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Unconventional honeymoon

Scott Hamilton ‘77 of New York, N.Y., married Melissa Ryan Oct. 3. Hamilton, an investment advisor and member of The Explorers Club, serves as pro bono director of international relations for the Dooley Foundation-International, a not-for-profit organization which helps the underprivileged in remote areas of the world. The first stop on their three-week journey was the Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan where they attended a friend’s wedding. Their next stop was Kathmandu, Nepal, to visit an orphanage supported by the Dooley Foundation, where Hamilton’s team found children living in a dilapidated house in 2007. From there, they drove eight hours along a narrow road to Pokhara to deliver a new computer, electronic items and vitamins to the Pema Ts’al Monastic Institute. Hamilton evaluated a dental clinic and discussed possibilities for building a hospital. Next stop – Vientiane, Laos, where they met with a team of eye surgeons to discuss future cataract clinics and learned that $20 can restore sight to a person blinded by cataracts. From there, the couple headed back to Bangkok for two nights of rest and relaxation before returning to the United States.

1940-49

Joseph and Jean (Burt) Grube, both ‘41, live in Corvallis. Joe threw out the first pitch at a Linfield vs. Willamette baseball game this spring in honor of the 70th anniversary of his varsity years as a Wildcat player. He recalled that after taking Jean to the 1941 May Day Fete, where she was queen, he had to leave prematurely for a baseball game.

Gertrude (Hall) Jette ‘48 of St. Paul is a member of the St. Paul Mission Historical Society and the event planning committee at Champoeg Park.

1950-59

Charles Taylor ’57 of Camarillo, Calif., was selected as a life member of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International for his continuing work in support of the public safety land mobile radio service. He has had a number of articles published in Public Safety Communications magazine, resulting in nationwide recognition of his ability to provide others in the field with timely and useful information.

1960-69

Donald Simpson ’60 of Master ton, New Zealand, returned to New Zealand and taught high school and served in administration from 1960 until he retired in 1998. He and his wife, Lorna, now enjoy traveling and took a Pacific Ocean cruise in May.

Howard Rockwood ‘66 of Redcrest, Calif., has retired from teaching and coaching from Fortuna Union High School. He has been a teacher for 44 years.

Michael Lalum ’67 of Orange, Calif., was named to his 26th hall of fame for his long distance running records and coaching tenure. He won the Orange Marathon in a time of 3:01.

Ronald Dean Applegate ’68 of Portland retired as the director of the Portland choir Cantores in Ecclesia which he founded in 1983 with the mission of restoring the Catholic Church’s legacy of sacred music to its proper place in Liturgy. The choir has toured extensively in the U.S. and abroad and won numerous awards.

Karen (Johnson) Meissner ’68 of Bothell, Wash., was named Highlight Magazine Author of the Month in December for her story, “Now That’s Interesting.”

1970-79

The Rev. David Tillstrom ‘71 of Damascus completed his doctor of ministry degree.

Raoul Bellis-Squires ‘74 of Beaver ton is vocal music director at the arts and communications magnet academy.

Robert Rasmussen ’76 of Portland, president of Rasmussen Software, celebrated the 30th anniversary of his company.

Ruth Frickle ’79 of Seattle, Wash., is chair of the social science and pre-college studies division at Highline Community College, where she is also a member of the psychology faculty.

1980-89

Julie (Slaviero) King ’81 of Milwaukee, Wis., participated on a medical mission trip to Port au Prince, Haiti, in February. Since earning her nursing degree, she’s organized medical missions to locations such as Mexico, Nicaragua and the Congo. She has also volunteered as a disaster relief responder following both Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Katrina, and as a first aid responder at local Milwaukee festivals.

Tim and Anna (O’Sullivan) Bowman ’81 and ’82 live in Salem. Tim is a substitute teacher in the Salem-Keizer School District, and will teach PE and coach football at La Salle Prep in the fall.

Lee Krähenbühl ‘82 of Toledo, Ohio, is artistic and managing director of the Toledo Repertoire Theatre.

Matt Fishback ‘83 of Tigard founded stickyfan.com, a web-based personalized graphics company focused entirely on youth sports.

Susan (Dukeminier) Newby ’84 of McMinnville teaches French at Veritas School in Newberg.

Susan Chisolm ‘85 of West Des Moines, Iowa, is a senior consultant for TBO International.

Melissa (Bledsoe) Fischer ’85 of Anchorage, Alaska, is known as “Jazz-mom” and has four jazz CDs to her credit. She took top honors in the Anchorage Press Picks as the “best singer” in 2005 and in 2006 was named “Best Local Solo Act.” The mother of four children, her music has been called “down-to-earth.”

Bryan Keller ’87 of Spokane, Wash., married Shaniqua Moorehead April 15. For their honeymoon, they competed in the Boston Marathon together, both achieving personal best times. They capped their honeymoon with a week in New York City where they enjoyed sight-seeing and Broadway shows.

Tanya (Thomas) Shanks ’88 of Sandy is a nurse director at Emanuel Medical Center/The Children’s Hospital.

Karin Holsinger ’89 of Tigard
Top principal

Middle school students can be as volatile as an Icelandic volcano. But Duniway Middle School Principal Cathy Carnahan ‘73 celebrates her students’ mercurial nature in the spirit of the McMinnville school’s motto, “Carpe Diem.”

Carnahan, who has led Duniway since 2004, recently was recognized as Oregon Middle School Principal of the Year by the Oregon Association of Secondary School Administrators and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders are inquisitive and excited about learning, she said. “They really value relationships. As adults, if we’re able to help them focus and make good decisions, it can have such a positive impact on how they approach life later. So much of their identity is formed right here.”

Carnahan and her husband, Linfield Athletic Director Scott Carnahan ‘73, met in high school and married after Cathy’s sophomore year at Pacific Lutheran University. “So I came to Linfield as a Carnahan and graduated a Carnahan,” she said. Two of their children, Chris ‘00 and Carrie ‘02, also are Linfield graduates.

Carnahan later earned a master’s from Western Oregon University in mid-level education and an administrative degree from George Fox University. In April she became a certified instruction leader, preparing her to direct in-service training for other educators in the district.

Before becoming an administrator, Carnahan taught language arts. As a principal, she doesn’t have the same close, day-to-day relationships with students. “It’s a different kind of gratification,” she said. “I get to have a lens on the whole school. It’s like being the captain of a ship, working with the whole crew.”

Carnahan will be recognized with other state winners in Washington, D.C., this fall.

– Beth Rogers Thompson
of Palmdale, Calif., and her husband, Joel, had a daughter, Lilianna Kayli, April 30.

Kristin (Smith) Meyer ‘99 of Lakewood, Colo., and her husband had a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, June 21, 2009.

Sean McGovern ‘99 of Portland is president of Superior Service Painting.

2000-10

Cynthia (Eaton) Burris ‘00 of Springfield published the book, *Riding on Angels Wings*.

Grant Baldwin ‘00 of Gig Harbor, Wash., married Wendy Smith, July 25.

Eric and Jamie (Moore) Trachsel, both ‘00, of Bend had a son, Logan Sean, May 28, 2009, their second.

Stacy (Bumgarner) Dunn ‘01 of Spokane, Wash., and her husband, Daniel, had a son, Jackson Thomas, Jan. 11.

Lisa (Taylor) Decker ‘01 of Portland and her husband, Steve, had a son, George Patrick, April 6.

Sage Kuttler ‘01 of oceanside, Calif., and his wife, Liz, had a son, Kyle Sage, April 19.

John Nosler ‘01 of Bend and his wife, Susie, had a son, Robert Frederick-Chase, Dec. 8.

Kelly Rollins ‘01 of San Diego, Calif., married Matt Ostrom Jan. 16.

Evan and Tina (McBride) Swanson, both ‘01, of Portland had a daughter, Addie Irene, May 14.

Leah (Ball) Henrikset ‘02 of Forest Grove and her husband, Mathue, had a daughter, Freya Jean, April 6. Henrikset is a bilingual elementary teacher in Cornelius.

Kyle and Lindsay (Schleski) Bradstreet ‘03 and ‘02 of Portland had a son, Jess, Nov. 3.

Ann Olsen ‘03 of Salem is a nurse at Willamette Valley Medical Center.

Gary Williams ‘03 of Canby works for McKesson Pharmaceutical.

Katie (Harper) Cook ‘03 of Helena, Mont., and her husband, Brad, had a son, Benjamin Bradley, Oct. 14.

Susan Keith ‘03 of Beaverton spent three months traveling around the world.

Sara Anderson ‘03 of Portland had a daughter, Keira Ilene, Dec. 17.

Jessica (Bracken) Dearborn ‘04 of Canby had a son, Jackson, June 6, 2009.

Chelsa (Zeal) Roberts ‘04 of Portland received a master’s in physician assistant studies from Oregon Health and Science University and is a physician’s assistant at a chronic pain management clinic.

Lindsay Worznia ‘04 of Portland married Ryan Garrick July 18.

Rebecca Ledbetter ‘05 of Spokane, Wash., and her husband, Beau Reilly, had a daughter, Kaila March 29 in Kauai, Hawaii.

Cynthia Williams ‘05 of Portland is a CPA at Dowsett Fogg Doler.

Rebecca Berghano ‘06 of Portland is a pediatric nurse at Emanuel Children’s Hospital.

Claire Crosby ‘06 of Salem is project manager for Oregon projects at Sunwize Technologies.

April Kelly ‘06 of Beaverton married Hans Huggler Dec. 31 in Portland. She works at Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

Clinton Languem ‘06 of Elk Grove, Calif., and his wife, Ashley, had a son, Logan, Jan. 29.


Reggie Stone ‘00, right, and Ryan Powell ‘02 both earned Super Bowl rings as members of the New Orleans Saints football team staff. Stone is an athletic trainer and Powell is a scout for the team.

Jennifer Case ‘07 of Dallas, Texas, married R. Blake Shelton ‘05 Aug. 13.

Carlye (Hill) Parascand ‘07 of Olympia, Wash., received a master’s of science degree in physical education from Western Washington University. She and her husband, David, had a son, Asher Louis, Sept. 10.

Meghan Reger ‘07 of Corpus Christi, Texas, received a master’s in public health in environmental and occupational health from Emory University.

Grant Williams ‘07 of Green Bay, Wis., is the women’s soccer first assistant head coach at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay.

Hallie Whyte ‘07 of Mexico City, Mexico, married Giovanni Oteiza in August in Oaxaca.

Trish Everett ‘07 of Bainbridge Island, Wash., graduated with an MA in theatre education and outreach from the University of Arizona in May, and will begin a Ph.D. in theatre studies at the University of British Columbia in September.

Jake Eastman ‘08 of Seattle, Wash., is the new play-by-play broadcaster for the Moses Lake Pirates baseball team of the West Coast League.

Andrew Baldwin ‘08 of Portland works as a mentor at Friends of the Children.

Stacy Griffin ‘08 married Nathan Hall March 25 at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. She is an RN at Winter Park Memorial Hospital in Florida.

Julie (Nichols) Hughes ‘08 of Moscow, Idaho, and her husband, Ryan, had a daughter, Arena, in September.

Peter Stach ‘08 of New Orleans, La., is a nurse at Ochsner Hospital in New Orleans and participated in a humanitarian mission to Haiti in March.

Kristen Brown ‘09 married Jesse Emerson Sept. 19. She is an RN in labor and delivery at Salem Hospital.

Abigail Lewis ‘09 of Moscow, Idaho, married Paul Warmbier July 11, 2009. She is a sixth grade science teacher.

Shawn Beaulaurier ‘09 of Bend and her husband, Jerimiah, had a daughter, Olivia, Oct. 23.

Devin Salinas ‘10 of Portland is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual, working out of the Portland Network office.

In memoriam

Mary Ann (Cummins) Sears ‘34 of McMinnville, April 6, 2009. Survivors include daughter Molly Hay ‘63, sons David ‘59 and John ‘73 and granddaughter Mary Beals ’87.

Alta May Werth ‘37 of Merced, Calif., April 29.
Alvenia (Connell) Martin ’38 of McMinnville, April 1.

James Crichton ’39 of Portland, Jan. 15. Survivors include his wife Virginia (Northup) ’39 and daughter Janet ‘72.

Julia (Blanchard) Smith ’39 of Oakland, Calif., March 16.

Harry Prior ’40 of Seattle, Wash., April 20. Survivors include a son, J. Bruce ’65 and brother-in-law, and sister-in-law Gerald and Jackie (Schaake) Painter ’50 and ’54.

James "Bruce" Cyphers ’45 of Boise, Idaho, May 27.


Mary (Simmons) Powers ’41 of Oakland, Calif., Dec. 31.

Belva (Clausen) Skaggs ’42 of Carmichael, Calif., May 1. Survivors include her husband Albert ‘43.

Wallace Eri ’43 of Lakeview, Feb. 11. Survivors include his wife Betty (Evans) ’43.


Roy G. Francis ’46 of Tampa, Fla., March 10.

Betty (Maxwell) Dancer ’47 of Beaverton, March 28. Survivors include daughter Dana (Dancer) and grandson Taylor Vandecoevering ’13.

Verl Sauter ’47 of McMinnville, Feb. 16.

Harold L. Gilbert ’49 of Medford, May 4.


Frank Gilmore ’50 of Hickory, N.C., April 17.

Jean (Short) Mann ’50 of Ontario, June 1.


John Buell ’52 of Cathedral City, Calif., March 19.

Jack Blum ’52 of Eugene, Jan. 30.

William Croco ’57 of Lebanon, May 26. Survivors include a son, Chester ’82.

Loren Drake ’57 of Filer, Idaho, Oct. 5.


Curtis Robert Faltstrom ’64 of Kaneohe, Hawaii, March 19.

Michael Hawley ’69 of Portland, April 7, 2008.

Bruce Mercier ’77 of Sheridan, Feb. 18.

Sharon (Abbey) Nicol ’79 of Bellevue, Wash., April 29. Survivors include daughter Kimberly ’12.

Ferne (Jones) Burghardt ’81 of Salem, March 23.

Linda Sprouse ’83 of San Diego, Calif., May 11.

Donald Gibson ’84 of Cheshire, July 31.

Friends and family

Robert Jones of McMinnville, professor emeritus of physics, April 22. He taught at Linfield from 1955 to 1987. Survivors include son Paul ’77.

Patricia E. Jones of McMinnville, professor emerita of French, Feb. 28. She taught at Linfield from 1969 to 1995.