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2007 Willamette University Track & Field Schedule

Date	Event/Host	Time
Mar. 3	Willamette Opener <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	9 a.m.
Mar. 10	Willamette Mini Meet <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	10 a.m.
Mar. 16	Linfield Open Linfield College	12 p.m.
Mar. 17	Oregon Preview Univ. of Oregon	11:30 a.m.
Mar. 23	Charles Bowles Classic <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	12 p.m.
Apr. 6-7	Willamette Invite <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	4 p.m./ 10:30 a.m.
Apr. 9-10	NWC Multi Champs <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	9 a.m.
Apr. 14	Willamette Mini Meet <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	11 a.m.
Apr. 20-21	NWC Championships <i>Univ. of Puget Sound</i>	2 p.m./ 10:30 a.m.
Apr. 27	WOU Twilight <i>Western Oregon Univ.</i>	TBA
May 5	Oregon Twilight <i>Univ. of Oregon</i>	3:30 p.m.
May 11	Western Oregon Last Chance <i>Western Oregon Univ.</i>	2 p.m.
May 16	WU Last Chance <i>Willamette Univ.</i>	3:30 p.m.
May 24-26	NCAA Championships <i>Univ. of Wis-Oshkosh</i>	All Day

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Men's & Women's Track & Field

Last Weeks Results:

Zerzan Earns Automatic Qualifying Time in 1,500-Meter Run

The Willamette University men's and women's track and field teams competed against some of the top athletes on the West Coast at the Oregon Twilight Meet on Saturday, May 5 at the University of Oregon. Sarah Zerzan (Jr., San Carlos, CA/Notre Dame HS) provided Willamette's top performance, as she achieved an NCAA Division III automatic qualifying time in the 1,500-meter run by completing the race in 4:31.52. A crowd of 5,398 was on hand at Oregon's Hayward Field.

Zerzan's efforts set a Willamette record as she placed 11th in the race. The top eight places went to club or unattached runners. Zerzan's automatic qualifying time improved her previous school record of 4:33.87, which was a provisional qualifying time set on April 21, 2007. She achieved an automatic qualifying time in the 5,000-meter run at 16:28.54 earlier in the season.

Five provisional qualifying marks were set by individual Bearcats at the Oregon Twilight Meet. Willamette's 4 x 100-meter relay team of Autumn Schmeck (Fr., Beaverton, OR/Aloha HS), Lydia Marsalli (Fr., Klamath Falls, OR/Klamath Union HS), Kaitlin St. John (Fr., Bend, OR/Mountain View HS) and Andrea May (Sr., Bellingham, WA/Sehome HS) also achieved a provisional qualifying time.

Maddie Coffman (So., Boise, ID/Boise HS) registered a time of 4:38.44 in the women's 1,500-meter run as she placed 13th. She earned her fastest result in the event earlier this year with a provisional qualifying time of 4:35.68.

Jordyn Smith (Jr., Henderson, NV/Green Valley HS) ran the 800-meter race in 2:12.44. She easily achieved a faster time than the provisional standard of 2:14.70 and was only 0.64 seconds away from the automatic standard. Smith took third place in the second heat. Smith also has provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships in the 400-meter hurdles, after earning a time of 1:02.34 earlier in the season.

May took second place in the 100-meter hurdles and set a Willamette record in 14.72 seconds. She lowered her provisional qualifying time of 14.84 seconds, which was the previous school record set earlier this season.

Mariah Hanson (Sr., Poulsbo, WA/North Kitsap HS) placed fourth in the first heat of the 400-meter dash, as she registered a time of 57.60 seconds. She also achieved the provisional standard earlier in the season with a time of 56.86 seconds, which remains her top time.

Melinda Fahey (Jr., Salem, OR/McKay HS) threw the discus 136' 5" to claim third place. She also earned a provisional qualifying mark earlier this season with a toss of 136' 10", which remains her best throw of the season.

WU's 4 x 100-meter relay team took first place with a winning time of 48.39 seconds, as the Bearcats lowered their previous provisional qualifying time of 48.48 seconds, registered on April 27. The relay team also established a Willamette record for the second time in just over a week.

Although Willamette's men's team did not achieve any new provisional qualifying times at the Oregon Twilight Meet, several members of the squad performed well. Kyle Kotaich (Fr. Florence, OR/Siuslaw HS) took ninth place in the "B" section of the 1,500-meter run, as he concluded the race in 3:56.03. His time was just 0.83 seconds away from the NCAA provisional qualifying mark.



**Bearcat Track & Field
NCAA Division III
Automatic Qualifying Marks**

Women's

Sarah Zerzan	
5,000-meter run	16:28.54
Sarah Zerzan	
1,500-meter run	4:31.52

**Bearcat Track & Field
NCAA Division III
Provisional Qualifying Marks**

Women's

Maddie Coffman	
1,500-meter run	4:35.68
Melinda Fahey	
Discus Throw	136' 10"
Mariah Hanson	
400-meter dash	56.86
Andrea May	
100-meter hurdles.....	14.72
Jordyn Smith	
400-meter hurdles.....	1:02.34
Jordyn Smith	
800-meter run	2:12.44
Jena Winger	
3,000-meter steeple	10:52.71

Women's Relays

Autumn Schmeck, Lydia Marsalli, Kaitlin St. John, Andrea May	
4 x 100-meter relay	48.39
Andrea May, Jordyn Smith, Jennifer Luecht, Mariah Hanson	
4 x 400-meter rela	3:50.19

Men's

Grant Piros	
Javelin	199' 3"
Julio Vieyra	
1,500-meter run	3:53.32

Ian Batch (Jr., Eagle, ID/Capital HS) placed 15th in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 14:55.28, just 7.28 seconds slower than the provisional standard of 14.48.00. Tristan Knutson-Lombardo (So., Juneau, AK/Juneau-Douglas HS) finished the 5,000-meter run just over 10 seconds after Batch, as he took 18th place at 15:05.87.

Lucas Nebert (Jr., Cincinnati, OH/Wyoming HS) finished 11th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. He clocked in at 9:41.19, missing the provisional qualifying mark by 18.19 seconds.

**Up Next for the Bearcats:
Willamette Ready for Western Oregon Last Chance Meet**

Willamette's next track and field action is set for Friday, May 11 at the Western Oregon Last Chance Meet in Monmouth, Ore. Field events are scheduled to start at 2 p.m. (PDT), with track events slated to get underway at 5:30 p.m. (PDT).

Bearcat Notes:

Other top performances for the Bearcats at the Oregon Twilight Meet:

- Brooke Smith (So., Idleyld Park, OR/Glide HS) joined Andrea May (14.72, 2nd) in the women's 100-meter hurdles and placed fourth in 15.81 seconds.
- Willamette finished 4-5-6 in the first heat of the 400-meter dash. Mariah Hanson was fourth (57.60). Jennifer Luecht (Fr., Milwaukie, OR/Rex Putnam HS) took fifth in 58.84 seconds and Lydia Marsalli was sixth in 59.88 seconds.
- Tristan Knutson-Lombardo (So., Juneau, AK/Juneau-Douglas HS) finished the men's 5,000-meter run in 18th place at 15:05.87. He was about 10 seconds behind WU's Ian Batch (14:55.28, 15th).
- Drew Lackman (So., Gig Harbor, WA/Gig Harbor HS) took seventh place in the men's 400-meter hurdles. He ran the race in 56.12 seconds. Garrison Coy (So., Gig Harbor, WA/Gig Harbor HS) also competed at 400 meters and claimed eighth place in 56.82 seconds.
- Joel Flachsbart (Jr., Oregon City, OR/Oregon City HS) was seventh in the men's 800-meter run, earning a time of 1:58.17.
- Autumn Schmeck ((Fr., Beaverton, OR/Aloha HS) won the second heat and took fifth overall in the women's 100-meter dash. Her time was 12.60 seconds. Kaitlin St. John (Fr., Bend, OR/Mountain View HS) was sixth in 12.79 seconds.

Willamette has achieved two automatic qualifying marks and 11 provisional qualifying marks (including two relays) for this year's NCAA Division III National Championships at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh from May 24-26.



NWC Softball Standings Final Standings

	NWC			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Linfield	26	2	0	35	5	0
Whirworth	25	3	0	30	6	0
Pacific	17	11	0	25	13	0
Willamette	14	14	0	20	17	0
Puget Sound	12	16	0	23	17	0
Pacific Lutheran	11	17	0	17	18	0
George Fox	5	23	0	7	29	0
Lewis & Clark	2	26	0	4	34	0

2007 Willamette University Softball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 23	NW Christian#	2-0 W
Mar. 3	Linfield*	6-5 L
Mar. 3	Linfield*	9-8 L
Mar. 4	at Linfield*	6-3 L
Mar. 4	at Linfield*	4-1 W
Mar. 9	vs. William Paterson^	9-1 W
Mar. 9	vs. Wisc-Eau Claire^	8-4 W
Mar. 10	vs. Central^	12-4 W
Mar. 10	vs. Wheaton^	13-7 W
Mar. 11	vs. Chapman^	8-1 W
Mar. 11	vs. St. Thomas^	4-0 L
Mar. 25	George Fox*	7-0 W
Mar. 25	George Fox*	9-1 W
Mar. 28	Oregon Tech	10-5 L
Mar. 28	Oregon Tech	8-3 L
Mar. 31	at Puget Sound*	3-1 L
Mar. 31	at Puget Sound*	5-3 W
Apr. 1	at Pacific Lutheran*	8-0 W(5)
Apr. 1	at Pacific Lutheran*	4-3 L(9)
Apr. 6	at Lewis & Clark*	19-8 W
Apr. 6	at Lewis & Clark*	3-2 L
Apr. 14	Puget Sound*	2-0 W
Apr. 14	Puget Sound*	6-1 L
Apr. 15	Pacific Lutheran*	2-0 W
Apr. 15	Pacific Lutheran*	3-0 L
Apr. 17	at George Fox*	7-4 L
Apr. 19	at George Fox*	7-5 W
Apr. 21	at Whitworth*	8-2 L
Apr. 21	at Whitworth*	8-0 L
Apr. 22	at Whitworth*	9-7 L
Apr. 22	at Whitworth*	9-4 L
Apr. 28	Pacific*	3-0 W
Apr. 28	Pacific*	2-1 W
Apr. 29	Pacific*	3-0 L
Apr. 29	Pacific*	4-3 W

* Northwest Conference

Capitol Cup (Salem, OR/Monmouth, OR/Newberg, OR)

^ NFCA Leadoff Classic (Panama City, FL)

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Softball (20-17 Overall, 14-14 NWC)

Franchi Named Third Team All-West Region;

Barnes and Franchi Earn First Team All-Northwest Conference

Sophomore right-handed pitcher/designated player Nikki Franchi (Los Gatos, CA/Saratoga HS) has been named Third Team NFCA Division III All-West Region for the 2007 season, as selected by the West Region head coaches. Franchi was nominated for the award as a utility player.

Overall, 45 players received First Team, Second Team or Third Team NFCA All-West Region honors. A total of eight players were selected from the Northwest Conference.

Franchi also earned First Team All-Northwest Conference recognition. Joining her on the First Team All-NWC Team was senior third baseman Molly Barnes (Salem, OR/Sprague HS). Liz Gilgan (Jr., SS, Sherwood, OR/Sherwood HS) and Geneva Hale (Jr., 1B, Shoreline, WA/Shorecrest HS) were Second Team All-NWC selections, while LaShawna Holcomb (So., CF, Renton, WA/Hazen HS) earned Honorable Mention.

A total of 16 players were named First Team All-NWC, while 16 players received Second Team honors. Another 18 players were named Honorable Mention All-NWC.

Franchi was Willamette's top pitcher this spring with a 10-8 record and a school record 144 strikeouts in 122 2/3 innings. The previous Willamette record for strikeouts in a season was 101 by Brittney Tachara in 2005. Franchi also set a WU record with 8.22 strikeouts per seven innings pitched.

In addition to leading the WU pitching staff, Franchi achieved a .390 batting average with a school record 15 doubles. She led the Bearcats with 29 RBIs for the third-highest total in Willamette history. She recorded a 41 hits during the season and scored 14 runs. She earned a .610 slugging percentage and a .453 on-base percentage.

During two seasons at Willamette, Franchi has struck out 198 batters, while earning an overall record to 15-12 (.556). Her strikeout total ranks second on Willamette's career list, just 11 strikeouts from the school record of 209, set by Tausha White from 1990-93. On offense, she has a career batting average of .379.

Barnes concluded her Willamette career as a four-time First Team All-NWC selection. In 2007, she led the Bearcats with a .427 batting average, 50 hits, seven home runs, a .709 slugging percentage and a .477 on-base percentage. She set Willamette single season records for home runs and slugging percentage. Her batting average ranked fourth all-time at Willamette. On defense, she recorded 39 putouts and 68 assists.

During her career, Barnes played in 143 games with 141 starts to rank third in Willamette history in both categories. She achieved a career batting average of .362 to claim fourth place on WU's all-time list.

Barnes set Bearcat career records for doubles (38), runs batted in (87), total bases (230) and walks (53). She also ranked second on the career list for slugging percentage (.534), hits (156), at bats (431), runs scored (84) and home runs (12).

Gilgan set a Willamette record with 39 runs scored in 2007. She hit .355 with 44 hits in 124 at bats. She was successful on 24 of 25 stolen bases. She pounded out seven doubles, three triples and two homers. Gilgan earned two for more hits in 16 games, while joining Barnes as the only Willamette players to start all 37 contests. Gilgan also earned Second Team All-NWC honors in 2006.

In three seasons, Gilgan has moved into third place on the Bearcats' all-time list with 76 runs and is sixth with 110 career hits. She ranks second in career stolen bases (65) and needs just two stolen bases to equal the school record of 67, set by Marcie Hagen from 2001-04.



WU Offensive Statistics

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI
M. Barnes	.427	117	27	50	12	0	7	28
N. Franchi	.390	105	14	41	15	1	2	29
E. Gilgan	.355	124	39	44	7	3	2	17
K. Peterson	.316	38	4	12	1	0	0	4
G. Hale	.303	89	12	27	6	1	7	22
L. Holcomb	.284	116	24	33	7	0	1	16
D. Bohren	.271	59	10	16	1	0	0	6
N. Wallace	.255	102	16	26	2	1	1	16
C. Anthony	.253	79	13	20	0	0	0	4
M. Richards	.230	61	5	14	3	0	0	5
C. Waugh	.189	37	8	7	1	0	0	7

A. Schlegal	1.000	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
C. Schrueth	.227	22	2	5	1	0	0	1
C. Griffith	.182	11	1	2	0	0	0	1
M. Ward	.167	6	1	1	0	0	0	2
C. Clark	.111	9	0	1	0	0	0	1
L. Auer	.067	15	0	1	0	0	0	0
J. Morris	.000	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
S. Mix	.000	1	6	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	.302	996	183	301	57	6	20	160
Opponents	.268	967	148	259	54	3	21	139

WU Pitching Statistics

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	SV	IP	BB	SO
N. Franchi	2.45	10-8	24	17	2	122.2	41	144
L. Auer	3.81	5-6	22	17	0	82.2	46	48

C. Clark	4.56	5-2	22	1	0	35.1	26	28
A. Schlegal	15.27	0-0	3	1	1	3.2	3	0
E. Gilgan	63.00	0-1	1	1	0	0.1	2	0

Totals	3.46	20-17	37	37	3	244.2	118	220
Opponents	4.63	17-20	37	37	1	243.2	95	193

Hale blasted seven homers to tie Barnes for Willamette's single season record. She also batted .303, drove in 22 runs and ranked second on the team with a .629 slugging percentage. She led the Bearcats with 17 walks to rank second on the team's all-time single season list. Defensively, she achieved a .983 fielding percentage and led the team with 167 putouts. She was named Second Team All-NWC for the second year in a row.

During her first three seasons at Willamette, Hale has set the WU record for career home runs with 13. She owns a career batting average of .279 and has pounded out 16 doubles and has 36 walks. At first base, she has earned 333 career putouts and a .986 fielding percentage.

Holcomb started 36 games, missing just one contest during the season. She hit .284 and ranked second on the squad with 24 runs scored. She earned 16 RBIs and hit seven doubles. She was successful on 10 of 11 stolen bases. On defense, she recorded 5a .970 fielding percentage. She played most of the season in center field, but also saw action at second base due to injuries on the team. Holcomb was chosen Second Team All-NWC as a freshman in 2006.

In two years at WU, Holcomb has produced 74 hits, 43 runs, 39 RBIs, 13 doubles, and three homers. She has been successful on 21 of 22 stolen base attempts (.955).

Bearcat Notes:

- Willamette concluded the 2007 season with a 20-17 overall record, including a 14-14 mark (4th place) in the Northwest Conference. The team achieved a winning record despite injuries to all but one player during the season.
- Head Coach Damian Williams completed his ninth season at Willamette with a 164-155 record (.514). He ended the year with a 61-45 record (.575) during the past three seasons.
- NWC Special Awards: Linfield College junior second baseman Jenny Marshfield was named NWC Player of the Year. Linfield's Brittany Miller, a sophomore pitcher, was chosen NWC Pitcher of the Year. Head Coach Jackson Vaughan of Linfield was named NWC Coach of the Year.



**2007 Willamette University
Men's and Women's
Rowing Schedule**

Date	Event	Time/Result
Feb. 11	Tough Love Indoor <i>Univ. of Portland Portland, OR</i>	TBA.
Mar. 10	Behind Ross Island #2 <i>Oaks Park Portland, OR</i>	8 a.m.
Mar. 24	Daffodil Cup <i>American Lake Tacoma, WA</i>	8 a.m.
Mar. 31	NCRC Invitational <i>Vancouver Lake Vancouver, WA</i>	8 a.m.
Apr. 7	Governor's Cup Regatta Riverfront Park Salem, OR	8 a.m.
Apr. 14	Covered Bridge Regatta <i>Dexter Lake Eugene, OR</i>	7 a.m.
Apr. 21	NCRC Championships <i>Lake Stevens Lake Stevens, WA</i>	7 a.m.
Apr. 27-29	WIRA Championships <i>Lake Natoma Sacramento, CA</i>	8 a.m.
May 5	Windermere Cup Opening Day Regatta <i>Montlake Cut Seattle, WA</i>	10 a.m.
May 25-27	DIII Women's Rowing Championships <i>Melton Hill Lake Oak Ridge, TN</i>	8 a.m. (EDT)

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Men's & Women's Rowing

**Jones Selected by U.S. Rowing to Attend
Two National Team Camps**

Willamette University rower Laura Jones (Jr., Boise, ID/Boise HS) has been selected by U.S. Rowing to attend two National Team camps this summer. She will participate in the month-long National Team Development Camp at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., and will gain additional experience at the Women's National Team Freshman Camp at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc. Jones competed on Willamette's varsity four and varsity eight crews this season.

The National Team Development Camp is scheduled to run from June 16 through July 22. The Women's National Team Freshman Camp will be held from June 18-24.

Jones was one of 22 rowers and two coxswains invited to attend the Women's National Team Freshman Camp. She was one of just two NCAA Division III athletes selected for the event. The Freshman Camp is for rowers who have the potential to join the U.S. National Team program. University of Wisconsin Women's Head Coach Bebe Bryans will be directing the camp.

"Laura is a natural leader by her actions," Willamette Head Rowing Coach Susan Parkman said. "She is able to row either port or starboard side. She is open to row in any seat from the stroke seat to bow."

Jones has helped Willamette's women's varsity eight achieve a #28 ranking in the cMax rankings for NCAA Division III released on May 8, 2007. She also helped the Bearcats win the women's varsity eight race at the Governor's Cup Regatta on the Willamette River in Salem, Ore., on April 7, 2007.

"The experiences that Laura will have with these two camps (through U.S. Rowing) will impact our team in the fall," Parkman said. "I know she loves rowing and is curious to see how far she can take the sport."

Jones was voted Most Valuable Player on the Willamette women's rowing team this year. She has been chosen by her fellow Bearcat rowers as the team captain for the 2007-08 season.

Last Week's Results:

**Willamette Women's Varsity Four Earns Fifth Place in Grand
Final at WIRA Championships**

Willamette University's women's varsity four took on quality competition on Saturday, May 5 at the Windermere Cup Opening Day Regatta, hosted by the University of Washington at the Montlake Cut in Seattle, Wash. Willamette took fifth place out of five teams in the WV4+ race, but finished just six seconds behind Western Washington University and about 32 seconds behind the winning crew from the highly-regarded University of Washington rowing team. UW also took second and third place, as the Huskies entered three crews in the race.

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2007 U.S. Rowing Women's National Team Freshman Camp

Rowers

Meryl Chaffee, Grand Valley State

Renee Cornwell, UCLA

Katie Feckler, Indiana

Laura Gardner, Dartmouth

Erin Gray, Tennessee

Laura Jones, Willamette

Erika Jorgensen, Washington State

Emily Kasavana, Indiana

Diane Lindsley, Oregon State

Adrienne Martelli, Washington

Elizabeth Moore, Gonzaga

Jennie Peterson, Harvard

Tara Rogers, Central Florida

Hannah Rothstrom, Washington State

Samantha Sarff, Central Florida

Lauren Schmetterling, Colgate

Jenna Schuder, Minnesota

Charlotte Shannon, Santa Clara

Destinie Slavich, UCLA

Kate Snider, Tennessee

Mary Stinson, Boston College

Sarah Zelenka, Grand Valley State

Coxswains

Abigail DiPalma, William Smith

Aviva Lillian, Dartmouth

Washington's winning time was 7:31.70. The UW "B" team took second in 7:36.88, while the UW "C" team completed the race in 7:41.88. Western Washington took fourth at 7:57.92, with Willamette close behind at 8:03.92.

Competing for Willamette were senior coxswain Rebecca Ralston, along with stroke Laura Jones (Jr.), three seat Hilary Andrus (Fr.), two seat Kimber Grady (Sr.) and bow Julie Vernarsky (Fr.). One week before the Windermere Cup, WU's varsity four won its heat and took fifth place in the Grand Final at the Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association (WIRA) Championships.

Season Concludes for Bearcats

The Windermere Cup Opening Day Regatta concluded Willamette's 2006-07 season. Although the Willamette women's novice eight and women's varsity eight had solid seasons, they were not selected for the NCAA National Championships. The NCAA does not hold championships in men's rowing.

Bearcat Notes:

- Greg Henselman (Jr., Oregon City, OR/Kamiak HS), who is majoring in Mathematics and Classical Studies, is one of two Willamette University students selected as Presidential Scholars. Each Presidential Scholar receives a \$2,500 stipend to assist with research during the summer. The recipients also earn a waiver of tuition for one semester or \$5,000 toward graduate school expenses. Henselman's summer research will be "Extending the Diagnostic Applications of Graph Representations." He is sponsored in the research by Erin McNicholas, assistant professor of mathematics.
- The Willamette women's varsity eight is ranked #28 this week in the cMax rankings for NCAA Division III (May 8). The complete list of rankings: 1. Williams (Mass.), 2. Trinity (Conn.), 3. William Smith (N.Y.), 4. Bates (Maine), 5. Ithaca (N.Y.), 6. Coast Guard (Conn.), 7. Washington College (Md.), 8. Smith (Mass.), 9. Puget Sound (Wash.), 10. Tufts (Mass.), 11. Mary Washington (Va.), 12. Colby (Maine), 13. Skidmore (N.Y.), 14. Simmons (Mass.), 15. Rochester Tech (N.Y.), 16. Pacific Lutheran, 17. Vassar (N.Y.), 18. Mount Holyoke (Mass.), 19. Worcester Polytechnic (Mass.), 20. Hamilton (N.Y.), 21. Wellesley (Mass.), 22. North Park (Ill.), 23. Chapman (Calif.), 24. St. Lawrence (N.Y.), 25. Union (N.Y.), 26. Wesleyan (Conn.), 27. Bryn Mawr (Pa.), **28. Willamette (Ore.)**, 29. Lewis & Clark (Ore.), 30. Clark (Mass.), 31. Marietta (Ohio), 32. Franklin and Marshall (Pa.).