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The Julian Mystique: Her Life and Teachings

How can the insights of a 14th-century female theologian be relevant to Christian renewal today? Author Frodo Okulam shows that life in the Middle Ages held some similarities to the changing, violent, times today. Julian of Norwich's positive teachings of oneness, spiritual renewal, and feminine imagery hold meaning now as then. Easily understood by laypersons, each chapter ends with discussion questions designed to relate Julian's experiences and teaching to life today.

The Stars Who Created Kabuki: Their Lives, Loves and Legacy

Seventeenth-century kabuki actors Danjuro, Tojuro, and Ayame took kabuki from burlesque and vaudeville into a new era of serious, full-length theater. Kominz uses diaries, written accounts by friends and colleagues, theater critiques, and texts of plays in telling about their professional and private lives. These kabuki greats are influential and inspirational even today as contemporary actors try to emulate their energy, style, spiritual qualities, and commitment to innovation.

Pillar of Salt: Gender, Memory, and the Perils of Looking Back

There is much controversy over whether the recollections of childhood sexual abuse are of actual events or are fiction. But even false accounts may contain some truth. Haaken points out that the psychological and social meaning of the accounts themselves may be more important than determining whether the memory is true or false. The question is not did the abuse occur, but rather what do the symbols of the recollection mean? This book is an in-depth study of memory, storytelling, and the psychology of women.

The Focus Group Kit
by David Morgan (urban studies faculty) and Richard Krueger. 6 vols. Sage, 1998.

The purpose of this kit is to provide more than just the basics of focus group interviewing. Each volume represents a separate theme. The first volume, The Focus Group Guidebook, offers an introduction to those new to this research method. The kit continues with five more volumes dealing with initial planning, preparing and asking questions, effectively moderating focus groups, teaching focus group techniques to community members, and analyzing the results.

200 Tips for Growing Beautiful Roses, 200 Tips for Growing Beautiful Perennials

Combat black spot on roses with a spray of baking soda (one tablespoon to a gallon of water) and a few drops of soap to help it stick. Want to plant perennials before amending your clay soil? Put in daylilies, Siberian iris, and sedums. It would be hard to find a question that these two books don't answer. From bed design, to soil preparation, to tools, these little books tell it all. Each book ends with a suggested reading list, addresses of nurseries and mail-order sources, and a helpful, detailed index.

Like There's No Tomorrow: Meditations for Women Leaving Patriarchy

This book contains more than 100, two-page meditations on topics such as fighting, ridicule, wonder women, promotion, loneliness, passion, integrity, and control. Gage writes each meditation centered on a quotation from a woman she admires. Using this method, she tells of Donaldina Cameron's daring rescue of prostituted Asian girls, Fannie Lou Hamer's courageous resistance to police brutality, and Lillian Hellman's defiant stand at the McCarthy hearings. As Gage discusses each quotation and its author, she is providing a pep talk for radical feminists, while giving a lesson in women's history.

Understanding Cultural Identity in Intervention and Assessment

Counselors, psychotherapists, clinical psychologists, and social workers should understand the cultural and racial identity of their clients when making an assessment and diagnosis, says the author. Unfortunately they are often blocked from this information. Dana offers positive and practical strategies for overcoming cultural biases in the mental health field and within one's own self. The book provides a model for culture-specific services as applied to four cultures: African Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asians and Asian Americans, and Hispanic Americans/Latinos.

Reviews of faculty and alumni books and recordings are written by Mary Ellen Kenreich, PSU Library faculty. To have a published work considered for this page, please submit pertinent information to Kenreich via e-mail kenreichm@pdx.edu, by fax at (503) 725-5799, or mail to Portland State University, PO Box 1151, Portland, OR 97207-1151.
In his second major function associated with Portland State, President Bill Clinton gave the keynote speech and received an honorary degree during commencement ceremonies June 13. PSU was one of three universities and colleges in the country at which the president spoke this spring—a time of relative calm before the Starr report was issued three months later.

In a speech focusing on immigrants to the United States, Clinton singled out graduates Mago Gilson and her son Eddie. Mago, who 12 years ago emigrated from Mexico with her family, was receiving her master's degree in education. Eddie earned a bachelor's in business administration. Their stories typified Clinton's address, which extolled immigrants as “the most restless, the most adventurous, the most innovative, and the most industrious of people.”

The president also showed he had done his homework on PSU. Acknowledging that half the students are over 25, he congratulated those who “worked full-time and cared for your families, even while you carried a full course load.” He discussed the institution's formation in 1946 as a community-based school for returning World War II veterans. And he reminisced on his friendship with the late U.S. Representative Walter Capps '58.

In Clinton's previous PSU visit in June 1995, he and Vice President Al Gore attended the Pacific Rim Economic conference held at Portland State. The event brought together government, business, and community leaders from five western states to discuss economic strategy.
The classroom abilities of 16 faculty members in the College of Liberal Arts and Science—as rated by their students—were honored in June.

The John Eliot Allen Outstanding Teaching Awards were presented for the first time this past spring. Award-winning teachers were identified by outstanding students from each department. The award was named in memory of Allen, a much-respected professor emeritus of geology who taught at PSU from 1956 to 1974.

Winners of the first awards are Virginia Butler, anthropology; Richard Forbes, biology; Raymond Lutz, chemistry; Martin Schmidt, economics; Deeanne Westbrook, English; Teresa Bulman, geography; Kenneth Cruikshank, geology; Bernard Burke, history; Marjorie Terdal, applied linguistics; Gavin Bjork, mathematics; Larry Bowlden, philosophy; Erik Bodega, physics; Donald Truxillo, psychology; Veronica Dujon, sociology; Peter Ehrenhaus, speech communication; and Ruben Sierra, Chicano/Latino studies.
ment would not have undue external influence on the position or the program.

As for the controversies between the Turkish government and people of Armenian and Greek heritage, the committee wrote, "While it cannot resolve the ongoing controversies, education is the best way to air all opinion and to encourage dialogue between those who hold differing views."

The committee recommended that a Portland State Faculty Senate advisory council review the program again in three years for compliance with the University's policy on external gifts and grants.

Training new legislators

Term limits—we've got to live with 'em.

The Oregon Legislature will see more than 20 new representatives join its ranks in January. Legislative training has always been offered by the Salem staff, but now Portland State and Willamette University are getting involved.

In December freshman legislators will spend a day on the PSU campus, another at Willamette School of Law, and a third at the Capitol Building getting a civics crash course.

"By giving our legislators a better sense of the system's relationships, we improve their chances of making the system better," says Professor Ron Cease, a former legislator and PSU's organizer of the orientation.

Cease is bringing former legislators to campus, including former Sen. Mark Hatfield, to discuss the workings of government, federal programs and agencies, the media, and the state's economy and demographics.

The next day, faculty at Willamette Law School will talk on conflict resolution and negotiation and provide practice exercises. The final session at the Capitol Building will focus on the nitty gritty of moving a bill into law.

Cease also hopes to see incumbent legislators attend the orientation; their time in Salem is growing short.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

One of the real pleasures of my job is meeting and talking with Portland State alumni—and with more than 70,000 graduates, it's a pleasure I can look forward to for many years. What is interesting is that graduates from each era, while they all share certain experiences, have somewhat different impressions of the campus.

For example, those who attended during the 1960s often talk about the constant state of construction during that period. "We studied to the background noise of jackhammers and construction equipment," they say. That's an understandable impression because the 1960s were pivotal in the physical development of the Portland State campus.

During that single 10-year period, there were 27 building projects or acquisitions, including 10 major construction or remodeling projects.

Now, more than 25 years later, we are entering another era of major campus development, but this time with a difference. Earlier campus development was focused inward in an effort to create a core academic campus where none existed before. Our new era of development is designed not only to build the campus, but to help build the surrounding neighborhood as well, and to make the University and the community integral parts of each other.

The Urban Center and University Plaza, now under construction, will provide a home for the College of Urban and Public Affairs, plus a state-of-the-art distance learning center, street-level retail and commercial space, and a major transit center and public gathering space. Also under construction by a private developer is an office tower adjacent to our new engineering facility on Fourth Avenue. This building will house city of Portland offices associated with planning, construction, and development.

In addition, a new apartment and parking complex is planned for the Fourth Avenue areas and the Fourth Avenue Building itself will be remodeled to house the World Peace Center at PSU.

This year, the University is seeking proposals for development of the block between Fifth and Sixth and Montgomery and Harrison. The idea is for street-level commercial development combined with academic space in the upper floors. A similar plan is in the works for the parking lot just east of that site. We also are working with Portland Public Schools on development of a combination elementary school and student housing complex for the campus.

Twenty years from now, when we talk with alumni from the current era, they may share the memories of constant construction with alumni from the 1960s, but they'll also remember being part of a campus in the process of truly integrating with its downtown neighborhood, an important next step in our development as the urban university of tomorrow.

Dan Bernstine, President

President Dan Bernstine and Former Senator Mark Hatfield view a model of the Urban Center project, which has been likened to a Pioneer Square of south downtown.
One sports program saved, another dropped

The wrestling program at Portland State has survived, but baseball has not.

President Dan Bernstine announced in May he would eliminate both sports in an effort to ease the Athletics Department's growing deficit and make continued progress towards gender equity.

With a commitment to use no University funds, the wrestling program was allowed to continue. It will be financed by student fees and outside donations. This is the second year in a row that wrestling coach Marlin Grahn has had to fight for his program. The team is participating in the Pacific-10 Northern Division.

Baseball, which has been a member of Pac-10 since 1982, was not allowed a similar funding plan, says Bernstine, because of gender equity issues and baseball field rental costs.

The University was facing a $500,000 deficit in next year's Athletics Department budget—an added burden to the existing $1.3 million deficit. PSU spent $275,509 on baseball and $105,000 on wrestling last year.

In addition to money worries, the University is required by the Big Sky Conference to add men's tennis and must continue to make progress with regard to Title IX and gender equity.

Bernstine rejected an option to cut all sports across the board, saying that such a cut would not aid the long-term structure of PSU athletics and would hurt the competitive levels of potentially revenue-generating sports such as men's football and men's basketball.

Dave Dangler was PSU baseball coach during the past four years. The team's best season ever was in 1984, when it tied Washington State for the Northern Division Championship under coach Jack Dunn. In 1962, under Roy Love, PSU went to the NAIA national championship game.

The wrestling program won NCAA Division II titles in 1989 and 1990, and 11 wrestlers have won a combined 27 national titles.

We're on their list today

Top executives at Fred Meyer Inc., including the CEO and the board chairman, pooled their resources to create a $1 million donation to PSU's Food Industry Leadership Center.

The center provides business administration training to executives and managers in all aspects of the food industry. There are only six schools in the nation that offer this kind of cross-industry training, and Portland State is the only one located west of the Mississippi.

The largest donations came from Robert G. Miller, president and chief executive office of Fred Meyer Inc., and from Ron Burkel, chairman of the board and an executive with the Yucaipa Company, a Los Angeles-based investment firm. Many of the company's executives gave $25,000 each in stock transfers, which along with $200,000 from the company itself added up to $1 million and the launching of two major endowments for the center.

Using the funds, the Food Industry Leadership Center has established the Fred G. Meyer Endowed Leadership Chair, which a nationally prominent professor will be hired to lead, and the Robert G. Miller Endowed Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships to persons interested in pursuing a food industry career.

Violence counts

Students collecting a scrapbook of violent messages in the media ended up with some heavy tomes this summer.

For four weeks the students recorded or clipped violent messages appearing in television newscasts, newspapers, magazines, the Internet, and movies. This assignment was part of Gisele Tierney's Language of Violence class.

"The exercise made the students aware of the prevalence of violence in our society," says Tierney. "And simply put, the number of violent messages we're exposed to is escalating, and it's normalizing violence in this country."

Tierney has taught PSU courses and workshops since 1991 on issues of communication and gender. She teaches Language of Violence every summer, but this is the first time she's given students this particular assignment. The results were so powerful, the students tell her, that she plans to do it again when she teaches the class in January.

By observing the pervasiveness of violent language in the media, students are able to see its diluting effects on the public's perceptions, says Tierney. She expects this will lead students to a better understanding of victims and victimizers.

A new playing field

Come December, the field will be leveled and ready for play—that is, the new community field on the west side of campus.

A vacant, grassy lot near the gym is being leveled, drained, fenced, lighted, and covered with artificial turf. Private funds are paying for the $2 million project, which will result in a playing field that can take heavy use, even on the wettest days.

The field will be available to the Athletics Department, student intramural sports groups, sports clubs, and the community. Among the community users will be the 200 at-risk children attending the National Youth Sports Program on campus each summer.

Big winners will be the football and women's soccer teams. They will practice on the new field, saving the University more than $10,000 in annual fees previously spent on Civic Stadium. PSU intramural teams currently play off campus by renting parks for $300 to $400 each term.

Some controversy arose this spring when a group of students objected to losing the existing, casual-use field. Use of the remodeled field will be scheduled under the guidance of an advisory board. President Dan Bernstine met with the students to air their grievances; however, no agreement was reached. The PSU student-elected government has known about the project since April 1997. □
How did it happen?

How did two model students from Portland's Grant High School, one the student body president, the other an honor student and member of an elite school choir, end up charged with a series of armed robberies?

The story broke in April with the arrest of Ethan Thrower, the choir boy, and the disappearance of student leader Tom Curtis. On the run for several months, Curtis turned up in Mazatlan, Mexico—where he partied with former classmates on a jaunt celebrating their graduation. In late July, no longer able to hide after his story aired on television's America's Most Wanted, he finally surrendered to the FBI in Las Vegas.

Two other former Grant seniors were arrested in August in connection with the crimes, along with two local men in their 20s. It's possible that other Grant students were involved, and it's probable that many were in the know.

Portland State professors, like many others, are puzzling over the riddle of a crime spree—some 19 robberies over a year's time—allegedly committed by students who seemed to have everything going for them.

Both youths came from stable, two-parent families, both did well in school and were headed for college, and neither abused drugs, as far as anyone knows. Only in Curtis' case were there signs that something was amiss. In his campaign speech for student president, Curtis mocked teachers and staff at the school, delighting students but shocking school authorities. More seriously, during the summer before his senior year, Curtis got in an argument with a convenience store clerk, allegedly cursing the woman and hitting her in the face. Still, such unruly behavior is a long way from donning a ski mask and pointing guns at people.

While speculating on a variety of explanations, along with raising a host of questions about the case, several PSU profs zeroed in on the one provocative theme.

Call it "Rebel Without A Cause," late '90s style.

"Nobody can know why at this point, but youthful rebellion had to be a big part of it," says Randy Blazak, assistant professor of sociology and criminology.

Blazak isn't terribly surprised at the notion of seemingly well-adjusted middle-class kids committing potentially deadly crimes.

"It's a lot more common than people think," he says, adding that statistics show juvenile delinquency evenly spread through all U.S.

"They're bored with their schools and their baby boomer parents who started out as flower children and are now miserable ..."

economic classes. "But more poor kids get caught."

Nor is he surprised that well-off youths stage high-profile, sometimes violent stunts during a time when juvenile crime is generally declining across the country.

Youthful rebellion is more a part of American culture than ever, he says. "In our country, the rogue male, the mythologized outlaw—like Jesse James or Billy the Kid—has a long tradition," he says. "Rebellion against authority also has a long history, only in the past it was almost always motivated by some ideology or social injustice."

In the '50s, however, the two concepts began to morph together in popular culture, Blazak says. Along the way, rebellion lost its anchor in righteous cause. In The Wild One, when a threatening Marlon Brando is asked, "What do you want?" he retorts, "What ya got?" In Rebel Without a Cause, James Dean can't pin down his sense of deep angst and anger. Pop star singers like Elvis Presley projected the image of rebellion for its own sake.

"The whole thing becomes a huge marketing tool," Blazak says, reaching
its logical extreme in the violent anti-social lyrics of current music and movies like *Natural Born Killers*, where the heroes acknowledge no standards or morals whatsoever except their own.

Media glamorization of the rebel coincided with two other trends in American culture during the '50s. As long as young people lived on farms or in the cities, they had to begin working to support the family as soon as they were old enough. "You went from being a child to accepting the responsibilities of an adult," says Blazak.

But with rising affluence and the move to the suburbs, with all the time-saving appliances and abundant leisure time, there came a whole new phase of growing up in America—extended adolescence. Taking out the garbage or cleaning your room replaced bucking hay or working in the family business. It's an easier life, but makes for a vaguer sense of purpose.

That same theme is seen in contemporary literature, as well, says Ray Mariels, professor of English. "There are hundreds of novels by dozens of writers over the past 15 years that portray teenagers who have a deep sense of alienation from society and from the world," he says. Referred to as the "donut school" of contemporary fiction—because they grew up in suburbs that circle the cities—these writers mine the experiences of their own middle-class youth.

Their characters are "often cynical, bitter, angry and sullen. They're bored with their schools and their baby boomer parents who started out as flower children and are now miserable, despite their successful careers and all their material goods," he says.

And how their baby boomer parents grew up has everything to do with youth today. It was a generation with wheels. All of a sudden, kids were transporting themselves around in powerful, seductive vehicles that gave them unprecedented freedom to go where they pleased and do what they wanted, without the supervision of adults.

"Before the '50s, you never see kids driving cars in the movies," Blazak says. "After that, it's practically all you see."

Teenagehood was hatched, and along with it that bizarre, self-contained, artificial universe, the modern high school. Where daily dramas—of who's in and who's out, who's cool and who's a nerd, who's going out with whom and who's broken up with whom—reign supreme. Where the standards of adults and society don't necessarily apply. Where what your friends think means practically everything. And where corporate marketing—fashions, movies, sports idols, the latest music—holds powerful sway.

Teenagers, moreover, are getting no consistent message about the responsibilities of adulthood. In America, when do you become an adult and what does it mean? Blazak asks. "You can drive when you're 16, go into the Army at 18, but you can't drink till you're 21 or rent a car till you're 25." In such a context, "Act your age," becomes meaningless, and it isn't surprising that youth often set their own boundaries and standards, separate from those of society.
Distrust of the police and the society's laws also fuel youthful rebelliousness, Blazak says. "Doing whatever you can get away with is a pervasive attitude in American society, and kids pick up on that."

Then there's Measure 11, which lets youth be tried for certain crimes as an adult. The new Oregon law can be outrageously unfair, he says, citing the case of a young girl who received a mandatory six years in prison after getting into her third school yard fist-fight. "It was a case of assault—even though no weapons were ever involved."

It all adds up to a world where flaunting authority comes naturally, Blazak says. It helps explain why Curtis' friends could party with him in Mexico without telling anyone about it, and why they cheered him at the airport after he was arrested and brought back to Portland.

Indifference to society's norms is common in adolescence, according to Cathleen Smith, professor of psychology. "Studies demonstrate that a societal perspective, an understanding of justice and duty to society, a sense of your place in the larger world, normally don't develop until early adulthood," she says. Marginalized, living in a vacuum from the rest of society, with their allegiance largely limited to friends and family, teenagers can easily go astray.

Their confusion and alienation is embodied by the character Dulcie in Robert Boswell's Mystery Ride (a contemporary novel of suburbia), who doesn't know where life is going or what any of it means. She observes: "The price of progress. In return for safety and speed, the world becomes sterile and blank and repetitive." To Ned, a character in Richard Russo's Risk School, dumb luck is all that matters in life: "I'd come to the conclusion after all. Life was a crapshoot."

Such attitudes permeate among real-life youth, according to English Professor Mariels, who teaches at both Scappoose and Lakeridge high schools, as part of PSU's Challenge Program. The program allows high school seniors to take courses for college credit at their schools.

"They see the world as screwed up or as something they'd rather not mess with but are going to have to mess with anyway," he says. "They've been exposed to a lot. Many of them have been transported around by their mothers to music lessons and hockey games. They've watched a huge amount of television and vacationed with their parents in all sorts of places. They've progressed from drinking a few beers to going to keggers and all-night parties. And it's still not enough. It doesn't mean anything. So they go in for more extreme kinds of behavior to get their thrills, violent music and tattoos and nose rings and raves."

One of this, of course, exactly explains what happened at Grant High, Mariels says. But it's only a matter of time before the mindless rebellion of privileged youth—kids who would appear to have everything—reappears in the news or shows up in popular culture. "That novel hasn't been written yet," he says. "But believe me, it will be."
Pretend you're a stranger driving down SW Broadway looking for PSU. You say to yourself, this must be it; there is the name overhead. But which building do I enter first? Is there a campus square? An information kiosk? Where do I get in?

Portland State's new front door is now under construction.

The Urban Center project between SW Market and Montgomery Streets and SW Fifth and Sixth Avenues will provide an unmistakable gateway into PSU and into a renewed south downtown.

Construction officially began June 26 with the swinging of sledgehammers by well-known dignitaries and investors in the project. An unprecedented mix of private and public funding—city, state, regional, and federal—has made the project possible.

The resulting building and public plaza will include retail space, a Tri-Met transit point, and an information center for PSU. This is just the beginning of an eventual six-block development of office, housing, retail, and classroom building. The redevelopment grew out a vision for south downtown shared by Portland State, the city of Portland, and Tri-Met.

"Together we envision a vibrant urban place which connects PSU to downtown, and encourages new growth in the neighborhood," says PSU President Dan Bernstine.

**DISTANCE LEARNING CENTER**

The west wing of the Urban Center Building will include five multi-purpose classrooms fitted to both receive and broadcast instructional programs to remote areas around the state. This doubles the number of distance learning classrooms on campus.

**URBAN CENTER BUILDING**

The seven-story east wing of this building will unite all the schools of the College of Urban and Public Affairs and provide dedicated space for affiliated civic and nonprofit organizations. This concentration of urban studies will allow for collaboration and research benefiting government and public service agencies around the state.
INFORMATION CENTER
Tri-Met and PSU will jointly operate an information center on the ground floor of the Urban Center Building. It will be a convenient source for Tri-Met passes, PSU parking permits, information, tickets to PSU events, and possibly tickets for regional arts, cultural, and sporting events.

RETAIL SPACE
The Urban Center Building includes ground floor retail space for businesses interested in the south downtown neighborhood. The anchor tenant will be the PSU Bookstore.

UNIVERSITY PLAZA
The work of Irish-born sculptor John Aiken was selected for public art in the plaza, which will serve as a gathering place for the University and downtown neighborhood. Aiken's granite monoliths will "cast" elliptical granite shadows ranging from 10-by-20 feet to 20-by-40-feet wide, flush with the plaza's surface. One of the shadows will overlay a light-rail line. The plaza is the southern terminus of Tri-Met's bus mall and a station for the proposed north-south light rail.

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WATCH IT ON THE WEB
View the construction site in real time on the World Wide Web. Start at PSU's home page, www.pdx.edu, go to Campus Information and then click on Urban Center Construction Zone. A video camera atop the School of Business Administration is recording the construction around the clock.
Ever fantasized about leaving work at the end of the day and never coming back? Maybe you've always dreamed of running your own business. Maybe you've felt there has to be something more to life. Or maybe your boss is the Boss from Hell and you just can't take it anymore. Wouldn't you love to just walk away from it all? But of course you can't. What about your career? Your family? Your lifestyle?

Well, what about yo?. If you're not happy with what you do eight hours a day, 40 hours a week, 2,000 hours a year, maybe you should do something about it. Or maybe the choice is not yours—the company downsizes, rightsizes, re-engineers or merges you out of a job. It can be the stuff of nightmares. Or not.

"With all the mergers in banking, anyone could see it was only a matter of time before we merged, too," says Dan Gemma '64, a former First Interstate vice president. "Then where would I be? No retirement. No prospects. Who would hire a fifty-something vice president in an industry downsizing right and left. For four years I lost many a night's sleep thinking about it."

Gemma was lucky. When his company merged, he parachuted into a job he likes so well that he's turned down higher pay and more prestige to stay. Channing Pinkerton '97, also squeezed out lemonade when he was pink-slipped from Precision Castparts. And Leslie Powers '98, did the terrifying and enviable; she traded in a successful 12-year nursing career for the chance to start over at something she loves.

If you've ever thought about chucking it all for a new career or worried about whether your job will be there tomorrow, the stories of these alums, and some nuts-and-bolts advice from the PSU Career Center, just might open a window for daydreaming or even escape, depending on your nightmare tolerance.

Dan Gemma had it all, or as much as anyone could want: corner office in a downtown tower, a job that paid in six figures before the annual bonus, stock options and benefits, 32 years with the same company, and the respect of his peers. He also had nightmares.

With mergers rampant in the banking industry—every month seemed to
bring another announcement—Gemma could see the writing on the wall. It was almost a relief two years ago when First Interstate offered a golden parachute.

Except there were problems—at least in Gemma's mind. The retirement package wasn't enough to support his family, and what employer would hire a 50-year-old vice president when they could hire someone 15 years younger for less?

The surprise was there were many job prospects. As megabanks have mushroomed up to the stratosphere, a void has opened down closer to the ground. Stepping into that void are smaller community banks. Banks that make loans in the $200,000 to $2 million category. Banks where you call a local number and get not a phone tree, but a person.

For bankers with the experience and expertise of a Dan Gemma, community banks stand waiting with arms wide. Gemma stepped from the doors of First Interstate to the shores of the Bank of the Northwest without skipping a heartbeat. He couldn't be happier and is still turning down lucrative offers that continue to arrive on his desk.

"Everyone here had significantly greater responsibilities in their previous jobs," he says. "Like me, they've chosen to come here."

Why turn down prestige, power and cash? It's the personal touch.

"In a community bank, I see the difference $200,000 or $500,000 or three-quarters of a million dollars makes to the bottom line of my clients," says Gemma. "I see the money used to expand their manufacturing, add employees, ship more product. Right away I can see the effect of my loan on their balance sheet. For me, that's a real sense of accomplishment."

Few have it as easy as Gemma.

"We occasionally see people whose occupations or situations allow them to retire at a relatively young age," says Mary Cumpton, PSU Career Center director. "They're able to plan and grow toward a new career. But most people come with varying degrees of dissatisfaction about what they've been doing and no idea of what they'd rather do. Or they know exactly what they'd rather do, but they don't know how to get there. Or they've been downsized and they need a job today."

For students and alums in these more typical shoes, the Career Center offers this framework:

- One-to-one counseling, career decisions workshops, and other tools of self-discovery. Knowing your strengths, skills, and interests is the first step to finding your perfect job.

- Help in understanding how to relate your strengths, skills, and interests to the working world and possible jobs.

- A hand in determining how to make the transition to the career you've chosen while factoring in your wants, needs, and constraints.

"I tell people, this is hard work," says Dee Thompson, a Career Center counselor. "Most people take three months or so to work through finding out their skills and strengths and what it is they want to do. There's no easy way to do this. It takes work and energy and courage. Once you know what you want to do, it can take another three months to find a job if you don't need any additional training."

But one thing's for sure, sooner or later almost all of us will find ourselves at that threshold. The 30-year career with one company belongs to the past. The worker of today must be constantly attuned to upgrading and acquiring skills. "You create your own job security," says Thompson, "by having skills employers want. Everyone has to do this."

Channing Pinkerton '97 is a master at updating his job skills—moving from carnival work, to restaurant management, to retail, to his present computer career.

a restaurant franchise in Eugene.

Restless, he brokered his managerial skills into owning a janitorial business. In 1978 he turned over another leaf and joined Bi-Mart, quickly working his way up to assistant manager.

In that role he began acquiring computer skills, but when upward mobility hit the wall of gray-haired executives ahead of him, Pinkerton took a long-standing interest in metalurgy along with his neophyte computer skills and landed a job in quality assurance with Precision Castparts Corp.

He was ready to settle in for the long haul until the company downsized two years later. As one of the newest hires, he was low on the totem pole. Shortly after receiving a kidney transplant, Pinkerton got his pink-slip.

After that double whammy, and the realization that life is short, he decided
to do what he wanted. There was just one problem: he wasn't sure what that was. "I was really confused," says Pinkerton. "I wasn't clear about what my skills were. I knew I probably needed some kind of training. But first I needed direction."

Pinkerton took career interest surveys, and in the fall of 1993, began a three-part degree at PSU: human resources, general business management, and computer information systems—three interest areas where he'd scored high.

When he graduated in 1997 with a degree in information systems, Pinkerton was worried that his age would be a detriment. Instead he found that age wasn't a factor. "If you're energetic, positive, and enthused about the position," says Pinkerton, 52, employers respond to that.

He turned down offers from the CIA and IBM to go into computer security for Intel. "With a name like Pinkerton," he jokes, "don't you think a career in security is a good bet?"

Sometimes knowing what you want is elusive. You look at the classifieds and see a dozen jobs that sound good or none at all. With 20,000 possible jobs identified by the U.S. Department of Labor, finding the job that fits can be like trying to pin the tail on the donkey.

"Looking at the classifieds, you force yourself into that pigeonhole and only see a small piece of what's out there," says Louise Paradis, another Career Center counselor. "For people who can't get to the center, I sometimes recommend the book Do What You Are to help them get started. It can also be helpful to ask yourself what you don't want to do."

Just ask Leslie Powers.

Restlessness was a theme in Powers' life. Vaguely unhappy as a nurse, she tried changing specialties within the profession and moved from Washington to Portland. But nothing seemed to help. The feeling that nursing just did not fit her personality grew until in 1993 she became, she says, "totally miserable. I was constantly angry at my job, but happy when I was away from work."

Finally she was driven to career counseling and after a few false starts she discovered computer programming at Portland State. "I really loved it," Powers says. "It was creative, challenging. It seemed like it fit my personality. It was just plain fun."

Powers was able to cut back to part time at work and take classes full time. "It was a big hurdle to let go of all the years I'd invested and the experience I'd gained in nursing," says Powers, 38. "Sometimes school was hard and I wondered if maybe nursing wasn't so bad after all. I was also worried about competing with 22-year-olds for jobs once we graduated."

Fortunately, part-time nursing kept her in touch with the dissatisfaction she felt in that profession. "You spend so much of your life at your job," she says. "If it's not a good fit, it's not worth it."

Four months after graduating, Powers found a job with a computer firm focused on the health-care industry. Her new position will require continual education and an emphasis on research and development. "It's hard for me to imagine being bored or unhappy now," she says.

What holds people back from reaching for their dream job? "Fear," says Career Center Director Cumpston. "Fear of the unknown; fear that they can't make the grade; fear of taking the risk."

What gets them through it? "When you know the work you want to do, and you get to do it," says Gemma, "it is rewarding beyond measure. It makes work not something to dread, but something you can't get enough of."

(Melissa Steineger, a Portland freelance writer, wrote the articles "Sharing Spirit" and "100 Days at Sea," which appeared in the spring 1998 PSU Magazine.)

Leslie Powers '98 left a 12-year nursing career behind to start over in a field she loves—computer programming.
College of Engineering and Computer Science. In fact, PSU’s engineering dean, Bob Dryden, is heading the statewide college, which links PSU, OSU, University of Oregon, and the Oregon Graduate Institute.

It’s hard to imagine that these new links could get any better, but they have. Thanks to a $1 million equipment donation from Credence Systems Corporation, Portland State now has a state-of-the-art integrated circuit lab that engineering schools around the country will envy. There are only a handful that have the capabilities that PSU now possesses.

The donation was a piece of test equipment which allows the School to offer a complete academic program in integrated circuit design and manufacture (including next-generation process development), and electronic design automation.

This puts PSU in a leadership position to serve the Portland area’s sizable semiconductor industry, says Robert Daasch, an electrical and computer engineering faculty member.

Semiconductors and integrated circuits are those tiny chips of electronic components that invisibly, yet indispensably, run our lives. They’re in the clock radio that wakes you, the microwave that heats your oatmeal, the car or bus that gets you to work, the elevator that takes you up, the telephone and computer you work it’s worth it, according to Mark Faust, Credence’s director of DMS (digital mixed signal) business development. “Quality of education is a concern to us. Having access to students trained in automated test equipment, particularly our own, is an advantage in our own hiring and in that of our customers. We also expect we’ll both benefit from joint research,” says Faust. “Graduate thesis projects could easily take on the test world, and Credence will work with faculty and students on projects.”

The new high-performance test system is capable of testing both digital and some mixed-signal devices. It runs at speeds of greater than 50 megahertz and accommodates chips of more than 288 pins. Credence, in addition to providing and maintaining the
The Columbia River Basin, a vast area encompassing most of the states of Oregon and Washington, as well as large chunks of Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, holds many tales—some commonly known and others hidden, but still a force in the shaping of the Pacific Northwest and its people. Harnessing hydro-power, the rise and fall of timber and fishing, displacement of Native American peoples, establishment of new ethnic enclaves—these stories comprise the history of the Basin.

Sorting out these complex, often unknown tales is a group of researchers from across state lines. Researchers from the Center for Columbia River History (CCRH), Washington State Historical Society, Oregon Historical Society, Washington State University-Vancouver, and Portland State University are making the Basin's history more accessible and vital to the millions who live in the region.

William Lang, a PSU history professor who is directing the project, believes existing historical documentation of the Columbia River Basin lacks the modern-day perspective as well as the perspective of the many people and communities who voiced dissent as events unfolded earlier in the 20th century.

"As historians we've focused on big events and big changes, such as the damming of the Columbia River, but we haven't investigated very deeply the context and content of social change, especially in the smaller communities in the Basin," says Lang.

Clark Hansen, an interviewer with the Oregon Historical Society, says the voices of common people are in short supply. He relishes the opportunity to talk to people of average means and standing who, through their passion for the Columbia River Basin, have made an impact—people such as Reed Burkholder, a piano teacher living in Boise, Idaho.

For years, Burkholder was convinced that the four dams on Idaho's lower Snake River were killing off fish runs while doing little to benefit farmers. He researched the issue on his own and decided that removing the dams was best for farmers and fish.

He drew puzzled looks when he offered his proposal to Idaho Rivers United, a coalition of Idaho river organizations. But the coalition's board looked into Burkholder's views, did research of its own, and eventually agreed with him. Idaho Rivers United then corralled additional support, eventually getting the backing of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission for returning the lower Snake River to its natural state. The issue is expected to come before legislative officials next year.

"Here's a person who had little money and no special connections, who went out and made a big change," Hansen says.

Hansen, along with interviewer Michael O'Rourke and Jim Straussmaier, chief oral historian at the Oregon Historical Society, are gleaning some 60 oral histories from persons who have disagreed with management of the Columbia River since the 1930s period of dam building. The histories of environmental critics, Native Americans pushed off traditional tribal lands, and others who voiced dissent will be distributed to libraries throughout the Northwest and will eventually appear on the Center for Columbia River History's Web site: www.ccrh.org.

While newspaper accounts often help documentary history, oral histories can provide greater depth in telling the stories of grassroots movements or individuals. To the newspaper journalist, an hour-long, face-to-face interview is considered a luxury; to the oral historian, it's not uncommon to spend 10 to 20 hours with a subject. A person who is interviewed for a lengthy time is apt to get more comfortable with the interviewer, and may thus be more open with information, Straussmaier notes.

"Journalists often can't put down everything they hear or find out. In oral history we have room to go more in-depth. Good interviewers can help subjects grapple with their own failures and disappointments," he says.

Hansen tells the story of Eagle, Idaho, resident Ed Chaney—a tragic tale of personal integrity.
the sight. He gave some of his photos to a newspaper reporter on the condition that his name not be used. The following morning, Chaney's photos, and his name, appeared on page one of a Portland newspaper. Ed Chaney was fired.

After that incident, Chaney remained a thorn in the side of state and federal agencies for years. He struggled to earn a living, having been labeled as something of a gadfly. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) once offered Chaney a job—mainly to mollify him and keep him away from the media. It never worked, and Chaney went on to become what Hansen calls a "freelance conservationist," offering his fisheries expertise to the Umatilla Tribal Commission and other natural resource groups.

"We've heard lots of comments from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) officials, agency representatives, and planning council members, but these other people in the background have contributed a lot and haven't had the recognition. This will help balance the historical perspective."

Interviewer O'Rourke is leading efforts to create an oral history of the Northwest Power Planning Council, the 18-year-old planning and policy making body that grew out of the debate over the competing needs of native fisheries and hydroelectric development in the Basin. Interviews already are taking place with council founders and members, as well as supporters and opponents of the council.

The gathering of oral histories by Strassmaier's team is just one component of the Columbia River Basin Project's focus. Researchers are also developing community histories and creating curriculums for high schools in Washington and Oregon that focus on the Columbia River, using math, science, literature, and history. The entire project is serving as a national pilot program, with funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in the U.S. Department of Education.

In conjunction with the oral histories, project leaders are putting together a bibliography that will be accessible on the Internet. Up to 1,500 annotated citations will address such topics as the fur trade and exploration, Native American history along the lower Columbia, and a history of salmon fisheries.

SU-Vancouver history Professor Laurie Mercier, program director at CCRH, is guiding the project's community history leg. Working with dozens of local residents, she developed a comprehensive exhibit of Moses Lake, Washington, which will soon be available on the center's Web site. A similar community history for Sandpoint, Idaho, is also going on the Web. Histories of Camas, Washington; Cottage Grove, Oregon; Umatilla, Oregon; Native Indian riverfront communities; and the north Portland river-linked community of Kenton are in the offing.

By placing these histories on the Web, Mercier hopes to encourage communities throughout the Basin to share their histories, exchange information, and learn from each other.

"We want to expand the way people view the Columbia River Basin," says Mercier. "People need to look at the watershed as a whole, to see how communities have experienced history differently because of their location in the Basin. We're especially looking at the period after the 1930s—the era of big dam building."

Mercier has been working on the histories with Deb Sutphen, holder of a post-doctoral Columbia River Fellowship at Portland State; Donna Sinclair, a PSU history graduate student; and several WSU-Vancouver undergraduate students.

Events in the Columbia River Basin have created a certain Pacific Northwest image unique in America; unity has not always been the result. Thanks to this one-of-a-kind history project, a more complete understanding of this Pacific Northwest may yet emerge.

(Brian White is a staff writer in PSU's Office of Marketing and Communications.)
Alum heads Foundation

Jan Kurtz '87, new executive director of the PSU Foundation, doesn't have much to learn about the University. During the past 15 years she's been a PSU history student, Alumni Board president, and development director.

In her newest role, Kurtz, 36, will head the Foundation, which manages more than $13 million in charitable contributions, as well as raise funds and cultivate friends for the University. She will provide leadership to the Foundation's board of directors and its host of affiliated volunteers.

Jan Kurtz '87, new executive director of the PSU Foundation

Since 1996, Kurtz has served as development director for the PSU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Prior to that she was executive director of the Portland-based American Advertising Museum. While working at the museum she served as president of the PSU Alumni Association Board.

"This is an exciting time to be involved in the PSU Foundation," says Kurtz. "Our assets have grown tremendously in the past two years, which poses some major challenges—ones that any Foundation would be happy to face."

New to the board

The PSU Foundation Board of Directors added five new members this past year. They are Julie Strasser Dixon, author; Nicholas Fish, attorney with Kell, Alterman and Runstein, LLP; Peggy Miller '78, senior vice president and CFO with Virtual Relocation; Mohammad Rahman '77, senior vice president for investments at Everen Securities Inc.; and Keren Brown Wilson Ph.D. '83, president and CEO of Assisted Living Concepts Inc.

Alums give athletics lab

For more than 30 years Bob '63 and Jane Morrow '66, MS '77 have supported PSU athletics—both as fans and as donors.

"They've probably attended every game in every sport," says Bob Taylor of the Viking Club. "They're always there together, and what's more, they're interested in the futures of these athletes—what they will do once they're done being athletes."

To that end, the Morrows have donated the funds to reconfigure a space in the Peter W. Stott Center into an academic support center.

"This project was one of a list Jim Sterk suggested," says Bob Morrow, referring to the Athletics Department director. "It looked interesting because we believe academics to be the purpose of the institution, and, of course, it's an important part of athletics as well."

The new center will include 16 computer workstations, room for a tutor/lab administrator, and possibly a study area. The center will give student athletes the facilities they need in a convenient place. It also comes at a crucial time for the development of PSU athletics. The recent move to the Big Sky Conference and to Division I brings more stringent academic requirements for athletes than Division II.

"We're looking forward to the center getting done," says Bob Morrow. "My wife and I met at Portland State. We've been active in sports and all sorts of other things. It's our school. We think everybody should support academics and their school to the extent they're comfortable."

The donation for the center continues the Morrows' tradition of giving. Bob Morrow was a board member of the Viking Club; he and Jane have volunteered time to raise money for scholarships and other programs. Bob Morrow donated his 1969 Volkswagen beetle for the football rally squad. "I bought it new," he says.

According to Bob Taylor, the Morrows were also among the first to step up to be Big Sky Founders. Big Sky Founders pledge $10,000 a year for five years to help the University's transition to the Big Sky Conference.

The Athletics Department recognized the Morrows' contributions to its program by sponsoring them for the Outstanding Friends of Athletics award last May.

The center is expected to open as early as winter term and will be called the Bob and Jane Morrow Academic Center for Athletics.

Exceeding the challenge

James Miller challenged the PSU Annual Fund to match his $25,000 gift in only two months' time. Alumni and friends of the University exceeded the task by donating more than $70,000. During the brief challenge period ending June 30, 1998, more than 1,650 donors provided gifts qualifying as matches to the Miller challenge.

Miller is no stranger to meeting and exceeding challenges. A successful broker with PaineWebber, Miller, at 93, is still on the job at his New York office. He spent his early career working for the company in Oregon.

Miller continues to support numerous educational and other philanthropic causes in Oregon. He is a friend to Chuck Putney '63, whom he mentored at PaineWebber. According to Putney, Miller was especially successful at guiding Oregon business leaders through the transformation of their companies into publicly owned corporations.

The more than $95,000 raised through Miller's challenge will be used for scholarships and the development of PSU's schools and colleges.
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Scholarship awarded

The long-term career goal of the PSU Alumni Association’s new scholarship winner is to “go into theoretical astrophysics research.”

Makenzie Lystrup, the most recent recipient of the association’s Jane Wiener Memorial Alumni Scholarship, is a musician, snowboard enthusiast, and youth volunteer. Though encouraged by teachers to study humanities in school, Lystrup rediscovered her love of science and is diving head first into physics.

“As a young woman entering the scientific community I feel I have a responsibility to encourage other young people, and especially young girls, to think about science,” says Lystrup. “I hope that I will be able to encourage others where I was not.”

“Makenzie is the closest person I’ve ever seen to being a natural born scientist,” say Jack Semura, physics professor.

The renewable Alumni Association scholarship currently covers full tuition and required fees for two students. It is named for the late Jane Wiener ’69, a former Multnomah County deputy district attorney and alumni board member who died in 1994. To be eligible, students must volunteer in the community and be the son, daughter, or stepchild of a PSU alum.

For information about donating to the scholarship fund or for questions about the program, call the Alumni Office, 725-5073.

Alums on board

Mary Mertens James ’78, a former Vanguard editor and now an attorney in Salem, is president of the 1998-99 PSU Alumni Board of Directors. James has served on the board as vice president and as Outreach Committee chair. A law graduate of Notre Dame, James is with Harrang, Long, Gary & Rudnick.

Other officers are Dan Gemma ’64, a Bank of the Northwest vice president, and Theresa Walker ’73, MBA ’81, a U.S. Bancorp vice president.

Alumni new to the board this year are Jo Rymer Culver ’81, president and CEO of PROTEM Professional Staffing Services; Susan Hauser ’70, freelance writer; and Brad Lynott ’72, director of the Business Law Program at Northwestern School of Law.

Honoring past service

Retiring board members were thanked for their contributions to the Alumni Association and the University at a dinner in June.

The Board expressed appreciation to D. Michael “Mike” Glanville ’65, board president for 1997-98 and an active member of the Finance and Advocates committees; Joe Gonzales ’91, a member of the Outreach Committee; and Steve Amen ’86, also a member of the Outreach Committee.

Expect a directory call

A representative from Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company will be calling you soon to verify information that will appear in the second PSU Alumni Directory, due out in March 1999.

The directory will list alumni by alphabetical order; there will also be listings by class year, geographic location, and employment type.

Copies may be reserved when the Harris representative calls. Only pre-publication orders received at that time will be guaranteed.

Dear fellow alumni

Two years ago we conducted a survey of alumni to determine your interest in staying connected to PSU. You said you would participate in a variety of programs if the Alumni Association offered them. As a result, our hard-working volunteer Board of Directors has selected some new opportunities:

- After careful consideration, we selected a new credit card partner.
- In conjunction with the Viking Club, we contracted with a long distance company to provide great services for individuals and businesses.
- We entered into an agreement with an insurance company that specializes in products tailored to alumni.
- We will be sponsoring three educational travel programs in Europe next spring.
- The Harris Publishing Company is working on our second Alumni Directory (a great networking resource), which will be available in March 1999.

We have an exciting PSU Weekend planned for October 23-25, with ABC-TV film critic Joel Siegel as our keynote speaker, plus a fascinating array of other speakers and events.

We do our best to keep you up-to-date on all of these activities through PSU Magazine, but sometimes it’s difficult to provide current information to our more than 75,000 alumni! We urge you to check the University’s Web site at www.pdx.edu for news of campus, and to check the Alumni Association’s Web link. You can also call, fax, e-mail or visit our office for information, comments, or suggestions.

Don’t forget, we can’t keep in touch with you if you’re not in touch with us.

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Vanport

Donald Dinsmore is director of the University of Portland Museum.

'60

Thomas Farrell was honored by Pope John Paul II for his contribution to the archdiocese of Vancouver, British Columbia. During a ceremony in June, Archbishop Adam Exner awarded Farrell the Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontificie, the highest decoration for service given by the church. The award was last given five years ago. Farrell, a professional social worker, was executive director of Catholic Charities in Vancouver from 1987 until his retirement in 1997.

'61

Barbara Cotter is a retired special education teacher and lives in Carson City, Nevada.

'63

Neil S. Lewis is chair of the history department at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Following his graduation from Portland State, Lewis earned a master's degree at Harvard University and his doctorate from the University of Michigan. Lewis, who has been on the faculty at Wisconsin since 1971, is also coordinator of international studies.

'64

Stan Schook is a broker at Russell-Schook and Associates Realtors, an investment real estate firm in Beaverton.

Barbara Simpson MST '70 is a professor of speech at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington. Simpson lives in Gresham.

'65

Roger Henderson is vice president of Reinhardt, Henderson and Company, a CPA firm in Beaverton.

Robert Millsap is retired from the U.S. Bank of Washington in Seattle, where he was vice president in corporate banking. Previously, Millsap was employed for 20 years in various positions with the company in Portland. He and his wife, Jane, live in Port Ludlow, Washington, and enjoy landscaping their new property.

'66

Gary Benson is the human resources director at Pendleton Woollen Mills, Inc., a textile and apparel manufacturing company in Portland.

Karen Hafenstein is the director at Northeast California Arts Project, which provides professional development for teachers. Hafenstein lives in Palo Cedro, California.

Lloyd Semprevivo is an associate research professor in the department of veterinary and animal science at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Semprevivo and his wife, Judy (Rude) '65, live in Wendell, Massachusetts.

Donald Stepp is president and broker at First Real Estate Network, a real estate investment firm in Tigard.

Larry Van Gordon is a dentist and owns a practice in Aloha.

'67

Sandra Barker MAT is chair of the division of teaching and learning in the school of education at Seattle University.

James Rice retired in June after teaching 31 years in the Portland School District. Rice lives in Gresham.

Jon Sundquist is owner of Sundquist Insurance, an agency located in Sisters, which offers life, health, and disability insurance.

'69

Joy Conger is the owner of Art Exchange, an art sales and rentals firm in Portland.

Thomas "Tom" Johnston is a mortgage broker at NorthStar Financial Services in Portland. Johnston writes, "Recently returned to Portland after 28 years in southern California. Initially with Coopers & Lybrand, CPA, then 14 years as a chief financial officer in real estate lender/brokerage. Past nine years as owner of real estate brokerage firm. Recently started mortgage brokerage firm in Portland. Also 22 years as a reserve police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department."

Fraternity brothers from Delta Tau Rho came to campus this spring to perform a service that they haven't done since 1961—shine the brass plaque attached to the basalt boulder outside Lincoln Hall.

Delta Tau Rho originally donated and dedicated the plaque 50 years ago to commemorate the founding of the Vanport Extension Center. From then through 1961, it was a tradition to send pledges out with toothbrushes to clean the plaque. And in those early years the rock and plaque were a moving target. Just nine days after the original dedication, a flood destroyed the Vanport campus. The rock and plaque moved with the students to the Oregon Shipyards and moved again in 1952 to its current location. The cleaning tradition ended when Delta Tau Rho was absorbed into Kappa Sigma.

Gathered near "Old Main" to clean and rededicate the plaque are fraternity brothers (back row) Bob Rawson, Glenn Wagner, Gary Morris, George Gwinnutt, Earl Glass, and Duane Schwarm; (front) John Bell, Gary Coats, Jim Baird, Larry Anthony, Gerry Lenzen, and Evan Lichty.
ALUM NOTES

William “Bill” Long is the vice president and relationship manager of commercial banking at Bank of America in Portland. Long is a 29-year veteran of U.S. Bank and specializes in providing commercial lending to middle market companies.

Larry Yturri is the senior account agent with Allstate Insurance Company in Springfield.

Dennis Fuller is a computing security specialist at The Boeing Company, an aerospace and defense manufacturer in Seattle.

Mary Gourley MS writes that she retired from her previous position of associate professor at the University of Sarasota in Florida in order to return to Oregon. Gourley lives in Beaverton.

Nina Lindstrom MS is founder and principal of the Belmont Academy, a private pre-school through fourth grade school located in Portland.

Robert Newton is the division credit manager at Unisource, Inc., a paper and packaging products distributor in Milwaukee.

Judy Phillips MS ’72 is the lead speech language pathologist at Synergy, Inc., in Portland.

Allen Radke MST ’74 teaches grades 1-4 at the Shelton Valley Seventh-day Adventist School in Shelton, Washington. Radke writes, “I have been with the Seventh-day Adventist education system six years. We’re on 17 school acres; three teachers and 27 students total.”

Patricia A. Smith is the marketing counselor for Mary’s Woods at Marylhurst, a continuing care retirement community under development in Lake Oswego.

Laura Altman is a paralegal at Kessler & Kessler, a law corporation in Los Angeles.

Robert Amos MST ’72 is a physics teacher at Illinois Valley High School in Cave Junction.

Jerry Ann Fenter is a professional painter showing her work at the Attic Gallery in Portland. Fenter also is an instructor at Columbia Gorge Community College. She lives in Appleton, Washington.

Glenn Maynard is director of the community counseling clinic in PSU’s Graduate School of Education. Maynard is also employed in private practice as a licensed professional counselor.

Patricia Parmenter is the manager of grants and contracts at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham.

Suzanne Roberti MST is the vice president of Healthtek Pharmacy and Medical, a private, family-owned corporation distributing home health care supplies to the retail public. Roberti lives in Vancouver.

Carol Rudy MST is a teacher and activities director at Grant High School in Portland.

Russell Ryan is a materials handler with the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Cathleen “Cathie” Scott is the branch manager at the Tanasbourne Branch of Pacific One Bank in Beaverton.

Marilyn Couture MA ’78 is a cultural anthropologist living in Pukalani, Hawaii. Couture has taught field anthropology in the summers for Linfield College since 1979.

Diane Crane MST ’75 is a teacher and department chair in health and physical education at Centennial High School in Gresham.

Stephen Cerri is the regional sales manager for Norpac Food Sales, a frozen food sales and marketing firm in Lake Oswego.

David Sharon MBA is the president and principal consultant at CASE Associates, Inc., a consulting firm in Clackamas.

Scott Street is the senior consultant at Compass Consulting, a technology consulting firm in Medfield, Massachusetts.

John Wendeborn ’66 has defined a new kind of madness. A former jazz trombonist and retired music critic for The Oregonian, Wendeborn organizes “madness” jazz concerts to benefit PSU’s Jazz Studies Program.

“I wanted to do something crazy,” Wendeborn says, “and this was it: music you won’t find in a nightclub.”

Vocal Madness, scheduled for 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the Benson Hotel will feature Grammy-winning jazz vocalist Dave Frishberg and a host of local talent, including Nancy King and Rebecca Kilgore.

Wendeborn’s first madness concert took place last November. “I have a lot of contact with people from PSU, and realized that I had this energy from sponsoring jazz sternwheel cruises—45 musicians on three levels—so putting these shows on is my way of staying busy.”

The first “madness” concert featured nine ‘tenor saxophonists. The show title came from Sonny Rollins’ album “Tenor Madness.” Wendeborn continued the madness theme with a Latin Madness concert last May.

The last two concerts have earned $1,760, and Wendeborn says this coming one will bring in at least another $750. “It’s not a lot of money, sure,” he says, “but it shows that other people out there other than the million dollar givers can do things for PSU.

“I don’t know what I’m going to do next May,” he says, “Maybe a Latin Madness II because people really enjoyed the first one. They were dancing all night.”

Lloyd Beckner is the owner of Lloyd’s Appliance, a used appliances sales and service facility in Albany.

Linda “Lin” Dahl is the facility use coordinator of a multi-use activity center in Milwaukee. Dahl coordinates the use of the Milwaukee Center/North Clackamas Park and Recreation District and the new Rosarian garden, the Memorial Rose Garden.

Diane Rynerson is the executive director of the National Conference of Women’s Bar Associations. Rynerson lives in Portland.

Beth Shelby is a teacher at Irvington Elementary School in Portland. She received an M.A.T. from Lewis & Clark in 1993.
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Klaus Meyer-Arendt is a professor and chair in the department of environmental studies at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. Meyer-Arendt previously taught geography at Mississippi State University.

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Robert Delf MPA is executive director for the Medical Society of Metropolitan Portland.

Karen DeVoll completed a master of arts program in intercultural relations through a distance learning program administered by Antioch University and the Intercultural Communication Institute in Portland. DeVoll continues to work part time as executive director of the Portland Sapporo Sister City Association. She also owns her own business, Intercultural Services, and provides pre-departure, in-country, and re-entry training to persons moving or living in a culture different from their home culture.

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ALUM NOTES

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'84

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Mark A. Eaton is enrolled in the script and screenwriting master's program at Regent University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Eaton also enjoys acting and writes, “I was hired for a bit part in The Heart of the Father, a low-budget film the theatre department shot at CBN and had a starring role in Pavel's Chariot, a student film about the Holocaust.”

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Misayo “Mimi” Matsuda is an interpretive park ranger at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming and worked the winter season at the national elk refuge in Jackson, Wyoming.

Lawrence "Larry" Smith '69, MS '75 died of a heart attack in June. Smith was a member of the 1965 national champion General Electric College Bowl team from Portland State. Smith taught yoga and speech and communications at Oregon Coast Community College in Lincoln City. He served on the board of the Connie Hanson Garden Conservancy and worked with the Coastal Aids Network. Survivors include his mother, Evelyn, and brother Ronald.

In Memoriam

Richard Burdell '73 died in June following a long battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease). Prior to his illness Burdell played trumpet, keyboards, and percussion and was a major part of the Portland jazz scene. At the time of his diagnosis, he had a pop band, Silent Treatment. He had studied with Woody Shaw and taught at Mt. Hood Community College. Burdell is survived by his sister, Cindy, and brother, Charles.

Sally Reardon '64 died in August from complications associated with cancer. She was 55. Reardon taught briefly in the Portland Public School system. She was also a volunteer at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, the Oregon Historical Society, and the Portland Art Museum. She is survived by her husband, PSU Provost Michael Reardon, and son, David, and daughter, Kathleen. Memorial donations may be made to the PSU Honors Program.

Laurel Kirsch '98 says she was hired 16 years ago as office coordinator for the Theater Arts Department because of her deep, throaty laugh. “Sometimes,” she says, “the audience needs permission to laugh. And I give it to them.”

Laughing, though, is only one part of Kirsch’s job. She oversees the logistics that make plays and programs possible. “It’s kind of a negotiation thing,” she says. “Like when the Purchasing Department has a hissy fit with the odd things we put in for. Once we did a beach and ordered 18 tons of sand and put it on the stage.”

Kirsch also sees bossing around students as part of her job. “I may be office staff, but I have a role in teaching them, too. So I push and push and push them until they learn how to push back and negotiate the system.”

The students appreciate her for it, and for everything else she does. Danielle Curran, a senior, describes her as their “patron saint” and “surrogate mother.” In 1995 the Theater Arts Student Organization (TASO) presented Kirsch with The Star of the Year Award and serenaded her with the song “You Are My Hero.” They have since created the Laurel Kirsch Scholarship and awarded the annual $300 prize to someone who goes beyond the call of duty. “What a compliment!” Kirsch says. “God, I’m not even dead yet.”

Kirsch says she’ll miss the students most when she retires this January. But she will have the satisfaction of taking her own degree with her. She discovered last spring that she had amassed all the requirements needed for a general studies degree.

Friends of Simon Benson House is raising funds to renovate this 98-year-old home, which will move to campus in the spring and become the new home for the Alumni Association. With some help, this historic residence of pioneer lumberman Simon Benson will regain its charms. Call the PSU Alumni Association Office, 725-4948, to get involved.
ON THE AIR WAVES  Radio and television coverage of football and basketball is bringing the action to fans this season. Football and men's basketball will be broadcast by Portland's full-time sports talk station, KFXX-The Fan. Tom Hewitt and Mike O'Brien will describe the action, with Dave Shore on the sidelines at home games. Scott Masteller will host a new 90-minute Viking football pre-game show before every home game. Fox Northwest and Fox Rocky Mountain will telecast the November 14 match against Northern Arizona. Former PSU Coach Don Read, who produced the second highest number of wins in Big Sky history at the University of Montana, is color analyst for the telecasts. Tod Picket will call the play-by-play. Portland State men's and women's basketball will also be featured on Fox television this winter.

FOOTBALL AT HOME
Oct. 10  Sacramento State  6 p.m.
Oct. 24  Weber State  6 p.m.
Oct. 31  Cal Poly-SLO  6 p.m.
Nov. 14  Northern Arizona  7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN 2000
The NCAA has accepted PSU's bid to host the 2000 NCAA West Regional Women's Basketball Tournament at Memorial Coliseum on March 25 and 27, 2000. The bid for Portland's first-ever Division I Women's Basketball Regional was a collaborative effort by PSU, the Portland Sports Authority, and the Oregon Arena Corporation.

WOMEN'S SOCCER AT HOME
Strausser Field at Delta Park
Oct. 7  Western Washington  3 p.m.
Oct. 15  Weber State  9 a.m.
Oct. 17  Idaho State  7 p.m.
Oct. 23  Montana  7 p.m.
Oct. 25  Eastern Washington  5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL AT HOME
Oct. 16  Montana  7 p.m.
Oct. 17  Montana State  7 p.m.
Oct. 20  Western Oregon  7 p.m.
Nov. 4  U of Portland  7 p.m.
Nov. 13  Idaho State  7 p.m.
Nov. 14  Weber State  2 p.m.

SPRING SPORTS WRAP-UP
Baseball 17-34 Portland State won its final game over national champion USC on a ninth-inning home run by second baseman David Ferres. The game was the last for PSU for the foreseeable future. Faced with deficit spending, President Dan Bernstine announced the elimination of baseball (see story on page 3). This last campaign ended with three players placed on the PAC-10 North All-League team: outfielders Rick Southall and Rusty Keith, and Ferres.

Softball 30-23 PSU reached the 30-win mark for the third year in a row and sixth time in school history. Head Coach Teri Marianti, in her 22nd season, now has 527 career wins, making her the coach with the highest number of wins in PSU history. Three players earned All-West Region: freshman center fielder Shannon Rondeau, junior pitcher Beth Stidham, and freshman rightfielder Kiauna Anderson. Anderson hit .410, becoming the third PSU player to ever hit over .400.

Women's Tennis 4-14 Junior Leinani McAneny, the team's number one singles player, was 12-5 for the season, winning nine in a row at one point. McAneny twice earned Big Sky Conference player of the week and was named to the first team, All-Big Sky Conference. McAneny and Adrienne Gunn were 9-6 at number one doubles.

Track and Field  Josh Peters placed sixth in the 110 meter hurdles at the Big Sky Conference championship, but PSU's all-conference sprinter, Ryon Edwards, only placed seventh in the 200 meters due to a strained hip muscle. Edwards and Peters, members of this year's 4x100 relay team, along with Lee Evans and Kyle Holley, set a new school record.

Golf  Men placed sixth and women ninth in the Big Sky tournament. Steve Kunselman was eighth for the top PSU finish.
Since childhood, my attention has been drawn to classmates who seemed to be without friends. I never thought I was doing anything unusual bringing younger students into my circle. As a teenager, I wanted to incorporate everyone into our high school. So by the time I started college, I knew I wanted to counsel individual students in a university setting.

For two years during World War II, I worked in the Land Lease Administration in the Personnel Department, assigned to new hires. But we were at war, and in 1944 I enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps Women’s Reserve. Even there, with all the memorable training I got—six grueling weeks of physical training at North Carolina’s Camp Lejeune in the middle of the summer (I’ve never been thinner)—I ended up assigned to work in the Rehabilitation Department in the New Orleans office. So I’ve always worked with people who were trying to sort out their careers or get started in a new endeavor.

I have been to many places, done many things, and enjoyed them all. Just before I began work at PSU in 1964, I considered an offer at a university in Alaska. But there I would have had to teach half time and only counsel half time. Besides, I loved Oregon at first sight and dreaded all that Alaskan snow. At PSU I did enjoy some teaching, once exchanging duties with Professor Chad Carr to conduct biofeedback and relaxation classes while he took some of my counseling load. But it was working one-on-one with the students, helping them see their options that made my work so satisfying. For example, under President Joe Blumel, I helped develop a program to help students who had failed because of their overly full academic and outside workloads. We readmitted them under the stipulation of a 12-credit limit per term and no full-time job. Of the 125 students readmitted, more than half completed their degrees at PSU.

Portland State has amazed me as it’s moved from Vanport to Lincoln High to a full university up and down the Park Blocks, all the time growing in response to student needs. PSU has evolved and stayed right on target; it is only now getting recognition in terms of a just share of state dollars and charitable donations.

I’m honored to be recognized as a member of the Centennial Society for establishing a deferred payment charitable gift annuity. It will ultimately benefit the Women’s Association Endowed Scholarship, a fund that helps students who really need financial assistance. It’s my way of continuing to include those youngsters who may be overlooked.

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