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There once was a BA from Bodoin,
Who didn't do much that they told him,
He was hearty and hale,
At both Duke and Yale,
But only the Bearcats could hold him.

Charlie Wallace Retires as Chaplain

The preceding limerick was one of many shared at a recent retirement ceremony for Wallace, who's guided us for 27 years. It was a giant party, really — what else would we expect? — and you can read his thoughts on p. 20.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt the impossible — and achieve it, generation after generation." — Pearl S. Buck



Mission Statement

Willamette University provides rigorous education in the liberal arts and selected professional fields. Teaching and learning, strengthened by scholarship and service, flourish in a vibrant campus community. A Willamette education prepares graduates to transform knowledge into action and lead lives of achievement, contribution and meaning.

Values

Influenced by its historic roots in The United Methodist Church, Willamette University is an independent, nonsectarian institution that embraces:

- the dignity and worth of all individuals;
- a commitment to diversity, service, leadership and sustainability in communities and professions;
- the ethical and spiritual dimension of education; and
- education as a lifelong process of discovery, delight and growth, the hallmark of a humane life.

Willamette's revised mission statement, approved in February by the Board of Trustees, charges the institution, through our rigorous education in the liberal arts and professions, to prepare our graduates to "transform knowledge into action and lead lives of achievement, contribution and meaning."

And they do.

For 170 years, Willamette has been a place where many generations of promising young people have discovered their passions and found their paths. Whether they become Peace Corps volunteers, Olympic athletes, teachers, United States senators, Nobel Prize laureates, artists, authors, entrepreneurs — or undertake any of a myriad of diverse and worthy pursuits — Willamette alumni are continually changing our world for the better. They are recognized as individuals of excellent character and achievement in their careers, engagement in civic activities, volunteerism in the community and genuine passion for what they do.

Connecting our students' own passions and interests with the benefits of a liberal education — awakening them to the power of their own potential and empowering them to apply knowledge in ways that create meaning — is the deepest purpose of a Willamette education. I can think of no endeavor more worthy of our time and attention than supporting an institution that has helped launch so many good and useful lives.

This issue of *The Scene* includes a story about how a recent history project connected current students with Native American alumni, broadening the experiences and perspectives of both, as well as a feature about a new archaeological dig in Orkney where faculty and students will spend the summer unearthing a "Neolithic cathedral."

Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Thorsett". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stephen E. Thorsett
President

THE (FULL) INBOX



Wondering Out Loud

As a university professor, I was very gratified to find you publishing an article on the wholly unfair dismissal of Professor Kollmann in the '50s. This was, indeed, the McCarthy period when many teachers lost their jobs due to their political and social beliefs. But was this the reason the good professor was fired? The article never quite makes it clear. The president pleads fiscal exigency but were other people being "let go" at this time? And you hint at McCarthyism... or was it Kollmann's dedication to free intellectual inquiry at a time when that was suspect? Anyway, congratulations on publishing the article.

— Noel Kent

Kollmann Thanks

Thank you for your recent article concerning Dr. Edward Kollmann. I was a freshman in the fall of 1951. He had a small group of us for whom he was the freshman advisor. He was a kind and gentle man and we were fond of him.

When we heard he was being fired, we were sure it was because of his objection to ROTC coming to campus. We were sad and angry. I was one of those who signed the petition objecting to his dismissal. It seemed a scary thing to do at the time, as we were afraid we might be in trouble for signing it. Your article gave some clarity to the situation and also let me and others know that he had a successful career elsewhere.

— Fadhillah Nancy Bradley '55



Acosta Isn't Alone

I graduated from WU in 2005 with majors in Spanish and anthropology. I am a substitute teacher endorsed in Spanish. While I was happy to see the article about Curtis Acosta, (it would be) nice to recognize some other fairly recent WU graduates who teach in bilingual programs... I have had the pleasure of working with (several) of these teachers and I can speak of their dedication to Latino students.

— Jeanne Beko '05

Memoriam Misstep

Dear Tufton:

My wife Mary (Reeh) Empey '56 and I have been avid readers of *The Scene* for over 50 years and always look forward to reading this outstanding publication. It does our university proud.

We were disappointed, however, in reading of the death of Robert Batchelder '54, JD'57. There were some errors in the reporting of survivors and it seems to me more could have been reported about this loyal son of Willamette. Bob and Fran both loved Willamette and contributed financially and in many other ways to the university. I would hope that you would consider writing a new report in the next edition that would correct the errors and give a little more credit to this wonderful man.

— Donald Empey '54

[We have reprinted an updated entry, courtesy of Empey himself, in In Memoriam. —Ed.]

Getting it Right for Nacho



I assume that lots of people who knew my late friend and colleague Nacho Cordova noticed a regrettable error in his obit that appeared in the last magazine, but I don't want to simply assume that others will take the time and ask you for a correction. His survivors include not "a son and two daughters," but "two sons and one daughter" — namely, Alex Cordova '10, Phoenix, and Terra (his one daughter).

— Ortwin Knorr, professor of classics

[Nacho's entry has been duly corrected in this issue and his record updated. —Ed.]

Oxford Comma, Please

On p. 35 of Winter 2012, there is information about a trip to Angkor Wat and the Mekong. It said, "... you'll see deep jungles and the Mekong Delta, stay in Bangkok and experience the famous Buddhist temple complex, Angkor Wat." The fact is that Bangkok is a capital city in Thailand... and Angkor Wat is located in Cambodia.

— Voraiek "Nink" Kosakul MBA'93

Mr. Knopf's Controversy

I very much appreciated the Winter 2012 issue of *The Scene*; the information about professor Kollmann, the ROTC program and Curtis Acosta's connection with Willamette was new to me.

I suspect that *The Scene* doesn't want to do controversial articles frequently, but [you might] want to tell how, in about 1942, President Knopf lost his job after causing a stir at the Selective Service board by registering as a conscientious objector.

— John Cotton '47

[In fact, *The Scene* covered this interesting story in the Spring 1991 issue. We have uploaded it to willamette.edu/scene for interested readers to review. —Ed]

Keep it Up, Blitz

It's good to see our embodiment of school spirit out and about on campus more these days.

Rather than a symbol of competitiveness at a school that defines itself by its athletic organizations, our mascot is also recognized as a symbol of good will and the sense of fun that balances the academic rigor on which we pride ourselves.

Blitz might be the most recognizable WU community member without having garnered distinguished academic awards, wielded administrative power,

started a company or excelled in athletics. I don't even know if you'd call Blitz employed. But our furry mascot lifts our spirits just by appearing, and one needn't worry about the proper etiquette for meeting a prominent Willamette personage if Blitz approaches. The only requirements are a little enthusiasm and a smile.

I believe in the serious venture of education and research that is conducted by Willamette students, faculty and staff in Salem and beyond, but I also believe that the students, and those of us who work here, deserve the reminder that we are a community that goes beyond those things. That is what Blitz does for us. I'd want to continue to see more of our mascot at student events and around campus, plus occasional appearances at more official functions. Anywhere we are Willamette, Blitz has a place.

Go Bearcats!

— Ramona (Mills)
Murtha '89



Tufton Solution 2.0

Several dozen responses later, we're gratified that so many readers spotted the word "Tufton" scribbled on the soccer ball on p. 13 in our last issue. We'll have to be sneakier from now on — the usual incentives for finding him hidden somewhere apply.



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TIDBITS AND BRIEFS



For the most up-to-date Willamette news and events, remember to check your email inbox each month for "WU News," our electronic newsletter. Not receiving it? Just email us - alumni@willamette.edu. Also, remember Facebook: [facebook.com/willamettealumni](https://www.facebook.com/willamettealumni).



President Thorsett: Q and A From Inauguration

What's the first thought that comes to mind to describe the feeling on stage as you gave your address?

It was a colorful blur, with all the flags and robes.

How did the robe feel?

Replacing my own orange regalia with Willamette's cardinal and gold really emphasized the duties I was taking on for the university. The sheer weight of the medallion presidents Hudson and Pelton hung around my neck helped, too!

What did it mean to have family with you — including your father, Grant, as the marshal leading the procession?

I'm sure neither my father nor I ever imagined sharing an event like this. We both felt very, very lucky to be there together.

What do you hope the audience (both live and streaming online) took away from the experience?

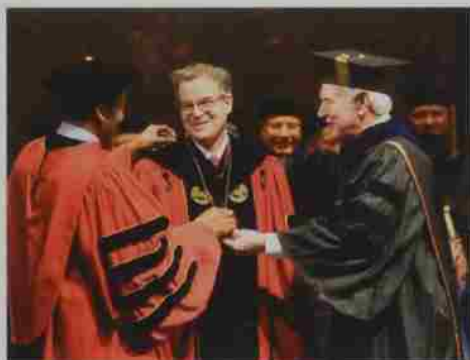
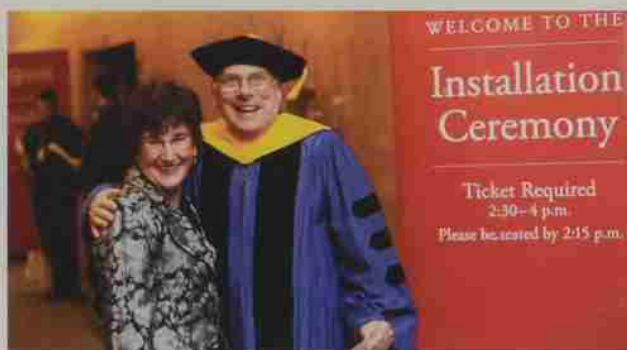
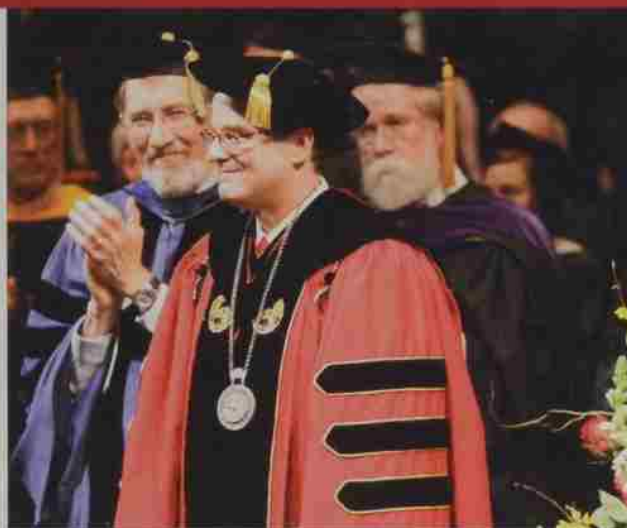
I hope they saw and heard what I did: the essence of Willamette refracted in so many different and wonderful ways by the speakers and musicians. The ceremony felt true to our long history, but also very true to today's Willamette.

You had a chance to talk with former presidents M. Lee Pelton and Jerry Hudson. Did they offer you any advice?

They have both emphasized what a great opportunity it was for them to lead Willamette — and reminded me to enjoy myself!

What surprised you?

The warmth of the welcome from the whole community did, as well as the number of people who wanted to be involved in the ceremony and reconnect with the university.



New Grads, New Memories

What's your favorite Willamette memory? We asked departing seniors again, and they delivered.



The overwhelming sense of community during moments of trial — like the flood in January 2012, when we worked as a whole.

Singing

"Don't Stop Believin'"

with the entire Bistro.

Being
kissed
under
the Star
Trees.



I LOVED the feelings of FRIENDSHIP, accomplishment and PRIDE that I felt at the conclusion of the annual Hawai'i Club Lu'au.

GOING ON A ROAD TRIP TO CANADA WITH MY FRATERNITY BROTHERS.

And the winner is:

THE EPIC DAY THE CAR DROVE INTO THE MILL STREAM.



Yes, it happened, and it made the news. A drunk driver careened past Goudy and into the tranquil Willamette waterway while trying to evade police. Campus observers saw him get out and continue to flee — by running up the stream — until he was apprehended. No ducklings were harmed.

An alumni/student forum.

This gave me an opportunity to see how others with my degree have made it work ... and their thoughts when they were in my shoes.

Seniors to the Alumni Board: Pay Up

The Willamette University Alumni Association (WUAA) board of directors provided a little incentive this year for Senior Fund Drive contributions (each year the senior class raises money to benefit younger Willamette students) and the '12 grads ran with it, demolishing old class records.

The board offered the senior class a \$4,000 matching gift — but only if 40 percent of the graduating class donated to their alma mater on the way out. Any donation amount counted. The board knew that this would be useful as well as strategic, since the senior participation rate affects things like guide-book ratings. Seniors aren't rich, but they are numerous.

At press time, they've exceeded 40 percent participation (average donation: \$6.75), and they're still climbing. The old record, set in 2011, was 35 percent.

This is great news for development, but it might be better news for students.

"Beating 40 percent participation of our class is an exciting surprise," says Carli Smith '12, who has helped with outreach. "It shows how aware our classmates are of the impact that a cohesive effort like this has on everyone at Willamette."

Get rolling, '13.

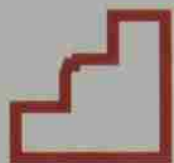
(More Of) OUR QUIRKY HISTORY

Shenanigans, courtesy of the class of 1962. The class returns this year for its 50th reunion, and the memories are flowing already (these were published in their newsletter). Conspirators' names have been removed so we don't get too many letters.

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COW IN EATON HALL

This one made the front page of the local paper. The story goes that a Willamette secretary discovered a cow on the third floor of Eaton Hall when she arrived at work. Upon seeing the cow on the landing, she stopped, turned around, calmly descended the steps to the first floor, exited the front door and promptly lit up a cigarette. After a few deep drags and a moment or two to gather her thoughts, she called her boss to report what she'd seen. No one remembers how the cow was removed.



SMOOTHING OUT "THE STEP"

WU prides itself on its history, and the "sacred old step" on the east entrance of Waller Hall is a prime example — worn down as it was, and remains in 2012, by years of foot traffic. In fact, WU had just created its promotional film featuring "The Step" when, one parents weekend, someone stealthily performed a midnight "repair" of the hallowed step with quick-drying concrete, filling in the obvious low spot so it was nice and smooth. The following morning, Ted Gooding '62 reported seeing two WU maintenance men bent over the east entrance with hammers and chisels, furiously chipping out the fresh concrete to restore the low spot.



THEFT OF THE CHAPEL RECORDS

Chapel attendance was mandatory for us until the revolt of 1961, but we got a taste of freedom in the spring of our freshman year when the chapel attendance records were stolen from Eaton Hall. Remember how each student could have two chapel cuts before being threatened with "social probation?" Well, when the attendance records were stolen, few continued to attend chapel; we think the university gave up on taking attendance for the remainder of the term.



SKUNK OIL

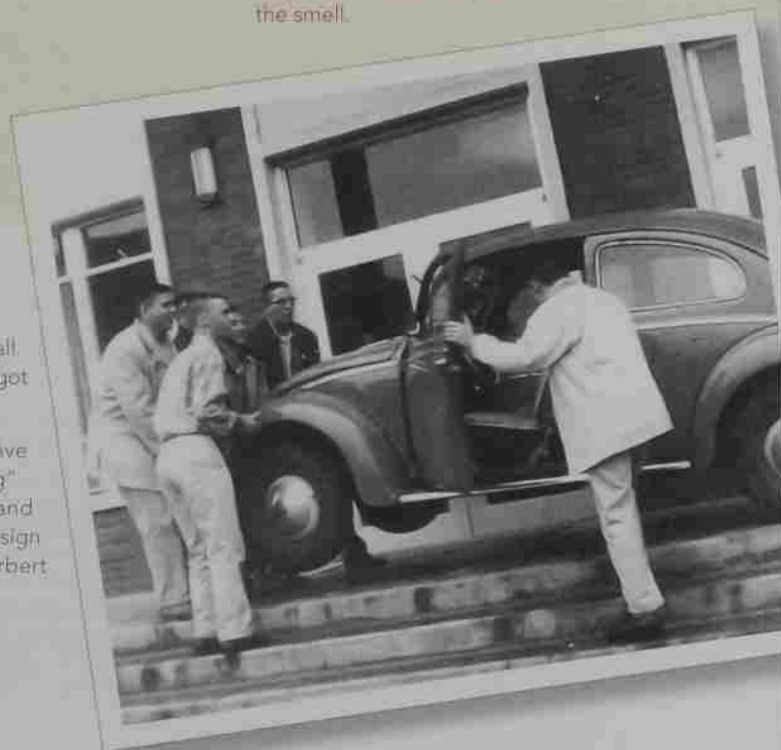
This caper should ring some bells with our Beta alums. At 4 a.m. one Friday during parents weekend, a clever fellow, who shall remain unnamed, walked undetected down the hallway of the Beta house, where he deposited minute drops of concentrated skunk oil on the carpet runner. The skunk oil drops were invisible, but the smell was overpowering. The next morning, all of the windows to the Beta house were flung open, and the residents were seen pitching clothing and room contents onto the grass in a vain effort to escape the smell.

About That VW

One of the class of 1962's unsolved mysteries surrounds a photo of a Volkswagen atop a set of stairs in front of an unidentified residence hall. Members of the class reunion committee remain curious as to how it got there and who the muscular culprits might have been.

Incidentally, the class of 1962 didn't start this Willamette "automotive tradition." Scotty Washburn '50 recalls a group of students "imparting" a Ford Model T into the Eaton Hall lobby (it required disassembly and reassembly because the entrance wasn't wide enough). A handmade sign hung above: "Herb's Used Cars." We can imagine President G. Herbert Smith's reaction to that one.

Disclaimer: Dear students: The Scene does not condone the undue appropriation of automobiles on or off campus.



CARDINAL & GOLD

willamette.edu/athletics



culture of CAMARADERIE

By Jamie Timbrell '06



Coach Damian Williams



The softball players weren't wearing their usual home uniforms.

Instead, they wore black shirts with "Willamette Softball" and their numbers printed in hot pink, along with pink knee-high socks.

It was all to raise funds for breast cancer research during a doubleheader this spring. Primarily, players hoped that they'd reach people impacted by cancer—but what they knew beyond doubt was that the effort was also a reflection of the bond they shared together.

The Bearcat softball players feel like they're part of a family, and that's by design. Head Coach Damian Williams has taught the team to be this way throughout his 14 seasons at Willamette. His players have responded to the concept of unity and made it work consistently over time.

Williams has led the Bearcats to a combined record of 288-219 (57 percent) over 10 winning seasons. Impressively, the team has earned 185 wins during the past eight years. This year, the team put together an 11-game winning streak on its way to clinching a Northwest Conference Tournament berth.

Still, Williams stresses a team culture that values trust, loyalty and patience over individual statistics or rivalry.

"It helps the players on the field to know that every day they can count on the rest of us," Williams says. "When players really believe that, victories come. Nobody wants to let their teammates down."

The players have taken this ideal to heart and carried themselves through the 2012 season on cooperation and the belief that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. Seniors on

the team are providing leadership by being friends first.

"So many of my teammates are best friends," says Carolyn Gava '12. "We're able to hold ourselves accountable on a level we couldn't normally because we have mutual respect for each other. We can push one another."

"There is an understanding of what is good for the whole and that we are a part of something bigger than ourselves," she adds. "I would drop anything if my teammate was in need because I know she would do anything for me."

As a result, the incoming student leaders are already proving themselves. Kelli Snyder '13, a catcher, led the Bearcats with a .400 batting average; outfielder Yvonne Drabin '13 hit .364. Heather Winslow '15 posted five home runs, and Theresa Martin '15 was clutch with both positional hitting and hitting for power with a .398 average. The future, as it has been for a decade and a half, is bright.

But, as always, the stats and the wins are really byproducts of another priority: camaraderie.

A Chance to Help the Bearcat Softball Family

During the soggy spring months in Salem, the softball team has had to conduct many of its practices in a gymnasium. Athletics has received a leadership gift of more than \$23,000 from the family of a former player to help construct a new, much-needed indoor hitting and

pitching facility, but it will take an additional \$40,000 to begin construction this summer.

If you'd like to learn more or join other alumni, parents and friends of Willamette softball through a contribution to the facility, please contact David Rigsby '00, director of athletics, at drigsby@willamette.edu or 503-370-6548.



From left: Mele Ana Kastner '15, Lettajoë Gallup '15, Nicole Smith '15, Mckenzie Weinhold '15 and Coach Noah Horstman

The New Par

By Jamie Timbrell '06

A new generation has taken to the links at Willamette, and four talented golfers are leading the team to resurgence in the NWC.

Mckenzie Weinhold '14, Nicole Smith '15, Lettajoë Gallup '15 and Mele Ana Kastner '15 have wasted no time lending their talents. "We have very dedicated ladies this year who have been putting in tremendous effort on and off the course," Head Coach Noah Horstman says. "They're definitely motivated."

In fact, they are seventh in the nation in Division III for their freshman class impact ranking, used to gauge a team's trajectory for the coming years.

The elder of the four is Weinhold, a sophomore transfer with freshman eligibility. Her transfer to Willamette came after she saw Willamette on a road trip with her cousin; with some encouragement from her mother, she sent an email to Horstman to find out about playing for the Bearcats.

When she arrived in the fall, Weinhold quickly came to appreciate the switch. "One of my favorite things about Willamette is that when we play tournaments, everybody waits for their teammates at the end. They're at the 18th hole cheering you on," she says. "Only the Willamette team does this."

"Everybody waits at the 18th hole to cheer you on. Only the Willamette team does this."

It isn't just about golf for Weinhold. She's also joined Pi Beta Phi, the Committee on Campus Honors and Awards, and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Her campus involvement hasn't stopped her from excelling on the green. At the Northwest Conference Fall Classic she shot a 78, her lowest score of the season, to help Willamette edge past Linfield into third place on the last day of the tournament.

Smith was critical to Willamette's success at the Fall Classic as well, shaving off five shots from her previous outing to boost the Bearcats' late surge.

"Both really stepped up when they needed to," Horstman says. "They're born leaders. They know how to motivate the team and they know how to keep it light."

Smith, a Portland native, was on Horstman's recruiting radar since early on when he saw her play at Westview High School. During the first day of the NWC Spring Classic, Smith improved her season best when she shot a 77.

On the second day of the Spring Classic, it was Gallup's time to shine, and she beat her personal best by an incredible seven shots — with 40 mile-per-hour winds howling through the fairways.

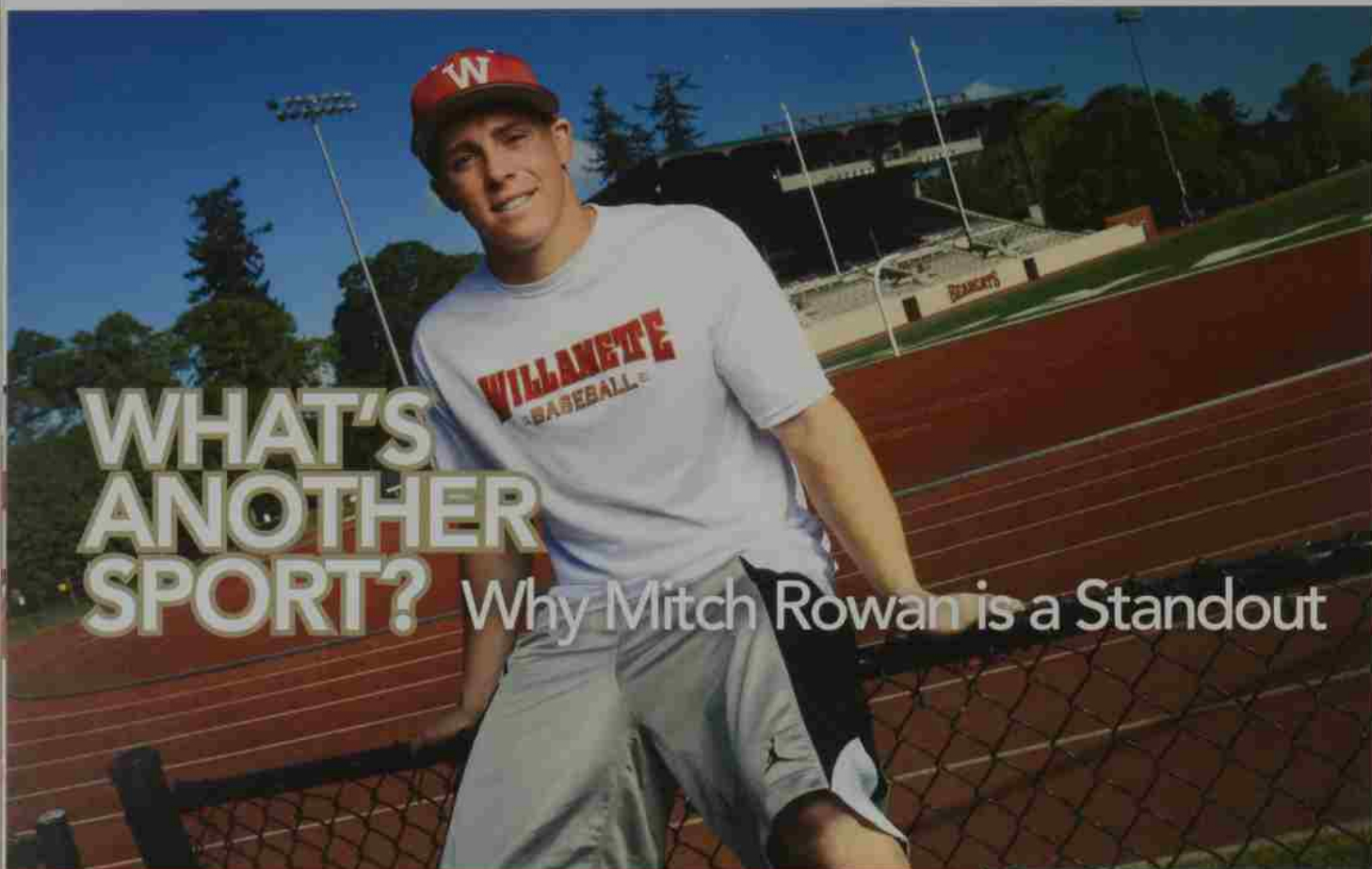
"Lettajoë broke out there," Horstman says. "She is one of the most passionate people on the golf team and she was a boost to us all."

When Horstman recruits athletes, he stresses that they don't have to fight each other for positions on the team and that Willamette has some things that larger schools don't. "If you want to study abroad, do it," he says. "It makes you grow and gives you more experience, just like sports. It doesn't have to be one or the other here."

Kastner, nicknamed "Bomber" for her ability to crush the ball off the tee, has also contributed to the team's growth. "With experience, she will surprise everyone," Horstman says. "She will be one of the best golfers in the conference in a couple of years."

We can't wait.





WHAT'S ANOTHER SPORT?

Why Mitch Rowan is a Standout

Mitch Rowan '12 knew as he was looking at colleges that he wanted football, baseball and a quality education. He found all three at Willamette.

By Robert McKinney



"I knew I could play at the next level in both sports," Rowan says, "and Willamette is a great place to get the best of all worlds."

Willamette football Head Coach Glen Fowles '96, who was the Bearcats' offensive coordinator during Rowan's four years as a player, recalled how well Rowan fit with the team.

"Mitch was an excellent kicker right when we needed one," Fowles noted. "We knew he could compete right away. He's just a great example of a guy who has made playing two sports work."

During his freshman season in 2008, Rowan made five of eight field goals and 62 of 66 extra points. He averaged 38.2 yards per punt. He helped Willamette go 10-0 in the regular season before finishing the year at 11-1.

After the season, he wasted no time in talking with baseball Head Coach Aaron Swick, then in his first year.

"I didn't know anything about him," Swick said, adding he was glad he gave Rowan a chance after the freshman batted 9 for 11 in his first intra-squad scrimmages. "He's

blossomed into one of the best players in the country."

In football last fall, Rowan was chosen Northwest Conference Special Teams Player of the Year.

Fowles says Rowan is methodical, and that his successes could be related to his eye for mechanics. As a kicker, he went beyond outright strength and learned to increase the hang time on his punts and kickoffs, all while refining his control over where the ball landed.

"Those were two things, hang time and positioning, that he was pretty exceptional at — it's not always about finding the guy who kicks the ball farthest," Fowles says. "He wears the other coaches out. It's always 'Hey, that guy just pinned us in again.'"

As a sophomore on the diamond, Rowan earned a .403 batting average. He scored 41 runs and collected 42

RBIs to go with 13 doubles and 12 home runs. Swick says that his approach to kicking probably flows over to baseball. "His swing is very compact. He doesn't have any wasted movement," he says.

Rowan was a First Team Preseason All-America selection by D3baseball.com prior to the 2011 season. He hit .393 in seven games before a hand injury forced him to miss the rest of the year. After recovering from his injury, he played for the Willmar Stingers (Minn.) of the Northwoods League, a high-level summer collegiate baseball league whose rosters are filled mostly with Division I and junior college players. He posted a .333 average and came away with solid lessons.

"I'm a lot smarter now," Rowan says. "My mental game has improved from playing over the summer and all of the seasons. I just have a much better mental approach."

He entered 2012 as an Honorable Mention Preseason All-America pick, despite missing most of the 2011 season. He batted .342 this spring and led the Bearcats with 40 RBIs, 11 doubles and 10 home runs. In his career, Rowan earned a .356 batting average and 27 home runs. He also blasted 32 doubles and was 26 of 28 on stolen bases.

Having graduated, Rowan plans to continue playing baseball — either as a professional or as a graduate student at the University of San Francisco, a short drive from his hometown of Cotati, Calif. His injury last spring resulted in a medical hardship waiver, which will allow him to compete next year.

According to Swick, Rowan could see long-term success because of his focus.

"He stays even-keeled," Swick says. "It's not too surprising that he's excelled in two sports and as an exercise science major, which is hard enough by itself. He doesn't get too high or too low on his performances and his aptitude is very high — that's key the higher he goes."

WILLAMETTE BEARCATS news and notes

WOMEN'S TENNIS ON THE RISE, Makes NWC Tournament

The women's tennis team qualified for the 2012 Northwest Conference Tournament, finally falling to regular-season champion Linfield in the semifinals. Senior Shannon Palmer '12 was chosen First Team All-NWC, while Sabrina Gutierrez '14 and Denise Poltavski '15 were named Second Team All-NWC.

Bearcat Softball Beats Top National Team

Willamette defeated Linfield, the top-ranked team in NCAA Division III, 2-0 April 14 behind a complete-game two-hitter by senior Alex Watilo '12. The win helped the Bearcats qualify for the four-team NWC Softball Tournament.

At the NWC Tournament, Pacific Lutheran took the title with a 3-0 victory over Linfield in the championship game. The Bearcats finished their strong season with a 21-15 overall record (19-9 NWC).

NWC Standouts in Track and Field

At the NWC Track and Field Championships, Paul Winger '12 won his fourth straight title in the 400-meter dash and was chosen Men's Track Athlete of the Meet. Ben Donovan '12 took first place in the 3,000-meter steeplechase for the third year in a row and Kit Kingstad '14 won the 1,500-meter run. Leading the women's team were Jaela Dinsmore '12, who won the 100-meter dash and 200-meter dash, and Theresa Edwards '13, who won the 800-meter run and 1,500-meter run.

JA! Stepan Spielt Gern Baseball

Former Willamette catcher Max Stepan '11 began playing professional baseball for the Feldkirch Cardinals in Austria this spring. The Cardinals compete in Europe's Baseball Bundesliga. During four seasons with the Bearcats, Stepan posted a .341 batting average and crushed 25 home runs.



It's FORE Time

This year, FORE Willamette, the Department of Athletics' annual fundraiser tournament, will coincide with Alumni Weekend in September.

Registration is now open for the tournament, which takes place Monday, Sept. 24 at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, Ore. Register at forewillamette.golfreg.com.

For complete news coverage, remember to check willamette.edu/athletics.

PHOTO ESSAY



"Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street, fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening."

— Coco Chanel

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by Frank Miller

Along with their suitcases and books, the American studies students of Tokyo International University of America bring with them a style and fashion sensibility that is uniquely Japanese. Drawing from styles and influences that span the distance from elegant classicism to comic books and anime, this approach to fashion expresses the exuberance and creativity of 21st Century Japan. On these pages Shotaro, Jumpei, Yūki, Natsumi and Miyuki all show off some of their style and energy.



UP CLOSE



BEAR(CAT) FOR A DAY

He looks so cute in the pictures.

But this rather large, not-so-tame bear was the main character in one of Willamette's oddest, and potentially most dangerous, campus events. One day in 1948, Scotty Washburn '50 picked up this furry friend at the Portland Zoo — now the Oregon Zoo — and "borrowed" him for the day.

After all, it was homecoming, and Willamette needed a mascot.

'Bearly Believable'

Back in the 1940s, Oregon had a surplus of black bears. Thinking that they'd make good pets, many people brought bears home; others took

them in because they thought they needed rescuing. When things didn't work out as the would-be owners planned, the Oregon Zoo inherited them.

"Many bears were sent over," says Jan Mothershed, the zoo's current animal registrar. "These bears were raised from cubs and handled by a lot of people, which is different than how we do it now. Now we work to have animals be raised by their biological parents."

One of these wayward bears was a male named Boscoe. He had thick, dark fur, ears at attention, and a face that could be endearing one moment and startling the next. He weighed about 100 pounds.

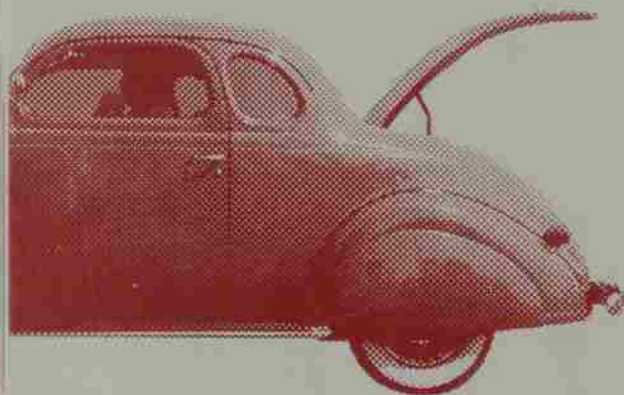
And he could just fit inside the roomy trunk of Washburn's '37 Plymouth.

The former Willamette Yell King remembers how it all started. "Carl Kraus '50, never at a loss for way-out ideas, had suggested that we get a live bear to truly capture the spirit of our Bearcat mascot and have him on the field for homecoming," Washburn says. "The football game on Sweetland Field, now the Quad, was a big deal that year."

It took a series of persistent phone calls to the zoo, but officials relented. "After a while, they overcame the seeming impossibility of it," Washburn recalls. They passed on some caretaking instructions and asked that Washburn be sure to return Boscoe by dusk.

"Boscoe came with a heavy collar and two chains about 8 feet long," Washburn says. "The zoo said that two people should tend him and

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Washburn (left) and an accomplice, in muddy Yell King garb. What 8-foot rule?



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Washburn and friends ran Boscoe onto the field this way at halftime, and "the crowd went wild."

Photographic evidence proves the 8-foot rule wasn't always followed as Washburn and others freely approached Boscoe to strike a pose; they even put a freshman beanie between the "newcomer's" ears.

Duly inspired, the football team defeated the University of British Columbia 33-0.

Disaster (Almost) Strikes

After the game, Washburn and Kraus handed Boscoe to another pair of students while they got the car for the trip back to Portland. But when they returned, everyone was gone — including the bear. Someone yelled from across Sweetland Field that Washburn had an urgent phone call. The voice on the other end of the line reported that "the Phi Deltis had kidnapped the bear" and had taken it to their fraternity house, where Boscoe was tearing up all the furniture. Washburn and Kraus were asked curtly to retrieve the bear.

Sure enough, Boscoe was acquainting himself with the house furnishings, but he eventually made it back into the trunk and onto the highway. So far as anyone can tell, there were no other damages or injuries.

"I can imagine bears being loaned out like that," Mothershed says. "Things were done pretty differently back then. Now there are certainly more safety protocols. Even animals in the zoo are wild animals; they can be unpredictable and dangerous in a situation where they could be frightened."

Like a college football game, or the trunk of a car.

"We returned Boscoe safe and sound to the zoo that afternoon, just like they had asked," Washburn says. "But Kraus and I said to each other, 'Whew — we're never doing that again.'"

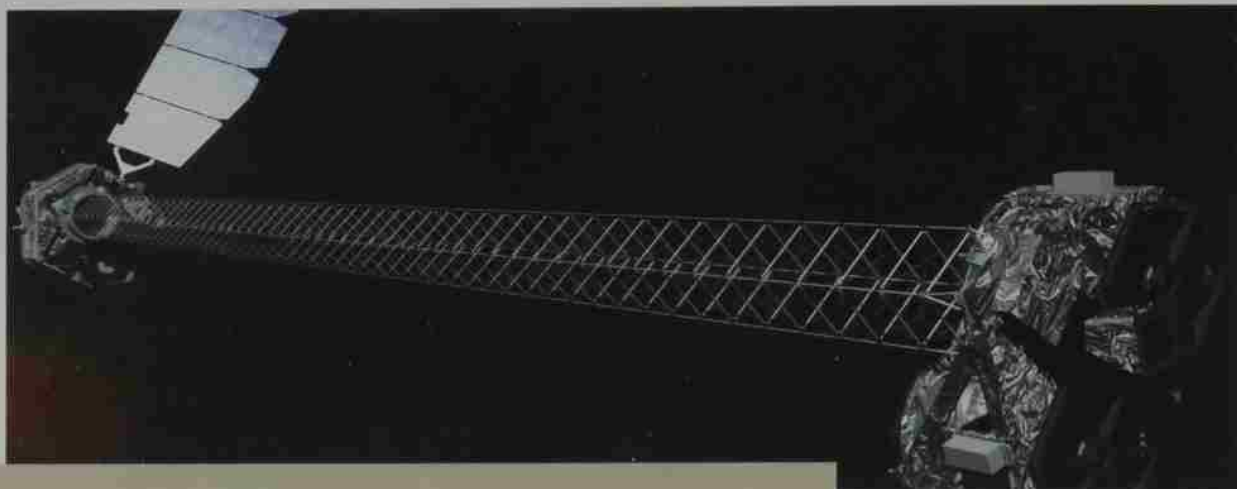
Regrettably, record-keeping wasn't very good in the 1940s. Current zoo staff don't know what happened to Boscoe, but we do know that he was a well-traveled cub.



Who Were Those Guys?

Washburn and others still wonder who "cared for" Boscoe and led him into the fraternity house from which he had to be rescued.

Do you know? Was it you? If so, email us at scene@willamette.edu. We promise we won't add it to your permanent school record. But we might publish it in *The Scene*.



WE ARE ALL STAR STUFF NuSTAR and the New View of the Universe

Artist's rendering of NuSTAR in orbit. NuSTAR has a 10 m (30') mast that deploys after launch to separate the optics modules (right) from the detectors in the focal plane (left). Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech

"In 1900, if you would have asked physicists what there was left to know, they would have said there were just a few bits and pieces still to sort out, and that we understood almost everything," says President Steve Thorsett.

"Now we look around and realize that we only understand a small portion of the universe."

Thanks in part to Thorsett's work with fellow CalTech post-doc Fiona Harrison, NASA will soon launch the NuSTAR mission. The Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope Array, which Thorsett named, will probe some of the most exciting parts of our universe, including exploding stars.

NuSTAR is designed to see high-energy, or "hard," X-rays. Scientists want to use them the same way your doctor does — to look through the haze of cosmic dust and learn more about our universe's most energetic phenomena, such as supernovae and black holes.

A space telescope is needed because Earth's atmosphere blocks X- and gamma rays, while radio and visible-light rays pass through.

Thorsett has used radio telescopes to study pulsars, which are dense balls of neutrons remaining after massive stars explode. Beams of energy from the spinning star cores sweep across the sky like cosmic lighthouse beacons. By carefully observing these flashes, which appear as blips

on a radio telescope, Thorsett confirmed a prediction of Einstein's theory of general relativity and helped find the universe's oldest known planet.

As part of Harrison's seven-person project team, Thorsett also led the effort to describe to NASA the scientific potential of a space telescope focused on hard X-rays. The team submitted its first proposal in 1994.

"We went through a series of projects, refining our ideas, getting to various stages of selection competitions at NASA before finally putting together the NuSTAR proposal early in the last decade," he says.

Interdisciplinary work with NASA on NuSTAR and other international collaborations shaped Thorsett's perspective as a leader. "That was a clear step in my own understanding of what it meant to be an administrator and why it was interesting," he says. "You can accomplish big things."

NuSTAR will focus on the biggest things — supermassive black holes at the center of galaxies, such as ours. But Thorsett is most interested in what NuSTAR's X-ray vision will reveal about recent supernovae. These massive explosions forge the universe's elements, and the satellite could yield insight into the process.

"We are all made of star stuff," he says, echoing a famous quote by Carl Sagan. "Figuring out how that stuff gets out of stars and into us is one of the fundamental questions of the creation of life on Earth."

— Adam Torgerson

HOW TO 'TRAP' THE INTERNET

For some, the Internet is an obligatory complication, something like the traffic you have to drive through to get to what you really want. For others, it is the most consistent companion over the course of a day.

Hank Nothhaft '01 and Tommy Ziemer '02 cater to the latter crowd.

They've created Trapit (trap.it), and their mission is to personalize the Internet for any user. Imagine the inverse of the normal Googling process: Instead of casting the net yourself and seeing what comes back, Trapit is supposed to put information — the right information — in front of you before you even ask for it.

It's one of several predictive tools — a "personalized discovery engine" — designed to give users a dashboard of relevant news, blogs and updates according to a learning algorithm that finds patterns in users' choices. (Pandora does something similar for music, paying attention to songs people "like" and then selecting others that have similar instrumentation, vocals, etc.) But Trapit has succeeded where others have not, and it was recently given coveted airtime at the renowned South by Southwest (SXSW) technology forum — the field's world series.

"It's flattering to be recognized by industry publications, the blogosphere and conferences like SXSW," Nothhaft says, "if only as an indication that we're building something that resonates with people on some meaningful level."

The partnership is also part of the prize. "Working with Tommy is an absolute joy," Nothhaft says. "We became fast friends at Willamette in 1999, roomed together in the university apartments and worked at another Silicon Valley startup from 2003–06. He was the first person I called when Trapit received its initial funding. The level of trust Tommy and I share is familial."

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The greatest challenge for the future remains personalizing the Internet, a moving target by its nature.

"It's not a modest ambition," Nothhaft admits. "Getting the technology to work passably took a year." There is more work ahead as the company expands into iPad applications and a new set of social features. A paid version of the utility will soon be available to what Nothhaft calls "power users."

More broadly, Nothhaft and Ziemer are contributing to a conversation that will only grow more interesting with time: how to keep track of all that online stuff.

The Internet, in Stats

Top Google searches on the day this article was written:

1. Cory Booker
2. Ann Romney
3. North Korea Missile Launch
4. Bruins

Data sent to mobile phones per day:

43,339,547 gigabytes

(equivalent to 63.9 trillion 3.5" floppy disks — remember those?)



Most common — incorrect — ways Internet users search for Willamette University:

 University of Willamette
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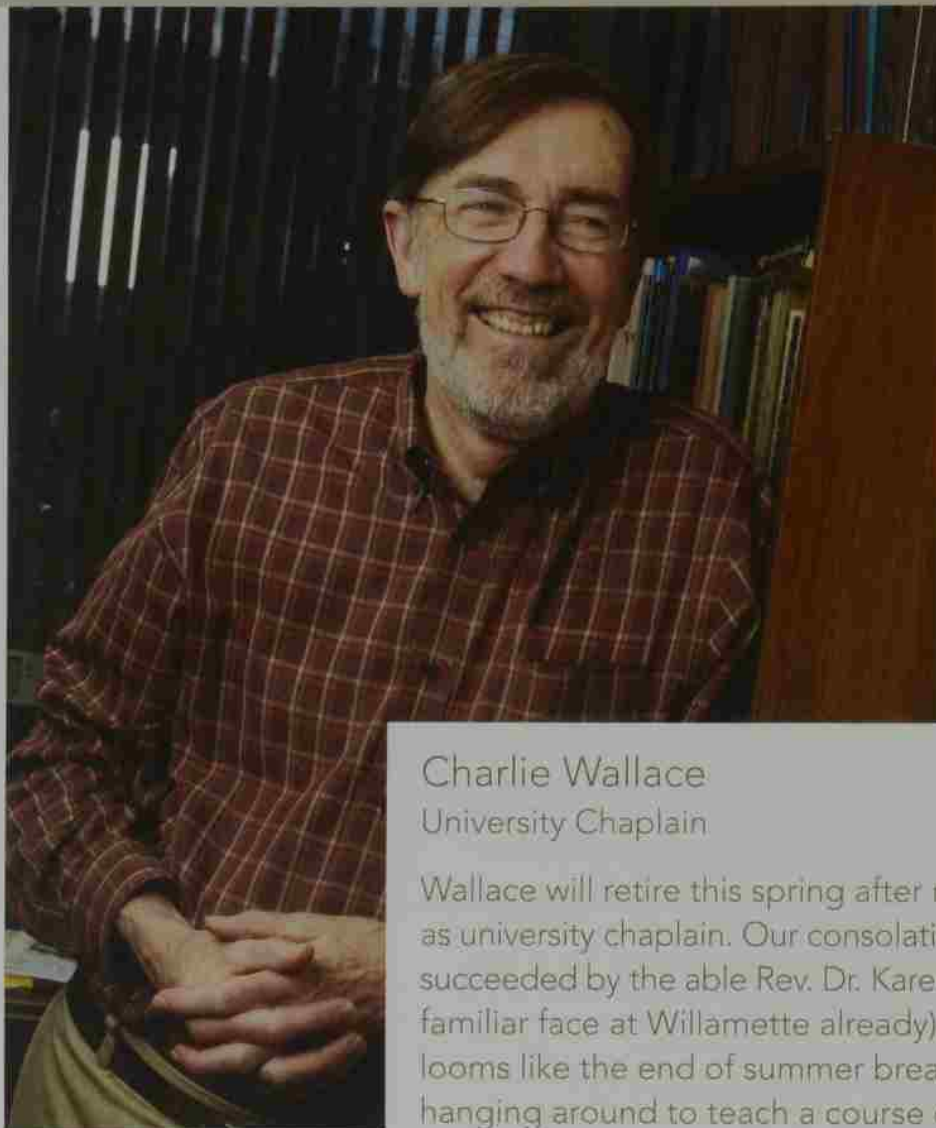
Emails sent per day:  210 billion



New Facebook members per day:
700,000

Sources: Google, onlineeducation.net

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS



Charlie Wallace
University Chaplain

Wallace will retire this spring after more than 25 years as university chaplain. Our consolation is that he will be succeeded by the able Rev. Dr. Karen Wood (a kind and familiar face at Willamette already), but his departure looms like the end of summer break. Luckily, he'll be hanging around to teach a course or two.

Describe religious or spiritual life on campus for us today.

It's just as interesting as it's always been. There was a study done five or seven years ago that analyzed religion in the U.S. by region. The Northwest was "the none zone," meaning that people here tend to check "none of the above" when asked about affiliation. This doesn't mean they're not religious, but it does mean that they're independent. My tenure here has been about making meaning in

such an environment. It's been easy enough, since Willamette's DNA is laced with an emotional connection to spiritual and religious life. It's expressed in our Methodism and in many other ways.

How has the Methodist Church impacted campus culture throughout your tenure?

There's a social gospel invoked here, where our Methodist background has expressed itself over the decades in

terms of social justice, integration and peace. And it persists. We are nonsectarian, but we are still officially connected to the church. This influence continues to push us toward serving our community, and it is entirely authentic.

There's yet another obvious connection to the motto, then.

Yes, and it's one of the most important ones. The earliest physical sign of our motto on campus that I know of is the inscription of it in Cone Chapel. This is circa 1919 or so, right after World War I. In the early Willamette days, the motto would have been used not just as an entry into learning Latin [see *The Scene*, Winter 2012 for its Latin derivation], but as a moral guide. This is something that I hope future research will shed light on.

You'll be staying on board as a part-time faculty member. What are some of your hopes there?

When I did my doctoral dissertation, it was on religious life in 18th-century England; I found that the dissenters always tended to live near physical borders, since they could always hop over the line if the authorities came looking for them. I've been hopping similarly between the chaplain job and the faculty for years. I'm looking forward to spending some good time in the archives. There are lots of great materials up there.

How has being at Willamette informed your own religious life?

I've been witness to so many journeys — I've seen students develop, ask questions and make choices. Most of them have even been good choices! I've seen the possibilities of growth. To have been able to teach those things has helped me know myself. For me, my time here has ended up confirming my belief in the religious tradition I'm a part of, but it has also allowed me to approach people who are journeying parallel to me in other traditions.

How has the chaplain's role changed during your time here?

Around the time I arrived, places like Willamette began exploring interfaith issues. As people's identification with denominations has fallen away, we've identified lots of interest in understanding and pursuing other religious and spiritual traditions. Chaplains now need to be approachable and able to help people along many different paths. We're not here to convert; we're here to propel. People of all sorts of religious traditions come to us for guidance, and some of the most interesting conversations, actually, are with people of no religious background. Some of our best advocates are non-religious members of the community.

Everyone wants to know: How do you write such memorable invocations?

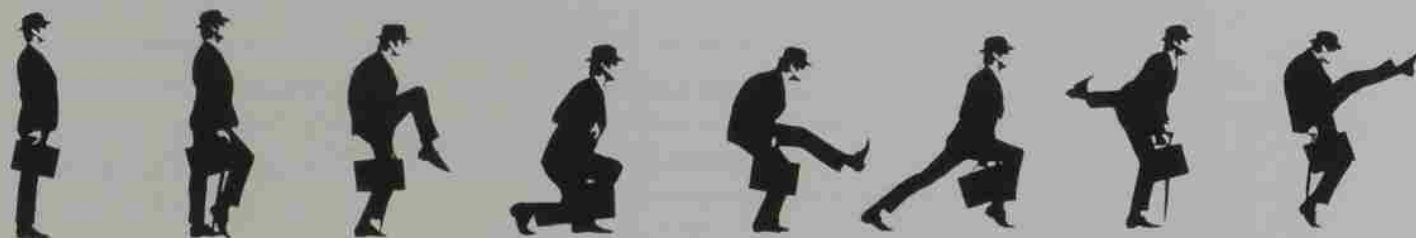
This is one of the parts of the job I've enjoyed the most. There's no big process. Ever since seminary, I've had buddies who were just as wacky as me, and I've always enjoyed surprising people. Humor keeps people awake, thinking; it's fun to play with.



Any regrets?

I still wish we could have had someone out of Monty Python at commencement. John Cleese would have been a hoot.

Below: A few steps from John Cleese's *Ministry of Silly Walks*, for Charlie



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FRAGMENTS OF CONVERSATION

Willamette's Native American History and Alumni

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Commissioned for this year's pow-wow, the art in this feature was done by Terrence Guadipere. It is titled "Keepers of the Present and the Past." To see it in full and read an explanation, visit willamette.edu/scene.

In October 2010, professor Rebecca Dobkins needed data. Part of Willamette's venturesome anthropology department, she sought a list of graduates who self-identify as Native American to begin a new oral history project. With it came a new chapter in the story of Willamette's genesis and its people.

There were just 123 alumni listed, though this says more about the limits of record-keeping than the number of Willamette's Native American students over the years (if nobody asks, or people feel uncomfortable reporting, there are no data). Dobkins enlisted current students to interview alumni she found, and the experience affected all parties involved. Tough topics came up for the first time in decades — *I struggled as a student because of racism; I didn't explore my own identity* — but the students wanted to ask, and the alumni wanted to answer. Productive exchange began.

What follows are some new perspectives on Native American influence at Willamette, some retrieved from periods of time when cultural identity wasn't part of the conversation. Mere glimpses of the load of material Dobkins' students produced, these excerpts can still teach us something about Willamette, its story and its trajectory.



ROBERT TOM '60

Confederated Tribes of Siletz, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Oregon)



Interviewer: Shane DePoe '13

In brief: Tom attended Willamette in 1956-57 before taking a leave and returning to the University of Oregon. In 1977, he lobbied for the reinstatement of federal recognition for the Siletz Tribe, and he served as the tribe's first general manager. He then worked for 17 years as Siletz's education specialist and education director, and he continues to enforce pow wows (including Willamette's) while participating in tribal affairs.

"I came to Willamette on a football and basketball scholarship. I arrived in the fall with three friends, and there were four fraternities on campus. I went along as two of them pledged; one pledged to the "jock" fraternity, but I pledged at a different one simply because others weren't friendly to minorities. One friend left his fraternity and came over to mine (Beta Theta Pi) when he found out.

"While I was going to school later at the University of Oregon, our tribe was trying to restore its federal recognition. One day I was sitting at the table with my mom and she said, "Why aren't you trying to help your uncle? He's trying to do something

good for the tribe — you're not helping." That was 1973 and I had to decide which to finish: my degree at the University of Oregon or the work helping the tribe get reinstated. I withdrew from school and worked from 1973 to 1977, helping the tribe get its federal recognition.

"There's a saying, "Don't measure a person when times are good; measure him when they're bad." We were in some awful situations over the decades, with racist people saying ugly things and resistance to the tribe being recognized. Just getting through those times and watching others do a wonderful job to represent our people — that experience is one of the highlights of my life."

"Sometimes people don't realize that young people hold onto traditions, but they do. Giving traditions — and people — recognition is important."

— Rebecca Hall '12. In addition to her oral-history work, Hall is finishing a thesis project working with Vietnam veterans to understand their experiences during and after the war — as well as how other people treat them. "The trick is to not ask stereotypical questions," she says. "Avoid walking into the conversation with judgment, and it can take you somewhere interesting."



MARY PEARSON JD'76



"I was raised Catholic, the middle child. I didn't know I was Indian until first grade — I found out I was different when I overheard someone say that my dad was a prairie n****er while I was playing jacks on the concrete with another girl.

"Later, most of my experiences at the College of Law were positive, but I'd characterize several as racist. I had a civil procedure class. I asked my professor about a jurisdictional issue in an Indian law case, and he blew me off, saying, "Oh, that's not important," or words to that effect. I never asked a question in that class again.

"After my first year of law school I worked for the Office of the Attorney General; during my second year, I worked part time for the Oregon Indian Alcohol Abuse Program and volunteered with Indian prisoners. In my third year, I worked for the Urban Indian Program and set up a legal service.

"I helped organize the Indian prisoners, and we created a nonprofit to deliver culturally appropriate services to prisoners — one of the projects we worked on was obtaining the right to practice religion."

Interviewer: Alison London-Pusser '13

In brief: Pearson practiced in Oregon and Idaho before working for 20 years as a tribal judge, serving as chief judge for both the Coeur d'Alene and Spokane Tribes. She was a founding member and vice president of the Northwest Indian Bar Association and vice president for the Northwest Tribal Court Judges Association. She has been an appellate justice for the Shoshone Bannock Tribal Court of Appeals since 2009.



LISA MOREHEAD-NEUNER '88

Karuk (California)

Interviewer: Catherine Simonson '12

In brief: After studying abroad at Ludwig Maximilian Universität, Morehead-Neuner moved to Germany. She earned her master's in adult education at the Technical University Kaiserslautern, Germany, and she currently teaches English and history at the University of Applied Languages, Munich.

"My mother is of Karuk background, but she was raised by her parents in a way that made it clear that you are to integrate into white society. We still thought it was neat that we were Indian, and it was interesting that I didn't recognize the stigma that's attached to that until I was a young woman.

"I married a European aristocrat, so everyone coming here to visit had their mind boggled. My grandmother was thrilled — a Klamath River Indian marrying into Austrian aristocracy — but at the dinner table, with silver and everything, she was uncomfortable and said she didn't even like being near the jewelry cases in department stores because she was afraid someone would think she was stealing something. That really brought home the fact that she always felt like a second-class citizen.

"From a distance you can understand yourself better sometimes."



"The resilience of the native students and adults with whom I have had the pleasure of interacting is truly inspiring ... I would hate to see a one-time use of this interesting topic."

— Catherine Simonson '12. Simonson, of white and Japanese heritage, found meaning in her conversation with Lisa Morehead-Neuner '88: "We shared stories of assimilation and acculturation forced upon our families for survival," she says.

MARIE WATT '90

Seneca (New York)

Interviewer: Kelsey White '14

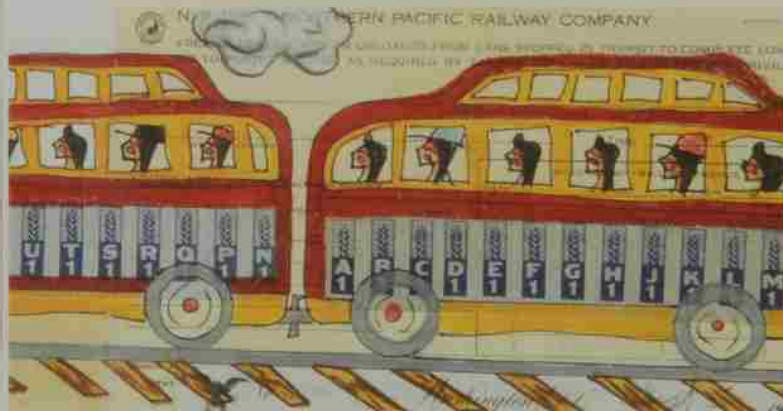
In brief: Well-known as an artist, Watt studied after Willamette at the Institute of American Indian Art in Santa Fe, N.M., and interned at the National Gallery of Art. In 1996, she earned an MFA in painting and printmaking from Yale University. She taught for 10 years at Portland Community College. "Marie Watt: Lodge," a mid-career retrospective exhibition, appeared at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art in spring 2012.



"In kindergarten, we all went around in a circle and said what our ethnic backgrounds were, and I joked I was part cowboy and part Indian. My mom grew up in upstate New York on a reservation and eventually got involved with the Indian community in Seattle. My dad grew up in Wyoming; his parents were ranchers and educators, so there's the cowboy element.

"My mom was a Title IX Indian education specialist and did a lot of cultural programming. According to my dad, I resisted going to her programs, but looking back, they shaped my values significantly. She was an advocate for native students and offered services that encouraged their educational journey and successful completion of high school. Prior to 1978 and the Indian Child Welfare Act, native children around the country got adopted into non-native homes, and there weren't cultural resources to help educate them and their new families. She helped these young people learn about their tribal identities.

"When I was at Willamette, there wasn't much of a visible native community, though there were Hawaiian natives with whom I was familiar. It's kind of funny — I feel like Willamette is a cooler place now than when I went there. The relationship WU has with the Chemawa Indian School is a prime example of creating a link. It actually excites me about Willamette, and, for my occasional curmudgeonly anti-alumni-ness, it makes me proud and happy to have an affiliation with the university."





MARGARET HOFFMAN '03

Athabascan (Alaska)

Interviewer: Rebecca Hall '13

In brief: Though she began college at the University of Portland, Hoffman and her sister Lena helped found Willamette's Native American Enlightenment Association. She served post-graduation with the Peace Corps in Nicaragua; today she works in health promotion/disease prevention, facilitating awareness at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium in Anchorage.

"Willamette was small and supportive of students trying to do different things, though there wasn't any native student organization when my sister and I got there. I had joined the Hawaii club at the University of Portland, and it pulled me in because we were all from two disconnected states, someplace far away where the culture is different. Eventually, my sister and I, with two others, started Willamette's Native American Enlightenment Association. We started going out to Chemawa Indian School to tutor and get to know the students and teachers there.

"I knew in high school that I wanted to go into the Peace Corps — something health-related — so I went as a health education volunteer. I was there for two-and-a-half years. And the whole time I was in Nicaragua I was thinking, 'You know this is what you should be doing at home.' So as soon as I got done, I went home and found jobs that would get me to rural Alaska to do the same kind of health education,

"A lot of people, when they come from a village or a Native community, find it hard to go someplace like Willamette, where it's so different; you don't have the usual support system. Getting involved with the native community, in school and at Chemawa, helped me finish down there. There are many good programs now at Willamette."



LENA (HOFFMAN) JACOBS '05

Athabascan (Alaska)

Interviewer: Ceara Lewis '13



In brief: Hoffman spent part of her sophomore year at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks in the Department of Alaska Native Studies. She spent the spring of her junior year studying abroad in Oaxaca, Mexico. Having recently earned her master's degree in public policy from the University of California, Berkeley, she manages the leadership development initiatives of the First Alaskan Institute.

"My sister and I grew up all around Alaska in about seven different communities; we took our Athabascan heritage with us everywhere we moved. My heritage has been part of my identity since I knew what an identity was.

"I started at Willamette and finished at Willamette, but I moved around a lot in between. Before, I had a six-year plan to major in psychology and then go to grad school to become a clinical psychologist, but in my first semester

of psychology I decided that was too much science. That's when I found anthropology, and I took all the classes I could at Willamette related to indigenous cultures. I found more in Fairbanks and took a full load of Alaska Native studies courses because they've got a major up there for that.

"The Native American Enlightenment Association at WU really helped with my transition, and I got involved with tons of student organizations through the Office of Multicultural Affairs. I

volunteered at Bush Elementary, Willamette Academy, other places.

"Now something I say to the students I work with — many don't know what they want to do when they graduate high school — is that you don't have to have it all figured out right away. Giving yourself the freedom to look for and choose what is right for you is important. It doesn't have to be one direct path or one right way of doing things."



IN THE BEGINNING: WILLAMETTE'S NATIVE START

By Erik Schmidt '05

The missionary Jason Lee didn't appreciate it when people forgot about the Sabbath along the trail. His fellow travelers occasionally lost track of the time as their path wound 2,000 miles between St. Louis and the Oregon Territory, but they made it to Fort Vancouver in good spirits and more or less according to schedule. By Sept. 15, 1834, this small group was positioned to introduce Christianity to Oregon.

Willamette University's "tall, stout-looking" founder, Lee would have ended up in Canada, but a perceived need for missionaries to reach Native Americans in the West rerouted him. Four Native American representatives from "beyond the Rockies" had visited St. Louis two years earlier seeking education, said white observers at the time, in the religion shared with them by explorer and territorial governor William Clark. This event had galvanized church decision-makers, and when they needed someone to lead the expedition, they looked to the young and unattached Lee. He was an able leader, a hardened but compassionate man fiercely committed to his cause.

The group arrived in the waning summer to a place detached from the reality they had known. In the social context of 1834 Oregon, Lee and the other white missionaries reckoned with the differences between themselves and indigenous peoples by presuming that the

"The group arrived in the waning summer to a place detached from the reality they had known."

native groups needed "elevation." This was built into their religious objective, and it was a common cultural attitude. Manifest destiny wasn't just about lines on a map.

Constructed in 1841, the Indian Mission Manual Labor School was the original precursor to Willamette University. It was intended to give Native Americans new skills in farming and house-holding — things that the settlers

imagined they must need — but it was doomed by misunderstanding and largely failed to impart new fundamentals. According to white settlers, native children still floundered in "degrading conditions of savagery" that the missionaries, confined to their own paradigms, could not address.

The overarching project of "giv[ing] them the advantages of religious and moral training" also faltered because of the settlers' presumption that those things didn't meaningfully exist in native cultures. The Willamette mission venture hobbled early on.

And it might have ended there.

But the mission grew as "reinforcements" came to Oregon, some on a ship called *Lausanne*. What we know now as Willamette University really started as the Oregon Institute, which was founded after the labor school primarily to educate the children of missionaries and other settlers. The old labor school building was sold to the institute, and the operations

of primary schooling and higher education for settlers quickly coalesced on what is now Willamette's campus. The Oregon legislature held its first session here, as did the first U.S. territorial court.

In January 1842, Jason Lee and a few other missionaries held the first meeting to "consider the needs of the [white] community for a literary institution." The group decided that the issue deserved public discussion, so a second meeting was arranged for Feb. 1. At this crucial meeting, the group appointed a board of trustees and adopted bylaws. Lee would later cite this defining moment as the beginning of the institute, and, thus, the university.

At the time, many details were left unresolved. For example, the early plan said that the organization was always to be grounded in some form of Protestantism, but it didn't specify the Methodist Church. And the Oregon Institute didn't enroll its first five students until 1844.

Interestingly, the new institution's financial plan was sophisticated, and this could have helped push it toward long-term sustainability. According to the bylaws, anyone who donated \$50 to the institute was entitled to "a voice in all of the business of the society ... during his natural life." Five hundred dollars meant that the donor could indefinitely maintain one student at the school without paying tuition. On Jan. 12, 1853, the Territorial Legislature of Oregon formalized the charter for what was then named Willamette University, "Willamette" being derived from a Clackamas word. Emily J. York, mistress of English literature, was the first graduate of the new institution in 1859. Eleven years later, the current spelling of "Willamette University" appeared in the academic catalog.

Throughout the process, the connection with the Willamette Valley's native people suffered. Over time, dedicated advocates from all groups involved have rekindled it. But the conversation must continue.



RESOURCES AT A GLANCE

Social Pow Wow
(yearly, March)

Chemawa Indian School Partnership Program
(ongoing)

Indian Country Conversations Series
(ongoing)

Hallie Ford Museum of Art, Confederated
Tribes of Grand Ronde Gallery
(ongoing)

Ohana: new multicultural-student
programming/service activities
(yearly, August)

Native American Heritage Month
(yearly, November)

Native American Enlightenment Association
(ongoing)

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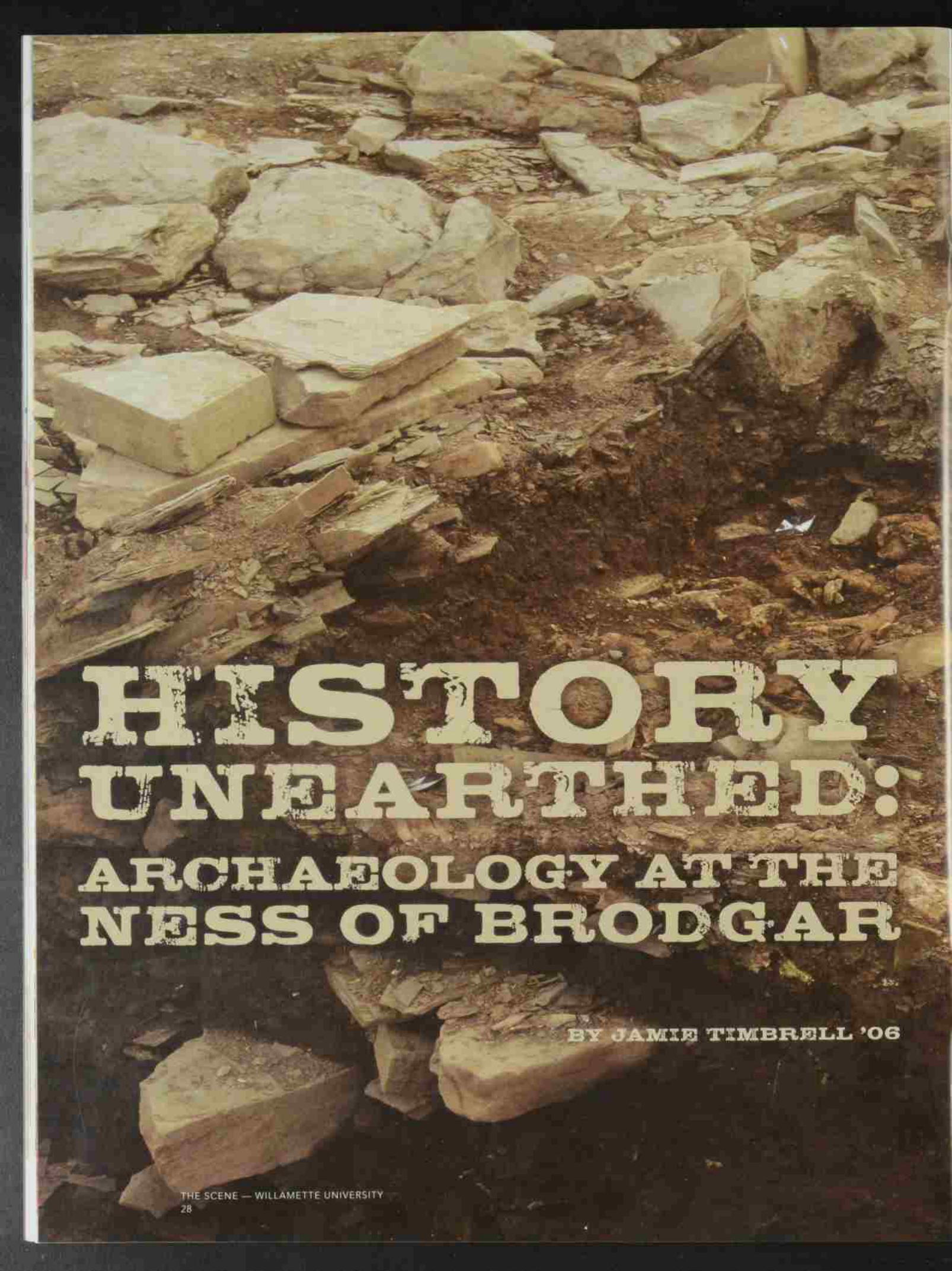
WHAT GOES ON: EVENTS AND TRADITIONS TODAY

A 2005 visit from New Zealand's native Maori people enlivened the conversation about Willamette's heritage in the Pacific Northwest. Maori weavers introduced Salem to their artwork and cultural history with a lauded exhibition at the Hallie Ford Museum of Art. Visitors from the group, which constitutes 15 to 20 percent of New Zealand's population, promoted conversations about identity, indigenous cultures and relationship-building.

At the time, *The Scene* reported that, "This will help our own native communities feel welcome as part of our campus community — to feel like this is a place that can help them further indigenous exchange."

And it worked. Since then, Willamette has expanded resources and outreach devoted to multicultural programming and relationships with tribal groups throughout the Northwest. When it was time to inaugurate Steve Thorsett, the soon-to-be president ensured that the ceremony would include delegates from several native groups and a meaningful observation of the connectedness between the university and those whose ancestors were here well before 1834.

It was a festive, lighthearted show of good will, but it was also a serious acknowledgment of shared responsibility as the next chapter opens.



HISTORY UNEARTHED: ARCHAEOLOGY AT THE NESS OF BRODGAR

BY JAMIE TIMBRELL '06

ORKNEY ISLANDS

Ness of Brodgar
Kirkwall

MAINLAND SCOTLAND



SCOTLAND

NORWAY

NORTH SEA

IRELAND

UNITED KINGDOM

FRANCE

PROFESSOR SCOTT PIKE TOOK A GROUP OF 11 WILLAMETTE STUDENTS TO SCOTLAND'S ORKNEY ISLANDS LAST SUMMER, BUT THEY WEREN'T THERE FOR THE VIEWS.

They were there for the ground beneath their feet. Some of Pike's contemporaries in archaeology are calling Orkney's Ness of Brodgar, a long-hidden Neolithic complex of stone buildings, at least as significant as Stonehenge. In fact, the Ness of Brodgar might have been the original model for Stonehenge, which was built 500 years later.



Beam me up, Scott: Pike uses a portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometer at Orkney.



The Orkney site, still largely buried, is defined by several stone-walled structures surrounded by a giant barrier. Painted interiors, a baked clay artifact known as the "Brodgar Boy" (now among the earliest-known examples of the human form represented as a figurine), pottery, cremated animal bones and polished mace heads have all begun to tell the site's story. The complex lies in between two above-ground stone circles — the Ring of Brodgar and the Stones of Stenness — and experts now believe that it was an elaborate temple precinct, rather than a dwelling.

Far from amounting to a residential site, this find promises to teach about elusive Neolithic religion.

At heart of the place's mystery is its eventual abandonment by the people who built it. Radiocarbon dating of animal bones indicates that a huge feast ceremony, with around 600 cattle slaughtered, was held around 2,300 B.C., after which the temple site seems to have been essentially decommissioned. Maybe it was a transfer of power, researchers say, or even the mass rejection of a religious system.

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Through some handy connections, Pike and his students are the only American university group working on the excavation, and they are returning this summer to excavate more. Pike has worked on many projects over the years, but for him, this one stands apart. "In past sites, we found a wall if we were lucky," he says. Here, archaeologists are answering remarkable questions every day.

CONNECTIONS

Willamette's unique role at the site developed after Pike followed a lead from studio art professor James Thompson and invited Orkney project manager Nick Card to Salem to give a lecture at Willamette. Thompson had met Card during a research trip of his own to Orkney the previous summer, during which he got to know the terrain for his art work, which explores the relationship between humans and the landscapes they occupy.

After the lecture, Pike gave Card a tour of the Columbia River Gorge, and Card suggested that Willamette might establish an archaeological field school for its budding archaeology program. In

archaeology programs, field school experience is a big step, and it separates modest curricula from serious ones. Pike, whose summer field work in Italy had just ended, jumped at the chance. After visiting the site the following summer, he brought Willamette's first field school cohort to Orkney in 2011.



Left: What real archaeology looks like: Shovels give way to brushes and trowels.

The new field school brings interested students to the site during the summer and teaches them basic excavation techniques, proper note-taking, field drawing, post-excavation processing and both traditional and geophysical field surveying. The surveying incorporates a lot of technology, like ground-penetrating radar and magnetometry, which measures and maps patterns of magnetism in the soil. Willamette is the only liberal arts institution in the West to have such a program.

But for Pike, the work isn't just about excavating. "It's about exploration, the careful analysis of space and time required," he says. "The work is exciting and it is very social. Lots of important friendships are made, and the Ness adds such a strong sense of public archaeology and outreach that I feel is essential for the students to experience and learn."

One of his former students, alumna Kelsey Copes-Gerbitz '11, attended the first field school session on a research grant from Willamette's Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology. "It was an incredible capstone experience for

me as a senior," she says. "It really brought together the idea of a close-knit Willamette community and being able to benefit from relationships with other groups."

She spent five weeks on site at the Ness of Brodgar, where she helped unearth pottery, organized the objects found, learned flotation techniques to separate seeds and charcoal from the soil, and received training in the use of ground-penetrating radar.

Now she is working in a yearlong position as an AmeriCorps member at the Nature Conservancy in Eugene, Ore., where she applies the skills she learned in Orkney in managing cultural resource surveys over lands influenced by Native Americans. After her AmeriCorps job ends in November, she might return to the U.K. for an archaeology/environmental science degree.

"The dig experience itself was the most incredible learning opportunity because the director of the site and the supervisors were so open and willing to teach us and support us," she says, adding that Nick Card is known as an unusually kind and inviting overseer for such sensitive excavations. "We were really able to take a lot of that with us when we left."



Left and below: Digital and aerial views of the excavation site at the Ness of Brodgar

A This little vestibule leading out from one of the doors in Structure 12 is where Kelsey Copes-Gerbitz '11 and Elle Woolaway '12 uncovered numerous Neolithic ceramic vessels.

B Traces of paint found on an interior wall of Structure 8 were the very first evidence in northern Europe that Neolithic people painted interior spaces.

C We used a portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometer to characterize floor deposits throughout structure 10. The data, coupled with last year's finds, suggests that the immense building included a pigment production area in its northern corner.

— Scott Pike



WHEN THE (BOOT) FITS

Willamette's archaeology program is housed in the Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology, one of the five Centers of Excellence established by former Willamette President M. Lee Pelton in 2007. It features a cross-disciplinary concentration in archaeology and the ancient world, and draws from 33 faculty members from different departments. The Hallie Ford Museum of Art and the College of Law also lend their expertise.

As a result, Willamette professors Pike, Ann Niegorski (art history/archaeology) and David McCaery (classics/archaeology) recently initiated an archaeology minor to add to the College of Liberal Arts catalog — and then they realized there was no reason to stop there, as Willamette already offered enough courses and had enough students

interested to establish a major. Over the years, there had been a few students who created their own special major in archaeology, but they have never had options like they do now.

Building on the new major, Pike secured \$109,000 from the Malcolm H. Wiener Foundation, allowing him to purchase a portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometer (pXRF) and ground-penetrating radar. The equipment has already been a special win for the excavation, facilitating complex measurements and analyses in real-time. In the soils of one corner of a room, for instance, the team found very high levels of copper and sulfur. This coincided with finding mortars and ores used by pigments in the same area. The archaeologists deduced that the room was a pigment-producing workshop.

Ground-penetrating radar, on the other hand, helped the archaeologists see below the surface and map out the structures at the Ness of Brodgar prior to excavation. But Pike has also been having students use the tool at Willamette to locate sub-surface utilities and building foundations. Staff have a general idea of where these are, but many of the records are not accurate, and Pike is able to educate his students on geophysical survey techniques first-hand in Salem while providing an unforeseen practical benefit to the university.



"IT REALLY BROUGHT TOGETHER THE IDEA OF A CLOSE-KNIT WILLAMETTE COMMUNITY AND BEING ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER GROUPS."

—KELSEY COPES-GERBITZ '11

In the first year of the archaeology major, about six students immediately declared; there are 10 this year. Copes-Gerbitz '11, an archaeology and environmental science double-major, was one of the first.

Jason Henry '11, also an archaeology and environmental science double-major, was another. "It was a great experience to go with a couple of my good friends and get to meet people and build relationships," he says of the field school. "It was one of the highlights of my time at Willamette."

STONE AGE REFRESHER COURSE

Most of us have taken the class but forgotten — here's a general refresher of life before metal. Dates are general estimates.

2.5 million – 200,000 B.C.

Lower Paleolithic
("Old Stone Age")

Longest Stone Age period sees the arrival of Homo Erectus and earliest hand tools.

200,000 – 40,000 B.C.

Middle Paleolithic

Rise of Neanderthal and improved stone tools; signs of ritualized burial

Henry is pursuing archaeology at the graduate level and is building on his experience at the Ness of Brodgar; now his studies focus on geoarchaeology, which relates to how and when humans first appeared on the continent. Most data supports the idea that people came across a land bridge, but when that occurred is still questioned. Henry and his peers are looking at sites along the Oregon Coast for possible social migration clues, which will help build knowledge of the area's original settlers and how they interacted with their surroundings.

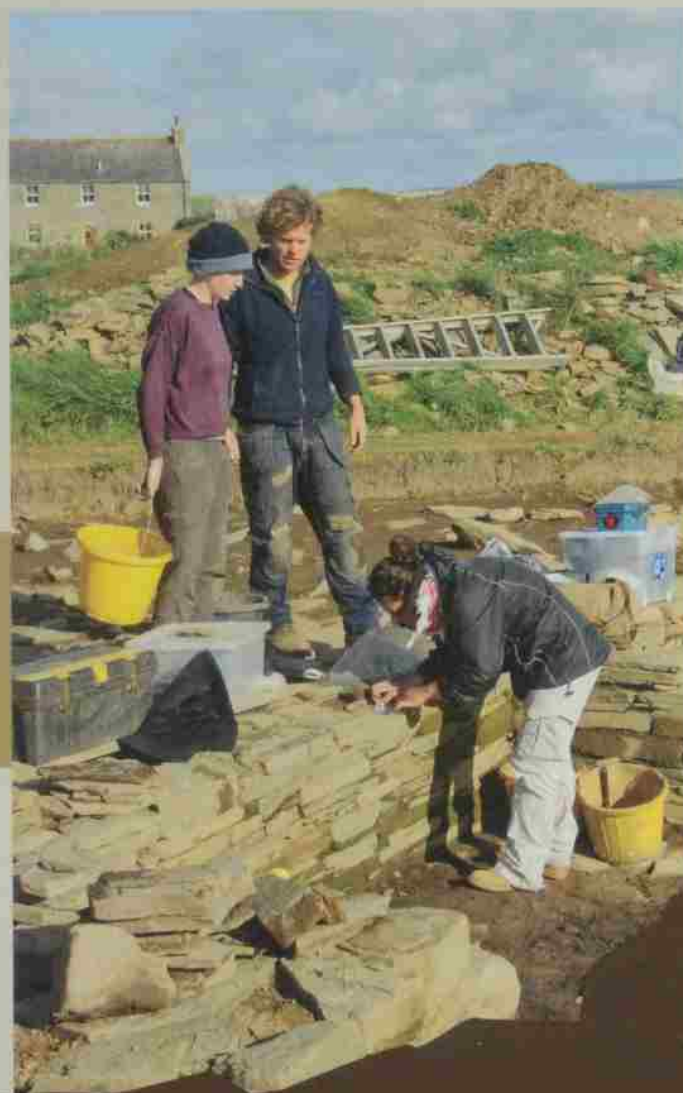
There will be more like him.

EXCHANGING KNOWLEDGE

This month, Pike, along with three other professors and two students, are presenting a paper at a conference in Orkney, that links cultural heritage to sustainability. Because of Willamette's record of sustainability at the institutional level, the University of Highlands and Islands is interested in learning more about incorporating the various forms of sustainability into its own educational structure. The details are still coming together, but the exchange of knowledge appears to be going both ways.

Of course, the archaeology field school at the Ness of Brodgar is likely to continue as well. There's a lot of earth left to move.

On a good day, students take stock of their project in the sun; on a normal one, they battle rain, wind and mud.



FOR MORE

The excavation story is still unfolding. To stay caught up, bookmark the dig blog at orkneyjar.com/archaeology/nessofbrodgar

Center for Ancient Studies and Archaeology:
willamette.edu/centers/casa

40,000 – 10,000 B.C. Upper Paleolithic

Humans spread across wider portions of the world; evidence of belief in afterlife appears

10,000 – 6,000 B.C. Mesolithic ("Middle Stone Age")

Composite tools and weapons appear; settlements grow in complexity

6,000 – 3,000 B.C. Neolithic Period ("New Stone Age")

Agricultural revolution facilitates larger, permanent settlements. Pottery created. Ends with the arrival of metal tools

ALUMNI RELATIONS

SUCH ADMIRABLE PEERS YOU HAVE!

This year's alumni award winners, in their own words. We put on receptions for them in their hometowns with all of their friends, and they're just as cool in real life.



Left to right: Adam Messinger '94, Steve Sloop '87, Noah Horton '02 and Julie Branford '67

Adam Messinger '94

Distinguished Alumni Citation

Angel investor, "technology mentor and innovator," vice president at Twitter

Please sum up your Willamette experience in the form of a tweet.

Met my future wife, had some good times with friends, learned a little.

What advice would you give your 20-year-old self?

Think bigger. It's much harder to have a vision of big things than it is to actually get them done. Things just seem to fall into place when you have an idea of what you want. Someone is going to change the world; it may as well be you.

What company/industry problem causes you to lose sleep?

The hardest problems for me involve interpersonal conflict. It stresses me out when people aren't working well together or when I feel like I'm not meeting my commitments to others.

What changed most about you between when you arrived as a student and graduated?

I think that I gained a lot of confidence at WU. I grew up in a really small rural town in Oregon. It's hard in that environment to know if you can be successful elsewhere. WU was a great stepping off point for me.

What's one skill you picked up at WU that has helped you get to where you are today?

It's not a skill as much as a perspective. In my senior year, I did some research with a professor, and we ended up publishing it in a journal. I realized that breaking new ground isn't just something *other* people do; it's something *we* can do. I became confident in my abilities to just figure things out from first principles.

Steve Sloop '87

Distinguished Alumni Citation

Founder, OnTo Technology, lithium-ion battery recycler; future-seer and Earth cleaner-upper.

Have a guiding philosophy/quote?

Benjamin Franklin: "Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy." Lincoln: "Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other one thing." Steven from Nacho Libre: "I believe in science!"

What changed most about you between when you arrived as a student and graduated?

If someone told me that upon graduation I would sing in a tenor part in the opera chorus for "Dido and Aeneas" and teach chemistry, I'd wonder what they were smoking and how I'd get some, too.

What company/industry problem causes you to lose sleep?

Matters of planetary hygiene and meaningful work. Thanks to Frances Chapple, Carl Sagan and a host of others for that!

What's one skill you picked up at WU that has helped you get to where you are today?

Learning to embrace criticism, and to produce it thoughtfully when the time comes. And, dream big and be brave!

What's next for you?

A) Call mom. B) Clean desk, lab and shop. C) Get to work on the next big thing ... stay tuned.

Noah Horton '02

Young Alumni Leadership Award

Top 30 Entrepreneur, co-founder, Involver, wise-beyond-his-years software architect

Of the 25-plus you've filed so far, what's your favorite patent?

There's one I love because it's bizarre: A proposal for using an imaging technique invented by someone else in a novel way. It allows field archaeologists to image very large relics in the field so they can see lost carvings and writing. I love it because it's a software concept with implications far outside of software.

What did you want to be when you were 10 years old?

I actually wanted to be a patent litigator. I'm not sure what that says about me....

Have a guiding philosophy/quote?

Bias toward action. Essentially I think people analyze ideas too much, talk themselves out of things, etc. Many people fail because they never try.

What changed most about you between when you arrived as a student and graduated?

My confidence. I came from a small high school and suspected that I was a big fish in a small pond, but I was

concerned about what would happen when I got to a bigger pond. At Willamette I gained confidence that I could succeed regardless of the pond.

Who's one person at WU who really helped you out? How?

Fritz Ruehr unquestionably made the biggest impact. He was a deeply engaging teacher, but he was also a major enabler for my development outside the classroom. I enjoyed talking to him socially about the discipline of computer science and about life in general. He was also the person who supported me in my extra-curricular efforts, which taught me as much about the discipline and industry as classes did.

Julie Branford '67

Lestle J. Sparks Medallion

Human resources expert, Willamette trustee, quintessential Bearcat advocate

What's the best change Willamette has made in the last 40 years?

Letting women wear slacks on campus and getting rid of the freshman beanies!

Seriously, the faculty/student research is a fabulous way to stretch CLA students and build capability worthy of entry into the best graduate schools. Richard Ellis does this when writing history books; science professors do it with some of their students on topics I can barely comprehend.

What did you want to be when you were 10 years old?

A stewardess who flew on international flights. Unfortunately, I have always been too short to be qualified for the job.

What advice would you give to your 20-year-old self?

You may not see in yourself what others may see in you; trust those who seem to have faith in you, not just your lifelong beliefs about your capabilities and limitations.

Have a guiding philosophy/quote?

A newspaper clipping that my mother tacked inside the kitchen cabinet where we'd get our cereal bowls and glasses, so we'd see it multiple times a day: "What counts is not the size of the dog in the fight, but the size of the fight in the dog." When you are a 5-foot female in a world of 6-foot men, you can't think of yourself as diminutive in anything except your height.

Who's one person at WU who really helped you out?

Right now, Wallace Long of the music department is helping to bring back to life the winning 1964 Freshman Glee song, "In Serenade," for the fabulous class of 1967 reunion. He has agreed to have the WU Singers learn the song and record it, but in order to do that, he had to write the sheet music based on an old record — a record player was hard to find!

ALUMNI WEEKEND

September 21-23, 2012

WVU



IT'S ALUMNI WEEKEND —
with a carnival, and a golf tourney, and ...

Let's not make any empty promises of grandeur, here's the scoop on what's in-store for you this year:

- There will be a carnival, including striped tent, adult-grade 20-foot inflated slides and games galore. Really, a carnival!
- There will be a home football game. The Bearcats will take on conference rival Pacific University on Saturday, Sept. 22 at McCulloch Stadium. Come cheer on your alma mater!
- The FORE Willamette golf tournament has been moved so it coincides conveniently with Alumni Weekend — that means one plane ticket, one action-packed week. FORE will take place Sept. 24, the Monday following reunion events.

The usual bevy of class-related gatherings, receptions and Saturday-night events showcasing alumni brewers and vintners will, of course, return.

Join your classmates and relive the good old days — whether those were 50 years ago or last spring.

More at willamette.edu/alumni/alumni_weekend

BEARCAT ALUMNI KAYAKERS RETURN TO THE SAN JUAN ISLANDS

If you missed the chance last year, we're running the same great kayaking/camping trip to the San Juan Islands this year. There's still time to register!

Kayak the San Juans

July 20–22, 2012

Maximum Roster Size: 25

Registration: Call Discovery Sea Kayaks (Richard) at 866-461-2559

Cost: \$599, all-inclusive (catering, all gear, tents, guide services, transportation from Friday Harbor to kayak sites, charming Alumni Relations staffing)

The trip is once again being conducted by Discovery Sea Kayaks, a company that was selected as a "best travel company on earth" two years in a row by National Geographic Adventure magazine. Attendees will use professional two-person kayaks (good for efficiency, speed and load-sharing). All cooking, cleaning, etc., is handled by our guides. This year, we'll be able to customize the mileage/difficulty of our routes according to how the group feels. Let's hear it for survey feedback.

Join us for a great summer trip!



You know the drill: Alone or with a partner, brainstorm the following word types, then insert them on the lines without looking at the story to the right.

1. Adjective _____
2. Noun _____
3. Verb _____
4. Famous World Event _____
5. Season _____
6. Person's Name _____
7. Adjective _____
8. Adjective _____
9. Verb _____
10. Day of the Week _____
11. Noun _____

WU LIBS

Pre-Reunion, First Edition

Back when I was a student, Willamette was _____¹

The tradition of _____² _____³ing didn't exist yet, but we still had _____⁴ to look forward to each _____⁵.

When _____⁶ became president, we all went _____⁷. It was a/an _____⁸ moment in our history. Slowly, campus began to _____⁹ and, before long, the university became what it is _____¹⁰.

Cheers to our alma mater, the first _____¹¹ in the West.

Submit your final products to The Scene (just email us your list of words if you want) and we'll choose a winner for reprinting in a future issue.

CLASS NOTES



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

2000s

CLASS OF 2002 REUNION

College of Liberal Arts

1950s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

John Wood '59, Jerry May '61 and Gary Hollen '61 wrote and published "The Blackthorn Conspiracy," an entertaining spy novel set in the serene Willamette Valley. The book is written under the pen name T.T. Brothers, because the men were fraternity brothers at the Willamette chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in addition to being life-long friends and graduates of Salem high schools. Listing each of their names would have been too long for the title page, so they call themselves "The Three Brothers."

1960s

CLASS OF 1962 AND 1967 REUNIONS

W. Mark Hamilton '64 was accepted for membership in the Royal Institute of International Affairs Chatham House. Founded in 1920 and based in London, its diverse membership includes academics, diplomats, media leaders, politicians and policy-makers.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982 AND 1987 REUNIONS



Jeffrey Cain '81, a family physician in Denver, was chosen president-elect of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Caitilin Walsh '84, a professional translator in Redmond, Wash., was elected president of the American Translators Association, the largest professional association of translators and interpreters in the U.S. She is an ATA certified French-to-English translator with more than 20 years experience and is chairwoman of the ATA Governance and Communications Committee. She served on the ATA Board of Directors from 2007-10.

Mark Michel '85, a pilot with Alaska Airlines, was elected commissioner of the Key Peninsula Metro Parks District in Washington.

Leanne (Chrisman) Khawam '88 was promoted to director of Case Western Reserve University Family Medicine Residency at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. At the invitation of First Lady Michelle Obama and President Barack Obama she and her family enjoyed a Christmas party Dec. 13, 2011 at the White House.

1990s

CLASS OF 1992 REUNION



To **Kara (McAnulty) Roberts '95** and husband John, a daughter, Madeline Grace, born Dec. 16, 2011. She joins siblings Jack and Kate.

To **Caroline McCulloch '96** and **Judson Blaine '94**, a son, Charles Matthew, born July 2, 2011. He joins sister Eloise, 3.



To **Sara (Bischoff) Knepper '97** and **Mark Knepper '95**, a son, Charlie, born Dec. 8, 2011. He joins sister Lily, 7, and brother Oliver, 4.



To **Aaron Peltz '98** and **Laura (Dittman) Peltz '98**, a daughter, Lily, born Feb. 17, 2011. She joins brother, Evan Joseph.

Angelic Turner Young '98 sent us this update: "After 10 long years trudging through the halls of diplomacy and bureaucracy at the Department of State, I finally found the courage to accept a position at a nonprofit organization with a mission near and dear to my heart—increasing the role and impact of women in and on peace processes around the world. In my new position as manager of policy initiatives for the Institute for Inclusive Security, I'm leading our organization's advocacy efforts to the U.S. administration, Congress and policy-makers around the world."



Clayton Binford '99 and **Emily Bollweg** were married Nov. 13 at the Sundance Resort in Utah.

To **Ken Duncan '99** and wife **Kari**, a son, Truman Elisha, born Aug. 9, 2011.



To **Ty Merlock '99** and wife **Stephanie**, a daughter, Sawyer Ann, born May 27, 2011. She joins older sister Tyler, 4.

Ryan Pappe '00 was promoted Dec. 5 by North American Breweries to the role of head brewer of the Portland Brewing Co., makers of Pyramid and MacTarnahans brands. This makes Pappe head of brewing operations for one of the largest breweries in the state of Oregon.



To **Sterling Yates '00** and wife **Catriona**, a daughter, **Meredith Rose**, born Sept. 6, 2011. She joins sister **Isobel**. The Yates live in Alloa, Scotland.



To **Christine (Hanson) Clapp '01** and husband **Doug**, a daughter, **Beatriz Hazel**, born July 14, 2011. She joins brother **Finnian Cathoun**, 3.

C. Alina Cansler '02 and **Andrew Larson** were married at Harts Pass near Mazama, Wash. in August 2010. She also completed a master's degree at the University of Washington, School of Forest Resources in spring 2011 and is continuing her studies at the School of Forest Resources in pursuit of a doctorate.

Darren D. Stone '02 joined the McFarland Law Group as a managing partner, forming McFarland Pyle & Stone. The new firm has offices in Denver, Colorado Springs and Portland.



To **Sarah (Sutton) O'Rourke '03** and husband **Laird**, a son, **George Matthew**, born June 26, 2011.



To **Melissa (Norton) '03** and **Matt Wilmot '01, JD '05**, a son, Nolan Field, born Jan. 23.



To **Jaya Khanna MBA '04** and husband, **Amitkumar**, a son, Atharv Amitkumar, born Dec. 28, 2011.



Roseanne Barker '05 is finishing a volunteer internship with **Isla Urbana**

in Mexico City. The city suffers from a massive water shortage, and pumping sufficient water into the city is neither sustainable nor functional. **Isla Urbana** installs rainwater harvesting systems on rooftops of low-income families. **Barker** fills many roles, including aiding in system installation, photographically documenting the organization's events, creating community relationships, orienting visitors and new partners and developing a fundraising strategy in the U.S. She met the founder of **Isla Urbana** in 2003, when she took a leave of absence from **Willamette** to study Spanish in **Oaxaca, Mexico**. She plans to move to Mexico and start a massage therapy business.

To **Andrea (Meidinger) Christiansen '05** and husband **Bradley**, a son, **Lewis Bradley**, born Feb. 24, 2011, in **Corvallis, Ore.**

Emily Conway '05 is a veterinarian, specializing in small-animal practice, in **Albuquerque, N.M.** In July, she will begin a three-year residency in veterinary ophthalmology at **Purdue University** for certification in veterinary ophthalmology. She received her veterinary medicine degree at the **University of Glasgow** in **Scotland** in 2010.



To **Jeff Liepman '05** and **JoLee (Sturgell) Liepman '03**, a daughter, **Pailee Jo**, born Nov. 26, 2011. **Jeff** and **JoLee** live in **Thousand Oaks, Calif.**, where **Jeff** is a vice president at global biotech consulting agency **Campbell Alliance**, and **JoLee** is a senior manager at global public relations agency **GolinHarris**.



To **Lyndsey (Eisenbarth) Mullins '05, MBA '06** and husband **Dustin**, a son, **Rowan Jeffrey**, born Oct. 21, 2011.

Jeff Na '05 recently transitioned from being the district manager of the **Las Vegas** market to taking a corporate role. He will be working closely on personal trainer staffing **24 Hour Fitness**.

Michael Robinson '05, MBA '07 was promoted to creative manager for **Nautilus**. **Robinson** leads the creative team that supports all graphic and web design for **Bowflex, Nautilus, Schwinn Fitness, CoreBody Reforner** and **Universal**. He also manages **DRTV** production, the **Nautilus** mobile programs and the **Bowflex Affiliate** program.



To **Sonja (Kanick) '06** and **Jordan Rash '06**, a son, **Owen William**, born Nov. 18 in **Tacoma, Wash.**



Sara Barnes '07, MBA '11 and **William Patton '07, MBA '11** were married Aug. 27, 2011 at **Timberline Lodge** on **Mt. Hood**. **Erin Bone '07, MBA '11, Zachary Sokolik '07, Robert Heck '07, MBA '11** and **Jason Zellick '07, MAT '09** were members of the wedding party.



Andrew Monbouquette '10 and fellow documentary filmmaker **Dan Susman** are finishing production on **"Growing Cities,"** a film that examines the role of urban farming in America. In making the film, they visited more than 80 urban farmers — from rooftop gardeners to backyard chicken keepers to vegetable farmers — who are working to transform the way this country grows and distributes its food. "one vacant city lot at a time." To follow their progress or contribute to the production, visit growingcitiesmovie.com.

Caitlyn Kari '08 is the marketing communications manager for **Teragren**, North America's leading manufacturer of environmentally friendly bamboo flooring, panels, veneer and worktops.

Allison Gilman '09 and **Ignacio Izuquiedo** were married Aug. 7, 2011 in **Los Angeles**. In 2007 the couple met in **Ignacio's** native **Ecuador** while **Gilman** was studying abroad in **Quito**. They now live in **Seattle**.

Allison Martin '09 earned her master's from **Teachers College, Columbia University** in **December 2011**. For her thesis, she created a television show to teach preschoolers about **American Sign Language**. Since then, she's been hired for **BBC America's** digital distribution team.



Jazmyn Li '11 and **Stephen Demergasso '09** were married May 28, 2011 in **Portland**. The maid of honor was **Meghan Lloyd '11** and the best man was **Eric Autray '09, MAT '10**. Other members of the wedding party included **Lily Busher '11, Alex Winslow '09** and **Robbie Beard '10**. **Associate Chaplain Karen Wood** officiated the wedding.

Atkinson Graduate School of Management

1980s

Don Kraemer '81, JD/MBA '87 was named "One of 50 Most Influential Portlanders" by **Portland Monthly** magazine in the **January 2012** issue. This list identifies 50 Portlanders who "possess the spark and will to craft Portland's future." **Kraemer**, a shareholder in the **Portland** office of Northwest's regional law firm, **Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt**, was recognized for his "nurturing of the next generation of leaders."



Jay Desai MBA '89 recently authored a book titled, **"Accountability: Angst, Awareness, Action,"** on **India's** public administration and governance systems. It was published by **Pearson** in **March**.

1990s

David M. Liu MBA '94 has worked as an assistant professor of management at **George Fox University** since **July 2010**,

after completing his doctor of business administration (DBA) from City University of Hong Kong in March 2010. Liu teaches strategic management, global business and management principles to MBA and undergraduate students. His wife and four daughters moved to Newberg, Ore. in January.

Shigemasa Shin MBA'94 was recently promoted to president and CEO of Thai Escorp Ltd. and TES E&M Service Co., Ltd. Thai Escorp was established in 1988 as a local company of Shinsho Corp., a core trading company of Kobe Steel Group, to supply materials and distribute products and services among the group. Ever since, it has played an important role as the headquarters of Shinsho Corp. in Southeast Asia.

Jus Singh MBA'94 became the CEO of The Atum Group in May 2011. Atum is a management consulting firm specializing in business strategy, finance and accounting, supply chain, information technology and compliance. The firm is based in Portland and is expanding operations along the Western U.S. Atum has partner firms in India and Texas.

Thomas Geiger MBA'96 left Rockwell Collins flight dynamics after 23 years and joined Universal Avionics in Redmond, Wash., as senior manager of program management.

Gina Reynolds MBA'98 has taken a new job as market analysis manager at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport, Tenn.

2000s



Colin S. Ray JD/MBA'00 recently accepted a position as head-of-

legal for Sanabil Investments, a Saudi sovereign fund. Ray, his wife, Emi, and children Marina,

7, and Tom, 5, are enjoying settling into their new hometown of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

To **Tracy Feng Butler MBA'02** and **Mark Butler '91, MBA'03** a daughter, Kiera Rae, born Feb. 14, 2011.



Brock Storfa MBA'04 and **Kelly Duncan MBA'04** were married Sept. 17, 2011 in

Bend, Ore. The couple met and fell in love during their time at Atkinson.

Matt Benjamin '02, MBA'05, field director for Northwestern Mutual, is celebrating the grand opening of a local office at 4747 Skyline Road S., Suite 160 in Salem. "We are excited to finally have an office here and to be able to serve the Salem (and surrounding) community with a local office," Benjamin writes.

Jorge Ordonez MBA'05 recently returned from Guatemala, where he made a presentation on utility regulation in the seminar "International Experience in Buying Power and Energy and Relevant Issues in Electricity Markets," organized by the Guatemalan Energy Regulatory Commission. The invitation was made through the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Ordonez works as a senior financial economist for the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

Ashish Puravankara MBA'05, joint managing director of Puravankara Group in Bangalore, India, was interviewed recently for an article on [IndiaOnline.com](http://indiaonline.com). Puravankara Projects Limited is one of the real estate development companies in India with a focus on developing residential and commercial properties. Puravankara has been responsible for the identification of opportunities for the company.

Kirsten Eades MBA'06 started at Anheuser-Busch as a manager of innovation in St. Louis

"I will be responsible for negotiating pricing and contracts for new innovations at AB," Eades says. "I'm excited about the opportunity to explore a new industry and city!" Eades formerly worked for Apple in Palo Alto, Calif.



To **Lyndsey (Eisenbarth) Mullins '05, MBA'06** and husband **Dustin**, a son, **Rowan Jeffrey**, born Oct. 21, 2011

Michael Robinson '05, MBA'07 was promoted to creative manager for Nautilus. Robinson manages the creative team that supports all graphic and web design for Bowflex, Nautilus, Schwinn Fitness, CoreBody Reformer and Universal. In this role, he also manages DRTV production, the Nautilus mobile programs and the Bowflex Affiliate program.

Judy Hutchison MBA'08 joined First Republic in Portland in December 2011 as managing director and business banker. Hutchison, who has 17 years of financial services experience, will provide a full range of business banking services, such as lending services, deposit services, cash management, foreign exchange, online banking and business escrow. She also joined the board of directors of the Classroom Law Project, the nonprofit that sponsors "Mock Trial" and "We The People" programs in local schools. She also serves as the co-chair of the Ambassador Board for the Cascade Pacific Council of the Boy Scouts of America.



To **Thamer Mofarrij MBA'10** and wife, a son, **Ghassan**, born in October,



Sara Barnes '07, MBA'11 and **William Patton '07, MBA'11** were married Aug. 27, 2011 at

Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. **Erin Bone '07, MBA'11**, **Zachary Sokolik '07**, **Robert Heck '07, MBA'11** and **Jason Zellick '07, MAT'09** were members of the wedding party.

Robin Singhvi MBA'11 started working for hCentive, Inc. in August 2011 as a senior analyst. "hCentive is impacting how the healthcare insurance industry will look come Jan. 1, 2014 (when it's mandated that every American should have insurance coverage)," Singhvi says. Because she's working for a start-up company, Singhvi is juggling multiple roles as a business developer, sales engineer, product manager, product marketer, and of course, an analyst.

In Memoriam 1930s

Roberta M. (Mills) Price '34 died Jan. 7, 2011, in Lanett, Ala. Born in Salem in 1913, she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Opelika, Ala. She received a Willamette Distinguished Alumni Citation in 1984. Her husband, a daughter and two grandchildren preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, three grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Martha E. (Warren) Burdett '37 died Dec. 30 in Portland. She was born in Bonanza, Ore. in 1913. Burdett attended 11 schools growing up, ultimately graduating from Willamette. She married **James Burdett '36, JD'36** soon after graduating, and they made their home in Hillsboro, Ore. Over the years, she taught and developed her artistic talents, becoming an accomplished painter and sculptor. She also volunteered for many organizations, including the Hillsboro Library. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, six grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

1940s

Leone M. (Burdick) Schmurr '40 died Dec. 17 in Portland. She was born Oct. 12, 1913. Her husband, **Leonard Schmurr '53** preceded her in death. Survivors include three daughters and three sons.

Hilma M. (Breuser) Byars '42 died Jan. 24, 2011 in Salem. She was born April 24, 1918. Her husband, **William Byars '40** preceded her in death.

Lewis E. Judson '42 died Feb. 10 in Salem, where he was born in 1918. Growing up, he worked on his father's dairy farm in South Salem. He attended McKinley Elementary, Salem High School, Willamette and the University of Oregon. He worked for various road and excavating construction companies, later becoming president and manager of Salem Equipment. He worked there for 40 years, retiring at the age of 87. He served on boards for numerous organizations, including the Inn at Spanish Head, The Hitchman Foundation, Fruitland School and the Knife and Fork Club. Judson enjoyed working, attending church, spending time with his family, going to the beach on weekends and attending the Oregon Duck games. A brother, **Phil Judson '43** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

James W. Eardley '44 died Jan. 9. He was born in Denver in 1926 and moved to Baker, Ore. in 1937 with his family. He was a member of the V-12 program at Willamette, intent on becoming a U.S. Navy pilot, but left Willamette soon after. He served at Great Lakes, Ill., and Treasure Island, Calif. He was awaiting shipment overseas when his arm was badly cut in an accident, requiring hospitalization. He was discharged at Treasure Island on July 19, 1946, returning to Baker to be-

gin his career as a newspaper journalist. From 1947 to 1984, he worked for such publications as the Baker Democrat-Herald (now the Herald), the Twin Falls Times-News, the East Oregonian in Pendleton, the Valley Herald in Milton-Freewater and the AgriTimes in Pendleton — taking such positions as bookkeeper, reporter and managing editor. His reporting career was interrupted only once, when he was called to duty during the Korean War. He coached Little League for several years. He was also a Webelos scout leader for a few years and refereed high school and college football and basketball from 1943-83. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a grandson and four great-grandchildren.

Leonard S. Stone (Leonard Steinbock) '46 died Nov. 2 in Encinitas, Calif. He was born in Salem in 1923. He is best known for his role as Sam Beauregarde, father of Violet, in the 1971 film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory." He began his career as a young actor studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London. He performed in the West End, on Broadway and toured around the world — spending eight years in Australia and New Zealand for the musical, "South Pacific." He was nominated for a Tony Award in 1959 for Best Supporting Actor in "Redhead," a Bob Fosse musical. He also was in the Tony Award-nominated cast of "Look Homeward, Angel" in 1957, which premiered at the Ethel Barrymore Theater in New York. It won a Pulitzer Prize. He went on to play recurring characters in many television series, including "Barney Miller," "Hill Street Blues" and "L.A. Law." In 2005, he played Warren Buffett in the Arnold Schwarzenegger TV biopic, "See Arnold Run." Stone's final role came in 2006 at the age of 83, when he played a minor character in "Surrender Dorothy."

Margaret C. (Geisler) Shipman '47 died May 5, 2011 in Tigard, Ore. She was born in Portland in 1926. Her husband preceded

her in death. Survivors include 16 children and more than 40 grandchildren.

Paula A. (Smith) Sullivan '47 died Oct. 26 in Lahaina, Hawaii. She was born in Stayton, Ore., in 1926. She graduated from Stayton High School in 1943 and continued on to Willamette to attain a degree in history. While at Willamette, she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She married Bob Sullivan on Dec. 26, 1947, in Salem at St. Joseph Catholic Church and moved to Hawaii in 1962. Sullivan taught at Stayton High School from 1946-47 and loved to sail, travel and play golf and bridge. A son preceded her in death. Survivors include her husband, three sons, a daughter, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

George E. Russell '49, MAT '49 died Dec. 5 in Beaverton, Ore. He was born in Long Island, Kan. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-46 as navigator on the USS 712-Gyatt. He graduated from Willamette with a degree in mathematics and a master's in education. On June 11, 1950, when he was a teacher at Sherwood High School, Russell married the love of his life, Barbara Ruth Clark. They moved to San Jose, Calif. where he attended San Jose State University to earn a master's in mathematics. In 1951 the couple moved to Beaverton, where he began teaching math at Beaverton High School. In the following years, he worked as a counselor, dean of boys and vice principal at the school. In 1958, at age 34, he was named the first principal of Sunset High School. In 1962, he took a sabbatical to attend the University of Oregon to work on his PhD in education. He returned to Beaverton in 1964 as a curriculum director. From 1969-70 he was the principal of Hudson's Bay High School in Vancouver, Wash. After one year, he returned to Beaverton as assistant superintendent for personnel. He held that position for two years before being named deputy superintendent for instruction, the

position he held until retiring in January 1985. In 1999, he was awarded the Vergie Ries Award for outstanding service to the neighborhood associations. Two brothers, including **Paul Russell '51**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Don E. Poulson '49 died Oct. 26 in Salem. He was born in Portland in 1926, and after Willamette, attended the University of Oregon Medical School. He practiced orthopedic surgery for many years in Hawaii and Oregon. He was preceded in death by his wife and a daughter. Survivors include two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Raymond R.L. Yocom '49 died Oct. 29 in Lancaster, Penn. He was born Sept. 6, 1922. He served in the Army as a physical training instructor during World War II and pursued a brief acting career that led him to meet his wife. He later worked in educational sales, continuing in this line of work after moving to Pennsylvania in 1972 during Hurricane Agnes. He enjoyed working with horses alongside his friends and family, including his daughter Mindy. After retiring, the Yocoms moved to the outskirts of Lancaster and traveled to the West Coast to meet other family members. Yocom was preceded in death by two brothers, including **Richard "Buzz" Yocom '49**, and three sisters, **Rachael Yocom '37**, **Ruth Carkin '39** and **Roberta Jean (Yocom) Fox '46**. Survivors include three daughters, two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Robert "Bob" H. Niemeyer '49 died Dec. 7 in Silverton. He was born in Salem in 1925. He grew up in Salem, and after he was drafted during World War II, he became involved in some of the fiercest battles with Japan in the Pacific. For his service, he earned a Purple Heart and several Service Stars. Upon returning to Salem, he

attended Willamette and the University of Oregon Dental School under the GI Bill. He served in the Air Force in Alaska, and after his tour of duty, he returned to Salem and opened an office in Silverton, where he practiced from 1954-89. Among other accomplishments, Niemeyer was a Silverton City councilman, Elks Lodge member, a Mason and an avid golfer. His wife and a son preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren.

1950s

Charles "Chuck" J. Patterson '50 died April 10, 2011 in Wailea, Hawaii. He was born in 1929 in Seattle. At Willamette, he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. After graduating, he attended Stanford to complete an MBA. He began his career in the sales department of the Dole Pineapple Co., eventually becoming vice president of sales/marketing and executive vice president of U.S. operations. In 1972, the company merged with Castle and Cooke, where he headed up marketing for several years. He retired in 1984 and purchased a "turn-around" business—Arneson Products, Inc. He sold the company in 1988, which gave him more time for golf. His first wife, **Patricia Patterson '51** preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, three sons, a daughter, two step-daughters and 12 grandchildren.

Thomas W. Wann '50 died Nov. 14 in Salem. He was born in the tiny Klamath County town of Yainax in 1921. His family later moved to Sprague River and then to Roseburg. During World War II, Wann was a sonarman on the submarine USS Redfin in the Pacific. After the war, he attended Willamette. Through the GI Bill, he attended Willamette University to study history. He taught it at Salem Academy before switching to accounting. He worked for many years at

the Halton Tractor Co. before becoming business manager of State Penitentiary Industries. After retiring from the state, Wann worked for several years at West Salem True Value Hardware. He was active in the Willamette Historic Auto Club and the Willys-Overland Knight Registry, having restored a Willys Whippet. He was a charter member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday school. He volunteered with the Senior Center Fix-it Brigade, and for many years he drove a regular route for Meals on Wheels. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters and a grandson.

Emil "Herb" H. Carlson '51 died Jan. 2 in Muscatine, Iowa. He was born in Portland in 1925. He graduated from Jefferson High School before attending Willamette. At Willamette he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He obtained his master's degree and PhD in organic chemistry from Carnegie Institute of Technology, now known as Carnegie Mellon. He worked for Monsanto Co. for 39 years, serving as a research chemist in Dayton, Ohio, St. Louis and Muscatine. In 1970, he moved to Muscatine, where he worked as a process specialist at the Muscatine plant. During his employment with Monsanto, he was awarded several patents. He was a founding member of the Port City Kiwanis Club, serving in the group for 40 years. He also belonged to the Kirkwood men's garden club. He volunteered with many organizations, including the United Way, Sheltered Workshop (now known as Crossroads), Senior Resources and the Muscatine Salvation Army Advisory Board. He enjoyed gardening, trout fishing, rock bounding, gourmet cooking and globe trotting. His travels included numerous trips to Sweden, the homeland of his parents. Survivors include his wife, **Joan (Klindsworth) Carlson '51**, four daughters, including **Wendy E. Carlson-Knoll '78**, a son; and six grandchildren.

Marion (Sparks) DaBoll '51 died Oct. 14 in Syracuse, N.Y. She was born in Salem in 1929 to **Lestle Sparks '19** and **Marion Sparks '22**, and graduated from Willamette and San Jose State College with a degree in theater arts. She worked in the areas of speech and drama throughout her life. Marion was a life-long Presbyterian and participated in a variety of institutional lay and leadership roles within the church. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, three grandchildren, and sister **Marilyn (Sparks) Severson '62**.

Robert S. Miller '51 died Sept. 27, 2011 in Portland. He was born Oct. 29, 1929. He had many friends in a host of different communities, including 1955 classmates from Oregon Health and Science University, the Oregon Medical Association and the National College of Radiologists. During his years in practice, he was active in the Beaverton Rotary, Toastmasters and Multnomah Athletic Club. For recreation, he was involved with the Mazamas, and he hiked, climbed and skied. He led hikes after retiring, earning him an award from the Mazamas on his 80th birthday. Two children and a brother, **Alan Miller '52**, preceded him in death. Survivors include four sons and three granddaughters.

Alan G. Miller '52 died Jan. 2, 2011 in Abingdon, Md. He was born in Port Townsend, Wash. on April 3, 1931. A brother, **Emil "Herb" Carlson '51** preceded him in death. Survivors include three sons and three daughters.

Beverly A. (Rands) Brosterhous '53 died Jan. 10 in El Paso, Texas. She was born in Portland on Oct. 15, 1931. She was preceded in death by her husband **Anthony Brosterhous JD '53**.

Robert "Bob" B. Batchelder '54, JD '57 died Feb. 14, 2011 in Omaha, Neb. He was born in 1933. While at Willamette he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and his family

enjoyed entertaining fellow Phi Deltis every summer. After graduating from Willamette's College of Law, he served as a clerk to the Oregon Supreme Court. He married **Frances (Miller) Batchelder '56, MAT '62** in the summer of 1955, and together they enjoyed traveling to every continent. His love of trains led him to become general commerce counsel for Union Pacific Railroad, a position from which he retired. An avid supporter of Omaha's cultural arts, he served on the Community Advisory Board of KVNO Classical Radio, the Omaha Symphony Board and the board at Countryside Community Church. His wife and a son, **Kenneth Batchelder '83** preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, two grandsons and a sister.

Laurence "Laurie" C. Peterson '54 died Feb. 1 in Bend, Ore. He was born in Jamestown, N.Y., in 1931 and grew up there and in San Mateo, Calif. At Willamette he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity and served as its president during his senior year. Following college, he served in the U.S. Air Force, training as a jet pilot. He spent nearly 50 years as a specialist in the medical benefits insurance field. He enjoyed fly fishing, golfing, traveling, hunting and the outdoors, but his greatest joy was spending time with family and good friends. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and two grandchildren.

Stanley M. Vanderwal '54 died Feb. 6 in Portland. He was born in Portland in 1931. He studied engineering at Benson Polytechnic High School in Portland and then attended Vanport Extension Center, the precursor to Portland State University. He earned a political science degree from Willamette, participating in the ROTC program. He was a navigator for the U.S. Air Force prior to the Korean War and achieved the rank of captain. He later earned a degree in music education. After teaching in the communities of Glendale, Ore. and Knappa-Svensen near

Astoria, Ore., Vanderwal took a music teaching position in Molalla, Ore., where he taught for 27 years. He was active with Boy Scouts of America in Molalla as a youth, later serving as pack leader of Cub Scout Pack 257 for many years. He was also active in the Molalla Christian Church community. After retiring from teaching in 1991, he continued following his passion for choral music by starting and then directing the Molalla Community Choir for 13 years. Survivors include his wife, **Elizabeth (Laird) Vanderwal '61**, three sons, and five grandchildren.

Larry W. Pritchett '54 died Feb. 15 in Florida. He was born in Salem in 1923. After Willamette he earned a master's degree from Auburn University. Pritchett was a career Air Force officer whose assignments included duty as a B-36 and B-47 pilot with the Strategic Air Command, two Air Staff tours in the Pentagon (with additional duty as a military social aide to presidents Lyndon B. Johnson and Richard Nixon), a staff tour at the Air Force Academy, assignments as a flight instructor in the T-37 and T-38, and a year in Vietnam as a forward air controller flying the O-1 "Birdog." His career culminated in his assignment as the first commander of the Euro-NATO twelve-nation multinational flying training program at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. His military decorations include the Presidential Service Badge, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross with three oak leaf clusters and the Air Medal, with 17 Oak Leaf Clusters. Subsequent to his retirement from the Air Force, Pritchett spent several years in the crude oil business in west Texas and then served as contractor program manager for aircraft maintenance at Sheppard Air Force Base. In 1993, he moved to Central Florida to head up contractor support for the U.S. State Department's counter-narcotics operations in Central and South America. Survivors include his wife, five daughters, five grandchildren, and brother **Don Pritchett '52**.

Erik Klepp '56 died Jan. 20 in Seattle. He was born in 1934 and raised in Rainier, Ore. After graduating from Rainier Union High School in 1952, he studied economics at Willamette University before serving in the U.S. Army. He retired in 1992 after 30 years with the U.S. Department of Labor and Washington State Employment Security, with his most recent position being supervisory occupational analyst. He was a World War II history buff and enjoyed following his favorite sports. He was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, where he attended many dances and New Year's Eve celebrations with his wife and friends. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and two granddaughters.

Robert Marshall Jelderks '56 died Dec. 9 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He was born and raised in Salem. After graduating from Willamette, he attended the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland. From 1962 to 1966, he completed his residency in the Panama Canal Zone Naval Hospital, where he specialized in obstetrics and gynecology. He achieved the rank of lieutenant commander, and from 1966-68, he completed his medical internship at the Naval Hospital at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, N.C. Upon completing medical school, he settled in San Luis Obispo, where he began his private practice as an OB/GYN. Throughout his career, he was a strong advocate for women's health and reproductive rights. Socially, he was an avid golfer and tennis player. In the Marine Corps, Marshall enjoyed pistol competitions — earning the National Rifle Association's Master Marksman Award for indoor shooting. During the 1970s and '80s, he owned and maintained race horses at his Tiffany Ranch home, just south of San Luis Obispo. He supported his children's educational pursuits and many activities, including rodeos, track meets, and drama productions. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a

daughter, 10 grandchildren and brother **John Jelderks '60, JD '64**.

Eldredge K. "Windy" Sequeira '57 died Feb. 11, in Salem. He was born in 1934 in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. He worked at the Oregon State Hospital as a recreational therapist for 42 years before retiring in 1994. Upon retirement, he was honored when they renamed the recreational center after him. Sequeira's life revolved around sports. He was an excellent athlete, playing football and running track while attending Kamehameha School in Oahu, Hawaii. His quickness on the football field and his fast sprints in track earned him his nickname, "Windy." His reputation followed him to Willamette, where he played and later coached football for more than 25 years. He was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. He also refereed the Harlem Globetrotters when they dribbled into Salem. Survivors include his wife, **Lillie Lei Kealoha '60**, two sons, including **Peter Sequeira '81**, and six grandchildren.

1960s

Judith J. (Hoelschen) Graham '63 died Oct. 21 in Bellevue, Wash. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she graduated from Beaverton High School, attended Willamette and graduated from Portland State University with a degree in teaching. She married Gary Graham on Aug. 29, 1964. They lived in Corvallis, Ore., before moving to Bellevue in 1971. She was a wife, mother, teacher, church organist, director of music ministries at Christ the King, bell and choir director and Girl Scout leader. Survivors include her husband and three daughters.

David S. Baird '66 died Aug. 23 in Oceanside, Ore. He was born in Portland in 1944 and was a lifelong resident of Tillamook and Oceanside. After moving to Tillamook with his family in 1953, he attended schools in Tillamook from third grade through high school,

graduating from Tillamook High School in 1962. He graduated from Willamette with a degree in history in 1966. From early age into adulthood he excelled in baseball. His lifelong passion for the game led to recognition in high school and to achievements as a four-year letterman in college. Following college — and with the help of a Portland Beavers coach — he pitched professionally for the Los Angeles Angels and Atlanta Braves. He returned to live in Tillamook in the early 1970s; but continued to play baseball with some of the top amateur teams in California and Oregon. In 1985 he took over his father's business, Oregon Coast Evergreen, and moved to Oceanside. The business thrived under his management and has provided a livelihood for dozens of families. During this time, he coached pitchers at Pacific University and played softball with some of the nation's best teams from Portland. He dedicated much of his time to coaching; numerous young baseball players benefited from his knowledge, skill and teaching. Survivors include his mother, **Dorothy Baird '41**, his wife, and a brother, **Richard Baird '69**.

Joanne E. (Lochmiller) Olsen '66 died Jan. 26 in Los Altos Hills, Calif. She was born in Seattle in 1944. In 1946 her family moved to Hawaii, where she lived until she left for college. At Willamette she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority and graduated with a degree in mathematics. After graduating from Willamette, she attended Oregon State University, where she studied computer science. In 1967 she moved to the San Francisco Bay area, spending the last 33 years in Los Altos Hills. She worked in the computer programming field for her entire 36-year career. During that time, she worked for Service Bureau Corp., Memorex, Hewlett Packard and Agilent. She retired from Agilent in 2003. She was an avid cyclist and went on many bicycle touring vacations around the

world. She was also a regular on the local Skyline Cycling Club "youthful seniors" and Wednesday night rides, and also loved to go to the Sierras, where she hiked in the summer and cross country skied in the winter. Her other interests included quilting, bonsai, miniature doll houses, gardening and reading. Survivors include her husband and two brothers.

William W. Martin '67 died Dec. 2 in Bend, Ore. He was born in Portland in 1946. In 1951, the Martin family moved to Florence, Mont. to start a cattle ranch. He attended school in Florence and graduated from Florence High School in 1964. After high school, he started his college education at Willamette and graduated from Western Montana University. He was drafted into the Army the same year and served two years as a medic during the Vietnam War. Upon his return from Vietnam, he came to Neskowin, Ore. in 1971 to work at Neskowin Beach Golf Course. His love of the game of golf, instilled in him by his grandmother and mother, eventually led him to join the PGA of America. He worked as an assistant golf professional at Willamette Valley Country Club for a short time before returning to Neskowin Beach Golf Course in 1977 as the new owner. He owned and operated Neskowin Beach until 1995. In 1998, he became part owner of Quail Run Golf Course in La Pine, Ore. He stayed at Quail Run until his retirement in 2010. He was a lifetime member of the PGA of America. Survivors include two sons and a granddaughter.

1970s

Greg R. Lytle '73 died Nov. 10 in Hermiston, Ore. He was born in Worthington, Minn. in 1951 and was raised in Florida and Wyoming before moving to Woodburn, Ore. After Willamette, he graduated from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific in Pomona, Calif. Lytle first served

his internship in Enid, Okla., completing it in Des Moines, Iowa. He worked for Indian Health Services, with his first assignment in Newtown, N.D., followed by Pocatello, Idaho, and Pendleton, Ore. Lytle worked at Two Rivers Correctional Institution for nine years before retiring in April 2011. He competed in the Battle of the Bands as a drummer and won the regional competition. He went to Hollywood, Calif., to compete on the Arthur Godfrey Show, where he came in second to Karen Carpenter of The Carpenters. One of the first bands he was part of was the Northwest band, Spectrum. He spent the last 20 years as a member of the band, Legacy, and played in several clubs and events in the area, including the Pendleton Round-Up, Hermiston Funfest and Wildhorse Casino. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and a granddaughter.

John O. Thompson '73 died Feb. 4 in Corvallis, Ore. He was born in Hood River, Ore. in 1951. At Willamette he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He married his college sweetheart, **Denise Allen '73** in 1974. He completed his teaching credentials at Oregon State University, and in 1977 was hired to teach at Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis. For 26 years, he taught science and was involved in countless extracurricular responsibilities. "Mr. Thompson" inspired students with creativity, wit and passion for his work. His love of the arts and humanities, and his ability to weave them into his teaching, brought an added dimension to the science classroom. He had a passion for music and the arts; he sang on stage with the senior choir at graduation and in community choirs. Students found him to be warm, welcoming and willing to support their efforts to learn any time of the day. He was a valuable and popular faculty member at Crescent Valley and was a defining member of the "Educators' Forum," which enabled teachers and

staff members to meet informally to conduct high-energy discussions of current events and issues at the school, share professional perspectives and explore relevant topics of the day. Thompson's dedication to his profession added immensely to the lives of all who were part of the high school community. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include his parents and a sister.

Craig A. DeSelms '75 died Jan. 25 in Seattle. He was born in Mesa, Ariz. in 1953. After graduating from Willamette, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He later went on to attend medical school at the University of Oregon, and completed an internship and residency at Travis Air Force Base in California. He left the Air Force in 1986 and started a family practice in Kent, Wash. His passions included ballroom dancing, playing piano, investing, woodworking, and traveling. Survivors include his wife, four sons, five grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

Mark W. Genna '75 died Jan. 13 in Stockton, Calif. He was born in San Jose, Calif. in 1953 and lived most of his life in Stockton. He graduated from AA Stagg High School in 1971 and attended Willamette University. He worked for 25 years as a glazier. For the last 10 years he enjoyed working as a stagehand at the Bob Hope Theatre and the Stockton Arena. Survivors include his father, four brothers and a sister.

1990s

Nathan D. LeQuieu '97 died Jan. 17 in Kailua Kona, Hawaii. He was born in Klamath Falls, Ore. in 1973 and attended Stearns Elementary School, Bible Baptist Christian School and Mazama High School. He was co-president and co-valedictorian of his high school class of 1992. He also participated in the youth group at his church. He was an all-star in Little League and Babe Ruth baseball. He became an

accomplished fly fisherman and enjoyed golf. During his senior year in high school, he worked at Reames Golf & Country Club. While in college, he competed in cross-country and track. He worked for Maxim Corp., later becoming director of health and safety for Knowledge Learning Centers. He and his wife moved in January 2010 to the Kona Coast of Hawaii, where he became the financial manager for a restaurant. Survivors include his wife, his parents and brother, **Marc LeQuieu '99**.

Daryl W. Jefferson MBA'92 died Jan. 17 in Salem. He was born in Asheville, N.C. in 1954. He was the transportation director of Lake Oswego School District for First Student School Bus Transportation Services. As a 20-year member of Cornerstone Church of God, he was actively involved in the worship team ministry by playing bass guitar and serving on the pastor's council. He was a 15-year veteran referee/umpire with the Salem Umpires' Association. An avid golfer, Jefferson played several championship courses. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Trustees

Robert Wallace Burtner was born in Corvallis, Ore. in 1924. He graduated from Corvallis High School in 1942, attended Oregon State University from 1942-43 and then joined the Naval V-12 program. He was stationed at Doane College in Crete, Neb. Upon completion of his apprentice seaman assignment and graduation from Doane, he returned to Oregon briefly before returning to Crete to pick up his orders — which directed him to pre-chaplain training at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Ill. After two years of post-graduate studies at Garrett, he attended Union Theological Seminary in New York City and studied under Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich. There, he received his master's degree

in 1948. He returned to Oregon, where he was appointed to organize a new Methodist church in the River Road area of Eugene. He was a member of the Oregon/Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church for 63 years. He served at Trinity Methodist in Eugene from 1948-61, Rose City Park in Portland from 1966-76 and First Church Corvallis from 1976-86. He served two terms as a district superintendent of the Salem District from 1961-66 and the Southern District from 1986-91. He co-authored "A Compend of Wesley's Theology" in 1954, which was reprinted in 1982 and 1984. He also served as a member of the Willamette University Board of Trustees, was a Willamette Trustee-Life Member and was a retired elder in The United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Cleo; son and daughter-in-law, David and Leona Henderson; daughter and son-in-law, Shelley and Peter

Wallace; three grandchildren, Adrian (Amy), Erik and Evan; and three step-grandchildren, Lori, Jake and Jenna.

Faculty

Nathaniel "Nacho" Cordova died July 16 in Salem. A long-time Willamette professor, mentor and advocate, he was chair of the Department of Rhetoric and Media Studies. His academic interests included studying the formative power of public discourse, social movements, and identity and subjectivity. He also studied religious discourse in liberal democracy. Beyond academia, he was an avid photographer. Survivors include a wife, two sons, including **Alex Cordova '10**, and a daughter.

Julio Cesar Sanchez Viamonte died Dec. 8 in Salem. Opera was a lifetime passion for him as he taught, directed and

performed at Willamette University for 26 years. Anita King, a Willamette music professor who taught with him in the 1980s and 1990s, said, "He was dashing and handsome and so warm-hearted, an incredible friend and colleague. He was very intense. He had a strong sense of what was just and fair. My collaborations with him remain some of the highlights of my career." His love for opera was kindled early in life in his native Argentina. He left law school at 19 to study voice. He sang opera in that country under a stage name, Sergio Aster, in hopes of avoiding political repercussions from an uncle's political activities. At odds with the Peron administration, he immigrated to California in the 1960s. At first, he dug ditches and worked in a factory to support his growing family. But in 1967 he was hired to teach voice and direct opera at Willamette University. There he tried, with mixed success, to interest the Salem community

in opera. Among the productions that he staged were "The Marriage of Figaro," "The Tales of Hoffman" and "The Beggar's Opera." For the latter, he dressed as a beggar, donned a sandwich board and distributed fliers throughout town. A strong baritone, he played the bull-fighter Escamillo in the Seattle Opera Association's "Carmen" in the 1970s. A newspaper story published at the time noted he had sung that role at least 40 other times in four languages and that he had developed his own wardrobe and makeup for the part. After his retirement, he enjoyed traveling with his wife in their pop-up camper. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, including **Julio Viamonte '77**, a daughter, **Melanie (Viamonte) Lyons '83**, and five grandchildren.

WORDS OF WISDOM

I agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson's perspective that "the things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education." Take the means you have gained at Willamette and EDUCATE YOURSELF FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE. And please come back and visit often and share what you have learned. Best wishes!

— Dave Craig, biology

"WORK HARD AND EVERYTHING ELSE WILL WORK OUT." This line from a fortune cookie has helped me keep focus in the face of uncertainty. Best wishes to you all!

— Alexandra Opie, art

Since we have the space, here are some thoughts from faculty members, shared in The Collegian, as this year's seniors moved on.

I am not in possession of any wisdom; that is not a gift I was given. But Leonard Cohen is quite wise. So I would pass on two reflections from him. He suggests that he has studied all the philosophies and all the religions, but cheerfulness just kept breaking through.

And further, he says that everything has its cracks — that's how the light gets in.

So to the seniors, LET CHEERFULNESS KEEP BREAKING THROUGH AND LET THE CRACKS IN THINGS PROVIDE LIGHT.

— Bill Duvall, history

GIVING BACK

SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTIONS: FROM GENEROSITY OUR FUTURE GROWS

Connection: The Lindsay and Corinne Stewart Endowed Scholarship

Asked to reflect on their time at Willamette, Lindsay Stewart '69, JD'73 and Corinne (Maxwell) Stewart '71 remember forging lifelong friendships, meeting professors who imparted values and knowledge, and enjoying a grounded atmosphere in which to learn.

Life following Willamette has been full for the Stewarts. Corinne worked as a teacher before becoming a mother to their two children, while Lindsay pursued his law degree at Willamette's College of Law. After he graduated, he worked as in-house counsel at Georgia Pacific. Later, he joined Nike, where he became the corporation's vice president and chief administrative officer.

With their children grown and pursuing their own successful careers, the

Stewarts began to consider how they might give back — including to the academic institutions that helped shape them. Firm believers in the power and importance of education, they chose to endow a scholarship at Willamette.

"Endowing a scholarship seemed the perfect gift as it ensures that others gain the opportunities we had. It has a perpetual nature and will hopefully provide opportunities to many, many students," Lindsay says. "If society is to stay on the right path, more rather than fewer young people need to be provided the possibility of a higher education. Scholarships, grants and loans must be available to ensure this."

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The Stewarts hope that the recipients of their scholarship will embrace this opportunity to the fullest, become successful in their chosen fields and ultimately provide others with similar opportunities through their own philanthropy.

Erin Kahn '14

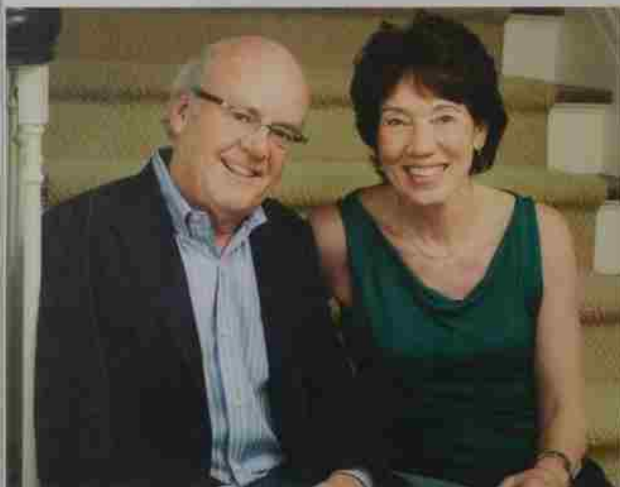
"Whenever I think about it, I am just amazed that someone who doesn't even know me would give me the opportunity to help me accomplish my goals," says Erin Kahn '14, the first recipient of the Lindsay and Corinne Stewart Endowed Scholarship. "It encourages me to work harder and do my best."

Attending Willamette was a dream Kahn had her sights on ever since she was young. "Campus just felt so right. The classes at Willamette really

appealed to me, and I liked the music program," she says.

Now in her sophomore year, she is busy volunteering, playing in the wind ensemble and exploring a major in English. She hopes to pursue a career in writing or teaching.

"Without the support I received from scholarships like this one, I wouldn't be able to attend Willamette. It made this whole experience possible and has meant so much to me," she says.



Above: The Stewarts and a happy, determined Erin Kahn '14





Above: All the players involved, from student to legacy to facilitator.

Connection: Royal S. Nakano Scholarship

Royal Nakano '28 always had a soft spot in his heart for Willamette. His daughter, Mira Histed, says he spoke fondly of his time at WU in the late 1920s — particularly his time playing for Willamette's football team as the star quarterback in 1927.

After Willamette, Nakano and his wife, Rosa, had 12 children. He worked as a landscape gardener in Portland until the start of World War II, when everything changed.

Nakano lost his business, home and freedom in 1942 when he was incarcerated in a Japanese-American internment camp in Minidoka, Idaho.

Through the help of one of Nakano's friends from Willamette, the family received financial and moral support; eventually, he became a farmer. Despite such a setback, Histed says her father accepted life's circumstances with grace and forgiveness.

He also inspired in his children a lifelong love of education. When Histed and her husband, George, were in the position to make a gift, they chose to honor Nakano through an endowed scholarship at Willamette.

"Too often students with the desire to learn and the ability to advance in college and beyond are prohibited

from pursuing their dreams because of financial limitations," Histed says. "George and I hope that the recipients of my father's scholarship will have happy and successful lives and will one day assist other students."

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Ariel Osborne '12

Ariel Osborne '12 was raised in Sonoma, Calif., which she describes as an interesting mix of old farming families, epicures migrating from busier places, and a proud Latino culture. When considering her college choices, Willamette stood out to her as a place that offered students ample opportunities to engage with their professors, learn through fieldwork, and serve the community.

Ariel has not been disappointed in her choice. "It's been amazing to reflect on how the people I'm meeting and stories I am learning now are shaping where I will be going in the world. I have found lifelong friends, mentors, causes that inspire me, and, most

importantly, ways to express my voice," she says.

After graduating this spring, she plans to return home to start a small business installing and consulting for custom-built home vegetable gardens. "Education is the best gift you can endow," she says. "The generosity of

scholarship donors like the Histed has inspired me to think more about how I can educate the next generation."

These are just two stories of hundreds that illustrate the important connections between scholarship donors and students. This year, donors provided \$4.2 million in endowed scholarship support. We are grateful to the many generations of alumni and friends who have provided the invaluable gift of education to our students.

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Winter 2012 Reader Responses

Nancy Federici '60, Mariel (Smith) McMullen '61 and Robert Joseph '57, JD '63 identified Gail Larson '61 alongside Barney the Bearcat (1). Joseph married her, so he should know. Leslie Berning of the athletics department reminded us that it was basketball Coach Gordie James wearing a suit on the court (3), likely during a stint coaching in Japan. Many

remembered the lineup of history faculty/staff (4). Left to right, they are Kent Markus, Robert Lucas, Bill Duvall, George McCowan and Barbara Mahoney. For this image alone we heard from Professor Emeritus Scott Hawke, Lee Schafer '85, Professor Emeritus Robert Lucas, Norman Chusid '77, Bob Harrison '71, Sara (Heil) Swanborn '91 and Professor Emeritus Grant Thorsett.