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Western Oregon University is on the move. Despite sometimes disappointing news from the Oregon Legislature about how higher education might be funded in the future, this university has a tenacious spirit that won’t be discouraged.

Our new WOU logo and theme reflects that forward-moving, go-for-it attitude. It not only relates to the university itself, but to the students who have chosen to take the challenging road toward a college degree. They, too, are on the move, envisioning their future and doing what it takes to get there. And it reflects our alumni who are active contributors to their communities. Together—Western Oregon and You—we form a team that’s unstoppable.

This issue of WOU Magazine definitely reflects this spirit. President Minahan makes a visionary projection of where Western Oregon University will move in the next three years, beginning on page four. The Giving section, beginning on page seven, has grown with more news about generous alumni, faculty and friends who demonstrate their confidence in the future by making endowment gifts that support the university in perpetuity. Starting on page twelve, you’ll also read about Western Oregon students who didn’t take it easy spring break, but participated in service projects throughout the U.S. and the world. And Alumnotes is filled with news about graduates who haven’t stopped demonstrating that can-do spirit in their jobs and service since they left campus.

Finally, we hope you notice a new look for WOU Magazine. From our cover masthead to page designs, we’ve tried to capture that spirit of campus vitality. Welcome back to our designer, ’99 Denise Visuaño, graphic artist in the WOU public relations office, who has worked her creative magic, as usual. And welcome to ’06 Maria Austin, whose student internship in the advancement office turned into a job. For the past year, she’s helped with athletic fund raising. With the departure of Alumni Director Lori Jordan Brown, Maria has stepped forward to serve as coordinator of alumni programs until a new director can be named.

While we’re always relieved to finish an issue of WOU Magazine, it’s really quite a bit of fun getting to this point. We hope you enjoy it. Let us know if you do!

Leta Edwards
Executive Editor

On the cover
The colors of spring are painted on a blue-gray and brick-red canvas throughout the Western Oregon University campus.

Editor’s Note
Your WOU Magazine production support team gathers in The Cottage to go over final details. Left to right: ’06 Maria Austin, coordinator of alumni programs; ’99 Denise Visuaño, designer; and Tulane grad, Dionne Parks, production assistant. And behind the camera is your editor.

Photo by Dale Peterson
Donated paintings fund art scholarships

For two years, the Western Oregon University Art Department displayed and used for teaching, paintings by California artist, Emily Sievert Weinberg (1878-1958). In 2006, the paintings were sold to a Lake Oswego gallery. The $20,000 in proceeds will fund scholarships for art students.

Emily Weinberg painted in the San Francisco Bay area and is widely recognized for her landscapes of northern California and her floral renditions. Her paintings were donated to WOU by her cousin, John Rosenberg, who inherited them. Rosenberg recalled that her paintings had been displayed in a one-woman show at WOU in 1985, after they had been shown at the Capitol in Salem. Because of this past association with

You’ve watched him perform on the Rice Auditorium stage, but have you spotted him on TV?

Have you been amazed by the Hyundai commercial on television that has agile dancers morphing into an automobile? The next time you watch, see if you can pick out Western Oregon University dance professor, Darryl Thomas. Thomas reunited with his former dance group, Pilobolus, for this award-winning automobile promotion.

Get your tickets early for the annual Spring Dance Concert

The very popular Spring Dance Concert is scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, May 10, 11, 12, on the Rice Auditorium main stage. Directed by Professor of Dance Deborah Jones, the concert includes choreography by dance faculty, students and Portland-based and nationally recognized guest artist, Minh Tran, from Portland. For tickets and more information, contact the WOU Box Office at 503-838-8462.

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All performances in Rice Auditorium. For ticket information, call 503-838-8333 or 503-838-8147.

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Western Oregon’s newest president shares his three-year vision.

John Minahan thought he had retired again as soon as a permanent president was named for WOU. In just over a year, however, his temporary position was made permanent, and he was named the 21st president of Western Oregon University.

There was no need for a new beginning: things at Western Oregon were already on the move. The momentum Minahan had created in his interim presidency just picked up steam and kept moving forward.

Where to go from here

Sitting in his office on a sunny late-winter day, President Minahan talked about his vision for Western Oregon University, what it will be one, two and three years from now. It’s easy to guess part of that answer by checking his office surroundings; interesting and beautiful items from his recruiting and friend-building trips to China fill the bookshelves, sit on the tables and hang on the walls.

Year One

Responding to the economic growth in Asia

“It’s going to be the Asian century,” Minahan said.

At Western Oregon University, 06-07 has been an Asian year. Of the 150 international students on campus, 108 are from Asian countries, 80 of them from China alone. In 07-08, Minahan sees that number easily reaching 200, the largest group of students being Chinese.

The growth in technology, as well as in manufacturing in Thailand, China, India and Korea, Minahan says, requires the U.S. to respond to this economic progress. One step WOU plans to take in 07-08 is expanding course offerings in Mandarin Chinese.

Responding to the nursing shortage

All the demographic stars are aligned to make Minahan’s next vision a sure success. If the funding stars line up as well, Western Oregon University will renovate and update existing facilities next year to create a site for a baccalaureate nursing program. WOU and Oregon Health and Science University are partnering to bring this much-needed degree program to the mid-valley. Plans are for the first class to be admitted in the fall of 2008.

The fact that the baby boomers are aging is not a particularly astute observation. But when the repercussions of this are considered with other challenges—the current nursing shortage, for example—a problem that is already bad will grow much worse.

“Over half of the operating room nurses are over 50,” Minahan explained. “Besides, there’s a natural shortage of geriatric and emergency care nurses. We have to respond to that in the mid-valley; as a public institution, it’s our responsibility.”

Nursing programs are expensive, especially to start up, but also to maintain. Essential funding is being sought from private, state and federal sources. An irrefutable case for support combined with Minahan’s tenacious it-will-happen attitude should prove successful.

On Campus

The world is not an easy place for higher education. The trick is to get the best to happen in a very difficult universe.

President John Minahan
2009-10

Creating closer ties with the city of Salem

The saying goes, “so close and yet so far away.” And so it seems with Western Oregon’s association with the city of Salem. A mere 15 miles at times feel like 150 separating the state’s second-largest city and its closest public university. In two years, Minahan envisions WOU being more physically and intellectually linked to Salem.

Physically, the president speaks of a Salem location for some university offices and classrooms. Sites are being evaluated as they come on the market, but funding, as usual, is the challenge. Finding the right mix of affordable space and attractive class offerings will be essential to the financial success of such an initiative.

Health-related programs that follow nursing seem to be potentially viable, Minahan indicates. Medical informatics certification and health care geriatrics, such as geriatric psychology, are programs he envisions. He also includes classes that respond to shortages in certain teaching specialties, like math, science and bilingual education.

Early this academic year, Salem’s city manager brought nearly his entire leadership staff to the WOU campus for a dialogue with Western Oregon administrative and academic leaders. The meeting began the linking of city needs with campus experts, as well as connecting student interns to city experiences.

“The city’s ethnicity is changing rapidly,” Minahan said. “Intellectually we will be more present helping them deal with issues of demography, planning and problem-solving.”

Strengthening intercollegiate athletics

Minahan calls it a “major resurgence in athletics.” As he simply and directly describes it, this means “more scholarship support, stronger competitiveness.” This will mark Wolves athletics in the years to come, he says.

Coaches, freed from teaching duties, are not only turning teams around, but are becoming more engaged in fund raising. Achievement of a $100,000 football scholarship goal in 06-07 is a hopeful sign of successes to come.

2008-09

Offering more master’s degrees

Western Oregon University will respond to the demand for master’s level education, especially in health professions, Minahan projects. Public health and hospital administration are examples. Building on the tradition and strength of the College of Education and, by that time, an established baccalaureate nursing program, a master’s in nursing education will be offered, producing more teachers of student nurses.

Minahan sees active recruiting programs outside the state of Oregon building Western Oregon’s non-resident student population. “We will be recruiting students from way beyond the borders of Oregon,” he said. “Washington, Alaska, Hawaii, California, Idaho, Nevada.”

Years One, Two and Three

Minahan has challenged advancement staff to focus on fund raising for student scholarships at levels far exceeding the past. Tuition and required fees will continue to rise. Adding room, board, books and other incidentals could bring the one-year cost for attending WOU to well over $13,000.

“In all of this,” Minahan said, “the most important thing we must do is relieve the pressure on students. They are having to work too much and are worrying too much about finances.”

The reality of the vision

Western Oregon University is clearly on the move. Despite reports from the currently in-session Oregon Legislature, that could discourage the most positive person, Minahan continues to think positively and move his agenda forward. “I’m optimistic,” he said, acknowledging that it’s not always his nature to be so. “We’re seeing that our efforts are paying off.”

“The world is not an easy place for higher education. The trick is to get the best to happen in a very difficult universe,” he concluded.

Teaching Research Institute receives largest award in its history

The Teaching Research Institute (TRI), based at WOU, has received a $10.5 million award from the United States Department of Education to create a national technical assistance and dissemination center for deaf-blind youth. The population of deaf-blind youth is small enough that individual states and agencies cannot devote a department or even a full-time position to their support. This grant will help TRI provide deaf-blind resources throughout the nation. Satellite offices of the Monmouth-based program receiving support include the Helen Keller Center in New York, the Hilton/Perkins Program of Massachusetts, and the University of Tennessee.
During World War II, members of an Indian tribe from Washington State sailed wooden boats along stretches of the Pacific Northwest coastline, scouting for enemy submarines. They weren't soldiers acting on orders. They had no official channel on which to report any sightings. They were simply citizens doing what they felt was their part. It's a story Gary Edwards sometimes invokes when speaking on the role of Native Americans in homeland security.

“They remained there on a regular basis, being vigilant,” said Edwards, a Cherokee and founding member of the National Native American Law Enforcement Association (NNALEA).

Edwards' organization provides technical assistance and information to tribal communities on homeland and border security, an oft-discussed topic since Sept. 11, 2001. Edwards said he believes tribes have a major role to play in defending the United States. The Grand Coulee Dam sits on Colville Indian territory in Washington and is the largest national source of hydroelectric power. Plans seized from Al-Qaida operatives in 2002 listed the facility as a potential target. The Tohono O'odham Nation in Southern Arizona shares 75 miles of border with Mexico. More than 1,500 illegal immigrants enter and exit the United States through that stretch daily. The cost to local law enforcement there to interact with that population exceeds $3 million a year.

There are 100 million acres of “Indian Country” in America – and fuel pipelines, transportation corridors and other critical infrastructure contained within. Because tribal governments are so close to these issues, Edwards has described them as the nation's "eyes and ears."

But many of these same communities are poverty stricken, with 31 percent of families living below the poverty line. They are also subject to more violent crimes than any other minority group. The resources, personnel, training and connections needed to be effective emergency responders in the case of terrorist attack or natural disaster are often insufficient or non-existent, Edwards said.

And the situation is further complicated by a federal funding system which indirectly provides financial assistance to tribes for preparedness through their home states instead of direct allocations.

Asked “if tribes have adequate resources, my answer would be ‘no,’” Edwards said. “When looking at their capabilities, most fall from the moderate- to least-prepared categories.” Edwards added: “I don’t believe there is the necessary emphasis being placed on partnerships with tribes in the national homeland security picture.”

Policing grant builds skills

Fortunately, work is underway to resolve this problem. NNALEA is teaming with the Western Community Policing Institute (WCPI) at Western Oregon University to develop an ambitious disaster-training program to build skills and capacity in Native communities, an effort which will be funded through a $2 million Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant. The two parties jointly received the award last September and will create and administer the initiative over the next three years.

“What we're doing is unique, innovative and is not being duplicated anywhere else in the United States,” said Brian Kauffman, WCPI executive director. “This is a significant commitment by the Department of Homeland Security to tribal communities to make sure it reaches all areas of the country.”

Founded in 1996, WCPI is part of the national network of the Regional Community Policing Institute and regularly provides technical assistance on subjects ranging from domestic violence prevention to how to form neighborhood police teams.

A DHS training partner, WCPI developed a popular program called “Creating Vigilant, Prepared and Resilient Communities for Homeland Security” that has been taught to more than 1,000 participants across the country. (WCPI was recently selected as one of only two organizations nationwide to receive continued federal support for the training.)

This project will build off that effort by gathering tribal leaders; regional, state and federal law enforcement officials; and public citizens and assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the emergency response systems in their respective areas or reservations, Kauffman said.

Groups will identify vulnerabilities, examine sovereignty rights on Native lands and learn how regional collaboration with surrounding governments, including other tribes, can benefit planning and requests

by Craig Coleman

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New trustees join WOU Foundation board

The Western Oregon University Foundation welcomed two new at-large trustees at its March 10 quarterly meeting. Cori Frauendiener and Patrick Palmer are serving three-year terms, renewable for up to nine years.

Fraudiener is an alumna, financial supporter, and involved Western Oregon University volunteer. She graduated from WOU (then known as Oregon College of Education) in 1967 with a degree in secondary education/social science. She taught briefly, including a stint at Hillcrest School for Girls, before moving into the financial services field at The Oregon Bank.

In 1983, Frauendiener began working at MaPS Credit Union. As Director of Education Partnerships, she oversees student-run branches at McKay, North Salem and West Salem High Schools. She also has oversight responsibility for a MaPS satellite branch at Willamette University.

At Western Oregon, Frauendiener is in her tenth year on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and served as board president from 2003 to 2006. During her time as president, she represented the Alumni Association on the WOU Foundation Board as an ex-officio member. She served on both the 2006 WOU Sesquicentennial celebration and campaign committees.

Fraudiener is a second-generation WOU graduate. Her son, Bret, who graduated in 1998, makes the 3rd generation. Add to that her husband, Jack, who graduated in 1968, and you have a true wolf pack of Frauendieners.

Cori and Jack are generous President’s Circle-level donors with support of the Wolves Football Association and football scholarships, as well as to the WOU Alumni Association. Frauendiener has also helped ensure that MaPS Credit Union supports WOU with not only a generous annual scholarship donation, but with sponsorships of important campus events like the Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, Alumni Day and Homecoming.

Palmer is president of Alpine Mortgage, LLC, in Lake Oswego, Oregon. He helped establish Alpine as a non-depository mortgage bank in January 2003. With more than $1 billion in mortgage originations since its inception, Alpine is one of the fastest-growing mortgage banks on the West Coast.

Palmer’s role as president includes casting Alpine’s vision, as well as growing market share, increasing profitability, instilling a coaching-based culture and developing its executive management team. He also serves on the board of directors of Alpine’s Community Cares (ACC), the firm’s charitable organization, which champions several local causes by donating both money and volunteer time.

Palmer has been involved in the mortgage banking industry since receiving his bachelor’s degree in business administration from Western Oregon in 1995. He is a former Wolves defensive back, playing in the 1991-94 seasons, and a generous donor to Wolves athletics.

Palmer is a native Oregonian, born in Coos Bay. He currently resides in West Linn with his wife, Amy, and their daughter, Payton.

Endowment honors the memory of former faculty member Laurie Speight

Western Oregon University alumna and former adjunct professor in the College of Education, Laurie Speight, died in December after a three-year battle with Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS). Speight’s career at Western Oregon spanned just over three years, but her presence—and her generosity—will be remembered in perpetuity with the creation of the Laurie Hanneman Speight Endowment at WOU. The endowment, made possible by a $31,000 bequest from Speight, will provide scholarships for teachers in training.

Speight graduated from the Columbia University School of Engineering and first worked as a researcher in the Oregon Department of Transportation. She eventually taught in the Salem-Keizer School District and earned a master’s degree in education from WOU in 1991. She returned to Western Oregon in 1999, where she supervised student teachers in McMinnville and Corvallis schools until January 2003.

Remembered as energetic, inspirational and giving, Speight decided shortly before her death that she wanted to donate her deferred compensation to good causes. Western Oregon University is grateful to be among the recipients of her generosity, as will be scores of teachers in training in the years to come.
This year, 39 unclassified professional staff members contributed sufficient funds so that five $1,000 scholarships will be offered to WOU students in the next academic year. Student applicants for these Administrative Support Council Scholarships are being asked to have their requests endorsed by an administrative support staff member. This is seen as a way to introduce students to these professions and the work they do throughout the campus.

The Western Oregon Administrative Support Council represents the concerns of the approximate 120 unclassified professional employees at WOU. This includes accountants, plant managers, financial aid staff, development staff, counselors and other “white collar” employees who support the academic and community service missions of the university. Contributions to the Administrative Support Council Scholarship are voluntary and most often are done through regular payroll deductions.

WOU faculty and staff also give to many other student scholarship funds. Some are supported exclusively by employees of a specific department or program; others are long-established scholarships that receive donations from a variety of sources. A representative list of these scholarships is as follows:

- Abby’s House Scholarship
- Art Scholarship
- Biology Scholarship
- College of Education Dean’s Scholarship
- Computer Science Scholarship
- History Scholarship
- Library and Media Services Scholarship
- Model United Nations Scholarship
- Psychology Scholarship
- University Advancement Scholarship

The cost of attending college is foremost in almost every student’s mind. Many of them have to work as well as attend classes to keep up with expenses. This changed for Lucie Johnson when she was doing her student teaching last spring. A Western Oregon mathematics education major in the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, Johnson was sponsored by another math teacher and WOU alumna, ’70 Sarah McCabe. McCabe responded to the call for support of student teachers and made a generous donation that helped pay Johnson’s tuition her last term in the MAT program. Johnson could then focus on student teaching at McKay High School during her 10-week assignment.

Before Johnson graduated last spring, she and College of Education Dean Hilda Rosselli met McCabe to express their appreciation. “I enjoyed sharing my student-teaching experiences with Sarah and listening to Sarah’s stories about teaching,” Johnson said. “When comparing our different experiences, it was interesting to realize that although many things have changed in the teaching profession, the core values and goals of education seem to have remained the same: helping all of our students reach their full potential and preparing them for life.”

McCabe’s gift was part of the College of Education Student Teacher Sponsorship Program, Dean Rosselli’s idea. The program matches support gifts from alumni and other donors with student teachers during their last term in the education program. The one-term costs for students range from $1,200 for undergraduate to over $3,000 for master’s students.

I will always remember Sarah McCabe’s generosity and her dedication to the teaching profession.

‘06 Lucie Johnson

“With a one-time gift, our College of Education alumni can make significant differences in the lives of future teachers,” Rosselli said. “I am so grateful to alumni like Sarah McCabe who can remember what it was like to be a student teacher, and who so generously help support our students.”

Alumni and friends interested in following Sarah McCabe’s example and sponsoring a student teacher, should contact Dean Rosselli at rossellih@wou.edu or 503-838-8371.
Retired Professor of Art, Dan Cannon, has made a $100,000 endowed gift in support of the Campbell Hall Gallery. In recognition of this gift and the many contributions Cannon has made to the arts programs of Western Oregon University, the gallery will now be called the Dan and Gail Cannon Gallery of Art.

Teacher, art historian and accomplished artist, Cannon also is a partner in the River Gallery in Independence. He retired from Western Oregon in 1994, but continues his connection as an active member and leader in university programs such as the Smith Fine Arts Series and Emeritus Society.

Former colleague and retired professor of history, Dr. Gary Huxford wrote of Dan:

“Some people are born out of season; They belong to another time. Dan Cannon is one such. He should have walked the earth in an age of grace and elegance, when wealthy patrons endowed the talented to dance, sing, and create lovely things…He is on this earth to give people profound joy.”

Dan and his wife, Gail, moved to Monmouth in 1967, when Dan was named Chair of the Art Department at what was then known as Oregon College of Education.

Dan was raised in Seattle, Washington, where he and Gail met. His post-graduate education began at California College of Arts and Crafts, then continued at Cornish School of Art in Seattle. His studies were interrupted when he was called into service during the Korean War.

After his Army service, Cannon returned to Seattle and the University of Washington, where he earned an undergraduate degree in art education. He went on to earn a master’s degree in art education from the UW and to teach in the art program there. From there, Cannon was offered a teaching position at San Jose State and earned a doctorate from Stanford University.

Dan gives Gail credit for taking the lead on caring for their growing family—consisting of four girls, Casey, Paige, Erinn, and Kelli—while he taught and earned his academic credentials. Gail died in 1997.

Some people are born out of season; they belong to another time. Dan Cannon is one such… He is on this earth to give people profound joy.

Gary Huxford
Meredith Brodsky, director of the Teaching Research Institute and former dean of the College of Education will retire June 30.

Brodsky has a long and successful affiliation with Western Oregon University. She earned a master's degree in education from WOU in 1970. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in special education and rehabilitation from the University of Oregon before rejoining the Western Oregon community in 1985 as a faculty member in Special Education.

During her career at WOU, in addition to serving as a member of the College of Education faculty and as dean, Brodsky has been Director of Field Services, coordinator for Total Quality Management, and, since 2002, director of the nationally-renowned Teaching Research Institute. Her other professional experiences include being a teacher of deaf and deaf-blind children at the Oregon School for the Deaf, a researcher at the Teaching Research Institute, Chief of Programs for children and adults at the Oregon Mental Health Division and director of Special Education for the Central School District.

My years at WOU from student to faculty member to administrator have been full of rewarding experiences. I have enjoyed the opportunities to work with wonderful, committed and accomplished faculty and staff throughout the campus as well as colleagues around the state and the country.

Meredith Brodsky

She was president of a private consulting firm, Paradigm Systems, for five years.

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Jon Tucker and his dog, Ripley

A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will go toward tuition support for diverse students at WOU, Tucker says.

Tucker earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and management as well as a master's in industrial relations and human resources from the University of Oregon. In addition to his position at WOU, he is an adjunct instructor in business administration at Chemeketa Community College. He has also been a complex coordinator for university housing at Colorado State University and a resident director for Boise State University.

The Ultimate Icebreaker and Teambuilder Guide is available for purchase at the WOU Bookstore, www.lulu.com, and from most on-line booksellers.

Director of Teaching Research
Meredith Brodsky to retire

In Remembrance

Del Schalock

Nationally-recognized Teaching Research Institute investigator, Del Schalock, died December 3, 2006.

After 40 years in the field, Schalock was actively engaged in his work at the time of his death. For over 30 years, he led numerous externally funded research efforts around teacher effectiveness, as defined by student progress in learning. He also led several school-improvement efforts and teacher-education-program improvement efforts related to student progress in learning.

Throughout Schalock's career, he worked closely with Oregon's teacher preparation and licensing agency and the Oregon Board of Education to align teacher preparation and licensure requirements with the state's evolving model of standards-based schooling. Within this context, he continuously searched for ways to connect student learning to teacher work as the embodiment of sound educational policy and practice. He was the lead developer and advocate of Teacher Work Sample Methodology (TWSM), an approach to performance assessment connecting teacher classroom instruction to gains in student performance. Schalock authored or co-authored more than 100 articles, chapters, and monographs on the subject.

Over the years, Teacher Work Sample Methodology has gained respect and widespread acceptance throughout the United States and in several countries.
WOU grad and Native Alaskan is new museum curator

Roben Jack Larrison has been appointed curator of the Jensen Arctic Museum after serving for seven months as interim.

Larrison, a 2006 WOU political science graduate, was a Jensen Museum intern as a student. When previous curator, Derek Finholt, left, Larrison was a perfect choice for the interim position. She had proven her ability to increase attendance and develop new connections with both the external and internal WOU communities. In addition Larrison herself is a Native Alaskan.

“Full name: Roben Dale Nuiluk Jack Larrison,” she explains. “I am Inupiaq Eskimo from Nome, Alaska. My Bureau of Indian Affairs tribal affiliation is with Nome Eskimo Community.” She’s been developing her knowledge for the Jensen position her entire life, Larrison says.

“Umiak, kayak, mukluk, tupik. These are the key words in the childhood song my aunt would sing to us,” Larrison said. “The lyrics go like this: Umiak, kayak, mukluk, tupik. Umiak, a boat for many men. Kayak, a boat for one man. Mukluk, an Eskimo boot. Tupik, an Eskimo tent. Umiak, kayak, mukluk, tupik!”

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Jensen Museum Curator
Roben Jack Larrison

In Remembrance

David Brenneman

Delbert “Del” Coursey
Coach and educator, Delbert E. “Del” Coursey, died Feb 17 at the age of 76. Coursey was inducted into the Linfield and Oregon sports halls of fame. In 1973, he became a teacher and baseball coach at Oregon State University. In the early 1980s, he taught education at WOU, where he also helped with the baseball program.

A. Laurence Lyon
Music educator, A. Laurence Lyon, died in Salt Lake City on November 8, 2006. Lyon earned a MA in Music Composition and a BA from the University of Utah. After a two-year tour of active duty in the U.S. Army, he completed his Ph.D. in Music Theory at the Eastman School of Music. An active member of ASCAP, Lyon composed over 200 published works for choir, strings, piano, and orchestra. From 1967 to 1997 he was a professor of music at Western Oregon. He was an accomplished pianist and president of Modern Music Methods, a publisher of string music for children.

Charles D. Stowell
Music educator and musician, Charles D. Stowell, died November 20, 2006 at 85. After five years on the music faculty of Western Oregon University in the 1950s, Stowell relocated to the state of Washington and began what became a lifelong career in music education.
When you think of college students and spring break, images of Cancun, Daytona Beach or Las Vegas may come to mind. But several groups of students at WOU take a different focus for their week between terms by participating in Alternative Break service experiences. Alternative Break students not only work hard during the break, they fundraise throughout the first two terms in order to pay their own way.

In March, students visited Spokane, Washington; Butte, Montana; New Orleans, Louisiana; and Vietnam to perform service in various capacities. Three of these students share, in their own words, their experiences and thoughts on an Alternative Break.

**Spokane, Washington**

**By Tia Diaz, senior, psychology major**

Our team worked with Spokane Habitat for Humanity this past spring break. We spent the first two days on the work site moving gravel and digging trenches for the utilities. The rest of the week we worked on building walls for one of two triplexes and for half of a day we worked at the Habitat office. It was a lot of hard work, but our group accomplished a lot and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"The walls are up! It's exciting...actually being able to see the house and what it will look like."  
*Tia Diaz*

Team members in Spokane dig trenches for the Habitat for Humanity triplexes.

**Spokane Alternative Break team (left to right): Rachel Courter; trip advisor, '99 Denvy Saxowsky; Alex Liang; Maddie Smith; Keri Knight; Eulalia George; Jodi Santillie and team leader, Tia Diaz.**
By Tina Trinh, junior, psychology major

While in Butte, Montana, the Alternative Break team connected with the A.W.A.R.E. (Anaconda Work and Residential Enterprise) staff. Many of the children in the A.W.A.R.E. program do not have anywhere else to go. Because of their horrible pasts, these children have developed behavioral problems.

The (WOU) team connected with these children and showed them love. We wanted to hold the children and protect them from being hurt again. This trip re-energized the A.W.A.R.E. staff. They have a very difficult job, and it is often without thanks, but having our team there showed them that what they are doing is important.

Unfortunately, because of legal reasons, we were not allowed to take pictures of the children, but I know that their faces will always be in our hearts. The team went there to serve and make a difference, but we were impacted and propelled to take more action to help other organizations.

Alternative Break Montana team members mop the gym on the Anaconda Work and Residential Enterprise (A.W.A.R.E.) campus.

I have been part of the Alternative Break program in past years, and each year, I learn so much more about myself, others, and new ways to give back to my community. This program has helped me build strong connections with other WOU students, faculty and staff members. It has been a great opportunity to get to know the WOU community outside classes where everyone is playing a role.

I got involved with this program my freshman year, and it helped me become comfortable on campus faster than most other freshmen. This year, I led the ABM team, and through this team, I continue to make connections in the WOU community and bond with students, faculty and staff in ways I would not have done otherwise.

Members of the Montana Alternative Break team with a puzzle made up of pieces representing each team member’s experience. (Left to right) front row: Justine Jennings, Audrey Ramires-Loudenback, Danielle Bradford, Cynthia Lewis, Liz Jaworski, Allison Johnston, and Joyce Coskey. Back row: Nastassia Zacarias, team leader Tina Trinh, and Amanda James.

Team leader, Tina Trinh, helps beautify the A.W.A.R.E. campus in Montana.
Students

New Orleans Alternative Break team with their respirators, goggles and biohazard suits (left to right) Back row: Stephanie Briney; team leader, Maria Acosta; Jary (Yang) Du; Megan Cullerton; trip advisors, Michael Hampton and Luis Rosa. Front row: team leader, Brenda Vaandering; Keely Beech; Nicole Clemmer; Nicki Teague. Not pictured: Sarah Gibbs.

New Orleans, Louisiana

By Stephanie Briney, junior, business/marketing major

We all filed into the van and decided to go see some of the 9th ward. This was a part of New Orleans that had been severely damaged by the levees breaking. As we neared the off ramp into East New Orleans off Interstate 10, you could see the whole reason we were down here. My heart sank as we pulled into town and saw the amount of destruction that was still visible even 18 months after the storm. You could still see the water line on all the buildings. It was amazing. The spray paint that labeled the searching of the homes was still visible on most of them. A great big X, one side telling who had searched it, one side with how many persons or bodies were found…a big TFW marked most homes. Later I would learn that this meant Toxic Flood Water.

When we pulled into the 9th ward, it looked like something of a ghost town. We were able to get out and look around the neighborhood. It was no longer something we saw on the news. No longer distant families. It was now right in front of us. The artwork from a small child still adorned the walls. Toys scattered about on the floor. After seeing what kind of destruction still existed for New Orleans, we knew our reason for being there. To do what we could for these people. Although we were only there for a week and there were only 11 of us, we could still help New Orleans get one step closer to being whole again.

For more information on WOU’s Alternative Break programs or to make a donation to help send future teams of students into service, please visit www.wou.edu/student/career/ASB.php

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Dear Alumni,

I am pleased to report that your Alumni Association board has had an active spring. Several board members have increased their support of WOU, some of them giving at the President's Club level (giving $1,000 or more annually) and all of them committing to realizing President Minahan's vision for Western Oregon.

All board members are participating in committees that will help steer the board in the coming years. We have a renewed focus on several key areas: identifying and nominating new board members, planning regional events, and helping to increase giving toward scholarships. We invite you to contact us if you are interested in serving on any of our committees; you don’t have to be a board member to participate, and we welcome involvement from all WOU alumni.

’99 Dwayne Hilty
President, WOU Alumni Association

Doug Trice named assistant coach at 2007 Special Olympics in Shanghai

WOU alumnus and Hall of Famer ’74 Doug Trice has been named an assistant coach for Team USA at the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Shanghai.

Doug is one of 20 assistant coaches chosen for the team. He will coach the team’s 80 track athletes at the World Games, which will take place between Oct. 2-11. About 7,000 athletes will be at the games. This is the first time the world Special Olympics will be conducted in Asia, and only the second time they have been conducted outside the United States.

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has been named the event’s Global Torch Bearer. Doug’s selection recognizes his skills and the contributions he has made to Special Olympics as a volunteer. He is co-director of Union County’s Special Olympics program and has been a volunteer for almost 10 years.

At WOU Doug had a storied football career. He gained 5,416 all purpose yards as a running back, still a school record. He was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2006.

Doug earned an education degree at WOU. He never worked as a professional teacher because he landed a job with Union Pacific Railroad after college, one he still has. Doug said that working in the Special Olympics program allows him to put the teacher training he received at WOU to good use.

Last summer, The Observer, LaGrande’s newspaper, published a special edition, “Everyday Heroes.” Doug’s work as a Special Olympics volunteer was highlighted. Joe Sandoz, a former health teacher and track coach at LaGrande High School, commented in the story that Doug succeeds as a Special Olympics coach because of his low-key ability to get others around him to believe in themselves. “He walks quietly and simultaneously instills hope in people,” Sandoz said.

Doug Trice is inducted into the 2006 Athletic Hall of Fame by Athletic Director Jon Carey.
Dear Alumni,

This is an exciting time of change for the alumni program and the university. In the coming year, we will reach more alumni through regional events, provide increased funding for scholarships, and we’ll add some dynamic new board members. At the university level, we will launch new programs, including, we hope, a baccalaureate nursing program.

There is change in my life as well. It’s hard to believe it, but this will be my final WOU Magazine. I am leaving Western with many fond memories and the hope that the next Director of Alumni Relations will enjoy the work and the alumni as much as I have. It has been my pleasure to serve you.

Lori Jordan Brown
Director of Alumni Relations
Congratulations to our 2006 Crystal Apple Award nominees and recipients! Each year, many of our WOU alumni are recognized for their significant impact in the lives of children. Nominees and winners were honored at this special event. Congratulations to our 2006 Crystal Apple Award nominees and recipients!

'00 '04 Tony Brandt, Houck Middle School
'86 Kathie Bridges, Pringle Elementary
'79 Steve Bulen, Brush College Elementary
'99 Matt Faatz, Whiteaker Middle School
'93 '96 Olga Gloria, Compensatory Education*
'91 Molly Goldstein, Howard Street Charter
'01 '06 Michelle Halter, Harritt Elementary
'99 '04 Meghan Lavis, St. Joseph Catholic School
'90 '94 Mary Leach-Provancha, Sprague High
'85 Tim Lewis, Sumpter Elementary

'01 '04 Christi McAfee, Kennedy Elementary*
'89 Susanne Riley, Clear Lake Elementary
'90 '96 Philip Rodin, Sprague High School
'83 Linda St. Pierre, Keizer Elementary*
'96 '03 Shawn Stanley, West Salem High
'92 Marni Watts, Parrish Middle School

*WOU Crystal Apple Award Winners

of forensic psychiatry at Oregon Health & Science University. His practice will emphasize family law, estate planning and consumer protection.

'85 Brian Boquist is serving his second term as Oregon State Representative from the 23rd District.

'85 Annegret Disterheft teaches art part-time at Chemeketa Community College, and her work was recently exhibited at Chemeketa's Art Gallery. The Chemeketa show, “Beyond Perception: Monotypes by Annegret Disterheft,” was her first Salem show since a 1999 exhibit in the governor’s office and was last seen on a beach in Negril, Jamaica, doing absolutely nothing.

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'89 Joanne Carr was elected as Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District Director, Zone 5.

'86 Dan Terry is the director of the Riverside Branch of Integrity Lending in Portland. Previously, he was VP of the American Heart Association and VP of sales at Imark Communications. He currently serves on several boards in the Portland area. He and wife Lauri have three daughters, Rachael, 11, and twins Caitlin and Lauren, 6.

'89 John Beck’s ceramic art classes at Dallas High School are responsible for throwing the soup bowls used for the school’s Soup Bowl Dinner & Auction fundraiser, which provides funds for the school’s art program.

'88 Lori (Eischen) Porter is a social studies teacher in her first year at St. Helens Middle School.

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From WOU to the Wilderness

‘92, ‘94, ’99 John T. Petersen recently published a book entitled, Cottage in the Woods. The creative fiction book is based on his own life experiences teaching in remote areas of Oregon and Alaska. The former ASWOU president received his B.S. in history and education and later his master’s degree in education. He went on to earn a Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Willamette University. John taught two years in distant parts of Oregon and five years in the Alaskan bush. He practiced law for two years, but says his true passion comes from the education of children. That, along with nature, was the inspiration for his book. “The book, Cottage in the Woods, also demonstrates a philosophy that focuses on finding the strength within yourself to enjoy life and what it brings, good or bad,” John said. He will donate twenty-five percent of all profits from the sale of the book and his photographs to public education, drug and alcohol treatment and suicide prevention programs. For more information, or to order the book, visit www.visionsofthenorth.com.

John Petersen

Alumnotes

student teaching in Amity and was hired to teach social studies and drama at the middle school the following year. Later, he began spending half his days at Amity High, teaching drama, video production and art. He has continued to direct plays, as well as teach a high school advanced drama class, after being named principal four years ago. He is married to Amity third-grade teacher ‘84 Dena Gowey-Lund. They have two children. Sarah is a senior at Amity High School, and Emily is a sixth-grader at the middle school.

’93 ’98 Angela (Ernst) Capps has been named Athletic Director at Eton Gregory Middle School in Redmond. Angela also teaches sixth through eighth grade physical education and is the eighth grade girls’ basketball coach. Angela and her husband ‘89 Troy, a fifth grade teacher at Culver Elementary, are the parents of Margo, 12; McKaylie, 6; and Brynn, 1.

’93 Col. Cameron Crawford, deputy commander of the Oregon Army National Guard’s 41st Brigade Combat Team, accepted a one-year assignment as deputy commander of Joint Task Force—Guantanamo Bay. About 400 detainees are held at Guantanamo Bay, where Cameron will help oversee nearly 2,000 service members and overall operations. Cameron has a master’s degree from WOU in correctional administration.

’93 Theresa Halter-Enyard is teaching leadership and is also a counselor at Warrenton High School. Theresa previously taught at French Prairie Middle School in Woodburn.

’94 Harvey Mathews is the new president of the Software Association of Oregon. Mathews assumes the leadership of SAO with a goal to make the software industry an increasingly important contributor to the state’s economic growth. Mathews worked most recently as the lead advocate for education, technology, elections and fiscal policy issues for Associated Oregon Industries (AOI), the state’s largest comprehensive business association. Previously, Mathews has worked in the Speaker’s Office in the Oregon House of Representatives and as a public high school teacher at Sam Barlow High in Gresham.

’94 ’01 Mitch Ward teaches math at Seaside High School and heads up the volleyball program.

’95 Joe Colby has been listed among the 2005-2006 “Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers.” He teaches sixth grade at Condon Elementary and is the grade school activities director and the head boys basketball coach at Condon High.

’95 Cori Price, a commercial loan officer/relationship officer at the Lakeview branch of South Valley Bank and Trust, was appointed to the American Bankers Association’s Agricultural and Rural Bankers Committee. She has 10 years of experience in commercial and agriculture lending at South Valley.

’96 Julie Ann Burridge and Randy Miles Carver were married Aug. 5 in Corvallis. She is employed by Everett Public Schools in Everett, Wash., and he is a House Values sales representative.

’96 Scott Gilpin and his wife Bernadette are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Lynn, born Oct. 16th. They currently reside in Ozark, Miss.

’96 Jennifer Hardin-Utley is teaching sixth grade at Scio Middle School. She previously taught at John F. Kennedy American School in Querétaro, Mexico.

’96 Richard “Dick” Hooton retired in Sept. after 10 years as manager of the Linn County Meals on Wheels Program. Dick started working as manager of the program in 1996. He spent over 27 years in the Air Force, the first 13 as an aircraft avionics specialist. Photo courtesy of Scott Swanson.

’97 Robin Hall and Jimmy May were married July 15 at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. Robin is an Oregon state trooper and Jimmy owns a business in Tigard. The newlyweds are making their home in North Plains.

’97 Lisa (Stevens) Wordeman recently became a Residential Coordinator for a Juvenile Treatment Facility, and ’99 Jeff Wordeman celebrated one year at the Department of Criminal
Campus Romances

My husband, (’66) Philip A. Peterson and I, Frederica (Ricki Sullivan) Peterson, met and married while attending OCE. We celebrated our 43rd wedding anniversary Sept. 25th. We met at the Tug of War between freshmen and upper classmen at the end of Freshman Week in the fall of ’61, my freshman year. Phil was a sophomore. Phil and three of his friends threw me into the mud pit after the tug of war was over. We saw each other around campus but didn’t start dating until that Spring. We went our separate ways when he went home to Astoria, and I went home to Salem for the summer break.

The famous Columbus Day Storm of ’62 brought us back together when we spent the night in the student center along with lots of other students. We still remember watching the Campbell Hall steeple topple to the ground.

We dated all that school year and married on Sept. 25, 1963. Because Phil worked at the mill in Independence and went to school part time, I graduated first. Our daughter, Jana, was born in ’64. When I started teaching, Phil went back to school full time. When he graduated, we moved to Coquille where Phil taught for three years before returning to commercial fishing full time.

We have lived in the Newport area for about 35 years. Phil continues to fish for salmon and tuna. I retired from teaching three years ago.

’64 Ricki Peterson

Investigations for the state of Wyoming as a fingerprint examiner and was able to participate in 40 hours of training in Oregon. Both are very excited about their jobs and say they enjoy every day.

’98 Geoff Carpenter was sworn in as the newest member of the Mount Angel Police Department in Oct. Carpenter spent time as an inspector for the Oregon Liquor Control Commission before working for the last year as a reserve officer in Mount Angel.

’98 Tom Hoffert was appointed to the Salem Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

’99 ’03 ’04 Dixie Lynn Seibel and Daniel Brandon Bowler were married Aug. 26 in Aurora. Dixie is a teacher at Duniyway Middle School in McMinnville, and Daniel is a sergeant with the 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines Regiment, US Marines Corps. Dixie is at home in McMinnville while Daniel serves in Iraq.

’99 ’03 ’04 Peach Bowl opened the season for Auburn and Georgia and the Volunteers played for homecoming at Tennessee. We were both excited about the games.

’00s

’00 Karri Kruse and Chad Davis were married July 16 in Portland. Karri works for the David Douglas School District at Earl Boyes Elementary School, and Chad works for Georgia-Pacific. The couple lives in Vancouver, Wash.

’01 Chris Freeman was sworn into duty as a Beaverton police officer Nov. 13.

’01 Danyel and ’02 Lyman Panui welcomed their second child, Aubree Kaimalie Sau-Ling Panui, on Sept. 7. Aubree was 10 lbs 5 oz. Her brother is two years old and is named Dylan Kuuwenapio‘olemaikalani Panui.

’01 Aaron Cupp is the new head football coach and a language arts teacher at Willamina High School. He previously taught at Meadowdale High School in Lynnwood, Wash., for three years and was also the offensive coordinator and head track coach.

’01 Beth McPherson and Vince Jones were married Aug. 26 in Rickreall. Beth is a language arts teacher at Falls City High School, and Vince is a security officer at Spirit Mountain Casino in Grand Ronde. The couple lives in Monmouth.

’02 ’06 Kerry Dwight married Jennifer Myers July 8 in Glide. Kerry works as a math teacher at Douglas High School and Jennifer is employed by Douglas High School as a special education instructional assistant. The couple lives in Winston.

’02 Matt Gregory is walking across America to raise money and awareness benefiting cancer research. His mother’s life is the main motivator for his walk, which started in Bellingham, Wash., Sept. 1. He expects to finish the journey at Miami Beach, Fla., in about one year. He’s filming the adventure and plans to create a documentary.

’02 Jennifer Heckman and ’04 Nicholas Rusow were married Sept. 24 in Sublimity. Jennifer works as an operations manager for Recreation Resource in Salem, and Nicholas works in customer service for Verizon Wireless in Salem. The couple lives in Keizer.

’02 Courtney (Hagen) Henry recently graduated from dental hygiene school in Sacramento, Calif. She and husband Waylon plan to reside in Chico.

’02 Charlotte Cecelia Stover and Matthew Jason Lyse were married on July 22 in Camas. Charlotte is a third grade teacher in Salem, and Matthew is an attorney with Sherman, Sherman, Johnnie & Hoyt, LLP. The couple lives in Salem.

’02 Rob Wullbrandt and ’04 Rachel Hughes were married July 8 in Aurora. Rachel recently completed her master’s degree in education at PSU, and Rob is employed by Portland Police Bureau. The couple lives in Milwaukee.

’02 Brandi Yocum is the new science and health teacher at Daly Middle School in Lakeview. She previously taught seventh grade earth science in Milton-Freewater.

’03 Jennifer Cotton is the Developmental Learning Center teacher at Tri City Elementary in Myrtle Creek. She previously taught at Head Start in Winston.

’03 Morgan Eisenbach married Jeremiah Hubbard on July 14 at Gray Gables Estate. WOU faculty member, Don Boderman, married the couple. Both are high school teachers and reside in West Linn.
Diane Griffin named “Teacher of the Year” for 2006-07

‘74 Diane Griffin was named the 2006-2007 Oregon Small Schools Association’s (OSSA) “Teacher of the Year.”

This is Diane’s 26th year of teaching at Garibaldi Grade School. It is her dedication to her students and profession that distinguished her as the 2006-2007 OSSA’s “Teacher of the Year.” She received her award at a conference in June at WOU. “I do this because I love it...it was a neat moment,” Diane said.

Diane grew up outside Portland and attended Scappoose High School where several teachers realized her potential. Education, she says, was not a priority in her family, and after high school, she had planned on doing secretarial training. Towards the end of her senior year, though, she learned that she received full tuition scholarships for the Oregon College of Education.

“I would have never gone to college without my high school teachers,” she noted. “I wanted to be a teacher from then on.”

Since she first began in 1980, Diane has taught fourth through sixth graders subjects like math, history and science with a hands-on approach. For the last ten years, she has run a salmon hatching program in the classroom, partnering with the Tillamook Estuary Project, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Trask River Hatchery.

“I want to get kids outside. I’m trying to keep them in touch with the earth,” Diane said. “I try to make it real.”

The last four years Diane has served as a mentor for new teachers. She says the first year as a teacher is the hardest, and having a mentor helped her when she started her career.

### Alumnotes

- ‘03 Sheila McKendree married Scott Campbell on Aug. 5 in Canby. Sheila is employed as a first grade teacher, and Scott is employed by the Marion County sheriff’s office. The couple lives in Salem.
- ‘03 Elizabeth Way and ‘03 Christopher Wheeler were married Aug. 27. They are residing in Monmouth.
- ‘04 Krista Anderson married Ben Fogelson Sept. 23 in Dallas. Krista is an administrative assistant for Stronger Families for Oregon, and Ben is an inventory specialist for The Mac Store. They are making their home in Beaverton.
- ‘04 Aaron Henderson is a first-year teacher, teaching middle school classes at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan.
- ‘04 Lynn Iverson is a first-year full-time teacher, teaching fourth through sixth grades at Paisley School.
- ‘04 Amy Keith and ‘04 Todd Susee were married Aug. 12 in Gildale. Amy is a teacher for Klamath Falls City Schools. Todd is crew chief in the Oregon Air National Guard. The couple lives in Klamath Falls.
- ‘04 Cari Laine Jones and ‘05 Wayne Richard Snider were married Aug. 12 in Medford. Cari is a teacher and coach in the Medford School District and Wayne is a student and a coach with CINTAS in White City. The newlyweds are living in Medford.
- ‘05 Amy Marie Bakker and J.P. Robinette were married on Aug. 26 in Medford. Amy is currently pursuing a master’s in teaching degree from WOU, and J.P. is earning a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from Oregon Institute of Technology.

- ‘05 Bret Cochrun and Stacey Johnston were married July 15 in Sheridan. They are making their home in McMinnville.
- ‘05 Karley See is teaching math at Sheridan High School.
- ‘06 Rebecca Arrendondo is a first grade teacher at Willamina Elementary, where she also completed her student teaching.
- ‘06 Mindy Arthur is a first-year teacher, teaching the first grade at Faulconer-Chapman School in Sheridan.
- ‘06 James “J.R.” Bonebrake is a first-year teacher, teaching math and global studies at Scio High School. He also volunteer coaches at Marist High School.
- ‘06 Lisa Collins is a first-year teacher, teaching special education at Hawthorne Elementary.
- ‘06 Rycheh Hinchberger married Matthew Mock on July 29 in Philomath. Rycheh is attending George Fox University, where she plans to graduate in 2011 with a doctorate in clinical psychology. The couple lives in Newberg.
- ‘06 Robbin K. Sprauer and ‘06 Aaron M. Kerner were married on Sept. 3 in Salem where they are making their home.
- ‘06 Adam Strachan and Chez Maier were married March 19 at the Reserve Vineyard and Golf Club. The couple is making their home in Eugene.
- ‘06 Michelle Weller married Adam Dubois Sept. 9 in Corvallis. Michelle is employed as a behavioral support specialist, and Adam is a shift supervisor for Starbucks. They are living in Eugene.

### Save the Date!

Once again the Alumni Association is teaming up with the Office of Admissions to bring baseball to alumni and incoming students. First, enjoy an all-you-can-eat picnic and then watch the Eugene Emeralds take on the Spokane Indians on the Civic Stadium in Eugene. For more details go to www.wou.edu/alumni or call the Alumni Office at 503-838-8153.
Visit the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Sept. 12-13, 2007

Travel aboard a 46-passenger bus, with comfortable heating and air conditioning, reclining seats with footrest, on-board restroom, and panoramic windows. Leave the driving to an experienced driver and enjoy the ride.


This trip is sponsored by the Retirees Association but everyone is invited to attend. Please join us for a great trip with plenty of opportunity for meeting new friends and for renewing acquaintances with old ones. Price of $275 includes: bus (to and from plus while in Ashland), snacks on the trip going down, room and breakfast, theatre tickets to two plays, backstage tour, and dinner on the way home. For reservations please contact Jan Carlson at carlsonj@wou.edu or at 503-838-8725. Or call Jenny Rettke at 503-838-8280 to register and charge to your credit card.

Complete information found on our Web site at: www.wou.edu/retirees

In memory


'27 Alice M. Schott Dec. 14 at age 100. Alice taught at Brown School in Gilliam County, Coos Bay, Bend and Portland. She retired from the Portland Public Schools in 1970.

'28 J. Kendall Burkhead Oct. 11 at age 100. Kendall worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 30 years, retiring as St. Helens Postmaster.

'28 '34 '58 Dottie Marie (Womer) Dueltgen Dec. 22 at age 97. Dottie was a beloved schoolteacher in situations ranging from rural one-room schoolhouses to modern urban schools. She was teaching elementary grades in the Parkrose district until she retired in 1974 after more than 40 years of service.

'29 Lily Margaretha (Schild) Busick Nov. 10 at age 99. Lily taught for two years at Long Prairie. Money was tight, but teaching was the priority, so she was sometimes paid in scrip. After earning a degree in vocational home economics, she taught home economics for two years and then joined the Women’s Army Corps in 1944.

'29 Loucille (Harris) Jacques Dec. 19 at age 99. Loucille was a teacher for the Canby School District.

'30 Verl White Jan. 31 at age 93. Verl joined the US Army in 1942 and served for three years during World War II. An infantry officer, he participated in the battles and campaigns of Normandy, Ardennes, Rhinelands, central Europe and northern France. He was awarded the Purple Heart after being wounded by four rounds of German machine gun fire. He also earned the Combat Infantry Badge and other awards. He was honorably discharged Feb. 7, 1946.

'31 Gladys (Graham) Strawn Sept. 18 at age 96. Gladys taught first through eighth grade at Jefferson School on the Oregon Slope from 1929 until 1931, and she taught at Cairo School, between Ontario and Vale, from 1931 through 1934. She taught for 30 years, retiring in 1974.

'33 Louis Blackerby Dec. 18 at age 93. Louis was a writer and photographer for Forest Industries Magazine published by Miller Freeman.

'34 Dorothy (Skeels) Holycross Sept. 24 at age 92. Dorothy taught in Dufur, Prairie City, Reedsport, Reedsville and Hillsboro. Dorothy never missed a day of work during her 42 years of teaching and she never quit teaching after she retired. She spent the next 30 years substitute teaching and eventually tutoring full time at Butternut at her small desk in the school’s staff room. The Reedville Elementary School library bears her name to acknowledge her two decades of leadership.

'35 Clarence H. West Sept. 13 age 93.

'36 Evelyn M. (Day) Jamieson Jan 21 at age 89. Evelyn started her teaching career at Harrisburg, Ore., in a one-room school with only three students. She continued her lifelong passion for teaching into her 80s by being a substitute teacher, a guest speaker on history and pioneer life and by being involved in a mentorship program for students.

'36 Roy Long Oct. 8 at age 92. Roy taught eighth grade in Rainier until 1947 when he moved to the Longview School District and taught at Kessler and Monticello. He was a member of the planning committee for Monticello. He retired in 1975. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II as a pilot trainer.

'37 '62 Sally K. (Hobson) Lindholm Dec. 12 at age 90. Sally began teaching in a one-room school on Mount Hood and came to Troutdale Elementary School from 1949 to 1972. She was a longtime teacher at Troutdale Elementary. She retired in the mid-1970s. For many years she volunteered for the US Post Office in Portland answering letters to Santa Claus, which were then mailed out with a North Pole stamp on them.
I had always been a wallflower in high school and thought college was a great chance to "reinvent" myself. So I had a plan for getting guys to ask me to dance. I stood by myself, smiled and never was seen not dancing. If no one asked, I got a drink of water. It did not please my roommates, but it worked far beyond anything I imagined! Turns out guys are attracted to girls that attract other guys. Who knew? Anyway, (83) Dan (my husband) decided to find out what the other guys were doing and asked me to dance. It was fun, but that was all. We both had sweethearts back home. But we did have biology together, so saw each other several times a week and became friends.

When we left for the summer, we exchanged addresses and wrote all summer. By then, my boyfriend had broken up with me, and Dan and his girlfriend had also broken up. I worked at a summer camp and mail was super important. Dan wrote wonderful, witty, charming letters, and I came back to campus looking for him. We ran into each other while registering and then both went to the Beanie Bounce again.

We danced a few times, and he will tell you I "made" him kiss me during the last dance. I'm not too sure about that. Our dating wasn't too exciting. I was on the Social Activities board, so I got into all the movies and dances for free. I was a very cheap date. We also

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### In memory

#### '38 Jolea (Pos) Spraker
Aug. 1 at age 89.
Joela began her lifelong teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse called Shotgun, in Central Oregon. She taught for over 40 years in Portland, Vancouver and Washougal schools.

#### '41 Etta G. (Crout) McAllister
Dec. 24, at age 86. Etta moved to the Dufur area in 1940 to teach school, first at Wolf Run and later, Rail Hollow schools. Etta was honored earlier this year for her 66 years as a member of the Ramsey Park Grange where she held many positions including master from 1978-1980 and 1983-1987.

#### '41 '51 '54 Henry W. ‘Hank’ Mascall
Dec. 29 at age 87. Hank served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He moved to Albany in 1945, then to Portland in 1955. He was the principal of Atkinson Elementary School and a member of the church for more than 50 years, and he served on the Archbishop Howard School Board.

#### '42 NaDene L. (Buss) Beckley
Jan. 30 at age 86.

#### '42 '47 Mary Elizabeth Lovett
Oct. 24 at age 86. Mary joined the Navy during WWII, where her interest in the blind and partially sighted started. Her teaching career started at the Oregon School for the Blind then continued in Monterey, Calif. From there she moved to Pennsylvania where she taught at Kutztown State Teacher's College in Allentown for 16 years, teaching others how to teach the sight impaired. She returned to Oregon in 1975 and taught in Roseburg for a few years.

#### '42 '59 Winona (Johnson) Sedivy
Nov. 11 at age 85. Winona was a career elementary school teacher and first taught at the two-room Trent Glade School in 1943. She later taught in Dallas, Seaside, Pedee, and Amity and completed her teaching with the Salem School District at Pringle Elementary.

#### '44 Lona (Barker) Contreras
Oct. 25 at age 83. Lona spent four years in Mexico City studying Spanish and teaching both English and Spanish after college. Upon returning to the U.S., she worked in Gilroy, Calif., and in Rainier, Nehalem, Dallas, Eugene, Nyssa and Cottage Grove as a teacher, primarily of Spanish, but also of English and primary grades.

#### '48 '53 Betty Lou (Elliott) Danielson
Dec. 12 at age 84. Betty Lou was an elementary teacher in Salem, Medford and Seattle. In the 1970s, she moved to Hillsboro and was a speech therapist for the Beaverton School District.

#### '49 '53 Hazel (Buckingham) Denham
Lang Nov. 27 at age 82. Hazel taught school in Berkeley, Calif., and eventually in Madras. In 1979, she began teaching in Long Creek.

#### '51 '56 Gordon Floyd Johnson
Mar. 3 at age 82. Gordon served in the US Army during WWII in Africa and Italy and was retired from the California Air National Guard Reserves in 1989. He was a professor with the Kremen School of Education at California State University, Fresno, and retired after 26 years.

#### '52 Bob Downing
Dec. 27 at age 76. Bob served in the US Army for two years. He taught math and science in the junior high school in Coburg and was principal of Coburg Elementary School. He coached baseball for more than 20 years, including summer programs, and was assistant baseball coach at Sheldon High School. He retired in 2000.

#### '52 William Norman Olund
Nov. 22 at age 78. Bill was an enthusiastic cheerleader at OCE during the late 1940s and early 1950s. He began his teaching career in Milwaukee and retired in 1989 after 26 years as the Dean of Boys at Rex Putnam High School. He is remembered by many with great affection.

#### '52 Raymond Pettey
Nov. 7 at age 83. Raymond served in the US Army during World War II, then transferred to the US Air Force. He taught in schools throughout Oregon, including Banks, Woodburn, Brooks and Ashland.

#### '53 '56 Larry A. Bell
Nov. 2 at age 75. Larry taught in Halsey, at the Children's Farm Home,
went to football and basketball games. After we turned 21, we did go to Independence to the Stone Lion. We were together permanently after that.

Dan tried very hard to get me to like jogging. We would head out to the loop that went north of campus, across to 99, and then through town. We went one telephone pole at a time. “You can make it to that telephone pole,” he would say. When we reached it, he would repeat the process. I should mention that our first “date” was actually before the first summer. We went bowling and then out for a root beer float at A&W.

We now have two boys; Jacob is 18 and a freshman at University of Idaho (mechanical engineering) and Henry is 16 and a sophomore at Siuslaw High School.

'82, '83 Elisa (Steward) Gray

and in Monroe until his retirement in 1988. He was involved with the Benton County Fair for 35 years.

'54 '67 Roger Derrill Andrus Dec. 26 at age 76. Roger was in the Naval Reserve for over 28 years and retired as a full commander. Roger was both a teacher and a principal at Cloverdale Elementary School and Hubbard Middle School. He worked for the Supreme Court law library from 1975 until his retirement as head librarian in 1994.

'54 Alpha Jane (Clinkinbeard) Butler Dec. 24 at age 74. Alpha Jane taught one year in Coquille, Ore., before moving to Medford where she taught third grade at Washington Elementary and later fourth, fifth and sixth grades at Oak Grove Elementary school.

'54 Edwin C. Fitzsimons Dec. 30 at age 82.

'55 Lola Helen Seeger Nov. 17 at age 96. Lola moved to Spokane, Wash., in 1931 to teach high school, and in 1933, she returned to Salem to marry Mervin Seeger. After returning to college in 1951, she taught first grade in Salem schools, Pringle and Faye Wright, for 17 years. She retired from teaching in 1972.

'56 '60 Glen Alan Mick Jan. 13 at age 78. Glen and wife Vida Lee moved to Salem where Glen took a teaching job with the public school system. Glen’s career advanced to the position of elementary principal. In 1967, the family moved to Portland when Glen accepted a position as principal/superintendent of Riverdale Grade School. In 1970, ready for a career change, he and Vida Lee purchased the Foothill Broiler in NW Portland. In 1976 Glen joined his sons in their business, Mick Construction, which developed into a specialty wood products business, LWO Corporation. Glen retired in 1994.

'57 Mardell Shafer Dec. 19 at age 76. Mardell moved to Portland in the mid-1950s, and was a kindergarten teacher and then a clerical worker for Bonneville Power Administration.

'59 Dixie (Lilly) Culver Dec. 19 at age 89. Dixie taught fifth and sixth grade at Gales Creek Elementary School for eight years and later taught fourth grade at McKinley Elementary School in Beaverton for 20 years until she retired.

'59 Hilda (Ford) Hallman Nov. 28 at age 99. Hilda taught in Parkesburg, Pa., for five years and then was employed in 1937 as a social worker. In 1950, she married A. Robert Hallman and moved to Sacramento Calif., where they worked for the California Youth Authority. In 1953, Hilda and Robert moved to Oregon where they both were employed by MacLaren School.

In 1955, Hilda was employed by the Salem/Keizer Public Schools as a supervisor and was instrumental in establishing the Special Education Program. Hilda retired in 1971 and volunteered for many organizations.

'69 Ruthanna (McCracken) Hampton Nov. 23 at age 91. Ruthanna taught at Edwards Elementary School for 20 years, first as a third grade teacher and then as a special education teacher. She taught in Sunday school for 40 years.

'71 Ira Lee Lowery Nov. 16 at age 68. Ira was in the US Marine Corps Reserves, worked as a teacher and was a counselor specializing in alternative education.

'73 Carol "Jean" (Berry) Johnson Dec. 10 at age 66. Jean was a counselor at Dallas High School for 18 years until her retirement in 1987.

'73 Peggy A. Register Dec. 8 at age 56. Peggy worked as a caregiver, childcare provider and an elementary school teacher.

'74 Peggy (McLeod) Clutts Feb. 2 at age 63. Peggy had a full professional career as a teacher, principal, Mary Kay consultant and most recently as an interior decorator. Along with her husband, they served as regional directors of Decorating Den, Incorporated.
My wife, (’90) Julie Isaacson and I, (’91, ’97) Barry Branaugh, met at Western during the spring term 1989 in my sophomore year and Julie’s junior year. We met when I moved to the apartment next to Julie. We were engaged the following September and married in August of 1990. We have been happily married for 16 years now and have a 14-year-old son and 10- and 7-year-old daughters.

What makes our story remarkable is that it was a second generation event. My parents, (’65, ’66) Dick Branaugh and (’64, ’90) Judy Barry, also met at Western (then OCE). They met during the spring of 1963 in my mother’s junior year and my father’s sophomore year. Instead of just getting engaged after four months, they were married! They had three children: my sister (’90) Jennifer Branaugh in 1966, myself in 1969, and my sister Amy in 1974. They were happily married for almost 32 years until my father passed away in 1995. Western has truly provided a love connection for my family!

’91, ’97 Barry Branaugh
From Philomath to the NFL?

Formr Western Oregon football player, Kevin Boss, has already gone places where no other Wolf has gone, and we’re not just talking about Disney World or the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

True, the 6-7, 255-pound Philomath native and NCAA Division II All-American has spent time in Orlando and in the home of the Super Bowl champion Colts, but it is where he can go in the future that had many in the professional football ranks buzzing over the last few months.

Boss was one of 15 senior tight ends from across the country to be invited to the NFL Combine in Indianapolis in late February, and one of only six non-NCAA Division I players in attendance (all positions). All 32 NFL teams had representatives at the RCA Dome, evaluating every player in America who has the potential to be drafted this year. He is the first player ever from Western Oregon to be invited to the combine.

At the combine, players are tested in the areas of speed, strength, agility and intelligence, and, of course, in Boss’ case, for their ability to catch the football. In addition to the NFL teams, hordes of media are evaluating every move, and then filling dozens of websites with information about how every player fared.

To prepare for the biggest test of his life, Boss spent nearly two months in Orlando at the Disney Wide World of Sports complex, working with renowned strength and conditioning coach, Tom Shaw. Along with dozens of other pro prospects, Boss worked out twice a day under Shaw’s guidance. One of only two Division II players in the camp, the rest of the field featured players from Florida, Ohio State, Penn State and Miami.

The payoff? It appears to have been excellent. While the final proof won’t come until the draft takes place in April, many of the “expert” evaluators gushed about the relative unknown from little Western Oregon. He was mentioned in USA Today; and Scout.com said, “Boss really put on a show.” His test results had him ranked in the top five among tight ends in the speed and agility testing, and his intelligence test graded out to the level of a chemist—and above average for an NFL tight end.

“I’ll tell you what, every NFL team is looking for a tight end right now that is like Antonio Gates (San Diego Chargers) or Tony Gonzalez (Kansas City Chiefs),” said New York Giants tight end coach Michael Pope. “Those guys played basketball in college and are very athletic. They can run and know how to position their body to catch the football. People are taking a look at Boss to see if he can be that kind of guy.”

Thirteen NFL scouts and coaches took another look at Boss on March 16 at WOU’s McArthur Field, for Western’s first-ever Pro Day. Boss improved on his times and numbers from the NFL Combine, making him an even hotter prospect as the draft looms April 28-29.

Boss trained in Orlando earlier this winter to prepare for the NFL Combine.

Boss celebrates a touchdown against Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Boss played two years of basketball at WOU, but gave up his senior year to get ready for the NFL Draft.

Until the draft, Boss will remain in Oregon, taking solo trips to workout for various NFL teams (he graduated from WOU in December with a degree in physical education). Then, on draft day, he will try and remain as calm as possible.

“I don’t know if I will be too nervous to watch it or not,” he laughed. “I might just leave the house. But I will certainly take my cell phone with me.”
Western Oregon senior center Jacob Mitchell is as steady on the court as he is off of it.

The Wolves leading scorer and rebounder this year is also an "ESPN the Magazine" all-region academic selection, carrying a 3.61 grade-point average in his major of political science.

Mitchell arrived at WOU a year ago, via his hometown of Olympia, Wash., and after a stint at Pierce College. He averaged 18 points a game and 6.5 rebounds a contest this year and listed second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in field goal percentage (.590). The 6-7, 235 pounder scored over 30 points in a game on three different occasions, including on Feb. 24 when he hit for 32 which included a buzzer-beating rebound basket in overtime to defeat Western Washington.

Sports Information Coordinator Russ Blunck sat down with Jacob for the following question and answer session.

RB – Last year you went by J.T., and this year you wanted to go by your given name of Jacob. How come?

JM – Well, I have been called J.T. for a long time because my grandmother called...
me Little Jake Terrell because there are three other Jacobs in my family. But since I came to Western, I have gone by Jacob in classes, so I just changed it on the court this year as well. I guess part of it is a maturation process.

RB – You are a political science major. What is your career goal?
JM – I plan on attending law school for civil liberties. I desire to be very active in my community in civil rights and politics.

RB – You have said that your mom (Denice Lambkins) is the person that you most admire. Why?
JM – My mother is the person that instilled in me the qualities that I have today. She showed me that you have to take care of what’s most important and to work hard. She is the reason that I am becoming a successful young man.

RB – What has been the best part about your experience of playing and going to school at WOU?
JM – I like Western because of its small college feel. I also enjoy the professors that we have, and with the class size, it is easy to communicate with them. As far as basketball goes I have enjoyed playing at so many different places. This year, that is especially true because of all of the Division I teams that we played. It was a great way for me to measure my own game. It has also been great to be part of a program that is growing and going in the right direction.

RB – You are an excellent student and the steadiest player on your team. To what do you attribute your ability to stay focused on both and to be so consistent and even-keeled night after night?
JM – School has always come first. You just have to stay focused on the studies. The reason I think that I am a consistent in basketball is because I have trained hard in the weight room. Basketball season is long, and it takes its toll on the body, so what I have done is stayed in the weight room all year building it for the wear and tear of the season. I have been blessed not to have any serious or nagging injuries.

Jacob Mitchell is WOU’s men’s basketball Marquis Spas Athlete of the Year and was also named to the All-GNAC Academic team.
for security funding. They will take part in workshops to build working mutual-aid and cross-deputization agreements, and emergency action and deployment plans. The models will then be critiqued using federal standards.

The hope is that the finished products can be adopted and used by all tribal communities for implementation in a variety of disaster situations, Kauffman said. “What we’ve seen is that there is no place in the country that isn’t vulnerable to a significant event,” he said. “We saw that with Hurricane Katrina.”

The program is projected to include about 4,300 participants.

“A major benefit to this grant is that it will allow access to almost all tribes, regardless of size or physical resources,” Kauffman explained. “It is open and accessible to almost everyone in the community.”

The grant doesn’t apply to equipment, a problem for many reservations and Indian nations. A 2005 NNALEA survey of 40 tribes across the United States showed that many lacked major elements of homeland security capabilities, such as functional emergency plans and cyber, physical and personnel resources. Some may have the resources but not the “interoperability” with other emergency and law enforcement agencies.

Edwards gave an example in which a tribe might have received DHS funds for emergency radio equipment. “Once they get the radios, they aren’t allowed to use them because they don’t have access to the necessary frequency,” he said. “Or there’s no radio repeaters to transmit something from outside their jurisdiction…right now, nobody is doing anything to fix it.”

Another problem is the disconnect remote tribal agencies experience with national intelligence and information sharing outlets. Indian officials could have contact with a potential terror suspect and not know that person is being sought. Kauffman said it’s hoped the initiative will allow tribes to improve formal communication channels with non-Native agencies, and prompt those in the same region to share resources or enter into partnerships to leverage financial support.

Edwards believes the program will improve the ability of participating tribes to manage a major disaster, which would benefit their members and make them a vital component in the United States’ homeland security system. “We are looking at this from the largest to smallest tribe,” he said. “We must not have any chinks or holes that people looking to do us harm can exploit so readily, as they did on Sept. 11.

The patriotism continues today, Edwards says. “We may not have all that we need…but we’re still standing on the borders.”

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Brodsky to retire

Brodsky has worked throughout Oregon and the U.S. as a consultant to organizations in the area of continuous quality improvement and has published technical assistance materials in that area. She served as a member of the Oregon Quality Education Panel, Commissioner for the Oregon Teacher and Standards Practices Commission, and chair of the Research and Information Committee of the American Association for College of Teacher Education.

Brodsky currently serves on the Literacy Leadership State Steering Committee, the Governor’s Rural Policy Higher Education Group, the IDEA Partnership Council, the Early Education Network at the Oregon Department of Education and the Smith Fine Arts Series Board.

New Museum curator

As a child in Nome, Alaska, Larrison says she never imagined she would be repeating that song to groups of inquisitive school children in an arctic museum.

Larrison was first introduced to WOU in 1996. Her husband, Rick, understood Larrison’s desire to earn a college education so he gave her a tour of the university. As an Alaskan from Albany, he had fond memories of the campus from the days of Dr. Paul Jensen, for whom the museum is named. His family had hosted an Alaskan family during one of the cultural exchanges that Jensen organized.

“I am not sure if it was Rick’s memories, the small, friendly campus or the familiar animals and artifacts in the museum that influenced my final education decision, but I am grateful for all of it,” Larrison said.

“The Jensen Museum and Dr. Jensen’s work is how I came to Oregon,” Larrison explained. “I look forward to continuing with the museum’s mission of ‘collecting, preserving and teaching about Arctic culture and ecology.’

The Cottage is abuzz

It’s a sure sign of warmer weather when the honeybees start swarming around The Cottage. Call in Western’s resident beekeeper and Professor of Art Kim Hoffman. According to Hoffman, it’s just a matter of locating the queen, then the rest of the swarm will follow. Hoffman is happy to relocate the colony to his farm outside of Dallas, and Advancement staff members are very happy to see them go to a good home.
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