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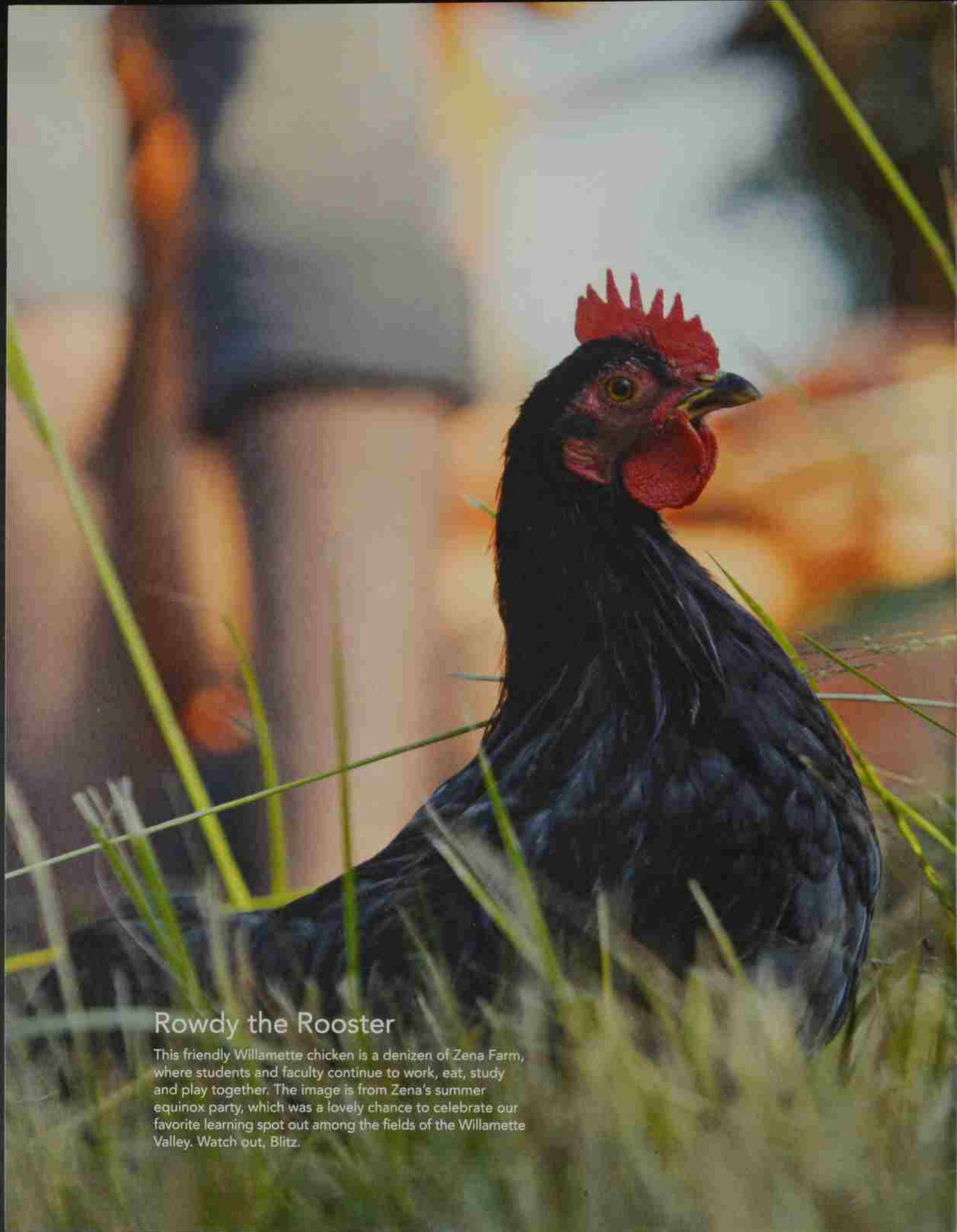
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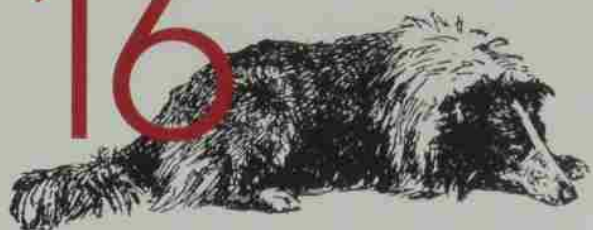
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Rowdy the Rooster

This friendly Willamette chicken is a denizen of Zena Farm, where students and faculty continue to work, eat, study and play together. The image is from Zena's summer equinox party, which was a lovely chance to celebrate our favorite learning spot out among the fields of the Willamette Valley. Watch out, Blitz.

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Graduates of the Recession Speak Out**
Graduates from the class of 2011 are now one full year into "real life" — and they're looking for meaning as well as ways to pay off their student loans.

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Young Willamette alumni have found a calling in Central Oregon doing fundamental chemistry for drug companies, never losing sight of where they came from.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I heard a member of the class of '55 say recently, "For me, nothing moves quickly except time."

At this time last year, *The Scene* was introducing me as the new Willamette University president, a moment still very fresh and vivid in my mind. Re-reading that issue, which featured me smiling (a little anxiously) on the cover, made me realize how quickly this first year has passed, how much has happened since my arrival, and how much more deeply I understand and appreciate Willamette.

During what I dubbed my "listening year," I spent time with students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends of the university, learning about the traditions, culture and people of Willamette. And it has been both interesting and thrilling to discover, and rediscover, this campus, a place committed to and invigorated by its noble mission and its venerable motto, "Not unto ourselves alone are we born," but in no way isolated from our swiftly changing world.

In some ways, working on a college campus is like working the concession stand at the Fountain of Youth. Undergraduate students never age. Perpetually arriving and departing, wave upon wave, they are always 18–23 years old.

At that customary age and stage in life, they share hopes and fears with other generations of students. Still, there is no doubt that student culture has changed greatly in recent years, primarily due to technology. The advent of smart phones and other hand-held devices — and the 'one-click' proximity of many of the world's products, services, images and information — have shrunk our planet. Social media have affected the nature of student interaction and connection, and new choices are constantly emerging.

But a walk across campus can also reveal a Schumann piano concerto wafting out of a practice room at Smith, or a dog-eared copy of "Ulysses" left in the locker room, or a Beades' song at The Bistro's open mic, or students in tie-dyed T-shirts, or fedoras — or both, reminding me that some things are enduring whether we like it or not.

Another enduring truth, repeatedly reinforced in my campus conversations over the past year, is that Willamette is a very special place that, for more than 170 years, has launched the lives and careers of many capable and promising individuals. This issue of *The Scene* explores the current generation of alumni and how Willamette influenced their various journeys and pursuits.

Enjoy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen E. Thorsett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S' and 'T'.

Stephen E. Thorsett
President

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THE INBOX

Tufton Solution 3.0

Many alumni wrote in with the solution to last issue's hidden Tufton reference: the neat pile of rocks on p. 30. They were amused, as are we, that Tufton Beamish found his way to the Neolithic era.

Steve Fullmer '78 even asked when we were going to reveal the Willamette time machine, but that will have to wait for a future issue. They're working on it over in Olin Hall, we think.

Where's Tufton this time? Who's going to get the prize for finding him?

More on That VW

After reading the Spring 2012 issue of *The Scene*, I found information about the Model T that was around the area from about 1948 to 1952. Scotty Washburn '50 was right about the car showing up on the front side of Eaton Hall, with the sign "Honest Herb's Used Cars." The car also showed up on the porch of the Capitol Building.

It was owned by four gentlemen from Bend and was painted in cardinal and gold. The owners were Don Benson '52; Jack Weisser '52; JD '55; Don Pritchett '52; and [Gene] Maudlin '52. It was well-equipped with an overdrive, but the headlights did not work. To drive it at night, someone had to lie on the fender and hold a flashlight.

— Doug Logue '52

Orkney and Home

I thoroughly enjoyed the spring issue of *The Scene*. Of particular interest was the cover-story on archaeology in the Orkney islands of Scotland, just north of my birthplace. The other articles were also enlightening, educational and entertaining. Keep up the good work.

— David Wood '56

The Whole Farm

To fill in a few notes...

The cow in Eaton was an independent/Belknap affair — they shot it, drew and quartered it to remove it — I wasn't involved, but it was pretty outrageous, as were most independent activities.

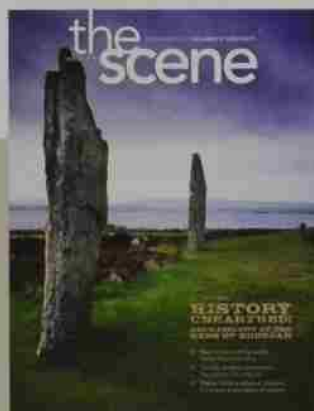
I had a roommate named Washburn — no bear — but the wrestling team cooked coyote, skunk and possum on the Belknap lawn. They bow hunted in their spare time? Nothing like cooked skunk for starving wrestlers.

— Vance McFarland '67

Don't Forget the Partners

Mary Stillings has been out of "the scene" for a while, but not many letters have been published about professors' wives who have passed away. Better late than never!

Stillings seemed to me like one of those extraordinarily stable and fortunate people somewhat sheltered by WU and her philosophical, outdoorsy professor husband, Ed. A lot of us



former students were invited to dine with Ed and Mary or sometimes we just dropped by and always found them very welcoming.

One lunch, Ed requested that Mary cook up something. She wasn't as eager as usual, so she prepared a quivering mass of sparkling green Jello, full of horseradish, hot peppers and several exotic spices. None of us overindulged.

Memories of her continue to inspire me. Wives of good professors are not to be taken for granted!

— Everett Holt Williams '63

Mystery Letter

For the most confounding letter we received this time around, flip to p. 8.

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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).



Things Every Freshman Should Know

The ample incoming class has arrived. With help from our summer work-study students, here are a few (cardinal and) golden rules. Maybe some will ring a bell with you.



BEST DEAL ON CAMPUS: THE \$.49 HOT DOG

Important because: Sometimes, after you've blown all your meal points on Goudy wraps, you have to survive on what's in your couch cushions. The generous souls at the Mill Stream Market ensure that this is possible.

Condiments are free! Ketchup is a vegetable, right?

HOW TO STAY CLUED IN: READ THE TOILET PAPER

Important because: You just need to know.

Every stall has one. Aside from fun facts and trivia, you'll also read about important happenings on campus and job openings for intramural referees, which are apparently infinite.



UNFORESEEN SKILL YOU'LL NEED: SAYING NO

Important because: There are so many things to do around here and so few hours in which to do them.

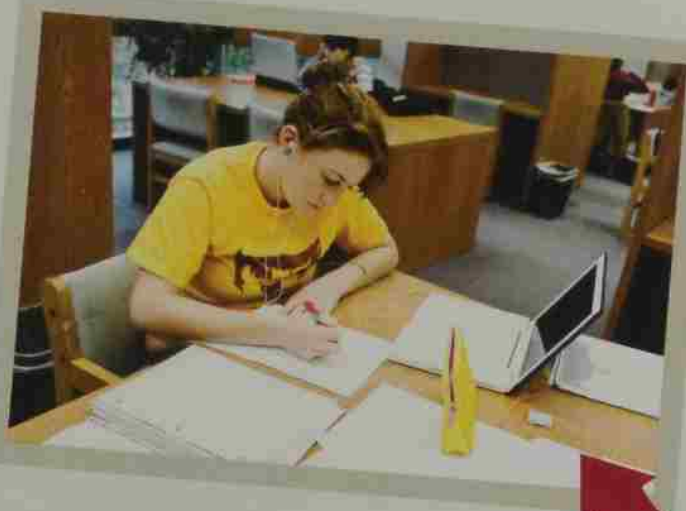
Willamette people tend to be hugely involved, which is great, but sometimes that leads to over-commitment. Saying no to your ninth club presidency is okay; it's a sign that you know yourself and can be realistic. People — and your resume — will be fine with it.



BEST PLACE TO NAP IN AN ACADEMIC BUILDING: EATON HALL FOURTH FLOOR

Important because: All that studying takes energy. They say that 20-minute power naps can actually boost overall productivity.

It gets a little warm up in the old attic, so you might feel like it anyway. If you can make it up the stairs, there is newly renovated study space and peace and quiet. Nobody's going to judge you.



HOW TO WRITE A GOOD PAPER

Important because: You're going to need to know, fast.

1. Get to the point, provide backup, and get out of there. Professors like concision.
2. Let it brew. Start your paper early, step away and go to the Bistro, and then return to it fresh. Your transcript will thank you.
3. Ditch the fancy verbiage in favor of clarity. The word "disconnect" is best left a verb, not a noun.

OUR QUIRKY HISTORY

Mandatory Chapel

We received a curious letter recently, unsigned and with a return address that didn't lead us to its sender. It appears that the late dean of men, Walter Blake, exerts his influence even today.

Who has this (in)famous stamp? On the paper copy of the letter it appears to be genuine, ink bleeding just a little onto the back side. Many readers might recognize it. Many readers might have longed for it.

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Recollections: Mandatory chapel

Until the early 1960s, weekly chapel attendance was mandatory. All students were required to traipse down State Street to a nearby Methodist church (it was not yet "United") to hear a selected speaker. The quality of the presenters in chapel varied.

The only way out was to have a "chapel excuse," a highly-valued little piece of white paper citing the reason for being excused and duly signed by the Dean of Students. It was widely rumored that chapel excuses could be obtained from a student who worked in the Dean's office, many undoubtedly went that route. Since the dean's signature was affixed as a rubber stamp, however, it was never certain whether the signature — hence, the excuse — was authentic.

Walter S. Blake, Jr.

For good cause. Forged signatures of the Dean of Student occurred in various places, including the registration documents of one Donald R. Tasker (see the W.U. Fusser's *Guide* for 1959-60). Note that Don's phone number was the daily "dial-a-prayer" from the Salem Council of Churches; his street address plotted out to about the 40-yard line of the football stadium. A later issue of the campus newspaper documents that Donald Tasker was named Freshman Glee Secretary.

The spirit lives on!

Walter S. Blake, Jr.

Arts Shout-out: Give the Gift of Art

As the holiday season approaches and the search for special gifts begins, consider combining the visual arts, music and theatre into one Willamette deal. The "Willamette University Experience the Arts" package, assembled by the groups involved, provides a year packed full of memorable activities and experiences. We think you'll like it.

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Carl A. Hall (1921-1996), *Fog Woman Totem (Alaska Set #34)*, 1975, watercolor and tissue on paper, Maribeth Collins Art Acquisition Fund.

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Photo: Dale Peterson Photography

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CARDINAL & GOLD

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Back row, left to right: Coach Brad Victor '74, GK Joe Wells '85, GK Mike Delanty '82, D Jim O'Neill '83, M John Hitchman '84, D Will Guimont '85, D Bill Jackson '85, F Jeff Johnson '88, M Paul Bloom '86, F Clay Arkless '86

Front row, left to right: M Brian Clearman '86, F Bruce Higby '83, M Alan von der Maden '86, D Tim Meehan '86, F Jon Schatz '85, D Bruce Clementson '84, D-M Matt Reimann '85, M Chris Hall '83

LOOKING BACK: the 1982 willamette men's soccer team

By Jamie Timbrell '06

Jon Schatz '85 calls it the best soccer team he was ever on.

Brian Clearman '86 says the camaraderie was the most powerful he has ever seen.

They're talking about Willamette's 1982 men's soccer squad, a team that went 15-4-0 and won the NAIA District II title.

"It remains the hallmark of my collegiate athletic career," Schatz says. "It was just one of those teams that you will always remember. I am happy I was able to be a part of this great team and special group of guys."

It was the second season for head coach Brad Victor '74. Such success led

to a growing fan base and enabled the team to play home games at McCulloch Stadium, instead of at Wallace Marine Park, as it had done in the past.

"That year was when Brad started to turn it around," Bill Jackson '85 remembers. "We did a lot more training. When Brad showed up we really started to work."

From the very start of the season, the players knew they were building something special.

"It was one of those rare occasions in life where the right personalities came together and everyone really cared about one another, and each individual

put the team ahead of himself," Schatz says. "That extended beyond the field. As a younger player, that team had high expectations for me off the field in the classroom. They demanded certain behavior of me as a student-athlete and as a representative of the soccer team."

In late August of 1982, Victor scheduled two-a-day preseason workouts. With the thermostat soaring into the mid-90s, the team worked on developing its signature strength — its speed — through an extensive conditioning regimen.

"Brad was a great conditioning coach," Schatz adds. "And he was smart enough not to get in the way of the upperclassmen leading the team. He did a great job in managing the group, and his coaching record speaks for itself."

"The lessons we learned on the field directly translated to our personal lives and into the business world."

Over 12 years, Victor maintained a .623 winning percentage.

The practices and conditioning paid off as Willamette had one of its most prolific scoring seasons ever. The team set a Bearcat record with an 11-game winning streak, and along the way it set a single-game scoring record by beating Linfield College 11-0.

In that game, for the second year in a row, Bruce Higbie '83 and the Linfield goalkeeper collided, both times, the hit resulted in the same broken leg for the astronomically unlucky goalie.

Jeff Johnson '88 and Higbie, two of the fastest forwards in the league, led the scoring. Johnson was later selected All-NAIA District II, as were

goalie Joe Wells '85 and defender Jim O'Neil '83. Johnson, Wells and midfielder John Hitchman '84 were named All-Northwest Conference.

Victor was chosen NAIA District II Coach of the Year.

Freshman Clay Arkless '86 was off to a great start, with 10 goals through the first few games of the season, until he tore his ACL. While he was hospitalized, the team regularly trekked to Portland to visit him at St. Vincent Hospital.

"Perhaps this instilled more desire and passion for us to win," O'Neil says.

As the season was coming to a close, the team needed to

beat Northwest Nazarene to win the NAIA District II championship. Ten minutes into the second half, with the score tied at 1-1, O'Neil received the first and only red card of his career. In soccer, a red card signals ejection from the game for a conduct violation or extreme foul.

"What was refreshing about it was that not one teammate gave me a bad time or let it affect their play. I think that was a defining moment of our season," O'Neil recalls.

Instead, playing a man short, the team pulled out a crucial 2-1 victory. With 25 minutes to go, senior Chris Hall '83 sent a perfect chip pass over a wall of defenders to a sprinting Clearman, who kicked the ball in for the winning goal.

The season concluded a couple weeks later when the team was eliminated from postseason play by eventual national champion Simon Fraser University. The Bearcats' exploits, however, have not been forgotten. Throughout the years, the team's ties to Willamette have grown as well.

After graduating, Schatz coached the Willamette junior varsity men's team for a year and then moved over to help coach the women's varsity team for four years. Hitchman was head coach of the WU women's team in 1984. Clearman's son, Cole '14, recently spent two seasons playing soccer for the Bearcats. Many of the players remain close friends even after 30 years.

Looking back at the 1982 season, Schatz explains that "the lessons we learned on the field directly translated to our personal lives and into the business world. In particular, they taught us discipline and a never-quit attitude."

His teammates wouldn't have expected anything less of each other.

Willamette began competing in men's soccer as a club team in 1967, playing, among others, the University of Oregon, Oregon State, Portland State, Lewis & Clark, the University of Southern Oregon and Pacific University. As a club team, Willamette played games at Bush's Pasture Park (fall) and McCulloch Stadium (spring). Men's soccer became a varsity sport in 1980.

SOCCER, CULTURE and competing abroad

By Brandon Chinn '13

The Willamette women had a successful soccer season last year, surprising many in the Northwest Conference. But for three rising seniors, another journey was about to begin.

Andi Rowan '13, Ariel Wilson '13 and Maddy Grainger '13 each embarked on international experiences, studying abroad in several Spanish-speaking countries. They quickly discovered that the game they loved to play back home was not just a sport, but a way of life.

Rowan's journey landed her in Granada, Spain, where she got quite a bit of field time. She played on a coed futsal team (futsal is like soccer, but it is typically played on a smaller field and often indoors), which played games on concrete. "I missed not being able to practice with my Willamette teammates, but it was a semester of soccer that I will never forget," she says.

In Spain, she visited some of the greatest soccer venues in the world: Bernabéu Stadium, home of Real Madrid; and Camp Nou Stadium of FC Barcelona.

Rowan learned first-hand just how impactful the game can be overseas. "Being abroad strengthened my appreciation for soccer," she says. "Soccer was constantly around me and I was reminded how important it is in my life — and in other people's."

Both Wilson and Grainger took independently organized trips to San José, Costa Rica, but were able to reunite once there. "Ariel and I hung

out," Grainger says. "We were in different places and meeting different people, so it was interesting to compare notes while being able to relax and vent."

Looking back on her experience, Wilson was astounded at just how popular soccer is in Costa Rica. "The passion people have for the game is incredible," she says. "It brings people together and gives them a reason to have pride in their team and their country. It gives them a reason to celebrate, socialize and enjoy each other."

Wilson was unable to get field time herself. The small university she attended provided a select number of organized sports, and soccer was not one of them. "Not being able to play there made me feel very fortunate to be able to play with so many women at Willamette," she says.

Not only was Grainger fortunate enough to find herself in a situation where she could play the game she loved, but she also experienced a great amount of success. She played on the University of Costa Rica women's varsity team, which won both



Shots from Grainger's Costa Rica photo album, including the national champion Universidad de Costa Rica soccer team.

the Costa Rican championship and a gold medal at the Central American College Games (JUDUCA) during her time there.

She made an impact off the field, too, initiating a program for youth soccer in low-income neighborhoods in an effort to keep girls together and out of harm's way. "I wanted to offer girls in the neighborhood an opportunity to have a constructive after-school activity that is of interest to many in their culture," Grainger says.

By the time she left, there were 15 girls participating in the program. "I felt rewarded to receive such affection from my group of girls, many of whom didn't even have shoes to play in. This was the hardest thing to leave behind."

"The passion people have for the game is incredible. It brings people together and gives them a reason to have pride in their team and their country."

Returning home, Rowan, Wilson and Grainger are out to help the Bearcats improve on an already successful 10-5-1 NWC

record from last season. And while the passion for the game might not be as amplified as it is abroad, these women are still aiming to take soccer at Willamette to new places.

HONORS, HONORS AND MORE HONORS FOR DINSMORE



It has been a year of athletic success and academic honors for recent graduate Jaela Dismore '12, who concluded her Willamette career this spring as a student-athlete competing in track and field.

On the track, Dinsmore earned All-America recognition by placing fifth at the NCAA Division III Championships in the 100-meter dash with a personal record time of 11.95 seconds in the finals. She also took 11th place at the NCAA Championships in the 200-meter dash. She won individual Northwest Conference titles this spring at 100 meters and 200 meters.

She was also named First Team Capital One Academic All-America

by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) this season. She received the NCAA Elite 89 Award for women's track and field as the athlete with the highest cumulative GPA competing at the NCAA Championships.

While double-majoring in Latin American Studies and Spanish, Dinsmore managed a 3.99 cumulative GPA.

Additionally, she was chosen for membership in Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating, she was selected to receive a Fulbright grant to teach English in Colombia, South America.



SYMMONDS WOWS US AT THE OLYMPICS

Check p. 40 for a bigger tribute.

Swadener Hired as Women's Basketball Coach



Peg Swadener is the new head coach of the Willamette women's basketball team. Swadener joined the Bearcat coaching staff in July after serving as an assistant coach at Portland State University since 2007. She was the associate head coach at PSU during the past four years.

Overall, she has 15 years of experience as a collegiate coach at PSU, Boise State University, Idaho State University, the University of Oregon, and Princeton University.

Bearcats to Host NCAA West Regional in Cross Country

Willamette has been selected to host the 2012 NCAA Division III Cross Country West Regional on Saturday, Nov. 10 in Salem. Athletes from throughout the West Coast and Colorado will be competing in a 6-kilometer women's race and an 8-kilometer men's race. The top teams and individuals will advance to the 2012 NCAA Division III Championships, set for Nov. 17 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Bearcats, who have gained a reputation as one of the strongest cross country programs in the West, will be hosting the regional meet for the fifth time in 12 years.

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

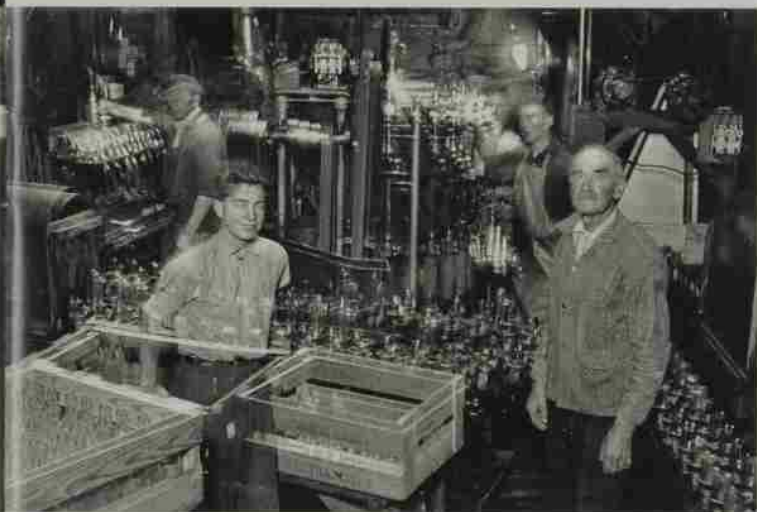
PHOTO ESSAY



Past Light, Past Lives by Frank Miller

These photos, taken between 1914 and 1918, represent a small portion of the Otto and Robert Paulus Glass Plate Negative collection. Otto shot the majority of the images while a student at Willamette, and his brother Robert also photographed extensively in the Willamette Valley. During that time they created a body of work of over 1,000 images, and today the photos are a window into the mundane and extraordinary events that made up life nearly one century ago. The collection was donated in the 1990s to Willamette by Robert (the photographer's descendant) and Norma JD'62 Paulus, and is available for online viewing at library.willamette.edu/archives.







'THE MOST OUTSTANDING FEAT IN ALL DOGDOM'

With help from alumna author Judith (Wood) Kent '55, the story of Silverton's "Wonder Dog" still captivates us



Silverton, Salem's floral and friendly neighbor town, makes the local news every now and then because of its Oregon Garden and Frank Lloyd Wright's Gordon House, both of which draw many visitors each year.

But in 1924, newspapers throughout the country wrote about Silverton because of a Scotch Collie named Bobbie.

In 1923, a Silverton family, the Braziers, drove cross-country for a vacation to see family members back East. They rode in an Overland Red Bird, a machine closer to a carriage than a Camry, which sported wide running boards along the sides, narrow spoked wheels, and a fabric banner in the rear that read

"Silverton Oregon." Standing on a running board was Bobbie, the dutiful companion.

In Wolcott, Ind., 2,551 miles from home, Bobbie disappeared. The last Frank Brazier saw of Bobbie was a glimpse of him running from a pack of local dogs around the corner at a gas station. While the family searched the area, a friendly local newspaper editor ran an ad asking for help, but no one replied. The town's telephone operator called every local number, but nobody had seen the dog. After several weeks, the Braziers, deflated, left and drove home. Winter was coming.

Then, on Feb. 15, 1924, exactly six months after Bobbie was lost, he returned home to Silverton on his own. Miraculously, he had found his way back and managed the treachery of a Rocky Mountain winter on foot.

Kent wrote about the ordeal in a book called "Silverton's Bobbie." On the day he returned, she writes, "the emaciated dog fell into [Brazier's] arms, whining and crying pitifully, seeming almost human in his joy at being home." The family's reaction was similar. They immediately gave him a meal of steak and cream, and then Bobbie sought his old basement bed, sleeping for the better part of three days.

"Footsore and weary," as one newspaper would put it, Bobbie had spent

"Bobbie was dogdom's Lewis and Clark rolled into one."



all or most of those 2,000 miles alone and running on limited food. It became obvious that he must have had periodic help along his route, and soon, with newspapers picking up the story around the country, people started to speak up.

Kent consolidated these eyewitness accounts as she tried to piece together Bobbie's solo narrative. Several people who had cared for the dog along the way wrote letters to the Braziers offering happy wishes and it-could-have-been-me recollections. Others suggested that Bobbie had picked up the habit of staying nights at service-station garages, where his owners had earlier parked their car while they slept. A caretaker in Portland provided Bobbie with the last boost — including medical attention for his paws — that he needed to push on to Silverton.

"The Guinness Book of World Records" certified the homing feat given the prevalence of eyewitness testimonies and a clear ID on the dog. "The Prodigal Dog," "Wonder Dog"

— the nicknames went on and congratulatory gifts spilled into the Brazier household (these included the keys to the city of Vancouver, B.C.).

Bobbie's last years were jubilant.

He was later buried in the pet cemetery at the Oregon Humane Society, and the canine star Rin Tin Tin visited his grave to leave behind a wreath. Though he only lived to be six years old, Bobbie fathered 16 pups, all of them male — and he now has a permanent statue installation at the Oregon Garden detailing his trek.

Kent helped organize it, but she



Bobbie and owner Frank Brazier, ca. 1924

recalls that the sculpture almost never came to be. "It was going to cost \$25,000 for a full-body statue," she says, "and I had no idea how Bobbie's supporters would pay for that. So I was relieved to hear from the artist that a bust was an option, too. I thought, 'If that's good enough for Washington, D.C., and some very important people, it'll work here.'"

She says that Bobbie's story helps to color in Oregon's exploratory lore, even today. "Bobbie was dogdom's Lewis and Clark rolled into one."

Watch Bobbie in a Movie!

Courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society, readers can view a charming silent film from the 1920s starring Bobbie himself. Visit willamette.edu/scene to take a look.



WILLAMETTE, STILL POLITICKING

Students cross State Street each year to carry on Willamette's best-known co-curricular tradition: politics. Two of them, courtesy of a scholarship set up by Fred VanNatta '60, show us the spectrum of influences such a program can have.

These students are at the same time typical and unique, since their enthusiasm mirrors many who have come before them, but their aptitudes and goals reflect current-day needs and the freedom they are allowed on this side of the street.

In their words — from left to right, so to speak:

Elizabeth Calixtro '13

Internship: Rep. Debbie Komp (D)

I grew up mostly in Woodburn, Ore., though I went through elementary school in Mexico. I began to learn English in middle school and was president of the debate team for two years. I visited Willamette in middle school and high school, and I loved it.

I find a great support network in the politics department and in the American ethnic studies community at WU. Classes have led me to learn a lot about myself, and Willamette's motto inspires me to serve our surrounding communities. I appreciate attending an institution that can be held accountable in this regard.

Working at the Oregon State Legislature with Rep. Komp was a valuable experience because I believe that it is the state's responsibility to address the conditions of disadvantaged people.

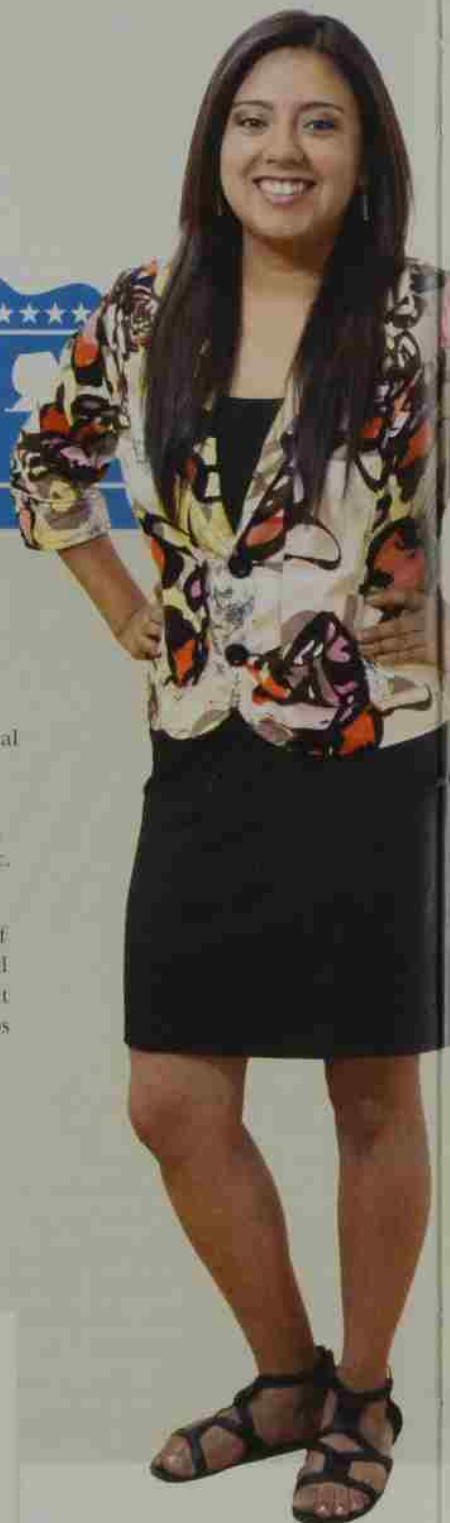
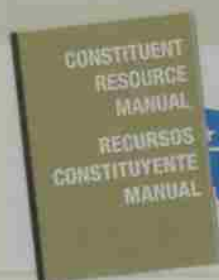
At Komp's office, I made important information available to members of her Spanish-speaking constituency who wouldn't have access to it otherwise. Woodburn is a largely Latino city, and I translated the constituent resource manual from English to Spanish. It contained local humanitarian aid information, and I distributed it at local hospitals, libraries, police departments, city halls, schools, etc.

The internship gave me an opportunity to explore the mechanisms and culture of the Oregon Legislature. I certainly gained much from it, and will continue to benefit from the experience and the relationships I built. I would advise future VanNatta-supported interns to ask many questions and to meet as many people as they can.

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Not Just Making Coffee

Interns like Calixtro and Briggs add tangible accomplishments to their resumes. In Calixtro's case, she used Spanish skills to reach out to constituents in a new, useful way.





Samantha Briggs '13

Internship: Rep. Jason Conger (R)

▶ I came to Willamette in part because I wanted to be close to the Capitol for internship purposes, and, as a Republican, I wanted to be somewhere my ideas would be debated. I have come to understand my own values better at WU because I have been confronted with all different points of view.

It was amazing to work for Rep. Conger because he is the representative of my hometown of Bend. In the office I was able to work on constituent casework, which was truly gratifying. Not only was I able to learn about issues that people in our district were having, but I was able to help them create a better situation. Specifically, I worked on several mortgage issues in order to make sure people were not kicked out of their homes.

I am unbelievably grateful for the VanNatta scholarship. I have had a job since I was 15 in order to pay for college — even today I still work two to make ends meet — and this scholarship allowed me to take time away from work and put it into something I am so passionate about. Being able to be at the Capitol 15 hours a week has supplemented my education with real-world understanding.

My best advice for interns would be to go in with an open mind and be ready to work. There are days when the Capitol is mind-numbingly boring and days when there is so much going on it feels like it's about to burst — but each day is another day to learn and help others.



Making It Happen

"I know the dilemma faced by students attempting to earn part of their way through college," says Fred VanNatta '60. "They might pass up an internship that can give them the experience and relationships for a career in order to earn a few dollars for the next tuition payment."

Thanks to VanNatta, that's less of a problem now. The VanNatta Public Policy Internship fund provides grants to promising young men and women who might otherwise have to give up their political aspirations in the face of other needs. Anyone can contribute to it, and it already serves several students each year — students like the pair on these pages.

VanNatta's advice for today's interns? "Don't do or say things about people that you don't want to see on Twitter. And always remember that in the long run, the veracity of your word is more important than your money or your ego."

CAMPUS CONVERSATIONS

Seth Cotlar ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HISTORY



Seth Cotlar has quietly bolstered Willamette's history department for most of the last decade. Students adore him. He adores them back.

What do you miss if you go through college without history?

Understanding the past facilitates self-understanding. In the end, it enables you to understand how the historical moment you're in shapes who you are.

This is liberating, really, since it can free you from the limits of the society into which you've been conditioned. You could say that what it means to be free is to embrace ideas out of choice, not out of the givenness of how things are.

What historical idea, period or issue really sustains you intellectually?

The 1930s come to mind, which is odd because that's not my area of specialization. It was a great moment of experimentation and change, and the political changes that came about then are what we're still debating today.

I remember that the Depression, interestingly, had created a huge pool of unemployed academics, so the government put them to work writing state guidebooks for travelers. There was a new market for such books because it was just in the past decade or so that large numbers of people had cars and there were decent roads to drive them on. Remember that there were no chain hotels or restaurants yet. Going places in the U.S. was really a

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foreign experience in many ways, and that's why people did it. It makes you wonder what you might actually lose with today's instant connectedness.

What do you say to the parent who wants his/her child to get a job out of college and wonders if history and the humanities are too "soft?"

Too much emphasis gets placed on a misunderstood notion of vocation. In seven years, 50 percent of the jobs our students will hold will be

happier than to see phenomenal, well-reasoned papers from students who disagree with me. If you want to affect the world, you're going to have to be able to talk to and convince people who disagree with you. I know what I think and believe now, but that's probably not what I'll think and believe in 20 years.

One thing that I always talk about with students is the difference between an opinion and an interpretation. I have an opinion

to be more precise — made them unable to really see and understand the people who they were purportedly trying to help. People will respect us more if we explore this morally complicated encounter that laid the foundation for Willamette — if we explore all the issues related to our relationship with native peoples of the area — than if we hide from it.

Second, it's worth recognizing Willamette's long history of wedding the two parts of being an academic

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jobs that don't exist today. To some extent, the more specific your training is, the more you're limited and the less useful it is long-term. You must study things like history because you're going to have to analyze situations, make meaning out of a mass of data, and understand people and their motivations in complex ways.

These are transcendent skills that have always been cultivated in a place like WU. We're not training generations of eccentrics who will blog about the Civil War in their pajamas; we're helping reinforce the virtues of a broad-based citizenry.

If we ever live in a world where we want employees without critical thinking skills, the ballgame's over.

What guides you as a teacher?

I want students to be excited and unsettled by what they're doing. I learned from the late professor Nacho Cordova that our job — and I might not say this exactly right — is to give conviction to the unsettled and unsettle those who are convinced.

Often I find myself playing the devil's advocate in class when we all seem to be agreeing with each other. We shouldn't. Nothing makes me

about this cavity in my mouth, but that doesn't mean I know what I'm talking about. I want a dentist, who's trained about these things, to interpret it for me. In the same way, public policy can't be dictated by unreflective opinions and emotional reactions.

What about Willamette's history do you think we should try to remember or honor?

I'll give you two answers. The first is that we should continue coming to terms with our missionary legacy. Jason Lee and his compatriots came here with the best of intentions, but their certainty about their own correctness — their ethnocentrism,

that tend to be separate: teaching and research. It's a serious investment. This is what the country's best liberal arts colleges do.

In a sense, this teacher-scholar model is a little old-school. It's not the most efficient way to do things. But when I go to conferences about collaborative research between faculty and students, I'm shocked: What most people call "undergraduate research" is what we call taking a 100-level Willamette course!

Every university says that they put students first, but Willamette does it, and that's something that should be preserved.

Alexandra Opie, assistant professor of art, has been working with the wet-collodion plate process for the past year. This method of making photographs, first begun in the middle of the 19th century, creates its image directly on a metal plate. Since there is no negative produced, the photographs are one-of-a-kind pieces. This re-application of an antiquated process furthers Opie's work dealing with the effects of time, both upon and within photography, and its focus on creating unique objects — as opposed to infinitely reproducible files — is especially relevant in the age of digital photography.



ASPIRING DOX

AnnaMaria Mencarelli '13 and Emily Miller '15 are effervescent as they talk about the co-curricular program they've spearheaded. Their beloved topic? Health care.

Mencarelli clarifies that the name of the group, Aspiring Dox, might be a little misleading: "We could really call it 'Aspiring Dox — And All Kinds of Other Health Care Professionals,'" she says. "But that probably doesn't sound as good."

Aspiring Dox exists in part to bring speakers and mentors to campus to assist students interested in pursuing health care as a profession — or at least seeing if it's a direction worth heading. It's a little like pre-med, but Aspiring Dox focuses on vocational discernment and networking alongside existing pre-med or pre-health curricular work, which still takes place with Willamette faculty.

In the last year, Aspiring Dox has brought 21 speakers to campus and connected more than 200 students with health care professionals. These have included an equine therapist, the principal and translator from the Oregon School for the Deaf, a senior health insurance benefits assistance (SHIBA) coordinator from Medicare, and a host of other doctors and trained workers.

One thing that tends to startle undergrads who are considering health care is the variety of options available to them.

"When freshmen come into the program," Mencarelli says, "we start by asking them broadly, 'How do you want to help people?' rather than pegging them into a specific career right away. It's exploratory in the beginning because people don't know what's out there."

David Douglass, dean of campus life, has advocated for the program since its inception two years ago. He says that pre-med and pre-health are thorny fields by their nature, each combining wide intuitive appeal among young students with uncommonly stringent requirements to succeed — something that can lead to serious disappointment.

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AnnaMaria Mencarelli '13

"It seems that 40, maybe 50 percent of incoming students these days want to be doctors or go into related fields," Douglass says. "These occupations seem well-paying, secure and respected. But this can lead to a great falling out if students break their teeth on organic chemistry, for example, which is such a notoriously difficult subject to handle."

This, Douglass says, is part of the reason Aspiring Dox came about: to show students that there are plenty of ways to pursue health care and



Emily Miller '15

related fields without following the track toward an MD.

"Health doesn't have a single home, and that's part of the challenge," he says. "But by moving this kind of programming beyond the faculty domain, our student leaders created a more robust career-based, vocational discernment model."

Part of this depends on help from the undergraduate Career Services office, which is the administrative home of Aspiring Dox. Director Jerry Houser has seen the payoffs as Mencarelli and Miller have tended to the budding program.

"Aspiring Dox has helped make Willamette a destination for pre-health," Houser says. "It's an exceptionally strong track here, and these kinds of programs help other students persist and make good decisions."

Mencarelli started as an intern in Career Services but secured a Lilly Foundation grant to expand Aspiring Dox (it expires this year, and she is on the hunt for alternative funding). Along the way she has put in untold

hours of work, scheduled and stewarded dozens of speakers, and dealt with the realities of administering a wide-ranging service in a continually evolving topical area.

One of the greatest assets she discovered along the way was Willamette's alumni base. Aspiring Dox has also partnered with the alumni Career Network for contributors.

"We love to bring WU alumni in as speakers. There are many who work in these fields, and they connect so well with students," she says. "They're the ones who can come in and say, 'I've been in your shoes, in your classrooms, and I know how this works.'"

Miller has begun taking on more and more responsibilities with Aspiring Dox and will probably stick around to see it through the next several years. "Absolutely, we would love to see more Willamette alumni come back as speakers," she says. "They're so generous with their time because they're connected here."

This year, Mencarelli and Miller have set up the program as a semi-monthly speaker series that will

include panels of health care professionals in the evenings, as well as individual speakers and provisions for one-on-one mentoring.

"We've grown so fast that we've had to ratchet back a little given our resources," Mencarelli says. "But the demand for this has been outstanding and we continue to see waves of interested students."

Douglass has watched the pair of student leaders gel and push Aspiring Dox ahead. "This is one of those great examples of student leadership that provides helpful service as well as development for the ones doing the work — they're essentially taking on real administrative duties, allocating resources, reaching out to faculty and speakers. Anna and Emily have done a remarkable job."

Calling All Health Care Alumni

Aspiring Dox relies on the assistance of Willamette alumni speakers and mentors. If you're a health care professional and think you might be able to speak to these topics (or even just offer networking, advice or encouragement), contact the alumni Career Network at careernetwork@willamette.edu. Current students would love your support.

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Into the (New) Real World

Graduates of the Recession Open Up

Our twenties are the years of big decisions: decisions about where to live, who to spend time with, where to work, what to care about and how to care about it. These are the years of self-discovery, of trial and error, and of experiencing a new independence. It's adulthood.

And while entering adulthood is an experience shared across time and geography, I will dare to summarize that the Willamette College of Liberal Arts class of 2011, alongside our peers from 2008–2012, is in an unusual position compared to many other years of CLA graduates. We are not only experiencing the growing pains of adult life — car buying, leases, salary negotiations, online dating, making new friends, moving cross-country or internationally, health insurance, graduate school — but we are doing this at a time when the country is slowly climbing out of a deep recession.

This is the crux of being a recent Willamette graduate: **we are at once privileged and burdened.**



By Geneva Hooten '11

For example, having accessed the resources that a private liberal arts university like Willamette provides, my peers and I also feel the tug of today's economic reality and the weight of student loans we are expected to repay. While we are grateful for these opportunities, it is noteworthy that a Willamette education, like most others around the country, is now coupled with debt that slowly erodes at financial stability while hindering long-term saving and investment. This is the harsh truth of post-secondary private education: It is a worthwhile but costly endeavor.

My friend and fellow economics major Mary Masla '11 reminded me recently that "the traditions and structures of the last decades aren't working, so how lucky are we that our generation could make great change?" And she's right. This might be one of our charges as Willamette graduates: Knowing first-hand our privileges and burdens, can we bring about the changes we want to see in the world? Can we afford it?



Mary Masla '11

"The traditions and structures of the last decades aren't working, so how lucky are we that our generation could make great change?"

The Willamette Project

I wanted to understand how my peers were answering these questions, so I created the Willamette Project, a forum for highlighting my class's commonalities and differences as we have spread out around the world and settled into new cities and new routines. I remain interested in documenting shared attitudes, struggles and triumphs, and I plan to continue the project into the future. It will culminate in a 10-year retrospective following repeat surveys at the five- and 10-year marks.

This kernel of an idea has turned into something much bigger and more meaningful than I had imagined. More than 110 of my classmates responded to a 25-question survey during the summer, based loosely on the Marcel Proust Questionnaire, as made popular on the last page of *Vanity Fair* magazines. Questions covered basic updates (Where are you now? What are you doing with yourself these days?), as well as people's experiences at Willamette (Your favorite class? What did Willamette teach you?).

A third set targeted people's visions of happiness and fulfillment (Your dream job? Your goal for the next year?). It was this third set that shed light on the most interesting aspects of my peers' lives.

Since walking across the stage at graduation, we have experienced, in general, a whirl of international travel, working, volunteering, attending graduate school, dating, falling in love, moving and much more than can, or should, be captured in a questionnaire. In reading my peers' responses, I was struck by the diversity of their experiences. I have friends studying law and medicine, friends at the front lines of political movements, friends leading campaigns, friends pursuing advanced degrees, friends leading entrepreneurial efforts, friends traveling outside the U.S., and friends struggling to find work that challenges them.

We are thankful for a Willamette education that fortified our resolution to succeed. Willamette taught us to be lifelong learners, to realize our goals through hard work, to build community, to promote change, and to surround ourselves with people from whom we can continue to learn and be challenged. Willamette taught us how to care about something bigger than ourselves and to deeply understand the motto.

In the end, what stands out are the resilience and headstrong confidence of my classmates, despite a poor economy and low employment. We believe, collectively, that a positive future is possible for us, but we also know that finding it takes more than a degree and a good resume. It takes finesse, creativity, and good connections — and the ability to see the value in doing something we believe in, not just producing income.

We are now applying the lessons of the last four years. The 400-plus graduates of 2011 have spiraled out along different paths but seem to be linked together by several common themes: creativity, community and resilience. The following nine graduates help articulate these themes.

Creativity

Kaeley Pruitt-Hamm '11 embodies creativity. While at Willamette she created her own major — international conflict and communications — while also co-founding a female a cappella group, Up Top, and doing research in Rwanda through Lilly Foundation and College Colloquium grants. She now uses her education and enthusiasm to train high school students in nonviolent direct action as the assistant director of the Peace Activist Trainee Program with the Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation in Seattle. She also has worked as the outreach coordinator for the Bring Our Billions Home Campaign, which has involved collaborating with groups of veterans, student-debt activists and Occupy activists to protest in “flash mob” fashion around the state.

“People at Willamette, like our late professor Nacho Cordova, taught me how to search for the root of a problem,” she says. “Now I have that habit

as I try to make a career out of being an activist and community organizer.”

Making a career out of activism has meant working three paid jobs at a time — from restaurant work to phone banking to nannying — to help pay off student loans and medical bills. It’s a creative approach to the perennial challenge of finding meaningful work that pays well enough.

Willamette taught Steven Morrison '11 “how to deal with administrations.” At Willamette, Morrison was the general manager of the Bistro and has since worked at TriMet as a bus operator while auditing history classes at Portland State University. Most recently, he and another recent graduate, Joseph Provencher '11, started Rose City Coffee Company. Using bureaucratic and entrepreneurial finesse, the two have turned a small personal investment into a specialty coffee roasting company.

“We continue to network with other roasters and potential clients,” Morrison says. “We are perfecting our own packaging, doing all the accounting, and exploring new avenues for sales.”

The pair have used their creativity and dedication to transform a vision into a reality.



Community

Leaving the "Willamette bubble" has meant going without the constant opportunities for socialization on the way to class or to the library. We now must actively kindle new relationships while making concerted efforts to see friends outside of work. It is, after all, the people in our lives who are most important and deserving of our time.

Meryl Hulse '11, an anthropology major interning with HealthRight International in New York City, appreciates that her "closest friends are all extremely gifted listeners. They're insightful. They're inspired in ways that I often wish I could be." Out of Willamette she has to work a lot harder to foster and maintain relationships.

Natalia Povelite '11, another anthropology major, wrote that "Willamette taught me the importance of being part of a community, and of serving that community to the best of my ability." During the summer,

Natalia worked as an intern for the Sitka Conservation Society. She is serving her community through a writing project focused on how people in Southeast Alaska live with the land and protect the Tongass

National Forest. For her, community goes deeper than an immediate circle of friends: It is about the people and the land.

Dave Reid '11 graduated with a major in history and has been working for Teach for America in rural Mississippi since June 2011. I met him through our work as resident assistants our sophomore year. He writes, "Willamette taught me a lot about community. When I look back at my time there, what I remember is a series of micro-communities. They may have been based on academic or social interests, and students may have been a part of many of them, but those communities strongly shaped our experience." He now finds that building new communities is necessary to effectively do his job and be happy.

Similar to Natalia, Colin Wilson '11, a biology major, has found that his interactions with the people he works and learns with "are in many ways just as important as what you're working on and learning — if not more." He works as a "part-time researcher, part-time adventurer," studying plant molecular biology with Willamette professor Gary Tallman and collecting data for his own animal behavior research project with professor Emma Coddington. Along the way he has found that his environment, and his community, impact his learning and success.



Meryl Hulse '11



Natalia Povelite '11



Dave Reid '11



Colin Wilson '11



Resilience

Today, resilience seems as important as anything else. Kevin Burfeind '11 writes that at Willamette he learned that “anything is possible, but you have to pursue it and put in hard work.”

Kevin studied exercise science and was also involved in orthopedic and biomedical technology research at Legacy Hospital. He now works at a neurologic physical therapy clinic and is applying to medical school.

Hannah Harper '11, a Truman Scholar and researcher with professor Joyce Millen on a National Science Foundation-funded project, learned that “you can find a way to make almost anything happen as long as you have determination and perseverance.” Hannah is an incredible role model — she is turning her passion for medical anthropology into new research opportunities and hands-on medical work, effectively creating a place and a role for herself.



And about me: I'm interested in making it possible for people to lead full lives without cars; this broad idea turned first into an internship at G-TRAN and then into a transit analyst position at the Oregon Department of

Transportation. I now work as a transportation planner at a multidisciplinary consulting firm, David Evans and Associates, Inc., where I develop transit and mobility strategies. Had I not been exposed to the enormously diverse body of research and interests across campus and seen for myself the types of interesting work Willamette alumni have turned into careers, I would not have thought planning work to be a realistic possibility for myself, especially right out of college.

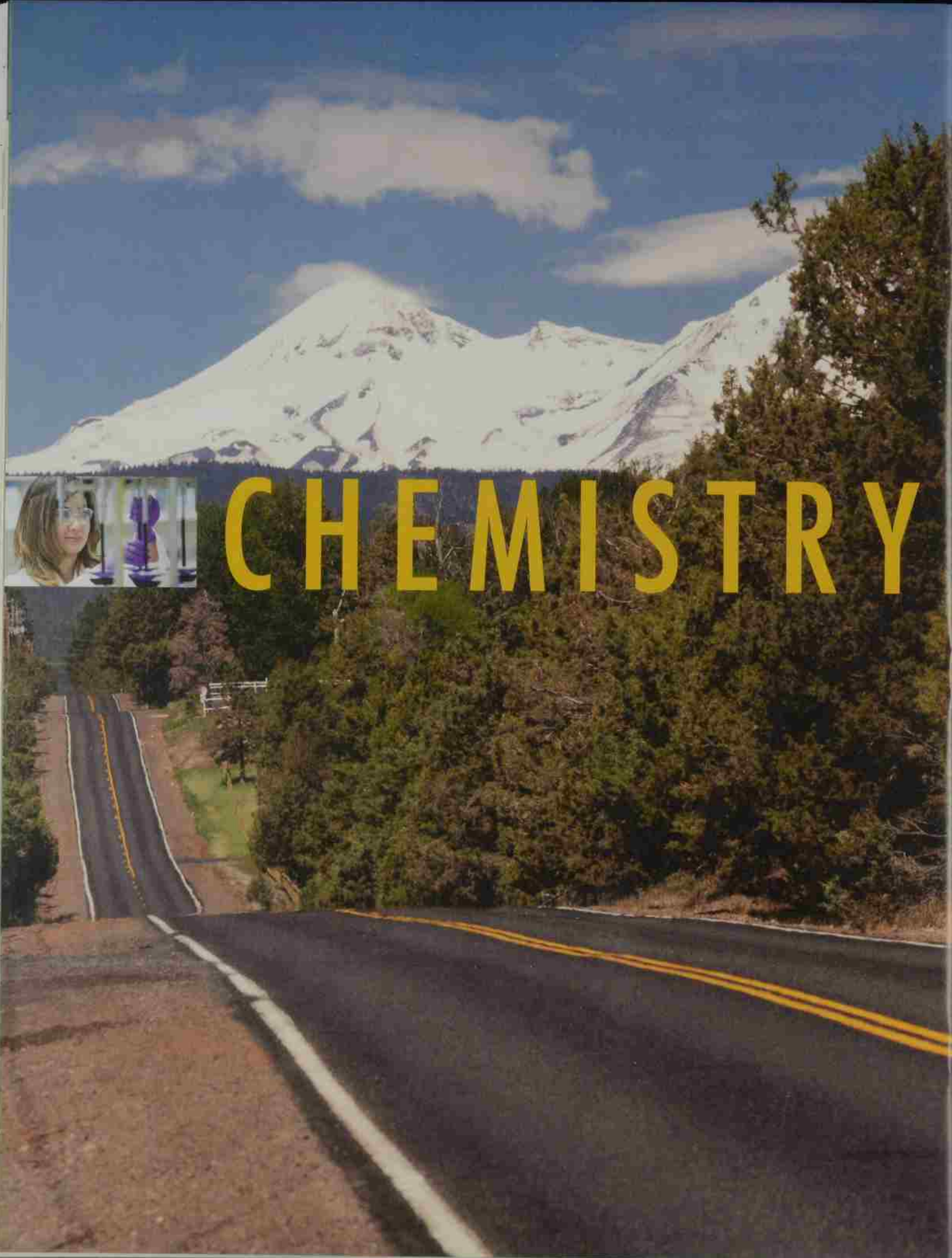
What's Next

We recent graduates see that there are endless possibilities to make constructive changes — whether through a rural teaching position, or community organizing, or simply being an active part of a community. Although debt payments loom and the future is unpredictable, we understand that our successes are made, not guaranteed.

When it comes down to it, our degrees are as strong as our personal resilience and willingness to work, create and adapt. This is what I find so exciting and hopeful: we have the reservoir of skills and curiosities to propel us forward to find meaning for ourselves and ignite positive change.



This article was composed in the cloud, and it is still evolving. For more commentary on college cost and student debt, visit willamette.edu/scene.



CHEMISTRY

Young Alumni Bring Willamette to the High Desert

COUNTRY



There's a reason why the Bend Research logo looks just like a cattle brand. The organization's marketing plan is very honest, actually. It says, in effect: "We are independent thinkers but have traditional values, and, by the way, we're out in ranch country." People remember them for that. The panorama of the Three Sisters Mountains visible from the front door helps.

Bend Research does fundamental chemistry for pharmaceutical companies, often taking the reins when a drug needs tweaking to be more effective. Staff members usually aren't at liberty to discuss specific projects, but Pfizer used to be Bend Research's main client, and the Bend, Ore., company has diversified and expanded since 2008 — a point in time that staff members have referred to as "the restart."

But in a facility filled with the hum of sterile gadgetry, Bend Research is defined, as much as anything, by a quirky culture and attachment to ideas. These are liberal-arts converts and lunchtime Frisbee-flingers, not the scientists of stereotypes. Case in point: Not far past the main entryway, one person's office has a large pig with wings dangling from the ceiling, flying, as it were, out of the labs. Don't tell these people something can't be done.

Five effusive alumni, some new to the company and some veterans, shared their experience at the flagship Bend Research facility, just up the hill from the quiet outpost of Tumalo. In an airy conference room that felt new, they wore jeans and smiles and launched happily into recollections of their alma mater, their job, and the surprising connections between the two.

PARTNERS

You might call the relationship between Willamette and Bend Research symbiotic. Most obviously, a growing number of alumni are joining the team in Bend, but the partnership goes deeper. An internship program, funded by a yearly grant from

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CASEY JAGER '01

Bend Research, offers Willamette chemistry students the chance to drive over the mountains each summer and apply their knowledge in the field. In turn, a steady stream of liberal-arts-style intellectual capital helps the company, in perpetual expansion, do its work. The arrangement has become sustainable over the last several years, and both parties are looking for further growth.

Casey Jager '01, a chemist, serves ably as the public face to the company. Smile-prone, hair the color of the red desert, he remembers Willamette well.

"I've grown up as a scientist here at Bend Research," he says, "but at Willamette I learned how to learn, and that has made everything easier."

He echoes what plenty of alumni say about their careers once they have a few years under their belts; that the people hiring them and promoting them care about how they communicate, how they assess information, and how they contribute to a discussion much more than what track they were on as undergrads.

"When I sat down to interview for this job," adds Melinda Fahey '08, MAT '11, "the interviewers said, 'We don't care about your major and what you know; we care about your ability to learn and your ability to problem-solve.'" Bend Research, confirms Vice President David Vodak '99, is "at the highest level an organization of problem solvers."

Fahey already had a degree from Willamette's Graduate School of Education, which meant she came in knowing how to "keep people's attention, how to be a good worker, and, after that, be a good chemist." She remembers

the late Julie Abendroth, anchor of Willamette's exercise science department, for the perspective she cultivated in her students.

"That department has one of the highest credit loads needed to satisfy the major requirement, but Julie still had us keep our eyes open outside the field," she says. "I remember sociology professors who made us into much more spherical thinkers."

At the mention of this idea — spherical thinking — the whole group sidestepped into a discussion of what they called "linear vs. spatial" problem-solving. It lasted a brisk ten minutes and included recollections of old Willamette courses and professors from all sorts of departments who provided new angles from which to look at problems.

Kathy (Colombo) Pugh '93 brought up math with professor Steve Prothero. "If we didn't understand, he'd help us think spatially — think around the problem — until we found a different way to see things and it clicked," she says.

For her, that experience matters quite a lot. "Today I'm a translator in that I communicate with scientists and engineers, people who speak differently," she says. "Part of my job is to get them to proceed in a certain way without wielding any actual authority over them, and if I didn't know how to approach groups and ideas from varying angles, I'd be lost."

Vodak visits Willamette periodically to recruit the next wave of interns — Bend research welcomes 30 – 40 from various colleges each summer — and also to keep tabs on the short list of schools he relies on the most for candidates.

Stephanie Buchanan '07 was one of the students Vodak hired. "David came to campus in 2007 to recruit, and it felt like a very good fit," she says. She had worked previously with professor Sarah Kirk on a drug called tetracaine. "It's an injectable eye anesthetic," Buchanan says. She explains it with a smile and a wince, a gesture that means, "It's okay if this weirds you out," but her excitement is visible. She's where she wants to be.

"This connection does a lot of things," Vodak says. "It raises awareness about jobs in chemistry, gives high-caliber students hands-on experience, and gives us access to excellent young minds. My hope is to drive more Willamette students out here — I think we've just scratched the surface."

TUMMIES

Lab Number Three isn't particularly large, but it encapsulates Bend Research's project nicely, at least for



non-scientists looking in. Inside, a series of glass containers, known by staff as “the tummies,” line a work table. They see many different kinds of chemicals over the course of the day. They’re called tummies because that’s what they mimic; the bulbous bottom chambers hold an acidic mixture that resembles what’s in our stomachs, and when drugs are introduced, lab workers can observe how they dissolve and interact with our systems.

It’s more complicated than it sounds. “Drugs are tricky,” says Vodak, “because it’s not good to have a spike and a fall in potency if dilution is rapid and uncontrolled.” This is what Bend Research often helps drug companies, organizations that already have able scientists on board, analyze and correct.

Bend Research is known for having pioneered a process called Spray-Dried Dispersion, or SDD, which is a creative way of mixing drug compounds that tend not to play well with each other, thus avoiding sporadic ingestion and drug delivery. Spray drying forces uniform distribution by using an organic liquid solvent to mix everything up and then “atomizing” the liquid into a spray. While this mixed-up-spray is falling in the air, the solvent evaporates very quickly, leaving the drug trapped in a nice even powder before it has a chance to separate again.

Conceptually, it’s a little like oil-and-vinegar salad dressing. Let it sit in a jar for a while and the vinegar and oil will separate; shake it up and spray it through a nozzle and you’ll get a more even distribution. (Several food companies have actually marketed sprayed-on dressings — gimmicky, maybe, but the science is sound.)

This kind of work takes place in the main Bend Research facility on the hill above Tumalo, but there are two other



Willamette team members, left to right: Stephanie Buchanan '07, Casey Jager '01, Craig Sather '10, Melinda Fahey '08, MAT '11, and David Vodak '99

locations in Bend, each addressing a development stage somewhere between chemical analysis and production. The second location deals with scale-up from isolated experiments to repeatable manufacturing; the third provides drug companies with the final deliverable: trial-ready products. It’s all part of a “complete package” that Bend Research — whose employees now number more than 270, almost twice as many as in 2008 — markets to its clients.

“Clients tend to like us,” Jager says, “because we try to make it easy on them. We’ve chosen to provide the full cycle because we’ve learned to juggle all the pieces.”

And here we are again at the brand. The tradition in it, the company says, is that they value relationships, openness and follow-through. The independent streak comes in when it’s time to solve a problem. “At Willamette you ask why, not just how,” says Craig Sather '10, who came on board after graduating and will soon marry Fahey (contributing to that Bearcat compatibility legend, he notes). “That’s why I like it here so much: We get to play with the whole problem, and no idea is too wild if it leads to a solution.”

HOW — AND WHY — WILLAMETTE PARTNERS WITH CORPORATIONS

Business and corporate partnerships provide benefits across the board: to the university, students and graduates, and the companies themselves.

These relationships allow students to apply what they learn in the classroom to the real world. Corporate partners endorse and appreciate the qualities of Willamette students and alumni — individuals who are entrepreneurial problem solvers and leaders of industry, education and community development. Corporate partners also appreciate access to the university community and other assets, including research and scholarship, arts and cultural events, and Bearcat athletics.

Companies gain access to substantial intellectual capital and increased visibility on campus and throughout the state. They also receive reassurance that they’re helping Willamette to give our graduates a leg up, administer community programs that make our world a better place, and produce the next generation of leaders.

If your company could benefit from a partnership with Willamette, please contact the office of corporate and foundation relations to discuss possibilities for collaboration.

— Arminda Lathrop and Peter Miller, corporate and foundation relations
Contact: 503-370-6606, alathrop@willamette.edu

AMONG WILLAMETTE'S CORPORATE PARTNERS:

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- Better Built Barns, Salem
- F&W Fence, Salem
- Hoffman Construction, Portland
- LCG Pence, Salem
- Life Technologies Corp., Eugene
- PT Northwest, Salem
- Safeco/Liberty Mutual, Seattle
- State Farm Insurance, Northwest Headquarters
- Saalfeld Griggs, Salem

ALUMNI RELATIONS

TRAVELOGUE: WILLAMETTE KAYAKS THE SAN JUANS



BY ERIK SCHMIDT '02

A look inside a travel program excursion, thanks to a waterproof notepad and pen.

THURSDAY

Washington's Friday Harbor glistens. I meet Laura (Hoff) Edman '77 and her husband, George, for an IPA before our last night's sleep on mattresses. They are jovial, and we talk baseball while we look off a raised deck onto the water. I officially forgive their son for going to Linfield instead of Willamette.

FRIDAY

Departure at 8 a.m. is going to be rainy, but everyone has good spirits — tenuous as they might be under this weather. Richard, owner of Discovery Sea Kayak, gives the 12 of us a trip overview and hands out our two rubberized dry bags, so we can each pack our gear. I add an insulated beanie hat that I hadn't planned on taking.

Our paddle jackets and pants are high-visibility yellow and blue, so when we walk outside toward the waiting van, someone jokes that they remind her of Gorton's Fish Sticks.

Push off is from Jackson Beach, which is long and scenic and gritty underfoot. We meet our two guides, Brooke and Alex, each 20-something, who teach us how to use our equipment and get back into a two-person kayak should we flip over in the 48-degree water. We shudder at the thought. There is a little hand pump

strapped to Alex's single kayak, probably for slurping out seawater from our seat wells should the need arise. I hope, for comfort and liability's sake, that he never has to use it.

We push off, extend our foot-long rudders into the seawater once we're clear of the rocks, and realize together that the kayaks are comfortable — and, with the bibs covering our seats and legs, dry. We stop caring about the rain.

On the way around our first rocky corners we pass a dozen camouflaged seals, just sitting. They look at us with far less interest than we show of them, and we follow our guides' advice to not get too close. Paddling is easy and the rain stops without us really noticing. I can't hear all of our group's conversations, but I hear laughter.

Eight miles later, at 2:30 p.m., we have crossed a main ferry line and landed at Jones Island State Park, a spectacular camping spot. The sun is coming out. We have a large grassy knoll to ourselves, ample shelter, restroom facilities and hiking trails as long as anyone wants. Dinner, prepared solely by our guides, is phenomenal, a creamy curry over rice with veggies and smoked salmon. Don O'Leary '83 makes it clear that we won't have to worry about a lack



of campfire. Watching him work, several of us decide that “to MacGyver” something is a verb.

We perk up further at the sight of the boxed wine coming out of a kayak hull.

SATURDAY

Sleep came easily on inflatable pads and pillows. We have a relaxed morning, actually, since we’ll only be covering five miles, and the tides and currents will be favorable. We eat French toast off the griddle, enjoy coffee and fruit salad, and admire the requisite campfire.

The paddle is relaxed and gorgeous. Early clouds dissolve, and the sun throws diamonds off the wave tips. Our lunch spot, Blind Island, seems no bigger than a baseball infield but rises to a spectacular viewpoint, from which we can see a dozen yachts anchored near the small ferry terminal at neighboring Shaw Island. After lunch we spend an extra half hour in the sun to take better advantage of shifting tides on the way back, and we muse about the names of the boats whose stenciling we can read; the “Sea Ya” has come all the way from Honolulu.

Night back at Jones Island brings the most epic campfire we’ve ever seen. O’Leary and Mark Schulz find loads

of driftwood and make something that’s downright artful, and Ethan Bancroft ’09 finds a Robert Browning poem printed on the inside of a sea-salt and almond chocolate wrapper. It is strangely appropriate as he reads it aloud to us: “...Then a mile of warm sea-scented beach ... two hearts beating each to each!”

SUNDAY

This is our early day. We wake at 5:30 a.m. so we can get out in time for the tides and so people can catch the afternoon ferry leaving Friday Harbor. We start with our longest open-sea crossing, two miles west-bound across the Salish Sea, and then turn the corner south down San Juan Island’s left shoulder.

The weather turns. Two-foot swells mean that the front paddlers in each kayak catch some air, but they seem to enjoy it. The water is the color of

graphite. In the rain now, we reach that point of saturation after which the weather ceases to matter.

We’re glad, oddly, to arrive at something called Smallpox Bay.

At our last meal together, we debrief. We’ve bonded over old Willamette stories — some printable, some not — shared meals and confined spaces and enjoyed being free of email and cell phones (hope yours dries out, Don). We’ve created more bonds than we started with.

Finally, we each depart the kayak office on First Street with Willamette T-shirts in hand. Those, of course, aren’t all that we’re taking with us.



TRAVEL PROGRAM

This is Why We Fly (And Boat, and Drive and Hike)

The Patagonia trip came and went with maxed-out registration, many smiles and phenomenal experiences. Alongside the recent kayaking trip in the San Juans (see p. 34), it showed why the Travel Program exists: for lifelong learning, forming new bonds and rekindling old ones, and getting out to experience the world beyond ourselves.

What's next, you ask? The group departs for Angkor Wat and the Mekong Oct. 30, and in 2013 we will see impressive trips to the Black Sea (May 25–June 6) and Turkey (Aug. 29–Sept. 12).

Plus, we'll be rolling in another shorter, budget-conscious trip, perhaps to the San Juans once again or to a raft-ready river like the Rogue or the Deschutes.



One of the highlights of the trip to Patagonia was the monument at Cape Horn. We think these folks enjoyed it, too. Top, left to right: J.D. Roth '91, Mike Egans '66, Brada Bailey P'88, Marilyn (Luther) Egans '67, Vicki Jackson, Steve Jackson '66 and Jim Booth '64. Bottom, left to right: Tom Bailey P'88, Nancy Hooton '67, Rick Gates '67, Kris Gates, Florence Bajaj P'88, '89, Kris Gates '91, Tammy Anderson and Ken Anderson '65.

WU LIBS

Winners

Readers of the Oct issue will remember the WU Libs game we snuck into the Alumni Relations section. Here are two of our favorite responses.

Back when I was a student, Willamette was **fabulous**. The tradition of **car running** didn't exist yet, but we still had the **Munich Oktoberfest** to look forward to each **summer**.

When **Dave Matthews** became president, we all went **smelly**. It was a **happy** moment in our history. Slowly, campus began to **sleep** and, before long, the university became what it is **Tuesday**.

Cheers to our alma mater, the first **flower pot** in the West.

— Heather Daniels, Graduate School of Education

Back when I was a student, Willamette was **Australian**. The tradition of **book vaccination** didn't exist yet, but we still had **Chernobyl** to look forward to each **fall**.

When **Archibald** became president, we all went **Dutch**. It was a **Flemish** moment in our history. Slowly, campus began to **train** and, before long, the university became what it is **Thursday**.

Cheers to our alma mater, the first **statue** in the West.

— Reid Stillman '05

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS: LEGACY ALUMNI STORIES

One article that's been simmering for a while here in Waller has to do with the many families who have sent multiple Bearcats to Willamette: maybe a pair of brothers, a mother and a daughter, or a potpourri of relatives through time. We know that there are many examples.

We call on our readers to write in and tell us about your own Willamette family story so we can compile them into a more robust article in the near future. Email scene@willamette.edu, or write us at Willamette University, The Scene, C/O Tufton Beamish, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301.

To get us started, here's a snippet from Kent McKenzie '75.

Ten Bearcats, 48 Years

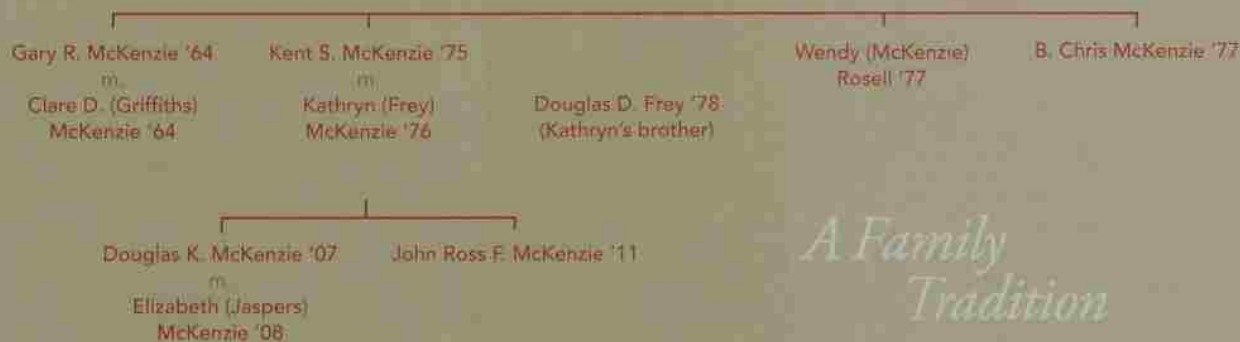
In 1963, I took my first train ride from Davis, Calif., to Salem with my mother and younger sister to visit my oldest brother, Gary, who was the first in our family to be sent off to college. The train ride was a thrill for a Northern California farmer's son with its automat car and the coin-operated vending machines, but that was only an introduction to this adventure to visit a university.

I was in awe at Willamette; there were red brick buildings with steeples and ivy. The people actually carried umbrellas! I stayed overnight at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity house and my sister got to sleep over at Delta Gamma. We both attended a "shotgun serenade" by the Betas (I even got to hold the shotgun) at the DG house, and we saw our big brother pin Clare Griffiths '64, later to be his wife.

The seeds were sown for a family tradition, and in December 2011, our son, John Ross, earned his BA, marking a 50-year relationship with Willamette University. We were all inspired by a diverse group of mentor-professors who stirred our interests: professors Baker of history, Lovell of history, Gillis of economics, Springer of biology, Chapple of chemistry, Rorman of environmental science, Bigelow of physics, Drew of sociology and Bauer of English. As WU graduates we enjoyed further academic success (three PhDs, one DVM, three MS, one MBA, and one ME degree).

There have been three marriages between graduates and no divorces for any of them. We were members of six different fraternities and sororities. Numerous memories of our days at Willamette come to mind — some like my first visit to campus, and others of college life: sleeping porches, intramurals, Freshman Glee, parent weekends, SAGA Food Service, Mt. PERC, scuba class at the YMCA, streakers, organic chemistry, computer-generated tests and TGIF.

I would like to especially pay tribute to our parents, who supported us financially and personally, as well as the faculty and classmates of Willamette. Kathryn, her parents, and I were there Mother's Day, May 13, 2012, to see John Ross get his diploma — number 10 in our family tradition.



CLASS NOTES



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

College of Liberal Arts

1950s 1970s

HALF-CENTURY PLUS REUNION

Dave Barrows '57, JD '61 recently received an award from the Capital Club, the organization of professional lobbyists in Oregon. It is the inaugural professional award "for distinguished lobby service, as exemplified by continued professionalism on behalf of the people they represent, adherence to the highest ethical standards, and unwavering support for the lobby profession

and colleagues therein." He has been lobbying at the Oregon Legislature for 54 years.



Joan Sackett '03, travelled to St. Thomas Virgin Islands in February for a delightful vacation, which included scuba, snorkeling, sun bathing and relaxing.

Margaret Sackett '70, along with her husband Robert Sackett and daughter



Lynne Mitchell Baab '74 is releasing her ninth book, "Joy Together:

Spiritual Practices for Your Congregation," in September 2012. She teaches pastoral theology in Dunedin, New Zealand, but she continues to publish books with American publishers.

Carl Wilson '77, retired from SAIF Corp. in 2008 to pursue a life-long interest in writing fiction. After publishing a number of short stories — and receiving an Oregon Literary Fellowship from Literary Arts — he began writing longer works. His first novel, "The Christmas Carol Murders," will be published by Harrison Thuman in September under his pen name, Christopher Lord. He lives in Portland with his partner of 20 years. **Evan Boone JD'78**. Visit his website: dickensjunction.com

gratifying," Judge Higgins said. "As past president of our association, I know firsthand how much time and effort judges across the state put into improving the service of justice in Nevada."

Dawn Hoff '84 wrote in to tell us that she's still putting her political science degree to good use. She conducts program evaluations of federal agencies as an assistant director with the U.S. Government Accountability Office, where she's worked for 20 years. She is looking forward to her next class reunion!

1990s

CLASS OF 1992 REUNION

Duncan Walker '93 has started his own firm, Sutherland Commercial Real Estate, after nine years in brokerage.



Ryan Devoe '95, senior veterinarian at the North Carolina Zoo, was recently

a member of a team that removed two cataracts from C'sar, a 38-year-old African bull elephant who weighs about 12,000 pounds. Now the same team is looking into building a pair of corrective contact lenses for C'sar, as the two surgeries left him far-sighted. If successful, this would be the first time contacts would be used to correct vision in an elephant.

1980s

CLASS OF 1982 AND 1987 REUNIONS



Sparks Justice of the Peace **Kevin Higgins '82** was named 2012

Judge of the Year by the Nevada Judges of Limited Jurisdiction during award ceremonies at the Judicial Leadership Summit in Las Vegas. The organization, which represents justices of the peace and municipal court judges, sponsors annual educational seminars each year that provide needed information for new judges and serve as refresher courses for veteran judges. "Receiving the Judge of the Year Award at the Nevada Judicial Leadership Summit was extremely humbling and

Tiffany Ellis Campbell '97 published and presented a paper titled, "Safety Information Tracking System: A centralized repository of safety signals, signal evaluation and risk management," at the North American Medical Affairs Scientific Congress.

To Kirsten (Olson) Wyatt '99 and husband Kent, a daughter, Josephine Helen, born Oct. 26, 2011. She joins big sister Eleanor. The family lives in West Linn, Ore.

Denver-area alumni reunited in May to watch the Colorado Rockies host the Seattle Mariners at Coors Field. After the event, **Gay Kent Bossart '56** sent us this email follow-up:



"We did it! All 18 of us WU alums gathered for lunch at a brewery across the street from the baseball field, found our seats at the very top section of the stadium and

had a great time together. It was more Pacific Northwest weather than blue-sky Colorado, with a grey overcast. It even got a little rainy, but we all stayed clear through nine innings.

"The extraordinary part of the event was that not a single one of the others had a WU graduation year in the same century as mine! They made me feel most welcome and a part of the group. We talked about organizing another WU event sometime this summer — someone suggested a barbecue in their backyard.

"It was very thoughtful of Kevin Dean '06 and Allison Dellwo '08 to offer transportation to enable me to attend. I especially enjoyed being with them. Thanks for all your arrangements to make a Denver-area-alum gathering happen."

2000s

CLASS OF 2002 REUNION

Kate McFarland '01 and **Hillary Waugh Bruce** were married on Oct. 15, 2011 in Chapel Hill, N.C. They had a civil ceremony two days later while on their honeymoon in Vermont. Kate finished her PhD in sociology at the University of North Carolina and will teach at Wake Forest University in the fall. The couple lives in Carrboro, N.C.

To **Kristin Schmor Rice '01** and husband **Deris**, a son, **Harlow Henry**, born May 15, 2012.



Nathan Shields '02 was awarded the prestigious Presidential

Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. President Barack Obama named 97 mathematics and science teachers as recipients of the award, which is the highest honor for outstanding K-12 math and science teachers in the United States. He was recently featured on the Huffington Post for a different reason altogether — his pancake art! He is currently a stay-at-home dad living in Saipan, the largest island in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and has taken up pancake art. Visit saipanpancakes.com to see some of his pancake creations.



To **Charlotte (Hancock) Archer '04** and husband **Ibn Archer**, a son, **Walden**

Ibn, born May 26, 2012. The family lives in Federal Way, Wash., where Charlotte is an associate attorney in the Seattle office of Cozen O'Connor.

Maggie DeLancey '04, MAT '07 and **Kyle Bingham '05** were married Jan. 28, 2012. The wedding was officiated

by **Robert Sumner '05**, and the wedding party included **Eric Warner '04**, **Mary Ann Albright '04** and **Hayley Kimble '03**. The couple honeymooned in Greece.



To **Tyson Patterson '05** and **Lauren (Thompson) Patterson '05**, a son,

Owen Alan, born May 2, 2012. The family lives in Cape Coral, Fla., where Tyson is the creative director for TheHomeMag and Lauren is the director of financial aid operations at a local college.

Atkinson Graduate School of Management

1980s

On Jan. 26, 2012, **Kristine McClain MBA'81** transitioned from living as a male (Paul McClain) to living as a female. She works at Bonneville Power Administration in the Rates Group. McClain has taken a long journey to become the person she knew she was at a very young age. She volunteers at a local youth center called Sexual Minority Youth Recreation Center (SMYRC), where she helps youths who are discovering they are LGBT. McClain is also becoming active in the GLOBE, the federal governments LGBT resource group.

1990s

Katherine Durant MBA'90 of Atlas Investments was honored as one of this year's Orchid Award winners, a Portland Business Journal award that recognizes women and their contributions to the business community.

Pradeep Kathi MM'91 has been conferred with the doctor of philosophy in policy, planning and development degree from the Sol Price School of Policy, Planning and Development, University of Southern California.

Jane Jackson '93, MBA'95 is working in Malaysia as part of an 18-month overseas work assignment with Intel Corp. Her husband, **Paul Jackson '94** and kids will join her for another exciting expat adventure. She will serve as the small-project general construction manager who controls compliance.

James Morrell MBA'93 was named president and CEO of Peninsula Credit Union. The Shelton, Wash., based organization has 18,000 members. He has worked at the IQ Credit Union in Vancouver, Wash., for the past 14 years, and most recently served as senior vice president of support services.

Wade Larson MM'96 started in a new role with Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories (SEL), a 3,500-employee electrical engineering company with headquarters in Pullman, Wash. He serves as the newly created dean of administration for SEL University, where he oversees the rapid expansion of its corporate university and both internal and external course offerings. He resigned from his position as executive director of human resources for North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Christopher J. Boman JD/MBA'98, a partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP

in Irvine, Calif., was listed in Southern California Rising Stars as a top attorney in the region for 2012. This is the sixth year for Boman, who focuses his practice on defending employment-related lawsuits. This includes multi-party complex and class-action litigation; claims of harassment, retaliation and discrimination; wrongful termination; workplace violence and prevailing-wage issues. He

also provides compliance and liability-prevention training and is a frequent speaker for trade groups, private employers and associations. No more than 2.5 percent of the lawyers in Southern California are selected for the designation.



Anita Hughes MM'99 took the position of MBA program manager/

assessment officer at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in January 2012. The new position splits her time between everything administrative and supporting both a growing MBA program and all assurance-of-learning documentation for the school of management. When not at school, she and her partner are discovering Alaska: "We've been to Denali National Park, the International Ice Carving Festival, the beginning of the Yukon Quest 1,000-mile dogsled race, the Solstice festival, hiking at midnight in the sun and down to Whittier on the Southwest coast." Pictured: Anita at the Arctic Circle.

2000s

Matt Haugh MBA'03 has accepted a services marketing management role at Intel, where he works to activate a developer ecosystem to deliver world-class software solutions.

Jorge Ordonez MBA'05 recently returned from Mexico, where he made a presentation on renewable energy auctions in the "Mexico National Forum on Renewable Energy Regulation," organized by the Mexican Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The invitation was made through the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He works as a senior financial economist for the Public Utility Commission of Oregon and has made similar presentations in Costa Rica and Guatemala in the past year.



Congratulations, Mr. Symmonds

He ran right to the Olympic final and broke his PR by almost a full second.
His time of 1:42.95 would have won him gold at almost any other Games.

**NICK, WE SALUTE
YOUR SPEED.**



To **Joshua Caldwell MBA '06** and wife Brooke, a son, Simon Joshua, born

March 23, 2012. He joins four older sisters and a brother.



Eli Waite MBA'08 of Port Townsend, Wash., was elected

as one of seven delegates from the 6th Congressional District to attend the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C. The Port Townsend Leader published a story on May 23 about Waite's election.

Kristy Bolsinger MBA'09 and her family have formed a team for the Relay for Life to raise money. The inspiration for joining the cause is a result of the recent battle with breast cancer faced by her cousin and mother.

Lindsay Burton JD/MBA'09 was promoted to senior counsel at Little & Co, LLC, north of Boston. Little is a leading provider of payment processing services to eCommerce and direct-marketing merchants, such as Overstock, Ancestry.com, GoDaddy and ShopNBC.



To **Caitlin Villavicencio MBA'09** and husband Fernando, a daughter,

Xiomara Jolene, born April 19, 2012.



Mark de Rohan Barondes MBA'11 was recently installed

as the most illustrious grand master of the Cryptic Masons of Oregon. The Cryptic Masons is one of the masonic bodies in the York Rite. The title of grand master is equivalent to executive director, with responsibility for leading the statewide organization. "I have instituted a new mission, vision

and measurable goals as we work towards achieving a sustainable organization that will last another 130 years," writes Barondes. In his professional life he recently became the program/enablerment manager at IBM in Dubuque, Iowa.

Graduate School of Education

2000s

Kathleen Jones MAT'02 began a job teaching English at Lejeune High School at the Marine Corps base, Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

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In Memoriam

1930s

Betty (Lewis) Frewing '31 died March 30, 2012 in Portland. She was born in Salem in 1910 and graduated from Grant High School before attending Willamette. After graduating, she spent a year with her sister in Shanghai, China teaching English. In 1935, she married **H. Leslie Frewing '31** while he was in residency at Johns Hopkins Medical School. The couple settled in Vancouver, Wash., and together they raised three sons. In 1960, she and her husband began 25 years of medical work abroad. Their work took them first to Malaya, then northwestern Pakistan, Kenya, Uganda, Rhodesia, Nicaragua, Liberia, Zaire and Kwajalein Atoll. She always helped with hospital administration or taught in local and dependent schools.

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She was awarded a Distinguished Alumni Citation from Willamette in 2002 in recognition for their work. Their U.S. home was in Bend, Ore., before they moved to Willamette View Manor in 1985. She established the H. Leslie & Betty Frewing Scholarship through a charitable gift annuity. Her husband, a great-granddaughter and two sisters, including **Margaret (Lewis) Hathaway '28**, preceded her in death. Survivors include three sons, including **Robert Frewing '64**; nine grandchildren, including **Leslie Frewing '86** and **Louise Frewing MAT'93**; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Frances R. (Schilling) Miller '35 died July 27, 2011 in Kensington, Md. She was born Jan. 11, 1913. Survivors include her husband, a son and a daughter.

Jean (Anunson) Brady '39 died July 3, 2011 in Gig Harbor, Wash. She was born Oct. 2, 1918. Her husband, **Robert G. Brady '41**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Billie K. (Richardson) Leavitt '39 died Jan. 2, 2012 in Porter Ranch, Calif. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons.

1940s

Roderic "Brick" W. Barklow '40 died Oct. 22, 2011, in Palo Alto, Calif. He was born in Norway, Ore., in 1918. He and his two brothers were raised by their mother in Myrtle Point, Ore., following the death of his father in 1919. He worked in the personnel division of

the Department of the Navy in Alameda, Mountain View and Stockton, Calif., from 1941 to 1946. As manager of the San Joaquin Industrial Association from 1946 to 1965, and as the executive vice president of the San Joaquin Employers Council from 1966 to 1973, he represented local business owners and management in their relations with labor unions and government. He also helped pioneer driver-employer service companies when he founded Western Manufacturers Service in 1961. The Western Manufacturers Service company was still growing when he sold it in 1985. Among his other professional activities, he managed the Stockton New Car Dealers Association through much of the 1960s, was one of the founders of the Sacramento public broadcast station KVIE, and was a member of the board of trustees of the San Joaquin Foundation for Medical Care from 1973 to 1980. He enjoyed world-wide travel, an amateur radio hobby, and home improvement projects. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and six grandchildren.

Lucile (Strauss) Dawson '40 died Jan. 24 in Portland. She was born in 1918.

Garnet E. (Lansing) Rasmussen '40 died March 27, 2012 in Eugene, Ore. She was born in 1911 in Halfway, Ore., and graduated from Salem High School before attending Willamette. She worked as a real estate agent and as a school librarian. Her husband, **Herbert Rasmussen '41**, preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy (Jayes) Van Otten '40 died Aug. 1, 2011 in Corona Del Mar, Calif. She was born in 1919 in Salem. Her husband, **Andrew Van Otten '38**, preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons.

Betty (Keller) Chandler '42 died Dec. 16, 2011 in Barrington, Ill. She was born in 1919. She

was a member of the Mercedes Benz Club of America and enjoyed golf and sociability at Park Ridge Country Club. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Gookins '43 died March 28, 2012 in Sequim, Wash. He was born in Salem in 1921. He retired from a career working in federal corrections institutions. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Janet (Hagglund) Craine '44 died March 3, 2012 in Moscow, Idaho. She was born in Eugene, Ore., in 1922. Survivors include a daughter and three sons, **Karl Craine '73; JD'76, MBA'85, William Craine '79** and **Donald Craine '80**.

Nancy (Stricklin) Rowe '44 died Nov. 5, 2011 in Colton, Calif. She was born in Salem in 1922. Survivors include three daughters and a son.

Ray E. Short '44 died Aug. 1, 2011 in Califon, N.J. He was born in Coffeyville, Kan., in 1919. He was a professor of sociology and anthropology during his career, and also authored, "Sex, Love or Infatuation: How Can I Really Know?" published in 1978. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include three sons and two daughters.

Lois K. (Robinson) Hosmer '45 died Oct. 29, 2011 in Portland. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and a daughter.

Andrew Jack Hedgcock III '46 died Feb. 13, 2012. He was born on May 11, 1919 in Chicago, and grew up in Decatur, Ill. After the death of his father, his mother remarried. He and his family moved to Seattle, where he graduated from Lakeside School in 1937. He attended the University of Washington before attending Willamette. His college career was interrupted by World War II, and he served in North Africa and Sicily under the command of

Gen. George S. Patton, and in the Italian campaign. He was a lieutenant in command of nine ambulances throughout the fight, and saw extensive combat during the battle of Monte Casino. For his service, he and the brave men under his command were awarded the Bronze Star in the field. During the Korean War, he served at Valley Forge Army Hospital and was honorably discharged as a captain in 1952. He was a successful businessman, who worked for The William Volker Co., and later as the owner of Gra-Mac Office Supply in Ballard, Wash. He was an active member and on the board of the Ballard Rotary Club, and was also a member of the National Office Products Association, the Washington Athletic Club, the Seattle Tennis Club, View Ridge Swim Club and Broadmoor Golf Club. He was a 35-year Husky football season-ticket holder and enjoyed the Husky Marching Band as much as he liked rooting for the football team. Survivors include a son, **Andrew Hedgcock IV '77**, a daughter, three grandchildren and a sister.

Thomas W. Berken '48 died Dec. 4, 2011 in Aberdeen, Wash. He was born in 1924. Survivors include four sons and a daughter.

1950s

Roger C. Adams '50 died March 10, 2012 in St. Helena, Calif. He was born in Salem in 1928 and grew up in the area. His father served in the Navy during World War II, so he attended five different high schools — graduating in 1946 from Burlingame High School. At Willamette he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. In his senior year, he met **JoAnn (Richardson) Adams '53**, and they were married in 1951. Not long into their first year of marriage, he entered Stanford University Graduate School of Education, but was interrupted by the Army when his reserve unit was activated. Upon his discharge, he returned to California to resume

his studies at Stanford, where he received a master's degree in education. In 1953, he began his teaching and administrative career at Fremont High School in Sunnyvale. In 1963, he moved his family to Forestville, Calif., where he became the first principal of El Molino High School. After nine successful years there, he accepted the position of superintendent of Southern Humboldt Unified School District in Garberville. He served successfully there until his retirement in 1989. He continued to live there until 2001, when they moved to Vineyard Valley in St. Helena. He was active in the Rotary Club of Guerneville, Garberville and St. Helena. He was also a baseball card collector and a World War II historian. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, a son, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ray N. Atkinson '50 died June 20, 2012. He was born in 1929 to **George Atkinson '26** and **Mildred (McKilcan) Atkinson '27**. At Willamette he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, earned a varsity letter as a swimmer and met his wife, **Daphne (Lekas) Atkinson '50**, before transferring to Stanford University, where he earned his degree in economics. After graduating, he joined the Guy F. Atkinson Co., then a large contractor of heavy civil projects in the United States, which was founded in 1926 by his grandfather, Guy F. Atkinson. He worked his way to senior vice president and served on its board of directors. He served as a Willamette trustee from 1967 to 1996, and was a lifetime member of the board from 1996 until his death. The Atkinson family has strong and deep connections to the university, with at least 11 Atkinson family members who either graduated from or attended Willamette. With the Atkinson Lecture Series and George H. Atkinson Graduate School of Management named in their family's honor, the Atkinsons have devoted their time and energy to advancing the university, supporting programs that strengthen academic excellence and increase access

to a Willamette education. Examples of support include endowed scholarships, the George H. Atkinson Chair in Religious and Ethical Studies at the College of Liberal Arts, and the Guy F. Atkinson Chair in Economics and Finance at the Atkinson Graduate School of Management. Two brothers, **Duane Atkinson '51** and **Earl Atkinson '54**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, two sons, two daughters, including **Mary Atkinson '84**, and six grandchildren.

Virginia (Allen) Barnhart '50 died Oct. 30, 2010 in Beaverton, Ore. She was born in Madford in 1928. Her husband, **G. Dean Barnhart '50**, preceded her in death. Survivors include a son and two daughters.

Grant W. Chipps '50 died Feb. 8, 2012 in Vancouver, Wash.

Emil "Herb" H. Carlson '51 died Jan. 2, 2012 in Muscatine, Iowa. He was born in Portland in 1929. 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. 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 hounding, 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-Koll '78**, a son, and six grandchildren.

Marilyn J. (Nelson) Myers '51 died Jan. 23 in Sunriver, Ore. She was born in Boone, Iowa in 1929. She served as a board member of the Central Oregon Symphony Society and the Sunriver Music Festival, and served as president of volunteer council of the Sunriver Music Festival. She was also a founding member of the Deschutes Historical Society. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons.

Katherine (Anderson) Sabin '51 died Dec. 12, 2011 in Portland. She was born in Manhattan, Kan., in 1929 and spent her childhood in Kansas before moving to northern California. After her marriage to **Richard (Dick) Sabin JD '57** in 1955, she worked in Salem for Marion County Juvenile Services. She also did a lot of volunteer work. Their daughters were born in 1965, and the family lived in Salem until 1981. In 1984, they moved to the Portland area. She earned a master's certificate in gerontology. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, a brother and two sisters.

Michael D. Glenn '52 died Nov. 27, 2011 in Oregon City, Ore. He was born in 1930. He taught at West Linn High School for 27 years. Survivors include four sons.

Jean (Shepherd) Hunsaker '52 died March 28, 2012 in Salem. She was born in Hilo, Hawaii in 1930. After graduating from Hilo High School in 1948, she attended Willamette. Two weeks after graduation, she married **Morris Hunsaker '51**. She remained in Salem the rest of her life, where she was a homemaker, mother and community volunteer. Among the organizations benefitting from her efforts were Assistance League of Salem, Delta Gamma Alumnae, Westminster Presbyterian Church where she served as a deacon, the American Cancer Society and especially its Reach to Recovery Program, where, as a breast-cancer survivor, she counseled more than 300 breast-cancer

patients one on one. Her hobbies included bridge, golf, gardening and genealogy. Through all of this, she accomplished her mission to serve her family, her community and her church. Her husband preceded her in death. Survivors include two sons, a daughter and three grandchildren.

Charles W. Johnson '52 died March 15, 2012 in Beaverton, Ore. He was born in Portland in 1931. After Willamette he attended the Pacific School of Religion, where he completed his master's in divinity. He served as a Methodist minister in Gardiner, Pine Grove and Nehalem/Wheeler. He had a second career in corrections for the State of Oregon — from 1962 as parole officer to counselor at OSCJ and then at the state penitentiary until his retirement in 1985. He moved to Beaverton in 1995, and he filled retirement with volunteer activities. He was a lifelong musician and sang with the Chordsmen, played piano with various jazz combos and the Bill DeSouza Dance Band and always sang with his church choirs. Survivors include his wife and two daughters.

William T. Baldwin '53 died Aug. 24 in Fredericksburg, Va. He was born in 1925 in Vicksburg, Miss. Survivors include three sons and a daughter.

Ove A. H. Tonning '53 died Aug. 30, 2011 in Seattle. He was born in Stryn, Norway in 1927 and arrived in the United States in 1949. He worked as a family physician in the Ballard neighborhood for 19 years. A daughter and sister, **Dorothy (Tonning) Bosch '54**, preceded him in death. Survivors include three daughters, two sons, seven grandchildren, a sister, **Anita (Tonning) Miller-Davis '56**, and a brother, **Per Helge Tonning '58**.

David W. Corthell '55 died Sept. 3, 2011 in Vancouver, Wash. He was born in 1933. He worked in the Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute as an instructor and editor until his retirement in 1992. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

E. Wayne Frederickson '55 died Jan. 8, 2012 in Ruidoso, N.M. He was born in Sidney, Iowa, in 1932, grew up in Sandy, Ore., and graduated from Sandy High School in 1951. After graduating from Willamette, he attended medical school for one year but decided not to pursue that field of study. He then attended Baylor University, where he earned a master's degree in psychology and then a PhD in industrial psychology. He left school in 1970 and moved to El Paso, Texas, where he served an internship at HumRRO and eventually gained employment as a management consultant. He began his teaching career in the management and marketing department for 27 years at UTEP, and served as an adjunct at Park College and Webster College. Survivors include his wife and a daughter.

Richard L. Gusey '55 died June 2, 2011 in Long Beach, Calif. He was born in 1932. He retired from a career at International Harvester in 1989. A brother, **William Gusey '50**, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, **Inez (Adams) Gusey '55**, a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren.

Gerald "Jerry" M. Baker '56 died March 7, 2012 in Lincoln City, Ore. He was born in Salem in 1934. He spent his childhood in Salem, where he graduated from Salem High School in 1952. After Willamette he continued his pursuit of knowledge at Indiana University, where he received his masters in biology in 1958. He began his teaching career as an assistant professor of botany in Logan, Utah. During this time, he began the doctorate program at Oregon State University, completing his thesis in 1969. In 1971, he accepted a position with Lewis Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho, where he taught for 25 years. Baker loved the opera, classical music and the arts. He didn't just listen to the music, he attended performances and would gladly pay for your ticket if you'd go with him. He retired to Lincoln City in 1996. Survivors include a brother and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ronald L. Kinmark '56 died Oct. 4, 2011 in Redmond, Ore. He was born July 12, 1934, in Medora, N.D. Following World War II, his family relocated to Klamath Falls, Ore., where he graduated from Klamath Union High School before enrolling at Willamette. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1956 and served in Germany, where he was attached to NATO forces during the Hungarian uprising against the Russians. He attained the rank of specialist first class, earning the Good Conduct medal, Sharpshooter and more. Following his military service, he accepted a position in Yakima, Wash., with the Farmers Insurance Group — with whom he was to be associated for more than 50 years in various fields, specializing in commercial insurance. Following his retirement from the Farmers Insurance Group in Los Angeles in 2000, he operated an independent insurance consulting service with several client companies in California, Nevada and Oregon. He had many interests, including hiking, downhill skiing, boating, running, fishing, hunting and golfing. He was also an active member of Toastmasters, Elks and the Chamber of Commerce in Yakima. Survivors include two daughters, four sons, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Barbara "Barb" (Ruhle) Sullivan '56 died Oct. 8, 2011. She was born and grew up near Chicago and moved to Oregon while in high school, where her passions included theater and acting. At Willamette she performed in student productions, and in the early 1950s she became a lifetime member of Pentacle Theater, where she performed and sang in many productions, including "Gypsy." She taught drama at McNary High School for 12 years, then English at McKay for the remainder of her 23-year teaching career. After retirement she became deeply involved with the Salem Military League, the Oregon Association of Hospital Auxiliary and Salem Hospital Auxiliary — for each of which she is an honored past president. She served as talent coordinator and performer for

High Fever Follies, which was put on by the hospital, and enjoyed many opportunities to travel throughout Oregon for OAHA-area meetings. She met her husband at a dance. Together they traveled the world — visiting Hawaii, Malaysia, Australia, Thailand, Rio, London, Hong Kong, Singapore, Amazon, Cairo, Fiji and the Mediterranean, to name a few. Survivors include her husband, her step-children and grandchildren.

Arthur "Art" R. Christiansen '57 died March 19, 2012 in Salem. He was born on July 23, 1935 in Bend, Ore., and grew up in Redmond, Ore., graduating from Redmond High School in 1953. At Willamette he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After graduating he went to work for the Salem Keizer School District, starting as a social studies teacher at South Salem High School. He then went to Oregon State University to complete his master's in education with an emphasis in counseling. Then he worked at the central office. He served in the Oregon National Guard for 23 years and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He was the assistant principal at Sprague High School from 1972 until 1981, and later worked at McNary High School in the same capacity until his retirement in 1992. From 1992 to 1999, he was a conference coordinator for the Confederation of School Administrators (COASA). Survivors include his wife, two daughters and three grandsons.

Vernon L. Schroeder '57 died July 25, 2011 in Gladstone, Ore. He was born in Tulsa, Okla., in 1930 and grew up in Collinsville, Okla. He moved to Oregon in 1950 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He served on four different battleships during the Korean War. In 1957, he began his banking career as the operations manager for various local banks. In 1965, the family moved to Portland, where Vernon continued his banking career. Two years later, he made a career change into accounting and auditing of computer systems. In 1970, he became a

cost accountant for Tektronix Inc. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include two sons and two granddaughters.

Fred L. Davis '59 died March 12, 2012 in Palatine, Ill. He was born in and raised on the Nez Perce Reservation in Lapwai, where he was a salutatorian at Lapwai High School. He then graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Ore., with a degree in physics. After serving in the U.S. Air Force for 21 years, where he earned multiple medals and honors — including the Bronze Star Medal and Meritorious Service Medal — he continued his intelligence and communications career at Northrop Grumman until retirement in 2001. An all-around athlete and captain of the football team, his lifelong passion for sports continued while stationed overseas. In addition to athletics, he enjoyed brain teasers, Native crafting such as beading and leather working, and participating in pow wows. During retirement, he was an active member of his church and loved spending quality time with his family. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and four grandchildren.

Gordon E. Thompson '59 died Oct. 28, 2011 in Albany, Ore. He was born Feb. 24, 1931.

1960s

Sonja L. (Peterson) Behrens '60 died Feb. 24, 2012 in Lancaster, Penn. She was born in Medford, Ore., in 1938. At the age of 4 she began accordion studies in Medford, where she entertained World War II troops. She also started violin and piano studies at an early age. While a student at Willamette, she held various offices in Pi Beta Phi and Mu Phi Epsilon. She was a scholarship student of the renowned piano pedagogue, Adele Marcus, at the Juillard School, where she received a master's degree in piano performance in 1962. She spent the majority of her career as an artist teacher at the University of Western

Ontario Faculty of Music from 1976 to 2003. While there, she administered the Friday at Noon lecture-performance for many years. Following her retirement, she taught piano as a sabbatical replacement at Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick from 2003 to 2004. Survivors include her husband and a sister.

Gene R. Bowers '61 died March 21, 2012 in Salem. He was born in Portland in 1934 and lived most of his life in Salem, graduating from Salem High School before attending Willamette. He worked in the facilities management field at Deems Inc. for 36 years until his death. His wife preceded him in death. Survivors include a son, a daughter and two granddaughters.

Judith J. (Welch) Hendred '62 died Feb. 11, 2012. She was born in Vicksburg, Miss., in 1940. While growing up, her family lived in communities in Mississippi, Connecticut, Montana, Greece, Seattle, Portland and Lake Oswego. She graduated from Lake Oswego High School before attending Willamette. She finished a bachelor's degree at Portland State University. She married James Hendred on Aug. 22, 1964, at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church in Lake Oswego. The couple lived in Portland, Eugene and Lake Oswego before moving to Newberg in 1977. During her professional career, she worked for Pacific N.W. Bell, Aetna Insurance, the IRS and Barnes and Noble bookstores. She enjoyed and instructed tai chi classes, was a member of the Artists Way Group, supporter of Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah, ASPCA and the Newberg Animal Shelter. Survivors include her husband and a daughter.

David R. Reed '62 died Feb. 12, 2012 in North Bend, Wash. He was born in Madison, Ill., in 1940 and he lived in many places, including Hawaii and California, before settling in North Bend. He worked as a physicist at Point Mugu Naval Air Base and later continued this work in Hawaii. In more

recent years he worked as a computer programmer for Boeing and as a consultant for Blue Stone on the East Coast. He enjoyed learning, and throughout his life earned many degrees from multiple universities. He loved reading books on history and science fiction, and enjoyed sharing his memories of the historical events — as he read the novels and always gave new light to what living in that era was like. He enjoyed his volunteer work at the local food bank, as well as the religion class he taught, at his local Methodist Church. He took pride in maintaining his yard and transforming it into a full garden. Survivors include a son, a daughter, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers, including **James Reed '67**.

Judith M. (Boettchler) Ritter '62 died Aug. 26, 2011, in Portland.

Carol (Dockstader) Marble '65 died March 18, 2012 in Friday Harbor, Wash. She was born in Everett, Wash., in 1942. At Willamette she was a member of Chi Omega Sorority and was elected Associated Women's president. After graduation, she drove coast-to-coast around the United States with college friends before returning to Seattle to begin her career as a case worker for the State Public Assistance Department. In her community, she recognized the need in San Juan County for help in growing the skills and abilities of nonprofits and boards and local volunteer-based programs. Working with Skagit Valley College's newly formed San Juan campus in the early 1990s, she helped develop the volunteer program and coordinate community college workshops — encouraging volunteerism and nonprofit management. She also developed a service-learning class and curriculum and many community workshops — teaching some herself and bringing in well-known trainers for others. She served as a founding board member for several community organizations. She was also an elder

at Friday Harbor Presbyterian Church and a member of San Juan County's health and safety network. In recognition of her work, she was appointed to the Washington State Council on Volunteerism and Community Service and served as president of that state board for several years. Survivors include her husband; two daughters, four grandchildren and sister, **Harriet "Skip" Dockstader '61**.

Owen R. White '67 died March 31, 2012 in Redmond, Wash. He was born in Boston in 1945. At Willamette, he earned a degree before continuing on to the University of Oregon. There, he completed his master of arts in 1970 and a doctor of philosophy in 1971. He continued working at the university for the following two years. He later joined the faculty in special education at the University of Washington in 1973, working with both special education and occupational therapy programs. Besides teaching at the graduate level, he was always available to help students and others in the field. He became famous for numerous research studies in the precise measure of academic and behavioral progress of students. Many of the graduate students he helped went on to do significant research and became famous throughout their careers in administration and research in higher education. He retired in 2011 from the university as professor emeritus. A prolific writer, he was writing a book for publication on the practical science of education at the time of his death. Survivors include his wife, **Peggy (Shaffer) White '68**, and two sons.

Bennett R. Woods '67 died Aug. 18, 2011 in Wheaton, Ill. Survivors include two sons.

Bruce L. Purvine '68 died Nov. 27, 2011 in Portland. Survivors include a wife and a son.

1970s

Thomas E. Whelan '71 died March 9, 2012 in Portland. He was a state legislator, representing Salem from 1996 to 1998, and had a 30-year career in public service, working in state government, on city boards, as a Salem fire captain, and as a Portland citizen representative to the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Board. He served as vice president of the Public Employees Retirement System Board and on the City of Portland Fire Bureau budget committee. One of his proudest efforts was his successful pursuit, as a citizen advocate, of Oregon's "fire-safe cigarette" law in 2007. As a lobbyist for the Oregon State Firefighters Council for four years, he served on the steering committee of several ballot measure campaigns, lobbied for fire safety legislation, and helped to improve retirement benefits for Oregon's firefighters. He served as his union's vice president and contract negotiator in the 1990s, and helped to open a new fire station in South Salem. In the 1970s, prior to his firefighting career, he became the youngest ever real estate broker in Oregon — a feat that led him to his first position in public service as the assistant education director of the Oregon Department of Commerce's Real Estate Division. He was a member of the 1968 Bearcat football team that was inducted into the Willamette Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993. A brother preceded him in death. Survivors include his father, a daughter and two sisters.

Robert "Bob" L. Lamberson '73 died Feb. 19, 2012 in Portland. He was born in 1938. He was a singer, actor and dancer, with extensive credits in Salem and Portland. In Salem, he played numerous roles with Pentacle Theatre. At Western Oregon University and Willamette, he was seen in musicals, opera showcases and recitals. He taught private voice and piano for 50 years. Survivors include his partner, a daughter and a son.

1980s

Elizabeth J. (Rolfe) Rolfe-Manzo '80 died Nov. 13, 2011 in Springfield, Mo. Survivors include her husband.

Blaine A. Markee '82 died Oct. 8, 2011 in Tampa, Fla. He was born in Medford, Ore., in 1959, and after Willamette he received his PhD from the University of Health Sciences/Chicago Medical School. He was serving as chief of orthopedics at the James A. Haley VA Medical Center in Tampa and was also clinical assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at the University of South Florida College of Medicine. For more than 24 years he lovingly cared for his patients and was dedicated to the veterans he treated. Survivors include his wife, two sons, a brother and a sister.

1990s

Patricia L. (Cartabiano) Battin MAT '96 died July 9, 2011 in Silverton, Ore. She was born in 1955 in Los Angeles. She worked as an art and math teacher in the Salem-Keizer school district.



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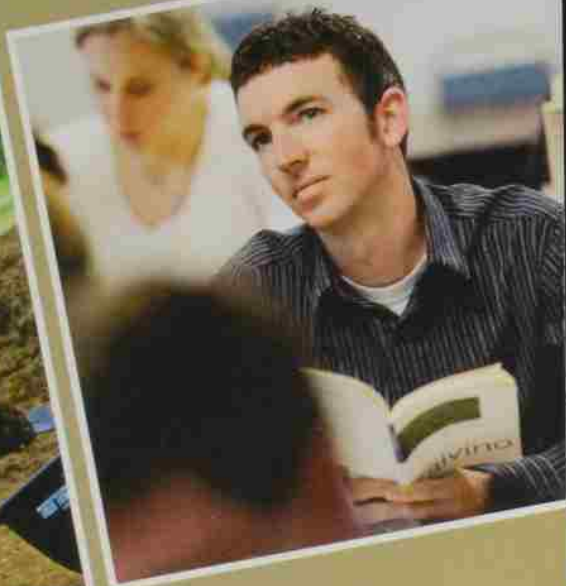
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— **Andrew Brown '13**, a member of the Bearcat Chat team, serves as a student ambassador, reaching out to alumni and parents on Willamette's behalf. He and his fellow students hope you answer their telephone call in the coming months.

A young man with short brown hair, wearing a green zip-up hoodie over an orange t-shirt and a black headset with a microphone, is sitting at a desk. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. In front of him is a silver laptop and a black keyboard. The background shows a window with greenery outside.

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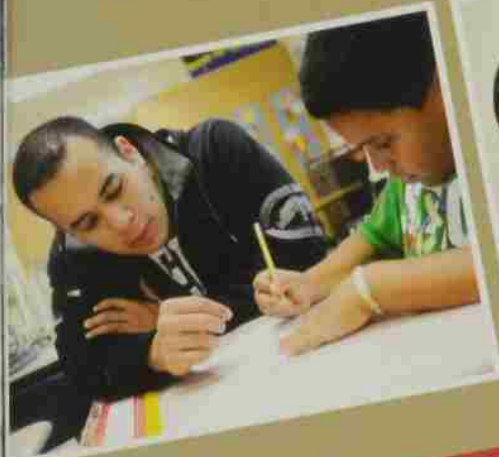
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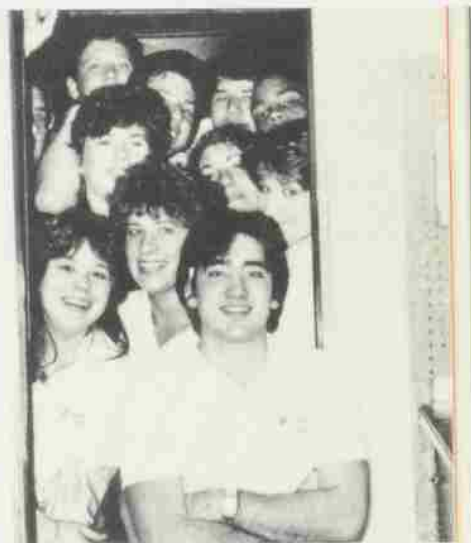


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Spring 2012 Reader Responses

(1) The "SENIORS" generated buzz last time: Trish (Evans) Hall '63 called in because she saw herself on the far right. She helped identify the others as (left to right): Mike Farra '63, Joann (Gay) Gloege '63, Merle (Gillespie) Maust Rosecrans '63, Anne (Martin) Lee '63, Pat McLarney '63 and Tony Good '63. Pat McLarney, Ralph Litchfield '60 and Sally (Bowe) Beaton '63 corroborated, though one of the young ladies might in fact be Sally.

(2) Shelley (Markwell) Biss '98 and Kirk Masterson '97 identified Nich Anderson '95; Alicia (Wright) Scanlan '97; Ray Fordyce '95, MAT '96; and Georgina (Larcher) Phillippon '98 in the promotional shot for the musical theatre production of "The Pajama Game."

(3) No readers wrote in about this photo — probably because it's from 1894. These ambitious folks climbed Mt. Hood, we've learned.