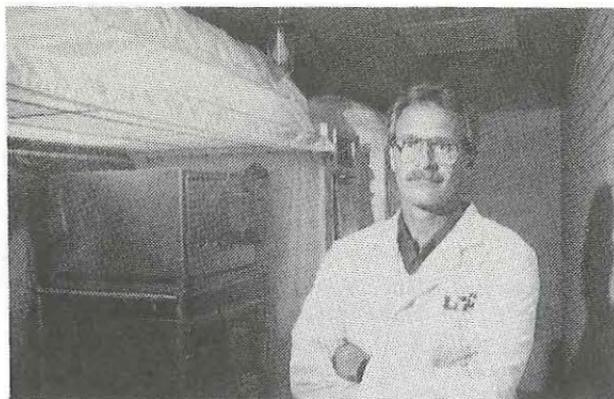


# ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

## DR. BILL BARNETT



Dr. Bill B. Barnett, associate professor of virology at Utah State University, has been named Yakima Valley Community College Distinguished Alumnus for 1988.

Dr. Barnett has established a research program aimed at improving the effectiveness of antiviral therapy. It focuses on both the prevention and treatment of viral diseases. Another phase of his research deals with passively acquired immunity towards infantile viral gastroenteritis.

A 1964 graduate of Toppenish High School, he graduated from YVCC with an Associate Degree in Science in 1966. At YVCC, he enjoyed a wide selection of courses including biology, chemistry and tennis. As research permits, Dr. Barnett teaches tennis during spring quarters at Utah State University.

Bill received the Robinson and Helen Prior Scholarships which he used to attend Washington State University. After graduation from WSU, he worked for the Atomic Energy Commission before earning a doctorate in biochemistry in 1975. He has been on the faculty of Utah State University in Logan since 1977. His antiviral research is funded by the United States Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases and the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Barnett has been a frequent symposium speaker and author on the subject of antiviral drug-targeting. He serves as a consultant to several biomedical research companies and as scientific advisor to the International Atomic Energy Agency.

In 1982, he filled a two-month assignment in Bangladesh for the International Atomic Energy Agency by advising and training scientists in the use of radioisotopes for disease diagnosis. Other honors include: D.F. Greenwood Outstanding Graduate in Chemistry Award; Robinson Award to outstanding biology or chemistry student; Helen Prior Award for outstanding chemistry student; and National Honor Society Scholarship.

Attending YVCC has been a Barnett tradition. Dr. Barnett's younger brother, Glen, also a YVCC alumnus, went on to obtain a doctorate in molecular biology from Cornell University and is currently on the faculty of the University of California at Irvine. Their grandmother, *Nina Barnett, still takes classes at YVCC.*