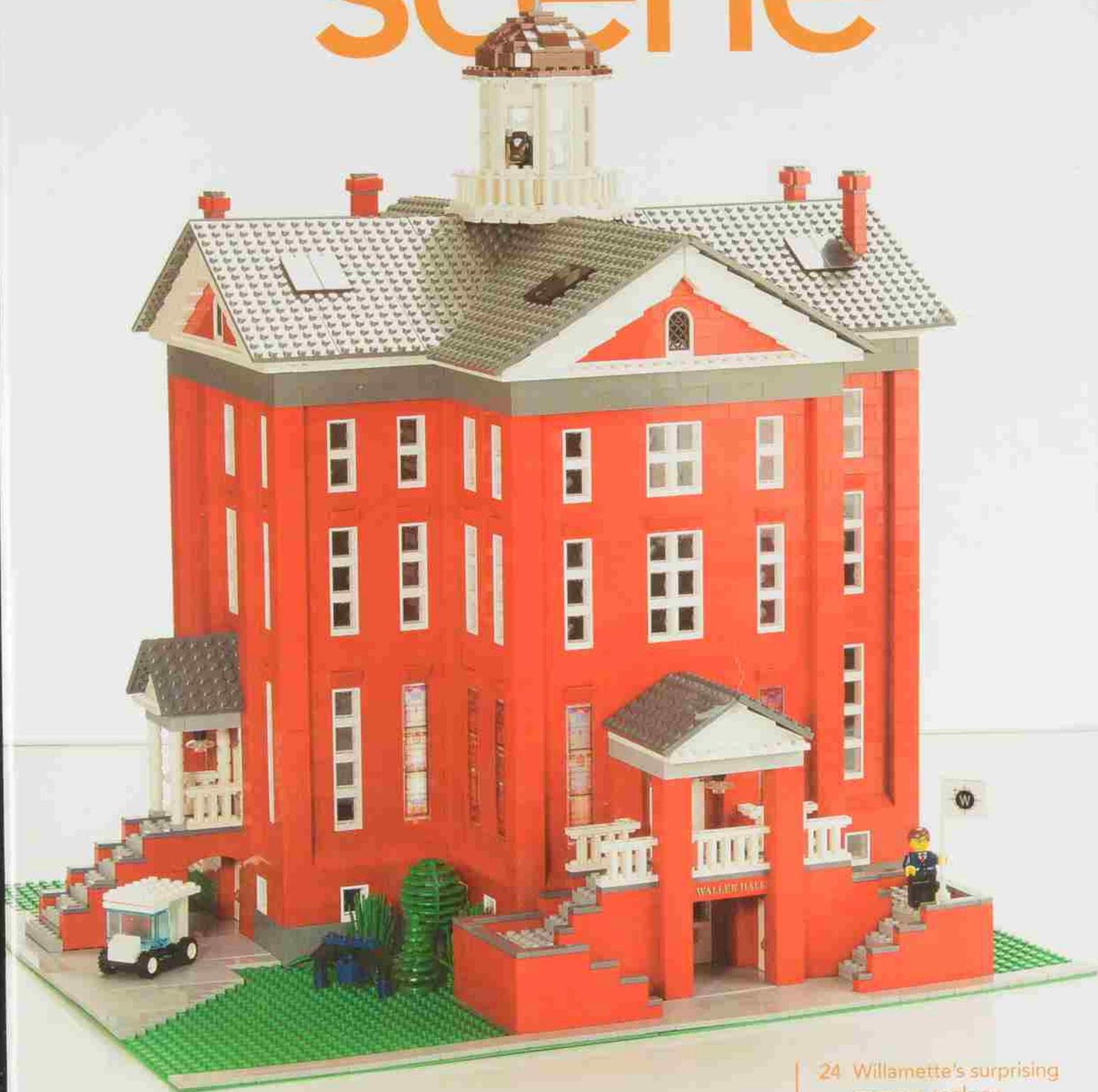


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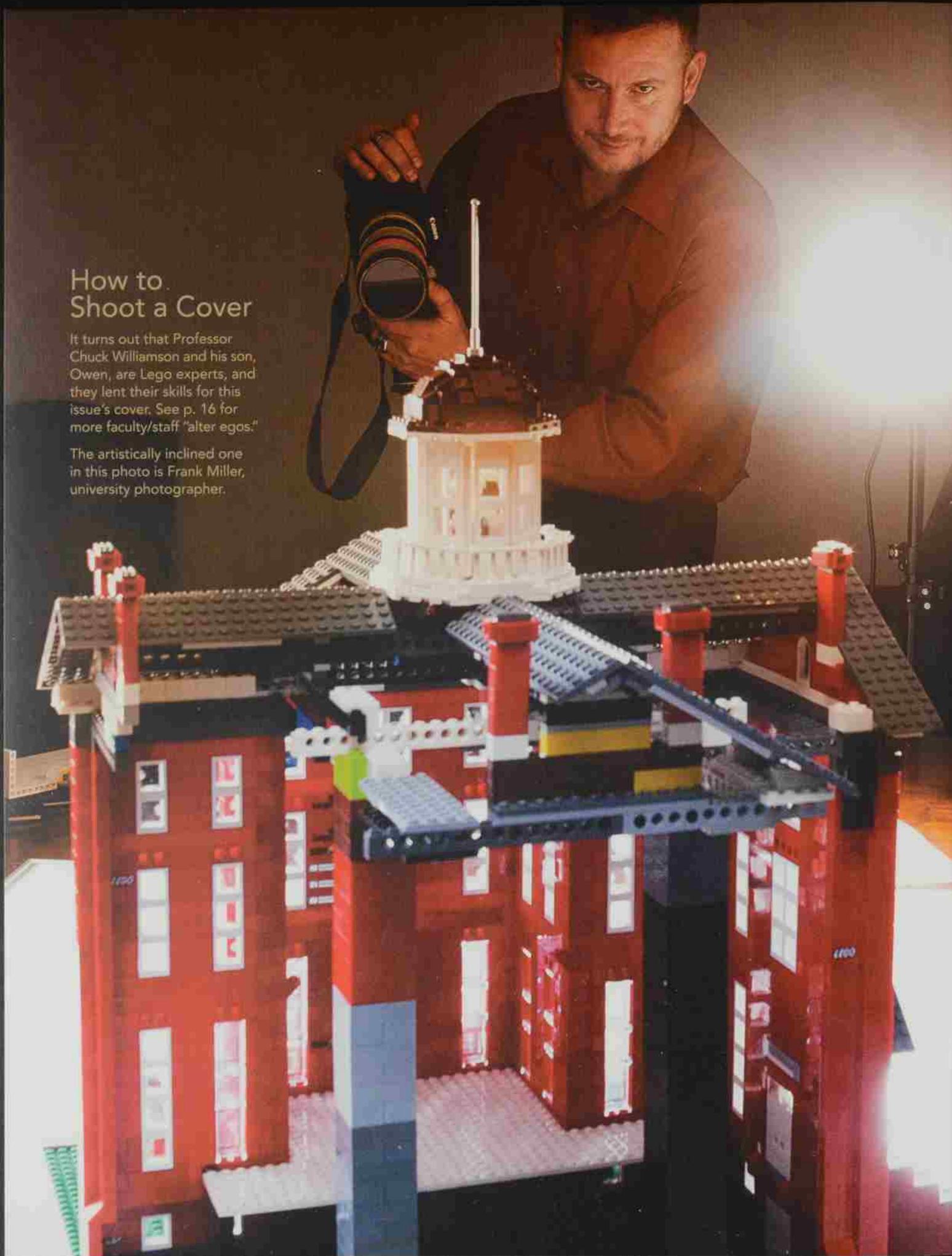
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thriving in the heart of Oregon's third-largest city and nestled (some would say crammed) between the Capitol mall and the Salem Hospital complex, Willamette is certainly an urban university. But our park-like campus can be downright bucolic, with periodic appearances of raccoon, deer, pheasant and peregrine falcon, annual spring parades of mallard ducklings in and around the Mill Race and even the occasional sightings of nutria and beaver. It might seem an urban university shouldn't have quite this much wildlife.

But things are not always as they seem.

As the saying goes, "It is not the towering sail, but the unseen wind that moves the ship." A closer scrutiny of Willamette's day-to-day campus hubbub reveals a rich subculture that fills our sails with breezes from a variety of directions — from the Institute for Continued Learning, a program that brings 100-plus retirees to campus regularly for educational activities, to a chemistry professor who performs traditional Irish music, a faculty member who founded a community radio station, or one who collects early 20th-century sporting firearms.

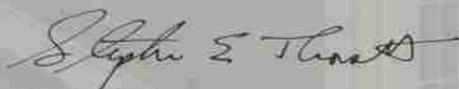
It is the nature of liberal arts education to appeal to the scholar-athlete-artists, individuals whose diverse interests and sensibilities are invigorated by the interconnectivity of forces, issues and ideas. Hence the scientist-musician-community activist or the math major fascinated with iambic pentameter, or the biology major studying Victorian botanical drawings at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art.

Another good example is Willamette's "4E" conception of sustainability, which adds education, equity and economics to environment, the more conventional interpretation of the term.

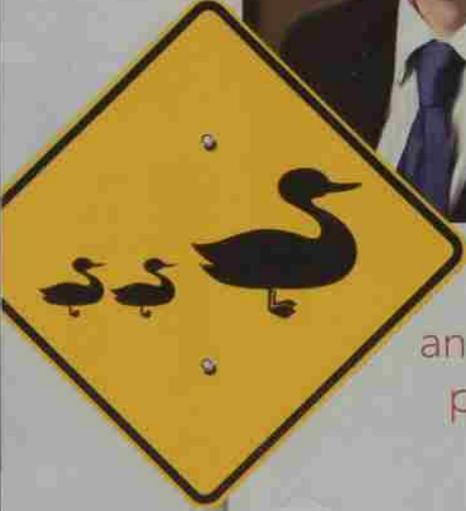
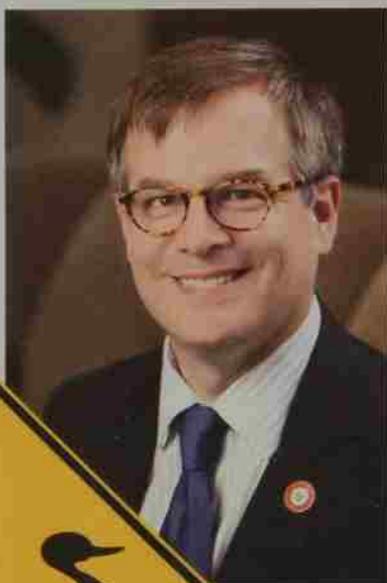
To take my analogy on a different tack, liberal arts education is Willamette's 'towering sail.' It is what attracts our talented and committed faculty and students to this university. It is the complexity and distinctive character of our campus community — the myriad of opportunities to explore and learn — that challenges them, propelling our students towards self-knowledge and greater understanding, and preparing our graduates to succeed in a complex and ever-changing world.

This issue of *The Scene* pries into various nooks and crannies, literally and figuratively, to reveal people, places and activities on our campus that may be less visible but nonetheless contribute to making Willamette the diverse, complex and slightly quirky place that it is. Enjoy *The Scene's* "unseen."

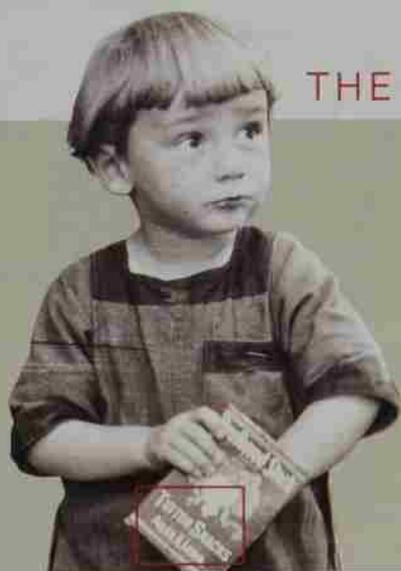
And mind the ducklings.



Stephen E. Thorsett  
President



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## THE INBOX

### Tufton Solution 4.0

Last issue's Tufton reference drew more feedback than ever — readers were amused that Mr. Beamish should show up on the package of a century-old snack. Jim Averill '70, JD'73 even wondered, "But is the sack biodegradable, and is Tufton watching his salt intake?"

For this special issue, we've upped the ante. There are three hidden Tufton references, not counting the flipbook you see at bottom right. You'll have to find them all to receive our "highly valued" prize.

### Bob Hawkinson and the Centipede

A while back I realized just how far-reaching my Willamette education is. Fifteen months after graduating and a full 1,800 miles away from the university itself, the details of a course I took my senior year — and the great professor who taught it — were still fresh in my thoughts.

It started with a centipede. I had just gotten home from a late night at the bar and was filling a glass of water before going to bed, when I looked up at the wall above the sink and saw it — that long, red creature with more than its fair share of legs. My instinct was to kill the thing and spare my roommates a potentially unpleasant surprise. But as soon as I had taken off my shoe and was poised to strike, a second obligation tugged at me — the obligation to

leave the centipede alone and to respect life in all its forms, however squirmy and unsettling they may be. I was caught in the cross-hairs of ethics and morality.

Enter Bob Hawkinson. In his Politics of Memory course, one of Bob's final gifts to Willamette, he introduced his students to a scholar of political memory, Avishai Margalit. In his book, "The Ethics of Memory," Margalit makes a distinction between ethics and morality. Ethics, according to Margalit, is the set of unwritten rules and expectations that govern our relationships with people to whom we are close, like family, friends, or in my case, roommates. Morality, on the other hand, governs people who are linked only by some unintentional connection, such as gender, age or common humanity.

Stretching Margalit's ideas a bit, a moral relationship might even include that between a human and an insect. Margalit uses this ethics/morality framework to argue that obligations to our closer circles trump any obligations to our more distant connections.

So there, standing in the kitchen, shoe in hand and facing the many-footed invader, I understood my dilemma. Thanks to Bob and his careful inspection of political memory, I knew my instincts were sound.

The centipede was a goner.

—Phoebe Tollefson '11

### The Organ and the Chapel Boycott

When I got to WU in 1957, the chapel services were over at the Methodist Church. But at some point before I graduated in 1961, they were moved to the auditorium now known as Smith Auditorium. I do not know why they got moved.

I remember this because Josef Schnelker, my pipe organ teacher, stopped playing for the chapel services when they moved to the auditorium.

The organ in the auditorium was an old theatre organ, not in the best of repair; that Schnelker derisively called "Mickey." His abdication presented an opportunity for a couple of his students (Kathy (Burnard) Warner '61 and me). We got to play the dreadful organ for the weekly services, alternating back and forth every week.

On one of my days, the organ developed a cipher (a tone that sticks on even after you release the key that sounds it), and it wasn't the usual quiet flute stop or the ilk. Rather, it was a very loud brassy pipe controlled by the pedals. I had to turn off the power to the blower motor to get it to stop, and then turn it back on again. This was right in the middle of a hymn.

The upside to all this was that this was the day my fellow students had decided to boycott the chapel service to protest the required attendance, so only a few dozen people were present to witness this fiasco.

—Paul deLespinasse '61

### Corrections

Somehow, Rep. Betty Komp showed up last issue as Debbie. We should know, since she's come to our front doors during her neighborhood acquaintance walks.

Also, the Mr. Paulus who donated the photo collection last issue was actually William (Bill) JD'58.

We invite emails and letters to the editors. Contact us at [scene@willamette.edu](mailto:scene@willamette.edu), or by mailing to *The Scene*, Office of Alumni Relations, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301. Published correspondence may be edited for length and clarity.

## Flipbook!

Why a flipbook in this issue, you ask? Why not? The message might seem familiar.





## The UnScene

An issue of The Scene comes together in Waller Hall.  
Comma splices beware.

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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). Also, remember Facebook: [facebook.com/willamettealumni](https://facebook.com/willamettealumni).



### WU Welcomes Dennis Bergvall, Vice President for Advancement



Plenty of alumni have already met Bergvall, who arrived last fall to lead the development, alumni and parent relations (which includes *The Scene*), and marketing communications offices. He comes to us from The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., where he exceeded the institution's \$100 million campaign goal by 8 percent and moved a lot of other needles in the right direction. He's a Whitman grad, but we'll forgive him for that.



#### So, you've worked all over the country. Why Willamette?

Three reasons. The first was reputation. Willamette is known for the quality of its educational experience, the dedication of its faculty and outstanding graduates. I wanted to be part of that experience. The second was location. This opportunity has brought me back to the best corner of the country. The Northwest was not only where our adult children and grandchildren live but where our hearts and values belonged. This position gave us a chance to come home.

The third reason is potential. Willamette is a place where I believe I can make an impact. Developing a culture of philanthropy and building a successful development program are not new to me. An institution this good deserves to be in command of its future. Financial stability is not the only ingredient, but few great schools become excellent without successful fundraising.

#### Describe your role and what advancement does for the university.

Some would say that advancement is just the newest euphemism for development or fundraising, and that's not necessarily incorrect. Yet the departments that comprise it here aren't just stacked together for an org. chart; they integrate how and why we maintain relationships with our key constituents. That requires programming, communication and contact programs, sustaining brand identity and assuring loyalty and support that sometimes is translated into financial support.

#### What's a misconception about donating to Willamette that you'd clear up?

That Willamette only seeks or appreciates the gifts of big donors. All gifts matter and WU is dependent upon support from all levels.

Graduates often think that they must wait to start making contributions

back to Willamette until they can write a certain size check. Or worse, that they have to wait until their loans are all paid off. We welcome all contributions, not only because they represent a substantial part of the budget, but because the rate of alumni giving is a factor in grant proposals and rankings. Foundations question supporting schools with a low alumni "participation rate," and U.S. News uses this figure within its college rating system. Small gifts, such as \$5 or \$20 from a recent graduate, help.

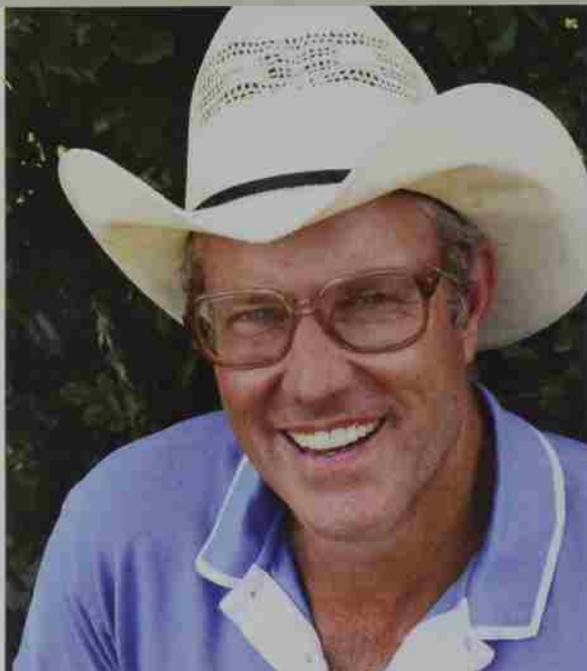
#### Where do your own philanthropic dollars go?

I believe it's important to lead by example. After support for our church, our largest gifts go to Willamette. On my second day at work, I happily became a Leadership Circle donor. Investing in Willamette's future is a good bet.

For more, or to show your support, visit [willamette.edu/support](http://willamette.edu/support).



## SPRING LECTURERS CHALLENGE ... EVERYTHING



Joel Salatin

### The Bearcat's Dilemma

Farmer Joel Salatin believes our country's food system is in a state of crisis — from nutrient deficiency to pollution to animal abuse to rural economic decay — and that all of these issues can be solved by one thing: local food.

It's not a surprising statement from the self-described "lunatic farmer" whose roles in Michael Pollan's best-selling book, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," and the film, "Food, Inc.," have turned him into one of the most prominent spokespeople for the local and sustainable food movements.

Salatin brings his ideas to Willamette Feb. 12 when he delivers the 2013 Dempsey Lecture.

Salatin's family-run Polyface Farm in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley uses alternative practices — including chicken tractors and pasture-fed "salad bar beef" — that have become a model for sustainable farmers across the country. Polyface serves more than 10 retail outlets, 3,000 families and 50 restaurants through on-farm sales and metropolitan buying clubs.

"Most of the things that I do or say are considered lunacy by the conventional agriculture community," Salatin says. "We're a nation which is well-fed but undernourished. We lead the world in obesity, cancer, Type 2 diabetes and a host of other chronic maladies. Clearly it's not just a matter of bins and bushels and volume, it's a matter of nutrient density and food quality. Those are things our conventional system doesn't even consider."

Even regions like the Willamette Valley, known for its thriving sustainable and local agriculture communities, have room for improvement, Salatin says.

"I haven't been any place in the U.S. where 95 percent of the food produced there isn't exported first and then reimported," he says. "We should be growing it here, processing it here and eating it here. If you think the current food system — 1,500 miles between farmer and plate, gluten intolerance, factory farming, reduced aquifers, manure waste pollution and other maladies — if you think all of that is just wonderful, then don't come to my lecture. But if you care about any of that, and that's not the kind of world you want your children to inherit, then I want you to come."

To learn more about the Dempsey Lecture Series, visit [willamette.edu/events/dempsey\\_lecture](http://willamette.edu/events/dempsey_lecture).

### Sparks Athletic Center Renovation: The Heavy Lifting Begins

Coaches and students are starting to talk about it in the hallways:

Fueled by early gifts from parents, foundations and alumni — including a \$3 million leadership matching challenge from an anonymous alumni family — the Sparks Athletic Center renovation has inched closer to reality.

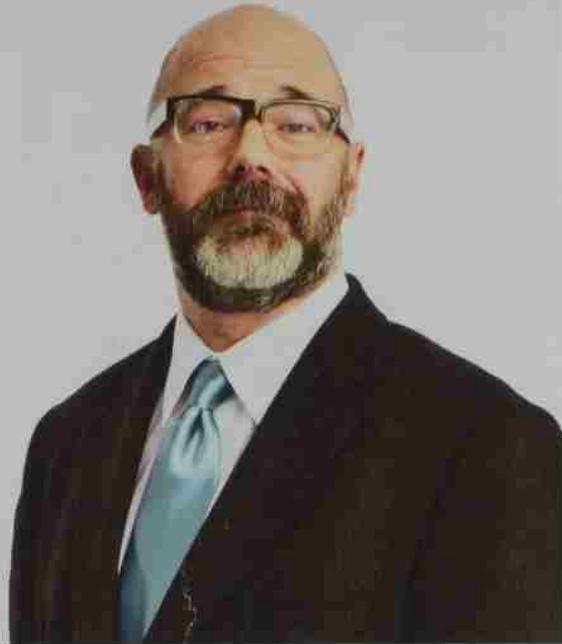
The changes to the building won't significantly expand its footprint, but they will fundamentally change how the space is used and how many people will be served.

In one of several possible designs, largely unused racquetball courts and hallway space will be used for more resistance, cardio and power lifting stations, alleviating what is probably the building's most obvious need: workout space. Other refinements will include improvements to locker rooms, the sports medicine center, and academic spaces.

Construction is expected to start in the summer, but the project won't be complete without more help from donors. To learn more or get involved, visit [willamette.edu/athletics/facilities/sparks\\_renovation](http://willamette.edu/athletics/facilities/sparks_renovation).



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Andrew Sullivan

## Conservatism

Renowned political/social commentator Andrew Sullivan is a self-described conservative, but he's no Republican. Or is he?

His Feb. 26 Atkinson Lecture Series talk will address conservatism and homosexuality. Titled "Knowing (and Loving) Thine Enemy: Gays, Conservatives and Common Ground," his lecture will introduce thoughtful — maybe striking — solutions in a conversation that many in the United States see as an ideological impasse.

"Gays are fully part of our world and it is conservative to integrate them into mainstream society — through marriage equality and full access to military service," Sullivan writes. "Such reforms contribute to the conservative values of family, personal responsibility, mutual support, and service to a greater good. There is no contradiction here."

Sullivan is a practicing Catholic and author of five books. His landmark work, "Virtually Normal: An Argument About Homosexuality," challenges church doctrine on gay life and helped frame the nation's discourse about gay marriage.

Before becoming editor in chief of *The New Republic*, a columnist for *TIME* and senior editor of *The Atlantic*, Sullivan earned a master's and doctorate at Harvard. *Adweek* named him Editor of the Year, and his writing earned two National Magazine Awards.

A *Newsweek* and *Daily Beast* contributor, Sullivan was one of the first journalists to experiment with blogging, writing 250 to 300 posts per week for "The Dish." The posts included his incisive analysis and observations about politics, socio-cultural issues, foreign affairs and religion, reaching some 1.3 million subscribers.

In January, Sullivan announced he's leaving the *Beast* to publish a blog supported solely through reader subscriptions. Bloggers and other journalists are watching closely to see if Sullivan's "declaration of independence" will succeed.

To learn more about the Atkinson Lecture Series, visit [willamette.edu/events/atkinson\\_lecture](http://willamette.edu/events/atkinson_lecture).

Reporting by Sarah Evans, Adam Torgerson and Erik Schmidt '05

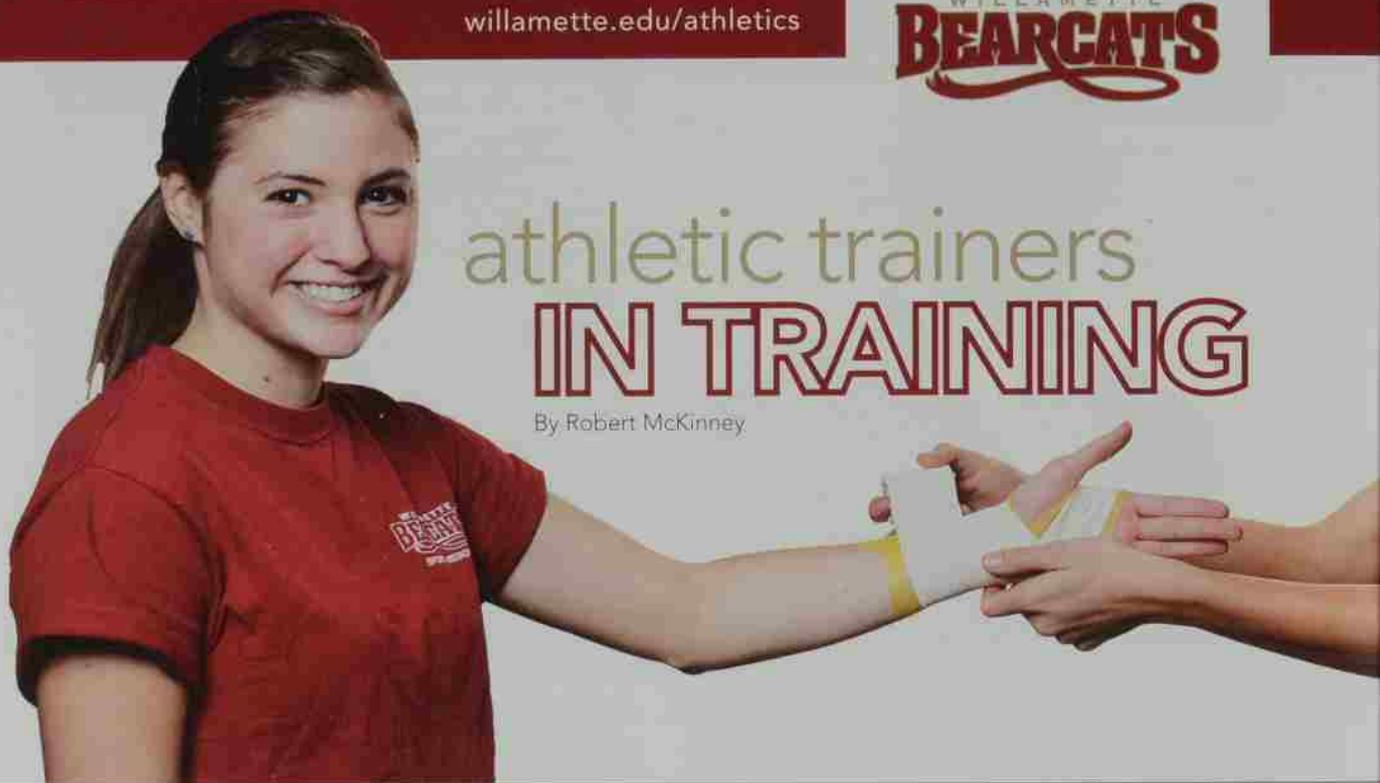


Sparks, reimagined: one of several possible arrangements.



# CARDINAL & GOLD

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## athletic trainers IN TRAINING

By Robert McKinney

Above: Tannin Kueffner '13, left, and Michaela Freeby '15

For many Willamette students, a campus job is a rite of passage. Some restack books at the library, others scan packages at the mail room or craft admission mailers. There's also an especially hands-on group of students who roam the sidelines at athletic events, coming to the aid of any athlete making an unplanned stop there.

Willamette competes in 20 intercollegiate sports and enrolls nearly 500 student athletes, so there are plenty of opportunities for student athletic trainers. Full-time professional athletic trainers help students gain experience before sending many into careers in health-related professions.

The work has been a great learning experience for Tannin Kueffner '13 and Michaela Freeby '15, two athletes-turned-trainers who can easily relate to the ones they help. Kueffner played soccer at WU for two years and Freeby

is still a member of the cross country and track and field teams.

"During my second year, I had a knee injury and spent my whole season in the training room doing rehabilitation," Kueffner says. "After deciding I didn't want to risk re-injury, I thought the next best thing for me would be to help others to follow their athletic pursuits."

Freeby, while still competing, has a similar outlook. "I helped out in the training room at my high school and have always found sports medicine very interesting," she says. "I still love working with the trainers and learning everything that I can — it is rewarding to help people and see athletes improve and come back from their injuries."

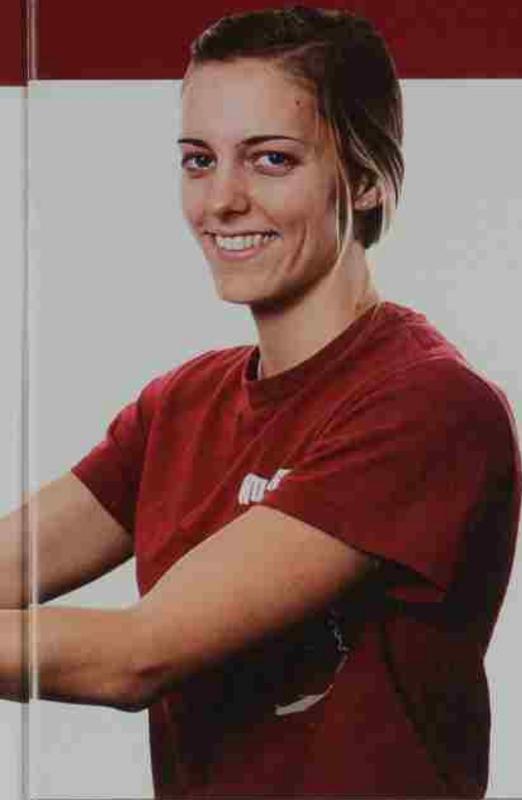
Student trainers are mentored by head athletic trainer Shane Wibel and his full-time staff. His team maintains close ties with Silverton Hospital and PT

Northwest to provide a complete sports medicine program. "We students learn about everything in the training room, from taping to using the electronic stimulation and ultrasound machines," Freeby says.

They also learn to look ahead. Kueffner, for instance, made health-related career plans long before graduating.

"I hope to attend medical school and become a sports orthopedist," she says. "My work in the training room has exposed me to the entire injury process, from onset of symptoms to the return to competition — including all the physiological and emotional changes that an athlete undergoes."

Freeby has focused on gaining applicable knowledge. "I'm not sure what my career plans are," the sophomore says, "but for the meantime, it is great to have a job that I enjoy and am



continuously learning and working to improve."

### Professional Successes

Many student trainers find their experiences provide a foundation for successful careers in the health sciences. Numerous alumni, including Marcey Keefer Hutchison '88 and Emily (Vracin) Kosderka '96, trace their careers to their time in the training room at Willamette.

Hutchison holds a doctorate in physical therapy and is an assistant professor at George Fox University. She was a student athletic trainer at Willamette from 1985-88, and owned a private physical therapy practice for more than 14 years.

She worked with Russ Cagle during his first few years with the Bearcats. Cagle was hired as head athletic trainer in 1985 and led the training room until

Deborah Cagle took over in 1999. Wibel was hired in 2002 and became head athletic trainer in 2006.

"My experience in the training room and on the field provided me with hands-on skills and confidence in myself as a provider," Hutchison says. "The opportunity to have actually touched and cared for an injured person was extremely valuable when I began working with patients."

She also remembers developing communication skills as a student trainer by discussing injuries with team physicians.

Kosderka, a certified athletic trainer, is the head athletic trainer at Concordia University in Portland. She was a student athletic trainer at Willamette from 1993-97.

**"My experience in the training room and on the field provided me with hands-on skills and confidence in myself as a provider."**

"We spent a lot of time taping, learning about using treatment modalities such as ultrasound and electric stimulation, and improving our orthopedic evaluation skills," she says. As a student, she worked extensively with football and men's basketball, including several NAIA tournament games.

"I'm extremely blessed to have had such incredible people willing to invest their time and energies in me, and it is largely because of them that I have enjoyed the career I have," Kosderka says. "At Willamette I fell in love with athletic training. I can remember watching [professor of exercise science] Peter Harmer working with

injured athletes and thinking I wanted to be able to connect with them just like he did."

### Modernization

Today, athletic training at Willamette is a bit different than it was when Russ Cagle was in charge.

"When I began, the McCulloch Stadium training room was small: two tables, a poorly working ice machine. Food-service trays held our taping supplies," Cagle says. "The Sparks training center had one table and a whirlpool."

Over the years, the program has benefited from improved facilities, durable equipment, a significant increase in supplies, and increased staff. "The addition of the third full-time athletic training position was huge," Wibel says. "More recently, the partnership with PT Northwest [providing a fourth trainer, part-time] and the partnership with Silverton Hospital have been really great."

Soon, the sports medicine center will be expanded and improved further as part of the Sparks Athletic Center renovation project. Recent giving to the project has included an anonymous \$3 million matching gift by an alumni family. See p. 8 for more.

What won't change, however, is that student athletic trainers will be a key part of the athletic training program.

"Their value is immeasurable," Wibel says. "We couldn't continue providing a high level of care without them."

Some student trainers will enter health professions and some will surely work in other fields. But they all remain part of a great tradition of student involvement in athletic training at Willamette. 



# WES WENZEL, MULTITASKER



By Robert McKinney

On the football field, Wes Wenzel '13 is a powerful inside linebacker who led Willamette with 65 total tackles during the 2011 season and added 51 in 2012 — despite missing two games due to injury. In the classroom, he's a pre-medicine student with a challenging class load. He's making plans for graduate school, and eventually, work as a physician's assistant.

For most students, these things would be enough.

But Wenzel is also a leader of the football team's Bible study, which is a branch of the campus ministry supported by Campus Ambassadors. On top of that, he serves as a tutor for those who need help in chemistry and statistics, and he's also found time to volunteer at Salem Hospital, where he worked in the cardiology and oncology departments.

Then there's his summer research in the behavioral neuroscience lab at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland. It involved a behavioral test called delayed discounting, where groups of subjects (such as lab rats) are given two different rewards for completing a task. One is delivered immediately, but is small; the other reward is larger, but is delivered after a delay. Delayed discounting is important because subjects' decision-making under these conditions might apply to treating addiction, gambling, alcoholism and ADD/ADHD. It's a contemporary approach in addressing longtime needs.

Wenzel's thesis topic at Willamette is at least as widely applicable: ruthenium-based anti-cancer medications. Scientists know that these medications beat back some cancers, but not why they do it — researchers like Wenzel will be the ones to fill in the gaps.

(For more Willamette research on ruthenium-based cancer drugs, see "Blurring an Old Line: Teaching and Research in the Sciences," Spring 2011.)

Predictably, Wenzel has assessed what his various Willamette experiences mean as a whole. "Being a scholar-athlete at Willamette has pushed me," he says. "That competitive drive that you get on the field just correlates directly to the classroom."

And just about everywhere else, in his case.

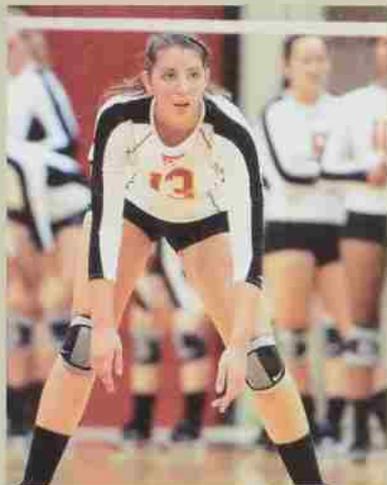
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## Men's Cross Country Runners Win Conference Again

Continuing what has become a sporting tradition, the Willamette men won the NWC championship this year — for the ninth time since 2001. Parker Bennett '14 took the league individual title, and longtime coach Matt McGuirk was chosen NWC Men's Coach of the Year. The women's team missed a championship by just a hair, placing second overall.

At nationals, Bennett placed 97th out of 280 runners in the men's 8-kilometer race in Terre Haute, Ind. The Willamette women placed 32nd in the team standings. Michaela Freeby '15 (see p. 10) led the women with a 142nd place finish over the 6-kilometer course.



## Volleyball Standout Named First Team All-NWC and Honorable Mention All-Region

Madisyn Leenstra '13, an outside hitter and middle hitter for the Bearcats, was named First Team All-Northwest Conference and Honorable Mention All-West Region after leading Willamette with 284 kills, 3.30 kills per set and 25 service aces. She achieved a .230 hitting percentage. During her career with the Bearcats, she earned 697 kills and 163 total blocks.

## Dean Destroys Quarterbacking Records

Josh Dean '14 rewrote the Willamette football record book in 2012 by improving on every single-season passing mark. He completed 273 of 422 passes for 34 touchdowns, and his 3,345 total passing yards ranked him third in the nation. He also tied a single-game record with six touchdown passes against Hardin-Simmons University — in his first collegiate start — tying the mark set by John Horner '94 in 1993. Dean helped Willamette achieve an 8-2 record in Head Coach Glen Fowles' first year at the helm.

## Men's Soccer Enjoys Best Season Since 2000, Leads NWC in Scoring

The men posted a 10-7-2 record in 2012, their best since going 10-8-2 during the 2000 season. The Bearcat squad took fourth place in the NWC and led the conference in scoring with 36 goals. Trevor Jensen '14 scored five goals and tied a school record with eight assists to lead the team with 18 total points. Five Bearcats scored four or more goals.

## Kukula Wins NWC Fall Classic in Men's Golf; Levy Shoots Hole-in-One

Sophomore Ryan Kukula '15 picked up his first collegiate tournament win by shooting a 74 in the first round of the NWC Fall Classic and then rallying for a 4-under-68 in the second. Elsewhere in the tournament, freshman Elise Levy '16 shot a spectacular hole-in-one on the par-3 17th hole during the second round.

For complete news coverage, remember to check [willamette.edu/athletics](http://willamette.edu/athletics).



# PHOTO ESSAY

## Looking Closer by Frank Miller

Willamette faculty and student researchers use microscopes in the Core Imaging Facility inside Olin Hall to investigate function and anatomy very, very closely.

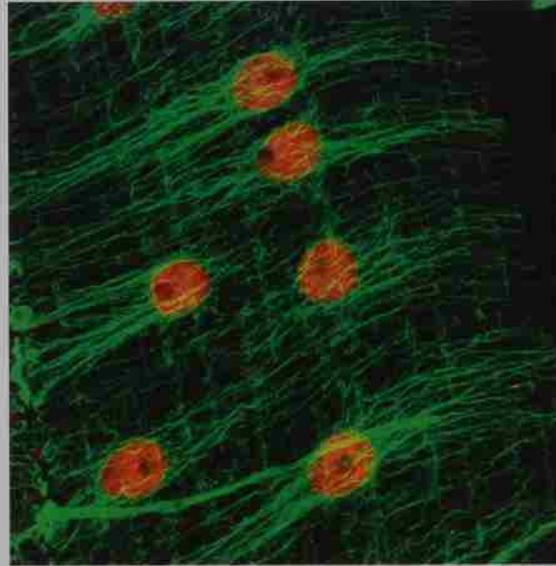
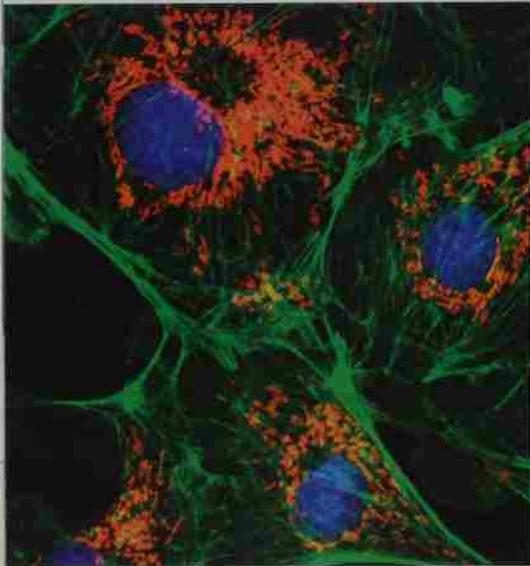
A Phillips XL-30 scanning electron microscope gives a view of an organism's external structures at fantastic magnification, giving researchers views impossible with traditional microscopes.

Recently acquired through a grant from the National Science Foundation, the facility's Zeiss laser scanning

confocal microscope takes the researcher deeper, into the cell itself.

Fluorescent dyes, applied to cellular structures, are made viewable by the microscope, effectively allowing researchers to see *through* the cell to its inner workings. Also, the confocal laser microscope "sees" in 3-D, dramatically improving the quantity and quality of the data.

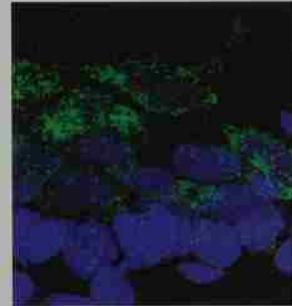
Applications for this information range from the creation of new medicines to material sciences and the physics of micro-proteins.



Above, left to right, are images captured with the Zeiss laser scanning confocal microscope. Left: endothelial cells — red is mitochondrial fluorescent label; green is actin; blue is nuclei (Emma Coddington). Center and right: *Drosophila melanogaster* (fruitfly) larva muscle, *Drosophila melanogaster* epithelial cell layer — red is nuclei; green is actin (Jason Duncan).



The platform of the Phillips XL-30 scanning electron microscope (Jason Duncan).



Left: newt brain captured with the Zeiss laser scanning confocal microscope. Blue is nuclei; green is the hormone vasotocin in vesicles inside cells (Emma Coddington).



Left: the cytoskeleton of a *Xenopus* oocyte — a frog's immature egg cell — captured with the Zeiss laser scanning confocal microscope (Joshua Wong '13).



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*Drosophila melanogaster* (fruitfly) profile captured with the Phillips XL-30 scanning electron microscope (Jason Duncan).



## UP CLOSE

### ALTER EGOS

#### The Hidden Lives of Campus Characters

Willamette is full of renaissance people, as the four here show us. Who knew that there were such creative, nostalgic, crafty and imaginative people all around us?

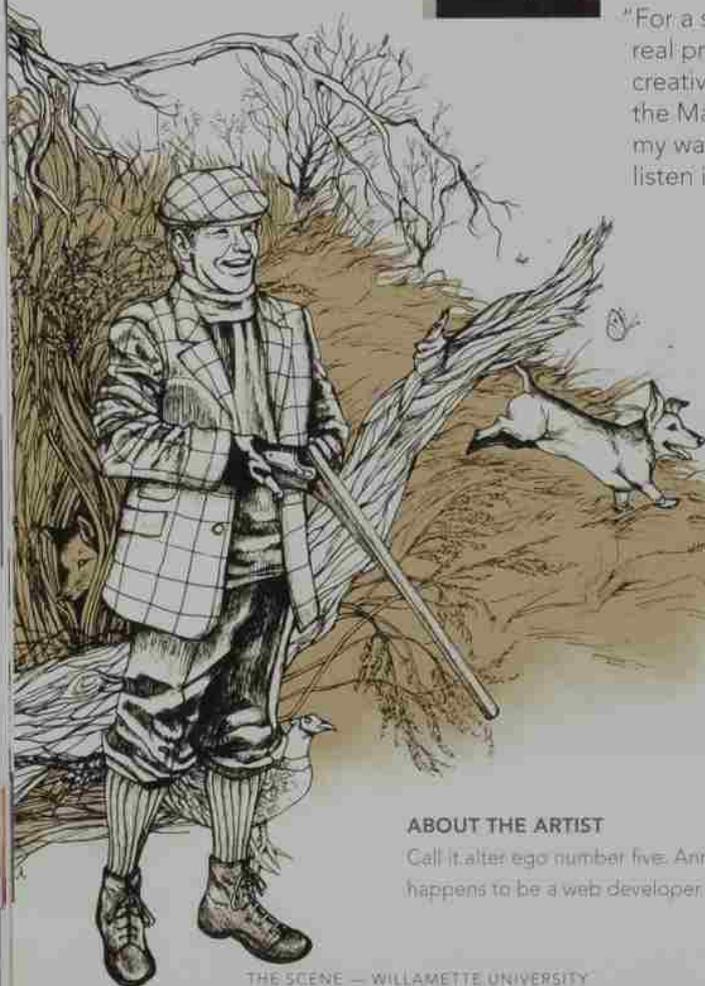


Singer/Songwriter,  
True North Band Member  
[tinyurl.com/kgdwtm](http://tinyurl.com/kgdwtm)

#### **KRISTEN GRAINGER**

Vice President and Executive  
Assistant to the President  
WU Arrival: 2002

"For a singer-songwriter like me, it's a real privilege to [work] around so many creative people. I always walk through the Mary Stuart Rogers Music Center on my way to and from my office, just to listen in."



#### **ABOUT THE ARTIST**

Call it alter ego number five. Annie Aguirre '10 also happens to be a web developer at Willamette.



Sportsman, Hunter, Collector of  
Early-20th-Century Firearms

#### **JOHN PEEL**

Irene Gerlinger Swindells Professor  
of Music; Composer-in-Residence  
WU Arrival: 1990

"It goes back to a connection with my father. We hunted together when I was young. I grew up with the ethics of the fair chase, respect for the quarry — and an aesthetic respect for gun-makers' fine skills."

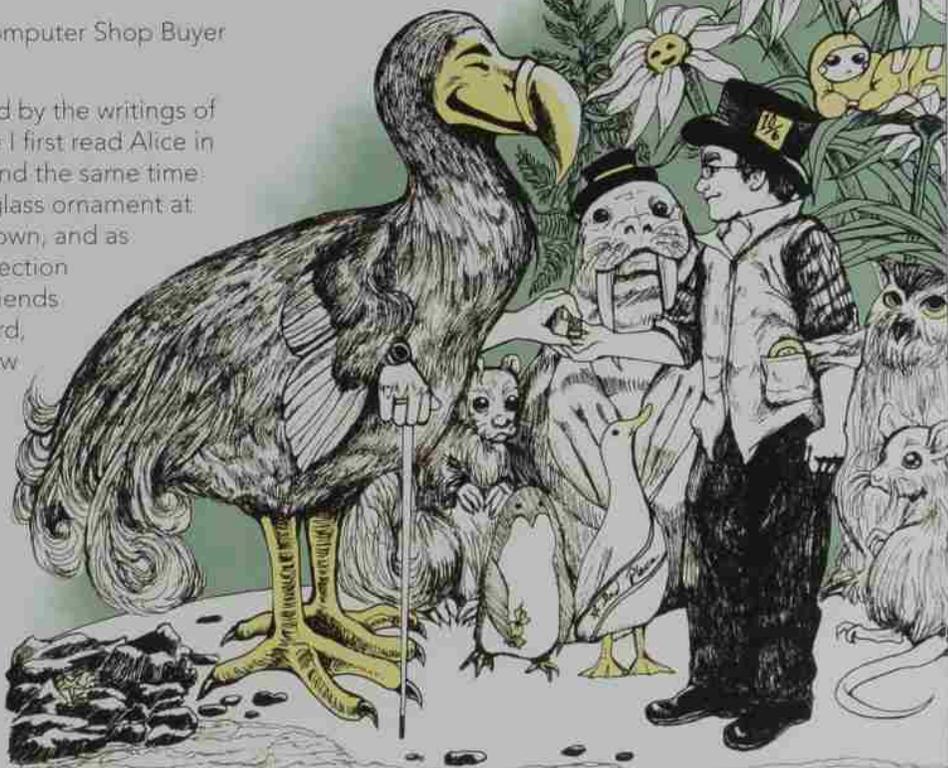


Alice-in-Wonderland: Wonderer,  
Memorabilia Collector

**TIM KING**

General Books/Computer Shop Buyer  
WU Arrival: 1999

"I've been intrigued by the writings of Lewis Carroll since I first read *Alice in my twenties*. Around the same time, I spotted a small glass ornament at a gift shop downtown, and as anyone with a collection can attest, once friends and family get word, things tend to grow exponentially."



Lego Architect, Construction  
Project Foreman  
(see cover photo)

**CHUCK WILLIAMSON**

Professor of Chemistry  
WU Arrival: 2005

"Legos were a significant part of my childhood, to the point that my mother would often have to shoo me outside for what she called 'big-muscle time.' Both of my sons are Lego aficionados as well."



## HIDDEN GEMS

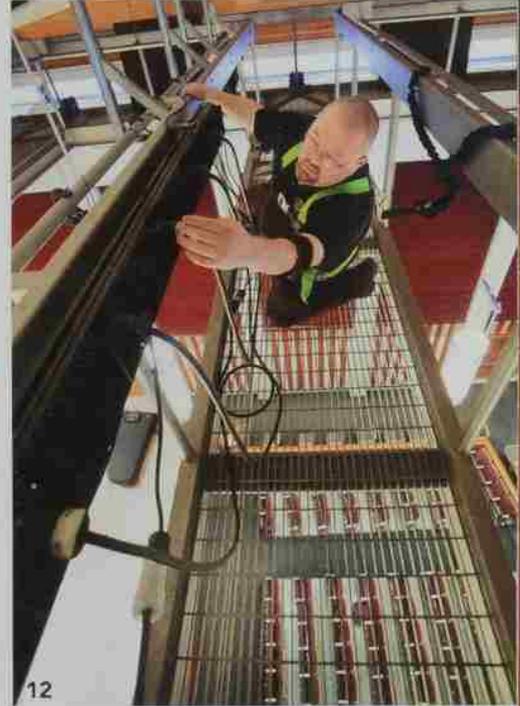


Some of the most interesting spaces on campus aren't very well known. How many of these have you seen?

(1, 2) Inside the Waller Hall cupola at sundown. (3, 4) At the Hallie Ford Museum of Art: paintings in storage and a sculpture — *Untitled Head*, 1997, by Gary Curtis (American, b. 1947), painted bronze. (5, 6) Inside the Willamette archives with Mary McRobinson, university archivist. (7-9) Scenes in the university Mail Center; Dolores Mlynarczyk, postage clerk. (10, 11) Goudy Commons food preparation; Ben Lipp, lead cook. (12) Mike Bergh, facilities support specialist, adjusts lights on the catwalk above Hudson Hall. Don't look down.



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## CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS



# Jim Andersen

GROUNDS MANAGER

Most Willamette people understand what a treasure our campus is — with the Mill Stream, the Star Trees, the gardens — but the beauty isn't accidental. Jim Andersen heads a grounds crew whose exemplary work often goes unnoticed.

**What's something that might surprise people about the grounds operation?**

That it's different every day. People might think that we get here and we mow and we blow and we rake, but it's not like that. Last week I got a call that there was a skunk down in the College of Law, so I thought, "Ok, I'm off to pick up a skunk. How do I do that?" We put a little ladder out there for the skunk and eventually it left.

You have to keep it interesting, actually, or else you'll burn out. One way we do that is by splitting up the campus into different sections so that each member of the team can be in charge of one. That creates pride of ownership. I try not to put too much of a heavy hand on it as the manager, either; if the guys want to try something, I say let's do it. Alfonzo Guzman and the hot-pepper gardens come to mind.

**What are your favorite spots on campus?**

The Martha Springer Botanical Garden comes to mind, but I also like the entryway into Ford Hall. When Ford was built, there were two large transformers that really stuck out, so I thought about how to disguise them. We did a little planting, added some perennials, and sure enough it looks outstanding. That really is one of my favorite places now.

There was a spot out by Matthews Hall that was all overgrown, so we redid it recently, too. Now there's an edible landscape there facing toward the west, and facing south there are some plants for hummingbirds. Having the license to do these things is a lot of fun. It's always good to try something — it's not like we're ripping up the Quad.

**That would ruffle some feathers.**

Yeah, so there are certain limitations. But that creativity can have a lot of benefits.

**How about collaboration? Clearly you partner with other groups and offices.**

Absolutely. Much of it started with professor Joe Bowersox when he helped with the move to organics and the elimination of pesticides. We've stayed connected with the Greening the Campus Committee and Zena Forest, and I think the collaboration has given us a lot of credibility. We've given campus ecology tours to professor Karen Arabas's classes, and our intern is also working with professors. [Vice President of Financial Affairs and Treasurer] Arnie Yasinski is chair of the Greening the Campus Committee, so we have a lot of contact with him and other administrators.

As much as anything, it's great to work at a place where we have great young minds pushing us to always think about better ways to do things.

**What's your favorite time of the year?**

Fall. I like seeing the seasons changing. I don't enjoy picking up the leaves, but I get super excited that they are going to end up in compost and get reused. People can use them to make their gardens really fantastic.

We put them behind Sparks and then, later, deliver them to folks around town. It used to be that we had to pay to get rid of something that people need. It's saved us money in the long run, and it's great PR for WU.

**This question will make sense to recent alumni and current students: Who would win a mower race?**

[Laughs] Alfonso Guzman would certainly win. I think I'd come in last.

As a matter of fact, a long time ago, you actually could race those mowers — they were the ones with the little stands you ride on in the back — and



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every now and then I'd see Kendall Smith or Alfonzo holding on for dear life and flying around on them. I loved to see that because it meant that they were enjoying their jobs.

**Is there a spot on campus that just gives you fits?**

Oh yeah, I've got a lot of them. One of the biggest ones is over at TIUA in the courtyard between the first and second buildings. It gets no sun and has poor drainage; it's always wet.

There's one up on the north side of Waller Hall, too. We recently took down a tree there that was in steady decline, and that'll help. It had little tissue left — the trunk, as you got higher, was hollow. Drainage was the killer there. That was a big-leaf maple that was getting too much water and

got a type of root rot. The fact that it was right next to a sidewalk made it a hazard tree.

There was another maple out by the rose garden that we removed, too. It was also leaning over a sidewalk, but it was a double problem because it was shading the roses. It was a good idea when it was planted, but over 20 or 30 years it made so much shade that the bushes were making fewer flowers. Now that it's gone I'm sure you'll see plenty more roses next year.

That was one of those times when you look back and say, "That was easy. How come I never noticed that before?" ☺



## THE BUG LIFE

By Andrew Faught

From an office building in Rome, Keith Cressman '81 is the first defense against one of history's greatest scourges.

With its ravages dating back to biblical times, the desert locust remains no small threat. The omnivorous bug's habitat spans a 5,000-mile swath of the globe from West Africa to India, where swarms the size of Manhattan are considered average outbreaks. But the insects can gather by the billions — enough to blot out the sun — during plague years. Those swarms can stretch 40 miles end to end and wreak billions of dollars of damage on farmland.

"It does make you appreciate the power of nature," says Cressman, senior locust forecasting officer with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. The Italy-based FAO works to safeguard developing nations against threats to their food supplies. Cressman is the only entomologist in the world providing forecasts for the desert locust, the most destructive of 12 migratory locust species.

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He bases his predictions in part on rainfall and vegetation growth in the desert. "but the other 50 percent is a feeling," Cressman says. "I've been doing this for a quarter of a century, so I have a pretty strong intuition. When I get the predictions correct and the locusts follow my hunches, it's very satisfying."

Forecasts are used by locust control centers in 24 countries, which Cressman visits throughout the year. Mehdi Ghaemian of Iran, a member of that country's Plant Protection Organization, says Cressman called her in 2008 to warn of locusts heading toward Iran from Yemen. What was remarkable, Ghaemian adds, is that Cressman interrupted his Swiss ski vacation to sound the alarm. "We

ordered the provinces to get ready for the locusts, and we had a successful control operation," she says.

Cressman credits courses he took at Willamette — politics, history, economics and world religion, in particular — as critical to his day-to-day duties: "All feed into my work in terms of traveling and working with people of different nationalities, cultures and religions.

"Willamette laid a very good foundation," adds Cressman, a biology major who grew up in Laguna Niguel, Calif. "The value of a liberal arts education, compared to a very narrow education in a specific field, broadened my knowledge base. And certainly with the work I do now, one has to be a

jack of all trades and know an awful lot of disciplines."

His duties include hitting up international donors to help pay for extermination efforts in countries too poor to afford them. Officials try to stamp out the insects before they spawn a second generation, which can happen within six months. "That's when the numbers can really increase," he says. "You'll have 250 times the number of locusts that you started with.

"It's much like a brush fire in the forest. You can control that, but when it's a wildfire it's completely out of control. It's the same with the desert locust. The situation can rapidly deteriorate and you get yourself in a period in which there are lots of locust swarms around and it can take several years and hundreds of millions of dollars to bring them under control."

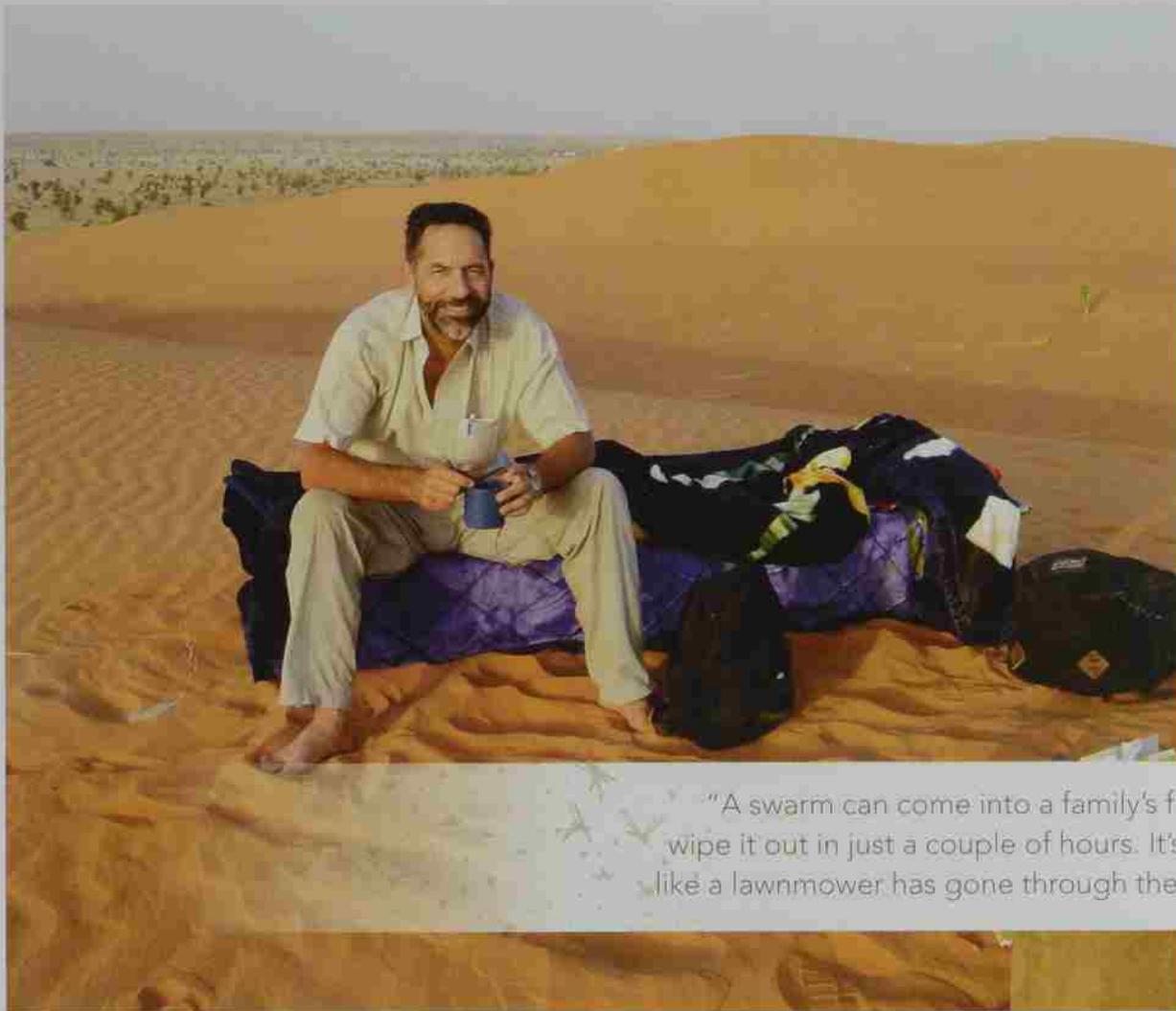
Cressman's career path took shape when he joined the Peace Corps immediately after graduating from Willamette. He was posted to a regional plant protection center in Tunisia, where he helped the center collect and catalog fruit flies that threatened olive trees.

He returned to the United States and, in 1987, earned a master's degree in international agricultural development/plant protection from the University of California, Davis. Cressman longed to return overseas, and after landing a job with FAO, he was sent to Khartoum, Sudan, which fell siege to locusts within a month of his arrival.

He marvels at the insect's resiliency



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over the millennia. Desert locusts are related to grasshoppers, but there is one critical distinction: Locusts undergo a personality change that causes them to swarm. They start as solitary insects but soon enter a "gregarious" stage, a survival mechanism that allows them to exist in some of the harshest climates in the world, including the Sahara Desert. "Grasshoppers never organize themselves into a coherent mass that moves and flies in the same direction," Cressman says.

Control operations in various countries try to spray locusts in the "pregregarious" phase, when they are

on the ground in a cluster perhaps no larger than a kitchen table. To do so officials in each country use an eLocust2 (similar to an iPad), developed by FAO a decade ago. The device transmits real-time locust data from remote locations.

The stakes are high. Average swarms can eat in one day the same tonnage as 42 million people do in the same period, Cressman says. Farmers, many of whom tend subsistence crops, try to scare them off by lighting fires or making loud noises, but to no avail. "A swarm can come into a family's field and wipe it out in just a couple of hours," he says. "It's kind of

like a lawnmower has gone through the place."

Still, forecasts suggest that the desert locust hasn't heard the last of Keith Cressman. **S**

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# Our Green Acres

WILLAMETTE'S HIDDEN ECOLOGY

**By Sarah Evans**

The squirrels, ducks and cherry trees hog all the attention.

But the 60 acres that make up the Willamette University campus teem with all sorts of flora and fauna. Some of it is hidden away in quiet corners or behind showier landmarks, like blooming rhododendrons and stately brick buildings. Much of Willamette's most interesting ecology, however, is right in plain sight.

And we're talking about more than the Mill Stream and the Martha Springer Botanical Garden.

"If you're hurrying across campus and not really paying attention, you don't notice many of the things that live and grow here," says grounds manager Jim Andersen. "But when you do pay attention, there's tons of interesting wildlife and plants to see."

Consider the animals. The campus may be in the middle of a city, but with the Willamette River just seven blocks away — a relatively undeveloped section of river at that — some pretty wild species make their way over.

And when they arrive, these animals find a verdant park full of small prey and attractive plants that catch their eye.

"Every single thing on our campus has been planted by our staff and our students over time," says biology professor David Craig. "Very few plants arrived on their own. That's why the visiting animals are so exciting. We're constructing and reconstructing the image of our campus, literally, in our grounds."

What follows is a look at our favorite lesser-known aspects of the campus ecosystem. But there are plenty of others waiting to be discovered. You just have to take some time to look.





### RESPECT YOUR ELDERS

Forget the Star Trees. Next time you're walking around campus, meander over toward the University Apartments and gaze up at the seven-story-tall Oregon white oak.

As you marvel at its wide canopy of gnarled branches, imagine you're Jason Lee, just arriving in the Oregon Territory, searching for a good spot to start a mission — and possibly seeing this very tree, though it was much smaller then.

Based on the oak's several-foot-wide trunk, Craig estimates it's about 200 years old. That makes the tree, in his mind, "the most important individual on our campus."

"It's older than anyone here," he says. "We talk a lot about our values around sustainability. This tree is a real gem in terms of its size, the creatures it attracts, and how it represents many decisions other people made to leave it there and not turn it into firewood."

What exactly does it attract? Despite noise from the nearby roadway, the tree's out-of-the-way location and scarce visitors make it a favorite spot for red-tailed hawks to munch on their recently captured prey.

A few of the oak's more prominent, yet often unnoticed, younger relatives tower over the parking lot adjacent to Sparks Athletic Center. Craig estimates

those spring chickens are in the 150-year range.

So the next time one pops your car hood with an acorn, don't get mad — show some respect. They've been here longer than almost anyone else in these parts.

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### THE NO-IVY LEAGUE

Willamette is known for prestige and academic rigor, but we're no Ivy League — and that's on purpose.

The ivied walls spotted on many older college campuses don't exist at Willamette. In fact, you'd be hard-pressed to find an ivy leaf anywhere but a few spots along the Mill Stream and near the graduate schools and Sparks Athletic Center.

Andersen and his grounds crew have worked tirelessly to eradicate English ivy from campus. The invasive plant is rampant across western Oregon — it grows quickly and displaces more beneficial natives.

"We keep plugging away at removing it a little bit at a time," Andersen says. "It takes forever, and it's one of those things that's a labor of love. You've got to have determination."

Perhaps none are more dramatic than the red-tailed hawks that swoop down to snap up a tasty squirrel, much to the excitement — or revulsion — of students heading to class.



Another reason for the grounds crew's dedication that Andersen feels the ivy is just plain boring compared to the rainbow of flowers and shrubs they've been replacing it with.

"People used to drive by on 12th Street and not even realize we were here because we were hidden behind a wall of ivy and arborvitae," he says. "Now we've opened that up and planted things that get folks' attention. I call it the 'pow' factor."

### WINGED WONDERS

Kingfishers, goldfinches, wrens, juncos, chickadees, bush tits, scrub jays, sparrows, cedar waxwings — if you keep your eyes peeled, you'll spot many more birds at Willamette than the ever-visible crows and ducks.

In fact, 45 species of birds make it to campus on a regular basis, Craig says. And he's sighted at least 70 species in the past decade.

Sometimes they put on quite a show, like the young great blue heron that recently spent several weeks

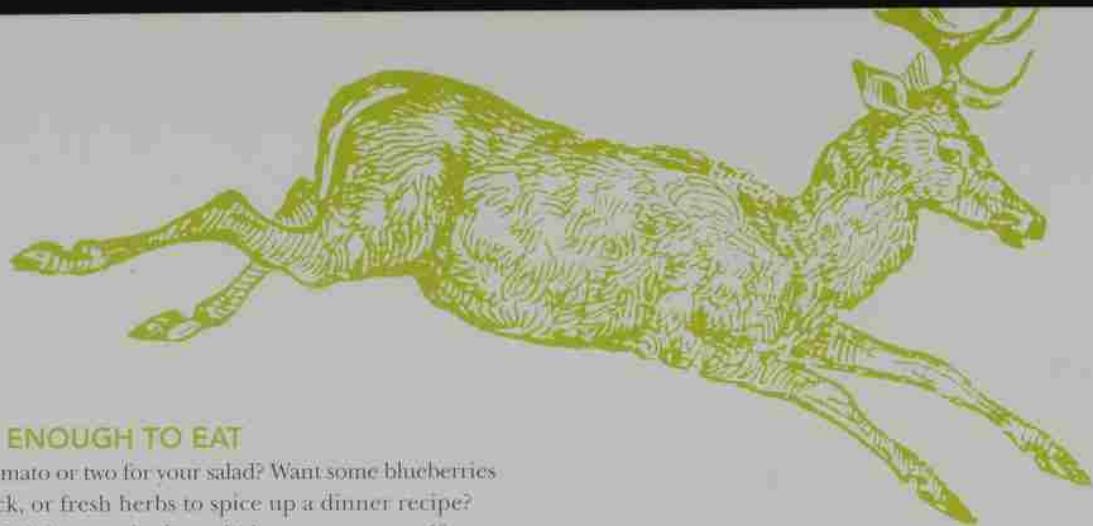
bathing and fishing in the Mill Stream, or the hundreds of Canada geese that arrive every winter and engage in honking matches with the ducks.

Perhaps none are more dramatic than the red-tailed hawks that swoop down to snap up a tasty squirrel, much to the excitement — or revulsion — of students heading to class.

But many of the birds are more discreet as they hop from plant to plant scooping up seeds. Some are too small to notice immediately, like the two species of hummingbirds that make campus home: the Rufous and the Anna's hummingbird.

If you're wondering where to find all the birds, just look for Craig. When he's out on campus with his binoculars pointed skyward, there's likely a spectacular winged creature nearby.





### GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Need a tomato or two for your salad? Want some blueberries for a snack, or fresh herbs to spice up a dinner recipe? You can find these and other edibles on campus — if you know where to look.

The Martha Springer Botanical Garden has long been the site of a variety of fruits and herbs. And for years, groundskeeper Alfonso Guzman has sprinkled hot-pepper plants in various spots around campus.

Andersen, like many, enjoys searching for them. “They’re usually in the back and kind of hidden,” he says. “They’re pretty because they’re ornamental, but they’re also really, really hot. They’re not for the faint of heart.”

Andersen and his team have dabbled with a wider variety of edible plants recently, partly due to students’ increased interest in food gardening. One newly landscaped area on the south side of Mathews Hall features tomato and pepper plants, as well as lemon verbena for tea. Newer still are several apple trees and a fig tree across the Mill Stream from Jackson Plaza.

If you see edible fruit on campus, feel free to pick and enjoy it. But watch out for those peppers.



Once the sun begins to rise, this menagerie of wildlife heads back into hiding and is replaced by another creature: the sleepy-eyed college student toting a cup of coffee.



### CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

Unless you enjoy taking midnight strolls across campus, or you were one of those students who got up strangely early (we're looking at you, rowers), you probably haven't seen too many of the other critters that visit Willamette.

That's because they only venture out in the dark of night, long after dusk.

Possums and raccoons are a common sight at that time. Hit the Mill Stream in the early morning hours and you'll likely find ring-tailed creatures rummaging for crayfish.

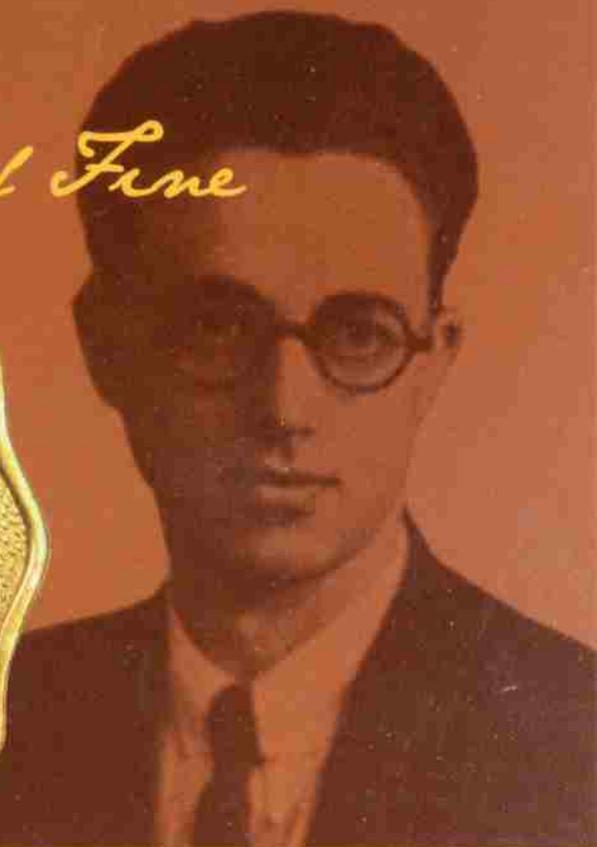
Andersen has spotted deer on Brown Field, and Canada geese sometimes land by the hundreds on the Quad once the sun is down. One shy species of duck, the common merganser, typically only makes an appearance early in the morning.

Once the sun begins to rise, this menagerie of wildlife heads back into hiding and is replaced by another creature: the sleepy-eyed college student toting a cup of coffee. ☺





## Character Deep and Fine



By Erik Schmidt '05

Flames screamed skyward, tearing the building apart from inside. By the time darkness fell in Salem, the Oregon Capitol had been burning for hours, fire walking up through hollow wooden columns from its electrical origin in the basement. These columns had

behaved like kindling, providing wood starter and a vertical airway to feed the blaze, and there was no hope to save the building now. At this point it was about saving at least some of what was still inside it: documents, flags, artifacts.

One group of firefighters fought to quell the flames near the west entrance of the Capitol. They stood below the radiating copper dome and struggled against the heat and fatigue and the threat of strewn debris. A second group of men stood nearby, ready to move in and relieve the first team whenever the order came.

A young Willamette man named Floyd McMullen was in this relief group.

Masonry and studs were already toppling, and maybe, as he looked on, McMullen knew that they were nearing the end: the point after which further attempts to minimize damage would be fruitless and the

best thing to do would be to fall back and prevent the fire from spreading to nearby structures. Like Eaton Hall.

He and his teammates got their order and headed in, but as they did, somewhere, communication broke down. They were being urgently called back away from the building, but the message never arrived. They reached the blaze and began doing what they could with their water and their aim, but by now even the brick cornices that protruded on that side of the building had been weakened.

It's impossible to say whether McMullen could see the brickwork falling toward him. He was unconscious before anyone could help him.

That night, April 25, 1935, the affable, wiry, bespectacled volunteer from Hermiston became the first and only Salem firefighter to die doing his work.

He had fought as a volunteer to preserve pieces of Oregon's history, but this wasn't just a call to duty. It was a sign of who he was and who he hoped to become.



## Letters Home

McMullen had grown up in Hermiston, Ore., as the first child of enterprising farmers. His homesteading father had come west from the Pennsylvania mines — alone — when he was just 15 years old. He crafted himself a new life and a new way of making a living, holding on even as the Great Depression made its way to Oregon.

"Our parents ran a 25-acre farm," says Floyd's sister, Margaret, now 95. The former teacher recalls the early days thoughtfully, as if inspecting her memories for more lessons to extract. Cash came in from chicken eggs and asparagus, she says. "Eggs were money-raisers then. I remember feeling like those chickens had better houses than we did!"

"This story of a young firefighter doing the best he could in an impossible situation just resonated."

Her parents knew that education could give their children mobility. A lawyer uncle in Portland, Albert Knight, had recommended that Floyd consider the discipline and apply to Willamette. Soon, McMullen made his own solo trip west and signed up to be a "boarder" — a full-time undergraduate working off his room

and board by volunteering for the local fire brigade. He even lived at the station.

He soaked up the variety of the experience and reported home in long, conversational letters. He always took time to address each of his younger siblings and their interests, and his correspondence suggests care and competence. As his family would say later on, this was one young man who had done a lot of growing up by age 19.

Naturally, he wrote of the typical challenges of student life. "Seems as though all I can think of tonight is questions," he wrote one spring. He had discovered debate, which made sense to his sister Esther, who would laugh later when she told people how "he would take the opposite side at the drop of a hat."

But he never saw his interest through. His last — and most wrenching — letter was dated April 21, four days before the fire.

"So far this month there has not been much in the way of fires," he wrote. But "the wind is blowing almost in Eastern Oregon style. Ought to have some ... if it keeps up."



Harry Hutton, chief of the Salem Fire Department, surveys the rubble, no doubt contemplating the loss of a man of "sterling worth."

## Direct Repudiation

After the tragedy, local officials spoke up. The adoring head of Willamette's Forensic Council, Prof. Herbert Rahe, sent Mr. and Mrs. McMullen a letter supposing that "you, as well as I, cannot fully realize that Floyd is gone." Harry Hutton, chief of the Salem Fire Department, offered lengthy condolences in praise of a young man of such "sterling worth."

Perhaps the most poignant note came from the Associated Students themselves:

"In life Floyd McMullen was unassuming, conscientious, friendly; a quiet student whose character stood out deep and fine. To those who knew him well his death emphasizes his devotion to duty, his courage and his sacrifice for the life which he was building for himself. To all, his personality stands as a direct repudiation of all that is shallow and unworthy."

In the years since, nevertheless, McMullen's story has shown up only periodically in Salem's social consciousness. The Salem Fire Department named Station 7 after McMullen in 2009; visitors today dis-



cover a tidy collection of memorabilia and more fine words. But while those in the know have paid their respects, the story, like the footprint of the long-gone Capitol Building, has faded from view.

But now it's come back, appropriately enough, in the halls of the new Capitol Building.

### *The Floyd McMullen Fire Brigade*

In the Capitol today, clerks and many other non-elected staffers guard their political neutrality. They have to, since partisanship could prevent them from doing their jobs of editing bill copy, giving floor readings and otherwise orchestrating the Capitol's business while the Democrats and Republicans do their jousting.

It was called the Floyd McMullen Fire Brigade.

James Goulding, the senate reading and journal clerk, came up with the name. "Sen. Atkinson charged us with coming up with a name, and, knowing he was a history buff, I decided to look at Oregon history to find something appropriate," he says. "This story of a young firefighter doing the best he could in an impossible situation just resonated."

Together they would trade ideas and make better sense of the Capitol's machinations. Atkinson even administered a test each session: "Agree or disagree: The 10 percent keeps the other 90 percent together." It was a simple statement on an index card, and there was no wrong answer, he says. But after lectures and speech reviews and guest speakers, everyone had something to say about it.

During announcements on the senate floor, for instance, Atkinson would throw in cryptic reminders that "the Floyd McMullen Fire Brigade will meet today at 2 p.m. in the secret lair," and people would hardly pay attention.

Still, the group flourished, and by 2009 there really was a lair. A conference room near the secretary of the senate's office — a tiny, spare, wood-hued space that seems at the same time regal and governmental — was officially renamed in honor of the fallen firefighter, and a modest tribute was tacked up on its north wall. There is now an old photo of the blaze engulfing the Capitol dome, a placard that gives a short description of the event and McMullen's role, and a photo of the grass creeping over his old gravestone in Hermiston. The Floyds' elusive pins are hung publicly in a row.

Despite the quiet with which the Floyds did their work, people gradually came to understand the appropriateness of the group. A spirit of reasonable debate, echoed in its mission, however informally it was defined, and today McMullen's family knows how his story was revived by a group of young people who wanted to consider the issues from all sides.

For Goulding, all of this says something about history itself. "It's rare to study history and then come face-to-face with it," he says. "It's a great experience to encounter someone who could have ended up a footnote and see a legacy revived."

"It really makes you wonder, though: How many stories like this just disappear?" ❧



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But in the 2001 session, Sen. Jason Atkinson MBA'99 (R) realized that it'd be worthwhile to give staffers a safe outlet, a discursive forum in which they could inform themselves politically and debate policies more openly. Well versed in running almost-secret groups (in college it had been The Dead Squirrel Society), he created another comprised of interns and clerks and other young workers.

Eventually, Atkinson began referring to individual members as "Floyds," and it caught on. The Floyds, in solidarity, came up with lapel pins for each legislative session but wore them on the inside of their lapels, only to be flashed when another Floyd passed by.

Amusingly, the Floyd McMullen Fire Brigade went mostly unnoticed among the other lawmakers, even when it was right in front of them.



## ALUMNI RELATIONS

### YEAR IN REVIEW: WU ALUMNI EVENTS FOR YOU



Photos above: scenes from Alumni Weekend, Sept. 21–23, 2012

#### More Than Laughs

Naturally, we try to orchestrate alumni events that are fun. Your input and leadership help meet that goal. But alumni events exist for other reasons: to provide you a service (such as networking or career advising) or to provide education (service events, Alumni Weekend lectures). There are plenty of reasons why Bearcats get together.

2012/13 has been an event-heavy year. As the spring semester comes and goes, we're looking ahead to new ways to engage — and, yes, entertain — legions of Bearcats from all ages. Please join in!

#### Where We've Been in 2012/13

Chicago; Denver; Honolulu; Los Angeles; New York City; Portland; Salem; San Francisco; Seattle; Washington, D.C.

### ON THE CALENDAR

A selection of scheduled events. Check [willamette.edu/alumni/events](http://willamette.edu/alumni/events) for more information and to register.

**FEB. 28, PORTLAND** | Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop for Women (and Men)

**MARCH 18, SEATTLE** | Meet President Thorsett

**MARCH 23, PORTLAND** | Big Life Plan Career Workshop

**APRIL (DATES AND LOCATIONS TBA)** | Alumni Awards presentations

**MAY 16, PORTLAND** | You're Doing What With Your Degree?

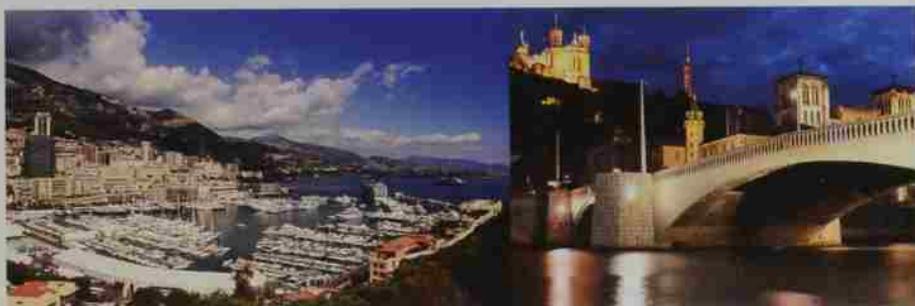
**JULY 20, DENVER** | Alumni Night at the Colorado Rockies

**AUGUST (DATE TBA), PORTLAND** | Alumni Night at the Portland Timbers

**SEPT. 20–22, SALEM** | Alumni Weekend



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Monaco

Saône River in Lyon, France

## WU TRAVEL PROGRAM

### New Options: French Waterways, Deschutes River Rafting

#### FRENCH WATERWAYS | OCT. 8-20

Our fall 2013 trip will allow travelers to experience the Burgundy and Provence areas of France by ship. The trip will be bookended with hotel stays in Monaco and Paris, and the nine nights in between will be spent aboard the brand new River Discovery II, which features luxurious cabins and gourmet meals.

Additionally, optional three-night pre- and post-trips to Barcelona and Paris are available for those who want to get more out of their experience.

The standard tour will include 11 sightseeing stops, visits to three UNESCO World Heritage sites, numerous cultural connections and great opportunities to enjoy and appreciate the French way of life.

Contact Kim Burns in the Office of Alumni Relations at [kburns@willamette.edu](mailto:kburns@willamette.edu) or 503-375-5304 for more information or to reserve your space now. Jim Booth '64 will be the trip host.

This trip is our tour provider's most popular and quickest-selling offering. Déplacez-vous rapidement!

#### AND, JUST A TEASER:

Instead of kayaking the San Juans, this year's smaller-scale, affordable outdoors trip will take us river rafting on the Deschutes! Stay tuned in May (and read WU News) for dates and rates.



Portland Holiday Party, Dec. 10



Portland Holiday Party, Dec. 10



Seven Cities, One Night (Honolulu), Oct. 15



## THE FIRST PRANKSTERS IN THE WEST

By Hayley Hill '13

Students today might be surprised to learn of their predecessors' handiwork in pulling off some creative pranks on staff and the student body alike. Here are some of the ones that have gone "unseen" for a while, as they have been reported to us. We expect that alumni might have clarifications and/or divergent memories — if so, send them in!



### Diogenes Searches for an Honest Man in the State Capitol

The tradition of Blue Monday following the Freshman Glee competition often produced a number of bizarre sights. We think it was in the 1970s that one student was tasked with wandering into the State Capitol dressed as the Greek philosopher Diogenes "in search of an honest man."

Diogenes, readers might remember, conducted his own sarcastic search for an honest man in Athens by carrying a lamp around during the daytime.

Whether either of these searchers found what they were looking for was never determined.

### Landing a Plane on the Quad ... Almost

In the 1970s, so it goes, a Phi Delta Theta member who had recently been trying to obtain his pilot's license snuck out to the Salem Airport with a friend (inebriated, we hear) and took off in a small plane. Their goal was to land the plane on the Quad, but they ended up crash landing on the street behind the College of Law.

### Saddle Up the Cow

Willamette students have a long history of cow-related pranks: An 1889 graduate remembered the time one of his peers "took the saddle off the chancellor's horse, which was tied to a tree near Waller Hall, and cinched it to a cow, which he left in the horse's place."

Later incidents, of course, included getting a cow into Waller Hall.

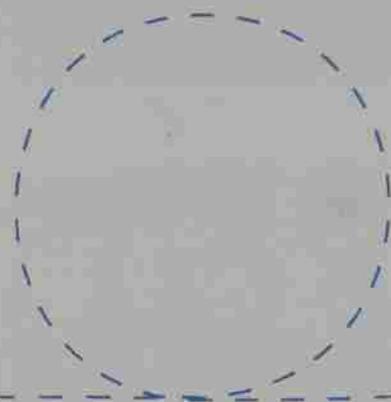
### Naked Runs

In the 1960s, freshman pledges of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity would run the "jock race" — wearing only jock straps — around Lausanne Hall. Their purpose is unclear. Later, these runs evolved into completely naked runs around both Doney and Lausanne.

It appears that the present-day tradition of Spring Preview streaking (see sidebar) isn't so novel after all.

### O Christmas Tree

In the 1980s, the freshmen of Sigma Chi had forgotten to cut down their annual Christmas tree from the forest, as was tradition. To salvage their holiday festivities, they reportedly cut down one of the firs outside the



SEND US YOUR **prank memories**

Do you remember a unique prank from WU's past? Recognize any of these ones and have more information? Share with us!

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Capitol entryway as a replacement. Legend says they were caught and had to plant a new tree but Capitol staff couldn't confirm where it might be.

#### Catching Guido the Killer Goose

Also in the 1980s, the members of Phi Delta Theta conspired to catch Guido, the infamous "killer goose" who hung around campus and was known to taunt class-bound students by blocking their way over the Mill Stream bridges and carping loudly at them.

Upon capture, the students reportedly dyed the bird pink and locked it in the basement of Alpha Chi Omega. Naturally, this led to an even angrier goose and a very messy basement for the sorority women. ☹

## Selected Current-Day Traditions

students and parents spend a (typically) warm, sunny day getting a feel for the campus. Along with a beautiful campus and friendly faculty and students, these newcomers are also witness to our unique spring tradition: Spring Preview streaking.

Around lunchtime every year, dozens of students run through campus wearing only body paint — or less. Oddly enough, it makes many prospective parents smile — maybe because streaking on a college campus is nothing new to them.

#### Don't Touch the Chicken Fountain

One of the more common and long-lasting pranks involves the Hatfield Fountain, affectionately known as the Chicken Fountain. From bubbles to Jell-O® to brightly colored dyes, students have always found amusement in adding things to the water.

Today, however, many students acknowledge the enormous cost of cleaning the fountain after such a prank and actually get upset when they awake to a Chicken Fountain mess.

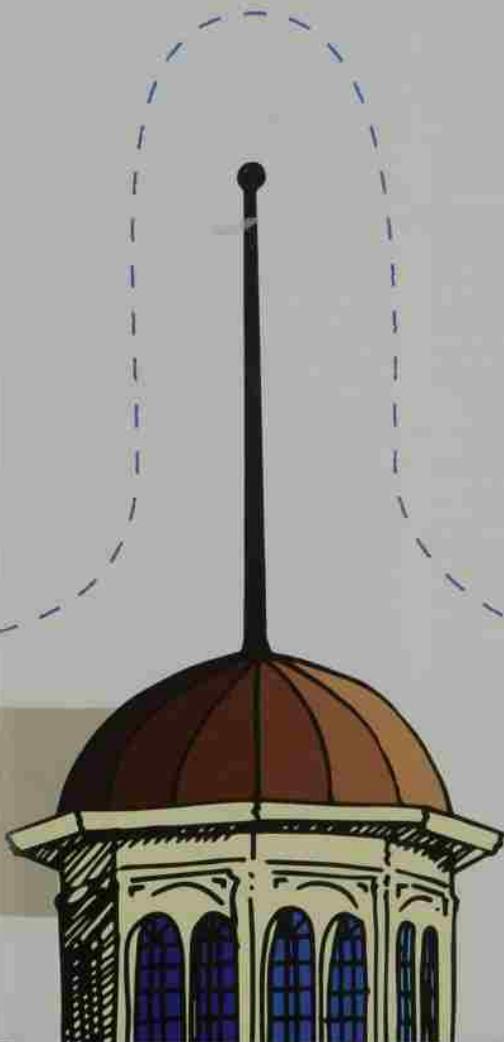
#### Poem Bombing

In celebration of National Poetry Month and National Math Awareness Month, one English professor assigned his class a unique task: the 18 students wrote nearly 100 haikus on small sticky notes and stealthily plastered them all over the second floor of Ford Hall — where the math department is located. The haikus covered walls, desks, doors, TVs, benches and chairs, and the event has since been dubbed the "Haiku Explosion."

In return, the math department promised to "Pi" the English department. What this meant was never clarified, and so far the department has not followed through on the promise.

#### Welcome to WU — Enjoy the Streakers

Every year, Willamette hosts a Spring Preview, where prospective



## CLASS NOTES



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

### College of Liberal Arts

## 1960s

CLASS OF 1963 AND 1968 REUNIONS

**Rob Rieder '64** is in his 37th year as in-house counsel for the University of Alabama in Huntsville. He's served under six presidents, one acting president and two interim presidents at UAH. He reports that his youngest daughter has just begun a two-year graduate school program. After she completes her degree, he'll be thinking about retirement.



Brundage Mountain Resort in McCall, Idaho celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. The ski area, owned by **Judd DeBoer '61** and **Diane Brown DeBoer '62**, has also released

a book documenting its history, "Brundage Mountain: Best Snow in Idaho," by author Eve Chandler. The book is on sale in Idaho retail shops and online.

The resort was originally developed by Corey Engen, emigrant Norwegian Olympic skier and jumper, Idaho "Potato King" J.R. Simplot, and Warren Brown, Brown DeBoer's father, who was a McCall skier and business owner. The DeBoers purchased the Brown's interest in the early 1980s and moved from the San Francisco Bay area to Idaho. In 2006, the DeBoers acquired the Simplot interest, becoming sole owners.

The DeBoers reside in Boise and McCall and love to ski with their kids and grandkids, who live in McCall, Boise and Portland.

## 1970s

CLASS OF 1973 AND 1978 REUNIONS

**David Grigonis '70** ran the Portland Half Marathon in October, finishing seventh in his age group. Grigonis, who has coached vocationally since graduation, was very involved in fundraising for and supporting Nuevas Oportunidades Educativas (NOE) International. NOE raised more than \$42,000 for Centro NOE, a community school in Morelia, Mexico.



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Guard through a wide array of functions. California is one of about 23 states, including Oregon and Washington, with such organizations.

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**Phil Ching '75** reports that he is still in the financial services field as

a regional vice president with Primerica, his 25th year in the business. He and his wife have been married for 36 years now, and now have two grandchildren. He has started coaching basketball again at the high school level in Santa Rosa, Calif., at Cardinal Newman H.S.

## 1980s

CLASS OF 1983 AND 1988 REUNIONS

**Robert Cook '82** recently moved to England with his wife and two youngest children. He is working as a senior liaison officer for the U.S. Department of Defense. The family is living two hours northwest of London.

**Lisa Read '87** started a small business as a personal historian, writing biographies and memoirs for people to share as a legacy with their family and friends. She writes: "I am really excited about it! Please check out my website at [www.lisaread.com](http://www.lisaread.com)."

## 1990s

CLASS OF 1993 REUNION



**Scott Briggs '92**, along with wife

Cindy Briggs, announce the adoption of their two children: Jordan, 3, and Reagan, 2. The adoption was completed on Sept. 28, 2012. They were also honored by U.S. Congressman Sam Johnson with the 2012 Angels in Adoption award for the 3rd Congressional District of Texas. Scott is a licensed chiropractor and has also been teaching at the collegiate level for the past five years. He notes that he would love to reconnect with college friends — look up his contact information in The Compass!

**Denise (York) Callahan '95, MBA'00** has taken the position of director of scholarship programs at the Ford Family Foundation, leaving Willamette after more than 10 years of service.

**Amber Cassidy '96** recently accepted a new position as project manager for the Snoqualmie Ridge Residential Owners Association.

To **Deborah (Wolfe) Quinn '98** and husband Phillip Quinn, a daughter, Olivia Elizabeth, born June 20, 2012. The family lives in Wellington, New Zealand.

To **Erica (Ryberg) Bruen '99** and husband Kevin, a daughter, Lannon Abigail, born Aug. 19, 2012. She joins brother Johnny, 2. Erica and Kevin are both physicians and live in Billings, Mont.

## 2000s

CLASS OF 2003 AND 2008 REUNIONS



To **Matthew Wilmot '01, JD'05** and **Melissa (Norton) '03**, a son, Nolan

Field, born Jan. 23, 2012. He joins older brother Grady Connor. Matt is a shareholder at the Pacific Northwest regional law firm Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt and Melissa owns her own communications consulting business. The family lives in Portland.



**Sabrina Andrus '02** was recently named executive director of

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ), a national non-profit based in Oakland, Calif. LSRJ trains and mobilizes law students and new lawyers across the country to foster legal expertise and support for the realization of reproductive justice. She received her JD from Seattle University School of Law in 2008.



To **Tony Jones '02, MBA'05** and **Carrie (McIntyre) '04**, a son,

Declan Grant, born Aug. 25, 2012. He is the fourth child in their family, joining brother Spencer, 6, and sisters Tatum, 4, and Lucy, 2.

To **Stephenie Rodgers Kessler '02** and husband Benjamin, a daughter, Madeline Rose, born Sept. 17, 2011. She joins big sister Gabriela.

To **Deanna (Lund) Kinsey '04** and husband Jesse, a son, Christian Ray, born Dec. 4, 2011.



**Lori Northcraft '04** and **David Baxter** were married on June 23, 2012

in their hometown of Roseburg, Ore. **Jessie Glaubman '04** and **Carol-Ann (Tyler) Nelson '04** participated in the wedding ceremony. For their honeymoon they enjoyed an extended six-month vacation backpacking through Asia.

**Paul Crisalli '05** is now the assistant attorney general in Washington State's Attorney General's office.



To **Gillian (Holland) Wackowski '05** and husband Paul, twin

daughters, Riley and Holland.

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Willamette's campus May 28, 2011. The bride is the daughter of **Elaine (Lyles) Zaiger '73**

To **Alice (Jolly) '06** and **Ben Kaster '06** a son, Brian William, born Oct. 22, 2012.



**Julia Lemmerman '06** and **Simon Wigren** were married July 20, 2012 in

Cooper Landing, Alaska. She teaches math for the Anchorage School District.



**Natalie Vuylsteke '06** and **K.C. Gillespie '05** were married at Oak Knoll

Winery on July 7, 2012. Bridesmaids included **Leslie (Gomez) Howell '05, JD'08, Katie (Agalzoff) Rarick '06, Marisa (Brotman) Guerrero '06** and **Melissa Murray '07**.

**Stacy West '06, MBA'12** started a new job as executive director of the Oregon Symphony Association in Salem, a nonprofit that brings the Oregon Symphony and other major ensembles to Salem.

**Jessica Flint '07** is working as an attorney at Gevurtz Menashe, specializing in international and domestic family law. She received her juris doctorate from Lewis & Clark Law School.



**Mariah Mayfield '07** and **Collin Christianson** were married Aug. 18, 2012

on the summit of Garfield Peak, Crater Lake National Park. The couple met while working for Crater Lake National Park as seasonal summer employees in 2005. **Victoria Mayfield '07** served as maid of honor. Mariah is currently finishing a master's in fisheries management at Montana State University, Bozeman, and the couple is moving back to Oregon to work for Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as fisheries biologists.

**Liz Frawley '09** is now a regional development officer,



Local nonprofit Family Building Blocks (FBB) is a proud employer of WU Bearcats! FBB welcomes **Patrice Altenhofen JD/MBA'95** as the new executive director, and she joins fellow alumni **Ben Fennimore '08, Brenda Ulloa '11, Dora Rabih '12, Anna Akins '12, Kelsey White '12** and **Bre' Greenman MBA'13**. FBB is a Salem-based child abuse prevention agency serving children under 6 and their families. Its mission is to keep children safe and families together.

who focuses on major gifts, for Portland State University.

**Elizabeth (Jaspers) McKenzie '09** graduated with distinction from Hawaii Pacific University in August 2012 with a master's in education.

**Thomas Eliot '11**, past-president of the Tabletop Wargaming Club at Willamette, founded Sixpence Games. The company is launching its first game, "Professor Pugnacious' Portfolio of Perils, Pugilism, and Perfidy: the Card Game of Victorian Combat" in early 2013 with the help of Kickstarter funding.



**Rebecca Jolliff '12** is undertaking a Brethren Volunteer Service

(BVS) assignment with Center on Conscience & War in Washington, D.C., a nonprofit organization founded in 1940 by a broad coalition of national religious groups that work to defend and extend the rights of conscientious objectors.

## Atkinson Graduate School of Management

### 1970s



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**Brad King MBA'76**, a partner in the Clifton-LarsonAllen Charlotte

office, is serving as interim chief financial officer at Proctor Hospital in Peoria, Ill. He also heads up a merger project for another North Carolina hospital. In the last two years, he has completed more than



200 hours of continuing professional education to reactivate his CPA license.

## 2000s

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**Juan Aguiar JD/MBA'02** has been director de asesoria juridica (E) — director of legal advice of the secretaria de hidrocarburos (department of oil in Ecuador) — since May of this year. He also joined a choir several months ago and performed in Quito and Guayaquil, and participated in the Cantus Angeli festival in Italy in October.

**Jeremy Maughan MBA'05** is now the CFO at Rockwell Time in Woods Cross, Utah. Rockwell

Time is the leading provider of watches to action sports enthusiasts. Check out [www.rockwelltime.com](http://www.rockwelltime.com) for information about Rockwell and its line of products.

**Elliott P. Dale MBA'05** is launching a new career as an attorney. Dale has worked for the Salem law firm of Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP since 2007 as an administrator and for the last 18 months as a law clerk. He earned his law degree by attending evening classes at Lewis & Clark Law School. He was sworn in as a member of the Oregon State Bar in early October and plans to stay with the firm. His practice will focus on the areas of banking, business and real estate law.



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To **Scott Mason MBA'06** and his wife, a son, Joseph Edward, born

Aug. 25, 2012 in Silverton, Ore. He joins older brothers Benjamin and Ryan.



To **Heather Roberts MBA'06** and her husband, a son, Keaton Hayes, born

Aug. 31, 2012. "It's a good thing he was a big boy," writes Roberts, "since he is the youngest of three rowdy boys! His older brothers, Carter and Coen are loving the new addition."

**Zachary Dablow JD/MBA'07** recently became CEO of B4 Labs Development Group, Inc., a Salem-based company marketing and commercializing a broad range of technologies.



After a four-year staff assignment as a budget appropriations manager and

financial analyst for the U.S. Coast Guard in Washington, D.C., **Jon Hellberg MBA'08** received orders to be the chief of inspections at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit in Portland. He and his family live in Camas, Wash., and are happy to be back in the Pacific Northwest. In September, Hellberg received word that he had been selected for promotion to the rank of commander.

**Kristy Bolsinger MBA'09** began working as a consultant at Ant's Eye View, a small social business management consultancy headquartered in Seattle, nearly two years ago. The company was recently acquired by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Bolsinger will be joining the PwC team as a senior associate as the deal finalizes.



The Aug. 19, 2012 episode of "Extreme Makeover: Weight Loss Edition"

featured **Jarvez Hall MBA'07**, who ultimately lost 281 pounds.

**Taryn Lust MBA'11** has taken a new position as wellness director at Stafford Hills Club. "My passion in life has always been in preventing obesity, cardiovascular disease and Type 2 diabetes," writes Lust, "so when it came time in my MBA to design my integrative project, I knew it had to be a wellness center. I began collaborating with a local company called Stafford Hills and created a business plan for medically based wellness programs that would reach children and adults in the community. Now, almost two years after the completion of my integrative project, Stafford Hills Club is building the Wellness Center and has made me the director of the center."

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## THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME AND BEYOND

During the past year, Willamette received bequests from the estates of the following alumni and friends:

- Miriam (Hines) Bednarz BME/MME '55
- Gilbert Clausman '47
- Robert Donald '60
- Judith Eberhardt '58
- Margaret (Conklin) Eckler '53
- Barbara Gertson '52
- Randall Kester '37
- Bennett Ludden
- William Nelson
- Thelma (Ofstehage) Ross
- Reeve Schmidt '43
- John Thompson '73
- Clyde '40 and Della Wiegand '40

The thoughtfulness of the above individuals is making a real difference in the lives of all of our students.

You can have a lasting impact at Willamette by including the university in your will or living trust. A bequest from your estate can be directed to our endowment, which will support Willamette and our students forever.



"What is placed as permanent endowment for education is the highest commitment I can make to my fellow man."

— R.A. Booth (1858-1944)

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## Graduate School of Education

# 2000s

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## In Memoriam 1930s

**Randall Kester '37** died May 31, 2012 in Beaverton, Ore. He was born in Vale, Ore., in 1916. After graduating from Willamette, he attended Columbia University Law School. His legal career began in 1940 at the Portland firm, Maguire, Shields, Morrison & Biggs, known today as Cosgrave/Vergeer Kester. He taught at the Northwestern School of Law (now part of Lewis and Clark College) from 1947 to 1956. He was appointed to the state Supreme Court in January 1957, but his tenure was short, ending in March 1958 when he accepted the position of general solicitor for Union Pacific Railroad. During his life, he held such positions as president of the Multnomah Bar Association, treasurer of the Oregon State Bar, president and chairman of the board of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, member of the Board of Governors for the City Club of Portland and president of the Mazamas mountaineering organization. Even in his outdoor recreation, his desire to volunteer manifested itself. He was the president of the Mountain Rescue and Safety Council of Oregon and the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol. He served on Willamette's Board of Trustees from 1958 through 1979, and was an alumni citation recipient in 1987. His estate provided a generous bequest to Willamette.

A sister, **Barbara (Kester) Laughlin '43** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, three daughters, a granddaughter, and sister, **Mildred (Kester) Marcy '34**.

**Lillian A. (Briggs) Larson '39** died April 22, 2012 in Salem. She was born in Moorhead, Minn., in 1917. Her husband and a sister, **Beverly (Briggs) Cross '49**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter, five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Edna R. (Luther) Rea '39** died July 2, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Dayton, Ore., in 1915 and graduated from Jefferson High School before attending Willamette. She taught school in Rainier, Ore., and Athena, Ore., and was later a substitute teacher in Portland. She loved the outdoors and spent a season with her sons in the Tillamook Forest at a smoke lookout. Her husband **Charles Rea '39** preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons and multiple grandchildren.

## 1940s

**Roy "Wiff" Winfield Achor '42** died Aug. 2, 2012 in Napa, Calif. He was born in Woodburn, Ore., in 1922. He married **Dorothy Moore '42** in 1943 in Boston while he was in training at Harvard as an officer in the U.S. Navy. He went on to serve in a carrier aircraft service unit in the Pacific Theater during World War II. While assigned to a non-combat role, he ended up fighting in the November 1943 battle of Tarawa, an atoll in the central Pacific. After the war, he received a law degree from Stanford University and in 1946 moved his family to Santa Rosa, Calif. He became a partner in the firm Spridgen, Moskowitz, Barrett and Achor, and in 1982 formed a partnership with Chris Miller. In the early years, he practiced general law, but for a quarter century he specialized almost exclusively in defending medical malpractice lawsuits. Achor and Miller represented nearly all of the hospitals along the North Coast, from Marin County to the Oregon border. He was a lifelong fisherman

who made regular fishing trips to rivers in California and Canada. He established the Dorothy Moore Achor Scholarship Fund in his wife's name in 2003. His wife and a brother, **Richard Achor '42**, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son and two daughters, and two grandchildren.

**Ralph W. Elmer '42** died April 7, 2012 in Woodinville, Wash. He was born in 1914 in Didsbury, Alberta, Canada. Survivors include wife **Belle (Brown) Elmer '39** and two sons.

**Bernice (Marcy) Yost '42** died July 1, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Dayton, Ore., in 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband and a brother, **Carl Marcy '34**. Survivors include three daughters, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

**Beatrice (Zwemke) A. Emmett '43** died Oct. 8, 2012 in Salem. She was born in Sykeston, N.D., in 1919, and attended Willamette to finish a degree in music. At Willamette, she met **L. Wendell Emmett '43**, and they were married in May 1942. While still a student, she began playing organ and piano for church services, a career spanning more than 30 years—much of it as music director for St. Peter's Episcopal in Albany, Ore. She was active in the PTA (serving as president several years), a 4-H sewing club leader and a long time member of Daughters of the Nile. Her passion for quilting began in the 1970s, resulting in her creating more than 70 quilts for family, friends and charity. She and her husband were avid hikers, gardeners and world travelers. A son, two brothers and her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include three children, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

**William R. Atwood '44** died June 10, 2012 in Burlington, Wash. He was born in 1920 in Sheridan, Ore., and grew up on a farm outside Sheridan. He attended Mill Creek School (a one-room schoolhouse) before heading to Sheridan High School, where he was student body president. He worked at

a grocery store in Sheridan to save enough money to attend Willamette, where he started in the fall of 1939. In 1944 he was drafted into the U.S. Army and was stationed in Texas as a company clerk. The GI Bill afforded him the chance to earn a degree in accounting from the University of Washington in 1949. His love of children compelled him to return to school in the late '50s to pursue a degree in education. Upon completion of his teaching degree from Western Washington University in 1959, he began his long association with the Burlington Edison School District—first as a teacher, then as a principal and finally as the assistant superintendent of the district, where he finally retired in 1982. His wife, **Martha (Hamilton) Atwood '43**, a brother and sister preceded him in death. Survivors include four daughters, three sons and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Connie (Graves) Comer '44** died June 17, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Portland in 1922 and graduated from Grant High School before attending Willamette. She moved to Lincoln City, Ore., in 1955 and operated radio station KBCH, hosting the first woman's radio show. The loss of her daughter in 1982 prompted her to become active in a number of health-care issues, and for more than 15 years she served as a coach for medical students regarding end-of-life discussions. She also served as one of the original volunteers and employees at Hospice House (now Hopewell House) and even travelled to Washington, D.C. to testify before the U.S. Congress. Her husband and a daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



**Shirley (McKay) Hadley '44** died April 23, 2012 in Salem. She was born in Portland in 1923 and grew up in Salem, attending Salem High School before enrolling at Willamette. She was in Pearl Harbor with husband-to-be **Wayne Hadley '42** to cheer on the Bearcat football team in 1941 during the Japanese attack. They were married the following year in Salem. He preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons; two daughters; 10 grandchildren, including **Katy Long '03**; and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Carsten Lien '46** died April 7, 2012 in Seattle.

**Evelyn (Johnson) Page '47** died Sept. 11, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada, in 1925 and soon thereafter moved to Hubbard, Ore., with her family. She graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. At Willamette she was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Following college, she worked as a mortgage loan closer until she married **Richard M. Page '49** in 1954. She filled her life with the joy of being a mom, a Camp Fire leader, a school and church volunteer and the family caregiver. She served as an officer in several PTAs and then as president of the Portland Chapter of the University of Puget Sound Parent's Club. Later, she worked with learning disabled children at Oregon Association for Children & Adults with Learning Disabilities. She was a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club, active in the committee system, and in 1993 was the first female recipient of the McAlpin Award. In 1989, she joined the Assistance League of Portland and remained active until this last year. She was active in the Discover OHSU Program and served as a tour guide for more than 16 years. Survivors include her husband, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Ronald R. Runyan '47, MEd '55** died April 27, 2012 in Boise. He was born in 1923 in Sioux Falls, S.D., and moved to Oregon with his family during the Great Depression

At Willamette, where he was a Northwest Conference champion, he ran track and played football and basketball. Soon thereafter, he enrolled in the U.S. Navy officer training program and was called to duty as a junior officer in the last year of World War II. He was assigned to the Pacific Theater, on some occasions transporting American prisoners of war back to safety. He received his master's from Willamette in 1955 and earned a Ph.D. at the University of Idaho in 1973. In 1955, he became the Boise School District athletic and physical education director. He was a firm believer in full access for all to sports and dance, and in 1963 the Boise program was recognized as one of the ten best in the U.S. In 1974, he accepted the position of assistant superintendent of administration and finance for the Boise Public Schools and held this position through his retirement in 1984. He was an avid golfer, passionate bird hunter and fisherman. His wife, **Mary (East) Runyan '47**, preceded him in death. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Mary Phyllis (Gerth) Baumer '48** died June 6, 2012 in Beaverton, Ore. She was born in Minneapolis in 1926. At Willamette she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She operated a nursery school in Palo Alto, Calif., for 10 years, and then taught elementary school in Saratoga, Calif., for 26 years. She retired to Tigard in 1985 and enjoyed traveling around the world. In retirement, she continued to educate by home schooling and tutoring. A daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, **Wallace Baumer '49**, three sons, including **Paul Baumer '74**, seven grandchildren, including **David Baumer '04, MAT '06**, and six great-grandchildren.

**Vera J. (Jack) Cook '49** died July 18, 2012 in Portland. She was born in 1927 in Portland. At Willamette she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Following her graduation, she started her career at Estacada High School teaching Spanish

and English. A short stint followed in Gresham, and then she became a member of the inaugural class at David Douglas High School, where she eventually left the classroom to become a counselor, dean of girls and vice principal of girls. She was active in her church, singing in the choir for many years and directing the nativity pageant at Christmas. She served on the Board of the Portland Youth Philharmonic Orchestra for many years. She was a member of the Sunset Auxiliary of the Oregon Symphony and chaired that group several times. She also enjoyed volunteering at Albertina Kerr Center. Survivors include her husband, a son, a daughter and two grandsons.

**James A. Wilson '49** died Sept. 28, 2012 in La Conner, Wash. He was born in 1928 in Tacoma, Wash., before moving with his family to Ketchikan, Alaska. At Willamette he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He attended the University of Oregon Medical School, graduating in 1952. He was married the next day to **Betty May Jackman '49**. He interned in Evanston Hospital in Illinois and later joined the Strategic Air Command at Ellsworth Air Force Base in Rapid City, S.D., as a flight surgeon. In June 1956 he began his surgical residency at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland. In 1959, the family moved to Ketchikan, Alaska, where he joined his father's medical practice. In 1990, he retired from his surgical practice after 30 years, and in 1991, he and his wife moved to Shelter Bay, Wash. During his retirement years, he took art lessons and enjoyed painting in his art studio. He loved hunting, fishing, boating, painting and his family. He was a member of Art League North and the Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, three daughters, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

in 1925 and moved up and down the West Coast with his family — attending 12 schools before graduating from San Mateo High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy for two years during World War II prior to enrolling at Willamette, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. His multifaceted career included peddling soap, donning a deputy sheriff's badge, managing a shopping center and selling cars before finally establishing and growing his cherished McLellan Equipment Co., which he founded in 1966. During the last 45 years, his companies have manufactured and supplied mining maintenance machinery and truck and body equipment worldwide. He was a long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed attending Stanford football games with his tailgate buddies, trout fishing, driving any and everywhere with his lead foot and spending time in his vacation home on the Sacramento River. As a single-malt Scotchman, he was a proud, kilt-wearing member of the St. Andrew's Society of San Francisco. His wife **Virginia Balk McLellan '50** preceded him in death. Survivors include a son; three daughters; 14 grandchildren, including **Michael DeMaria '06**; and four great-grandchildren.

**Louis E. Prediletto '52, JD '55** died June 21, 2012 in Yakima, Wash. He was born in 1930 in Troy, N.Y. He was an attorney for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife; two sons; a daughter; four granddaughters; three great-grandsons; and a brother, **Thomas A. Prediletto '65**.

**Ursula (Glaeser) Purbrick '53** died May 10, 2012 in Salem. She was born in Vienna, Austria in 1921. Her father was a Methodist minister and moved with his wife and seven children to several parishes in Austria and Germany as she was growing up. After graduating from high school, she worked in an orphanage in Leeds to improve her English — leaving in 1939 due to the outbreak of World War II. After the cessation of hostilities, she was employed by the American Criminal Investigation Division in

## 1950s

**Dale McLellan '50** died June 9, 2012 in Burlingame, Calif. He was born in West Linn, Ore.,

Austria as a translator from 1947-49. In 1949, she accepted a scholarship to study at DePaul University. She transferred to Willamette in 1951 and graduated in 1953 with a degree in sociology. At Willamette, she met her future husband, **Robert L. Purbrick '42**, who was a professor of physics. She took great care to stay in contact with overseas family members through letters and emails. She was interested in current affairs and travelled several times to visit relatives in Europe — the highlight being a trip to Germany and Austria. Survivors include three daughters, including **Sally Purbrick-Illek '76** and **Edith (Purbrick) Gilder '78**, and four grandchildren.

**Charles B. Carter '55** died Oct. 2 in Vancouver, Wash. He was born in 1930 in Portland, where he was raised. He later graduated from Grant High School. At Willamette, he met **Susan "Joyce" (Ambler) '57**, and they were married in 1958. After Willamette, he attended the University of Oregon Medical School before moving to Hanover, N.H., for his internship year at Dartmouth College. He then spent a four-year residency at the University of Minnesota. In 1965, he moved to Vancouver to start his practice at Vancouver Eye Clinic, where he spent 30 years working with patients. At age 40, he traveled to Haiti to volunteer at a clinic in the mountains, where he enjoyed sharing his gift of eye care to the many people that had no such services. That trip was life changing, leading to many more medical missions to Haiti, Sierra Leone and the Czech Republic. He was active for 47 years at First United Methodist Church, where he served as lay leader and on numerous committees. He also served on the boards of Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, ARC and Red Cross, and was an active supporter of the YWCA and Share House. Willamette awarded him a distinguished alumni citation in 2005. Survivors include his wife; a daughter; two sons; six grandchildren and a sister.

**Jerry H. Friesen '55, MEd '62** died July 22, 2012 in Newberg, Ore. He was born in 1933 in

Dallas, Ore., where he was raised. He attended Salem Academy, where he began singing in a men's quartet. This started a lifetime love of music that he pursued at Reedley College, Willamette and the University of Oregon. He spent four years with Sudan Interior Mission in Nigeria and then began teaching choral music and voice at Lynden Christian High School, George Fox University, Judson Baptist College, Columbia Bible College and Briarcrest Bible College, before finishing his career as a music minister at First Presbyterian Church in Salem. He enjoyed serving as an adjudicator and clinician to many former students' choral groups in his retirement years. Survivors include his wife; a son; four granddaughters, including **Kristin Akervall '04**, a great-granddaughter; and a sister, **Myra (Friesen) Brand '58**.

**Richard L. Hoy '55** died May 20, 2012 in Newberg, Ore. He was born in Pierre, S.D., and moved to Oregon in 1942. At Willamette he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and played basketball. He served five years in the U.S. Air Force as a navigator in the Hercules C-130 planes. He returned to Portland in 1961 and began working for New York Life Insurance Co., where he stayed for 30 years. He loved to travel, play bridge, discuss politics and be with family. A brother, **J. Donald Hoy '57** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife; three children; six grandchildren, including **Adam Moshofsky '04**, one great-grandchild; and sister, **Myrna (Hoy) Royal '59**.

**Jack R. Phipps '55** died June 15, 2012 in Everett, Wash. He was born in Wenatchee, Wash., in 1932. Growing up, he was very active in school and YMCA leadership roles. He was president of the student body, president of the Hi "Y" Club, and YMCA camp director of Lake Wenatchee and Colorado Springs. He had four lead acting roles in Wenatchee High School plays and musicals, and he was also student representative for the Washington State Legislature. He graduated from Wenatchee High School

with honors in 1950 before attending Willamette. After graduating, he went on to earn his master's degree from George Washington University. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and afterward he worked for the YMCA in Colorado and the State of Washington Department of Vocational Rehabilitation for 35 years. Survivors include his wife, two sons and a daughter.

**Janice M. (Stafford) Boardman '56** died Sept. 15, 2012 in Portland. She was born in 1935. She graduated with a degree in performance music from Willamette. She played and taught both piano and pipe organ. She sang as a member of Rogue Valley Chorale and Portland Symphonic Choir. Survivors include her husband, a son and two granddaughters.

**Jean E. (Martin) Menning '58** died April 25, 2012. She was born in 1936 in Yakima, Wash. Survivors include her husband, a son and a daughter.

**Suzy Platt '58** died July 11, 2012 in Springfield, Va.

**Esther W. (Gwilliam) Murdock '59** died July 10, 2012 in Portland. She graduated from Weiser High School as Class of 1954 valedictorian. While a student at Willamette, she was a physical education teacher for students at the Oregon State Schools for the Blind and for the Deaf. After graduation, she pursued graduate studies in French and education at the University of California, Berkeley. Later, she continued her education at the University of Oregon and at San Francisco State in special education. She enjoyed being a resource specialist, working with children with learning disabilities at North Bend Junior High, Crocker Junior High in Hillsborough, Calif., and Treeview Elementary School in Hayward, Calif. In the Coos Bay/North Bend community, she was active in the church choir, League of Women Voters, Progress Club, PEO and the Coos County Commission on Human Rights. She was a world traveler and an active member of the Episcopal Church throughout her life. Survivors include her husband, **Thomas Murdock**

'57, a son, a daughter, and three grandchildren.

## 1960s

**Robert T. Donald '60** died April 20, 2012 in Nampa, Idaho. He was born in 1935 in El Paso, Texas. He spent many of his early years in Baker City, Ore. Later years were spent with his parents in Mexico and Central America. He pursued a long professional career in both the U.S. Marines and in the U.S. Army, serving in many locations in Asia, the U.S. and Central America. He played a very active role in the Lions Club of Nampa, volunteering for many of its ongoing community services. He maintained contact with his cousins, their children and grandchildren, as well as friends across the United States. Having spent many years in Honduras during his youth, he was as proficient in Spanish as he was in English, a skill that served him well during his military service and while volunteering for Project Read with the Nampa Lions Club. His estate included a generous bequest to Willamette. Survivors include two cousins.

**Eugene Harris '61** died Sept. 6, 2012 in Eugene, Ore. He was born in Adrian, Ore., in 1939. He graduated from Madras Union High School before attending Willamette, where he played basketball. He served with the U.S. Army in Virginia and in the U.S. Army Reserves. Harris was a logger, rancher, marathoner and "professional gambler" (farmer). He also enjoyed playing poker with friends. Survivors include his wife; a son; a daughter and a grandson.

**Annabelle (Stambaugh) Parr '61** died Aug. 18, 2012 in Draper, Utah. She was born in Fargo, N.D., in 1939 and raised in Bremerton, Wash. She



moved to Utah permanently in 1975, and to Draper in 1984. During that time, she worked with various institutions in child welfare, adoption and teen counseling. Motivated by her experience as a long-distance equestrian endurance rider, she was an early leader in the movement that has resulted in Draper's model program of trail easement preservation and urban trails development. Her community involvement began with the Draper Parks and Trails Committee. Initial successes led to membership on the Draper Planning Commission, where she served for 16 years, including four years as chair. In 2005, she accepted responsibility for leadership of the Save Corner Canyon campaign. Users enjoying that area will recognize "Ann's Trail," designated as such in 2011 by the Draper City Council. She was also a member of the Salt Lake County ZAP Committee, which helps in the allocation of the tax-derived zoo, arts and parks fund and the Salt Lake County Regional Trails Advisory Committee. Survivors include her husband, two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

**Richard L. Barton '62, JD '65** died April 7, 2012 in Beaverton, Ore. He was born in Norfolk, Va., in 1941, and his family moved to Oregon in 1943. After graduating from Wilson High School in 1958, he attended Willamette — finishing with a degree in economics before enrolling at the Willamette College of Law. Soon after finishing, he gained admission to the Oregon State Bar and was hired as deputy district attorney for Multnomah County. He was later appointed chief deputy, directly overseeing felony and misdemeanor cases. In 1972, he established a private practice — first with two or three partners, then eventually became a sole practitioner. He did general trial work, including domestic relations and criminal defense cases. He was one of several Oregon lawyers cited in an Oregon State Bar Bulletin article as examples of lawyers working pro bono (without compensation and for the public good) to help people, through the bar panel, with their legal problems. In

2004, Barton retired. Then, for about two years, he served as a temporary circuit judge for Washington County. Survivors include his wife, two sons and a brother.

**L. Allan Green '62** died July 1, 2012. He was born in Eugene, Ore., in 1941. After Willamette, he pursued graduate degrees from the University of Arizona and the University of Washington. He was the director of the Oregon Office of Legislative Research from 1976-84; director of the Connecticut Office of Legislative Research from 1984-98, and director of the Institute for Representative Government in Washington, D.C., from 1998 until his death. Survivors include his domestic partner and a brother.

**James Litchfield '62** died June 26, 2012 in Salem. He was born in Salem in 1940, a fifth-generation Salem native, and graduated from North Salem High School. At Willamette, he lettered in basketball and track and was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity. After three years, he transferred to the Oregon Dental School, where he graduated in 1965. He was a member of the Marion/Polk/Yamhill Dental Society and the Oregon State Dental Society. An avid fan of all sports, he loved volunteering his time coaching his sons' sports teams and even teams on which his boys did not play. He was a passionate fisherman and loved spending time in his garden. Survivors include his wife, two sons, including **Michael Litchfield '97**, a daughter and five grandchildren.

**Judith (Judy) Repplinger '62** died July 5, 2012. She was born in Oregon City, Ore., in 1940. She taught at Salem's Waldo Junior High, volunteered at the State of Oregon Library for the Talking Books & Braille Service, served as a postal clerk for the U.S. Postal Service, and recently worked at Edalweiss Perennials. She was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan, where she sang in the choir and considered many members as her extended family. Her passions were baking, gardening, drawing, painting, photography, singing,

rockhounding and researching genealogy — especially her Yoder heritage. She loved to travel and recently visited Africa (Mafia Island) to safari, help inoculate cattle and fund-raise to build a well for school children. Survivors include three daughters, a son, two sisters, including **Muriel Vanveen '58**, and eight grandchildren.

**Michael Whiteley '63** died May 28, 2012 in Medford, Ore. He was born in Crescent City, Calif., in 1941. After graduating from Willamette, he served in the Air Force for five years and achieved the rank of captain. In 1969, he began a career with Safeco Insurance Co., beginning in the marketing department in Portland. From 1976-78, he was a marketing director in Safeco's home office in Seattle. In 1979, he returned to Portland, where he served as division manager and resident vice president until 1984. From 1985-89, he was vice president and regional manager of Safeco's southwest region. In 1990, he became vice president and manager of the Pacific Northwest region. Upon retiring in 1996, he and his wife moved to Medford, where they enjoyed many years with family and friends. Survivors include his wife.

**D. Eric McDowell '64** died Aug. 13, 2012 in Seattle. He was born in Juneau, Alaska in 1942 and moved to Haines, Alaska in 1956. He attended Willamette before transferring to the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and went on to earn an MBA from the University of Oregon. He worked primarily as a researcher and consultant. He started McDowell Group in 1972 as a one-man office, working off a makeshift desk made from a door and two sawhorses. Today, McDowell Group has a full-time staff of 14 with offices in Juneau, Anchorage and Bellingham. Commercial fishing was one of McDowell's true passions. He began hand trolling around Juneau in 1970, and in 1978 bought the 38-foot "Christopher K" and learned to fish the outside waters of Cape Spencer and Icy Point. He completed the 2012 king season and

returned home just days before falling ill. He was also passionate about basketball. He played more than half a century of competitive basketball at Willamette and UAF, City League and Gold Medal in Juneau. He was also a musician and singer who regularly played at the Alaska Folk Festival. A son and brother, **Peter McDowell '62**, preceded him in death. Survivors include a son and five granddaughters.

**John S. DeFehr '65, MEd '65** died June 6, 2012.

**James R. Sedell '66** died Aug. 18, 2012 in Lake Oswego, Ore. He was born in Medford, Ore., in 1944 and grew up in the Redmond, Ore., area. After Willamette, he moved to Pittsburgh to pursue doctoral work in biological sciences. He made significant discoveries on the study of freshwater ecosystems, first as a postdoctoral student at Oregon State University, then as a U.S. Forest Service research scientist and leader for 28 years, and most recently as the director of fish conservation of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). Though modest about his achievements, he played pivotal roles in river ecology and land management policy. His research on forest-stream interactions in the 1970s set the stage for three decades of conservation planning. He led early aquatic research into the effects of the Mount St. Helens eruption, and he was central to the development of the Northwest Forest Plan in the 1990s. Survivors include his wife, **Ellen (Hoeye) Sedell '66**, a son, and two daughters.

**Gerald "Jerry" G. Watson '67** died Sept. 25 in Keizer, Ore. He was born and raised in Salem. He graduated from North Salem High School before attending Willamette. He continued his education in Florida and received a master's and doctorate in political science from the University of Florida. He later earned a law degree from the University of Colorado. He was a professor of political science and taught at Winona State University, the University of Northern

Colorado and the University of Portland. He left academia to practice law, but later combined his education and experience by teaching for the Willamette University Law School and serving as a supervising attorney for the clinical law program and as special counsel to the Oregon Law Commission. He was elected to the Chemeketa Board of Education in 1991 and served until his passing, twice as board chair. On the national level, he was twice elected to the Board of the Association of Community College Trustees, which represents community colleges throughout the United States and Canada. He served on the Keizer City Council from 1993-97. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, **Christina (Watson) Bockmann '92**; two sons; two brothers, including **Robert Battin '78**; and sister, **Kathleen (Battin) Cunha '78**.

**Daran K. Dauble '68** died March 27, 2012 in Portland, Ore. He was born in Walla Walla, Wash. in 1946 and graduated from Weston High School. He found his calling as a professional golfer. After qualifying for PGA membership, he became director of instruction at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland for more than 34 years. He founded Golf Doctors, Inc. — a company specializing in golf tours to the most beautiful courses in the world. He established the Glendoveer Junior Program and was involved with Special Olympics. His passion was customizing his instruction to the individual's goal, i.e. to enjoy the game, to improve, to be competitive. Survivors include his stepdaughter; mother; and siblings, including **Darcy Dauble '71**.

## 1970s

**Larry I. Voth '71** died Oct. 11 in Portland. In 1949, he was born in Portland, where he was raised. At Willamette, he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and played baseball for one year. After graduation, he attended the Lewis and Clark College of Law. He enjoyed a long legal career as a sole

practitioner. After retirement, he worked as a craftsman — remodeling rental properties that were a part of the family business. His family notes that he was a masterful entertainer and storyteller, eliciting raucous laughter at family gatherings. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Judy (Woody) Voth '73**; a daughter; a granddaughter; a sister and a brother.

**Merrie (Shiramizu) Greenwood '72** died April 25, 2012 in Salem. She was born in 1950 in Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii and moved to Salem to attend Willamette. She worked as a juvenile probation officer for 31 years. She was a dedicated volunteer at the Salem Police Department and the Salem Hospital. She spent much of her free time sewing, enjoying time with family and friends, and attending Beaver football games on Saturdays. Her husband, **Donald Greenwood '73** preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a sister.

**Gale A. Vaandering '74** died Aug. 8, 2012 in Keizer, Ore. He was born in Forest Grove, Ore. in 1948. After three years at Willamette, he joined the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War. He returned to Willamette after the war to complete his degree. He devoted himself to his career at Norpac Foods. He began working there in 1972 and continued as a production manager until a month before his death. He held an avid passion for the celebrations and big events of life. He reveled in birthday celebrations, weddings and births. His Christmas decorations rivaled National Lampoon proportions. He loved sporting events, following every game of the Beavers, the Colts and the Yankees with deafening cheers and commands to the players. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include four daughters, including **Alicia G. Vaandering '07**; and four grandchildren.

**Daniel S. Bracken '77** died April 9, 2012 in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was born in Kansas City, Mo., in 1955, and spent much of his childhood in California. After graduating from Willamette,

he attended the University of Santa Clara, earning his master's in business. He worked in real estate and received his certified commercial investment member designation. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and a son.

**Stanley W. Johnson '78** died Sept. 18, 2012 in Helena, Mont. He was born in Lewiston, Mont. After attending Willamette for some time, he transferred to the University of Oregon. Survivors include his mother, two brothers and a sister.

## 1980s

**Jodi L. (Hendry) Holzhausen '82** died April 16, 2012 in Holland. She was born in Portland in 1960, later moving to Germany to follow her passion for travel and the German language. She moved to Holland in 1992. Survivors include her husband, three sons and a daughter.

## 1990s

**William H. Ridgway MBA'93** died Aug. 5, 2012 in Salem. He was born in Columbus, Ohio in 1943 and raised in San Pedro, Calif. He moved to Medford, Ore., in 1971 before finally settling in Salem in 1991. He completed his undergraduate degree in accounting at Woodbury University in 1975. Survivors include a son, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

**Cy N. Kennedy '98, MAT'00** died Aug. 18, 2012 in Nyssa, Ore. He was born in Middletown, Conn., in 1975. After Willamette he taught in Big Fork, Mont., and Ontario, Ore. He loved to travel and was also a member of multiple bands. Family members were astounded to find his cache of literally thousands of vinyl LPs, 45s for his jukebox, CDs, and his extensive video library. Survivors include a son, his parents and a brother.

## 2000s

**Brian L. Mark MBA'00** died Aug. 24, 2012 in Seattle. He was born in 1970 and graduated from North Salem High School before attending Oregon State University. He moved often — living in Oregon, Florida, Texas and California before settling in Seattle. He loved to golf and worked at two golf courses during his career. He travelled frequently and visited Jamaica to build a schoolhouse while he belonged to the National Guard. Survivors include his wife, his parents and a sister.

**Melissa (Van Acker) Wiley '01, MAT'02** died June 21, 2012 in New Market, Ala. She was born in Klamath Falls, Ore., in 1979. After Willamette, she began her teaching career in Phoenix. Survivors include a husband; three children; her parents; a brother and a sister.

**Tara S. Campbell '09** died May 18, 2012 in Vancouver, Wash. She was born in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1987 and graduated from Cibola High School before attending Willamette. Following graduation, she stayed in the Portland area, where she loved the rain. Survivors include her husband; her parents; three brothers and two sisters.





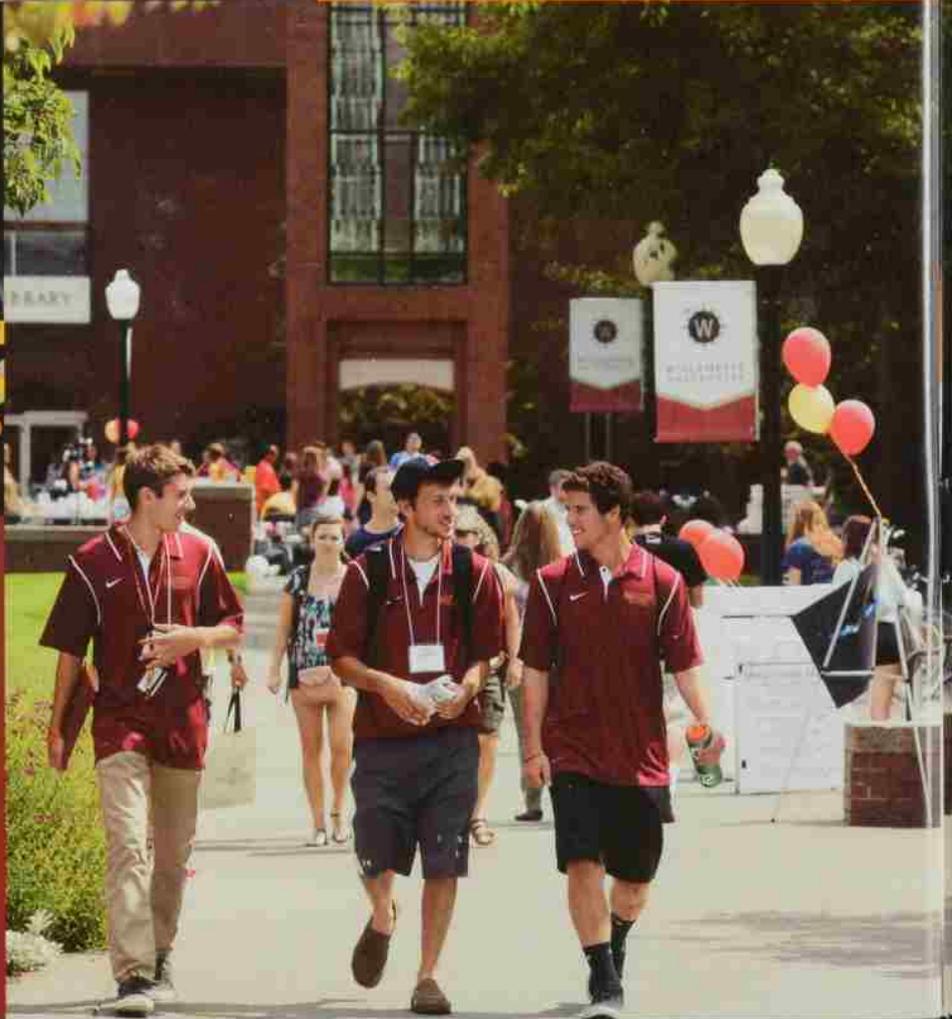
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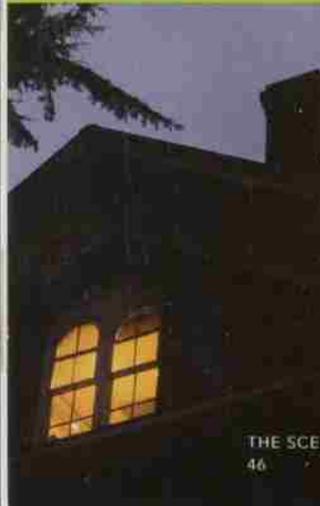
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### Winter 2012 Reader Responses

- (1) Joe Stewart '87 identified Steve Fukuchi '87 at the front of the image, and Anna Mueller '87 confirmed, adding that the students were probably Wallulah yearbook staff. Having taken the photo, she recognized Barbie (King) Ladderud '88; Cindy Carver; Cathy Beasley; Tracy (Kolbe) Reeves '87, MBA'88; Stacey (Gisler) Caraballo '87; Ed Spicknail '86; Darryl Rice; Greg (Levin) Saint James '88; and Sean Gallagher '88. Ramona (Mills) Murtha '89 and Theresa (Westfall) MacLennan '85 corroborated.
- (2) In this photo of four men in uniform, Eloise (Rarey) Adams '49 spotted her father, Harry Rarey '22 (far right), as well as her uncle, Russell Rarey '21 (second from left).
- (3) Kay Barckley '74 wrote that these women are Alpha Phi's: Beverly (Iverson) Brenner '74, Toni Cloud '74, Kathy (Frey) McKenzie '76 and Barbara (Dauben) Baumer '75.
- (4) Julia (Fullager) Hume '55 reports that the young women are Patricia (Harris) Goff '55 (right) and Sheryl Stookey '56. Beverly (Kliever) Buttram '54 confirmed, mentioning that the man is Dick Drake '55 and that the event was Willamette's first military ball, Sept. 26, 1953. Jane York '54 corroborated.