WOU’s Kevin Boss became a Super Bowl hero during his first season in the NFL.
Dear Alumni,

Greetings from your team in The Cottage. As your new Vice President for University Advancement, I want to thank all of you for the warm welcome I have received. I consider myself very fortunate to be a part of Western Oregon University and will do everything I can on its behalf.

In the short time I have been here, I have become aware of the various names that preceded “Western Oregon University.” Although WOU is the name that I connect with, perhaps many of you are more attached to “Western Oregon State College,” or maybe “Oregon College of Education.” While the names have changed, the academic community is still true to its original purpose.

In addition to our mission of educating students from the great state of Oregon, we now attract the largest group ever of international students. Our university continues to attract a large percentage of students that are the first in their families to attend college, and the campus hosts one of the most ethnically diverse student populations in the state. WOU helps in creating teachers, educators, and other education related professionals. This continues to be part of our strength, and starting in the fall of 2008, we will add a nursing program to our already rich academic offerings. We are not the same institution we were 25 years ago, and we are continuing to grow in wonderful ways.

Recently, a team of our students won the regional College Bowl tournament and at the end of April will head off to the national championships in Minnesota. We hope to connect with alumni in this area, to meet these students, and celebrate their accomplishments. Over spring break, some of our students went as far away as Vietnam to work as part of the alternative break service program. In addition, we will host an alumni event in Portland in May, to meet President John Minahan and discuss the future vision of our university. Our on-campus community should make each of you very proud.

As you read through this issue, I hope you will appreciate that our alumni are continuing to leave a legacy of academic, social, and athletic accomplishments. This university is very proud of you all, and we hope that you will stay connected with this campus. Our common goal is to improve ourselves, and by doing so, improve our contributions to our community.

Go Wolves.

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From Western Oregon All-American to Super Bowl champion in just one season, the Kevin Boss story is now well known in the state of Oregon and nationwide. Kevin came back to campus and was honored recently on Kevin Boss Night at the Physical Education Building. See pages 10-12.
Honors Program

Since its implementation 23 years ago, WOU’s Honors Program has created an academic community in which students, who demonstrate high academic achievement and exceptional ability, can grow both in character and in intellect to prepare them for life after college.

The program, which consists of small interactive courses, seminars and a senior-year thesis, tries to impress upon students the importance of their participation and responsibility in their education. The students also learn to interact in a cooperative academic environment where they are not competing against one another, but helping each other to be accountable and achieve their best.

The benefits and opportunities of being accepted into the Honors Program are numerous. Sophomore Allison Glasscock says, “Honors has fostered my thirst for knowledge and enhanced my sense of adventure. Both traits will be useful wherever I go, whatever I end up doing.” However, some qualified students may choose not to apply because they feel that the Honors Program will only focus on academic achievement.

“We are not a nerd factory,” Honors Program Director, Dr. Sriram Khe, says. “Members of the Honors Program include student athletes as well as writers and editors of the Western Journal. While academics and an innate love for knowledge are a priority for the Honors Program, they are not the only things emphasized.”

The Honors Program is beneficial not only for students, but for the faculty as well. The faculty members are granted the opportunity to instruct seminars for upper-division Honors students. These seminars provide a testing ground for faculty to propose new and innovative concentrations in specific disciplines that they otherwise would not teach. Ashley (Bell) Van Winkle ’05 says “The Junior Honors Seminar, Nuclear Landscapes, taught by Dr. Max Grier, was absolutely riveting. Since many history courses touch on the Cold War briefly at best, examining the politics and culture of this time was refreshingly new to me.”

It is a primary goal for the Honors Program to have its graduates feel a sense of accomplishment after their years spent at WOU and be prepared, well-rounded individuals who are ready to face the world. Graduates who participated in the Honors Program have had many successes both on and off campus. In 2007, the recipients of the prestigious Julia McCulloch Smith Award, Western Oregon University’s highest honor among graduating women, were both students in the Honors Program. Chryste Lea (Crivella) Berda, ’98, who is currently finishing her second master’s degree, explains how the Honors Program benefitted

Lisa Martini
Sophomore; exercise science major, health minor; 3.93 GPA

“I have learned from the classes to accept that I am not perfect at everything. The honors classes are mostly subjects that are not my strong points. I am a science and math person rather than a literary person. All of the classes push me to work hard, stretch my comfort zone and expand my ways of thinking. By being introduced to subjects that I wouldn’t normally choose, it is preparing me to deal with things in the future that may not necessarily be on my top priority list.”

Michael C Curry
Alumnus; English and law enforcement graduate, 1993; Director of Catholic Community Services’ Grays Harbor Family Center

“I think the real value of the Honors program was its emphasis on developing critical thinking in the context of a very classical curriculum. Too often today I encounter young people, often applying for their first jobs out of school, that have no foundation in the basics or that lack the ability to think critically…they lack the well-rounded academic background and ability to draw and defend their own conclusions. The Honors program at Western Oregon provided me such a foundation, and challenged me to grow in ways that have served me well both personally and professionally.”

These outstanding students exemplify the benefits and opportunities of the Honors Program. Honors Program alumni continue to make significant contributions to society that reflect favorably on WOU.
her professionally: “I took [the Honors Program] model methods of teaching and applied them to my own instructional practices as a teacher. Then because of my students’ successes, I was recognized as a teacher who could enrich my field through mentoring and training other educators, which is what I currently do.”

Michael C Curry ’93, says “The two things I find most valuable from my time in the Honors Program would be the ability to effectively communicate in writing and the ability to critically analyze complex situations and relationships; much of my work today centers around those two things. So, I feel the Honors Program was instrumental in preparing me for my current work. In addition, the writing skills and critical thinking ability cultivated at Western Oregon in the Honors Program more than adequately prepared me for my graduate studies.”

Curry recently completed his master of nonprofit management degree through Regis University in Denver, Colorado and was the first distance-learning student ever to receive the Karen A. Patterson Award for Community/Organizational Change. These outstanding graduates exemplify the benefits and opportunities of the Honors Program. Honors Program alumni continue to make significant contributions to society that reflects favorably on WOU.

When a university has an honors program, it shows that the university values academics and intellectual activity, which, in turn, is an attractive feature for prospective students and faculty members. Western Oregon’s Honors Program is an asset to both students and the University. It allows WOU to attract bright and promising students who may have had the option to attend a larger university, and it provides students with exceptional preparation for their future lives. ■ Jody Piquet ’08

For more information on WOU’s Honors Program, please visit www.wou.edu/provost/honors.

Allison Glasscock
Sophomore; philosophy major, double minor in German and writing; 4.0 GPA

“I have always enjoyed learning, and the Honors Program has given me the opportunity to experience, and experiment with, a wide range of disciplines. I have discovered that I’m better at some things than I thought I was, art, for example, and that I am perfectly capable of immersing myself in a new subject and making sense of it.”

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Join us in a day dedicated to student scholarship, projects, artwork, research papers, performances and readings. Visit www.wou.edu/showcase for the day’s events and other information. All activities are free and open to the public.
WOU wins College Bowl Regional Championship Tournament

Four Western Oregon University students demonstrated their academic prowess by winning the College Bowl Regional Championship Tournament on Feb. 23 at University of Washington. They will be one of 16 teams competing in the National Championship Tournament from April 25 to 27 at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

WOU was one of 10 schools in the region that competed for the title of Regional College Bowl Champion. The team of students consists of Kelly Gordon, history major from Newberg; Megan Cullerton, communications major from Portland; Richard Mansker, history major from Portland; and Adam Molatore, music major from Clackamas. Amanda Rodino, coordinator of leadership and programs for University Residences, is the team’s coach. Gordon was named as one of eight people to the Tournament All-Star Team as the third highest individual scorer of the tournament.

“Such capabilities are valuable in many professional work environments where informed decisions must be made.”

The unique graduate program can be completed in four consecutive terms or four summer terms and is designed for teachers seeking to strengthen their history content, for students planning their professional careers with a background in history, for individuals seeking career advancement or personal enrichment, and for students preparing for doctoral programs.

Western Oregon University will join 14 other regional winners and a wildcard pick from the regional runner-up teams at the national tournament. Other regional winners include: Georgetown College, Florida State University, Arizona State University, Rice University, Ohio State University and the University of Minnesota.

Lisa Catto
During the past few years, Western Oregon University has fashioned a new niche for itself – as a liberal arts school serving students who may be the first generation of their families to attend college.

That seems to work well for the school of about 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students. But WOU shouldn't lose touch with its traditional role – as a respected school for preparing the state's teachers.

That role will only become more important as teachers in the baby boom generation retire and as younger teachers burn out or try other careers. There are few jobs more crucial to the future of our society.

And as test results remind us, many students still fall short of the standards for their grade levels. Our school districts can't have enough teachers with the energy and solid background to help students achieve all they can.

Many of WOU's first-generation college students are on campus because some gifted teacher recognized their spark. Someone saw their potential and prodded them to stay in school, to dream of the college education their parents couldn't get.

Perhaps certain educators went out of their way to tell these students about scholarship opportunities and write letters of recommendation. Perhaps these mentors encouraged promising students to visit WOU's campus with their families; perhaps they helped family members buy into the long-term goal of a college education vs. the immediate goals of military service or jobs after high school graduation.

In four or five years, these students could play the same pivotal role for someone else. Our schools will need bright, well-motivated young teachers. Given the rapid changes in our state's population, schools especially will need teachers who are bilingual. Schools will need teachers who reflect the diversity of their student body. In short, they’ll need teachers much like the students of WOU.

But for that to happen, these college students will have to see teaching as a viable career choice. That's tough these days, especially for students in the sought-after fields of math and the sciences. Chances are they can earn more money after graduation in the private sector. With hefty student loans to repay, it will be tough for them to choose a beginning teacher's salary.

That's where Western Oregon University can do these students and the state a big service. It can put students in contact with the best educators of today.

It can see that students get to try their hand at volunteering in schools under excellent teachers. It can make sure that education is well represented as a career choice. It can be sure that every course offered is practical and based on up-to-date research.

The best students in WOU's classrooms could become the best teachers in Oregon's classrooms. They surely are needed.

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Training teachers an important role for WOU
College's students need to see calling as viable and rewarding

On November 15, 2007, the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce and the Salem-Keizer Education Foundation recognized teachers, administrators and staff for their excellence in education with the Crystal Apple Awards. Two of the winners and nearly one-third of the 2007 nominees were WOU alumni.

Congratulations to our Crystal Apple Award nominees and recipients!

Kristin Anderson '94, Sprague High School
Kristin Burgess '88, '96, Judson Middle School
Sheri Burleson '89, '01, Sprague High School
John Dixon '99, South Salem High School
Scott DuFault '96, South Salem High School
Mark Gilman '91, '97, North Salem High School
Rhonda Hansen '75, Keizer Elementary School (Crystal Apple Award winner)
Fritz Juengling '89, Sprague High School
Sandi Levak '74, '78, Myers Elementary School
Meri McLeod '76, West Salem High School
Steve Nelson '86, Leslie Middle School
Colleen Post '04, Whiteaker Middle School
Jennifer Rowan '01, Lee Elementary School
Susan Studebaker '74, '84, Leslie Middle School
Jeff Swartwout '96, Sprague High School
Rich Swartzentruber '90, '95, North Salem High School (Crystal Apple Award winner)
Carla Vande Griend '80, Parrish Middle School

Crystal Apple Awards

WOU President John Minahan; Christi McAfee '01 '04, 2006 Crystal Apple recipient; Ashley Durschmidt, 2007 Crystal Apple scholarship recipient; Linda St. Pierre '83, 2006 Crystal Apple recipient and Dean of the College of Education, Hilda Rosselli.
Faculty searches continue through spring term

Western Oregon University’s increases in enrollment, retention and program offerings have allowed for a record number of faculty searches.

In recent years, budget restrictions have caused the university to rely on adjunct instructors or cut course offerings, rather than hire new tenure-track faculty to fill openings. Times have changed, providing opportunities for more faculty who will have a full-time presence on campus.

WOU achieved an enrollment high for the 2007-08 academic year at 5,037 students. The Western Tuition Promise, a program providing a tuition guarantee for students of a flat rate over four years, has helped bring in a diverse incoming class with academic interests spanning all disciplines on campus. New programs, such as the nursing program in conjunction with Oregon Health & Science University, have helped provide a need for faculty positions.

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences is conducting faculty searches in disciplines all across its divisions. Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Stephen Scheck, said: “These searches will allow us to rebuild faculties in different departments so we can give a more comprehensive array of courses to serve the majors. In addition to bringing the standard credentials for teaching the basic courses in their disciplines, the new faculty will bring their own specializations that will further enhance the training opportunities for our students’ exposure to a diverse curriculum.”

The College of Education is conducting searches for eight faculty members within three of its divisions.

Business
More business degrees are awarded at WOU than any other degree on campus. This is an academic area that will continue to grow in the coming years. To address this growing need, a search will be conducted to find a faculty member in accounting.

Creative Arts
The Theatre and Dance Department is searching for a faculty position to teach students in technical lighting and sound design for stage performances. The faculty position will also support the department’s theatre and dance productions as well as guest performers at Rice Auditorium.

An opening also exists within the art department. Typically the art historian faculty position has been filled by adjunct professors. But with the role that history of art plays in a well-defined art major and as a component of the general education curriculum, WOU wants this position to be filled by a permanent faculty member.

Health and Physical Education
Two searches are being held within this division. The first is looking for someone with a specialization in exercise physiology. The physical education program not only prepares students to teach physical education, but it also prepares students to become trainers or to establish recreation programs. This need fits with Oregon’s focus on recreation and physical fitness.

The second faculty search is for the health side of the division. Health classes are consistently filled and there is a growing interest in health issues. An additional health faculty member will also complement coursework for the nursing program.

Humanities
A faculty search is being held within the Communication Studies Department. This faculty member would expand current course offerings and provide a specialization in health communications. This is not only important for WOU’s pre-nursing and nursing students, but for students who may end up working in communications at hospitals, health care facilities or insurance companies. This position will also work with political science faculty to develop coursework in public health policy.

“In addition to bringing the standard credentials for teaching the basic courses in their disciplines, the new faculty will bring their own specialization that will further enhance the training opportunities for our students’ exposure to a diverse curriculum.”

Dean Stephen Scheck

Science
WOU is searching for faculty in both biology and chemistry to accommodate increased enrollment in the sciences, and to keep classes at a desirable size. These new hires will also enable the faculty to devote extra attention to the freshman and sophomore course sequences.

The two biology searches will support the major program in the sciences and science education. This addresses increased enrollment in allied health programs and the need to serve K-12 science educators. It will also allow redistribution in the science program, enabling more faculty to become engaged in the pre-nursing program.

The intentions with the search for a chemistry faculty member is to find someone with experience in forensic chemistry. This person would support the pre-nursing program as well as ultimately develop forensic nursing curriculum.
Counselor Education graduate program is the oldest one in Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Washington and Oregon), and since 1975, WOU is one of only six institutions in the U.S. that offers a graduate program in rehabilitation counseling for deaf people.

Teacher Education
The College of Education is looking for a faculty member with a specialization in math education. This will help improve WOU’s capacity to respond to Oregon’s need for more math teachers. It will also help ensure that our elementary school teachers are well prepared to teach mathematics at a higher level to accommodate the new high school graduation requirements for math and science.

Two additional searches in the Teacher Education Division will focus on faculty in the areas of assessment as well as curriculum and assessment to strengthen our undergraduate, master of arts in teaching, and master of science in education degrees.

Hilda Rosselli, dean of the College of Education, said, “I am hopeful that many of the new hires will be able to complement WOU’s mission to serve first-generation students and, particularly within the Teacher Education Division, the growing need for more teachers of color and our new Bilingual Teachers Initiative.”

This program will recruit and prepare graduates from local bilingual high schools to become teachers, who will then return to their communities to teach bilingual children. Students in the program will work closely with a faculty coach from the time they enter WOU until graduation. A new bilingual staff member with an understanding of education is joining the college to coordinate this effort and work closely with these high schools.

Social Sciences
A political science faculty member will be hired to expand existing programs and bring in a specialization on international public policy and research methodology. WOU realizes the importance of preparing students for global engagement. Many students will pursue careers in business and government relations that require an understanding of international government policy.

The Criminal Justice Department is looking to broaden its traditional focus on corrections to include curriculum that addresses the legal aspects of the criminal justice system. The new faculty position in this area would provide students with a stronger exposure to the courts system, which is beneficial for students planning to pursue graduate education in law or those wanting counseling positions.

Special Education
WOU’s successful American Sign Language/English Interpreting program, the only four-year interpreting program in the Northwest, has been running at capacity. A search is being held to fill a faculty position to teach this language that will add space for more students to earn a degree in this area. A second search is also being held to launch the new ASL studies program, which will prepare individuals to work with agencies, or employers to help them understand more about the needs of people who use ASL services.

A third search is being held for a faculty member in rehabilitation counseling. Our Rehabilitation Counselor Education graduate program is the oldest one in Region X (Alaska, Idaho, Washington and Oregon), and since 1975, WOU is one of only six institutions in the U.S. that offers a graduate program in rehabilitation counseling for deaf people.

Senator Smith visits WOU for nursing building open house
On Jan. 18, Senator Gordon Smith attended the open house of the building (formerly DPSST) that will house the new WOU/OHSU nursing program. Smith, along with his colleagues Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Darlene Hooley, secured a $200,000 grant for equipment and technology for the nursing program. In his remarks, Smith commented on the pioneering spirit of WOU, and referring to the nursing shortage, lauded the efforts of an Oregon school (WOU) fixing an Oregon problem. The renovations and simulation lab are on schedule to be completed and the first nursing students will be admitted this fall.
Alumni faculty: giving back through teaching

Two of these special faculty members are professor Molly Mayhead in Communication Studies and associate professor Bryan Dutton in Natural Sciences.

Mayhead grew up in Rockwood, Ore., a suburb east of Portland. After graduating from Columbia High School in 1979, with teaching aspirations and enough scholarships to completely pay for two years of school, she chose to enroll at Western Oregon University, which, at that time, was called Oregon College of Education. In 1983, Mayhead graduated from WOU and was accepted at Indiana University for her master’s degree. There, she taught public speaking and coached the debate team. Mayhead earned her Ph.D. at Penn State University in three years while teaching argumentation and public speaking as well as coaching the debate team.

In 1988, a position as a communications generalist/speech team coach became available at WOU, and Mayhead returned to campus to begin her teaching career. With her qualifications the position was a perfect fit. She is also a firm believer that once you live in the Northwest, you cannot live anywhere else.

During her career at WOU, she helped establish speech communication as a major in 1990 and has co-authored four books. Both of these, she believes to be some of her greatest professional achievements. Her greatest personal achievement, she says, is her fortunate experience to see so many of her former students make a difference in the lives of others and knowing she had a very small part in their development.

When asked about the best part of teaching at WOU, Mayhead responded, “The students, hands down. Challenging them, having them challenge me, and watching them grow intellectually.” She believes that WOU has many aspects that make the university unique. “The students here are phenomenal. They are smart, funny, curious, and open to ideas. The faculty here makes this a very special place. From a professional standpoint, we have a great deal of freedom to design and teach classes we know are important.”

Someone who has given back so much to WOU (this year marks her 20th anniversary) truly deserves to be recognized and will hopefully inspire both alumni and current students to do the same. ■ JP

Biology associate professor Bryan Dutton grew up in the Monmouth/Independence area and decided to attend Western Oregon University because he felt that the size of institution would be good fit for what he was after and seemed to have programs for where he thought he wanted to go when he started.

His intended path was a career as a veterinarian, but being exposed to other topics changed his mind, eventually landing on biology. As a student, he recognized that WOU is unique in what it can offer with its size and opportunities for students.

Looking back on his time as a student at WOU, his fondest memories were with the Biology Club (now the Natural Science Club). The group of students undertook what Dutton attributes as some fairly ambitious trips, which were always exceptional. The students went to the 1980 national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in San Francisco.

Dutton said: “As undergrads we had the opportunity to sit in on talks given by prominent biologists from across the country. It was exciting, engaging, and motivating.”

Now, as a faculty member at WOU, Dutton takes the Natural Science Club students on trips. Most recently they spent spring break in Moab, Utah, where they camped in the Arches National Park and spent their days hiking, taking in the natural beauty, geology and biology of the area.

Dutton came back to WOU as a professor in 1998, after earning his doctorate in botany from the University of Maryland at College Park, and his master’s in biology with a concentration in botany from the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

What drew him back to Western was the opportunity to interact with students and engage them in research and other opportunities for involvement. He also enjoys the close connection between students and faculty in the natural sciences.

Dutton credits the Biology Department and Natural Science Division with maintaining that tradition. Plus, he says WOU is just a fun place to work.

“I’m always impressed by the faculty. As an undergraduate, I saw their dedication, but as a faculty member I see my fellow faculty investing incredible amounts of time and energy in providing these opportunities to students and I’m really grateful that the tradition has continued,” said Dutton.

Currently Dutton is working on invasive species research with associate professor Steve Taylor in the Earth and Physical Sciences Department. A number of students have been involved in the research over the past four years and Dutton is looking forward to a busy field season this summer where they’ll be conducting invasive plants research at Luckiamute Watershed, south of Monmouth. ■ LC
New dean of library services Allen McKiel

Western Oregon University welcomed Allen W. McKiel, Ph.D. in January as the new dean of Library and Media services. He came to WOU after working as director of libraries for Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla., where he focused library efforts on the comprehensive integration of information literacy instruction into the curriculum.

McKiel has a strong background in technology, with his professional interests and activities centered on the transition of libraries into an environment of electronically distributed information.

The merger of his technical skills with librarianship occurred initially at OCLC in Ohio and NOTIS in Illinois where he worked on library software systems. Those skills were expanded into the online library environment through his day-to-day experiences over 12 years as the director of libraries for Region 2 of Ivy Tech Community College in South Bend, Ind.

He has two key focuses with respect to the transition from print to electronic resources in higher education. The first is optimizing the transition through surveying faculty information resource usage and need. The second is the meaningful integration of information literacy comprehensively throughout the curriculum.

The people he met during the interview process at Western Oregon University were the primary appeal to McKiel. The beauty of Oregon and the charm of a small town in close proximity to a medium sized metropolitan area were added attractions. He grew up near Los Angeles and wanted to come back to the Pacific Ocean without the crowded cities of California. He was looking for a university similar to Northeastern in type and size, and one that had progressive leanings particularly regarding information technology.

“This university size is more flexible, creative and responsive to changes than Research I universities,” said McKiel. “WOU is just a good personal match for who I am.”

McKiel recently published a book called "Beyond Tolerance: Religion and Global Community," which looks to the scriptures of the world’s religions for confirmation of their underlying unity. The book evolved from a lifelong interest in religion and human spirituality. In particular, it derives from his reading of the world’s scriptures, daily prayer and meditation, and facilitating and participating in weekly religious discussion groups over the past 25 years with individuals from diverse religious backgrounds.

He is working on a second book about individual responsibility and development. It centers on a quote from Confucius, which describes the stages of his spiritual maturation through the decades of his life.

McKiel earned his doctorate in higher education administration from Indiana State University, his master’s degree in library and information science from Indiana University, and his bachelor’s degree in English literature from Purdue University.

Paul Moredock is new vice president for university advancement

For 15 years Paul Moredock has focused on fundraising, alumni relations and communications/marketing, most recently as the assistant dean at University of Washington’s School of Law.

While at the law school he secured over $30 million in endowed scholarships for public service law from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. It was the largest scholarship gift in the history of the School of Law. He also worked to raise over 50 percent of a capital campaign goal within his first year.

Moredock has worked as associate vice president for development and external relations at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore. While there, he worked to increase alumni participation in the annual fund, increase scholarship support, and focused on major gifts. He has also served as vice president of allocations and annual campaign for United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, where he managed the annual campaign of $20 million.

Moredock attributes his desire to join WOU as “a great fit.” He said that WOU is “on the verge of transforming itself from being known as a regional university, to one of national prominence in their areas of academic and athletic excellence.”

The campus also appealed to him because his sons were raised in Oregon, attending college in Oregon, and he and his wife wanted to return to be closer to them. He also has a passion for higher education and quickly realized that everyone at WOU has a passion for making the university successful.

Moredock earned his master’s degree in marriage, family, and child counseling from California State University, Long Beach and his bachelor of science in psychology from California State University, Chico.
Kevin’s the “Boss”...

The 2008 Super Bowl was seen by more than 98 million people - the largest in its history.
Kevin’s first love is basketball. He spent two seasons on the court in a Wolves’ uniform.

Kevin Boss, starting rookie tight end, Super Bowl champion New York Giants. You just can’t make this kind of stuff up.

In fall 2006, Boss was catching passes on WOU’s McArthur Field in front of 3,000 fans. A little over a year later, 98 million people saw him play in the Super Bowl, the largest television audience for that event in history.

Last year, over 200 people gathered at the WOU football banquet to honor Boss and his teammates on a fine season. Last month, hundreds of thousands of fans saluted Boss and the Giants with a ticker tape parade down the Canyon of Heroes, where the Yankees, astronauts and Charles Lindbergh had previously been feted.

“I didn’t want it to end,” Boss said. “I wanted to take another lap.” His fans in Oregon didn’t want it to end either, and when he returned home a few weeks after the Super Bowl, he was honored at the state capitol in Salem, in his hometown of Philomath, at a Portland Trail Blazers game and at Kevin Boss Night, celebrated at a Western Oregon men’s basketball game.

“I wondered right away if he had the potential to get big enough to play tight end,” Ferguson recalled. “And, if he had the right make-up to be a football player because he really had been more successful in basketball.”

In one of the greatest upsets in Super Bowl history, the Giants go on to defeat the previously unbeaten New England Patriots, 17-14.

The Kevin Boss story is now familiar to legions of NFL fans across the country and especially to Oregonians and diehard Giants lovers in New York. From Ferguson’s first sighting, to an All-American career at Western Oregon, to becoming a fifth-round draft pick, to starting Giants tight end when All-Pro Jeremy Shockey got hurt, to Super Bowl hero....That’s the kind of copy that couldn’t have been written in Hollywood.

The first time that Western Oregon football coach Arne Ferguson laid eyes on Kevin Boss, he was a skinny 6-foot-5, maybe 205-pound high school basketball player, who thought that he might want to play college football at WOU.

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Kevin Boss Night  
(photo, left) On Feb. 23, 2008, a crowd of 1,370 filled the WOU Physical Education Building for the game against Seattle Pacific. It was the largest crowd at a WOU basketball game since the 1990s.

Good Day Oregon  
Fox 12 Oregon shot much of their morning show on Thursday, Jan. 31 live from WOU’s Physical Education Building. Host Andy Carson interviewed coaches, players, cheerleaders, the dance team, Alternative Spring Break members and others in attendance. The show ran from 5 to 9 a.m.

Native Oregonians who have started in the Super Bowl

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From WOU to New York (left to right): Boss races 69 yards for a touchdown against Texas A&M-Kingsville at McArthur Field; works out in Florida last winter in preparation for the NFL Draft; and makes a first down catch against the Dallas Cowboys.

Kevin makes another grab during a Giants home game vs. Philadelphia.
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Brad Saindon, former head coach at Arizona State and Colorado, has been named the new leader of the Western Oregon University volleyball team. Saindon is the ninth head coach in the program’s history. He replaces Joe Houck, who resigned in January to become the head coach at the University of Portland.

Saindon, who has built or re-built programs at nearly every level of volleyball, was the head coach at Arizona State for the past five seasons. He also led programs at the University of Colorado, Boulder and Regis College and has a collegiate record of 296-211. He served as the lead assistant for the USA men’s national team and was the head coach of the Australian women’s national and Olympic squads.

“We are extremely pleased to have Brad join our coaching staff,” said WOU athletic director Jon Carey. “He has considerable and varied volleyball coaching experience including Division II, Division I and at the international level. He has improved every program that he has been affiliated with.”

Saindon’s 2007 Sun Devil squad went 15-16, and the 2006 ASU team finished 16-15. The ‘06 squad advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament. The previous three seasons were spent in rebuilding mode on the Tempe campus, where the Sun Devil’s play in the nation’s toughest conference, the Pac-10.

The Colorado native coached for 11 seasons at the University of Colorado, taking the Buffaloes to two Sweet 16 appearances and six NCAA tournaments. His record at Colorado was 181-112, and he was named the Big Eight Coach of the Year three times.

He had two different stints with the USA volleyball team, and during his tenure with the Australian squad, the Aussies climbed from a world ranking of No. 40 to No. 14 after placing ninth at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

At the NCAA Division II level, Saindon led Regis to a 63-28 record in two seasons. He has coached at virtually every level of volleyball, including grassroots development clubs, junior high and high schools, elite club level, collegiate, national, international and Olympic levels.

“I am really excited about coming to Western Oregon University,” Saindon said. “For a long time, I have wanted to return to a Division II school. I love the environment at the smaller university. I don’t look at this move as a step backwards or sideways, but for me personally, it is a step forward. I am very anxious to get to Oregon and get started.”

Saindon inherits a Wolves volleyball squad that went 16-10 in 2007 and finished second in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference. WOU advanced to the NCAA tournament for the first time since moving to the Division II level in 2000. Western lost only one player to graduation from that squad.

“Last year’s WOU team tasted success, and I get the feeling that they are anxious to take the next step,” Saindon said. “It is easier to keep things going than it is to kick things going. I get the feeling that volleyball is very important at Western Oregon, there was a very good vibe with the program right now.”

2007 Rotary Bowl champions

On Dec. 1, 2007, the WOU football team played against Colorado School of Mines in the Rotary Bowl in St. George, Utah. The Wolves had a 26-12 victory over the Orediggers and completed a 9-2 season, making them one of only four teams in WOU history ever to win nine games.

Coach Arne Ferguson and his players accept the trophy for the 22nd annual Rotary Bowl Championship in St. George, Utah.
Marquis Spas winter athletes of the year announced

The 2008 Marquis Spas Winter Athletes of the Year were announced at halftime of the final home basketball games of the season in early March.

The winners, selected by the coaches of their respective sports, were Leada Berkey for women's basketball, Travis Kuhns for men's basketball, and Zeb Udell and Sabrina Freed for indoor track.

Marquis Spas has been a long-time sponsor of the Athlete of the Year Award. At the conclusion of the 2007-08 school year, a male and female athlete of the year will be named.

Leada Berkey
Leada Berkey capped her standout basketball career by breaking several school records in her senior season. She became Western Oregon's all-time leading scorer with 1,558 points, is second in career three-pointers made with 113, and is third on WOU’s list in rebounds with 777.

The Amity, Ore., native also broke the single-game scoring record with a 45-point outburst against Central Washington. The three-time Marquis Spas Athlete of the Year award winner is a physical education major and an entrepreneurship minor.

Travis Kuhns
Travis Kuhns was Western Oregon’s best all-round basketball player in 2007-08, listing in the conference statistical top 10 in five different categories. He also led the Wolves with just over 14 points a game, in steals with 43 and a .839 free throw percentage. Kuhns was second on the squad in assists (87) and blocked shots (18). The junior standout had a career-best 32 points in a game at Western Washington, and pulled down 12 rebounds in a win over Montana State Billings.

The former Sprague High School (Salem) star is a business major with an emphasis in sports management.

Zeb Udell
Zeb Udell was named the Great Northwest Athletic Conference Male Athlete of the Year for indoor track, scoring 24 points at the league championships and helping the Wolves to the team title. Udell won the long jump with a leap of 23 feet even, finished second in the pole vault and was third in the 60 meters. A few weeks later, the junior broke the indoor school record in the pole vault by clearing 16-2 ¾, securing his spot into the NCAA indoor national championships. A graduate of nearby Central High School, Udell is a business major.

Sabrina Freed
Sabrina Freed is the Marquis Spas winner for women's indoor track, after claiming her second consecutive GNAC championship in the weight throw. Freed threw the indoor version of the hammer nearly four feet further than her nearest competitor. She also finished fifth in the shot put.

A graduate of nearby Central High School, Udell is a business major.

Pictured clockwise from top left: Leada Berkey, Zeb Udell, Travis Kuhns and Sabrina Freed
In 1965 a skinny, nervous, short-haired and naïve freshman named Rick Bartow set foot for the first time on campus of the Oregon College of Education, now Western Oregon University.

The grandson of a Wiyot Indian who came to Oregon from Northern California and settled on the coast, this young student grew up on his grandfather’s homestead near Newport. He was a rough kid who liked to draw. His horizons hadn’t expanded much past the misty confines of the Oregon Coast before then-art department chairman Hal Chambers awarded Bartow first prize in a youth art competition. Chambers wrote a letter inviting him to apply to the teacher’s college. Bartow quickly accepted.

Even a place like Monmouth seemed a long way away from what he had known, but the young man quickly settled in to life on the rural campus. “For a small town boy, Monmouth was perfect,” Bartow says. “A triumph of friendliness over size. I have never liked cities.”

Flash forward four decades. Bartow, still skinny but now gray around the edges at the age of 61, still loves small towns. He is sitting in a cafe in Nye Beach, a tony district of Newport, eating a sandwich and talking about art and life. Every other person who comes into the cafe on this Sunday afternoon waves and greets him by name, and Bartow, a hawk-faced, friendly man with thick-lensed wire-rim glasses, waves back and trades gossip. Dressed as he is in blue jeans and sweatshirt, he might be taken as a local tradesman.

“Rick Bartow is one of the most significant artists in Oregon,” says John Olbrantz, director of the Hallie Ford Museum of Art at Salem’s Willamette University, one of the many places Bartow has exhibited his art over the past three decades. “He blends Native American mythology with contemporary materials and techniques to create works that are at once powerful and evocative and speak to universal ideas and themes.”

Bartow’s evocative work has been shown around the world. He has had a solo exhibit at The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian. His work has been shown in Europe and at the White House. He’s been shown at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. He’s been interviewed on National Public Radio.

None of this was very apparent in the early years.

After graduating from OCE with a degree in secondary art education in 1969, Bartow was drafted and sent to Vietnam as an army teletype operator. Though he never saw combat, what he did see, in some ways, was worse. An accomplished blues guitarist – he still plays guitar every week at night spots around Newport – Bartow spent much of his war entertaining badly wounded soldiers in military hospitals.

The suffering he saw unhinged him. “I went from napalmed babies to amputees, cut off here,” he says, indicating just below his waist. “It was a bit more than I could find a big enough hole to bury it all in.”

But bury it he did, with drink. By the time Bartow came back to Newport he was a roaring, antagonistic drunk, always looking for and finding trouble. His first marriage ended. He got in fights.

One morning he woke up hung over, with blood crusted in his hair after a street fight the night before, and started a new life without alcohol or drugs. He’s now been 28 years clean and sober – a path that hasn’t been easy but has been rewarding. He married again, successfully, and had a son, only to lose this wife to breast cancer in 1999. He continues to battle outbreaks of anxiety and depression.

Not surprisingly, Bartow’s art is rooted in suffering. His friends call him the “king of pain.”

Working in a variety of media, from pastel and charcoal to acrylic and print-
“You have to get over the idea that art is precious,” Rick says with a mischievous grin. He’s been known to tear up finished work in front of surprised audiences to make that exact point.

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It was Swan who talked him into becoming an artist as a real job. After he had quit drinking, he felt hyper-responsible and couldn’t imagine giving up his day job for something as uncertain as art. Instead, he worked with handicapped children and as a maintenance man, bringing home a paycheck and leaving himself little energy for painting and drawing. Swan wouldn’t have it.

“Teaching was a possibility,” he says. “My late wife, she was a musician all the way through. And, she fought with me to become an artist.” When he finally gave in, success arrived almost immediately. Portland gallery owner William Jamison began showing Bartow’s drawings and paintings. Oregon artist Lilian Pitt began to mentor him. His paintings now sell for as much as $10,000.

When he looks back at his days at OCE, what Bartow values the most is the perspective he gained from an education. “What I got out of that experience was greater than the degree,” he says. “What I got was a sensitivity and an awareness. People were able to get me out into the world.”

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After Bartow’s wife Julie Swan died of cancer, he married again and has a five-year-old daughter, Lily, on whom he dotes; a drawing of hers hangs next to his in the studio.

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You hear about how beautiful the Summer Palace and other sights are over there, but it is nothing compared to seeing it first hand. The Great Wall of China is something that everyone should see at some point in their life, and I’m glad I got to share that experience with some of my closest friends.

Seth M. Renne
theatre major
‘Be the change you wish to see in the world.’ (Ghandi) This was my senior quote and until the China trip I really did not know just how powerful it was...the Chinese students welcomed us with open arms and really made us feel like we were appreciated. They certainly changed my view of their culture and in return I think our singing also changed their view of our culture.

Aaron Dull
mathematics major

Having recently returned from three years of living abroad in Vietnam and Taiwan, it was really interesting to see which parts of Chinese culture connected to other countries in the area. China has always been on my list of places to go, but I hadn’t anticipated that I would be able to go at such a young age. The World Heritage sites were truly amazing. It felt as though I had reached a life milestone as I walked along the Great Wall. Our host universities were generous and we were extended gracious hospitality. I look forward to taking another trip to China.

Meagan Joy Prince, graduate student, MS of Ed in ESOL Education
The Chamber Singers were also involved in non-performance events, such as an English singing competition where several of the students engaged Chinese students in conversations spoken in English and Scheck was invited to help judge. WOU students received unparalleled experience in performance adaptation. They often performed without a dress rehearsal at events, and many of the performance formats differed greatly from each other. Although the performances were different from what the students were used to, the cultural exposure made for an amazing experience.

The group also visited monumental sites like the Great Wall, Forbidden City, Ming Tombs, Summer Palace and many other attractions in China. Several Chinese students accompanied the choir on their excursions, guiding them around the country. It was especially endearing because it was finals week for the students, who devoted their days to the choir and their evenings to studying.

Holmquist said: “It’s really clear that this was what I had hoped it would be – an ambassadorial trip to show what American students look and sound like to people considering coming to our school.” She added that she was charmed by the culture and the kindness that she and the students received from the people in China.

The Chamber Singers is a highly selective ensemble that performs challenging repertoire for the smaller choir, ranging from Renaissance madrigals and Bach motets to newly composed works. The group maintains a rigorous performing and touring schedule throughout the region. Among their recent credits are performances for the Oregon Music Educators Association, a Carnegie Hall debut and the preparation of a CD for the publishing company Boosey & Hawkes.

Holmquist, in her tenth year at Western Oregon University, serves as director of choral activities and co-head of the Music Department. Her teaching duties include conducting the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, providing musical direction for the yearly musicals in collaboration with the Theatre and Dance Department, and teaching courses in conducting, choral methods, and choral literature. As an associate conductor in residence for MidAmerica Productions in New York, she made her fourth appearance conducting on the Carnegie Hall stage in February 2007, with WOU Chamber Singers as the core ensemble.

I loved my experience in China! Traveling is always a blessing because one gets to learn of the culture and values of other groups, and what I learned in China made me come back smiling. The Chinese were so hospitable, respectful, and joyous to us, and they made my experience...I loved to see all these things that until then, I had only read in history books and thought I would never see. The Great Wall of China was one of the most impacting sites on the trip.

Christopher Nowak
Spanish major
Dear Alumni,

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Redefining philanthropy
Patrick Palmer gives back, both with his finances and his time

Patrick Palmer has shown the Western Oregon University community the meaning of philanthropy, both with his time and money. His company, Alpine Mortgage Planning, has provided a WOU athlete with a full annual scholarship for the past two years. The company has also been a sponsor of the Wolfpack Golf Tournament, a title sponsor for the Football Golf Tournament, and donated scholarship money at the Wolfpack Auction.

On a personal level, Patrick and his wife Amy Palmer have donated money for a scholarship within the Business Department. He also serves as a trustee on the WOU Foundation Board where he attends board meetings, helps to make decisions on scholarships and grants, and is very active in fundraising and events.

Palmer has been asked to serve on search committees, most recently in the search that resulted in hiring Paul Moredock, the new vice president for University Advancement. His generosity with his time and dedication to WOU extends beyond his role as a trustee; he is the chair for the WOU Football Alumni Association where he leads fundraising efforts for football scholarships. The WOU Football Alumni Association will begin selling parking spaces for this fall’s football season, with the proceeds going to scholarships for football athletes.

“I am excited to create an atmosphere around football, around the team, and around student athletes,” said Palmer. “The student athletes come to WOU to participate in sports, and to be academically challenged. We want to help them financially, to offset the costs of a higher education.” He also hopes to increase attendance for all sporting events and drive more scholarship money to all sports.

Palmer also wants to teach students how scholarships impact people’s lives and he’s hoping to instill a culture of giving back, and a desire to do so.

“When you get out of school, giving time and money back to the university is a good thing to do. You might impact an individual’s life that you wouldn’t have otherwise impacted.”

He also believes it’s important for scholarship recipients to know that the money came out of someone’s pocket. Money that they worked for and donated after taxes to give to the university and foundation. “If we’re an educational institution, we should be educating our students from not just a textbook situation, but from real life,” said Palmer.

Palmer graduated from WOU in 1995 after studying business and economics and playing football for four years. He went on to an internship with a national mortgage banking firm, which turned into a full-time position. In December 2002, he and two others created Alpine Mortgage Planning, a full-service mortgage banking firm.

When reflecting on his time at WOU, he said that there are a few days in one’s life that a person never forgets. For him, one of those days was graduation.

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Palmer was a first-generation college student and he was proud that both his parents and grandparents were able to attend his graduation. “I’m proud to be a part of the university, especially as an alum because of what’s on the horizon. WOU has become a unique place that has carved out on its own, beyond a regional university.” He said that he frequently gets stopped in Portland while wearing a WOU shirt with people commenting on how excited they are about things going on at the university.

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Palmer has two small daughters and will begin working towards a MBA this fall. ■ LC

A new student group is seeking your help!

The Student Alumni Pack, a chapter of the Alumni Association, was recently created to help prepare students for life after college through interactions with those who have experienced WOU and beyond. The Pack will arrange student-alumni networking opportunities, including individual internships and social gatherings where alumni can share their experiences and stories about entering the world after WOU.

If you are interested in opportunities to get involved with this exciting new organization, please contact alumni@wou.edu or 503-838-8134. The members of the Student Alumni Pack look forward to your help and support.
30s
In Remembrance

Ruth N. (De Shazer) Blackwell ’30 Jan. 24 at age 98. Ruth moved to Salem in 1945 where she taught and was a school principal, retiring in 1972.

Dorothy (Hill) Lehman ’30 June 27 at age 96.

Lois (Trullinger) Scheeft ’32 Aug. 4 at age 95. Lois taught grades one through eight in a one-room school on the Southern Oregon coast for three years.

Ruth (Lierman) Wigg ’32 ’45 Jan. 1 at age 98. Ruth lived in Portland, where she taught until her retirement in 1974.

Elsie Flink ’33 ’57 Nov. 14 at age 99. Elsie worked as a maid in New York City to pay for her education. She taught in a one-room school near Monmouth, then taught in Prineville for six years. She moved to the Portland area and taught at the two-room Durham school from 1943 until 1965.

LaNora Neal Langdon ’34 ’65 Jan. 2 at age 93.

Florence (Buell) Terwilliger ’34 April 26 at age 92. Florence worked as a music and gym teacher in Klamath Falls and at Goshen Elementary in Springfield, where she later became principal.

Lloyd Abrams ’35 Oct. 2 at age 92. Lloyd’s first teaching job was in Clatskanie. Shortly after he married, he joined his brother, father and uncles working for Chevron/Standard Oil until his retirement at age 62.

Frances P. (Leffler) Byers ’36 Feb. 14 at age 94.

Oren Jordan ’36 Nov. 8 at age 91. Oren served in the U.S. Army and studied counter intelligence and methods of investigative reports. He was an instructor in military intelligence until the end of the war. He taught in many locations, including New Bridge, Gilchrist, Eugene and Muddy Creek, before returning to Baker City to work at the Post Office until his retirement.

Birdine (Derby) Lacey ’36 Jan. 12 at age 91. Birdine taught at Oak Grove and Concord elementary schools in Milwaukee before she quit to help her husband, Art, open a gas station, using a B-17 bomber as a gimmick to jumpstart the business in 1947. The Bomber added a diner a year later and is now a popular Oak Grove landmark.


Marilynn (Matlock) Price ’36 ’71 Sept. 12 at age 91. Marilynn taught in Pedee during World War II. She came to Dallas, where she taught for several years, then moved on to Florence, Garibaldi, Bay City, and retired from Tillamook schools in 1981, after teaching elementary education for more than 35 years.

Margaret (McFadden) Barrows ’37 May 16 at age 92.

40s
In Remembrance

Carl Bond ’40 Nov. 12 at age 87.

Hilma (Winer) Ekstrom ’40 ’48 Sept. 29 at age 89. Hilma was awarded the Julia McCulough Smith award while at WOU. She taught elementary school in Warren, Springfield, Powell Hurst and West Gresham. In 1948, she married Carl; they lived in Gresham for 57 years. In 1966, she returned to teaching third grade at Powell Valley Grade School until her retirement in 1982.

Elizabeth “Betty” (Mohr) Gordon ’40 Feb. 8 at age 87. Betty was a teacher for Portland public schools.

Lois “Lola” (Russell) Stingley ’42 ’54 Jan. 2 at age 89. Lola joined the WAVC’s during WWII, spending three years abroad, mostly in Germany and France. Upon return to Oregon, Lola taught in Gladstone, Portland, Madras and Buena Crest schools.

Harriet “Teach” (Way) Lightle ’43 ’51 ’55 Dec. 24 at age 99. Harriet taught at the elementary school in Bandon until she was 65.

Elizabeth “Betty” (Rinearson) Foster ’44 ’46 Sept. 30 at age 83. Betty accepted her first teaching position in Hawaii, where she taught for two years. When her husband was stationed in England for a year, she taught there as well. She became the school librarian in 1974 at John McLoughlin School in Oregon City, where she worked until her retirement in 1985.

50s
In Remembrance

Genevieve (Poole) Bridges ’53 and husband Robert celebrated their 50th anniversary Feb. 7.

Don Wickstrand ’55 is the newly elected president of the Treasure Coast Navy League Council of the U.S. Navy League of America, as well as first vice president of the Indian River Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Don, a retired navy captain, and his wife Joanne, live in Vero Beach, Fla.

Jeanne (Brougher) Kangas ’57 and husband Gerald celebrated their 50th anniversary on Sept. 15. Jean is a retired elementary teacher. They have four daughters and eight grandchildren.

Sherry (Ripple) Lady ’57 went to ministerial school after 30 years in the teaching profession. She is now an ordained Unity minister. She tutors for the Natives Education Program in Eugene and is board president for Lane Interfaith Alliance which represents 35 different faith traditions in Lane County. She and her husband Bob will celebrate their 50th anniversary June 22. They have two children and 11 grandchildren.

James E. Gooding ’52 ’58 Feb. 15 at age 82. A Naval veteran of WWII, Jim started his teaching career in 1952, working as both a middle and elementary school teacher and coach. He retired in 1984 and continued to volunteer his skills as an art teacher at Highland Grade School into his late 70s.

Rod Kvistad ’53 Nov. 10 at age 81. Rod was an Air Force cadet during World War II. In 1955, he and his wife moved to Beaverton, where he became superintendent of the McKay/Vose School District. He eventually was one of the founders of Beaverton School District No. 48, a blend of several regional school districts. He served as principal of Raleigh Hills, McKay and Vose grade schools, Whitford, Meadow Park and Mountain View intermediate schools and Sunset High School.

Robert Wood ’55 ’62 Aug. 16 at age 90. Robert came to Oregon in 1942 to work in the Civilian Public Service and the Forest Service. Robert worked in the Cottage
Grove area where he served as principal, teacher and bus driver before transferring to Salem. He also taught high school completion at the State Penitentiary and Chemeketa Community College. Upon retiring from the Salem/Keizer School District in 1979, he earned a pilot’s license and flew his own plane.

Carolyn (Jones) Howells ’56 ’63 Jan. 19 at age 73. Carolyn taught high school English classes for over 35 years. She began at Nestucca High, moved to Dallas High and retired from Willamette High in Eugene.

Loren Reid ’56 Nov. 16 at age 73. Loren was an elementary teacher for over 30 years, specializing in science and sixth grade. He taught in the Metolius, Scappoose and Parkrose school districts.

George Williams ’56 Nov. 1 at age 80. George served in the Navy Reserve for more than 30 years, including active duty during the Korean War. In 1952, he moved to Portland, where he was a teacher for Portland public schools for 34 years, including Boise Elementary, Rose City Park, Donald E. Long Home and Doernbecher Children’s Hospital schools.

Pauline (Schiewek) Brown ’58 Oct. 14 at age 70. Pauline began her career in education in 1958. She taught for more than 40 years in both public and private schools in Oregon and California.

60s

Terri Robinson ’63 ’64 was inducted into the South Salem High School Sports Hall of Fame. She was a tennis and swim team coach.

Bob Delardin 68 will retire in June after serving 36 years as a school counselor at the junior high level, the past 22 years at Rogers High School in the Puyallup School District in Washington. He plans to continue part-time advising at Pierce College and to travel.

In Remembrance

Marilyn (Kizer) Hanson ’60 Feb. 10 at age 69. Marilyn moved to Lake Oswego in 1963 where she was a teacher for the school district.

Judith (Jeffries) Bartel ’62 Nov. 11 at age 68. Judy was a teacher for Bolton Elementary School in West Linn.

Grace (Bartruff) Edwards ’62 Oct. 24 at age 88. Grace taught the fourth grade at Morningside Elementary School in Salem for 17 years. She was a watercolor artist, taught art classes and received many awards for her artwork. She was also a member of a critique group that critiqued Salem water media artists.

Adella (Veal) Baker ’63 Dec. 22 at age 86. Adella taught elementary school in California and Oregon, and

Born on June 24, 1909, Ellen Wallin Nyberg ’29 is one of the oldest surviving alumni to graduate from Western Oregon University, which, at the time, was known as Oregon Normal School. Nyberg immigrated to the United States from Sweden as a young girl. She was unable to speak English when she entered first grade but had little difficulty grasping and developing the second language.

Eventually, she was given the opportunity to enroll in higher education to become a teacher. During her time at Oregon Normal School, Nyberg lived with an interesting, elderly woman who also housed several other girls. “During the evenings,” Nyberg said, “we would sit around and visit, and the woman would tell fascinating stories of how she had crossed the plains as a young girl.” For fun, Nyberg participated in sports, but it was mostly “keep your nose to the grindstone,” she said.

After graduating in 1929, Nyberg took a teaching position with the Forest Grove School District. She taught for five years but took multiple breaks from her career, especially when her mother became ill. Eventually, she began teaching for the district full time. Nyberg taught for 45 years, touching the lives of hundreds of children, many of whom remembered her long after they grew up and moved on. She retired in June 1974.

Ellen Wallin Nyberg and her great granddaughter, Paige, on her 98th birthday.

It has been a long time since Nyberg has been on campus, yet as she reflects on her experiences and memories at Oregon Normal School, she describes them as both interesting and happy. ■ JP
Carolyn (Eash) Hunt

June of 2008.

Mike has spent more than 30 years in education. He is also responsible for instructional programs in developmental education. Mike will retire from LBCC in the near future. He also has been named to three positions with Oregon School Administrators in December. A retired high school teacher and administrator, Doug became involved in city government when he was appointed to the Albany Planning Commission in 1995.

William Lee ’65 Aug. 4 at age 81. Bill became a math teacher after his military service in the Marines. He taught in Micronesia and Taiwan.

Rosalie (Waltman) Herber ’66 Nov. 20 at age 89. Rosalie and late husband Joseph A. Herber operated Keizer View Dairy and lived in Keizer’s oldest house. She also worked at the Oregon School for the Deaf for 16 years, taught at St. Boniface in Sublimity and retired from Eugene Field in Silverton, continuing to teach Sunday School at St. Edward’s Catholic church.

Terrell Brixius ’68 Jan. 15 at age 63. Terrell practiced general law in Dallas with Larry Derr. After a few years, he became a property title examiner, first working for Willamette Valley Title, then Key Title, and after a short flirtation with early retirement, first American Title.

Grace “Dot” Leith ’68 Dec. 27 at age 94. Dot was a school teacher and librarian in the Sheridan School District for many years. She retired and relocated to Keizer in 1975.

Mike Holland ’70 ’72 is vice president of Administrative and Student Affairs at Linn-Benton Community College and has been named the Howard Cherry Outstanding Community College Administrator of the Year by the Oregon Community College Association. Mike has spent more than 30 years in education. He is also responsible for instructional programs in developmental education. Mike will retire from LBCC in June of 2008.

Caroline (Anh) Hunt ’72 is a resource specialist at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, Calif.

Robert Page ’72 ’81 was ordained as a permanent deacon Nov. 3 at St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Portland. He is a member of St. Patrick Parish in Independence. He received two Fulbright Scholarships—one to Egypt and Zimbabwe and the other to Romania and Bulgaria. He has taught at Willamina High School for the past 29 years. He and his wife, Mary, have five children.

Randy Franke ’74, former Marion County Commissioner, has filed paperwork to run for Marion County Clerk. During his 24-year tenure as a commissioner, Randy served in dozens of leadership positions on behalf of local government. Currently, he is a principal with Open Doors Consulting, owner of Franke & Associates and a member of the Marion County Fire District No. 1 board.

Merle Woods ’77 and wife Jean have been married for 46 years and have nine grandchildren. Their oldest grandson, Cpl. Justin R. Mayfield, was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal, with Combat Distinguishing Service, for his heroic achievement in Iraq. They are very proud of Justin, their grandchildren; and of all the men and women fighting for our country.

Susan (Holten) Worthington ’77 was named Assistant Principal of the Year by the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators in December. A middle level educator for 30 years, Susan has served as assistant principal for the past nine years in the Gresham-Barlow School District.

Dorreen YellowBird ’77 has been named to three one-year terms on the Women’s Fund Advisory Committee of the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, representing the East Grand Forks area. She is writing and researching a historical narrative of the Sahnish (Arikara) people and is writing a book of fiction based on the legends of her tribe. She completed a children’s book about the Sahnish and Lewis and Clark. Dorreen writes for the American Indian College Journal, as well as other magazines and journals.

Susan (Griffith) Nachtrab ’78 is an artist, designing windows and glass hangings. She has been working with soldered glass since 1980.

Mary (Bowling) Renninger ’71 Aug. 9 at age 80. Mary worked as a school teacher for the Willamina School District for 15 years.

Janet (Foster) Simmons ’74 Jan. 20 at age 74. Janet was employed for 17 years as a disability examiner for the State of Oregon.

Duwayne Soderstrom ’74 July 22 at age 82. Duwayne served as a Navy corpsman during WWII and was stationed out of California and Hawaii. Duwayne started his teaching career instructing high school classes in math, science, and photography. He then became a forestry instructor at Chemeketa Community College.

Velma Brodersen ’75 Aug. 8 at age 78.

Michael Veach ’77 Feb. 17 at age 64. Michael served in the Oregon National Guard Reserve and was a supervisor in the Donald E. Long Home.

Harry “Al” Brunell ’79 Nov. 21 at age 67. Al joined the Oregon State Police after college. During his 27-year tenure, he made his home in McMinnville for 13 years. He retired from the Gold Beach office in 1991 as a lieutenant.

Marilynn Thomas ’79 Aug. 24 at age 72. Marilynn was hired by the Brookings-Harbor School District directly after graduation. Marilynn taught second, third, and fourth grades for 22 years.

Kevin O’Callaghan ’84 is dean of students at Taft High School, promoted from school custodian. He’s been using his promotion as a teaching tool. “A lot of these kids think you can be pigeonholed, that if you’re a custodian that’s all you can ever be. I’m an example that if you stick with it, you can do whatever you want to do. The students see me and say ‘Here he was, cleaning and fixing things, and now—he’s not.’ I couldn’t have done it without going to school.”

Linda (Buroker) Hall ’85 is the Milton-Freewater city manager. She was previously assistant city manager. Salem artist Eileen Cotter Howell ’86 exhibited her work in November at George Fox University in the Minthome Gallery in Newberg. The exhibit featured watercolor and mixed media pieces. Her work has been exhibited in galleries across the nation, including Pittsburgh and San Francisco, with the majority of exhibits in the Northwest.

Lt. Doug Ladd ’87 has been with Oregon State Police for 18 years and is currently serving as the station commander of the Roseburg Patrol Office.

Juan Cotto ’88 and wife Sarah welcomed their first child, Clemente “Jose” on Oct. 10.
Russ Isham '88 is the Marion County sheriff; he was sworn into office on Sept. 12. He previously led the crime prevention unit and drug teams at the Salem Police Department and was a Marion County sheriff’s reserve and deputy. He was also a sixth-grade teacher at Gusbert Elementary School and boys basketball coach at Mt. Angel High School. Russ and wife, Suzy, live in Salem with their two daughters and newborn son.

Rene (Battles) Tichenor '88 married Christopher Schlegel Aug. 25. Together, they have seven children and live in Salem.

John “Jack” Thornton '89 is the proprietor and sole employee of Noah’s – A Wine Bar, located in McMinnville. Jack focuses on wine education and appreciation and has been in business since 1994.

In Remembrance

Loyd Lindsey ‘80 at age 54.

Patrick Shellito ‘81 at age 81. Pat served in World War II as a medical corpsman attached to the Marines in the Pacific Theater. He retired in 1974. Pat worked on WOU’s campus for the Oregon Police Academy.

Marylou (Patterson) McDowell ‘86 Dec. 24 at age 58. Marylou’s love of books led her to a career with the Multnomah County Library, Amity School District, and finally the Salem-Keezir School district.

Shelley Anne Beattie ‘88 Feb. 16 at age 40. Shelley was an inspiration to many, especially to the deaf community as she attained celebrity status in her 20s as one of the first American Gladiators.

Julie (Edwards) Jones ‘88 ‘98 Dec. 21 at age 64. Julie was employed as a secretary and a private flute teacher for 35 years. She worked as a substitute teacher for 14 years and had been involved with English as a second language programs in Yamhill County for Japanese, Chinese and Brazilian students.

90s

Sean Gallagher ’90 is the superintendent for the Lake County School District No. 7. He taught math and computer science in high school and community college before becoming principal at Hermiston High School, where he worked before becoming superintendent.

Karin (Burnley) Holton ’90 was recently selected as the marketing and education director for the Oregon Symphony Association in Salem. Karin has a strong background in the local non-profit arts community, with Salem’s Riverfront Carousel and the Salem Art Association. She is currently the executive director of ArtSmart. Karin will be responsible for overseeing the annual Vernon L. Wiscarson Young Musicians’ Competition, Music Educator of the Year and the annual Youth Essay Contest of “Why I Like Music.”

Ginger Colwell ’93 is a Lafayette third-grade teacher and was honored by OfficeMax of Corvallis for her dedication and hard work with a bouquet of flowers and a cart filled with school supplies valued at $1,175. Ginger was one of 1,000 teachers across the nation, 13 in Oregon, honored by OfficeMax and the nonprofit group Adopt-A-Classroom.

Bob Sonce ‘93 ’96 has become a Teacher Standards and Practices commissioner after teaching in Roseburg for 15 years. He received senate confirmation in May. He represents the middle and high school teachers in the state.

Julie (Alexander) Scull ’93 and husband Jim welcomed their fourth child, a daughter, Jocelyn Loretta Marie, on June 26 in Medford. Jocelyn joins siblings Joshua, six, Jimmy, four, and Juliana, two.

Lori (Russell, Hifiker) Cegon ’94 has joined the Chemeketa Center for Business & Industry as a faculty member for the Small Business Management program. She is the owner of Creative Results and was the director of human resources with MaPS Credit Union and director of education and leadership development with the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce.

Stephanie Bacon ‘95 is an army specialist and was mobilized and activated in July for deployment to an undisclosed overseas location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Carol Cadwell ’96 is teaching special education/basic life skills at Sweet Home High School. She has 19 years of teaching experience, eight in Washington and 11 in Oregon.

Debra Oden ’96 is a licensed massage therapist and small business owner. Her massage business, Body Essential, operates out of the Courthouse Athletic Club in Keizer.

Dorothy “Claire” Oliverso ’96 was named one of the 100 Most Influential Filipinos in the U.S. by the Filipina Women’s Network. A second-generation Filipina American born and raised in Portland, Claire was honored in the category of Emerging Leaders and Builders. She has been the coordinator of the Multicultural Center at Portland Community College.

Ken Fandrem ‘97 is the school resource officer at South Albany High School.

Melissa Farver ’98 ‘01 and Drew Crockett ’02 were married July 15 in Independence. Melissa is a fourth-grade teacher at Liberty Elementary in Albany and Drew is a probation officer of Linn County Juvenile Department. They live in Monmouth.

Clint Raever ‘98 is the assistant principal at Newport Middle School. He was previously an assistant principal at Toledo High School and started out teaching science in the Silverton area.

Ryan Davis ‘99 is a real estate developer in Astoria and transformed the Red Building into Astoria’s newest crown jewel. He and his two partners formed Union Fish Properties, LLC over a year ago. Ryan also works as a financial adviser for Connecticut-based Mass Mutual and is a driver for the Cannery Pier Hotel’s 39 Buick. Ryan is married to wife Sasha, and they have one daughter, Audrey.

Greta Josephson ‘99 is the director of the Northwest Dance Company in Portland.

Rebecca (Stanton) Mann ‘99 and husband Erick welcomed their third baby boy, Elliot Thomas Jaemon, Oct. 16.
Like most seniors, Myron McCoy '89 wasn’t exactly sure where he would be the next fall after graduation. He certainly didn’t plan on moving halfway around the world. McCoy had just completed an interdisciplinary studies degree in fitness and business management. A contact given to him by his adviser, Dr. Norman Eburne, led to an interview in July for the fitness company that opened the first western fitness centers in Asia, Clark Hatch Fitness.

In September, McCoy received an unexpected phone call about a management opening in a Taiwan Clark Hatch Center from the founder, Clark Hatch. Three days later, he was on a plane to his new job. He says the first year was the most difficult, “I chose to acculturate, rather then just stay with other Americans or in the tourist areas.” He worked in the Hatch Clark fitness center in Taiwan for two years where he became fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

McCoy then relocated to the Clark Hatch center in Beijing, China. There he experienced the Chinese culture and met many diplomats and journalists. McCoy spent three years in China before he returned to Taiwan where he met his wife, Christine.

In 1998, McCoy was ready to move back to his hometown of Salem. Currently, he is the fitness and aquatics director at the Salem Family YMCA. Although, he didn’t plan on spending nearly ten years halfway around the world from WOU, he is grateful for the great faculty and staff, including his degree adviser “Norm” for providing the contacts that enabled him to explore the world after WOU. ■ Tiffany Rockwell ’08

**In Remembrance**

Steven Liabraaten ’90 Feb. 6 at age 56. Steve and his family have lived in Salem since 1986. He co-founded a computer software company, ISM Group and also recently worked at the Department of Human Services as a programmer and systems architect.

William O’Neal ‘92 Oct. 29 at age 54. Bill joined Marion County Sheriff’s Department in 1982 and served as a sergeant until retirement in 2007.

Leonard “Lee” Spangler ’94 Oct. 28 at age 63. Lee began a career in law enforcement after retiring from the Army Special Forces. He served 10 years in eastern Oregon, Grants Pass, Hermiston, and as chief of police in Falls City.

Jeffrey Bannister ’94 Sept. 20 at age 48.

Patrick Flitcroft ’94 Sept. 13 at age 35. Pat spent many summers working as a counselor at Camp Easter Seals in Lakeside and traveled to Korea to teach English prior to returning to the South Coast area of Oregon.

Ann Marie Thompson ’98 Dec. 18 at age 39. Ann Marie’s career focused on social work and the restaurant business. She devoted her life to helping others with an emphasis on assisting troubled youth and the disabled.

**00s**

CM Hall ’00 just completed her Ed.M. in college student services administration with an emphasis in lesbian, gay, bi, and trans students’ experience from OSU. She works on a federal grant through the Western Region Interpreter Education Center at WOU and on an initiative promoting the ASL interpreting profession. As a staff member at Western, she is active with WOU’s Safe Zone Ally Project...and in the last 16 months she has completed three marathons!

Amy (Adams) Hilgemann ’00 and her husband, Geoff, had a baby boy, Parker David, on Sept. 15, 2006.

Sari White ’00 and Brant Schoeller ’03 were married Sept. 29 in Portland. She is a sales representative for Nike, he is the general manager of the southern market for Integra Telecom in Portland. They live in Sherwood.

Brad Woolledge ’00 is the Educational Resource Center teacher for Culver School District 4. Prior to teaching for Culver, he taught at an outreach school.

‘01 Tara (Alfson) Donivan and her sister ’04 Heather (Alfson) Runyon have taken over their father’s Edward Jones Investments branch in their hometown of The Dalles.

David Lovelin ’01 ’02 is the vice principal at Lake Oswego High School.

Angie Baldwin ’02 married Ryan Seal Oct. 13 in Portland. They are both in medical sales and live in Issaquah.

Nate Neuschwander ’03 and Nicole Wattenbarger were married Mar. 24, 2007 in Independence. Nate works for Greater Albany Public Schools at Memorial Middle School and Nicole works for First Commercial in Salem as a real estate broker. They live in Albany.

Brittney Prince ‘03 and Tyler Minnick were married July 28 in Portland. Brittney works for Greater Albany Public Schools and Tyler works for Oremet. They live in Albany.

Kimberly Reynolds ’03 and Douglas Jadin ’04 were married Jan. 12 in Bend. Kimberly is the manager of the Nine West store in Woodburn and Douglas is a machine operator for Gelco in Salem.

Raelee Waldow ’03 ’04 ’07 recently took a job in Blythe, Calif. “Being a teacher is unbelievable! I love my students and even more, I enjoy the area. My daughter and I are adapting to a warmer climate and are enjoying the new experiences every day.”

Ben Palenske Sutherland ’04 and Carrie Mork ’05 were married Nov. 10 in Astoria. Ben is a group life supervisor for the Tongue Point Job Corps Center and Carrie teaches kindergarten at Jewell Elementary.

Scott Pfaff ’04 and Katherine Sauer were married Aug. 24 in Hawaii. Scott taught for three years at Phoenix Day School for the Deaf in Arizona. He was recently hired to teach and coach at Washington School for the Deaf, where Katherine is an assistant volleyball coach.

Gordon Price ’04 is the Student Life director at Central Oregon Community College. He is married to Jody Shell ’02. They have two children and live in Bend.

Bradley Satran ’04 and wife Whitney were married Dec. 29 in Portland. Bradley is a project manager for Interstate Roofing Inc.

Stacey Stanley ’04 and Scott Morris were married on Aug. 11 in Salem. Stacey teaches at Sunrise Elementary School in Albany and Scott is a project manager in IT with Hewlett-Packard. They live in Albany.

B.J. Olafson ’99 is the Keizer Police Department’s 2007 Officer of the Year. He has been a police officer for nine years.

**AlumNotes**
Amberly Ruck ’05 and her husband Robert have opened The Job Lady—Ruck Vocational Counseling in McMinnville. The company is independent but contracts with the state Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to help people with disabilities find employment.

Holly (Adelman) Smucker ’05 is teaching third grade in southern Taiwan. Next year, she will be teaching at an American school in Taiwan.

Heidi Hewlett ’06 married Jeremy Palanchar Nov. 3 in Las Vegas.

Jeff Neal ’06 ’07 teaches social studies at Sweet Home High School. He is a first-year teacher.

Carly Sizelove ’06 married Anthony Givigliano Sept. 8. Carly is employed at the State Police Forensic Lab and Anthony is a computer system analyst for the City of Portland.

Teresa Alonso ’07 is the first director of the College Assistance Migrant Program at Portland Community College.

Michael Anderson ’07 teaches social studies at Sweet Home High School. This is his first teaching assignment.

Rachel Barton ’07 teaches language arts and is the ELL Coordinator at Sweet Home High School. This will be her first year teaching.

Matthew Gill ’07 and Brittany Sasser were married Aug. 25 in Salem. Matt is a police officer in the Portland metro area and Brittany is a consultant for Hitachi Consulting, also in Portland.

Jena Grauer ’07 and Jeff Hendricks were married Aug. 4 in McMinnville. Jena is the director of membership for Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum in McMinnville and Jeff is a parks maintenance worker for the city. They live in McMinnville.

Jessie Lydon ’07 owns Pacific Dance Academy in Milwaukie. The academy teaches ages three through adult in the styles of tap, jazz, ballet, modern, hip-hop and salsa. She hopes to begin a ballroom dance program soon.

Sylvie Tarpinian ’07 was Miss Marion-Polk County 2007 and was Grand Marshal of the Dallas Summerfest parade.

Chris Skinner is the new deputy chief for the Hillsboro Police Department. He’s been in the position since January. He previously worked for Benton County before joining Hillsboro.

In Remembrance

Anjuli Woodward ’05 Dec. 21 at age 24. Anjuli was employed by Care Medical in Salem. Anjuli had recently returned from a month-long trip to India, where she visited the Care & Share Orphanage in Vijayawada.

Emeritus Professor Donald H. White died on Jan. 25 at the age of 76. After graduating from Berkeley High School in 1949, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in physics from the University of California at Berkeley, where he met his wife, Beverly Jones. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in physics from Cornell University in 1960 and then worked for the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Walnut Creek California until 1971. In 1970 and 1971, White and his father, Harvey, co-authored college and high school text books. He also wrote articles for the Encyclopedia Britannica. In 1971, he came to WOU and taught physics, astronomy, the science of music and computer science. He was also the recipient of the Pastega Faculty Honors award. White spent three separate sabbatical years in Grenoble, France, performing neutron-capture gamma-ray spectroscopy research at the Institut Laue-Langevin. He retired from WOU in 1995.

Former WOU athletic director, Robert Livingston, died on Jan. 7 at the age of 86. Livingston earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the University of Missouri and his doctorate from Columbia University. He taught for one year at Missouri before coming to WOU in 1955. He was WOU’s first athletic director, as well as faculty member and chairman of the health and physical education department through 1979.

From 1951-59, Livingston was the Wolves men’s basketball coach, leading WOU into the District 2 playoffs in his first two seasons. He was also the baseball coach from 1952 to 1966, and led the Wolves to winning campaigns in 10 of those 15 seasons. He served as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics president in 1975-76 and was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1979 in the General Contributors/Meritorious Service category. He was on the board of the U.S. Olympic Committee from 1973-78.

Livingston retired from WOU in 1983 and was inducted into Western Oregon University’s first athletic hall of fame class in 2004.

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’46 Caroline Gentle Ward
Jodie Raborn
Assistant professor, art
Willamette Valley, 2007
Oil on canvas, 30” x 30”