ROBERT E. HAWKINSON STUDENT INITIATIVE FUND

On May 4, 2009, Willamette University announced the creation of the Robert E. Hawkinson Student Initiative Fund. We invite alumni, colleagues, and friends of the University to invest with us in this Fund, which recognizes in the most meaningful way the service and legacy of Bob Hawkinson upon his retirement from the role of Dean of Campus Life.

Background
Bob Hawkinson taught Politics at Willamette University beginning in 1982 and served as Dean of Campus Life from 1998 until May 2009, when he retired to a part-time faculty appointment. Bob has been recognized for his leadership on numerous strategic university initiatives spanning the curriculum and co-curriculum alike. His service to the university has included leadership roles with curricular reform, and most recently championing the development of the residential commons at Willamette, a pivotal role he will continue to play post-retirement. While many faculty and staff will remember Bob for his significant involvement in these high profile initiatives, his true legacy may be his countless contributions as a student advisor and advocate.

As professor, and more recently as Dean, Bob has advised, counseled and mentored hundreds of students, often helping them shape their dreams and ideas into realities. These “realities” have included major student-led entrepreneurial initiatives – most notably the development of the Bistro and the Bike Shop – and the accomplishment of smaller, individual student goals such as acceptance to graduate school or winning prestigious postgraduate scholarships. Through money, time and spirit, his generosity with students has been personal and unparalleled.

The Robert E. Hawkinson Student Initiative Fund
In recent years, Bob has taken great joy in providing modest seed funding for individual students and student groups to develop new programs that positively impact campus life. The Hawkinson Student Initiative Fund provides permanent, endowed funding support for such programs. The Fund serves as a lasting memory of Bob’s contributions not only to Willamette University and to student life, but also to fostering the creativity and enterprise of the individual student.

Make a Gift to the Fund
The foundation for the Hawkinson Student Initiative Fund has been established with an investment by Willamette University, in recognition of the impact of Bob’s 27 year career. We invite additional contributions from alumni, colleagues, and friends in tribute to Bob and in honor of his retirement. As the Fund grows, more projects and larger initiatives will be possible, and growing numbers of students will share in Bob’s remarkable legacy.

Send gifts to the Hawkinson Fund at Willamette University Development Office, 900 State Street, Salem, OR 97301, or on line at www.willamette.edu/support (write “Hawkinson Fund” under “Other Designation” on the gift form). Contact Steve Brier, Senior Director of Gift Planning, with questions or to discuss gifts of appreciated stock or other assets (sbrier@willamette.edu, 503-370-6022 or toll free 866-204-8102).

Thank you for sharing in our celebration of Bob Hawkinson’s legacy at Willamette.