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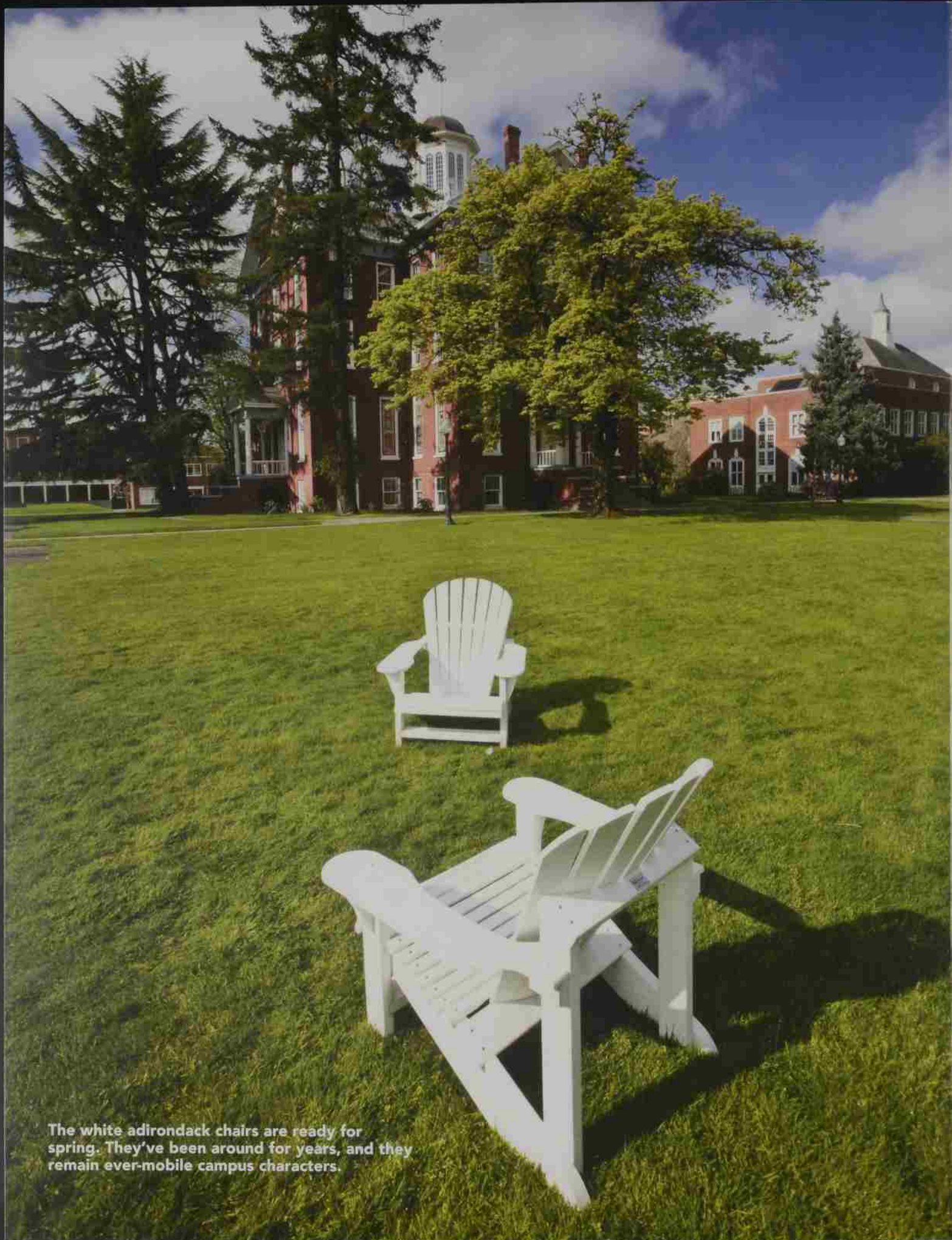


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"An investment in knowledge pays the
best interest."

—Benjamin Franklin

This sums up how we're feeling in the Office of Alumni Relations following a series of surveys to our alumni and our readership pool for *The Scene*. I want to personally thank those of you who took the time to respond to our questions and share what you think — you've given us great ideas for refining the magazine.

Here are some of the highlights:

- Approximately 75 percent of you indicated that you receive a significant measure of your information about Willamette and alumni via *The Scene*.
- Eighty-six percent of you in the readership survey indicated a preference for *The Scene* in print, though a number of you indicated that you'd like to view it online as well (you can do so at willamette.edu/alumni/online_media).
- Your favorite parts of the magazine tend to be class notes, articles about alumni and the photography.
- You'd like to see more updates about faculty, student and faculty research, alumni in their professions (see this issue!), athletics, the history and traditions of Willamette, and what's happening now with campus grounds and facilities.
- You would favor fewer long articles and are not as interested in stories about specific donors, individual students and institutional business affairs.

We've already begun to incorporate your feedback. Starting with this issue, some of the changes you'll see include:

- An entire theme dedicated to alumni and what they're up to.
- A regular athletics section within Tidbits & Briefs.
- A new photo essay department.
- Larger font size in the Class Notes section.
- As many class notes as we can get (send us your personal updates by emailing scene@willamette.edu, or manage class notes more directly online at The Compass — willamette.edu/alumni/compass).

Following a recent review of production practices and the incorporation of some (mostly invisible) changes, we will be reducing the cost of printing by an estimated 12 percent per issue; we will also be able to save 19 percent in postage. This means that we still do not need to charge for the magazine — but we do rely on our readers for accurate mailing data. If you are receiving multiple copies or wish to go to online-only reading, please contact us at scene@willamette.edu and we'll take care of you.

Thank you for helping us manage *The Scene* as effectively and thoughtfully as possible. It is one of our favorite projects, and we hope that the pleasure is carried on to you as readers.

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

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS



"A university can prepare one for a profession, but a true success is when a school can help prepare one for life."

Willamette University is an intellectual community, not merely a congregation of individuals devoted to self-cultivation alone. We seek to understand our connectivity to social and political forms, to ideas of good and evil, to natural laws, to the life-sustaining elements of the earth, to the life sciences and to other forms of human expression and contemplation. We appreciate and create beauty. We seek a more complete knowledge of our place in relation to cultures not our own.

It is in this sense that we educate our students — not only to achieve success in their post-Willamette endeavors in graduate school and careers — but to serve humanity. A Willamette education actualizes each student's potential as a leader and shaper of society so that he or she is prepared for life after Willamette — for meaningful work, life-long learning and service to others.

A few years ago I received a letter from a parent telling me about her daughter's Willamette experience. The mother wrote, "I have watched Jaime grow into a strong, independent and extremely confident young woman. A university can prepare one for a profession, but a true success is when a school can help prepare one for life."

Willamette's graduates apply what they have learned at Willamette with idealism, confidence, moral awareness and conviction, a commitment to the public good and to those wise restraints that make us free. They are entrepreneurs, artists, writers, teachers and scientists; they are elected to the Oregon legislature, the United States Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. They pursue graduate studies at the London School of Economics, Harvard Divinity School, MIT, Columbia University, and join the Peace Corps; they begin careers at Nike Corporation, Intel, Microsoft, Columbia Sportswear and the White House.

The diversity of their post-undergraduate pursuits is astonishing, as this issue of *The Scene* illustrates with a few excellent examples of our graduates putting their liberal arts educations to work in the 'real world.' Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "M. Lee Pelton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

M. Lee Pelton
President

TIDBITS & BRIEFS

President Pelton Takes Spring Sabbatical; Larry D. Large Serves in as Interim



University President M. Lee Pelton is on sabbatical this spring semester as part of an exchange with the University of Strasbourg in Alsace, France. University of Strasbourg Professor Ludwig Kreitz is teaching at Willamette this semester on the history of European politics.

Larry D. Large, a familiar Willamette figure, is serving as interim president until Pelton's return in July. Large served as acting president at Willamette in 1978; he has also held several other

positions at the university, including vice president and dean of students.

After Willamette, Large went on to leadership positions at Reed College, the University of Oregon, the chancellor's office of the Oregon university system and two presidencies: one at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta and an interim position at Sierra Nevada College. He has also worked extensively as a private consultant, assisting higher education institutions with strategic planning, fundraising, mergers and acquisitions, and accreditation.

Large earned his bachelor's degree from Portland State University, and his MA and PhD from the University of Oregon. Two of his children are Willamette graduates: one from the College of Liberal Arts and one from the College of Law.

Tenth-Anniversary Student Scholarship Recognition Day Invites Alumni Participation

Student Scholarship Recognition Day (SSRD) is a spring tradition for celebrating exemplary scholarship and creativity among Willamette students. On April 21, students will once again play the role of professor to share their research and present musical, theatrical and dance performances to fellow students, faculty, family and friends.

This year, special emphasis will be placed on making SSRD a more discursive, interactive gathering — this starts with an invitation for alumni to attend campus events.

Student research presentations from 2009 included the following:

- Wine Will Lead the Way: A Study of Biodynamic Viticulture in Oregon's Willamette Valley
- Interviews With Evil: Representation and Reinterpretation of Classic Fairy Tale Villains
- The Fabric of Control: Confinement in Women's Fashion
- Exploring Asymmetric Organic Catalysis: Glucosamine Derived Catalysis

For more information on this year's SSRD, visit willamette.edu/cla/ssrd.

College of Liberal Arts Faculty Retirements

The university bids adieu to four popular CLA faculty members this spring.

Gerry Bowers (English), Linda Bowers (English), Martha Gavilanez-Uggen (Spanish) and Roger Hull (art history) have earned legions of dedicated students through the years. Each retires having secured a place among the university's most revered faculty, for the passion they have displayed both in and out of the classroom.



Linda and Gerry Bowers



Martha Gavilanez-Uggen



Roger Hull

Alumni are invited to an April 23 TGIF event to recognize these professors. For details and RSVP information, visit willamette.edu/alumni/events.

The Princeton Review Lists Willamette Among Best Values

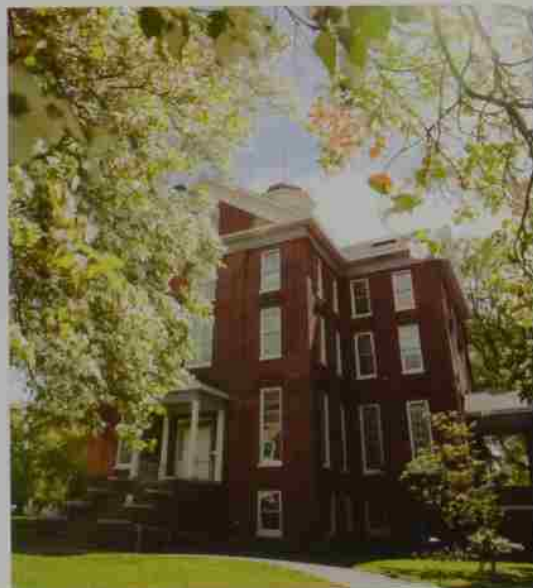


Willamette was named among the nation's 50 "Best Value" private colleges and universities this semester by *The Princeton Review*.

"Parents want to get a good return on their educational investment and ensure that their student is prepared to succeed in the global economy," said Madeleine Rhyneer, vice president for admission and financial aid. "This ranking acknowledges Willamette's powerful educational experience and investment in our students."

Robert Franek of *The Princeton Review* reports that, "Among the nearly 16,000 respondents to our 2009 'College Hopes and Worries Survey' of college applicants and parents, 85 percent said financial aid would be 'very necessary' for them this year. However, there are many first-rate institutions offering outstanding academics at a relatively low cost of attendance and/or generous financial aid, including some that may surprise applicants."

Selection criteria for the ranking covered more than 30 factors and used the most recently reported institutional data from the 2008-09 academic year. Primary considerations included academic quality, costs of attendance and financial aid.



Law Professor Testifies in Church and State Debate



College of Law Professor Steven K. Green traveled to Texas recently to provide his expertise on a contentious education issue: the role of Christianity in American history classes.

Green, a national expert on church and state issues, testified before the Texas State Board of Education on behalf of the Texas Freedom Network. The board was considering a

new social studies curriculum that included proposals to emphasize the religious influences on the nation's founding principles.

Green, who directs Willamette's Center for Religion, Law and Democracy, argued that the curriculum proposals were "inaccurate and unwarranted."

"I fully support exposing children to the religious influences of our nation's history," he testified. "Religion has played a very important ideological and institutional role in the nation's government. However, there is a crucial pedagogical and legal difference between the academic study of our religious past and exposure of children to misleading religious truth claims, particularly if they're for the purpose of instilling religious devotion."

New academic standards would dictate what Texas K-12 students learn in class and could affect textbooks used by schools nationwide. The Board of Education delayed its decision on the curriculum until May.

Willamette MBA Recognized in 'Beyond Grey Pinstripes'



The Aspen Institute's "Beyond Grey Pinstripes" survey recognized Atkinson Graduate School of Management as a top global MBA program for innovation in social and environmental stewardship.

Willamette MBA appears in the "Global 100" list at number 47 overall (an improvement of 11 places from last year) and number 20 for the effectiveness of its courses in reinforcing ethical and socially conscious decision-making.

"The ranking speaks to the value of the Willamette MBA as an internationally recognized program," said Dean Debra Ringold, JELD-WEN professor of free enterprise. "Our mission is to educate passionate students who will become socially conscious managers in business, government and not-for-profit organizations."

Management programs from 24 countries participated in the 18-month effort to map the landscape of teaching and research on issues of business and society.

Data collected in the survey, as well as the list of top business schools, is available at beyondgreypinstripes.org

TIDBITS & BRIEFS



Native American Artist Addresses Stereotypes through Live Painting

Native American artist Bunky Echo-Hawk visited campus as part of this year's Founders Day celebration in February to engage community members in discussions of cultural issues facing Native Americans — and he used their feedback to create an original painting during the event.

A graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts, Echo-Hawk asked the Willamette audience to share cultural concerns and personal experiences with stereotypes. As they talked, he transformed a blank canvas into a portrayal of the historical tensions between Indian people and white America, symbolized by a figure of General Custer "riding" an Indian.

In Custer's hand, a sign reads "Free Ride?" The words, chosen by the audience, reference the idea that the U.S. has been built upon the backs of Indian people; it also touches on the perception that Native Americans receive undeserved government handouts.

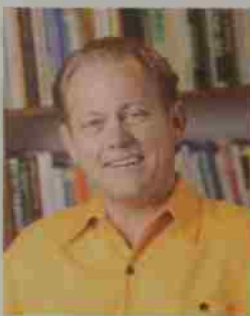
Echo-Hawk has created nearly 300 paintings live in front of audiences. He sees his work as a way to empower youths and correct stereotypes about Native Americans.

"It can set sparks off in people's minds, in people's hearts, and inspire them to want to look at these issues and do something about them," he says.

His painting will become part of the collection at Willamette University's Hallie Ford Museum of Art.



Professor Jerry Gray Selected for Endowed Chair of Economics



Professor Jerry Gray was awarded the Peter C. and Bonnie S. Kremer Chair of Economics, a privately endowed professorship given to a scholar who is also an experienced and dedicated influence in the classroom.

"With this position, I feel a sense of excitement — and responsibility — to ensure that Willamette's students are able

to think critically about economics," said Gray. "Understanding economics is an essential part of a robust liberal arts education."

Gray was named Oregon's 2005 Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Students and faculty remark on his enthusiasm, dedication and humor in the classroom. He is known at Willamette for the hours he spends outside the classroom helping students learn about economics.

"Jerry is remarkable in his ability to translate the most complex and abstract concepts into terms anyone can understand," said David Douglass, interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "The Kremer Chair is fitting recognition of his talents as a teacher."

"We are honored by the Kremers' generosity and deeply grateful for their recognition of the importance of excellent teaching," said Interim President Larry D. Large. "The many benefits of this endowed chair will be realized now and for many generations of students to come."

About the Peter C. and Bonnie S. Kremer Chair of Economics: The \$1.5 million endowment was established by Willamette alumni couple Peter and Bonnie Kremer.

Peter Kremer '62 majored in economics and earned his master's degree in business administration from Stanford. Bonnie Kremer '62 graduated with an English degree. "Our experience at Willamette has given us both a good foundation," Bonnie said. "That's something we want to support."

Willamette Academy in the Press

Willamette Academy, the university's college access program for students historically underrepresented in college, was recognized in a national College Board publication for success in serving Latino students.

An article in *The Oregonian* also named Willamette Academy one of the state's "beacons of achievement" in education.

Willamette Academy is a self-supporting initiative established by Willamette in 2001. It offers ongoing college preparatory and family support programs that help Salem-Keizer students graduate from high school and pursue higher education.

The academy is the only Northwest program highlighted in the College Board's guidebook, *Resources for Increasing Latino Participation and Success in Higher Education*. Willamette Academy was highlighted alongside national organizations such as Educational Talent Search and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund.

The feature in *The Oregonian* praised Willamette Academy's achievement in "empower[ing] students who in many instances are the first in their families to attend college."

"These commendations are an honor and a testament to the great people who support our program and believe that a college education is for everyone," says Roberto Casarez, executive director of Willamette Academy. "We are funded by Willamette donors, community members and foundations, and it's their investment in Willamette Academy that helps high school students and their families prepare for college and success in life."

Since Willamette Academy was founded, 93 percent of its students have graduated from high school, and more than 90 percent are currently enrolled in colleges throughout the U.S.

Visit Willamette Academy online at willamette.edu/cla/academy.

2010 TIUA Class Arrives

This year's group of Tokyo International University of America (TIUA) students arrived on campus in early February. Among the 59 women and 39 men are students from Tokyo International University's schools of language education, international relations, business and commerce, economics, and human and social sciences.

Since arriving, TIUA students have worked with International Peer Coaches (IPCs) — each of whom is a U.S. Willamette student — in groups of 11–12 in order to acclimate to new academic and residential setups. Several other programs, such as the Tomodachi (friendship) families program, are set up to help TIUA students as they transition from studying at a commuter campus in the Tokyo area to living on a residential campus in Salem.

The current TIUA students will live and work in Salem until their departure in mid-December.

For more on TIUA, visit tium.edu.



Ethnobotanist Maria Fadiman Gives 2010 Dempsey Lecture



Ethnobotanist and Professor Maria Fadiman visited campus in February to speak on the relationship between humans and their environment. She examined sustainable agriculture in the Galápagos and the relationship between indigenous tribes and companies in the forests of Ecuador.

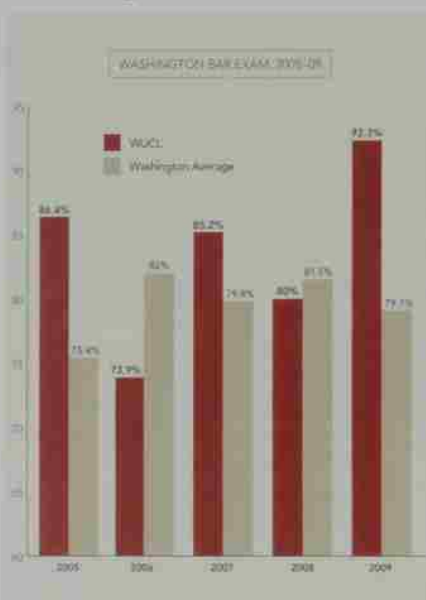
Her lecture, entitled "Igniting Hope in the Galápagos and the Amazon: How Coffee and Shamanic Trees are Balancing Humans and Nature," was part of Willamette's annual Dempsey Environmental Lecture Series. In it, Fadiman discussed how shade-grown coffee helps forge a more balanced relationship between human inhabitants and the island ecosystem of San Cristóbal in the Galápagos.

When not working in Africa, Ecuador or the Galápagos Islands, Fadiman is an assistant professor of geosciences at Florida Atlantic University. She earned her doctorate in geography from the University of Texas at Austin and began her research in Ecuador with the help of a grant from the National Science Foundation.

For more information, visit willamette.edu/go/dempsey.

TIDBITS & BRIEFS

College of Law Graduates Dominate Washington State Bar Exam



In addition to topping the Oregon State Bar exam in 2009, Willamette law graduates surpassed those of all other law schools on the Washington State Bar exam as well. Among first-time takers of the summer exam, 92.3 percent of Willamette graduates passed. The overall passage rate for Washington's first-time takers was 79.1 percent — a difference of 13.2 percentage points.

"Once again, Willamette graduates have surpassed their peers on the bar exam," said College of Law Dean Symeon C.

Symeonides. "In both Oregon and Washington, our graduates have proven that their legal knowledge and skills are second to none. We are extremely proud of their great achievements."

Art by the Park Adult Workshop Returns

Alumni and other members of the Willamette community are invited to enroll in the second-annual Art by the Park workshop for adults.

Administered by Willamette's Office of Scheduling, Events and Conferences, Art by the Park is a summer workshop series held on campus July 13-16. It consists of a series of art classes taught by Willamette faculty and artists from the community. Its timing coincides with the Salem Art Association's annual art fair and festival, which will once again be held at Bush Park.

Lodging is provided in campus apartments and food is coordinated by Bon Appetit, whose staff will also offer a class on the Art of Latin Cooking.

Course topics are likely to include beginning color theory, Chiaroscuro (the study of light and shade), photography, portrait drawing, Sumi-E painting and others.

For information about registration and activities, visit willamette.edu/go/artbythepark.

Zena Forest Farm and Garden Come to Life



Students and professors have been at work since last summer on a new university farm at Zena Forest. The project serves both as a research tool and as a way to grow local produce for campus consumption.

With the help of professors, several new student clubs (including the Alternative Agriculture Community) have set up systems for reclaiming compost for use at the Zena farm, investigated soil types and cover crops for the five-acre plot, and explored options for crop rotations. Students are continuing work on a kitchen garden section, which yields produce that can be sold to Bon Appetit, Willamette's caterer, for use in campus dining halls.

Crops used so far include vetch, clover, rye (cover crops), winter wheat and vegetables. Club members also choose seeds and decide on crops for the upcoming growing seasons. These will likely include lettuces, spinach, kale, chard, beets, onions, heirloom potatoes, peppers and berries. Special considerations are given to produce types and their timing/growing requirements.

The work extends into the classroom. A new course, taught by Professor Jennifer Johns and titled From Seed to Table: The Biology of Food, includes 25 students who work in a lab-type environment at the farm and study the practical and economic issues surrounding local food growing projects.

For more, visit the Center for Sustainable Communities at willamette.edu/centers/csc.



THE SPORTS PAGE

willamette.edu/athletics

Willamette Runner has Top GPA at NCAA Cross Country Championships



The NCAA has named men's cross country runner Chris Platano '10 an Elite 88 award winner for the fall 2009 season. The Elite 88 award is presented at each NCAA national championship event to the competing athlete with the highest grade point

average. The NCAA sponsors a total of 88 national team titles in its three divisions.

Platano, who earned a 4.0 cumulative GPA according to the award's criteria, had the highest academic average among the 280 runners in the men's race at the NCAA Division III cross country championships last fall.

"He's just outstanding," Willamette Head Coach Matt McGuirk said. "He already has a job lined up for next fall. He's been a model team member on and off the course, in and out of the classroom."



Willamette Rugby Club Travels and Competes in Europe

This spring break, the Willamette Rugby Football Club (WRFC), the largest club of its kind in the Pacific Northwest, will travel to Dublin, Belfast and Edinburgh for a rare chance to represent Willamette in international competition.

Before challenging several Irish and Scottish teams to friendly matches, the Willamette team will take in an international professional rugby match in Dublin's Croke Park.

WRFC Captain Stephen Scott's '10 experience playing abroad led the team to pursue the upcoming matches. "While abroad, I was privy to play for the Belfast Instonians. They called me 'Yank' or 'Obama' and always wanted to know when I would bring the mighty Bearcats to face the Instonians," he said.

Competition starts at 7:30 p.m., Belfast time, March 22.

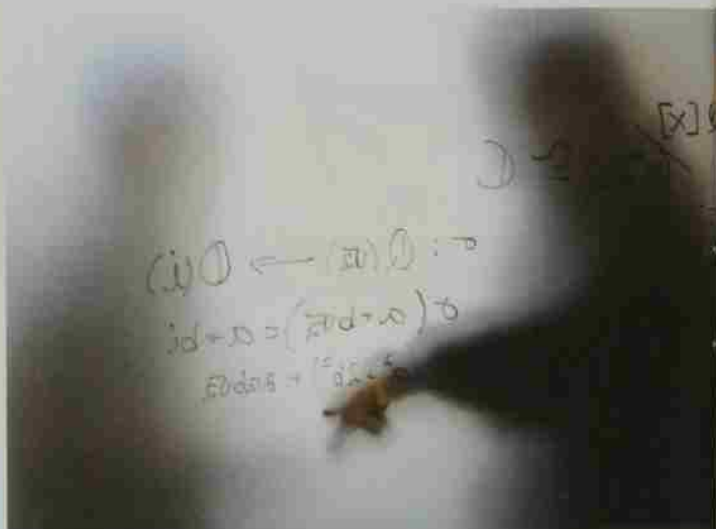
Bearcats Host Girls & Women in Sport Day

Willamette hosted National Girls & Women in Sport Day in February, in connection with the women's basketball game versus Pacific University. The Salem Swish, a local youth girls' basketball team, joined 15 female Willamette athletes for an educational night of fun on campus.

During the basketball game, members of the Salem Swish sat with current Bearcat players to watch the action. At half-time, student-athletes from all sports joined them on the

court for a shoot-around. Some of those from Willamette even found themselves signing their first autographs.

"It was great for the young girls to interact with our student-athletes and learn about sports they may not have been introduced to previously," said Leslie Shevlin, head swimming coach at Willamette and organizer of the event. "For our student-athletes, it was a good reminder of one of the reasons they do what they do: to set a good example."



EXPLORING FORD HALL

Photos and text by Frank Miller

A new building is always a new adventure. It's a chance to explore, to watch it take on many identities over the course of a single day, and to examine the myriad ways in which it is used. Ford Hall has become, and will continue to become, a fascinating environment to watch people, learning, and architecture interact.





TOOLS for the ROAD TRIP: Life and the Liberal Arts

By Charlie Wallace
and Karen Wood



LEARNING ... HOW TO LIVE

We are a nation of planners, goal setters, schedulers and map readers; we mount GPS units on our dashboards, turn when the voice says "turn" and trust that we'll arrive at our destination. We might occasionally allow ourselves to go off course, but we tend to see this as either an aberration or a temporary detour.

Given this context, a liberal arts education can seem downright counter-cultural (or at least counter-intuitive). Wouldn't a generation of young people who grew up with play dates, soccer practice, after-school service and résumé workshops gravitate toward an educational experience that was fashioned to set them in a particular direction? Isn't that what we advertise when we remind prospective students (or is it prospective students' parents?) that there are, in fact, jobs and careers at the other end of a philosophy, psychology or physics degree? Why is it, given the need to demonstrate that a liberal arts education is a good investment, that the College of Liberal Arts over the years has dropped "practical" majors like business (the most popular undergraduate major in the country)? Further, why is it that, while we have a respected and successful record of preparing undergraduates for medical school (which is only loosely tied to a major), we are unlikely to start an undergraduate nursing program?

Willamette, in the good company of other respected undergraduate colleges, has maintained a traditional liberal arts curriculum. Rather than focusing solely on training students for a specific career upon graduation, a liberal arts degree offers a chance at a fulfilling and useful life — as

well as a way to make a living. The College of Liberal Arts offers majors, both traditional and interdisciplinary, that prepare students for what's ahead while grounding them in a way of viewing the world and themselves.

As alumni remind us, Willamette helps students develop the habits and skills

of critical (and open-minded and imaginative) thinking and expression. Undergraduates interact with fellow students and friends in their classes and residence halls who speak different disciplinary languages. They share opportunities for connecting across such lines on playing fields and in clubs and community outreach programs.

To return to our GPS metaphor, a liberal arts education, rather than providing one defined, established path, offers a view of open spaces, a vista that draws one to consider off-road adventures. Of course, many students identify a clear sense of their passion and purpose early on and chart a course to achieve their goals. Even for these folks, however, a Willamette education invites free (in the liberating sense of the liberal arts) engagement with the world that might never have occurred to them had they pursued their education at another kind of institution.

Their academic guides in this off-road adventure — the faculty — have stories of their own rambles. Every year, various faculty members relay tales of their own journeys to Willamette students. These narratives, told at convocation under the heading "Professors Profess," reveal that the

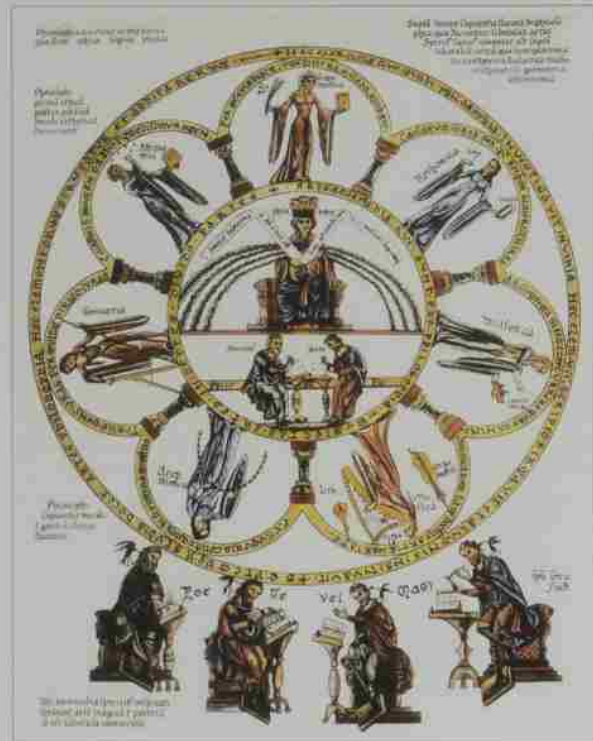
vocational journeys of many Willamette professors resemble meandering rivers rather than superhighways cutting straight through the scenery. Many of them (unknowingly, we suspect) took to heart the words of St. Teresa of Avila, who counseled, "To reach something good it is very useful to have gone astray and thus acquire[d] experience."

One professor of politics told of working retail after graduating from college; when he made a creative suggestion about how to accomplish a task more quickly, his supervisor replied, "I don't need you to think." This clarifying encounter helped inspire Professor Michael Marks to enroll in graduate studies, and he now happily pursues a life in which he is, in fact, engaged in creative thinking for a living. Another member of the faculty chose a college that offered him a boxing scholarship, but before he could take it up the NCAA cancelled boxing as a sanctioned sport. Spanish language study beckoned him to another university, to graduate school, and eventually to his job at Willamette. Ever since, Professor John Uggen's combativeness has been intellectual.

Willamette alumni commonly tell stories about how they discovered an unexpected path here. Sometimes this reorientation occurs in the process of choosing a major. We can both attest, having seen this many times, that very few religious studies majors matriculate with that major in mind — they fall into it, are engaged and intrigued, and their imaginations are captured by the study of religion. Majors sometimes do indeed lead to a vocation that reflects the academic discipline studied, but a major is often not a particularly accurate predictor of professional path (see chart below).

A Willamette degree, however, is a very good predictor of a particular kind of engagement with the world, both professionally and personally.

This is why, in the Office of the Chaplains — and more precisely, at the Lilly Project (see sidebar p. 17) — we talk about helping students discern their vocation. Vocation, as we interpret it, refers to the way in which we live out our passions in the world, the way in which our values, our commitments and our beliefs are embodied in our choices about work, about family, about our political and social lives, and about how we inhabit our environment.



The concept of a liberal arts education is not new. The image above is taken from the Hortus deliciarum (in English, the Garden of Delights), a 12th-century illustrated encyclopedia. It depicts the "seven liberal arts," a breakdown that is remarkably relevant today. It also provides an interesting visual representation of a "well-rounded" education.

source: wikipedia.org

Mix AND Match

The following are the majors and job titles of eight real Willamette alumni. Can you match their majors with their jobs? The first one is done for you.

Answers on p. 17.

- Art
- Biology
- Economics
- English
- History
- Philosophy
- Psychology
- Theatre

- Police Officer
- Market Analyst
- Policy/Legislative Analyst
- Cardiac Nurse
- School Principal
- Children's Pastor
- Attorney
- Airline Pilot

A FEW GOOD REASONS

We talk to students a lot about what they're good at, what they love and where they're headed. Here are three things we've said to them over the years — if you are an alumnus, maybe parts will sound familiar.

1. A Willamette education gives you essential skills and habits of mind that serve you wherever the economy and the world need you. For example, maybe you think you want to teach in a university like (fill in your favorite Willamette professor here), but you discover that doctoral work is a long, hard, expensive slog with no guarantee of a job. However, someone points out that you're a great writer, and you spent some time interning across the street at the Oregon State Capitol — and the majority leaders in the House of Representatives draft you to help run their office.

Or, maybe you think you want to be a doctor, but it turns out that you don't get along well with organic chemistry (despite the hard work of the excellent and friendly members of the chemistry department!). But then you discover a whole new world in medical anthropology or medical sociology — callings you knew nothing about in high school — which fits your skills and allows you to employ those helping-humanity genes that might not have been as well-served elsewhere.

2. You will almost certainly connect with other bright, imaginative and committed colleagues, whose friendships and fortunes you will follow, and whose lives and/or vocations may well entwine with yours. Alumni know this lesson well. Let's say you come to Willamette to play

football and sing (classical music as well as doo-wop), but, although you are good at both, neither the Canadian League nor the Met nor Motown breaks down your door after graduation. However, your best friends were members of one of the religious fellowship groups on campus, and they help you evaluate a career in ministry.

Or consider another scenario. How many Bearcats have spent a couple years in Portland or Seattle, rooming with friends and connecting with older alumni, and discovered a calling that they had unknowingly been preparing for during the previous four years: public relations, computer design for friends in the restaurant business, social work, law?

3. Living and studying at Willamette encourages initiatives of all sorts — in class and lab, through special scholarships and internships, and in entrepreneurial improvements of the community. (It obviously continues after graduation — refer to the other stories in this edition of *The Scene* for proof.) Suppose you write a paper for a history class, your teacher suggests you deliver it at Student Scholarship Recognition Day (a Willamette tradition where students play the role of professor), and at the end of your junior year you think, "I really want to see if an academic career is for me."

Or perhaps you go to the dean of campus life with a great idea for our community that might require some university investment (past students invented the Bistro, club sports like lacrosse and rugby, the tiny program that morphed into the community outreach office, and Willamette Emergency Medical Service) and in the process you find your life's calling.

Charlie Wallace

Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religious Studies



rural church, he began a career in teaching and campus ministry on the East Coast before finally arriving at Willamette in 1985.

Charlie Wallace's wanderings have been geographical as well as vocational. He was a history major at Bowdoin College and had an interest in journalism and broadcasting before his Methodist genes kicked in and he attended Yale Divinity School, followed by graduate school in religious history at Duke University. After a few years as a pastor of a small



WALLACE (LEFT) AS A COLLEGE FRESHMAN IN THE STUDIOS OF THE BOWDOIN COLLEGE RADIO STATION.

We are talking here about vocation in the context of a liberal arts education. The questions of meaning and purpose — “Who am I and why am I here?” — are the questions that we hope our students will pursue during their time at Willamette. A liberal arts degree, rather than narrowing our focus, in fact prepares us for the unexpected, the uncharted. It prepares us for life in the world, for citizenship in the global commons.

Debra Ringold, dean and JELD-WEN chair of free enterprise at Atkinson Graduate School of Management — a part of Willamette that is nothing if not focused on preparation for a career in a business, non-profit or government office of some sort — recognizes the point. “Come to us,” she has been known to say (and we might also add, come to the College of Law or the Graduate School of Education), “but come to us after you’ve got your liberal arts degree!”

Whether students are sailing down a vocational I-5 or meandering off-track without a GPS, they can listen for the clues that their liberal arts education, their talents and their deepest delights give them. Perhaps their liberal arts bumper stickers will read, in the words of Mary Oliver:

“TELL ME, WHAT IS IT YOU PLAN
TO DO WITH YOUR ONE WILD
AND PRECIOUS LIFE?”

ANSWERS FROM MIX AND MATCH: P. 15. ART > CARDIAC NURSE; BIOLOGY > AIRLINE PILOT; ECONOMICS > CHILDREN'S PASTOR; ENGLISH > SCHOOL PRINCIPAL; HISTORY > POLICY/LEGISLATIVE ANALYST; PHILOSOPHY > MARKET ANALYST; PSYCHOLOGY > POLICE OFFICER; THEATRE > ATTORNEY

Karen Wood

Associate Chaplain for Vocational Exploration and Director of the Lilly Project at Willamette



Karen Wood entered Brown University with the intention of becoming a simultaneous interpreter when, in the midst of her junior-year studies in France, she picked up a theological text and never looked back. She began studies at Harvard Divinity School to be a college chaplain and stayed to pursue doctoral studies in theology. She taught undergraduates,

directed national and international programs in interreligious dialogue and served as dean of students at graduate institutions of religion and medicine before finally becoming a college chaplain, 20 years later, at Willamette.

THE LILLY PROJECT

Find your calling – let it take flight.

The Lilly Project for the Theological, Spiritual and Ethical Exploration of Vocation is a university-wide program that helps students discern their vocation and engage with questions of meaning and purpose. Funded by a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Lilly Project is thoroughly embedded in Willamette's intellectual and residential life.

Since 2002, the Lilly Project at Willamette has provided funding for arts events, convocation lectures, visiting and resident scholars, student outreach grants and — perhaps most visibly — the Take a Break (TaB) service program.

Students also pursue religious callings through seminary semesters, internships and other programs.

For more, visit willamette.edu/dept/lilly.



WOOD (LEFT) WITH FRIENDS IN MICHIGAN DURING A SUMMER SPENT EXPLORING VOCATION

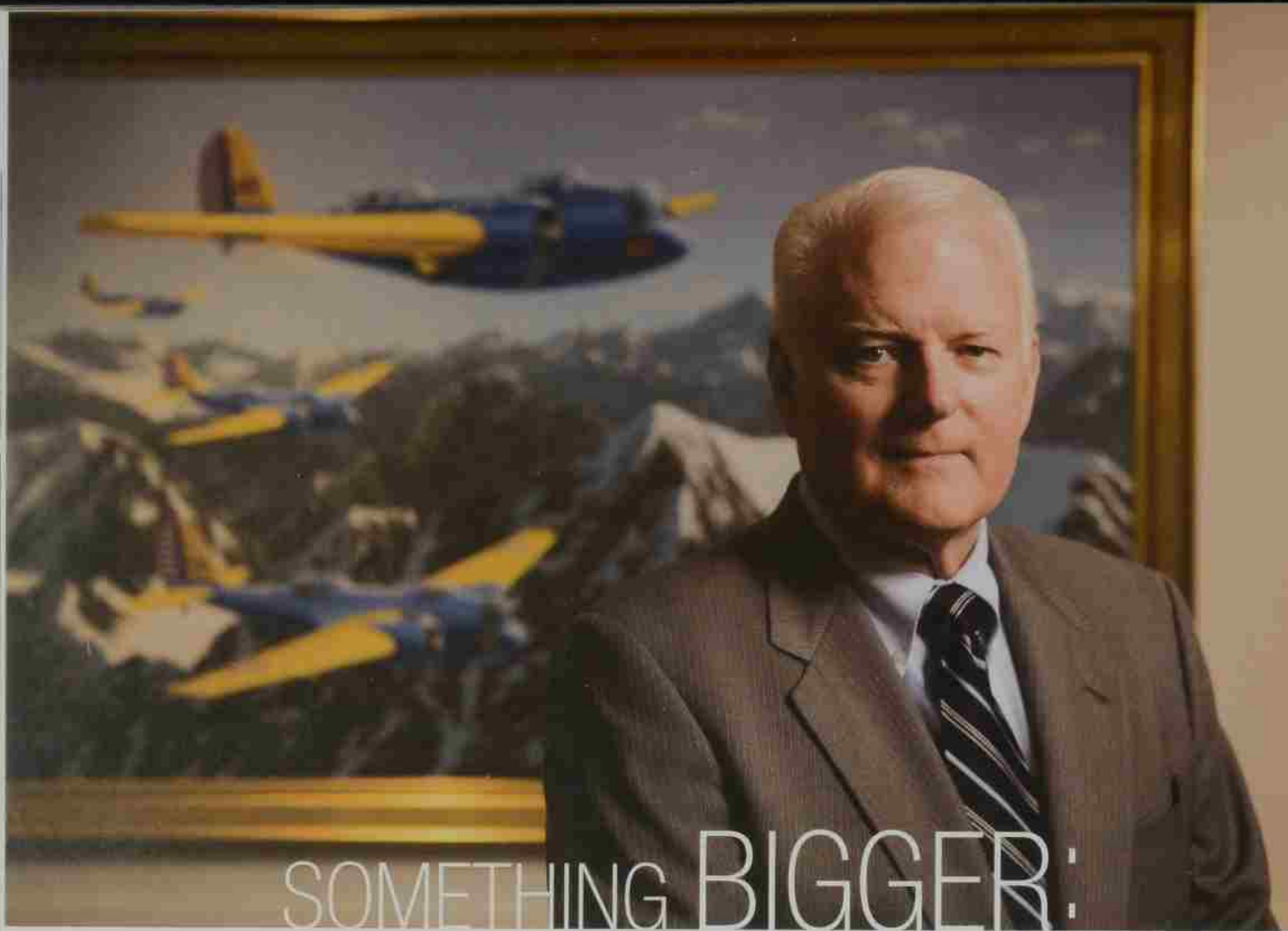


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SOMETHING BIGGER: A Career of Service

Tom Hemingway '62, JD'65 has seen things not many Americans have seen. The retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general hunkered near the busiest runway in Southeast Asia when sideburned news anchors talked about the region every day and his stateside comrades ran the risk of being spit on in public. He ran 17 Air Force legal offices from a post in 1980s West Germany. He squeezed onto the other side of some very tall fences during his deployments — literally and figuratively — because his role as a judge advocate required him to do so.

And he can't seem to stay retired. After his first try, Hemingway was recalled to active duty because the Department of Defense's Office of Military Commission — the office with the knotty job of trying enemy combatants — wanted his know-how. Later, he returned as senior advisor to the deputy secretary of commerce for several years, as if one retirement was not enough.

Hemingway's path to the present makes for quite a story, even though he's still writing it.

SALEM: 1962

When Hemingway was making his way through the sociology department at Willamette in 1962, every male student was co-enrolled in the Reserve Officer Training

1962 >
Willamette University, sociology major and member of the Air Force ROTC program

Corps (ROTC) for at least the first two years. Some opted out as juniors to pursue other things, but others, like Hemingway, continued into advanced training. The Air Force was the lone branch represented on Willamette's campus and it put pilots

through initial training out at Salem's McNary Field, where today only a few olive drab helicopters remind us of the place's military history.

Hemingway spent some time in the cockpits of ROTC Cessnas — small, single-engine-propeller trainers — but piloting didn't call out to him. He wanted to be a lawyer. The trouble was that his ROTC supervisors objected to the idea. Hemingway, who only became energized about law as a senior, was crossing to the other side of a very linear road to the Air Force.

"When the folks at ROTC found out I was thinking about military law, they didn't like it a bit," he says. "They viewed their mission as pumping out pilots. One of the instructors finally told me if I wanted to go to law school, I had to turn in my admission paperwork the very next day."

So Hemingway walked over to the College of Law to see the dean. "It was a huge advantage to be the student body president because I knew who all the administrators were," he says. The dean was out of town, but Hemingway talked with the secretary, who set him up to take the law entrance exam right there. In the 1960s, the law test



ROTC AT WILLAMETTE, DONEY HALL IN THE BACKGROUND

— the equivalent of the current LSAT — was graded on-site instead of at a central location. Because of this, the secretary was able to return 45 minutes after Hemingway was finished taking the test and report that he had scored in the 92nd percentile. She wrote a letter of acceptance for him and he turned that in to ROTC. "They were all scratching their heads wondering how I did it," he says.



HEMINGWAY ALONGSIDE AN ROTC CESSNA

Work on his JD kept Hemingway at Willamette for an extra three years. He was granted an academic extension from the Air Force along with his acceptance into the College of Law, meaning that he would not deploy until 1965. He never changed his mind about where he was headed, so despite a fondness for the greens and grays of the landscape at home, he made his way to the desert and a new tone altogether.

CAMOUFLAGE

Built on sandy acreage in Tucson, Ariz., Davis-Monthan Air Force Base is a group of utilitarian buildings stacked next to each other at the center of a ring of ruddy mountains. Aircraft approach out of the southwest through the blueness and onto a runway bleached by the Arizona sun. To say that Davis-Monthan was a departure from the temperate Willamette campus is a little bit like calling the Grand Canyon deep.

1965-1969 >
chief of civil law, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. (first lieutenant, 1965; captain, 1967)



DAVIS-MONTHAN AIR FORCE BASE, TUCSON, ARIZ.

The base was connected to a large hospital complex, so Hemingway's initial responsibilities all involved medical law. "The first four years in service I tried over 400 cases," he says. "I did a lot of work with medical claims — I was responsible for medical malpractice cases. I even had to take a course at the University of Arizona medical school in anatomy for lawyers."

The combination of practicing law and integrating into a new military system foreshadowed jobs to come. "Practicing law in the military is always challenging because you never know who you're going to be dealing with," he says. "Civilians sometimes say that it's a secure environment, but I never knew from one day to the next who my boss was going to be."

Nor did he know where the next assignment would take him.

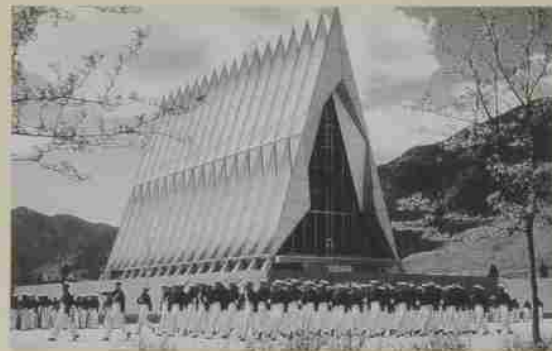
By the time he was ordered to Southeast Asia in 1969, to be stationed at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, he had a

1969–1970 >
chief of military justice and provincial liaison with the Thai government, Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand

combination of experience and skills that made him an important asset to the Air Force. "Udorn was up in northeast Thailand," he says. "Interesting base. We had the busiest single runway in Southeast Asia. We had a big F-4 Phantom [fighter-bomber] wing there and two rescue

helicopter squadrons. But what really piqued my interest was that Air America worked out of there." Air America, the CIA's airline, occupied the side of the base that was off-limits to most of the people there who weren't directly associated with the organization.

But Hemingway's job as chief of military justice and provincial liaison with the Thai government meant that he provided legal support to everybody — and it allowed him a degree of mobility he shared only with the doctors on base. It also required him to make periodic visits up north to Laos, which, because the U.S. was not supposed to have any troops in the country, meant changing into civilian clothes, ditching his military ID and moving around the region under the radar.



BASE CHAPEL, U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

RETURNING TO ACADEMIA

The Air Force sent Hemingway out of Southeast Asia according to schedule in 1970. His next lengthy assignment

1970–1975 >
chief of military justice, 15th Air Force, March AFB, Calif.; associate professor of law, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. (major, 1973)

had him working within the relative normalcy of the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, where he taught law to undergraduates. The environment was similar in some ways to what he had enjoyed at Willamette — the 20-year-olds and the subject matter were familiar — but some elements were brand new.

"The military service academies were the first to have law departments in their undergraduate programs," he says. In a sense, Hemingway was among a few innovators teaching undergraduates things normally kept for law school. "We taught required courses in law and we wrote our own textbooks. In the summertime, the law faculty was there rewriting our books for the next year to stay current."

The experience fed an existing academic drive in Hemingway to consume written material, process ideas and talk about them (always a prolific reader, his interview for *The Scene* included a couple book recommendations). "Back when I came to Willamette as a student, I thought that I'd spend

the first two years there and then transfer out," he recalls. "But I liked the place so much, I never left. It was because of the classes — rarely did I have a class in excess of 20 people."

"There was a professor of history at Willamette, Charles Ruud, whom I will never forget," he says. "He gave me an interest in history. He expected us to understand causes. It wasn't just the events and people we were talking about — what we had to understand was why."

REAL-WORLD ISSUES

With four years of teaching under his belt, Hemingway, by this time a major, moved to McChord Air Force Base near Tacoma, Wash. He served as the

1975–1979 >
staff judge advocate, 62nd
Military Airlift Wing, McChord
AFB, Wash. (lieutenant
colonel, 1979)

base's staff judge advocate — essentially the senior lawyer on a commander's staff. It was the position that he would build upon for the rest of his career.



MT. RAINIER, PIERCE COUNTY, WASH.

At McChord the position was something akin to a city attorney, where the "real-world" issues of a large population applied despite being on a military air base with a presumed degree of isolation. "Any time you've got 10 to 20 thousand people on a base, you've got the criminal law, labor law, environmental law and contract law issues of any metropolitan area," Hemingway says.

The McChord assignment widened Hemingway's window of responsibility, and he didn't want to leave the base when the time came. Aside from a fondness for the job, he felt a tug toward the Northwest. "I called the personnel branch to see if I could stay a fifth year and I had to hold the phone away from my ear because of the laughter on the other end," he says. Assignments, apparently, weren't made because they were scenic.

In July 1979, the Air Force transferred Hemingway a few thousand miles from Washington State to West Germany, where he lucked out, as he puts it, and got another assignment as a staff judge advocate. This time it was at Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt. Service in West Germany meant that he would be part of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE) network, which, as the name implies, covers the Europe-based system of U.S. air assets.

At the same time familiar and new, Hemingway's position gave him more experience navigating special legal territory. He was on the debriefing team, for example, when U.S. embassy hostages came out of Tehran after 444 days of captivity at the hands of a radical group of Iranian militants.

It was a sign that Hemingway was on the move within the Air Force. By late 1983 he was a colonel and had been put in charge of criminal law for the whole branch in Washington, D.C. This meant getting involved to a new degree with the U.S. legislature, which provided an interesting lesson in the value of flexibility.

1982–1983 >
senior judge, U.S. Air Force
Court of Military Review,
Washington, D.C.
(colonel, 1983)

"Nowadays, less than one percent of the population serves in the military," he says. "If you're going to work together with Congress, you've also got an education mission." In other words, part of Hemingway's job — aside from running the criminal law system of the Air Force and chairing the Joint Service Committee on Military Justice — was to help those around him understand the decisions he was facing. The teaching experience in Colorado Springs came in handy with the regulators.

Shortly, after a stint as director of the judiciary (which was the first time he served in "a brigadier general's spot"),

1983–1985 >
deputy military justice, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Washington, D.C.;
chairman, Joint Service
Committee on Military
Justice; chairman DoD
Military Justice Act of 1983
Advisory Commission

Hemingway moved east once again to West Germany, where he became even more fundamentally involved with USAFE.



SEMBACH AIR BASE, WEST GERMANY

"The Air Force called me and said, 'How would you like to be reassigned?'" Not one to shrug off the duty ("When the Air Force calls and asks, there's really only one answer"), he accepted a new tour to Sembach Air Base in West Germany's southern half. The base was the headquarters of the 17th Air Force, and Hemingway's staff judge advocate job was a big one. At the time, the 17th Air Force — one of many geographically organized groups just below the major command level — was the largest numbered air force in the world. "We had more planes and bases than all of the Pacific air forces combined," Hemingway says.

Within three years, a short move to Ramstein Air Base made Hemingway staff judge advocate for all of USAFE, which

put him in charge of 38 legal offices in 17 countries. He was given the job when the command was at its largest size ever. By the time of his departure from USAFE in 1990, the absence of Cold War rumbles and the dismantling of cruise missile bases had signaled a retraction of Air Force assets abroad.

1985–1988 >
staff judge advocate,
 17th Air Force, Sembach AB,
 West Germany

1988–1990 >
staff judge advocate,
 Headquarters U.S. Air Forces
 in Europe, Ramstein AB,
 West Germany



SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL.

COMING HOME

Hemingway's return to Washington, D.C., in May 1990 marked the end of his service abroad. However, while he would remain on American soil for the duration of his Air Force career, it was during this period of time that he stepped up from the rank of colonel to brigadier general.

He was initially assigned to the Pentagon as director of the judiciary. Again, the role demanded that he cooperate with lawyers and officials from disparate organizations and multiple branches of the military. All told, he had around 650 lawyers around the world under his supervision. "I thought I was going to retire out of that position," he says. "But that's when lightning struck and I got promoted to brigadier general."

Subsequently, yet another move took him to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois and a new kind of multitasking.

"I wore two hats," he says. "I was staff judge advocate for Air Mobility Command, and chief counsel at the U.S. Transportation Command — which was a unified command, meaning that it included all military branches."

1990–1991 >
director of the
 judiciary,
 the Pentagon

1991–1996 >
chief counsel, U.S.
 Transportation
 Command, staff
 judge advocate,
 Headquarters
 Air Mobility
 Command,
 Scott AFB, Ill.
 (brigadier
 general, 1992)

There were a lot of gears to keep moving at the same time. Hemingway worked with contract officers at the same time that he supervised lawyers. He also helped manage the civil reserve air fleet, which facilitates business between private airlines and the Department of Defense to provide airliners for transportation in case of military mobilization. He also oversaw contracting for civilian trucking firms and sealift companies. "If the Department of Defense needed something moved," he says, "we did it organically with military transportation or contracted for it."



RETIREMENT AND REACTIVATION

The first retirement for Hemingway came in 1996, but he stayed busy afterward consulting for groups in Washington, D.C. He never referred to this period

1996-2002 >
retirement and consultant for
Washington D.C., groups

of work as practicing law, he points out, because he typically worked with corporations who would call with questions having to do with policy decisions and how to do business with the government. "I got paid good money for giving them simple answers," he says.

In 2002, the Air Force called Hemingway and advised him that the Department of Defense had asked them to nominate

2003-2006 >
legal advisor for military
commissions, DoD

people for the position of legal advisor for military commissions. It was Guantanamo Bay business — addressing the issues of trying enemy combatants at a time when they were surrounded by the fog of the impending war in Iraq and the confusion of changing policy. Hemingway was activated in the summer of 2003.

He served the Department of Defense for another three years but family brought him into his second retirement when his oldest daughter was diagnosed with cancer. He spent several years traveling to and from her home in Yorktown, Va., offering his time and whatever else he could, until she passed away in May 2008.

"Five days after that happened, the deputy secretary of commerce called me. He said, 'I want you to do everything I don't have time to do,' so I went to

2008-2009 >
senior advisor, Office of the
Deputy Secretary of Commerce,
Washington, D.C.

work as his senior advisor." It was back to the heavy lifting: Hemingway worked on technology, information security and interagency issues, among other things. Air, sea and land transportation had given way by this time to satellite acquisition and tracking, and he cooperated with the National Institute of Standards and Technology as well as the Department of Homeland Security, which was in charge at the top level.

< Alumni Citations

Tom Hemingway '62, JD'65 (back row, fourth from left) was one of our alumni citation award winners back in 2002, when the university recognized him for his steady service and continual application of the university's motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born."

The alumni citation program is still a crucial part of what we do, and this year it is getting a bit of a makeover.

Citation awards have historically been connected to Reunion Weekend, but they will exist as separate events beginning in February 2011. This is our way of recognizing our award winners in a forum that is more tailored to them and more flexible for everyone else.

We are seeking nominations for the February citation awards. If you know of an alumna who deserves recognition for exemplary service, success or innovation, please let us know. Your nominations make this important program possible year after year.

Read about the different types of awards and make your nomination at willamette.edu/alumni/recognition.

The final assignment lasted until Jan. 20, 2009. For the third time, Hemingway decided to retire, and so far it has stuck.

But he still isn't content with idleness. For the last few years, he has worked closely with the Vanguard Foundation, the largest non-profit substance abuse treatment organization in the national capital region. He has done everything from fundraising to helping run the board of directors. He also holds a seat in the American Bar Association House of Delegates, where he represents the Judge Advocates Association. In April 2009, Hemingway, now 70, was elected secretary for the Army and Navy Club in Washington, D.C.

During a career so filled with movement, Hemingway's focus has remained on an idea he doesn't consider mutable.

"Some people don't understand the concept of service and working for something that's bigger," he says. "In the military I've always been working for something bigger." The many jobs around the world are Hemingway's expressions of duty, he would say, as well as — fittingly enough — Willamette's motto.

YOU'RE DOING **what** WITH YOUR DEGREE?

In the fall of 2007, we had an interesting conversation with a group of alumni. They remarked that one of the most unifying characteristics among Willamette graduates is that they succeed by following unique — sometimes surprising — paths. It made a lot of sense to us, and before long we were jotting down the names of alumni who were coming to mind.

We decided to build an event around the idea. In April 2008, we organized a program at Portland's Jupiter Hotel to recognize alumni who are doing remarkable things with their liberal arts degrees. Among the award recipients was a French major who became an entrepreneur and trains ski instructors on the side; another alumnus majored in English and is now an optician.

These alumni embody one of those fundamental liberal arts ideas: that being able to adapt in life is a necessary skill and — as they would put it — part of the fun. It was a wonderful event. The stories and outcomes we all got to hear were lighthearted and inspiring.

In the following pages, we've highlighted more alumni whose paths are intriguing and fun. Most of these are new stories that we've come across since we organized the first event, and they certainly comprise only a small sample of what's out there (even though, at 10 full pages, this is a jumbo feature). If you're interested in reading about more alumni, you can find their stories at the alumni relations website.

The following people are connected only by their shared academic lineage. They are all Willamette alumni doing what Willamette alumni do best: whatever they're passionate about.



2010 Event Details

The group of alumni we have showcased in this issue of *The Scene* are being considered, with others, for an award at this year's "You're Doing What With Your Degree?" program on May 20. We invite all Willamette alumni to vote for the people you feel deserve special recognition; we also hope you'll join us at the event.

You can also nominate someone else for a future award. Just use the form at the site below and we'll handle the follow-up.

To see more alumni profiles, cast a vote for your favorite or nominate someone, go to willamette.edu/alumni/ydwwyd.



SOAP Tim Ledford '01

Biology Major > Roving Sales Partner > Soap Maker and Business Owner

Tim Ledford '01 has a secret recipe.

Interestingly, he came up with the ingredients for his company's lathery trademark in a pinch, at a time when — through an odd turn of events with a business partner — he found himself managing a soap store without having any soap to sell.

"I had two weeks before Thanksgiving and the holiday season," he says. "I had a store but I didn't have any product." So he did what any good entrepreneur would do: He created it himself. "I made all kinds of test batches. By the 10th batch, I handed the soap out to people I knew and they told me I had a winner," he says. The basic mixture hasn't changed since.

All of this came about because Ledford — a biology major who says he put his degree to use when he had to learn what makes soap extra soapy — rejected the notion of having a boss. "Running my own show is great because I don't like the idea of having a limitation," he says. Previous jobs conditioned him to avoid being tied down in someone else's system. A natural salesman, he chose not to continue an earlier lucrative position in favor of controlling his own mobility.

He is aware of the risk involved, but that was part of the appeal to running his own business. "Waking up every day and having it be unknown — that's the exciting part," he says.

But why a soap business, people ask? Ledford answers with typical pragmatism: "Everybody bathes."

For more, visit slabsoap.com.

"EVERYBODY BATHES."

How it's Made

Soap, Ledford says, is made of some form of fat ("You can dress it up and call it coconut oil if you want, but what matters is that it's fat") and lye, a white solid known by chemistry majors as sodium hydroxide.

Ledford uses a cold method (which really means that he uses only moderate heat) of liquefying and incorporating the ingredients. They congeal to produce what is called the trace — a thickened substance recognizable as being soap-like. Adding in any other ingredients for scent and texture — lavender extracts and dry oatmeal for exfoliating, for example — produces soap for a specific purpose.

Ledford says he discovered an interesting thing about the manufacturing process: There's no waste. "Maybe I'll have some residue after cutting the bars," he says, "but all I have to do is pour some water on it."

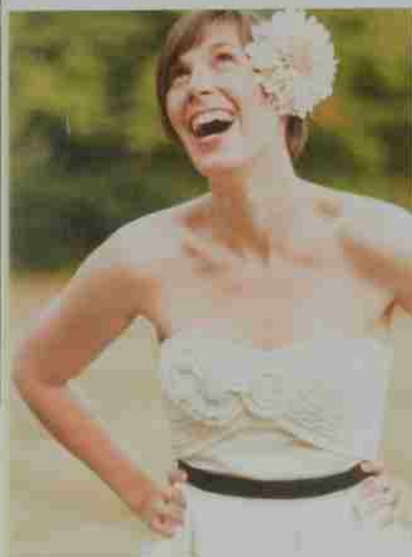
THE MULTITASKER

Kim Bamberg '99

Religious Studies Major > River Rafting Guide > Wedding Photographer and Author

It isn't often that an artist who doesn't even pretend to be a trained writer is approached by a major publisher to do a book. But that's what happened to Kim Bamberg '99.

Bamberg has made a living for the last decade as a photographer for hire — for weddings, portraits, fashion and anything else that tells a story. She works as a team with her husband, and together they've carved out a niche in Seattle's churning and competitive photography scene.



"The wedding photography world is crazy," she says. "I was lucky to get in at a time of transition." She has thrived in an increasingly collaborative environment where everything from appointments to ideas tends to be shared between businesses. Whereas the old school of wedding photography was "very posed" and promoted secrecy, the new industry provides incentives for openness.

One of these incentives is visibility. Not only does Bamberg manage La Vie Photography, but, by virtue of cross-town connections, she also helped found Junebug Weddings, which has evolved into one of the top wedding planning websites in the country. Bamberg gives the website its visual punch.

"We started Junebug and things have exploded," she says. "A press asked us to write a book about weddings — it's part of a new series that's intended to be a little more visually pleasing than the 'for dummies' books." Readers can learn the nuts and bolts of everything from wedding planning to kitchen plumbing — all with style.

Bamberg took to photography naturally, but it took her a while to settle on it as a profession. "I graduated in 1999 and was a river raft guide in Montana. I came to Seattle without an idea of what I wanted to do." But after a stint at a photography school and an inspiring six months living and taking pictures in France, she and her husband decided where they would head.

It has been a challenging success so far. "I'm definitely a product of Willamette," Bamberg says. "Multitasking is a requirement."

Visit La Vie Photography at laviephoto.com. Surf Junebug Weddings at junebugweddings.com.



BONUS PANTS

Dagny Haug '92

Theatre Major > Financial Aid Assistant > Clothing Business Owner

Entrepreneurs wear many different suits. Sometimes they wear boxer shorts.

Dagny Haug '92 majored in theatre, but she's not just a performer. She took a wide range of classes within the department — notably costume design — and used that training to do something interesting for a living. A creative streak and a knack for sewing led to Bonus Pants.

The company produces thought-provoking and humorous boxer short designs. These aren't your ordinary boxers. Each pair is developed around a specific fabric, a theme, and a witty name. "Crabbypants," for example, is a top seller "suitable for cantankerous crustaceans" and features a series of agitated-looking crabs crawling around. "Liar Liar" uses fabric that looks like it's on fire.

Despite the playfulness, Bonus Pants is a full-time job for Haug. She has become a consistent part of the Portland Saturday Market, where she does much of her selling, and she is mindful to keep her products affordable. A pair of hand-sewn boxers costs \$18 — but, as her website points out, "that's only \$9 per leg!"

She continues to look to the future. "My theoretical favorite pair is called 'Will Shortz,'" she says, thinking of National Public Radio's weekly puzzle master. "But I'm still waiting for really good crossword fabric to be released."

To see the rest of the collection, visit bonuspants.com.

THE DOTTED OUTLINE Al James '99

English Major > Wine Distributor > Songwriter

The three basic chords in Dolorean's "The Search" are more than enough. The band's frontman, Al James '99, has made a habit out of producing strummers that seem more complicated than they really are. But, as he puts it, "wisdom can be found" in a song just by stopping and listening to what's already there.

James, an English major, remembers his academic advisor at Willamette encouraging him to go out after graduation and collect some life experience. "I wanted to go into an MFA program, but Professor Gerry Bowers said that I should go to work and experience some things." It wasn't the most glamorous route to take, but it gave James plenty of stories to tell. Maybe Bowers knew that they would turn into songs.

James moved to Portland along with friend and fellow musician Tim Putnam '98. The pair started playing with some regularity, and James expanded his interest in music that had begun just a couple years earlier at Willamette. "I taught myself how to play guitar," he says. Chuckling, he gives away his secret: "I had a buddy take lessons and dumb it down for me."

It wasn't long before Dolorean — a band whose name came about because it looked good written down rather than because it reminded its members of the famous 1980's car



PHOTO: BILLY HATCHER

"WE JUST TRY TO KEEP
GOING, CREATING SOMETHING
THAT MATTERS"

— had taken off. For the last few years, James and his bandmates have spent a lot of their time in the Northwest but they've also toured internationally. Their latest album, soon to be released, should be the most exciting to date, according to James.

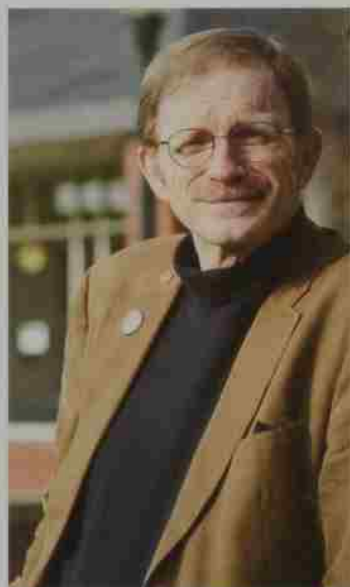
"We just try to keep going, creating something that matters," he says. How does the creativity flow? "Well, I need to have a clear head and a clean house — and my house isn't clean all that often — but it helps to not have a lot of distraction. I'll get an idea for a line or an image and I keep working on it."

"I'll have a dozen things moving slowly along at the same time," he says. "Fortunately, what I learned at Willamette is that it's important to follow things through. We'll be working on an album that seems huge, but it's important to just see it through because it'll take shape."

To have a listen, visit the band's website, doloreanmusic.com.

COMIC BOOK GUY Glen Bledsoe MAT'91

Master of Arts in Teaching > Grade School Teacher > Part-Time Comic Artist



The irony in Glen Bledsoe's work as an artist is that he's actually quite good with a pencil and paper. He just doesn't have to draw much when he's creating comic strips.

His process uses digital tools. Starting with individual frames from old films, Bledsoe, a 1991 Graduate School of Education alumnus and former instructor there, puts together series of images whose meanings might never have come to light when the original film was viewed at full speed.

"It's sort of like those scandal newspapers at the supermarket," he says. "I realized at some point that all they do is use bad video footage and pick the frames where a celebrity is blinking or cringing, and they can create all kinds of unintended expressions."

The trick isn't as devious when it goes into a comic, but the idea is similar. Bledsoe looks closely at what might be missed on a first viewing and comes up with original stories based on fleeting gestures and mannerisms. Once the artistry of shading, coloring, texturing and writing is completed, he's left with something that is at the same time familiar and novel.

"The process is an intersection of ideas," he says. "The more I play, the more I get hooked on it."

Bledsoe has provided us a glimpse in the form of a comic strip just for Willamette. Turn the page to take a look.

Goudy Commons

BY GLEN L. BLEDSOE

"WHERE THE BEARCATS GATHER TO GRAZE!"

ON OCCASION OLD CLASSMATES WILL MEET BACK ON CAMPUS TO CATCH UP ON THE LATEST NEWS. SO IT IS THIS EVENING AS TWO OLD BEARCATS BRING THEIR WIVES TO MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN DECADES.



HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN, FRED?

GREAT TO SEE YOU, SCOTTY.



MY HUSBAND HAS TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU.



THOSE WERE THE DAYS, EH FRED?

DID SCOTTY TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME HE PUT GREEN DYE IN HATFIELD FOUNTAIN?



EVERY ST. PATRICK'S DAY.



WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH YOURSELF THESE DAYS, SCOTTY?



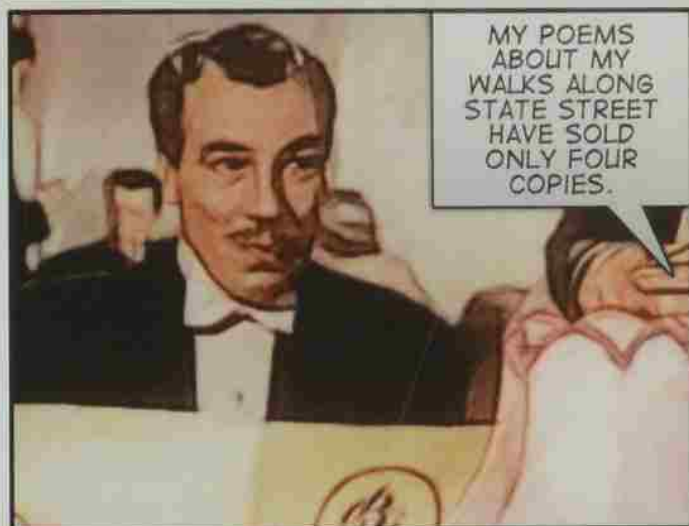
LAST WEEK I MOVED THE COMPANY'S DATABASE FROM ONE BANK OF SERVERS TO ANOTHER OUTSIDE OF USERS' HOURS AND TURNED A SLEW OF HARD-CODED LEGACY URL REFERENCES OVER TO A NEW LOCATION. IT'S GRUNT WORK REALLY, BUT IT PAYS THE BILLS.



HOW ABOUT YOU, OUR POET LAUREATE OF THE CLASS OF '86?



WELL, THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH ONE CAN DO WITH AN ENGLISH DEGREE THESE DAYS.



MY POEMS ABOUT MY WALKS ALONG STATE STREET HAVE SOLD ONLY FOUR COPIES.



AND PUBLISHERS WON'T TOUCH MY MYSTERIES ABOUT TINY TIM, DETECTIVE.



BUT HE'S FOUND AN ARTISTICALLY SATISFYING JOB WHICH PAYS WELL.

GREAT! WHAT IS IT?



WELL, I'M A PROOF READER FOR A TATTOO ARTIST, AND I'VE DEVELOPED A LINE OF HAIKU TATS WHICH ARE VERY POPULAR. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED LET ME KNOW, AND I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET YOU A DEAL.

FIN



CLASS ACTS

Ben Crop '08, MBA'09; Kiri Dyken '07; Drew Foster '07; Karen Johnson '07; Lesli Okorn '07 and Audra Petrie Veber '06

Most majors from any U.S. theatre program aren't going to go straight to Broadway, nor will they make acting or producing a full-time profession without a lot more sweat and a little luck. But they can find fulfillment in theatre if they know what they're doing.

Apparently, it also helps if they stick together. A surprising number of recent Willamette graduates are putting their training to work for Bag & Buggage of Hillsboro, Ore. Bag & Buggage, founded in 2005, is a young company that doesn't behave like one. It has grown into its new home at the historic Venetian theatre in downtown Hillsboro, collected season-ticket holders and returning fans who opt to make the trip from Portland, and — despite the push of a dour economy — managed to stay in the black.

"The company is great for us coming out of college because it treats us professionally," says Kiri Dyken '07. "They also try to pay fairly." Dyken recalls work with a different theatre company that, when real working hours were figured in, paid 40 cents a day. She's doing better now.

Audra Petrie Veber '06, production manager and stage manager for the recent production of *A Christmas Carol*, agrees that the pay is really in the product. "Theatre is not yet my full-time job — even though the quantity of work is full-time — but it's not about that." Veber works during the day at a private investment banking firm, but the theatre is her chance to get her hands dirty.

She says that she learned how to do that while studying at Willamette. "I wasn't even a theatre major," she says. "But

I really remember the relationships with the theatre faculty." These were some of the professors who taught her to be creative.

"You learn the rules of theatre and then you break them," says Lesli Okorn '07. "At Willamette, we learned about the classic material but then we were asked to create our own discussion or retaliation." Okorn has performed for three Bag & Buggage productions so far, and she has contributed a unique skill she picked up at Willamette: fight choreography.

In the end, those alumni who make their way into professional theatre generally do so because it's what they love. But it doesn't hurt when they're well prepared.

"I often feel that graduates from Willamette come as well prepared as graduates of a master's program," says Bag & Buggage Artistic Director Scott Palmer. "They're in touch with their own process. They understand the responsibilities."

It's a combination of the practical and the theoretical, according to Palmer, that enables these alumni to do well. "I think of us all as collaborators," he says. "We've done some really difficult things in terms of production, but the process of collaborating is fruitful and ultimately we've been successful together."

To visit Bag & Buggage online, check out bagnbuggage.org.

"I OFTEN FEEL THAT GRADUATES FROM WILLAMETTE COME AS WELL PREPARED AS GRADUATES OF A MASTER'S PROGRAM."

PHOTO COURTESY OF BAG & BAGGAGE PRODUCTIONS
L-R: AUDRA PETRIE VEBER, KIRI DYKEN, BEN CROP, DREW FOSTER, LESLI OKORN

TRADITION AND INNOVATION

Marge Steward '59

Psychology Major > University Professor and Dean > Artist

"On my first trip to Alaska," says Marge Steward '59, "a display of Tlingit and Haida Native American baskets caught my eye. I had never before seen such beautiful baskets. I knew nothing about the weavers, or the designs, or the materials. But it was love at first sight."

This was how it all started—a brush past an art museum gallery during a consulting trip to the Alaska Department of Health.

Twenty years passed before Steward began an art course of her own—in ceramics, initially—after retiring in 1998 from the University of California, Davis to Sitka, Alaska.

Having caught the artistic bug in full force, she progressed to basket weaving and was instructed by DeJoris Churchill, a Haida woman whose culture of crafting had ignited Steward's artistic spark in the first place.

"For several years I kept my two craft activities on separate tracks," Steward says. "I was taught to weave around a mold—my first was a peanut butter jar—to hold the shape while the basket developed." Initially these molds were basic parts of the production process and were removed once they had served their purpose. But Steward made a discovery when she opted to use her own ceramic pots as the molds. She weaved up and around the sides of the pots, and as she did so the Haida weave patterns hugged the ceramic as if becoming a part of it. Steward was left, as she puts it, with a "ceramic basket" of a type that literally had never been made before. "It worked so well," she says, "that I just kept doing it."

So far as anyone can tell, Steward is still the only one who practices this combined form of pottery and Haida weaving. Her Haida weaving instructor and her ceramics professor welcome her contributions to the crafts, and Steward feels a fond connection with the Native American tradition she has come to admire so much.

She still lives and works in Alaska, alongside her husband and biggest fan, David Steward '59. A common sight in the ceramics department at nearby University of Alaska, Sitka, Steward has been known to weave using yellow cedar bark harvested from trees in her back yard. For texture and design, she sometimes adds wool, pine needles or copper wire to the process.

Each piece of art she produces tells a story of tradition; each, of course, is also an innovation.



Alumni Artistry at Reunion

At last September's Reunion Weekend, Steward and other alumni from the Class of 1959 produced and contributed to a remarkable art show. The work was on display in the Putnam University Center and generated buzz from almost everyone—administrators, students, fellow reunion attendees—who walked through.

This year, the Class of 1960 reunion committee is organizing an art show of their own. If you are an art lover or a possible reunion attendee this year, consider this one more incentive to join your classmates on campus in the fall.

For more information, visit willamette.edu/alumni/reunion.

THE GREENER GRASS Grant Trenbeath '93

Willamette Baseball Player > Business Economics Major > Arizona Diamondbacks Groundskeeper

By Jamie Timbrell '06, MBA'08



As a young teenager, Grant Trenbeath '93 would ride his bike down to John Lewis Field almost every summer day.

His father, Willamette Head Baseball Coach Bill Trenbeath, had bought him the bike so he could get to his summer job as ballpark groundskeeper. Within a few years, young Trenbeath was playing second base for the Bearcats and maintaining the field as part of a work-study job.

Now, twenty years later, what Trenbeath would learn on those hot summer days and rain-soaked winters has led him to a career as the head groundskeeper for the Arizona Diamondbacks Major League Baseball organization.

"Twelve to fourteen years on the field at Willamette eventually got me this position," he says. "I loved playing baseball and always enjoyed making the baseball field as nice as possible."

Trenbeath graduated from Willamette in 1993 as the school's all-time home run king — a record recently passed by Kyle Stalker '09. He had spent the summer of the previous year maintaining Miles Field for the Southern Oregon A's, a minor league team in Medford, Ore., affiliated with the Oakland A's. Upon graduation, he returned to this position.

Miles Field won the Northwest League Field of the Year award for the 1994 season and Trenbeath was promoted to head groundskeeper for the Oakland A's spring training fields in Phoenix, Ariz., later that fall. In 1996, the Arizona Diamondbacks' rookie league team worked out and played their home games at Phoenix Municipal Stadium — the spring training stadium for the Oakland A's — allowing Trenbeath a chance to showcase his fields to the baseball operations staff of the Diamondbacks. In the fall of 1997, the team hired him to oversee construction of what was originally named Bank One Ballpark and to be the head groundskeeper for the inaugural season.

"When I was taking care of the field at Willamette, I wanted it to be the best. During my tenure there, Willamette's field was considered one of the best in the Northwest," he says. "I liked what I was doing, and once my playing days had concluded, I figured I should try to make it to the highest level."

On Sundays, Trenbeath's wife Trina Hettinga Trenbeath '95 and two daughters, Annika and Tea, can be found in the stands of now renamed Chase Field in downtown Phoenix watching their father work.

"You can look back at the end of the day and feel good about what you did as opposed to sitting in an office for eight hours and asking yourself, 'What did I just do?' There's gratification from looking back and seeing what you just accomplished," he says.

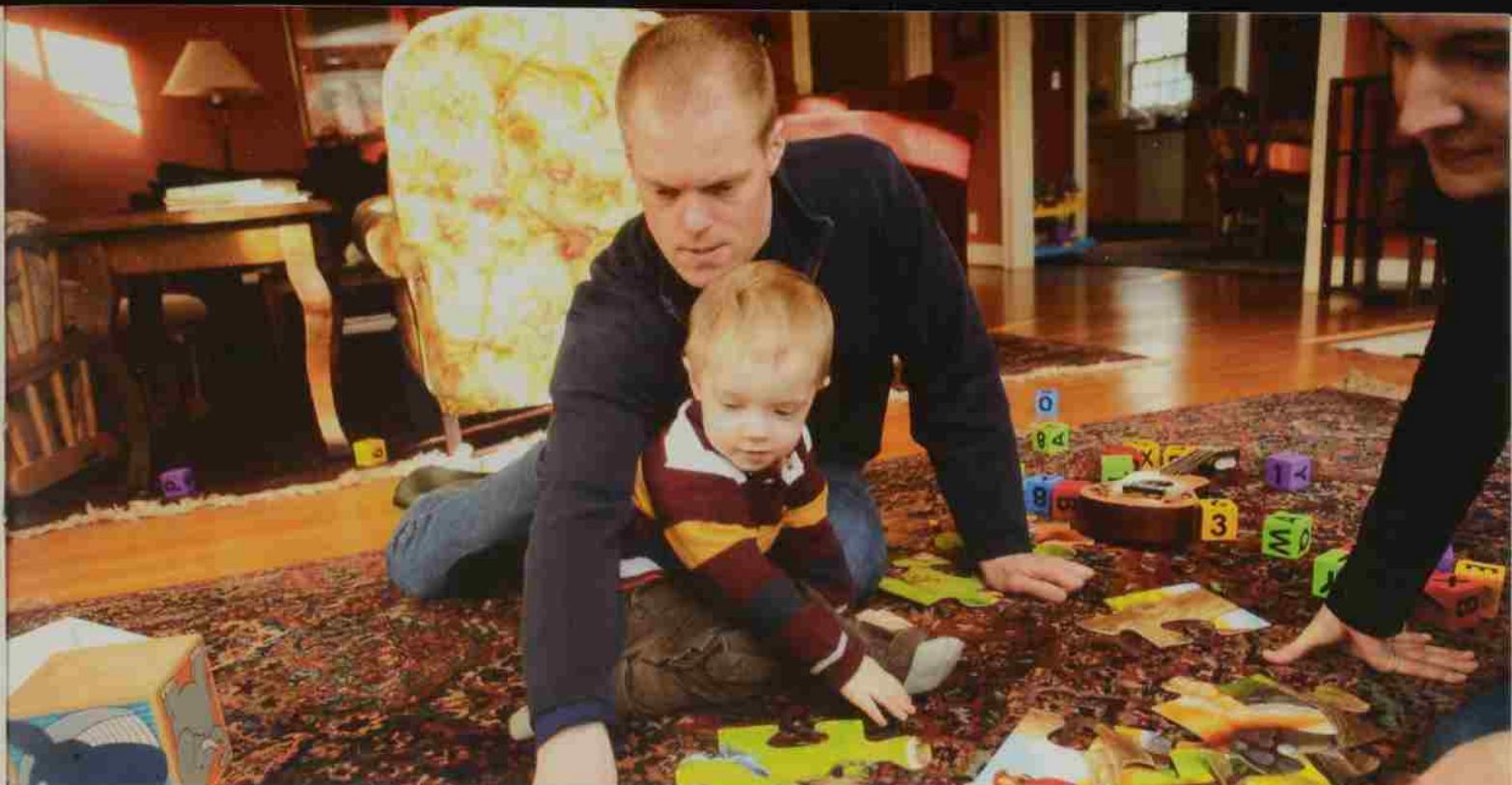
A business economics major while attending Willamette, Trenbeath's unusual career trajectory has benefited from what he learned in the classroom as well as from outside. "My education background has been fantastic," he says. "Come budget time, the accounting people joke that they have to worry about various departments, but they never have to worry about the grounds department."

Highlights from his years with the Diamondbacks include becoming friends and playing golf with some of the players, such as veteran pitcher Randy Johnson and slugger Luis Gonzalez. Trenbeath was there when the team won the 2001 World Series against the New York Yankees, and his father was on the field with him for the National Anthem at the Diamondbacks' inaugural game in 1998.

Grant's father, Bill Trenbeath, is a notable Willamette community member himself and served the school for almost three decades, as head baseball coach (1974-86), as a member of the alumni relations office (1987), and as director of athletics (1987-2000).

Jamie Timbrell '06, MBA'08 majored in classics and mathematics at Willamette and now works in the Bay Area as a freelance writer.

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THE THIN WU LINE Jim Fleming '92

Corporate Lawyer > High School Teacher > Police Officer

By Susan Domagalski Fleming '92



Daniel Fleming wants cake for dinner. His father — Portland police officer Jim Fleming '92 — explains the toddler version of delayed gratification: Brown rice and peas first, leftover birthday cake second.

"You can see some similarities for sure in how toddlers think and how some of the folks we see think," Fleming says. "That struggle between short-term and long-term thinking."

Working the night shift, Fleming sees a lot of inner struggles gone bad. "Some people ruin their lives little by little, some do it in one fell swoop." Drunks, drugs, attempted suicides, a woman attacking her ex-husband whom she believes to have fallen for her new boyfriend.

Quite a change from the 34th floor of a downtown office tower. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Fleming took a job as a corporate lawyer. It sounded good at cocktail parties but left him feeling restless. "The white-collar world was just not for me," he says with a smile.

Following a stint teaching high school, he decided to branch out from traditional career paths. "I think I'd been pretty limited before in terms of what I thought I was allowed to do with my education. But really, the thing about a liberal arts degree is that you can do anything."

"THE THING ABOUT A LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE IS THAT YOU CAN DO ANYTHING."

Part of police work includes the kind of reasoning and analysis he learned at Willamette. "Processing a crime scene is slow and methodical. The crooks are long gone and now you're trying to collect evidence and build a case," Fleming says. The other part of the job is almost instinctual. "In college you sit around all night examining an issue from five hundred sides. As a cop, you've got to be ready for a body to fall out of the sky and land on your hood."

Or maybe an unconscious blood-soaked biker in the road. At least that's the call. It turns out to be a man cycling home after a night of carousing, just stopping to take a nap in the westbound lane of Bybee Boulevard. A passing motorist, trying halfheartedly to revive the young man, has doused him with cherry Gatorade.

So what would Fleming say to young Daniel if he wanted to become a cop? "It's a great job," he says. He pauses, then laughs, "but I think I'd rather he made pillows at a pillow factory."

Susan Domagalski Fleming '92 is a Portland-based writer. She graduated from Willamette with a major in English and completed her MA at Johns Hopkins University.

WELCOME TO THE REAL WORLD: JOB SEARCH REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXPERTS

Willamette students and alumni have career-related services coming at them from two directions: the undergraduate Office of Career Services and the Office of Alumni Relations Career Network. The people who lead these two departments, Jerry Houser and Stacey Lane, have a lot to say about the essential elements of a job search these days. Here are several topics to think seriously about.

Selling a Liberal Arts Degree

It isn't the loftiest way to think about a liberal arts education — the notion of "selling" the undergraduate experience has felt odd to higher education administrators and faculty for years — but it is timely. In order to compete in the job search, Willamette graduates must be able to articulate, specifically and with confidence, the skills they possess as a result of their education. Fortunately, many of these skills are precisely the ones that get people hired.

"Employers want tangibles," says Jerry Houser, director of career services for undergraduates. "But the notion that a liberal arts degree doesn't give you any is, quite frankly, long out of date.

In virtually every study I see, the top skills employers seek are actually related to communication: verbal, written, interpersonal and computer-based. Even engineering employers rank communication at the top of the list along with technical skills."



"It's not about what you think your destination is going to be when you enroll — it's about the credentials you pick up on your way there."

— Stacey Lane

And that is what liberal arts students do all day long. They wrestle with ideas and learn how to articulate themselves; they learn how to listen, how to solve problems and how to adapt. They work as a team.

According to Stacey Lane, director of the alumni career network, it still takes some work to define the skill set for others to understand. "I see that alumni often value their liberal arts degree more as they move through their careers," she says. "They see real value in it having experienced its benefits first-hand. They also become more confident talking about it."

"Employers see the value there, too," she continues. "If I'm working with younger alumni who have come to the Career Network and are struggling to see how their education applies to a certain professional area, I refer them to other alumni who have seen it work. That's why we're

always looking for alumni who can share their stories."

Networking

It is no secret that networking — the art of building up a

series of professional contacts — is the single most effective way to land a desirable job. The trouble is that many people don't really enjoy it.

"But there's some good news there," says Lane. "Shaking hands and

We could use your
CAREER ADVICE.



THE CAREER ADVISOR PROGRAM

Career advisors assist recent alumni and current upperclassmen by sharing their professional stories and advice. They also provide business and professional background information that is greatly helpful to us as we work with those who are unsure what their professional paths will look like.

Career advisors are not meant to provide job offers — they are allies and resources for others who are navigating the job search process. Advisors can customize their involvement with the program to whatever degree they wish.

To learn more or get involved, visit willamette.edu/alumni/career_network.

exchanging business cards is old-school networking. Today, networking is more like a research project." It takes investigation into field trends, company histories and the different directions the economy might be leaning at any given time. It takes multitasking.

Houser and Lane can give anyone a list of the programs at Willamette that help with networking. It might start with Speed Networking, an event that introduces upperclassmen to alumni industry volunteers in a creative, speed dating-style environment. Then there are the shared online tools, like JobCat, CareerBeam and The Compass, that help students and alumni find allies and job opportunities. "The career services and alumni offices at Willamette have done more and more collaborating, and this is to students' benefit," says Houser.

The system requires help from the outside. "Alumni or parent career advisors are crucial," says Lane. "Once they sign up, they've already helped us. Even if they never get a call from a student or another alumnus seeking their advice, the fact that we know what they've done with their degree helps immeasurably. We have something to share with the student who asks us, 'What on earth can I do with my film studies major?' We have examples."

Credentials and Exposure

"For alumni, credentials equal experience, education and exposure," says Lane. "I talk a lot about this to alumni — particularly new graduates. It's estimated that 80-90 percent of the jobs that will be available after graduation for today's freshmen don't actually exist yet. It's not about

what you think your destination is going to be when you enroll — it's about the credentials you pick up on your way there."

Credentials come from experiences like internships (typically unpaid), research programs and other study-work opportunities. Aside from providing instant networking, internships flesh out students' resumes with real-world experience that matters. If marketing a liberal arts education is like marketing a car (we all shudder at the comparison, of course, but stay with us here), then internships sometimes serve as the alloy wheels, leather seats, moonroofs and horsepower. Extras matter.

What's more, the extras — like internships — aren't always thought of as extras anymore. Often they're assumed to be part of the package. The best internships are as competitive as the best jobs nowadays because everyone understands how important they are. When it's not enough to have a bachelor's degree, students need internships. And when it's not enough to have any old internship, students need to have won the best of all possible opportunities.

Moving Forward

"Here's one way to look at the current job market," says Houser. "A 10 percent unemployment rate is also a 90 percent employment rate. The question becomes, 'What can I do to become one of the 90 percent who are employed?' The supplemental question is, 'Can I get a job that I want?'"



"The question becomes, 'What can I do to become one of the 90 percent who are employed?'"

— Jerry Houser

For many new graduates, the answer to the latter is yes. But for others, the immediate rewards of their undergraduate work don't seem to add up.

Landing the right job often takes a resource that most Willamette students have very little of: time. "It's really tough for someone who is used to taking action and getting results to stand by while the rest of the world does its thing," says Lane. "It's not always even about measuring up or not — it's about being able to hear that little rumble of opportunity amid the chaos clearly enough to follow it."

How appropriate, then, that Willamette graduates tend to listen well.

THE COMPASS TURNS ONE **the Compass**

In March, The Compass — Willamette's online system for alumni — turned one year old. In those 12 months, it has changed the web presence of alumni relations in some interesting ways. Here's an update.

Users

To start, 2,899 users have registered at The Compass, which we think is wonderful. Our calendar year-end goal was 2,000, based on projections from the industry experts who developed our software. With your help, we exceeded that by about 35 percent.

Facebook

Two months ago, we launched a Facebook application that allows users to open The Compass from within their own Facebook account, meaning that they can reconnect with other alumni without jumping to a new website. We decided at the outset that we wanted to offer tools that would complement the social media channels alumni were already

using (rather than asking them to learn and use a whole new platform). The Facebook application is a good example, and feedback has been enthusiastic.

Career Network

One of the most important functions of The Compass is tied to the Career Network. We use The Compass to house our career advisor profile information and the career advisor search tool, and many of you have already volunteered with the program (see page 34 for more details about the career advisor program).

Event Registration

Last year's Reunion Weekend showed us that the event registration tool is crucial. We received feedback from

alumni who wanted to see a cleaner registration form, so this year the reunion registration is even more intuitive.

Reconnecting

Most alumni users log in to The Compass so they can look up their classmates, submit class notes or update their own biographical information. This has proven to be one of the easiest things to do (and helpful to us).

Success of The Compass ultimately depends on your use of it. Because of that, we owe you, our users, thanks for making this a worthwhile and useful tool. As always, we're open to suggestions and feedback.

Visit *The Compass* at willamette.edu/alumni/compass. Happy navigating.

TRAVEL PROGRAM: RUSSIA, GOLF AND EGYPT TRIPS ROUND OUT 2010



Thanks in part to an improving stock market and lower prices, the 2010 travel year will finish stronger than 2009. By the time *The Scene* reaches readers, there may be a few spots left for the Ashland, Eastern Oregon, Russia, Wisconsin and Egypt trips. If you are interested in any of these trips, it is best to make your deposit quickly.

The Russian River Cruise, Sept. 2–12, promises to be an excellent opportunity to see Moscow, St. Petersburg and points in-between. River cruising is a wonderful way to

travel — while unpacking only once. Over 20 Bearcat travelers have deposited so far.

Sept. 19–24 will be a special opportunity for golfers to play the fantastic **Whistling Straits course in Kohler, Wis.**, which will be the site of the men's PGA tournament just a few weeks before our arrival. Three other nationally known courses will help provide a once-in-a-lifetime golf experience. This one is filling up quickly.

The finale for our travel year will be **Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs**. This is truly a "bucket list" destination, and we have an outstanding tour package that runs from Nov. 7–22 and includes an option for five additional days in Jordan and Petra. Almost 20 deposits have been received for this trip.

If you are interested, give us a call at 503-370-6746 or email jbooth@willamette.edu.

— Jim Booth '64

To learn more online, visit willamette.edu/alumni/travel.

REUNION WEEKEND

September 24-26, 2010

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REUNION IS COMING!

Some things change — and some things stay the same. Come back to campus this September to see what's new at Willamette and rekindle those friendships and favorite memories.

Classes being honored this year:

1950 60th reunion	1970 40th reunion	1990 20th reunion
1955 55th reunion	1975 35th reunion	2000 10th reunion
1960 50th reunion	1980 30th reunion	2010-2005 Young alumni
1965 45th reunion	1985 25th reunion	

Festivities will include class receptions, wine tasting from alumni vintners, faculty lectures, campus tours, sporting events, Greek house tours, field trips to learning laboratories, and a lot of reminiscing and storytelling.

Find more information online at willamette.edu/alumni/reunion. Just click on your class year to see your class' unique reunion webpage.

Alumni Events

We're revamping our alumni events around the country and are looking for volunteers to help with hosting and organizing. If you'd like to get involved — whether you live in San Francisco, Dallas, Denver, New York, Boston or anywhere else — we'd love to hear from you.

Contact Amy Erikson Varga, director of reunions and alumni events, at aerikson@willamette.edu or 503-370-6975. For an up-to-the-moment list of events in the works, visit willamette.edu/alumni/events.

Sample of Current Activities:

Regional Alumni Reception

New York, N.Y.
April 21

You're Doing What With Your Degree?

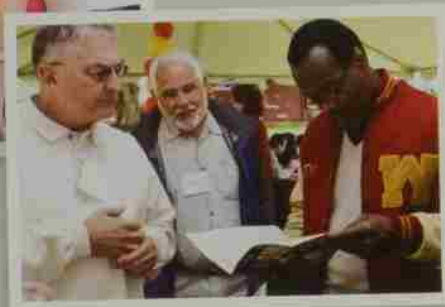
Portland, Ore.
May 20

Team Willamette Service Event at the Oregon Food Bank

Portland, Ore.
June 5



PHOTO: JEFF COLERON



CLASS NOTES

Submit class notes at The Compass:
willamette.edu/alumni/compass

HAPPY HUNDREDS

Two alumni friends currently occupy a club we like to call the centenarians — comprised of those alumni 100 years of age or older.

Mary Miller '31 turned 101 Feb. 1, making her our eldest alumnus. The former music and English student lives nearby in Oregon, as does **Betty Frewing '31**, a biology major. Betty will turn 100 right around the time this issue of *The Scene* reaches mailboxes.

We wish our centenarians many happy birthday celebrations to come.

College of Liberal Arts
Class Notes

1940s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

Marjory (Stockman) Gossler '49 has been "alive and active" all these years working with the family business, Gossler Farms Nursery. The Nursery was recently highlighted by the Eugene, Ore., *Register-Guard*, for not only its display garden — which contains over 6,000 species — but also because the Gosslers recently published a book: *The Gossler Guide to the Best Hardy Shrubs*.

1950s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION,
CLASS OF 1950 REUNION

Richard Endsley '51 and his wife Pat have organized a volunteer group to tutor students in reading and other subjects. Positive results have earned the Endsleys awards and commendations from the governor, legislature and local districts.

Lewis Schaad '56 is an owner of August Cellar Winery in Newberg, Ore. **Jim Schaad '82** is the winemaker and **Tom Schaad '85** is the general manager. The winery produces about 4,000 cases of white and red wines annually.

Gregory Nokes '59 book, *Massacred for Gold: The Chinese in Hells Canyon*, has been selected by *The Oregonian* as one of the ten best in the Pacific Northwest in 2009. The book discusses the 1887 murder of more than 30 Chinese gold miners in Hells Canyon.

1960s

CLASS OF 1960 AND 1965 REUNIONS

Tuften Beamish '61 published his fourth book, *Thin Air*, in January. He recently moved back to Oregon and has begun work on his next manuscript, loosely titled *You Thought I Was There*. Since 2001 Beamish has served on the executive board of the April Fool's Day Society.

1970s

CLASS OF 1970 AND 1975 REUNIONS



The Blue Devils Drums & Bugle Corps, based in Concord, Calif., won the Drum

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Becky (Ratcliffe) Carter '74 now heads Global HR Communications at Hewlett-Packard's headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif., and is living in San Francisco.

Dee (Miller) Staple '75 continues to live in McMinnville, Ore., with her daughter. Her husband passed away in Sept. 2008. She works for Real Valuations & Research Services doing commercial and farm appraisal work.



Sally Purbrick-Illek '76 is a member of four a capella groups on the Gold Coast in Australia. The highlight of 2009 was performing with The Hope Island Harmonists, a quintet founded by her husband Gunther Illek, in front of an audience of 25,000 people.

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CLASS OF 1980 AND 1985 REUNIONS



Don Kraemer '81, JD/MBA'87 was profiled in the July issue of the *Oregon State*

Bar Bulletin. He is a partner at Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt, and also co-chairs its technology and business practice.

On Nov. 1, Commander **Sean Moon '85** retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after 20 years of service. He immediately resumed work as a full-time federal employee with the Department of Homeland Security as a senior policy advisor in the DHS Office of Policy. He has held this position for the past three years. He and his wife Victoria have settled in suburban Maryland, where their son Ian is happily attending first grade.

Stephanie Lommen '86, JD'89 and **Dana Lommen '88** work together at Moore, Lommen and Ballard in Forest Grove, Ore. Dana recently won a \$200 drawing for participating in the Reader's Choice awards for the *Forest Grove News-Times*, while Stephanie received an award in the "best attorney" category.

Troy O'Donnell '88 is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, assigned to the Joint Staff, Directorate for Global Operations at the Pentagon. He works as a psychological operations planner.

Kevin Zerzan '89, MAT'90 was recently awarded a Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. Dubbed "the Oscars of teaching" by *Teacher Magazine*, the Milken Educator Awards recognize the importance of outstanding educators and encourage talented young people to enter the teaching profession. Kevin is the fifth Willamette graduate to receive the award.

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CLASS OF 1990 REUNION

Anne (Stetson) Medak '92 and Chad Haverkamp were married in a small ceremony at the Portland Town Club. Fellow alumna **Karen (Estcourt) Lang '92** was matron of honor. Anne continues to teach English at Centennial High School in

Grasham, Ore. Anne and Chad live in Portland and are raising Anne's two sons, William and Charlie.

Stephanie Libby '92 and Jack Williams were married Aug. 1 in Kennewick, Wash. Stephanie works as a physical therapist at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Wash., and coaches track at Richland High School. In addition to her son Andrew, Stephanie now has two stepchildren, Shelby and Shawn. The family lives in Kennewick.



To **Ryan S. Petersen '94** and wife Daniella, a son, Oliver Reid, born Nov. 1. Oliver joins older brothers Keith, 3, and Stanley, 2.

To **Debbie (Lawrence) Schuster '95** and husband Nathan, a daughter, Lucy Kathleen, born May 7. She joins her brother, Murphy, and sister, Audrey. Lucy's godfather is **John Bass '93**.

To **Jodi Connolly '96** and husband Steven, a daughter, Megan Naomi, born Aug. 12. Megan joins big brother Gavin, 2, who finds his sister fascinating!

Kathleen (Hogg) Frieze '96 joined Keller William Mid-Willamette Market Center in Corvallis, Ore. Her background is in real estate, sales, marketing and small business development.



Grant Stockton '96, JD '02 and Melissa Taylor were married Sept. 4, before a small gathering of friends and

family at the Helvetia Community Church. A larger reception followed at the Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club. Grant is currently a partner in the law firm of Brisbane & Stockton LLC.

Paul Barnes '97 is the executive director of the Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter and is "eager to do something to change the lives and circumstances" of people staying there. Previously, Paul owned a lighting maintenance company in Portland for 20 years.

To **Matthew Larsen '97** and **Jen (Goodwin) Larsen '98**, a son, Reese Gregory, born Sept. 1. Reese joins sister Hannah Alison (Hallie), 2.



Sarah Mattox '97 maintains a busy career as a classical singer. In 2009, she released her first solo CD,

Copland and Cole, with pianist Judith Cohen. It features Aaron Copland's *Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson* and a selection of lesser-known pieces from Cole Porter. In November, Sarah returned to Carnegie Hall as the soloist for John Rutter's *Magnificat*. She has been invited to perform the work with him again at Carnegie Hall in the spring of 2010. For more, visit sarahmattox.com.

To **Tobias Read '97** and wife Heidi, a daughter, Annika, born Sept. 22.

To **Erin (Duffy) '97** and **Gary Sweeten '97**, a daughter, Abigail Ruth, born Aug. 6.

To **Jessica (Baker) Knieling '98, M'04** and husband John, a son, Jaxon, born June 16 in Turner, Ore. He joins sister Hadleigh.

Angelic Young '98 was recently promoted to the position of senior coordinator for peace and security in the Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance at the U.S. Department of State. In her new position, she provides policy and budget guidance to senior leadership on more than \$10 billion worth of foreign assistance programs implemented by the State Department and by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

To **Carey Cox '99** and **Kristine (Kowalski) '01**, a son, Calvin Corbin, born Sept. 11. He joins big brother Carter James. The family lives in Beaverton, Ore. Carey received his MBA from the University of Portland and is an engineering manager at Sun Microsystems. Kristine stays at home to care for Carter and Calvin.

2000s

CLASS OF 2000 AND RECENT ALUMNI REUNION



To **Lindy (Gauntlett) Henry '01** and husband Kyle, a daughter, Ruby Joy, born June

21. Lindy is a communications manager at Microsoft. The family lives in Kirkland, Wash.



To **Katherine (Schuboth) Lancaster '01** and husband Adam, a daughter, Helen Audrey, born March 4, 2009. The family lives in Vacaville, Calif.



To **Terri Savage '01, MBA'06** and husband

Riley, a daughter, Keagan Read, born Sept. 24. She joins sister Parker.



To **Greg Jones '02** and **Kim (Weil) Jones MBA'02**, a

son, Cody Lee, born Nov. 13. He shares a birthday with his big brother, Caleb, 2. Kim will continue to stay home with the boys and work part-time as a family and wedding photographer.



To **Hillary (Arnold) Koning '02** and **Jared Koning MBA'09**, a daughter, Taylor Laurie, born June 12.

The family lives in Portland, where Hillary is a speech-language pathologist at the Artz Center for Developmental Health, and Jared is an operations analyst for Nike.

Mathew Lindley '03 is a staff member at International Exchange Center at Tokyo International University (Kawagoe). In September, in addition to his work to support international students, he acquired the title of disaster prevention specialist, a private title certified by the Japanese Disaster Prevention Organization.

Jennifer Berry-O'Shea '03 is a language arts and social studies teacher at Sweet Home Junior High in Sweet Home, Ore. She earned her teaching credentials at George Fox University.

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Wesley Randall '04, Brian Nelson '08, MBA'10

and **Justin Alvey '09** all work together at Wealthbridge Mortgage, showing, as they say, that the connections made at Willamette last a lifetime.

Katie Johnston '06 and **Bill Pippel '07** were married in July at Portland's White House bed and breakfast. The couple lives in Portland, where Bill is attending Lewis and Clark Law School.

Jennifer Bunch '05 and **Jeremy Mitchell '04** were married Aug. 29 in Troutdale, Ore. Alumni in the wedding party included **Blake Shinn '04, Will Rance '04, Seiji Hara '04, Dawn Rustrum '03** and **Naoko Kasakoshi '06, Phil Morton '05** officiated.

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Sarah Orme '08 and **Philip Handke '08** were married Aug. 8 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Sarah

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and Phil live in Indiana and are pursuing graduate degrees in law and communications.

Kelsey Walsh '09 is working with the Northwest Service Academy through AmeriCorps in Wilsonville, Ore. She works with the city, local schools and the community garden performing outreach and educating others about environmental issues and sustainability.

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Judith Heltzel MBA'84 founded Capital Financial Planners, LLC in 1984. The firm provides investment advice and asset management services to individuals and business owners. Heltzel's business partner is **Barrigan Nelson '99**.

Rick Emerson MBA'86 was the course designer and assistant race director for Primal Quest Badlands 2009 — "The World's Most Challenging Human Endurance Competition." Thirty-two teams from 14 countries competed in this 10-day, 600-mile event hosted in western South Dakota. His design was highly praised, with Brent Edwards of Team Orion (and the current world champions) calling it "the best course I've ever done."



Deloitte Consulting LLP has elected **Punit Renjen MBA'86** as its new chairman and chief executive officer in the U.S. Renjen leads the U.S. consulting business within the global consultancy represented by the Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu member firms, which in 2009 had combined global consulting revenues of \$6.5 billion and have offices in major cities throughout the world.

Tony De Alicante JD/MBA '88 was deployed to Iraq on Sept. 18 for one year as the command judge advocate in charge of the legal office in Al Asad.

Jay Desai MM'89 gave a lecture at the University of Cambridge (Judge Business School), UK, titled "Unleashing India's Democracy: The Power of Public Accountability." This research has a Willamette University connection: A component of the research is based on Hofstede's Cultural Dimensions, which Jay first came across more

than 20 years ago in an organizational behavior class taught by Professor Patrick Connor. Additionally, Professor Mike Hand did a review of the conclusions of the statistical analysis in the study a few months ago.



Rich Mussler MBA'89 recently published a third book, a novel called *Trial of Justice*. It's

"lots of fun and the books are doing well," writes Rich, "especially in the Southwest. I may be returning for a book signing this spring to the Pacific Northwest." Visit twistedtexas.com for more information or to purchase the book.

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John B. Kern JD/MBA'94 is chairman and CEO of a biomass export company he recently launched in Charleston, S.C., where he has practiced international business law since 1994. Carolina-Pacific LLC exports briquetted Southern Yellow Pine and Energy Crops to the UK and Scandinavia. For more, see carolina-pacific.com.

In March 2008, shortly after earning the Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation, **Sheldon Ren MM'98** successfully started an independent financial planning practice in Lake Oswego, Ore. His practice specializes in comprehensive wealth management, behavioral finance and advanced financial planning areas such as risk management, tax and estate planning.

Kirk Soderquist JD/MBA'98 was named one of the *Puget Sound Business Journal's* "Forty under 40." He is a partner in the licensing and technology practice in the Seattle office of Perkins Coie, and a co-chair of the firm's interactive entertainment practice. His practice is focused on intellectual property, technology licensing, digital media, entertainment, adver-

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Amy, a daughter, Eliza Ruth, born Sept. 25. Eliza was born in Lake City, Minn., at the hospital where Mark an administrator. She joins siblings Holden, 7; Lili, 5; Asher, 3; and Miriam, 2.



To **Kristin (Kondo) Storfa MBA'03** and **Ryan Storfa MBA'03**, a son,

Cadel, born April 27, 2009. Kristin is the associate director of annual giving at Pacific University and Ryan is the director of inventory planning at Game Crazy.

To **Joe Carmichael MBA'04** and wife Megan, a daughter, Tatum Jean, born Aug. 24.

Chris Magana JD/MBA'04 teaches investment management at Washington State University — Vancouver. He has been teaching a similar course at Concordia University for several years. As the senior portfolio manager at West Coast Trust, Chris brings real world economic and investment issues into the classroom.

Bea Tijerina MBA'04 recently started the 2010 Partnership for Peace program with the board of the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of Washington, D.C., on which she serves as vice president. The program is a new initiative that helps returned Peace Corps volunteers further

their commitment to the Peace Corps and serve the needs of the local community.

Kristin (Goodhue) Bauer

MBA'05 was elected to the board of directors for the Association for Financial Professionals (AFP) of Oregon and southwest Washington for a two-year term. Kristin also earned her Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) designation in January of 2009. The CTP is accredited by AFP National.



To **Meghan (Kerr) Laro MBA'06** and husband Eric, a daughter, Annika Elizabeth, born

Nov. 9. She joins big brother Ryan, 2.



Ichiro Nakajima MBA'06 and wife Etsuko welcomed their third granddaughter, Saki, on Nov. 9.



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In Memoriam

1930s

Elaine (Brown) Baker '32 died Oct. 5 in Roseburg, Ore. She was born in Roseburg in 1909 and moved to Salem as a child when her father was elected

Oregon State attorney general. She was a graduate of Salem High School and attended Mills College in Oakland, Calif., before graduating from Willamette. She also finished a degree from Columbia University Library School in New York City. She married Orrin Baker on her birthday in 1943 in Roseburg, and they were happily married until his death in 1960. While living in Roseburg she took and taught many adult education classes at Umpqua Community College, including tie-dye, spinning and weaving. In 1983 she moved to Drain, Ore., to be closer to her grandchildren, and became actively involved with the Sunnydale Grange, St. David's Episcopal Church, the local garden and senior citizen clubs, and numerous church and weaving groups. After her children left home she began traveling the world, and she traveled with a group of weavers to Scandinavia and Greece to attend month-long weaving schools. Survivors include a son, a daughter, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Wilfred "Bill" C. Sutton '37 died Aug. 2, 2007 in Los Angeles. He was preceded in death by his wife. Survivors include two sons, three grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

1940s

John A. Lindbeck '40 died July 24 in Salem. He was born in Portland in 1918, and attended Salem High School and Willamette prior to his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He was a member of the Class of 1942, which was pushed forward to graduate in 1941, 14 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor. After becoming an officer with a degree in electrical engineering he went on to serve with the USS Rogers, Rich, Raleigh, Monro, Navasota and Springfield. His tours of duty took him to the South Pacific, Europe, Asia, Seal Beach and San Francisco. He married Carolyn Brady of Salem in 1955 and they began their family with two daughters. He retired after 27 years, having achieved the

rank of captain. After the Navy, he worked at Willamette as business manager for 10 years. At the same time, he helped his wife harvest for the U-pickers of Salem. He enjoyed farming and woodworking, and remodeled their 150-year-old farmhouse. He was also a card-carrying member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and performed on the stage of the Elsinore Theater as a magician and ventriloquist. He loved fly fishing, drift boating, hiking and camping. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, **Mary Kate "Katie" Lindbeck '75** and **Ann C. (Lindbeck) Wulff '76**; three grandchildren and a brother.

Natalie (Neer) Smith '40 died Dec. 21 in The Dalles, Ore. She was born in 1918 in Oakland, Calif., and was raised in Salem, graduating from Salem High School. She transferred from Willamette to the Oregon College of Education and graduated from Oregon State University with a master's degree in education. She worked as an elementary school teacher for 35 years and enjoyed genealogy, reading, gardening, volunteering and spending time with her family. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

Mary I. Downey '42 died April 23, 2009 in Portland. After graduating from Willamette, Mary received a master's in library science from the University of Washington. She worked as a librarian in Tacoma and Vancouver, Wash., before joining the Portland Library, where she served for many years in the main branch. After retiring, Mary moved to the Rose Villa community in Portland, where she remained an active gardener, participated in Tai Chi and often led classes at the fitness center. She also served as librarian at the Rose Villa library. Mary loved Willamette, and she endowed the Carl Harris Downey Scholarship Fund in memory of her father. Survivors include a cousin.

Robert G. McGee '42 died Dec. 17, 2007 in Iowa. He was born May 14, 1917. Survivors include four sons and a daughter.

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Georgia "Cookie" R. (Cook) Döhlinger '43 died Nov. 25 in Klamath Falls, Ore. After two years at Willamette she transferred to Oregon State University to complete a business degree. She was given the nickname "Cookie" because several members of her sorority were named Georgia. She married Clyde Döhlinger in May 1943, and during World War II, while he was fighting in the European Theater, she worked in the Portland shipyards. After the war the couple moved to Klamath Falls and began farming and ranching in the Henley area. She was an avid gardener, seamstress and baker. She was a member of the Easter Star Aloha Chapter No. 5 and the Daughters of the Nile. She also served for several years on the Klamath County Planning Commission. Her husband and a son preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters and two granddaughters.

Elvy L. Fredrickson '43 died Dec. 11, 2008. She was born in 1921 in Portland.

Donald "Coe" C. Roberts '43 died Dec. 5 in Salem. He was born in Salem in 1922 and attended Salem High School before Willamette. He graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in business. He also served as a communication officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II. At Willamette he met his wife, **Lois Gladden '43**, and they were married in 1946. He owned and operated Capital Ice and Cold Storage in Salem, a business that his father founded in 1922. After selling the business in 1969, he worked for the State of Oregon Employment Division until his retirement. He served as scoutmaster for Troop 1 for several years, and he and his wife were Airstream-trailer enthusiasts. They were active in the Wally Byam Caravan Club for more than 30 years. In retirement they delivered Meals on Wheels, and he was also active in the Masonic Lodge and the Marion County Historical Society. His wife and a sister, **Georgia (Roberts) Zak '64**, preceded him in death. Survivors include

two sons, **Ross Roberts '80** and **George Roberts '72**, and two grandchildren.

Helen P. (Boltjes) Bowmen '44 died Sept. 21 in Portland. She was born and raised in Davenport, Neb., and attended Willamette until her marriage. She was raised with music, playing the piano and singing in choirs. A son and daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include a son.

William "Bill" H. Byrd '45 died Aug. 11 in Oregon. He was born in Salem in 1923. Survivors include two sons and two daughters.

Margaret G. Forsythe '45 died Aug. 13 in Oregon. She was born in Vancouver, Wash., in 1923 and was raised in Salem, graduating from Salem High School before attending Willamette. After earning her master's degree from the University of Washington in 1952, she moved to Washington, D.C., to begin her career as a federal employee. In 1978 she retired and moved back to the Salem area. She continued to travel and was a member of many organizations. She published two articles in *Arts of Asia* magazine, and taught English as a second language at Chemekeeta Community College. She was an excellent marksman and loved to attend the state fair to practice. She enjoyed hiking, photography, science fiction conventions and good meals with friends. Survivors include two cousins and many close friends.

James E. Rath '45 died Oct. 25 in Orinda, Calif. He was born in 1924 in Waterloo, Iowa, and attended Willamette before joining the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended the University of Colorado and graduated with a degree in chemical engineering. Afterward he attended Cornell University for midshipmen's school, graduating at the rank of ensign. The majority of his working career was spent with the Union Oil Company, from which he retired in 1983. Survivors include his wife, three daughters, a son, two stepdaughters, two step-

sons, 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Lyle A. Sheldon '45 died Dec. 26 in Wenatchee, Wash. He was born in 1923 in Carlton, Wash., graduating from Twisp High School in 1941. He married Mary Faye Hopper in 1946, and they lived on their Rock Island orchard until retiring in 1993. He was a member of the Civil Air Patrol in Okanogan, Wash., and Phoenix, Ariz. He was also a member of the Washington State Horticulture Association, the Upper Columbia Steelheaders and the Mayflower Society. He played a vital role in forming local and state chapters of The Arc of Washington State and lobbying the legislature to provide and improve special education in public schools. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a daughter, two sons and two grandchildren.

Anthony F. Desantis '46 died Nov. 28 in Silverton, Ore. He was born in Silverton in 1926, the last of five children of Italian immigrants to the United States. He graduated from Silverton High School before attending Willamette. He started Drakes Crossing Fire Department and served as fire chief for many years. He was active in many community and agricultural groups and gave time and money generously. He worked on his father's homestead and eventually purchased it, thus beginning a 59-year farming career. He marketed his berries throughout the Willamette Valley, and beyond that offered trail rides, hay rides and the "bucking barrel" to the public at the homestead, which he renamed Silver D Ranch. For the last 35 years, with two sons at his side, he was involved with the production of Christmas trees. He became one of the largest growers in the state, supplying trees to 41 other states. He invented and built equipment and machinery that made tree trimming, shipping and packing more efficient. He was preceded in death by his wife. Survivors include two sons, three daughters, 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Virginia L. (Cannon) Humphreys '47 died Aug. 14 in Fossil, Ore. She was born in 1925 in Mountain Creek, Ore., and moved to Salem with her family. She graduated from Salem High School in 1943 before attending Willamette. Following graduation, she taught in Newberg, Ore., and Springfield, Ore., and moved with her new husband to Waterman Flats, Ore., in 1950. She returned to teaching at Mitchell High School in 1957. As the women's volleyball coach there, her teams were nearly unbeatable for 25 years, earning her the Oregon State Athletic Association Coach of the Year award. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include three sons, a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and hundreds of volleyball players, whom she held in esteem as daughters.

Velora W. (Williams) Morris '47 died Aug. 30 in Medford, Ore. She was born in Winner, S.D., and moved to Salem as a child. After graduating, she moved to Pendleton, Ore., where she met her husband, Gordon Morris. They returned to Medford soon after their marriage. She worked as a second grade teacher for both Lone Pine and Kennedy Elementary Schools. She enjoyed writing, genealogy and monitoring the pursuits of her children and family. She was also very active in her church. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, **Carla (Morris) Tate '72**; two sons, **Ronald Morris '75** and **Leland Morris '75**; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Marion O. (Reamer) Sanchez '47 died July 10 in Oregon. She was born in Willmar, Minn., in 1923. Her husband, **A. "Ben" Sanchez '55**, preceded her in death. Survivors include three sons.

Jane (Fisher) Lovett '48 died Nov. 6 in Portland. She was born in Haines, Ore., in 1927. She worked as an administrative assistant for Cascade Corporation. Survivors include her husband, a daughter and a son.

Merle A. Akeson '49 died Nov. 19, 2006 in San Francisco. He was born in Portland in 1927. His wife, **Nancy (Hoak) Akeson '47**, preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons and two daughters.

Duane W. Ragsdale '49 died Nov. 17 in New York City. He was born in 1924 in Baker City, Ore. During World War II he attended the University of Colorado in the Naval V12 program and served on the William B. Langfitt troop transport in the Pacific. After the service he attended Willamette for two years before going to the Harvard Business School on an academic scholarship. After graduation he began working in the advertising department of Paramount Pictures, researching the impact television might have on the movie industry. He went on to Compton Advertising (now Satchi & Satchi), William Etsy, and then Ted Bates Worldwide. He was vice chairman at Ted Bates when it was the second largest advertising company in the world. He is a past member of the New York Athletic Club, the Harvard Club of New York and the American Advertising Federation. Survivors include his wife, a daughter, a niece and nephew.

1950s

Richard T. Andrews '50 died Nov. 17, 2007 in Oregon. He was born Aug. 24, 1924.

Douglas B. Armstrong '50 died July 16 in Portland. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He went on to a career in the paper industry. He was a native Oregonian who loved deep-sea fishing and bird and big-game hunting. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

Alfred M. Fedje '50 died Oct. 29 in Portland. He was born in 1926 in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was raised mainly in Astoria, Ore. At Willamette, he met his wife **Polly (Pollock) '50** and they were married in the summer of 1950. He was a member

of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, as well as captain of the varsity football and basketball teams. He received his degree after his service in the U.S. Navy and went on to complete a master's degree in education from Southern Methodist University. His career in education included many years teaching math and counseling in the Portland School District, as well as administrative roles in Gaston, Ore., Eugene, Ore., and Aberdeen, Wash. He was known for his 32-summer tours to Europe, leading education groups with American Heritage Association; he also had his own travel business, TLC Travel. He was a devoted member of the Eugene Empire Kiwanis Club. Two brothers, **Raymond Fedje '49** and **Earl Fedje '51**, preceded him in death. Survivors include a daughter, a son and three grandchildren.

Ruth E. Hagelstein '50 died Oct. 24 in Klamath Falls, Ore. She was born in 1928 to pioneer ranchers in the Algoma, Ore., area. She graduated from Klamath Union High School in 1946 before attending Willamette. Following her graduation she spent several years teaching physical education in Sherwood, Ore., before moving back to Klamath Falls to assist in her family's ranching. She continued to teach physical education at Chiloquin High School. For many years she played in softball leagues, including traveling teams. She also was an avid tennis player, bowler and golfer. Outside of athletics she enjoyed gardening, feeding wild birds and taking in the occasional stray cat. She was a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, of which her parents were founding members. Survivors include many nieces, nephews and their spouses.

Duane R. Ersgaard '51, JD '58 died Aug. 15 in Chattanooga, Tenn. He was born in 1929 in Sisseton, S.D., and moved to Salem with his family. He graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette and earning his degree in psychology. He went on to attend the Willamette

College of Law, graduating second in his class. After building a successful private practice, he served as county counsel before his appointment as a Marion County Circuit Court judge, where he sat for almost 30 years. A longtime member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, he enjoyed a variety of leadership roles, and with a strong baritone voice he made a vibrant contribution to the choir as a soloist. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

William D. New '51 died Nov. 30, 2008 in Salem. He was born in 1929. Survivors include two sons.

Mary C. (Thomas) Hide '52 died Aug. 26 in Arlington, Texas. She was born and raised in Salem, graduating from Salem public schools before attending Willamette. She spent two years at Willamette, and was a member of Chi Omega sorority, before transferring to the University of Oregon and earning her degree in nursing. An Arlington resident since 1966, she was employed by Arlington Memorial Hospital for 30 years, working primarily in the intensive care unit but also in nursing administration and dialysis. She served as an instructor of advanced cardiac life support and as a mentor for many newly graduated nurses. She was a bridge player and was active in her neighborhood's ladies club. Inspired by her husband and youngest son, she made a tandem parachute jump at age 59, and became a certified scuba diver at age 61. In the years since retirement she and her husband made a number of flights in their plane to visit family and participate in fun fly-ins with other aircraft owners. A brother, **Dean Thomas '48**, preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Marceline "Marcy" (Hutchison) Klosterman '52 died Dec. 4 in Salem. She was born in 1930 and graduated from Salem High School before attending

Willamette. After graduating, she became an elementary teacher. After her husband retired 20 years ago, the pair traveled extensively through the United States and to many parts of the world. In later years she helped build a family cabin in Central Oregon. She enjoyed making stained glass windows, painting, crocheting and knitting. Survivors include her husband, **Robert Klosterman '51**, a son, a daughter, and a granddaughter.

Raleigh "Dale" D. Carothers '53 died Nov. 29 in Portland. He was born in 1931 in a Woodburn, Ore., farmhouse. Raised in towns across the Willamette Valley, he graduated from North Salem High School before attending Willamette. He supported himself through college by raising strawberries for market. He was employed by the Oregon State Highway Division for more than 38 years, beginning in Gold Beach in 1953. He married Shirley Spotts in 1959. He was ordained a deacon in 1980, and also served as teacher, treasurer, secretary, pulpit supply, Sunday school superintendent and song leader. He was preceded in death by a grandson. Survivors include his wife, three sons, four daughters and 16 grandchildren.

Robert M. Redding '53, JD '57 died Dec. 21 in Coronado, Calif. He retired from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps in 1981. He rose to the rank of captain and served as a circuit military judge for the last eight years of his service. He and his wife of 51 years have lived in Coronado since 1984. Survivors include his wife, three sons and seven grandchildren.

Harriet A. (Aller) Storaker '53 died Dec. 4 in North Hills, Calif. She was born March 8, 1931, in Yakima, Wash. Survivors include three sons.

Sally (Stellings) Saburit '55 died Dec. 6 in Sacramento, Calif. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority while attending Willamette. A daughter preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter and four grandchildren.

CLASS NOTES

David Wisnom Jr. '55 died Nov. 10 in California. He was born in 1933 in San Mateo, Calif. While at Willamette he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and excelled at tennis, winning the Northwest doubles championship. He was president of the freshman class when he met his future wife, **Ruth (Joseph) '55**, who was class secretary. They were married in 1955, and after he was drafted into the U.S. Army they lived in Taipei, Taiwan. He continued to play tennis in the Army and won the Far East doubles championship. Returning to San Mateo, he began a training program with Crocker National Bank. His banking career led him to be manager of the head office, and he eventually became a senior vice president at Wells Fargo when it purchased Crocker Bank. In 1986 he took early retirement and he and his wife traveled extensively and continued volunteer endeavors in San Francisco. In 1995 the Volunteer Bureau of San Mateo County honored the couple for their community service. He served as president for many foundations, and was a board member for organizations such as the Boy Scouts and the Rotary clubs of San Mateo and San Francisco. He had a great love for young people and mentored many throughout the years. A daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, two daughters and five granddaughters.

Ray A. Myers '56 died July 24 in Ninilchik, Alaska. He was born in 1930 in Salem and graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. He left after completing two years to join the U.S. Air Force, and was subsequently stationed in Alaska working on aviation electrical systems. After the Air Force, he returned to Willamette to finish his degree, and went on to complete his master's at the University of Oregon. He worked as a health teacher, dean of boys at North Salem High School, and as a tennis and swim coach. He was the truant officer and director of special education for Salem

Public Schools. In later years, with rheumatoid arthritis, he moved to Mexico where he was still able to teach tennis in the climate there. He learned Spanish and took on the responsibilities of helping his new wife Mariana raise her five teenage children. He was an avid fisherman and also enjoyed crabbing and clamming. The last day of his life he taught his friends from Mexico to dig clams in Alaska. Survivors include his wife, three sons, a daughter, two step-sons, three step-daughters, eight grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Lauren J. (Meiseger) DeHosse '57 died Nov. 6 in Bentonville, Ark. She was born in 1935 in Havre, Mont. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, a sister and eight grandchildren.

Darr G. Johnson '58 died Oct. 10, 2008 in Washington. He was born Aug. 17, 1936.

Richard A. White '58 died Sept. 29 in Canby, Ore. He was born in Hood River, Ore., in 1936, and graduated from Salem High School in 1954. After graduating from Willamette he earned his master's degree in counseling from Oregon State University and a doctorate at the University of Wyoming. For almost 50 years he was an educator and counselor in high schools and colleges in Hawaii and Oregon. He chaired and presided over many state educational organizations, including the Oregon Association of Counselors. He also donated many hours to the local food bank, Portland Art Walk, Wilsonville Library and the high school choir. He was a founding member of the Wilsonville Arts and Culture Council, president of the Wilsonville Theater Company, interim president of the Wilsonville-Boones Ferry Historical Society and an active member of the Mendenhall United Church of Christ. Survivors include a daughter, four children of guardianship, two brothers and six grandchildren.

Robert W. Delk '59 died Dec. 9 in Salem. He was born in 1937

in Salem, attended Salem High School and was a member of the first graduating class of South Salem High School. He attended Willamette before joining the family business, Valley Oil Company, in 1959. He became president of the company in 1960 and the company expanded from home heating oil distribution to heating and air conditioning, paving, truck repair, petroleum trucking and — most successfully — aviation fuel. Outside of work he enjoyed automobiles and was always very particular about their upkeep. During his retirement years he was an owner of BreakPoint Coffee Co. He was also a board member of Meals on Wheels and delivered once a week. He enjoyed shopping for collectibles, especially old poker chips. A son preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, a son, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Sibyl K. (Barr) Kruger '59 died Oct. 4 in Silverton, Ore. She was born in Wolbach, Neb., in 1937 and moved to the Silverton area in her youth. After graduating from Silverton High School, she attended Willamette. She was a well-known fixture in Silverton as her post at the customer service counter at Safeway placed her in the center of community activity. She was a longtime member of the Silverton United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Lynn S. (Schrock) Pettit '59 died Jan. 5, 2009, in Colorado Springs, Colo. She was born in 1938 in Okanogan, Wash., and grew up a cattleman's daughter working the ranches in Washington and Oregon. After graduating from Willamette she received her teaching certificate from San Jose State. She met her husband at Orme School, where they were counselors during their college summers, and they married in 1960. They moved to Colorado Springs in 1968 with their two young children. Early on, she enjoyed teaching elementary school, and she was active as a community volunteer. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors

include a daughter, a son and a brother.

1960s

Martin G. Boatwright '60 died Dec. 1 in Salem. He was born in 1934 in Salem, graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette and graduated from Oregon State University with a degree in civil engineering. His father founded Boatwright Engineering in 1943, and after earning his own civil engineer's license Martin became a full partner in 1962. His father retired in 1963 and Martin assumed the presidency of the company and served until 1999, when leadership passed to his oldest son. He was involved with many different types of engineering projects throughout Oregon, including dams, water systems, small airports and general engineering services for a number of small towns and districts. He was the consummate outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. He also prided himself on his vegetable garden and fruit trees. For the past 20 years he was a volunteer carpenter and helped build theater sets for stage productions at Dallas High School. He was an active member of Liberty Christian Church for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife, two sisters, a brother, two sons, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

George B. Dille '61 died Oct. 1 in Grants Pass, Ore. He was born in 1913 and served in the U.S. Navy from 1931 until 1954, finishing as a lieutenant commander. He married Edith Lowe in 1938 in Gig Harbor, Wash. After retiring his degree at Willamette, he taught business law and economics at Fullerton Junior College. He and his wife moved to Grants Pass in 1990. He was a member of the Shriners and Masons in Oakland, Calif. A son and daughter preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons, 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

S. "Jane" J. (Drinker) Stetson '64 died Aug. 14 in Portland. She was born in Portland in 1941 and graduated from Grant High School before attending Willamette. She was an avid sports fan and loved cheering for her Duke Blue Devils basketball team, the New York Mets baseball team, and the Oakland Raiders football team. She enjoyed working in her garden, reading the latest mystery novel and traveling. She lived a service-oriented life and served on several community boards, including the Portland Garden Club as president, the Garden Club of America as director, the Berry Botanical Garden and the Colonial Dames as treasurer. She was also active at the Rental Sales Gallery at the Portland Art Museum for almost 30 years. Survivors include her husband; a daughter, **Anne E. Stetson-Medak '92**; two grandchildren; and a sister.

Renda K. (Brummell) Horn '68 died Aug. 23 in Destruction Bay, Alaska. She was born in Klamath Falls, Ore., and moved to Portland as a child. Music was an integral part of her life, and she began her musical career at Sellwood Grade School and Cleveland High School, where she played the oboe. She continued to study music at Willamette and later Lewis & Clark College and Eastern Washington University, earning her master's degree in music education. She began teaching in the Anchorage School District and soon after started the Anchorage Children's Choir, a private choir that continues today. After retiring from teaching she revived the Homer (Alaska) community band, Inlet Winds. Survivors include her husband, her parents, a daughter and five grandchildren.

1970s

Catherine A. (Cole) Westerlund '70 died Sept. 5 in Washington. She retired as a schoolteacher in 2001 after 30 years of service. Her brother, **Joe Cole Jr. '66, JD '69** preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband,

William R. Andrews Jr. '72 died Oct. 26 in Bothell, Wash. He was born in 1949 in Phoenix, Ariz. After graduating from Willamette, he went on to complete a second bachelor's degree, in finance, from the University of Oregon, and then an MBA from Kent State University. He worked in the aerospace industry for close to 35 years — 10 years with Lockheed Martin and 25 years with Boeing. He enjoyed hiking, fishing, gardening, his men's Bible club and was an avid reader. Survivors include his wife; a daughter; a son; his parents; and three sisters, including **Mary Andrews '72** and **Marta (Andrews) Isakson '74**.

1980s

Donna L. (Gray) Sarbacher '84 died Nov. 13 in Salem. She was born in 1937 in Boise, Idaho, and lived there until her family moved to a ranch in Kooskia, Idaho. She was studying to be a teacher at Lewis-Clark Normal School in Lewiston, Idaho, when she met Jordan Sarbacher and married him. They lived and worked around the northwest until settling in Keizer, Ore., in 1962. She started attending Chemeketa Community College when she could find the time and money while raising her family. After finishing her degree she started her career at Hillcrest School, and later worked at the children's unit at Oregon State Hospital, from which she retired. In her retirement she began quilting for family and friends. A son preceded her in death. Survivors include a daughter, three sons, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Wendy J. Callander '85 died Sept. 13 in West Linn, Ore. She was born in 1957 in Seattle, the youngest of three children. She graduated from Edmonds High School in 1975 and worked as a journeyman electrician while earning her degree in chemistry. She continued on to medical school, studying internal medicine. She retired from her position as medical director of Central City Concern when she was diagnosed with cancer. She loved the outdoors, especially,

kayaking and snowshoeing. Survivors include her partner, father, a sister, a brother, and six nieces and nephews.

Bryan K. Savage '87 died Nov. 30 in Tigard, Ore. He was born in 1965 in New York City. He graduated from Scappoose High School in 1983 and attended Willamette before heading to the University of Oregon. His greatest passion was for saltwater fish, coral and other aquatic animals. Survivors include his mother, three stepbrothers and a stepsister.

Timothy J. Blacklock '89 died Oct. 11 in Albany, Ore. He was born in 1955 in Selinas, Calif.

Faculty

A. "Freeman" Holmer died Sept. 8. He was born in St. Paul, Minn., in 1917. He was a popular professor of political science and public administration from 1949 to 1957. When he arrived at Willamette, he shared an office with another new member of the faculty — **Mark Hatfield '43**. At Holmer's memorial service, former Senator **Bob Packwood '52** spoke about the huge impact the professor had on his life, both personally and professionally. Following his time at Willamette, Holmer served as state elections director, state budget director and, later, vice chancellor of the Oregon university system. Holmer's family honored his life's work as an educator with the creation of the Freeman Holmer Memorial Classroom Complex at the Orkeswa Secondary School in Tanzania, a school co-founded by his granddaughter, **Ashley Holmer '02** (see Winter 2008 issue of *The Scene*). Survivors include his wife, two sons and seven grandchildren.

Trustee

Allan E. Voigt '47 died Jan. 5 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was born in Canova, S.D., the sixth of eight children. He moved to Oregon in 1937 and attended Salem High School before attending Willamette. He took a break from college to serve with

the U.S. Army, but he returned and graduated from Willamette. After graduation he went to medical school in Portland and spent four years in Minneapolis, completing specialty training in internal medicine. He opened a medical practice in Napa Valley, Calif. Upon retiring he moved to Sacramento and was president of the California Medical Association. He moved on to Palm Desert, Calif., where he was named to the board of directors for the Eisenhower Medical Center; he served on the Willamette University Board of Trustees for a decade, beginning in 1983. He finally settled in San Luis Obispo, Calif., where he lived for the past 15 years. He had a passion for the performing arts and spent time going to the symphony, opera, plays and reading. Survivors include nine nieces and nephews, 19 great-nieces and great-nephews, and many great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews.

FLYING HIGH

Dan and Penny (Russell) Miltenberger '75 have deep roots in Oregon.



Penny grew up in Merlin, a few miles removed from the interstate near Grants Pass, and Dan grew up in Pendleton. When it was time for college, Willamette offered Penny important scholarship support; she knew she preferred a small school, so she enrolled and didn't look back. She enjoyed her four years in Salem, majoring in chemistry and working part-time for the campus food service.

The couple's path got more interesting following graduation. When Penny and Dan settled in Albany, Ore., she opened a downtown delicatessen and drove a bus; he worked for paper mills. Flying, however, was their real passion. Penny has had a pilot's license for 25 years, and in 1994 the Miltenbergers built their own single-engine plane.

"We get the same income with no work, and with tax benefits to boot. Willamette staff did all the work; we only signed a few documents."

Years ago, the Miltenbergers began investing in local real estate to provide for their retirement.

They eventually accrued six rental houses and a number of hangars at the Albany airport. And when they began thinking about diversifying

their investments further, they exchanged two parcels of property for an interest in a Willamette charitable remainder trust.

The trust is now providing the Miltenbergers with an inflation-resistant source of income that won't go away. Eventually, it will provide a significant addition to Willamette's endowment in the Miltenbergers' names.

Penny explains why they contributed their property to the trust: "We get the same income with no work, and with tax benefits to boot. The Willamette staff did all the work; we only signed a few documents."

The Miltenbergers' trust will help future students directly as they pursue their own Willamette education. And who knows where they might end up.

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WHAT'S YOUR WILLAMETTE STORY?



From the Laurie Morris Anderson '68 archive

We're already working on the next issue of *The Scene*, and we'd like to have alumni readers contribute to it.

Please send in your memories of the "good old days" — when Mark Hatfield ran across the street from the capitol to teach a class, when a live bear visited a fraternity, when the university first got email, or whatever else stands out in your mind about Willamette. Help show us how things have changed — and how they have stayed the same.

Email your story submissions to scene@willamette.edu, and please limit them to 500 words. If you'd like to mail your submission, send to:

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Winter 2009 Reader Responses

Minam (Day) Wicks '46 was the first to respond to last issue's photos, informing us that it was Lorlei (Blatchford) Cayton '22 who sat (second from the left) smiling among the other white-clad women in the top picture. Harlan Wilson '64 picked out Jim Booth '64 and Dan Kessler '65 in the middle-left picture, and Robert Foster '72, MBA'76 helped explain the '70s-era spiral staircase shot: It was Putnam University Center's original staircase. The furniture in the picture, he says, "did not arrive for 1-2 months after the building's opening, supposedly because the train it was on derailed and the car fell into the Mississippi River."