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"B EING AN INTERN puts our learning into a more meaningful context, and enables us to do a service for the State of Oregon."

The story has been told of the campus visitor, who, upon seeing the pioneer-crowned white marble edifice across State Street, exclaimed "My, that's the most beautiful college building I've ever seen." The tour guide, Dr. Theodore Shay, chairman of the political science department, calmly answered, "Oh, that's just our laboratory."

Generally known as the State Capitol, the building nonetheless does serve as a vital and valuable laboratory for Willamette students, so Dr. Shay can be excused for his "campus expansion."

The current semester gives testimony to the function the State Capitol plays in the study of government by Willamette students. Thirty-nine students are receiving practical experience along with textbook offerings while serving as interns.

Twenty-four of the students are legislative interns; eight are lobby interns and seven are executive interns, all working under the supervision of Mrs. Kay Hutchison, a political science instructor. She is a former executive secretary of the legislative interim committee on public health and is convinced that the course she teaches "is to provide political science students with a laboratory situation in which they may apply and evaluate the concepts learned in the classroom."

The students have written hundreds of research papers for members and committees, they run errands, meet

constituents, help committee clerks, and keep track of bills.

House Speaker F. F. Montgomery terms the program "tremendously successful. I'm amazed at the dispatch with which the students have gone at their problems." Other legislators have equally high praise for the help they are getting from Willamette students.

The students themselves, some of whom spend up to 30 hours a week on their tasks, are excited about their opportunity to serve. One student stated "It pulls together what I have learned in college for four years. It is a fantastic opportunity, and Oregon is a fantastic place to do it in."

Seven of the interns get \$100 each for their services, made available by Willamette alumnus Rep. Hugh McGilvra (R-Forest Grove). The others get only the valuable experience of a worthwhile laboratory in government.



INTERN Dave Albright, Salem, whose quote headlines the article to the left, works with Rep. C. R. Hoyt (R-Corvallis). A sophomore, Dave is working on a vast research project on water resources. He is one of seven with an intern grant.

WU Grants Eight Sabbatical Leaves

After devoting a combined 113 years to teaching at Willamette, eight professors will take advantage of the University's expanded program of sabbatical leaves to go back to college themselves.

Utilizing a \$50,000 grant from the Fund for the Advancement of Education and matching money from the University over a three-year period, seven of the eight will receive full salary for a one-semester leave and one will study a full year at half salary. Following are the sabbatical recipients.

—James S. Douglas, associate professor of English, work toward Ph.D. in American Studies at Washington State University, 1967-68;

—Dr. Richard M. Gillis, professor of economics, post-doctoral work in mathematics and economic statistics at Tulane University, Spring, 1968;

—Dr. Charles R. Heiden, professor

of music, post-doctoral study of 17th century string literature in residence at Stanford, Spring, 1968;

—Dr. Milton D. Hunnex, professor of philosophy, post-doctoral study in philosophy and formal logic at the University of Washington, Fall, 1968;

—Clarence A. Kraft, associate professor of Spanish, study of literature, linguistics and history at the University of Salamanca (Spain), Spring, 1968;

—Dr. James R. Lyles, Jr., professor of education, post-doctoral study at the University of Florida on new trends in teacher training, Spring, 1968;

—Dr. John C. Paulus, professor of law, post-doctoral study in Europe on the history of property, Fall, 1967;

—Dr. Murco Ringnalda, professor of English, post-doctoral study in England and Holland on linguistics and theory of language, Spring, 1968.

Six Earn Promotions

Six faculty members and their new academic rank on Sept. 1 are: Dr. Donald Breakey, professor of biology; Dr. Gene Cooper, professor of physical education; Ted Ogdahl, associate professor of physical education; Dr. Kenneth Smith, associate professor of political science; Marija Udris, associate professor of Russian; and Stephen Prothero, assistant professor of mathematics.

Grades at New Low After Faculty Review

The mention of GPA will probably always elicit some groans from college students, as the topic of grade point average has consistently been a subject of great concern on the campus. Until recently, the topic at Willamette has been fairly well confined to student analysis and conclusions.

In October of 1965, however, the faculty and administration decided to review the subject and made their faculty conference topic "the philosophy of grading and student evaluation."

The results of their study became apparent last semester. The emphasis on greater consistency in grading and attention to definition of letter grades were the apparent reasons for the lowest grades in 20 years at Willamette.

From a high of 2.877 in the Spring of 1948, the all-campus average dipped to 2.586 this past fall. Likewise, the averages for all-men (2.481), all-women (2.723), all-fraternity (2.528) and all-sorority (2.697) were also the lowest.

Asked to explain the drop, Dean Byron Doenges of the College of Liberal Arts was quick to assert that "our students aren't doing poorer work. We are just trying to be more consistent in our grading policies and more conscious of what the letter grades mean."

For instance, the faculty has provided a rather lengthy definition of a C grade, which serves as a frame of reference for the other grades. "A grade of C represents a satisfactory level of performance which can be expected of any student of normal ability who gives a reasonable amount of time, effort, and attention to the work of the course. Such satisfactory performance should include:

Familiarity with the content of the course as shown by an acceptable mastery of the information, concepts, or skills involved;

Evidence of a basic understanding of the significance of the course . . . ;

Full participation in the work of the class, including: regularity of attendance, completion of work on time, making up work due to unavoidable

absences, contribution to class discussions . . . , and ability to express himself both orally and in writing in acceptable English."

The re-evaluation of the C grade by the faculty has definitely made the B's and A's harder to get according to Dean Doenges. "If we strive for consistency within the grading framework, then the student who achieves the A or B grade can justifiably feel a sense of accomplishment."



Seniors 'Swim'!

The class of 1967 was going for a "grand slam" during the 59th annual Freshman Glee presentation, but its enthusiasm was dampened subsequently by a trip through the Mill Stream on Blue Monday. The "swim" was a complete reversal of the three first places the class had previously scored.

Singing "A Song of Youth," the class of 1968 captured the coveted Glee Banner with a total of 70 points out of a possible 85 in the categories of words and music, presentation, and marching formation. The Sophomores were second with 67 points and the Freshmen third with 53. The "swimmers" totaled 48 points.

This year's Glee, under the theme of "Novelty," was held in honor of President G. Herbert Smith who is observing his 25th anniversary as president.

Forty-six Parents Accept Positions On Parents' Council

Forty-six parents of Willamette students have accepted positions on the 1967 Parents' Council, an advisory group which will assist the University in improving relations with one of its most vital constituencies. The Council, which represents six states, includes:

OREGON

Portland

Clayton L. Davidson (President)
Mrs. Davidson
James W. Bayless (Vice-President)
Mrs. Bayless
Mrs. Malcolm E. Fuller (Secretary)
Dr. Fuller
Mr. and Mrs. Byron Broms
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jack
Mr. and Mrs. Leland H. Johnson
Mr. and Mrs. Guy P. Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Olsen
Mr. and Mrs. Calvin C. Souther
Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Danielson
(Oregon City)
Dr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Boyd (Eugene)
Mr. and Mrs. William W. Woodworth
(Lebanon)
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Christy
(Ashland)
Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Heisler
(The Dalles)
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thorpe (Roseburg)
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Albright
(Salem)

CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Edgar (Arcadia)
Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Gerrish
(Palo Alto)
Mr. and Mrs. Victor E. Cole (Orinda)

WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice R. Hull (Sequim)
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Scarff
(Auburn)

HAWAII

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee (Honolulu)

MONTANA-IDAHO

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Rygg (Kalispell)

High School Seniors To Visit April 14-16

A Spring Weekend for high school seniors has been scheduled at Willamette April 14-16. Invitations are being extended to seniors who have indicated an interest in Willamette by starting admissions papers. A Junior Day is also planned April 22 to acquaint high school juniors with the campus. Interested juniors are encouraged to attend.

Our First Issue

The *Willamette Scene* is a new quarterly publication intended to provide general institutional news for the entire University constituency, with emphasis on those items which project University accomplishment and advancement. The items in this publication will replace *The Tower* section of *Willamette Alumnus*.

Aid to Total \$450,000

Admissions Selection a Busy Process

The quiet, calm image of the campus during Spring vacation is shattered by a trip to the admissions offices of the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Law.

The flood of last minute applications for Fall classes, the clatter of typewriters, the battle with bulging files, the continuing chatter of consultations all seem to be a part of the process to narrow the incoming classes to 425 in liberal arts and 125 in law.

Meanwhile, the office of student aid is processing almost as many applications for financial assistance, from incoming as well as current students.

Dean of Admissions Richard Yocum reports that he has accepted more students than at the same time a year ago and that more students have paid their advanced deposits of \$75. By the middle of March he had processed over 700 applications and on the whole he was very impressed by the quality of the students.

Dean Seward Reese of the Law School had scrutinized 352 applications by the middle of March, an increase of nearly one-third over a year ago. Inquiries received at the same time totaled 1,524, over 10 times as many as he received 10 years ago.

Zeller Wins Fellowship

Senior Richard Zeller, Portland, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for graduate study in psychology. A departmental assistant in psychology at Willamette, Zeller has not decided on a graduate school yet, but wherever he goes he will receive one year of study with all tuition and fees paid plus a living stipend of \$2,000. A supplementary grant will also go to the college of his choice.

Another Willamette senior, John Benson, Corvallis, earned honorable mention recognition. Benson is a Spanish major.

Zeller, who has been working with retarded children at Fairview Hospital and Training Center in Salem, is interested in teaching and research.

Previous Woodrow Wilson scholars from Willamette were Ashley S. Rose in English, 1958; James M. Smith in English, 1959; and Paul DeLespinasse in political science, 1961.

Willamette will disburse nearly \$450,000 in financial aids of all forms this year, according to Ted Shoberg, financial aid director. This total includes University scholarships, National Defense Student Loans, Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work Study and United Student Aid Fund grants. The total does not include scholarships received by the students outside of the University.

Enrollment Totals 1,370; Half From Oregon

Three states dominate the Spring semester enrollment of 1370 full time students at Willamette, but thirty states and eight foreign countries contribute to the total figure.

Students from Oregon number over 700 and comprise 54 per cent of the student body. Nearly 240 California students represent 17.5 per cent of the total, while Washington's 190 students rank third with 14.5 per cent.

Various cities sending a significant number of students include: Portland (253); Salem (130); Seattle (41); Tacoma (24); Lake Oswego (21); Honolulu (19); Medford (17); Palo Alto (16); Anchorage (14); and Denver (12).

Foreign countries sending one student each to Willamette are Austria, Canada, Iran, Japan, Greece, Palay, Tonga, and the Panama Canal Zone.

States represented by Willamette students: Oregon (726); California (237); Washington (194); Alaska (29); Hawaii (30); Idaho (17); Montana (18); Alabama (2); Arizona (5); Colorado (18); Connecticut (1); Delaware (2); Georgia (1); Illinois (6); Iowa (2); Massachusetts (1); Maryland (2); Michigan (2); Minnesota (2); Nebraska (1); Nevada (6); New Jersey (3); New York (7); Pennsylvania (4); South Carolina (1); South Dakota (1); Utah (3); Virginia (4); Wisconsin (5); and Wyoming (3).

Finian's Rainbow Due

One of the all-time, long-run successes in Broadway history, "Finian's Rainbow," will be presented by the Willamette College of Music and drama department in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 8:15 p.m. April 20-22. Tickets for this musical comedy can be reserved by calling or writing the college of Music, adults \$1.50, students \$.50.



SOMEBODY had a "foot ball" on the east side of Collins Hall, as Elinor Lindquist, '66, surveys the 19-inch prints that strangely appeared after Freshman Glee. Football coach Ted Ogdahl said it was the "jeer" of one of his lineman prospects.

Fraternity Survey Reveals Strengths

A fraternity self-survey was administered by Dean of Men Scott Rickard this semester, with nearly 65 per cent of the fraternity members responding.

In rating the strengths of the fraternities on campus, five of ten choices were clearly predominant, (1) they help teach responsibility of group living, (2) they provide the opportunity to establish close personal friendship, (3) they fill a void in campus life by providing an active social program, (4) they help develop individual potential, and (5) they encourage academic performance.

One response indicated divided opinion on the benefits of Fall rush (current procedure) over that of deferred rush (tried, 1964-66).

The survey included 18 other responses designed to help the six chapters on campus assess their strengths and weaknesses. Dean Rickard termed the results "interesting" and he expressed the hope that they would prove beneficial. He is still analyzing the written comments and intends to discuss the returns with Inter-Fraternity Council and each chapter.



GARY HERTZOG

Pros Draft Hertzog; Swimmers Triumph

For the second straight year a husky Willamette University lineman will take a crack at professional football. Gary Hertzog, a 6-2, 250 pound guard-tackle was drafted in the seventh round of player selections by the newest entry in the National Football League, the New Orleans Saints. Hertzog hopes to have as much success as former Bearcat Bruce Anderson, now a defensive end with the Los Angeles Rams.

The first Northwest Conference title of the year for Willamette was earned by Coach Richard Gillis' hard-working swimmers. Led by record breaker Cobe Grabenhorst, the 'Cats won both the NWC and District II swim titles.

John Lewis' basketball team broke even on the season with a 13-13 record and a fourth place finish in league play. High scoring guard Spike Moore, who tallied 1,500 points in four years, earned All-NWC honors, while forward Pete Slabaugh, who closed his career with 1,298 points, gained a second team berth. Moore moved to second place in all-time Bearcat scoring behind Ed Grossenbacher ('61) who registered 1,547 points. Slabaugh moved to fourth place behind Ted Loder ('52) who scored 1,396 points.

Bearcat wrestlers earned three individual championships in the NWC meet, but finished third in team standings. Willamette titlists were Randy Johnson at 137; Ian Fulp, 177; and Hertzog at heavyweight. The latter was undefeated until he lost in the finals of District II competition.

Three of the four Spring athletic teams at Willamette are expected to be title contenders.

Ten to Join WU Faculty

Ten new faculty members have been appointed thus far for the next college year, including a dean-elect in law and two visiting professors. The new appointments are:

—James L. Malone, dean-elect in law, A.B., Pomona College; LL.B.; Stanford University (currently assistant law dean at UCLA).

—William de Funiak, visiting professor of law, LL.B., University of Virginia; LL.M., University of San Francisco.

—F. Raymond Iredell, visiting professor of philosophy, A.B., Pomona College; A.M. and Ph.D., Harvard University.

—George S. McCowen, associate professor of history and department head, A.B., University of the South; M.A. and Ph.D., Emory University.

—Larry Christian, assistant professor of physics, B.A., Albion College; M.S. and Ph.D., University of Arizona.

—Walter Farrier, assistant professor of music and director of choral activities, B.A., Yale; B.M. and M.M., University of Southern California.

—Grant O. Thorsett, assistant professor of biology, B.S., Washington State

University; M.S. and Ph.D. candidate at Yale University.

—David Ashby, instructor in economics, B.A., University of Oregon; Ph.D. candidate U. of Oregon.

—Frederick Mattes, instructor in chemistry, B.S., Carroll College; Ph.D. candidate, Indiana University.

—Richard Sutliff, instructor in English, B.A., Dartmouth; M.A., Indiana University.

Church Plans Memorial For Mildred Atkinson

A memorial for Mildred M. Atkinson, wife of Willamette's chairman of the Board of Trustees, George H. Atkinson, will be established at the First Methodist Church in Burlingame, Calif. Mrs. Atkinson died at her home Feb. 2.

A member of the class of 1927, Mrs. Atkinson was married at the end of her junior year and left Willamette. She retained a strong interest in the University, however, and assisted in the establishment of the Willamette Lecture Series, the creation of the Chaplain's Office, and the Lee and York residences for women. The two residences were largely financed by the Atkinson Foundation of which she was Secretary.

Mrs. Atkinson was active in the Methodist Church as a member of the National Executive Committee of its Television, Radio and Film Commission; she held local posts in the Women's Society for Christian Service, the Pastoral Relations Committee and served as a youth counselor at the First Methodist Church in Burlingame.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Atkinson is survived by a daughter, Miss Lois Atkinson of Burlingame, and three sons, Ray N. Atkinson (Class of '50), Duane F. Atkinson (Class of '48) and Earl Atkinson (Class of '54).

Dr. Paul Trueblood Seeks Release From Duties As English Chairman

Dr. Paul Trueblood, head of the English Department for the past 12 years, has requested release from administrative duties as chairman of the department in May. He will continue as a professor in the department and devote his time to teaching advanced literature courses and doing research and writing. He is currently completing his second book on Lord Byron.

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