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# TODAY

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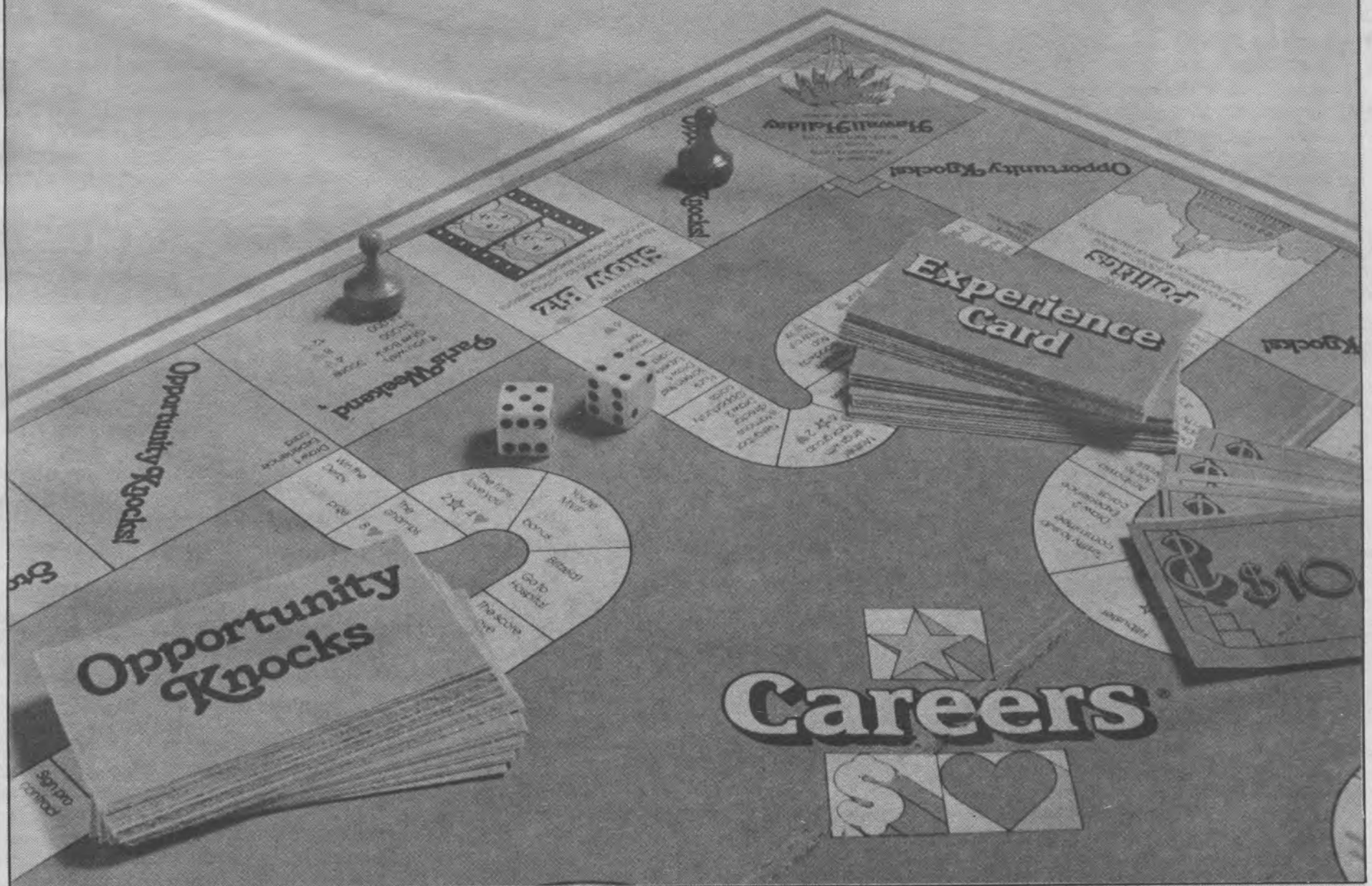
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t's all so easy in the game of Careers. Just roll the dice and watch your gameboard life unfold. Fame, fortune or happiness may be in the next card.

But in the real world, the game isn't so easy — and you can't just get up and walk away from it if the wrong card comes up. Shifts in technology and society cause overnight changes in the job market, leaving an unprepared worker stranded.

Yet there is a useful game strategy: staying flexible. Being well versed in the basics gives you a chance at new opportunities as they come. In this issue, *Today* takes a look at liberal arts at Whitworth, and talks with three alumni who have played the Careers game.

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# LIBERAL ARTS: LIFEBOAT ON A 'TITANIC' OUTLOOK



by Paul Bunning

**I**f every generation of college students reflects its era, then it is not surprising today's students show what some call the "SS Titanic ethic." Times are tough and America, that great ship among nations, seems to be listing.

There's an uncertain mood among students who fear the ship is going down. They might not be able to preserve the life they're accustomed to living unless they can grab the best, the highest-paying jobs. On campus after campus, they are rushing to vocational majors that seem to offer the brightest prospects for top-paying jobs: business management, accounting, computer programming, engineering.

"I went to a recent conference of college deans," said Dr. Richard Ferrin, Whitworth vice president for academic affairs, "and mentioned how strong the humanities are at Whitworth — English and religion particularly — and most of the deans just blinked at me. Then one of them said 'that's not what's happening at my college.'"

In fact, at Whitworth, although the "Titanic" trends are felt, enrollment is up to a 17-year high, and English — that favorite liberal arts major — is up almost 50 percent as a major compared with the fall of 1971.

It is true most companies fill their jobs with non-liberal arts graduates (only 10 percent of the jobs went to liberal arts majors, a recent study of 100 companies showed.) But educators at Whitworth are buoyed not only by the continuing interest in liberal arts at the college, but by a study released in 1981 by the American Telephone & Telegraph company. After long-term analysis, AT&T found that its employees with liberal arts backgrounds were proving to have superior management skills, compared with engineering and business graduates.

As Wayne Brown, director of career-life advising at Whitworth says, "There'll be a glut of MBA's (master's of business management), and liberal arts will be important again."

And Dr. Ferrin adds, "We're as committed to liberal arts as we have ever been — in the belief that liberal arts are a proper foundation both for living and working."

But even Whitworth has experienced some of the effects of the times. English is still strong, for example, but its significant growth is nonetheless paled by a jump in business and business-related study. The number of business-related majors is up 114 percent over ten years ago, and the business department is the only department at Whitworth to add new faculty this year.

The changes among students are mixed; surveys, for example, of Whitworth students show that more of them than ever vow to learn more about Jesus Christ (59 percent of incoming freshman rated that of maximum importance in 1981), and it is not difficult to find students

willing to devote themselves to such unremunerative goals as helping the poor in Central America or the South Bronx, or marching across the continent to encourage peace in the world.

But at the same time there has been a real, and undeniable shift in values from a few years ago. The surveys among incoming students showed a marked decline in such interests as learning to live with people who are different (down from 30 percent in 1973 to 16 percent of freshmen who view it of maximum importance); becoming more aware of themselves (down from 43 percent in 1973 to 35 in 1981); and learning about major world problems (down from 19 percent in 1973 to 16 percent in 1981, although the lowest ebb in the category was 1978 when only 14.4 percent rated it as of maximum importance.)

This change in values is echoed by national studies. *Change* magazine, for instance, in its March 1981 issue, surveyed thousands of students in the land and discovered a remarkable shift from the values of a decade ago. In 1971 most students said they were in college to refine their goals for living. In 1981 three quarters said they were in school to get a better job. Many said they'd quit school if they could get as good a job without a degree.

Indeed, writer Arthur Levine quoted a typical conversation with an undergraduate who said he believed the United States would worsen as a place to live in.

"Then you must be pessimistic about the future," Levine said.

"No, I'm optimistic."

"Why?"

"Because I have a high grade point average, and I'm going to get a good job, make a lot of money, and live in a nice house."

Whitworth students may differ somewhat from their typical counterparts at other colleges, but even here they reflect the worries of their era.

"We're seeing the senior come in and say 'I want a really meaningful job — that pays at least \$30,000 a year,'" Wayne Brown says. Brown, schooled in a more idealistic era, has put a plaque on his wall that reads "Poverty is no crime." He notes that the unpleasant truth for many students is that the average new graduate makes about \$13,000. That will not support microwave ovens, Trans-am cars, house-shaking stereo systems, designer jeans, and in short, the lifestyle that many of today's students are accustomed to.

As a result, many students are looking for majors that, while educating them — Whitworth places a cap on the number of courses students can take in their major — still make getting the all-important first job easier. As a result, majors such as history, while still viable at Whitworth, are not as popular as they once were. History, for example, was the fourth most popular major in 1971 but now is in ninth place.

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"Students come in and ask, 'What can I do with a history major?' " Brown says. "I try to tell them, it's not what you 'do' with history, but with the skills you develop in studying history that strengthens your job skills."

But the change in values is not just because of the ailing economy. Dr. Harry Dixon, chairman of the business department, says, "We're experiencing the same things other schools are, with a very strong upswing in interest in business administration. One reason is, it's more difficult to get a job now. But there is also more seriousness shown by a marked number of students, and I think there would be even if jobs were not the issue. In the Vietnam era some students were more involved in questioning the 'system' but now students are more interested in getting involved with the 'system.' "

It is true, Dixon adds, "Whitworth students are more interested in security than they were, but I still hear very few students saying they want to make it big. But they do want a position in life they can enjoy."

Being more serious and practical, as Dixon puts it, has some good consequences. He mentions a student who was concerned about the policies of American corporations in Central America. Instead of "yelling across the chasm," he says, the student seriously wrote the management of one such corporation, and the management, impressed by the thoughtful approach, agreed to hear more.

"I think that's a better way. After all, the past is past. It is much better to suggest something positive, than to just complain," he says.

Leonard Oakland, professor of English, points out that Whitworth students do seem more concerned about the future job prospects, but he notes that when he once taught at a state institution not far from Spokane, the students "were constantly asking what this or that had to do with the careers they were planning." Not so, he says, at Whitworth.

Nonetheless, Dixon, in business, does worry that students, in search for the perfect job, are training themselves too rigidly. "I agree with (former Whitworth president) Edward Lindaman that

students should be training for two or three careers, since most people change two or three times in their lives. I actually prefer an 'area of concentration' approach. That allows a person to remain sufficiently broad so that when a special interest develops later it is easier to move into it. I find many students at Whitworth in their thinking too narrowed down." The ideal

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combination, he adds, is a blend of specific job skills — computer programming or writing — backed by general learning.

Dixon, familiar with the business world, finds it ironic that few companies really expect new employees to have all the skills anyway. They find someone they like and train him or her. Dixon's son, for example, was an English and music major at Whitworth, and later he took a two-week crash course in word processing. A computer firm liked him, and hired him, and is training him in data processing.

"In fact," says Dixon, "minorities are often discriminated against on the rationale they don't have the skills. It's unfair; the companies hire so many whites without skills, and then go ahead and train them."

Evelyn Smith, associate professor, emeritus, in religion, says "I really feel there has been a shift toward a need for security, and a lot more emphasis on career goals."

But Smith, like other educators at Whitworth, believes the change in values is tempered here "because we've always attracted students who've had a special interest in religion."

notable.

The AT&T longitudinal study was prominently featured at the 1981 conference of the Association of American Colleges. Robert E. Beck, assistant vice president at AT&T, reported that an analysis of 25 years of personnel testing

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in the company revealed that employees who had majored in the humanities in college tended to be superior in creativity, leadership, oral skills and similar abilities in comparison with technical and business graduates.

Luckily for liberal arts colleges like Whitworth, AT&T's much-heralded study comes at a time when pundits are blaming a lack of creativity, in particular, for the relative decline of American business management in world competition. In addition, Beck said that based on AT&T personality and aptitude exams, "nearly half of the humanities and social science majors are considered to have potential for middle management, compared to only 31 percent of the business majors and 26 percent of the engineers."

At AT&T, middle management is considered success.

Today talked both with undergraduates and with alumni about their careers and their career planning. In our interview with freshman Ron McCardle, for instance, we discovered that career planning was already important to him — while graduation is still four years away. He is considering a career in architectural or graphic design (although he'd rather be an artist in a garret.)

David Myers, a '64 graduate, agreed with alumni who believe it impossible for undergraduates to anticipate the changes their lives will take. Myers left Whitworth with a degree in chemistry and the possibility of going into the insurance business or into medicine. Now he is a highly successful writer in social psychology.

Diane Thomas-Glass, a 1972 graduate, was going to be a teacher, but now has dedicated herself to the Ecumenical Peace Institute in San Francisco, aiming to help "beat swords into plowshares."

Mary Beth Viren, a 1978 graduate in psychology, intended to be a counselor, but found she preferred personnel interviewing. She now works for one of the largest hospitals in the state of Washington as an employment interviewer.

These Whitworth alumni illustrate the many different paths lives can take. But they also reflect the changes that have occurred in the job marketplace. Twenty years ago a college graduate often had the problem of choosing which job offer to accept. Today's graduates have to scramble to find a job. The most recent

# Experience Card

Although there are job opportunities in religion — church education, music, chaplaincy in the military and in hospitals — those who go into it "really need to feel religion is where they can serve best." Religion has held up as a major at the school, and is currently the sixth most favorite, with 47 majors in the fall of 1981.

Vice President Ferrin says he believes colleges that are jumping too heavily into vocational education may be endangering themselves. Many companies are beginning to offer advanced degrees, not only in such traditional industries as automobile manufacturing, but also by consulting firms such as the Arthur D. Little Company of Boston, which offers a Ph.D.

In fact, the tide against liberal arts may be about to turn. A few years ago the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Journal of College Placement* found in separate studies that workers who had concentrated more than half of their college studies in business rather than humanities were often "floaters" unable to move up the corporate ladder. Employers are beginning to discover the same thing, with AT&T the most



graduate, Viren, comments, "People aren't aware of how bad the employment situation is these days. They don't realize how hard it is to find a job."

Given a world with falling economic expectations, higher unemployment and rising costs, it is natural that students increasingly worry about preparing themselves for a career. But too much emphasis on material success can have a numbing effect on character. Dr. William Peterson, vice president for student life, comments, "Most recent surveys show parents are no longer talking about making the world or their homes better for their children, as they used to, but are talking instead about getting the car and retirement home while they can."

"Development theory shows young people need a dream. As far as the 'Titanic' feeling, the heroes and dreams have died. At Whitworth I want to rekindle the dream. It's essential," he says.

## DIANE THOMAS-GLASS

### Questioning society and bettering the world

**W**hen Diane Thomas-Glass graduated from Whitworth in 1972, she

imagined she would be a teacher in a Christian college. But first, vowing to "do something to make this a better country," she joined VISTA, and traveled to Piney Grove, South Carolina.

No question, the poverty in rural South Carolina was stunning to behold. But what really shocked her was that the supposed representatives of the poor were driving Mercedeses and pocketing federal money.

"There was a tremendous amount of corruption and misuse of funds," she says. She adds, however, that the head of the community action program in Piney Grove is now in jail for fraud.

Thomas-Glass left the South and traveled to Montana, disillusioned and upset. There she met Sister Helen Volkomener, who was president of Fort Wright College in Spokane. Sister Volkomener asked Thomas-Glass to come back to Spokane and teach at the college.

So it looked as if her original goal was coming true. While teaching in Spokane, Thomas-Glass devoted herself to the Network for Global Concern, which was involved with peace issues.

But she discovered teaching was not really what she wanted to do. "I have a kind of love-hate relationship with it," she says. Teaching was "too individualistic." Instead, what she wanted was something with a greater community emphasis, something that came closer to bettering the world.

So, leaving Spokane, she studied and worked for a while in Mexico and California, and then found the Ecumenical Peace Institute, an agency of the Northern California Ecumenical Council, in San Francisco. She's been there, essentially, ever since.

"I'm director for disarmament," she explains. "I do a lot of education in Northern California churches on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, on nuclear armaments and on disarmament. We don't focus on the United States-Soviet Union race, but on how resources are being misused internationally. The arms race hinders the development of and the needs of the Third World."

As she describes the problem, it seems many places in the world are driving to the poorhouse in a multi-million-dollar tank.

Her goal, as a Christian and a citizen, is to beat swords into plowshares. She does not seek to overwhelm people with her viewpoint, but instead, to encourage them to question. Questioning, she says, is what she learned at Whitworth. In that she feels different from many of the leftists of California, who are not so

in California — they're really choosing to rely increasingly on unstable sources of oil (which could eventually lead to a war over Mideast oil) or on nuclear power plants that are a threat to safety," she says.

When people see some of the implications of their choices, they tend to choose more wisely, she adds.

In pursuit of her dream of opening up debate on armament issues, she was arrested in 1979 for a small-scale occupation of the president's office at the University of California-Berkeley.

The University of California operates the Lawrence

Livermore Laboratory, and conducts nuclear weaponry research at Los Alamos, New Mexico. A number of the regents of the school, she says, own stock or have other ties to the defense industry, raising a question of what she calls conflict of interest. By using its "mantle of respectability," the university makes weaponry research appear respectable too.

What she and her husband, Ron, and a few others, seek is a public debate with officers of the university concerning the moral issues involved in increased weaponry. She wants not necessarily to make them cease operating the laboratories, but to bring the issues out into the open.

University authorities, she says, have so far refused.

But in court she and her associates have won the right to have their pamphlets kept on display at the Livermore public information office.

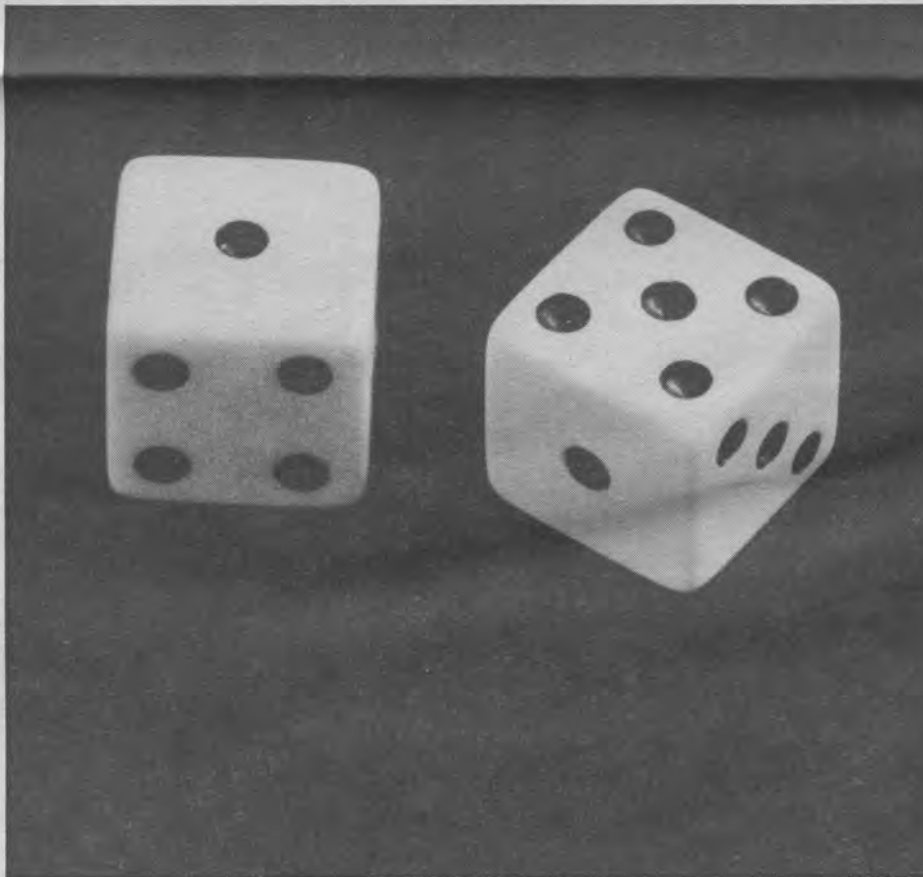
In the meantime, she and her husband are rewriting the second edition of their book, *By Our Own Lives*, which is a guidebook for activists to study how to make people aware of their individual responsibilities to force social change.

Whitworth, she says, gave her a "critical consciousness;" and the breadth of its curriculum widened her horizons. She was an English and philosophy major, but through Core she first came in contact with biology, physics and science that made her more aware of the technological problems in society.

If Thomas-Glass has a career goal, it is Isaiah's injunction, "Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression."

It has not been easy for her, and it was something of a circuitous route, but she says she loves her work and would not give it up for anything.

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"In San Francisco there's a raving sectarian left," she comments. "I have no hope for them. I'd be scared if they actually did make a

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revolution. They have no fundamental respect for life."

But by questioning basic assumptions, she says, people can come closer to the truth. The problem is people rarely do question. Most universities, for example, tend to "domesticate people to

serve society rather than to question it." That is particularly true, she fears, in an era when business studies are dominating.

In her work, "Our responsibility is to make people understand the choices they are making. When they decide to have 80 degree pools in their backyards — which are so common here



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## DAVID MYERS

## Career four and holding

"Life is full of surprises," is how David G. Myers puts it. It didn't seem so surprising at first. In high school in Seattle, he studied insurance nights and

planned to join his father's insurance business. By 16 Myers was the youngest certified insurance salesman in the state of Washington.

By the time he entered Whitworth, he had a new dream: being a doctor. So Myers majored in chemistry. But during three summers in the emergency room at King County Hospital, he discovered he liked people in the round, not slides of their tissues, so in his final year at Whitworth he turned to psychology.

Then he earned a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, and quickly plunged into research at Hope College, in Holland, Mich.

Now, 17 years after leaving Whitworth, the salesman-turned-doctor-turned-researcher is a writer. He is exploring the ties between social psychology and Biblical teachings. He has written for such prestigious magazines as *Psychology Today*, *Saturday Review*, *Science Digest* and *Christianity Today*, and has just finished a social psychology text for McGraw-Hill.

"The fact is, most people are like me," Myers says. "They end up in careers they did not anticipate while in college." On top of that, "Most of them change their careers again in their lifetimes."

The former chemistry major argues persuasively for the liberal arts. "Liberal arts seek to prepare people for the unknown future in a timeless way . . . and besides, being an educated person — one who reads, thinks and questions — makes for a more interesting life." Dr. Myers has been lucky enough to be part of a rapidly expanding — and interesting — field

of knowledge. He began his career by studying group discussion and its effects on peoples' attitudes.

"It was my good fortune that the phenomenon I began researching turned out to be important, and that the search for its explanation uncovered some interesting phenomena," he says.

Myers and his colleagues discovered during nine years of work that group discussion tends to heighten whatever attitudes or prejudices its members had in the first place. "We found, for instance, that when a prejudiced group gets together, after discussion its members tend to be more prejudiced than they were before." A group opposed to such a prejudice, on the other hand, would be even more opposed after discussion.

The research has important implications for committees, juries, boards of directors, perhaps even whole towns, where decisions must be made after discussion. It throws light on how groups think.

As a result of his papers on his research,

up for what we believe. This parallels the Biblical idea that obedient action nurtures faith, as well as the other way around, and it suggests some practical implications for Christian worship and nurture."

In 1978 he published (Harper & Row) *The Human Puzzle*, which relates psychological research to Christian belief, and more recently he delivered a series of lectures on the same topic at Fuller Seminary. Those lectures evolved into *The Inflated Self* (Seabury 1980-81).

His study has convinced him that many of the superstitions people turn to so hungrily are results of errors in thinking and perception. "There's an incredible ease with which the human mind collects garbage," he comments. In an article on ESP for *Science Digest*, for instance, he explored the how often people misunderstand the rules of chance. People jump to astrology, or magic, or paranormal powers to explain events that would have happened anyway.

Christians, he says, are not necessarily free from misconceptions. The national debate between evolutionists and creationists, which

has generated so much heat and so little light, is partly a result of superstitious thought on the part of creationists, he suggests.

"The great mistake people make is that they believe there must be a gap to fit God into — the so-called 'God of a gap' — because there's always a tendency to identify God in the gaps of mystery. For instance, the primitive tribes who don't understand thunder, say 'God must be responsible for it.' Well, as learning advances (and thunder is understood) that thinking tends to push God into smaller and smaller gaps.

The notion of God shrinks."

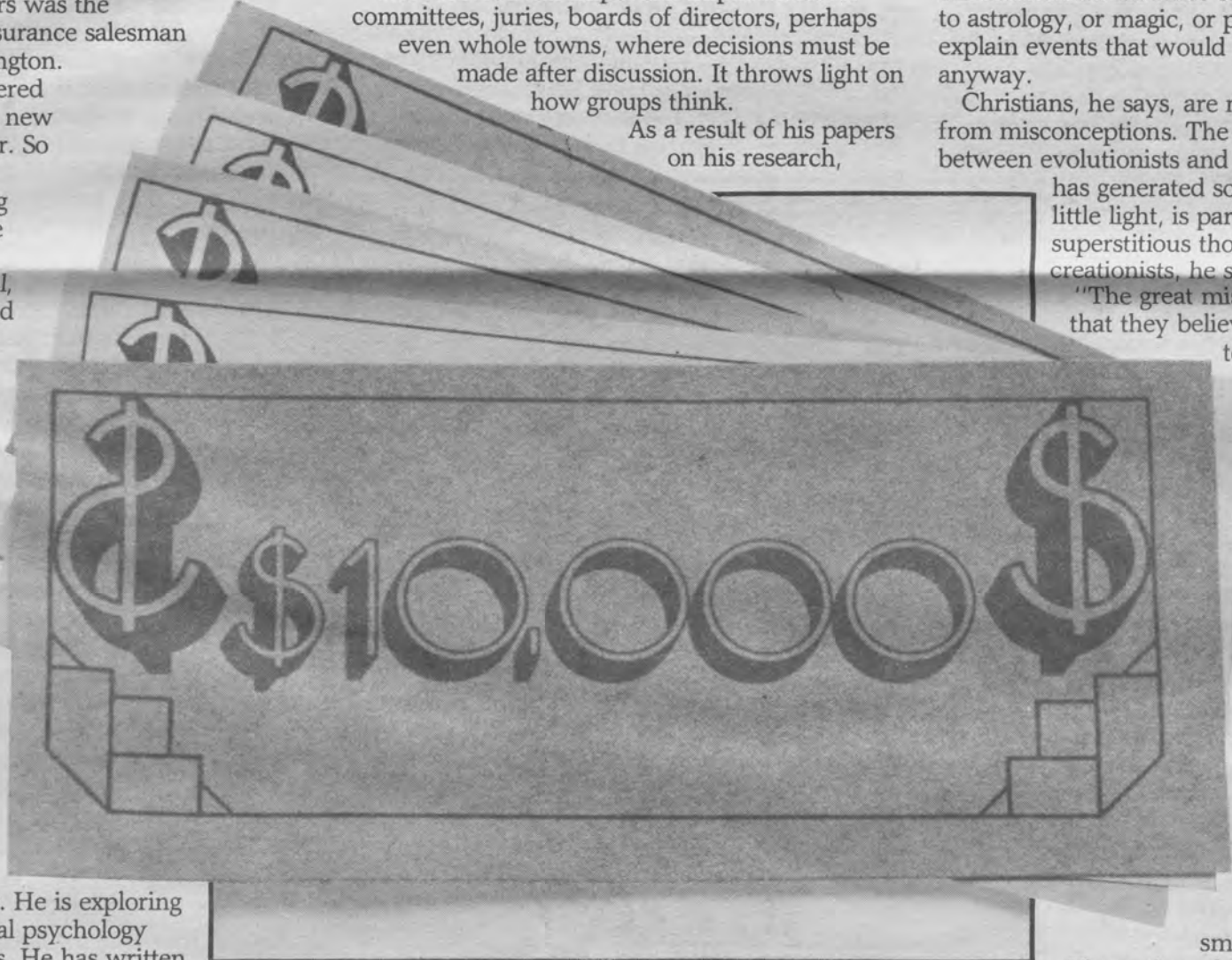
His words call up an image of "thunderists" hotly debating "electralists" eons ago.

"I think 'God of a gap' belief is wrong-headed. In fact we must believe in a God who created all natural processes. Creationists are working with the 'God of a gap' and so they are very defensive about advances in science, as if the God who created things is in competition with the natural processes."

Instead God is a friend — being their creator — of natural processes, and so, for Myers, studying and understanding the subtle mechanisms of biology and physics are a form of seeking divine revelation.

No doubt Myers will always be a seeker after revelation, but considering his credo of "the more you do, the more opportunities you get," who knows what he will be doing 17 years from now?

After all, life is full of surprises.



Myers was awarded the prestigious Gordon Allport Intergroup Relations Prize in 1978, and has lectured at Yale, Harvard and other colleges.

Now Myers is turning his Midas touch to theological ore. As one of the relatively rare Christians among social scientists (the discipline, he says, tends to attract people who look for alternative, non-theological, reasons for human behavior) he is increasingly moved to tie Biblical thought to modern research in psychology. "I feel a real sense of mission about that," he says.

Social psychology and the Bible are not so far apart as they seem on first sight. Myers says, "Social psychologists have shown rather convincingly that not only do our attitudes determine our actions, but our actions determine our attitudes. We're as likely to believe in what we've stood up for as to stand

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## MARY BETH VIREN

### A personnel view of the job market

**"I** had no idea I would go into personnel," says Mary Beth Viren (nee Walker.) In fact, "It was a miracle. I was in the right place at the right time." Little did she know, when she graduated in 1978, what she would be doing three years later. In college she thought she would be a counselor, perhaps employed in a social services agency. At Whitworth she studied psychology and applied herself to everything related to counseling.

For example, "I was in charge of the Village (resident halls) as head resident, and I felt I had had a good exposure to counseling. I was all gung ho."

So she and her husband Paul (also a 1978 graduate) moved to Seattle, all set for their careers. But it didn't go as expected.

"I ran into a lot of frustrations," she says. "It was very hard to get a job in a new area with no contacts." After a long search she found a job as a night reliever in a woman's center in downtown Seattle, but "I quickly found out it wasn't going to work out."

At last she did find a job in a social services agency — as a secretary. She put her psychology training to work typing letters and reports. "I thought if I could get in, I could see how to get ahead," she explains. "But, instead, I found I really didn't want to do counseling. I discovered what I really like is personnel."

Soon she and her husband, who was working for a church in Seattle, were itching for a change, and they moved back to Spokane. Paul found a job selling real estate. But for Mary Beth, it didn't go well.

"It was very frustrating in Spokane, too. I got a lot of interviews — at Old National Bank, Washington Water Power, and others — but I was told I couldn't get into personnel without a business degree or special training," she says.

Then a secretarial job opened up at Sacred Heart Hospital in Spokane. She took it.

"I heard that an opening in personnel would come up. Six months later, one did and I applied for it. I didn't think I'd get it — but here I am. And I love it!"

She is an employment interviewer for the

hospital, one of the state's largest, and the largest employer in Spokane. It has 550 beds.

Had she known what she really wanted to do when she was in college, it probably would have been easier for her, but "planning ahead is difficult. I think it is better for students to take a lot of different courses. And to take testing for interests. As far as preparing for specific jobs goes — there's just no way to know."

But, now that she is something of an expert in employment, she sees the difficulties students face. Gone are the days when they could start out as a janitor and become president of the company. Gone are the days when a diploma was a ticket in the job market. "We've been brought up to believe if you have a college education, you'll go further, but not anymore — now you can't get out of school with a degree and get a job, things are getting so tight — you must have special expertise, training, an advanced degree."

It's a dilemma. Students need the breadth of education to help them find what they really want in the future, but they also need the specialization to get that crucial first job.

## Opportunity Knocks

"There are so many people who, like me, can do something, but they won't get the chance," she says. "They won't get the chance if someone won't give them the opportunity. Once you land your first job, you know where you can go after that."

But the times are tough. "It's very tight now . . . and we think it'll get worse. Lots and lots of people are coming in for just a few jobs. I get 50 to 100 applications a day. I've seen people come in who've worked somewhere for 20 years, and now they need a job. A lot of people have to take a job for survival — and a lot of other people aren't aware of how bad it is in the job market."

Viren says she missed getting professional experience in college in an internship, but she values her Whitworth education. "Whitworth gave me the ability to deal with life and people. It made me more open to the possibilities."

But the dilemma still wasn't easy to resolve.

## THE STUDENT VIEW

### Planning ahead, seeing options, mapping goals

**B**eth Kehle, a junior from Phoenix, and Tom Cardle, a senior from Minneapolis, seem as different from each other as two students can be. Beth is an idealistic humanities major in psychology and education, and she isn't sure what she wants to do after graduation. Tom, a business major, already has a banking job lined up. But both have this in common:

They believe their Whitworth education and on-the-job experience has them well set for the future, in a time when many students aren't so sure.

Beth Kehle, a head resident in her dorm, is by nature exuberant but she nonetheless is realistic about the world and its problems. Her aim in life is to serve people, particularly children who live in poverty.

In high school, she was the frequent volunteer. Volunteering was "something I did for fun," she says. What attracted her to Whitworth were the opportunities to serve people away from campus through college programs; and she came because, she says, Whitworth is "conducive to thinking, a place to be challenged and to try new things."

Knowing she needed to make her skills marketable in today's world, Beth has sought out off-campus work. As a freshman and sophomore, she worked at the Hutton Settlement, a residence in the Spokane area for children unable to live in their own homes, and during January term of her sophomore year, she was a housemother in a cottage with 10 boys.

Then, last summer Beth went even further, by participating in Diakonia, a service organization available through the college. Diakonia sent her to the South Bronx, where she lived in a battered-women's shelter, which is affiliated with Mother Theresa's nuns.

The experience was difficult. "I was so sick of seeing the hurt and hunger, and drugs, and the husbands in jail . . . and the dirt! I would come home and cry for hours." Through it all, though, she began to see the life, the health, the joy in a child responding to a hug. "The experience changed her life, she says, and now she is considering returning to the South Bronx to work after graduation.

Beth knows she wants to serve humanity, to

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**PRESIDENTIAL COMMENT**

by Robert H. Mounce, Ph.D.

Every now and then a book comes across my desk that puts into simple and precise language an idea only partially formed in my own consciousness. *Inflation, Poor Talk and the Gospel* (Judson Press, 1981) is such a book. It was written by '64 alumnus David Myers along with T.E. Ludwig, M. Westphal and R.K. Klay.

Why, although on the average we enjoy a level of affluence 50 percent higher than in the 1950's (based on disposable income after inflation and taxes), has our rating of our own happiness dropped? "Why has the growth of our prosperity not been matched by an increase in our satisfaction with life?" (p. 35)

The book offers some psychological principles that help explain our addiction to "poortalk." As life improves we quickly adapt to higher standards. Even utopia would be subject to recalibration. Inevitably we compare ourselves with those who have more. Sociologist P.A. Sorokin noted that "the wealth of a man is measured, not by what he has at present, but by . . . what others have."

And then there is the self-serving bias that causes us to see ourselves as better than we actually are. A recent study disclosed that 94% of one group of professionals think of themselves as better than their

average colleague.

Poortalk is neither Christian or psychologically helpful. In fact it robs the believer of that equanimity and sense of inward satisfaction that comes from an awareness of God's continuing presence in the activities of daily life. It dulls our sensitivity to those who are genuinely disadvantaged. The authors press home the point that material things must not pre-empt the place of God in our lives, and that social justice must be the economic expression of the commandment "to love our neighbors as ourselves."

How does all this relate to Whitworth and its wider constituency? It reminds us that as 'heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ' we really should be more given to 'richtalk' than to 'poortalk.' The abundant life promised by Christ is seriously compromised by believers who have convinced themselves that everything has been downhill since the moment they entered the workforce.

To grasp how rich we really are (not simply spiritually but *actually*, as we compare our affluence with the grinding poverty of underdeveloped countries) would free us to share materially in what God wants to accomplish through us in His world today.

**FACULTY FOCUS**



Haas

■**Pauline Haas**, associate professor of art and fine arts, has been elected to the board of trustees for the Cheney Cowles Museum. She has also been appointed the regional representative of Foundation Art Teaching Education for the National Art Association of America. Haas was included in the Cheney Cowles Museum invitational exhibit in October, along with **Gordon Wilson**, assistant professor of fine arts. Her work was chosen by the Magic Mushroom for exhibit at the October Spokane Art Supply Conference.

■**Gary Holsten**, '74 Whitworth graduate, is the new coordinator of the Learning Improvement Program. He will select and train undergraduate tutors and supervise a variety of learning improvement activities on a part-time basis. Formerly a senior secondary teacher in Alaska, he is pursuing a master's degree in education with an emphasis in reading.

■**Bert Heger**, dean of graduate studies, and **Paul Jackson**, associate professor of education, attended the second annual Boise State University Symposium on Education and Contemporary America. Dr. Heger presented a paper entitled, "Reorganizing Instructional Delivery to Survive the Eighties: Coping with Resource Reductions and Accountability Increases." Dr. Jackson critiqued a paper by Robert Elkins of the University of Nevada on "Brain Research: Implications for Curriculum Development."

Dr. Heger has been selected by the American Association of College Teacher Education to undergo training by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education at Concordia College in Fargo, N.D.

■**Physical Education Professor Ross Cutter** attended the Western College Men's Education Society meeting held in Reno, Nevada in late October. He served as chairman for the conference and is president-elect of the society.



Cutter

■**Howard Gage**, professor of math and computer science, and **Rod Hansen** and **Deane Arganbright**, associate professors of math, recently attended a seminar on Software Maintenance Professional Development.

■**Assistant Professor of Education Betty Malmstad**, will present her paper, "The Social Construction of Reading Lessons: An Ethnographic Study," at the American Educational Research Association meeting in New York City this March.

■**Dean Ebner**, professor of English, has returned from London where he led a study tour for 35 Whitworth students traveling in the British Isles. The students, having completed the English Department phase, will remain in England for another two months for history and religious study under **Bruce Murphy**, associate dean and director of personnel, and **Roger Mohrlang**, assistant professor of religion.

■**Shirlene Short**, director of admissions, attended the National Admissions Conference in Denver this fall.

■**Associate Professor of Spanish Townsend Shelby**, attended the Washington Foreign Language Association conference in Olympia.

■**Dick Evans**, professor of music, attended the Washington Colleges Music Council in Ellensburg. He is the author of "Music Administration: An Annotated Bibliography," written while on sabbatical last year and recently advertised nationally by Prestige Press of Princeton, N.J.

■**George Weber**, associate professor of Business and Economics is working on his Ph.D. from Gonzaga. **Bill Yager**, assistant professor and director of the Center for Economic Education, was recently in Hawaii for the convention of Directors of Centers for Economic Education.

■**Faculty member Alexandria Mahomet**, age 42, died suddenly at her home Oct. 11. She had been on the faculty at the Intercollegiate Center for Nursing Education for five years.

**Dr. Mounce's Preaching/Speaking Schedule**

La Canada, CA	Preaching at La Canada Presbyterian	12/27/81
LaJolla, CA	Preaching at LaJolla Presbyterian	1/03/82
Concord, CA	Preaching at First Presbyterian	1/17/82
Palm Desert, CA	Preaching at Palm Desert Presbyterian	1/10/82
Thousand Oaks, CA	Preaching at Emmanuel Presbyterian	1/24/82
Honolulu, HI	Preaching at First Presbyterian	1/31/82
Renton, WA	Teaching/Preaching Weekend at First Presbyterian	2/19-21/82
Spokane, WA	Teaching/Preaching at Opportunity Presbyterian	2/28-3/2/82
Federal Way, WA	Teaching/Preaching Weekend at Steel Lake Presbyterian	3/6-7/82
Kirkland, WA	Preaching at Rosehill Presbyterian	3/7/82
Chehalis, WA	Preaching at Westminster Presbyterian	3/14/82
Centralia, WA	Preaching at First Presbyterian	3/14/82
Boulder, CO	Preaching at First Presbyterian	3/16/82
Seattle, WA	Preaching at Bethel Presbyterian	3/28/82
Yakima, WA	Preaching at First Presbyterian	4/04/82
Wenatchee, WA	Preaching at First Presbyterian	4/18/82
Spokane, WA	Preaching at Millwood Presbyterian	4/25/82
Grandview, WA	Teaching/Preach at Bethany Presbyterian	5/02/82
Sitka, AK	Speaking at Sheldon-Jackson College Graduation	5/07/82
Sitka, AK	Preaching at First Presbyterian	5/09/82
Auke Bay, AK	Preaching at First Presbyterian	5/09/82
Poulsbo, WA	Teaching/Preaching Weekend, North Kitsap Baptist	6/25-27/82



**THE WEDDING VEIL  
VS. THE IRON CURTAIN**

FROM  
RUSSIA  
WITH  
LOVE

by Paul Bunning





**I**n the bright, beautiful subway station beneath Leningrad, the serious young man and the blond-haired woman were together on the bench, holding hands and bending toward each other so their words wouldn't be lost in the roar of noise and wind as the great trains rushed past. They seemed like any couple in love. All around them people hurried by, heading for their trains. The man leaned forward, speaking over the din. He was proposing to her.

The memory makes Susan Graham smile. "The subway was passing through every three minutes, and here we were, trying to have this serious conversation—" She breaks off and laughs.

But then her smile turns sad. "Sometimes I think, 'Why are we being punished?' " She speaks quietly and then looks at her hands.

Her story seems at once a sort of fairy tale, a romance that spans continents and the Cold War, yet, too, a kind of nightmare.

Handsome Matvey Finkel, a successful metallurgical engineer in Moscow — so in love with the shy American woman — married Susan two weeks before the Christmas of 1979.

Little did they know the Russians would invade Afghanistan a few days later, and destroy what little was left of detente, sparking a renewed sense of hostility between the superpowers.

Now it has been a year since Matvey and Susan have been allowed to see each other. Moscow doesn't believe in tears; Matvey's emigration to America "would be contrary to the interests of the state," and six times the Soviets have refused him permission to leave. They have also refused to give Susan Graham, '77 Whitworth graduate, a personal visa to come to Russia. Since their marriage, Matvey and Susan have seen each other only once, when the Spokane woman managed to arrange a short-term study tour in Russia.

Since Afghanistan, the Soviets have sharply cut the number of Russian Jews they allow to emigrate under terms of the 1975 Helsinki Accord. Matvey is Jewish.

"Yes, sometimes I get discouraged," Susan says. She drops her eyes. "I try not to think of it . . ." She sits silently a moment. It is difficult for her to speak of such personal things. "Thinking about it (the separation) isn't productive . . ."

It is clear these long lonely days have not been easy for her. Her pleas to congressmen and the State Department bring sympathetic noises, but no real help. In an age when the chief question is how many more sabers to rattle at the Russians, one love affair isn't a high priority. "They all keep saying, 'Patience and determination.' My feeling is they haven't done much." She pauses. "Maybe there isn't much they can do."

Keeping a transcontinental marriage alive is difficult. It costs Matvey \$8 a minute to call her, and her letters take up to a month to reach him. And all the while their future is in the hands of a bureaucracy. Susan can only hope to arrange another study tour.

"Sometimes I wonder when it will end . . . if it will end," Susan says. "But I never really give up hope."

Living in Spokane, she imagines the day Matvey comes to the United States. She imagines showing him the country and the

Spokane area, which would seem familiar to him, surrounded by farmland and forests, and baked by summer heat and chilled by winter snow. Only the mountains would be different. It would be a pleasing time.

"And I can't wait to take him to a Safeway store," she adds with a grin.

But aside from her imagination and the brief phone calls and late letters from Moscow, Susan must content herself with memories. How did it all come about? How did a quiet Spokane woman become embroiled in superpower politics?

Two Russian emigrants, a husband and wife, live in Spokane. In 1977, Susan, an international studies major and interested in all things Russian, went to their home. She was planning to study at the University of Leningrad later that year, and offered to greet their relatives still in Moscow.

During spring break from the University, she traveled to Moscow. "I called them and they invited me over for dinner. I went a couple of times — they took me to the theater — and then one night their son came home. I didn't think anything of it at the time. But then the last night I was there he said he would be coming to Leningrad. I later found out the reason was to see me," she says.

At first she was cool. American women studying in Russia often discover that Russian men find them exotic and tend to pursue them. Some Russian Jews approach Americans for a "marriage of convenience" to make it easier for them to emigrate.

But the young man did not speak of wanting to leave Russia. "He was as patriotic as the next guy," Susan recalls.

Finally, after her term of study ended, Susan left Russia and returned to Spokane. "I went to see the family in Spokane — they were his aunt and uncle — and they said he had written and he was planning to come to the United States. The news hit me like a ton of bricks. Why was he coming?"

She was suspicious of Matvey. She had heard of the "marriages of convenience." Her friends counselled her to write Matvey a nasty letter. "So I wrote him. I said 'Forget it. Don't come over here.' "

But the letter was followed by others, and soon she found herself corresponding regularly with him, and "it got to be three or four times a week." More amazing yet, she found herself falling in love with him, and he, her.

So, again, she arranged a study tour, this time under former Whitworth Professor G. William Benz. She returned to Leningrad in the fall of 1978.

**M**atvey came to Leningrad to see her. But because the Soviet authorities do not allow natives and Americans to mix freely — one could not just go to the coffee shop and talk — Matvey took her to the subway. He asked her if she loved him; she said she did. "What are we going to do about it?" he asked, as trains whizzed past. The only answer they could come up with was to marry.

But the Soviets would not allow Matvey to leave. Meanwhile Susan's visa was expiring, and so she had to return home. Finally Susan found another study tour in 1979, and returned to Russia. Immediately she and Matvey applied to be married. The government, in those pre-Afghanistan days, approved the marriage and

## "And I can't wait to take him to a Safeway store."

set the date for them: Dec. 11. Matvey and Susan went to a "wedding place" in Moscow reserved exclusively for marriages between natives and foreigners, and were wed in a brief ceremony.

But 10 days later her visa expired again, and she had to return to the United States — without her husband.

Quickly she applied for a private visitor's visa so she could return to the Soviet Union, but the authorities rejected her application. The United States and Russia were in the midst of trading insults in the aftermath of the events in Afghanistan.

But Susan did find another study tour under Ohio State University in late 1980, and her visa, this time, was approved.

"I had been married only 10 days before I had had to leave last time — it had been a year. I was apprehensive." She smiles. "But we picked up right where we had left off."

Love does not solve every problem, however, and it was not legal for her to be in her in-law's apartment in Moscow. One day, however, she was alone in the apartment, taking a shower. She had forgotten to shut off a centralized burglar alarm, and two police and a plainclothesman showed up at the door.

"I said, 'Oh my gosh, I forgot to call' to have the alarm shut off. "I was sure that as soon as I spoke (Russian) they'd know I was a foreigner, and I didn't have my passport, which you're supposed to have — even Russian citizens are supposed to have a sort of internal passport with them at all times —" Susan laughs, shaking her head, her eyes wide, remembering how frightened she'd been.

But the plainclothesman showed no suspicion. "Oh, is that what happened?" he said after she'd explained. He nodded and said she could call the centralized number and have the alarm de-activated.

Susan stared at the phone. She didn't even know the number. How could she dial? Now the police would know she was not a member of the family. They'd ask to see her passport . . . Danger seemed very near.

But at the last moment the plainclothesman stepped forward. "Here," he said pleasantly, "I'll call for you." He did, and the alarm was shut off. The three policemen left, and nothing came of the incident.

Luckily Susan speaks Russian like a native — almost. Most Muscovites take her for someone from the provinces, or from Poland or Czechoslovakia.

Given her knowledge and her ability to speak Russian, Susan could live in the Soviet Union. She does not want to move to Russia, but if it becomes necessary, and if the authorities still do not allow Matvey to leave, she would be willing to leave the United States to be with her husband.

But still she hopes that the Soviets will relent and let Matvey go. She keeps writing congressmen. Matvey does what he can, too. He even wrote the 1980 Madrid Conference on Security and Cooperation, the update of the Helsinki Accord, saying "A personal tragedy forces me to seek your help . . . My wife and I request your assistance in the humanitarian task of reuniting my family . . ."

But the conference could do nothing. Susan and Matvey believe a husband and wife belong together. But, alas, the Soviet Union seems not to agree.



feel the suffering and the hurts, and the goodness and joy. She wants "to see Christ in all areas." But she isn't quite sure how. Graduate school is a possibility. So is teaching in a blighted inner city or in a Third World country. One day she would like to be a child psychologist, perhaps administering a mental hospital. She might even like to buy an orphanage in a big city ghetto.

Tom Cardle, on the other hand is not about to be launched into the world without a life raft. Through extensive work experience in the banking world, he has developed several strong prospects for

employment, and, in fact, has already been offered a job as a loan officer in a bank in his hometown.

Calm, self-assured and a bit conservative, Tom finds his work experience more important for getting a job than the business courses he has taken at Whitworth. He is financial vice president for the Associated Students of Whitworth. And he has worked two summers in a bank in Minneapolis as a "floater," a sort of utility infielder filling in at everything from being a teller and a bookkeeper to a manager.

So impressed was the bank, it offered to pay his way through

graduate school at night if he'd come work for them. But then again, Tom had an additional advantage: He knows the bank's chairman of the board.

Tom expresses an admiration for Business Professor Harry Dixon, who "makes us learn the material," but it was more than business that led him to Whitworth. He likes the liberal arts emphasis of the school, because "the variety of courses help you interrelate what you've learned — and then they help you express that learning. In a vocational or technical school, you'd only have the strict teaching of certain book skills."



## Detrick named alumni director

Ronald M. Detrick, 44, a teacher and businessman in the Spokane area for 13 years, has been named director for alumni relations for Whitworth College. He is an alumnus of the college, having studied for five semesters in the teacher certification program. He left in 1974.

Detrick replaces Raymond Kay Brown, who resigned Oct. 31 to become associate pastor at the Millwood Presbyterian Church in the Spokane Valley.

Before coming to Deer Park High School near Spokane, Detrick was an award-winning teacher in the Highline School District in South Seattle. He won the PTSA's Golden Acorn Award for distinguished service to the community, and in his second year of teaching was named the district's outstanding teacher.

He was active in the Young Life program in Seattle and Salem, OR, and was employed by the program for two summers as a regional fund raiser.

Detrick, a graduate of Seattle Pacific University and North Central High School in Spokane, has had a remarkably varied past. He has been a machinist, a salesman, a bank manager with Seattle First National Bank, and, more recently, as well as teaching high school, he has been an ambulance attendant for the Deer Park Ambulance Service and the owner of a successful photography studio in the Spokane area.

He says one of his strengths is his ability to communicate with people in all walks of life. With characteristic energy, he is eager to face the challenge of the Whitworth alumni program, and seeks "to build a long-standing program, building a rapport with alumni that will last a long time."

## Two named as speakers for the first Simpson-Duvall Lectureship

The committee for the Simpson-Duvall Lectureship has announced the speakers for its first series to be held April 13 through 15.

Chair Mary Dewey announced that Whitworth professors emeriti, Dr. Fenton Duvall and Dr. Clarence Simpson will be the first to speak in the annual program which bears their names.

The three sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m. on three successive evenings at Whitworth Presbyterian Church. The program founded in honor of the two retired professors in 1980, is funded by donations from Whitworth alumni, faculty and friends. It will annually feature outstanding lecturers from the fields of literature, history and the humanities.

### Detrick, continued

Detrick says he cherishes his contacts with the college. "As a student I found here extreme intellectual integrity; there was no gift-wrapped package (of philosophical thought.) And I've seen the quality of people coming out of here, student teachers for example." In addition two of his three children are currently enrolled at the college.

He adds he has a deep commitment to Christ and His church, and is eager to represent Whitworth and its mission. "I feel Whitworth is my 'home,'" he says.



## Today survey — our readers respond

The results are in, and thanks to many of our readers — almost a hundred who took the effort to send our survey back into us — we at *Today* have a better feel for what you would like to see in your publication.

Clearly alumni news is your favorite topic. Eighty percent of our respondents chose alumni news as among their favorites, compared with 46 percent for faculty news, and 42 percent for major features. About 63 percent thought we should increase our emphasis on alumni news, while 43 percent would like to see more news about faculty, 42 percent more features, 38 percent more news on college programs, and about a third more reporting on college religious activities.

We'll keep these interests in mind as we plan future issues.

On questions of quality, of those who answered, 91 percent liked *Today's* degree of "seriousness" (eight percent thought the magazine

too light.) Seventy-eight percent liked the length of the magazine, while 13 percent would like more. Ninety percent liked *Today's* balance of topics. Ninety percent also liked *Today's* approach, while seven percent found the magazine too "educational" and three percent "too journalistic."

Eighty-two percent thought *Today* is adequately involved with important issues (12 percent wanted more tough reporting, and six percent thought *Today* already too concerned with issues.) Seventy-nine percent liked *Today's* quality of writing (17 percent found it "so-so"). Seventy-six percent liked the looks of *Today*, while 21 percent thought the layout just "so-so."

We always work hard to keep up *Today's* quality, and we'll continue to find ways to improve it even more.

We asked you which stories you recalled from the June issue. The inauguration of Whitworth's 15th President, Dr. Robert H. Mounce, was the most remembered article. It was cited by 73 percent of you. Most of the others were well remembered too. But we placed a few "ringers" in our survey, and we caught some of you. Twelve percent of our respondents thought they had read a story on the uses of Northwestern wheat, but we never wrote such a story. Seven percent recalled a non-existent story on "entomologist Robert Nixon," and six percent a story on "advising foreign students."

Our respondents were mostly female (63 percent), graduates (79 percent), and between the ages of 26 and 35 (55 percent). Fifty-seven percent recalled their experiences at Whitworth as "excellent," and 35 percent as "good." A slim eight percent recalled college here as "fair" or "poor."

Thanks again for responding to our questionnaire. We found your responses, and your comments, very interesting. Not surprisingly, there was a considerable range of opinions among you: your diversity is refreshing — and challenging.

It is obvious Whitworth alums care about each other. So, if you run across a fellow Whitworthian who's got a real story to tell (yes, it can even be yourself), write us. We're constantly searching for new ideas for articles.

And, of course, if you have an opinion about *Today*, don't wait for the next survey! We enjoy praise but we find criticism instructive. Either way, we like to hear from you.



General Richard Carr, '49, chief of chaplains of the U.S. Air Force, was awarded a doctor of divinity degree in ceremonies October 4 at Bolling Air Force Base, Washington D.C., by President Robert Mounce. He was honored for his pioneering programs in military family life.





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Chaplain Ron Frase at Lunch in the Loop with alumnus and parent, Glenna James Symons '53 and Bill James, (nephew of Mrs. Symons).

Trustee Ron Leighton '73 helps the alumni team win the Homecoming Great Tricycle Race during halftime.

## Estate planning help from the Whitworth Foundation

What do grain, timberland or industrial properties have to do with Whitworth? The answer might seem surprising. All of them are important assets in the rapidly growing portfolio of the Whitworth Foundation.

Established in 1972, the non-profit, tax-exempt Whitworth Foundation has grown to \$8.9 million. Together with the Endowment Fund, which the foundation manages, the assets exceed \$12 million. It has been one of the fastest growing foundations in the country.

The Whitworth Foundation helps people see how they could support Christian education far beyond their own lifetimes. This goal is accomplished through the estate planning process. Estate planning is a team effort. The executive vice president works with individuals and their advisors to help them achieve their tax and estate management goals while also providing for the future of Whitworth College.

For example, a charitable trust or annuity may enable a family to receive a lifetime of income from an asset that normally might not produce income, and at the same time avoid capital gains consequences. Eventually the principal that remains passes to the Endowment Fund, which provides scholarships for students at Whitworth College. More than \$700,000 has been transferred from the foundation to the college and Endowment Fund.

Stephen Trefts is the executive vice president of the foundation and manages its day-to-day operation. On the board of directors are leaders in the business, legal and financial communities of Spokane. Werner Rosenquist is chairman, Dr. Albert Arend is vice chairman, Herbert Hamblen is secretary, and Martin Polhemus is treasurer. Also on the board are William Fix, Jack Hatch, Clair Jones, Franklin Ott, Kenneth Roberts and Edward Unicume.



## Trefts is named to head Whitworth Foundation

Spokane attorney Stephen Trefts has been named executive vice president of the Whitworth Foundation. Formerly a trust officer for Seattle First National Bank, he was chosen to replace Richard Matheny following an extensive nationwide search. (Matheny is now vice president for development at Whitworth College.)

Trefts has worked with most of the major law firms and accounting offices in the Spokane area. In addition to promoting trust services in estate planning for five branches of Sea-First, he administered probates and trusts. He frequently speaks to civic groups on estate planning and was a member of the Spokane County Estate Planning Council.

He enjoys working with people, and is active in community service. A committed Christian, he teaches Bible studies and helped his church sponsor Hmong refugees. Trefts is chairman of the deacons and on the governing board of his church. He is married and the father of two children.

A graduate of Colorado College, he holds a bachelor's degree in political economy. After school and extensive travel in the Middle East and India, he attended the Gonzaga University School of Law. He graduated in 1975.

## Whitworth budget record high

For the first time in history, the Whitworth College operating budget has topped \$10 million. President Robert Mounce said a balanced budget of \$10,068,000 for fiscal 1981-82 was made possible by the 8.6% enrollment increase this fall.

The budget, approved at the annual fall meeting of the board of trustees, included a \$96,000 increase over the preliminary proposal. Augmenting the income from tuition paid by Whitworth's 1,921 students was projected \$975,000 of unrestricted gift income expected to come from alumni, churches, businesses and friends of the college. The Greater Spokane Scholarship fund drive is

currently underway to raise \$50,000 for scholarships from Spokane businesses.

The trustees expressed their confidence in the new administration of Dr. Mounce by increasing their pledge support by about \$32,000, says trustee chairman, Jack Hatch.

In other business, the trustees elected officers, including three Spokane area men and a Seattle resident. Hatch was selected as chairman for his fifth term. Leonard Myhre, of Seattle is vice chairman, Haydn P. Morgan, secretary and William Fix, treasurer. Hatch and Fix are also directors of the Whitworth Foundation.

## Whitworth to host AWB Business Week

Whitworth has been selected by the Association of Washington Business as the Eastern Washington location for its Business Week program.

Business Week provides high school sophomores and juniors a week long learning experience to dispell their myths and misunderstandings about business and the private enterprise system. Their teachers and discussion leaders are business people from across the state. Full scholarships are available to students and funded by the community, various groups and businesses on behalf of AWB.

President Robert Mounce said, "This program is an excellent complement to our Center for Economic Education which addresses the same subject through elementary and secondary school teachers."

The program, which will be chaired in 1982 by Wendell Satre, president of Washington Water

Power, was started in 1976 on the campus of Central Washington University. Since then the project has multiplied rapidly and last summer, sessions were added at the University of Puget Sound.

Satre says he expects approximately 400 students to attend the June 20 through 26 Whitworth Session. "We're planning to add Whitworth to our Business Week program to offer students in Eastern Washington an opportunity to attend Business Week closer to home. We also feel this will enable more business people from this area to participate as leaders," he said.

Business Week gives students a well-rounded perspective on private enterprise workings through lecturers, discussions, and visits to a working business. Students play a computer management game in which they form separate companies and gain the 'feel' of running a business.

## Memorials honor Jenkins and Neustel

Whitworth College has established a scholarship in honor of **Marion Jenkins**, who died in August. She was a dean of women at Whitworth for many years, and served the college for 34 years. At her request, memorial gifts are being placed in the Whitworth alumni scholarship fund. Those who would like to contribute may send gifts to the Marion Jenkins

Scholarship.

Memorials are also being received in honor of **Dr. Benjamin Neustel**, who died in July. Neustel taught science at Whitworth from 1928 to 1956 and deeply influenced the lives of many of his students. Memorials in his honor will help purchase reference materials in the college chemistry department.



# ALUMNI NOTEBOOK

## Class of 1932 . . . Plan Now For Your 50th Class Reunion!

That's right, your 'golden year' reunion will be held during Commencement Weekend, May 15-16, 1982. A special 50-Year Plus Reunion luncheon will be held on May 15. You will also be special guests at the Commencement ceremonies. More information will be coming to you through your Class Agent, Dorothy Hood McNeal (6528 Dash Point Blvd. N.E., Tacoma, WA 98422).

### 1932

**Forrest C. and Helen (Doig) Travaile** have moved to Duarte, CA where they are residing at Westminster Gardens, a retirement home for missionaries.

### 1940

**Mary (Koper) Chaffee** and her husband, former chaplain Clifford Chaffee, have recently moved to Westminster Gardens in Duarte, CA.

### 1948

**Miriam (Petrequin) Haglund** is currently the Northern California representative for Pioneer Ministries, an international Christian club, camp, and leader training organization. She and her husband, Ted, reside in Citrus Heights, CA. Their daughter, Nancy, a 1979 graduate of Whitworth, was married in Dec., 1980 to Reuben Collins.

**Lester Pontius** is working in Resource Development at Specialized Management Support in Federal Way, WA.

### 1950

**Gordon M. Schweitzer** has moved from San Francisco to Ft. Monmouth, NJ where he has a position on the staff of the U.S. Army Chaplain School.

**Bob Rhinehart** participated in the organization of the Idaho Association For Pastoral Care and was elected its first president.

### 1954

**Archie Locke** just completed twenty-five years of service with the Costa Mesa Fire Dept. Their daughter, Jeanie, will graduate from Westmont College in May, 1982.

### 1956

**Jim Shepherd** is living in New York City. He published his 4th book in mid-February, *RSVP: The Houghton Mifflin Reading, Study, & Vocabulary Program* and is currently working on his 5th book, *The Study Skills Handbook*.

**Dr. Robert W. Steffer** was named director of education for mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Setp. 28. Dr. Steffer is living in Indianapolis with wife, Diane and their two children.

### 1960

**Dr. Herman Woodrow Hughes** has been named the Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Intelligence Unit in Portland, OR. Hughes holds the rank of Commander and has more than 22 years of active and reserve military service. Dr. Hughes is currently Director of Teacher Education at George Fox College in Newberg, OR.

**Perry Watkins** married Claudia Martinez in June and is Director of Athletic Promotion & Fund Raising at the University of Puget Sound.

**Fred J. Herschel** has accepted a call to pastor the Snoqualmie Church of The Nazarene. He and his wife, Elaine, adopted Kevin (3 years old) last Oct. 1980.

**Dick Silk** was recently appointed executive director of the Foothill Community Clinic in Pasadena.

**M. Louise (Gerbage) Bowen** is teaching vocal music part-time in elementary schools in Lompoc, CA.

### 1962

**Dr. Esther Ray Mills** has been named director of the Institute of Public Service at Seattle University. She is an assistant professor and teaches organizational behavior and communications. She and her husband, Derek, are principals in the Mills Consulting Group, a management consulting firm.

### 1964

**Carol Rice Watson** recently opened her own practice as a certified public accountant. Carol and her husband, Jim, live in West Seattle with their two children.

**Sharon Parks** recently completed her Th.D. dissertation in Applied Theology at Harvard Divinity School. Sharon begins a five year appointment as associate professor of Development Psychology and Faith Education at Harvard Divinity School.

**David Myers** is now serving as professor of psychology at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Dave is the author of *The Inflated Self*. He is currently working on a social psychology textbook for McGraw-Hill, to be published in the Fall, 1982. His wife **Carol (Peterkin '65)**, has been giving leadership in the area of family celebration as a means of Christian nurture.

### 1966

**Janet (Potter) Edwards** is teaching English & Reading with Hawaii Dept. of Education and at Kauai Community College. Her husband, Richard, is administrative technologist with Hawaii Air National Guard.

### 1968

**Susan (Lewis) Shira** is enrolled at Holy Names College in Oakland for a Masters of Special Education with specialty in Learning Disabilities. Her husband, Wayne, is working at Hayward with Beechcraft West.

### 1970

**Robert Ensign** has recovered from a 1977 burn injury. This fall he will enter a Ph.D. program at Emory University which will relate the function of language to theology of the Word. Robert and wife, Margaret, reside in Sparta, Tennessee, with children, Joshua, 8, Rachel, 6, and Daniel, 2.

**Rebecca Lounsberry** received a Master of Science in Teaching — Elementary School Administration & Supervision degree from Drake Univeristy in Des Moines.

**Al Johnson** and Janet (Crowder) celebrated the birth of their second child, Amy Lynn, who joins Todd, 3. Al has been named the athletic director and chairman of the physical education department in Alamitos High School in Garden Grove, CA. Preceding this he was head basketball coach.

**Stephen S. David** is the director of Christian education and youth ministries at the First Baptist Church of Lodi. He received his M.Div. from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary in Portland, OR. in June 1978. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two children, Stephenie, 7, and Geoffrey, 4.

**Joan Butler** is the curriculum secretary for the Kennewick School District. She resides in Richland, WA.

**Jon Schmick** moved this fall to Prosser, WA where he is pastor at First Presbyterian Church. He was formerly on the staff at Opportunity Presbyterian.

**Terry W. Protto** has been named divisional vice president and General Manager of Meier and Frank, May Department Stores Company in Portland, Oregon.

**Jan Polhamus Scott** is learning all she can to aid in her new job — rearing the Scott's first son. She and her husband, Don, recently sponsored Ivy Dlamini, an young African lady who came to the U.S. for emergency ear surgery.

### 1972

**Debbie Anderson Harvey** is living in Everett with husband, Larry and baby daughter, Gretchen, who was born April, 1980. Larry is a juvenile probation counselor with Snohomish County and Debbie is a homemaker.

**Russ Edwards** and wife, **Lindy (Van Marter)**, recently celebrated their 9th wedding anniversary. Russ is a doctor of chiropractic medicine in Kirkland and Lindy works as a receptionist for The Employment Company in Seattle. They reside in Kirkland.

**Penelope S. Gonzales** just finished a summer at Western Washington University working on a masters in reading. She is expecting another child in July.

**Diane Thomas-Glass** and her husband, Ron, are rewriting a book published first last year on educational models for training social change activists. She works with churches throughout Northern California.

**Dennis and Jill (Parke) Crawford** are living in Ravenswood, West Virginia where Dennis was installed as the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in June. Jill is substitute teaching.

## What's News With You

Please use the space below to send news about you or your Whitworth friends.

Check, if new address

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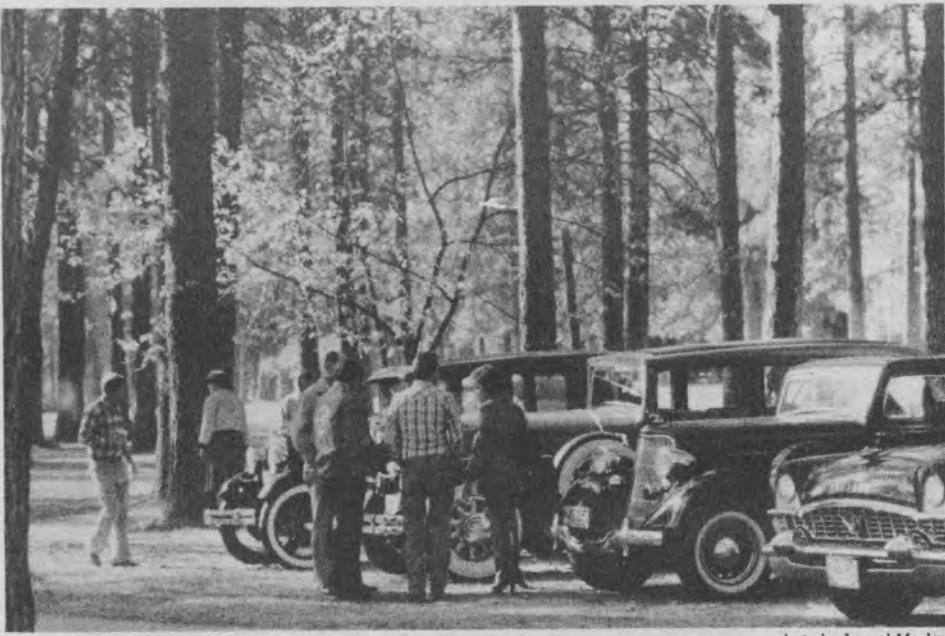


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In keeping with the theme of Homecoming '81 "A Hundred Yesterdays," was a display of vintage cars in the Loop by Spokane's Hassie Club.

**Dave Reynolds** teaches health, first aid and P.E. and Yelm High School, as well as coaching the varsity baseball team. Dave and wife, **Helen (Ansotigue)** hold Young Life and Campaigners meetings in their living room.

## 1974

**Julie (Somsen) Irwin** recently completed her 7th year of teaching kindergarten.

**John Sheridan** is studying vocal coaching at the University of Illinois. He resides in Champaign, IL.

**Kyle and Kathy (Harrell) Storm** are both completing doctoral studies in psychology. Kyle is working at UC/Irvine while Kathy is a faculty member at Biola College in Los Angeles.

**Joan McGrady-Beach** is starting her own calligraphy business. Husband, **Randy McGrady-Beach** is the operations manager at a savings & loan in Santa Clara. They are deacons at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church.

## 1976

**Marla Ruth Brassard** received her Ph.D. in psychology from Columbia University in 1979 and is currently an assistant professor of Educational Psychology at the University of Utah.

**Liz Dooley** graduated last spring from Princeton Theological Seminary. She is now on the staff of Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield, New Jersey. Participating in Liz's ordination was former chaplain, Ron White and Herbe Stocker.

**Donna Cool Tallman** is teaching English as a Second Language in Healdsburg High School, CA. She also has returned to Sonoma State University for teaching credentials in the single subject credential program in English.

**Scott and Kim (Rose) Swanson** were in the U.S. this summer visiting from Jerusalem. Scott is studying Hebrew and religion at the graduate level, while Kim (fluent in Hebrew, Japanese & French) tutors students in English. Kim also works as the consumer pricing agent in Israel for the United Nations.

**Susan Weaver** received a master of arts degree from Occidental College on June 13, 1981.

**Suzi Obendorf Pipkin** and husband, Chet, are living in Boise, ID where Suzi is a homemaker and Chet is a broker in a real estate firm and a jet pilot for the Idaho Air National Guard. They have one daughter, Greta Sue.

**John Williams** is the new assistant pastor to students at the Whitworth Community Presbyterian Church, Spokane, WA.

**David Lukov** is completing his senior year at Princeton Theological Seminary.

## 1978

**Bud Sharpe** has been promoted to Special Projects Manager for the Snohomish Publishing Company. **Laurie** is teaching in the Snohomish School District.

**Marc Medefind** is news editor and arts & entertainment editor for *The Signal*, a weekly newspaper in Atwater, CA.

**Paul & Lori Lynne (Griffin) Ross** are living in Spokane where Paul is a territory manager for McNeil Corporation and Lori is a loan officer for Spokane Railway Credit Union and a consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

**Shellye Lindsay-Smith** is now in her second year as an elementary music specialist in Mead School District. Her husband, **Gary A. Smith '79**, finished his business management degree this summer.

## 1980

**Gary W. Paukert** is completing his final year of a masters degree program in Geophysics at the University of Calgary where he is also working as a Graduate Teaching Assistant.

**Steve Benz** has begun a two-year term as a teacher at Instituto del Progreso Latino in Chicago, Illinois. Steve's wife, **Cheryl** will teach at Latino Youth, an alternative school in Chicago.

**Katherine Ellen Preston** received her masters degree in elementary education last August and is teaching fifth grade at Milton Academy, 10 miles south of Boston. She "loves teaching!"

**Melanie Murton** is teaching language arts and social studies at Romig Jr. High in Anchorage, Alaska and loving it!

**Robin Wieber** recently graduated from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois with a Masters of Music in Church Music, studying organ under Dr. Richard G. Enright.

**Russ Clark** is C.E. director for Plymouth Congregational Church in Spokane.

**Kaleo Waiiau** works at Circle Bar J Boys' Ranch. His wife, **Shelly**, is a third grade teacher in Fernwood School District. Kaleo plans to attend seminary in the near future.

**Debby Youmans** and **Julie Weinman** left on April 28 for Kenya. They taught at Garba Tula School for 3½ months. August 20 they flew to Frankfurt, Germany to begin their two month Eurailpass traveling throughout Europe. From there they went to Spain.

**Nancy Kassouni** started Northwestern University graduate school of management for hospital and health services management in September.

**King Colman Chuen** entered the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Arizona in July of this year.

## Marriages

- '75 **Claudia Nelson** and C. Allen Couch, Nov. 22, 1980. They reside in Spokane.
- '76 **Gail E. Gobrecht** and Robert LaRogue, Oct. 3, 1981.
- '76 **David B. Lukov** and Mary Elizabeth Lewis, May 22, 1981. They reside in Princeton.
- '77 **Carol Simonson** and Chris Danielson, July 18, 1981.
- '78 **Lori Lynne Griffin and Paul Wesley Ross ('81)**, August 22, 1981. They reside in Spokane.
- '80 **Russ Clark** and Gail Steffan, May 30, 1981.
- '80 **Cheryl Brown** and Mike Minnick, Aug. 23, 1981. They reside in Walla Walla.
- '80 **Piper Rae Bush** and Paul Cartland, July 25, 1981. They reside in Bremerton, WA.
- '80 **Kaleo Waiiau and Shelley Daniels '79**, June 21, 1981. They reside in Fernwood, ID.
- '80 **Tony Mohr and Kay Riviere**, Sept. 5, 1981. They reside in Kennewick, WA.
- '80 **Neill Anderson** and Ruth Morrison. They reside in Sherman Oaks, CA.
- '81 **Christina Runge** and David Wehr, Aug. 1, 1981. They reside in Klamath Falls.
- '81 **Steve Jackman** and Lisa Teske, Sept. 5, 1981.

## Births

- '59 **Jeanette (Johnston)** and Dennis Gould, boy, Jason, born in April 1981.
- '65 **Diane (Wills)** and Dennis Kohler, girl, Alisa Suzanne, born July 8, 1981.
- '68 **Paul & Lynne (Levelle) Bupp**, girl, Heather Lynn, born Jan. 10, 1981.
- '72 **Debbie (Anderson)** and Larry Harvey, girl, Gretchen, born in April 1980.
- '72 **Cindy (Gilliland)** and Ralph Marsh, girl, Rebecca Ann, born Nov. 4, 1981.
- '72 **Dave and Helen (Ansotigue) Reynolds**, boy, Jason Michael, born Aug. 28, 1981.
- '74 **Julie (Somsen)** and Dennis Irwin, girl, Kelley Jean, born Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 20, 1980.
- '74 **Paul & Janet (Otto) Goehner**, girl, Katrina Beth, born Feb. 27, 1981.
- '75 **Jean (Bell)** and Carl Mullendorf, girl, Kristi Bell, born July 2, 1981.
- '77 **Betty (Mathews)** and Tom Truscott, boy, Ryan Matthew, born Sept. 8, 1981.
- '78 **Robert & Kathleen Peterson**, boy, Joel David, born May 5, 1981.
- '81 **Diane (Ludke)** and Michael Midkiff, girl, Jennifer Kristine, born July 10, 1981.
- '81 **Brian & Diane (Trujillo) Leavitt**, boy, Nathan Andrew, born Sept. 4, 1981.

## Deaths

- '17 **Elizabeth Larsen**, Aug. 15, 1981, in Sunnyside, WA.
- '28 **Betty Boppell**, Sept. 16, 1981, in Santa Cruz, CA.
- '68 **Joan Roberts**, Oct. 15, 1981, in Spokane, WA.





Returning to the campus for the Class of 1956 reunion during last summer's Alumni Weekend were the following: front row: George Blood, Walt Spangenberg, Dick Sieler. Back row: Richard Dye, Joan Shaffer Dye, Robin Alford Adams, Joy Limburg, Kay Knuckles Kinley, Ron Kinley, Billie Jean Thiessen, Jack Thiessen, Betty Sieler, Warren Lashua, Joyce Giedt Lashua, Don Ferguson, Dottie Bovee Villesvik, and Al Villesvik.

## ALUMNI FORUM

### Alumna is Spokane's "First Lady"

A Whitworth alumna and trustee, Eleanor Barrow Chase, '41, is Spokane's new "First Lady," following mayoral elections in November.

Her husband, City Councilman James Chase, was easily elected Mayor of Spokane, the nation's 79th largest city. He is the first black mayor of a major city in the state of Washington.

### Brown Honored

Raymond Kay Brown, former alumni director for Whitworth College, has been given the Alumni Distinguished Service Award by the Alumni Council. Dr. Brown is only the 15th person to receive the award in the history of the college.

Brown, presented the award by college Vice President for Development, Richard Matheny, during the Homecoming Banquet in October, was honored for his four years' service as director of alumni relations. He left Whitworth Oct. 31 to become associate pastor of Millwood Presbyterian Church in Spokane Valley. He is a 1958 graduate of the college.



### Jenkins memorial service held

photo by Laurel Morley

Fred Kirkham, '72, president of the Alumni Council, said "We're going to miss Kay. He was a real help to the alumni program for Whitworth."

Participants in a service honoring the memory of former Dean of Women Marion Jenkins were (from left) Betty Stratton, '49, Harriet Koehler, Leonard Martin, Dr. Merton Munn, Dr. Theron Maxon, Dr. Kay Brown, '58, Evelyn Smith, Dave Morley, '61 and Eleanor Chase, '41. The service was held during homecoming weekend in the Seeley Mudd Chapel.

### Alumni Council seeks nominations

The Alumni Council Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for five positions whose terms are up on the Alumni Council. Open are Eastern Washington, Western Washington, Rocky Mountain States, Southern California and the region composed of Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska.

The alumni presently filling these posts are also eligible for nomination and re-election. They are Fred Kirkham, '72; Jill Ottersbach, '75; Cathy Cheek, '76; Ann Kough, '73; and Marv Sather, '67.

The intent of the council, in cooperation with the alumni director, is to develop and maintain a strong alumni program for Whitworth College. The council is open to anyone who attended Whitworth for at least two semesters and who is not a current undergraduate at the school. The positions will be filled by a vote of the alumni. Whitworth College Trustee Ron Leighton, '73, is the chairman of the nominating committee.

### Alumni Council Nomination Ballot

Please detach and return by January 1 to: Alumni Office, Whitworth College, Spokane, WA 99251

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Class of \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

### Kobe executive is former Whitworth student

Once Kobe, Japan, was closed to foreigners and foreign ideas. Now, 113 years after it was opened to foreigners, it is not only in the middle of international trade (the world's leading city in container cargo traffic) it even sent one of its high city executives to study at Whitworth for a year.

Kiyoyuki Kanemitsu, a special student from 1970 to 1971, is an assistant to the mayor of Kobe, a city of 1.4 million. In Japan, mayoral offices are akin in power and prestige to that of an American state governor. Kanemitsu is assistant chief of the foreign affairs section.

Kanemitsu was recently featured in an article in the *Seattle Times*. Kobe, three hours south of Tokyo by bullet train, is Seattle's sister city.

The Whitworth alumnus, who came to Whitworth to improve his knowledge of English, said in the article "We try to promote Kobe as international city to the citizens of Japan. Japanese people, perhaps because of their homogeneity, have a curiosity about foreign people. I think Kobe is becoming one of Japan's tourist spots because of the old houses, the exotic atmosphere and the restaurants of many nationalities here."

Kobe, from May to October, 1981, was host to the world in an

International Exposition called PORTOPIA. The largest man-made island in the world was carved out of the side of a mountain to build this beautiful spot.

Kobe, and Kanemitsu, have had repeated ties to Whitworth. Because Kanemitsu's study worked out so well at the college, the city sent as students to Whitworth two other members of the Foreign Affairs section of the Mayor's office. Their names are Nobiyuki Morimoto and Yuji Egawa. Kanemitsu frequently meets with Whitworth Trustee Kenneth G. Myers when visiting Seattle. And during a recent college off-campus study tour of Asia, the former student helped current students learn about Japan.

Kanemitsu, and Kobe, prove that the world is becoming increasingly interdependent.

### Sander Succumbs

William E. Sander, '06, died November 20 in Seattle after a long illness. He was Whitworth's second oldest alumnus. Last June he was awarded Whitworth's Distinguished Alumnus Award at a luncheon in his honor in Seattle.

He celebrated his 94th birthday on March 2. A retired attorney, he is survived by his wife, Marie.



## TODAY IN SPORTS

### Bucs tie for NWC Third

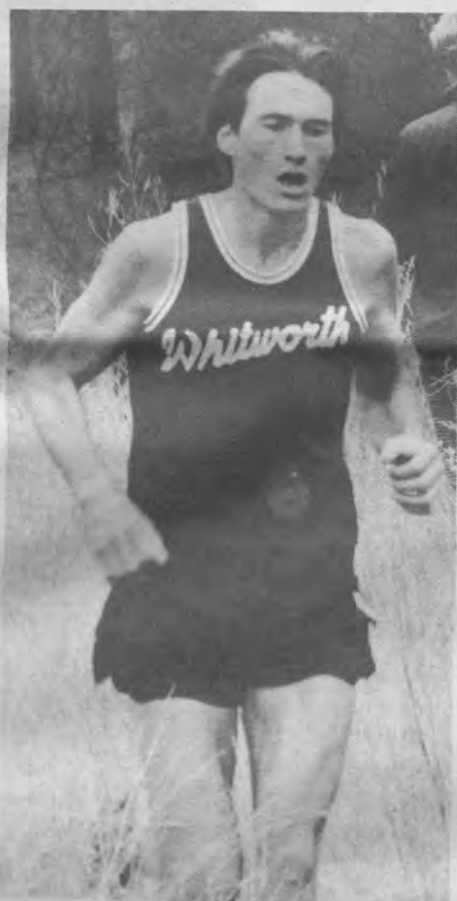
Despite a shaky 0-3 start, the Whitworth Pirate football team battled its way back to achieve a 4-5 record, finishing in a tie for third in the tough Northwest Conference. Under the leadership of first year head coach Bruce Grambo, the Bucs were competitive in almost every game they played, with turnovers and various bad breaks their downfalls in most instances. The lone exception came with the Bucs defeat at the hands of Pacific Lutheran University, the number one ranked team in the nation.

The high point of the season had to be the Pirates stunning come-from-behind victory over Lewis & Clark in front of the home fans in the Pine Bowl. Down 24-7 in the third quarter, the Bucs used a 100 yard kickoff return by Brian Haynes and the pinpoint passing of freshman quarterback Alan Martin to storm from behind and take a 31-28 triumph. An ecstatic Coach Grambo said, "It was an outstanding team effort. The team really came together in the second half."

There were many individual highlights throughout the season: Rick Pearson's record-setting 59 yard field goal against Eastern Oregon and Derrick Salyers' interception that helped seal the victory against Lewis & Clark. At Willamette, John Dorr, the Bucs' leading receiver all season, hauled in thirteen passes in just one game.

### Cross country finish best in years

After finishing an impressive second in the conference meet, one of the best finishes by a Whitworth team in many years, the Pirate men entered the District competition with high hopes. Due to the fine performances turned in by Buc runners Charlie Lewis, Kent Clarke, and Craig Deitz, the Pirates came in a highly respectable fourth, missing a trip to nationals



Lewis

### Football finds favor

As *Today* went to press, the announcement came. Football will remain as "a desirable element" of Whitworth's Christian liberal arts program. Dr. Robert Mounce announced "with enthusiasm" that Whitworth would continue to compete in intercollegiate football with the current level of funding in terms of percent of the college budget.

by just one place. A lack of depth hurt the team total score, but individually, Charlie, Kent, and Craig finished in a pack; 14th, 16th, and 17th respectively.

The Whitworth women finished their season at the NCWSA Regional Championships held in Ellensburg, Washington with a sixth place finish out of twelve teams. The highlight of the meet, as

far as Whitworth was concerned, was the tenth place finish of sophomore runner, Carol Lewis, which qualified her for the national meet. However, due to a lack of funds, she will not be able to attend the national competition. Susie Jeffries, one of only two seniors on the squad, finished a highly respectable 25th out of the large field of runners.

### Pirate power continues in volleyball

Despite two setbacks late in the year, nothing can diminish the success of the Whitworth Pirate volleyball team during the regular season or their optimism concerning the upcoming playoffs. The Pirates completed the regular season with an outstanding 34-4 record and will be competing in the NCWSA Regional tournament at Willamette University the weekend of November 19-21. A victory will enable the Bucs to make a return trip to the national tournament, being held at the University of Laverne in California.

Two of the Pirate losses came at the hands of the University of Idaho early in the season and were revenged in the third meeting of the two teams, when Whitworth was victorious by a 15-9, 15-11, 15-13 margin. The other two losses came during the last week of the season and came at the hands of a

tough University of Calgary squad and to Washington State University in Pullman.

The Bucs opened the season with two tournaments, the University of Idaho tipoff tournament and the Whitworth Invitational, finishing fifth and second respectively. From then on it was nothing but smooth sailing, as the Bucs breezed through the season, winning fourteen matches as well as two tournaments (the Western Oregon State College Invitational and the University of Puget Sound Invitational). For the third year in a row, the Pirates finished the season with an unblemished conference record and with their strong team hope to have the same kind of results in post-season play; capturing the regional title and making a strong showing at the national tournament.

### Football future examined

Should Whitworth continue intercollegiate football? The question, in an era of increased costs, is under intense scrutiny at the college.

This fall President Robert H. Mounce appointed a panel of three members to study the program and make a recommendation on its future. On the committee are Dr. Richard I. Ferrin, vice president for academic affairs; Dr. William Johnson, faculty athletic representative; and Dr. James Larson, athletic director.

The issues surrounding football at Whitworth are emotional and complex, Ferrin says. Football has a long tradition at Whitworth and generates strong feelings. Among the issues, he adds, are:

To what extent is football compatible with the mission of a Christian liberal arts college? Does football develop a quality of

character important among Christian leaders? Is football a lifelong activity compared with other sports that can be played for years after graduation?

Would enrollment, giving and alumni support suffer if football were dropped (depending on what is added in its place.) What has happened to other colleges that have dropped football?

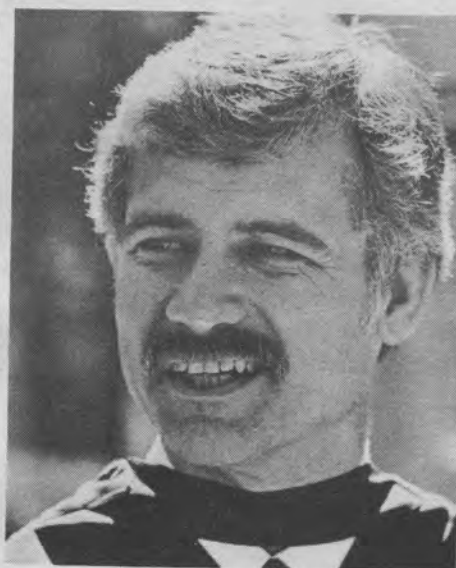
Is football vital to campus spirit? (Could anything else fill this need?)

How do football players perform academically compared with other students and other athletes?

Do disabling injuries occur more often in football than in other sports?

How much money would the college have to spend in order to maintain a highly competitive program, and how would such costs affect other programs?

Although not high in cost per



Richard I. Ferrin

participant, football is the most costly sport at Whitworth. Could other athletic programs be added or strengthened if football were dropped, or would the loss of

football be too great a gap to fill?

What is the potential for placing football coaches in public schools? If football is dropped, would our graduates have a more difficult time finding jobs in education? Since high school coaches can have a strong impact on their athletes, would dropping football at Whitworth diminish the opportunities for our graduates to help Christian character building among young people?

Is dropping football downright un-collegiate and un-American?

How important is the publicity Whitworth receives as a result of football?

These are the questions the panel is asking. As Dr. Ferrin notes, "We are trying to sincerely and openly examine the question from many perspectives, and I honestly confess I am not yet sure which recommendation I will make."



# CALENDAR

## Fine Arts

### January

- 22 Westminster Choir, Ferris High School, 8 p.m.
- 22 Scott Rednour, senior piano recital, 8 p.m. Music Building Recital Hall

### February

- 4 "Old Beginnings" (choric drama), 7:30 p.m. Cowles Auditorium
- 5, 6 FINE ARTS WEEKEND (high & 7 school students on campus)
- 7 Carolyn Siebe, dramatic interpretation, "Only Lent for a Season" story of Narcissa Whitman, 3 p.m. Music Building Recital Hall
- 14 Deborah Dewey, piano recital, 3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium
- 19 Ira Jones, tenor, 8 p.m., Recital Hall with Workshop Saturday 9-12 noon.
- 20 Gale & Webb Coffee, joint flute recital, 3 p.m., Recital Hall
- 28 Lori Lamma, senior organ recital, Cowles Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 28 Brent Anderson, voice recital, 7 p.m. Recital Hall

### March

- 4 Student piano recital; a tribute to Eugene Saunders, 7:30 p.m., Recital Hall
- 5 Greg Slag, piano recital, 7 p.m., Recital Hall

- 7 Sheila Zilar, senior piano recital, 3 p.m. Recital Hall
- 7 Paul Martin, guitar recital, 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall
- 10 Doug Neight, classical guitar recital, 8 p.m. Recital Hall
- 12 Cindy Pilcher, voice recital, 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall
- 13 Rebecca Seagraves, Senior voice recital, 3 p.m. Recital Hall
- 14 Leah Hokanson, piano/ voice recital, 3 p.m. Recital Hall
- 14 Bob Christianson, trombone recital, 7 p.m. Recital Hall
- 17 Rayleen Hansen, voice recital, 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall
- 20 Mark Bovee, piano recital, 3 p.m. Recital Hall
- 20 Joanne DeForeest, voice recital, 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall
- 21 Whitworth College-Community Symphony Orchestra/Madrigal Singers 3 p.m., Cowles Auditorium
- 21 Stan Borg, Dramatic Interpretation, 7 p.m., Recital Hall
- 24 Randie Fong, voice recital, 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall

## Sports

### December

#### BASKETBALL

- 10 Women's Lewis & Clark College at Whitworth
- 11 & Men's Invitational Tournament

- 12 [Western Oregon State College, Seattle University, Montana Tech] at Whitworth
- 13 Women's Linfield College at Whitworth
- 18 Women's University of Idaho at Moscow
- 19 Men's University of Puget Sound at Tacoma
- 21 Men's Central Washington University - Eisenhower H.S., Yakima
- 30 & Women's Invitational Tournament (SPU, Whitman, Carroll) at Whitworth

### January

#### BASKETBALL

- 2 Men's Eastern Washington University at Whitworth
- 5 Men's Gonzaga University at Gonzaga
- 8 Men's Pacific Lutheran University at Whitworth
- 9 Women's Eastern Oregon State College at Whitworth
- 12 Women's Lewis-Clark College at Whitworth
- 15 Men's Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon
- 16 Willamette University at Salem, Oregon, Men's
- 20 Men's Lewis-Clark State College at Whitworth
- 22 Women's Lewis & Clark College at Portland
- 22 Men's Pacific University at Whitworth
- 23 Women's Linfield College at McMinnville, Oregon

- 23 Men's Lewis & Clark College at Whitworth
- 28 Men's Whitman College at Walla Walla
- 29 Women's Whitman College at Walla Walla
- 30 Men's Pacific Lutheran University at Tacoma
- 30 Women's St. Martins College at Lacey, WA

### TRACK & FIELD

- 30 Men & Women indoor, University of Idaho at Moscow

### February

#### BASKETBALL

- 1 Women's University Puget Sound at Tacoma
- 2 Women's Pacific Lutheran University at Tacoma
- 5 Women's Willamette University at Whitworth
- 5 Women's Willamette University at Whitworth
- 6 Men's Linfield College at Whitworth
- 12 Men's Lewis & Clark College at Portland
- 12 Women's Northwest Nazarene College at Napa, ID
- 13 Men's Pacific University at Forest Grove, Oregon
- 13 Women's Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande, Oregon
- 15 Women's Whitman College at Whitworth
- 17 Men's Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston, ID

- 19 Women's Northwest Nazarene College at Whitworth
- 20 Men's Whitman College at Whitworth
- 22 Men's Eastern Washington University at Cheney
- 22 Women's Lewis-Clark State College at Lewiston, ID
- 27 Women's Whitman College at Walla Walla

### TRACK & FIELD

- 13 Men & Women indoor University of Idaho at Moscow
- 27 Men Marathon, Seaside, OR

### March

#### BASKETBALL

- 2 Women's Gonzaga University at Whitworth
- 5 Women's Western Oregon State College at Whitworth
- 11-13 Women's Regional Tournament, Western Oregon State College

### Misc.

- January 4 - Classes Begin, Jan Term
- January 29 - Last Day of Classes
- February 3 - Classes Begin
- February 8 - Evening Classes Begin
- March 29-April 2 - Spring Vacation

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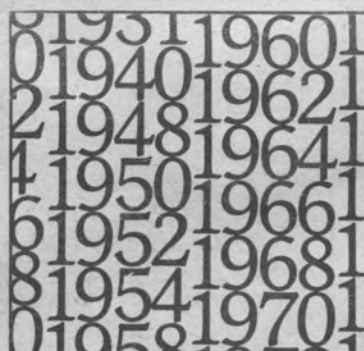
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