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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

APRIL 2000

Over the years, I've gotten into the habit of writing the *Mind and Heart* on airplanes. It's one of the ways I attempt to redeem all the time I spend traveling. This morning I'm flying with our 16-year-old daughter, Bailey, who is on her spring break. She, Bonnie and I are on our way back from San Antonio, where I spoke at a couple of Lenten activities at First Presbyterian Church. I've enjoyed the way Bailey's vacation attitude rubs off on me. I've made far less contact than usual with the office over the last three days. I'm struck by how easily influenced we are by our travel partners: I think when we're moving, we're easier to steer. Without a doubt, faculty and staff members serve as influential travel partners for our students. Excitement, curiosity, integrity, devotion and a host of other values and virtues are more "caught" than taught in most student lives. Although a world of information is now within a couple of clicks, no search engine will find any of what rubs off on a Whitworth student while she or he walks with a professor through rich fields of knowledge. At Whitworth, the learning journey involves so much more than information. As always, we are grateful for your part in making possible the relationships that take place daily at Whitworth.

ACADEMICS

By the time you read this, we'll be pretty much through this semester's Great Decisions program, in which our faculty and other experts bring their insights about our world to campus. The faculty who've spoken so far in the program are Pamela Corpron Parker (English) who grew up in Thailand and spoke on "*Anna and the King of Siam Retold*." Dave Holt (Political Studies) lectured on "Why Communism Failed: A Lesson from the Health Care Industry," and John Falvey (MIM) spoke on the launching of the Euro currency as a defining moment for Europe.

We continue to receive some wonderful grants. These contributions raise the quality of our educational products, and they also affirm the quality of what we're doing. Here's the latest scorecard:

- A \$113,440 grant of in-kind equipment from the SMARTer Kids Foundation allows us to purchase 32 NEC portable projectors at half the list price. Ken Pecka, (Academic Computing) led this effort.
- The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning received a Rhodes grant to a) explore ways in which the Reformed Tradition might inform Whitworth's approach to character, and b) extend a series of enriching conversations between groups of Whitworth and Gonzaga faculty on our institutions' common Christian heritage.
- A \$35,000 grant from the Crowell Trust will allow us to organize a conference that will help a group of faculty from across the country examine the teaching of human nature in academic disciplines. This grant also goes to the Weyerhaeuser Center, directed by Dale Soden (History).
- A grant from Washington's Higher Education Coordinating Board will support a student work-study/internship/community service job fair designed to increase the number of students enrolled in summer work-study programs and internships. Gordon Jacobson (Career Services/Student Employment/Institutional Research) leads this program.

Tony Mega (Chemistry) couldn't have been any happier when he got his first bicycle than he is now that our nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer has arrived. This equipment, funded by the National Science Foundation and several of you, consists of a large superconducting magnet into which a test tube is placed. When radio waves are transmitted through the sample, the structure of the molecules is revealed. Among many other positives, the NMR will make it possible for us to provide both training and equipment for K-12 science teachers (increasing only slightly the chance that some third grader will blow up the northeast corner of our campus).

ENROLLMENT

One of the most interesting and enjoyable activities of this past weekend was a gathering of 72 freshman applicants who met very specific and demanding criteria to compete for the two four-year, full-tuition Faculty Scholarships we award each year. These students interacted with our faculty in small groups, made extraordinary individual presentations, wrote essays, designed their own web pages, and went to the Hawaiian Lu'au for a break. I can't tell you how impressive these young people are.

April 30-May 1 is SNEAK PREVIEW, a great opportunity for high school juniors and their parents to get a jump-start on the college search process. The two-day event is designed to give students and parents an insider's look at Whitworth College. Call our Admissions Office (509-777-3212 or 800-533-4668) for more info.

STUDENT LIFE

April is jammed with student activities. I've spent the last two weekends going from event to event. Saturday's International Dinner was

wonderful, and on Sunday our choral groups performed exquisitely in their spring concert at St. John's Cathedral. Two nights ago the 30th annual Hawaiian Lu'au carried an aloha spirit on the balmy strains of music and dance (interrupted only by the flaming bee-hind of a fire dancer who spent a little too much time squatting over a blazing torch). Special joy came from having Curt and Becky Kekuna here to celebrate Curt's role in starting the Hawaiian Club and the lu'au. And as always, HUGE thanks go out to the great parents from Hawaii who supported their students by working for weeks in the islands, then heading to Spokane to help cook and decorate for this festive occasion.

ASWC just finished elections of dorm presidents and executive positions. Danny Clapp is next year's ASWC president, Kasey Kirk is vice president and Andy Price is financial vice president. Congratulations to all three of these student leaders.

Some of this month's remaining events include the annual boat cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene; Mac Hall in Concert (which could be sponsored by the Association of *Real* Sushi Lovers or picketed by goldfish-rights activists); Spring Formal; and Springfest, featuring several name bands, a Mr. Whitworth contest, food and prize booths, sumo wrestling, a Velcro wall and a human gyroscope. How pleasant. All proceeds will go to help homeless youngsters at Spokane's Hutton Children's Settlement.

RESOURCES

As students prepare for finals and graduation, the grounds crew is busy catching up with Mother Nature. The weather has been spectacular, and the campus is ablaze with spring colors. Tom Brown, newly hired groundskeeper (previously head greenskeeper with Stoneridge Golf Club) is hard at work on the playing fields. Saturday, as we watched softball and dodged discuses, I was amazed at what has been done in only a year. The soccer and softball fields and the track & field throwing area are beautiful and functional. Last week we made further progress when we moved another house off campus. The Kissler home, purchased a year ago, was sold to an individual who has moved it to a nearby lot, and the space created will now be converted to much-needed Fieldhouse parking.

Whenever a college conducts a big capital campaign, its annual fund can suffer. As of the end of March, it's clear that our work's cut out for us if we are to avoid this. In May I'll give updates on our Faith in the Future Campaign, including both annual and capital giving, but I can say right now that we would benefit immensely if you were able to make a gift (and for many of you it's "another gift") before June 30. Thanks. Although I often feel overwhelmed by our fund-raising needs, I don't like to use this newsletter to ask directly for money...he said, right after he asked for money. Anyway, thanks for your consideration.

ATHLETICS

The swim teams finished their season at the NCAA Division III championship meets. Senior Mindy Galbraith placed 15th in the 1,650 freestyle, and sophomore Brent Rice had a strong meet, taking fifth place in the 400 IM, 9th in the 200 IM and 12th in the 200 butterfly. Senior Ben Swinehart also scored in the 400 IM, taking 10th place. Overall, Whitworth's men placed 27th, with 35 points. Other national competitors were junior Erin Kay and freshman Ryan Freeman.

The track and field teams are off to an outstanding start. The Pirate men won an important early-season Northwest Conference meet, defeating traditional powers Linfield and George Fox, and the women finished second. The men's 4 x 100 relay team has already qualified for the NCAA Division III championships with a time of 41.90, and senior Danielle Swift has secured a return trip to nationals in the javelin, with a mark of 140'-4". She finished

second in the nation last season. For the past 20 years, PLU and Linfield have been the only men's teams to win the conference meet; from the gleam in Coach Toby Schwarz's eye, I'd say that string will be broken this year.

Our tennis teams are young, but tough. The women are 9-4 overall and 4-4 in the NWC. Four freshmen hold down key positions, including Jill Vaughn, who is 11-1 in singles play this season. The men are 3-6 under first-year coach Mike Shanks, but they're improving. The men's team has only one senior, Alan Mikkelson, and he and freshman Tyson Smith have teamed up to amass an impressive 7-2 doubles record. Two days ago I was on a run during a women's match that I really wanted to see, so I decided to do laps around the tennis courts while watching the final set. Of course, the women took it to a tiebreaker just to make me suffer. After winning the match, they said it's the first time they'd ever heard surround-sound wheezing.

After getting off to a rocky 3-8 record to start the season, the baseball team has corrected course and is now 9-14 overall and 4-5 in the NWC. The Pirates defeated Lewis & Clark two out of three games last weekend, including a 21-1 romp in the second game. Sophomore third baseman Aaron Keller was named NWC Hitter of the Week based on his performance over the weekend, when he went 6/10 with four home runs, nine runs batted in and 10 runs scored.

The softball Bucs are struggling at 2-8, but first-year coach Teresa Hansen has the team moving in the right direction. Six of the nine starters are in their first year in the program. Last weekend the Pirates played well against nationally ranked UPS, losing 4-2 and 5-3. Senior Penny Pearson, the only holdover from the club-team days, is providing great leadership for her teammates. And, of course, the Bucs are playing on the newest, most beautiful college softball field in the Northwest.

ALUMNI

Whitworth alum Bob McMullen, '65, was recently named Washington's High School Principal of the Year by the Washington Association of Secondary School Principals. Bob is now among 53 state finalists being considered for national honors. I got to know Bob, Char and their son, Seth (a school music director), when Seth was a student at Whitworth. I'm not surprised by this honor. This is a great Whitworth family. Congratulations, Bob!

Members of the Class of 1940 will celebrate their 60th reunion on May 13, 2000, in the HUB. They'll be joined by local members of the 50+ Club for lunch and a time of conversation and reminiscing. Contact the Alumni Office (509-777-3799 or 800-532-4668) for details.

Registration packets will be in the mail soon for this summer's reunion weekend, June 23-25. The event will feature gatherings for the classes of 1949-'51, '59-'61, '69-'71, and '79-'81. I had a great time at last year's reunion. Banquets, boat cruises, walking tours and worship were all meaningful and fun. If you haven't seen the campus or your classmates for awhile, you should really try to attend. I look forward to seeing you.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movie star/athletics director Scott McQuilkin wants all his fans to know that *The Basket* is going national. This locally produced and -filmed movie, in which Scott had a small ("but crucial") role, and on which he and Dale Soden consulted, will be opening in most major U.S. cities the weekend of May 4. *The Basket* is a wonderful family film, although you may want to shield small children from seeing Scott in shorts. Alum Rick Burkhart also has a part that makes us proud. He blazes up a cigar at halftime of a game in which he's playing. I guess that was basketball in 1918. The film really is good; you should try to see it.

I hope to see you next month at two important events sponsored by the Whitworth Graduate School of International Management. The first, a lecture by Doug Nave, '81, this year's Fosseen Distinguished Speaker in International Management, will take place Thursday, May 18. The second, Director Dan Sanford's retirement bash, is scheduled for Friday, May 19, in the HUB. Call the MIM Office (509-777-3742) for information.

A great friend of Whitworth, William Harvey (Harv) Frazier, who joined Whitworth's board of trustees in 1961 and became a life member in 1982, died March 13. In addition to his many years of service at Whitworth, Harv was a respected physician in Spokane and a member of many civic organizations. Harvey's life was the quintessence of honoring God, following Christ and serving humanity. Our prayers go out to his dear wife, Aimee, and to his children and grandchildren.

On a recent trip to Atlanta, I got the thrill of a lifetime from trustee Sam Gullely, one of Whitworth's too-few African-American graduates of the fifties, and his wife, Linda. They introduced Bonnie and me to my boyhood hero, Hammerin' Hank Aaron. We were even at the Aarons' house, where the only thing missing in my flashback was the massive wad of bubble gum that would accumulate in my cheek with every pack of baseball cards I opened. Meeting Hank was great, but it wasn't the best thing about the weekend. At an earlier dinner with Sam and Linda, somehow we started talking about New Year's Eve. Sam reflected on how a small group of couples had met at the Aarons' for a quiet evening. As the year ended, the group prayed, then former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young reflected movingly and brilliantly on the progress that had been made toward the dream of their friend, Martin Luther King, Jr. Sam's account was poignant. As soon as Bonnie and I were alone, we looked at each other with the same thought: For a moment we'd caught a glimpse of the emotions that perhaps no other generation of black leaders has ever felt or will ever again feel. We detected a profound sense of interdependency, born of a time when all they had in their struggle was each other. We felt inspiration, shame, gratitude and many other emotions. But mostly we felt renewed in our commitment to work for God's justice in this world. Somehow I hope our resolve will rub off on every student who walks onto this campus. Thanks again for all of your interest in Whitworth.

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DECEMBER 2000

Howard Gage died in his sleep this past Saturday morning. All who knew Howard will understand that Whitworth College has just become a different place. Masterfully, Howard taught math, computer science and all that is good for 31 years. I'm not a good enough writer to capture Howard's brilliance, courage, joy, and tenacious love. Based on the messages that have been pouring in, I suspect there are several hundred alumni who are pretty sure that they were Howard's favorite student ever. I'm not sure what math concepts Howard would lean upon to explain how he managed to have several thousand favorite students and colleagues, but there's hardly anything I wouldn't give to hear him do that right now. If you never knew Howard, I'm sure you find these words exaggerated if not indulgent. But I offer them on behalf of all those who *did* know Howard, which is the same number of people whom he relentlessly and selflessly served. Howard's struggle with Parkinson's disease had him talking about retirement a little earlier than any of us wanted. But that's when we all planned to lavish Howard with praise and thanksgiving. I'm certain that way too many of us stockpiled our best accolades for that day. My only consolation is that he now stands face-to-face with his Savior, whom he loved even more than he loved all of us. Please keep Judy, Brian, Julie and the entire Gage family in your prayers.

ACADEMICS

Sometimes we think that only music, theater, and sports bring big, enthusiastic crowds to our campus. Not so. A few weeks ago Les Francis (Education), 100-plus volunteers and other members of the School of Education hosted our 17th annual Writing Rally, which drew more than 800 kids and scads of parents. Can you picture a pack of third graders screaming, "Two, four, six, eight; now it's time to conjugate!" Or how about a referee running down the aisle and whistling a fourth-grade girl for dangling a participle? Actually, neither of those things happened, but excitement ran high as young children experienced the rewards of expressing themselves well through the written word.

Professors Doug Sugano (English) and Jim Waller (Psychology) have, as a part of our Hewlett Foundation-funded project, established a community board to help us in our work on diversity. We are excited about the perspective represented on this board, which includes several particularly recognizable names, such as city council member Roberta Greene, Temple Beth Shalom rabbi Jack Izakson and media luminary Marianne Mishima.

Once again, the jazz ensemble's fall concert drew rave reviews from all who attended, including *The Spokesman Review*. Guest trumpeter/vocalist Byron Stripling dazzled the audience with magnificent work. His power, clarity and tone were stunning, plus I've never heard anyone who could instantly create a muted sound without a mute or the working end of a toilet plunger. Congratulations to conductor Dan Keberle and the Whitworth band, which has won first place at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival three times in the last four years. By the way, the Whitworth jazz program recently received a generous grant from the Principal Group to enable at-risk junior high and high school students to attend Stripling's jazz clinic and concert free of charge. Thanks, Principal!

Five Whitworth students were honored with cash prizes at the 2000 Regional National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition held last month at Central Washington University. Winners in their respective divisions were Hayley Baudrau, Chris Teague, Matt Lodge, Sandra Agans and Bassione Van Soest (can you believe he's a tenor?). The competition included 150 singers representing nine colleges and universities in Washington and Idaho. Congratulations to all of our singers.

Dale Soden, director of the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning, reports that we've received another grant to help us work with regional church-related colleges on faith-learning integration. This grant, through a program at Rhodes College, will enable us to do some creative work with Seattle Pacific University, Pacific Lutheran University, Gonzaga University and possibly Seattle University.

Our English Department hosted Ceil Cleveland, '69, who is believed to have inspired the free-spirited lead character in the acclaimed novel and movie *The Last Picture Show*, as our 2000-2001 Ada Redmond Reader. Ceil, who recently retired from her position as vice president for university affairs at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, led a discussion of the film and her recent book, *Whatever Happened to Jacy Farrow? A Memoir*.

This year's Jan Term courses include a Reformation tour of Europe, the highly acclaimed Prejudice Across America tour, and courses on location in China, Alaska, Hawaii, Cuba, Germany, Italy, Mexico and South Africa. Roughly 250 students, in 15 groups, will be taking advantage of the opportunities our intensive Jan Term provides for off-

campus learning. Jan Term also provides a chance for some upper-division students to engage in directed research off campus. We're pretty strict about what we sponsor, rejecting proposals such as one submitted by a sports med student to study "the deleterious kinesiological effects of a motion-free life in a warm climate for 3.5 weeks."

Last month nearly 30 students and faculty from our physics, biology, chemistry and computer science departments attended a conference in Tacoma sponsored by the Murdock Charitable Trust. Whitworth students and faculty posted 16 presentations at the conference.

Kudos to the Whitworth Choir, the women's choir and the other musicians involved in this year's Christmas Festival Concert, *Wondrous Night*. Choral director Bryan Priddy conducted exquisite music celebrating the birth of our Savior. Many thanks to all of the people who attended the programs in Portland, Gig Harbor, Seattle and Spokane. And thanks to the churches that hosted us in all four places. We are especially grateful to our very busy alumni and parent volunteer ticket sellers Terri Banasek, Karen Graham, Kara Billingsley and Dick Barney.

Thanks to Sun Microsystems for a \$38,000 grant that will provide our advanced computer science students with eight high-end computers. Susan Mabry (Computer Science) secured the grant through an agreement to supervise our students in conducting some rather sophisticated research for Sun. This grant will provide a facility and hands-on research opportunities rarely found at liberal arts colleges. Susan and Kent Jones (also Computer Science) are conducting primary research in the exciting new field of "bioinformatics," which connects them to the leading technology experts and labs and provides amazing opportunities for our students. I am not alone in believing that Whitworth will soon be recognized as offering one of the finest liberal arts college computer science majors in the country. Generally, I don't like to utter such "big talk," but what has been quietly taking place with our 73 C.S. majors through Kent and Susan's leadership is really significant

ENROLLMENT

We've added up our early-admission applications and find they stand at the highest number in our history. So that's encouraging. March 1 is our application deadline.

As you might imagine, there was a lot of love going around at the Corporate Sponsor Luncheon and Scholarship Dinner. This is when we celebrate our generous scholarship donors and provide students the opportunity to meet their benefactors. Our students treasure the chance to say "Thank you." The Financial Aid Office staff is especially grateful for these donors who make a college education possible for many students.

Parents, renewal FAFSA applications will be sent out this month from the U.S. Department of Education to continuing students. Families can submit the renewal application after Jan. 1, 2001. PIN numbers will also be sent to students' home addresses. The PIN can be used for access to personal financial aid and loan information available from the Department of Education's website at <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/> and also as an electronic signature. Also, January begins the application cycle for most special-application scholarships for the 2001-2002 academic year. Scholarship announcements are posted on the financial aid bulletin board and also are sent to the faculty. Students are welcome to browse our bulletin board or go to the www.fastweb.com website, fill out the questionnaire and search for Whitworth-sponsored scholarships online.

STUDENT LIFE

November activities cascaded overwhelmingly into the arrival of Thanksgiving Break. It was almost as if the entire student body cried "Uncle!" and the barrage of studies and activities was suspended while everybody curled up with a pillow and a drumstick. Now December is upon us, and students are pouring it on as we roll into finals. I write this in the midst of the traditional Christmas Week celebration and festivities. In fact, I write this a bit weary after reading the Christmas story to the students late last night, but it's a good tired I feel this week, participating in nine different student events. The student connections we administrators enjoy during these special seasons remind us of why we do what we do.

RESOURCES

December is one of the few times in which I'm pretty bald about reminding readers that we rely deeply on the gifts of folks who believe in Whitworth. (December is not, however, alone as a time in which I'm pretty bald at the back end of my skull.) For those of you who give, and have given, to Whitworth, please accept our great appreciation. You are so important to the quality of the college and to making a Whitworth education accessible to students. We simply couldn't get along without you. Actually, you have made November a very good month for The Whitworth Fund. But we are facing massive utilities price increases that will put a huge strain on our budget. So I hope many people will join you in remembering Whitworth in their year-end giving. Thanks again.

The Scotford Fitness Center is open, and I test-drove it on opening day. It's fabulous. The machines are top shelf, and there are no dumb posters of 25-year-old muscleheads who smear hair remover all over their bodies. Thanks again to John and Judy Scotford for making this great facility possible. And thanks to them also for another very generous year-end gift that just arrived.

We had a fun celebration at our house with the Phonathon students who called so many of you this fall. Thanks for making their efforts so successful. Already, \$93,941 has been received and another \$95,668 has been pledged. Phonathoners' fall efforts focused on alumni. Parents and friends will have their turn to put smiles on the faces of these students when we gear up to call them in February.

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth swim teams are on a tear. Both the men and women are undefeated (3-0) in dual meets. Both also won their divisions at the Northwest Invitational. Freshman Kevin Wang and junior Brent Rice have made provisional national qualifying marks, an impressive accomplishment so early in the season. Senior Erin Kay and sophomore Megan Lambuth are close to qualifying marks for the women. Although the toughest part of the season is yet to come, the team looked awfully good to me when I watched them against Whitman.

The men's basketball team won impressively over NAIA power Westmont in their season opener and beat Whitman last night in their first conference game. The Bucs feature several excellent newcomers this fall, including junior Gunner Olsen and freshman Bryan Depew. The

team finished second at the Lewis-Clark State College Tournament, defeating previously unbeaten Western Baptist before falling by two points in the title game to the host Warriors. Sophomore guard Chase Williams was named to the all-tournament team.

The Pirate women opened conference play last night with a victory over Whitman, after losing three road games to higher-division opponents. Senior Jamie Wakefield is approaching the 1,000 point mark in her career. Head Coach Helen Higgs needs 11 wins this season to become the all-time winningest women's hoops coach in Whitworth history. She'll get it done. Fall sports brought lots of postseason honors to Whitworth athletes. I'll include a complete list in next month's issue.

ALUMNI

Next year's Homecoming has been set for Sept. 29. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is already planning a weekend full of events for ALL alumni, the likes of which has not been seen in many years. We hope you will mark your calendars now to celebrate with your classmates in 2001. And we promise to have more brownies in the alumni tent next year!

Join us for one of these upcoming alumni events:

- **Jan. 13, Bay Area:** English Professor Laura Bloxham will offer a Core 650 lecture and reception on Saturday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church in Burlingame.
- **Jan. 27, Hawaii:** Education Professor Gordon Watanabe will be featured at an evening Core 650 event at First Presbyterian Church, Honolulu.
- **Feb. 3, Spokane:** The annual Whitworth Alumni Night at the Fieldhouse will include basketball, ice cream, music and free admission for all alumni and their families. Games are against Pacific University at 5:45 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- **February 17, Portland:** Women's and men's basketball games at Lewis and Clark College will include a between-game reception for alumni, parents and friends. Games are at 5:45 and 8 p.m., and there will be an admission charge for games.

Yesterday, after writing most of this newsletter, I went to a retirement party. Actually, it was Howard Gage's retirement party. All of us had so heartily anticipated it that it seemed to make sense to go ahead and hold it without him, right after the memorial service. The event was warm and festive. Somehow, I hope Howard had a window on it. One thing that impressed me was the number of folks who were thankful that they'd expressed their affection to Howard. When you think about it, advent is an odd season. We celebrate waiting and anticipation. God's people have *always* been waiting. The Israelites waited more than 200 years to get out of Egypt; then they waited 40 years to enter the promised land, then they did plenty of waiting during the Babylonian captivity while they waited for the Messiah. Jesus did come, but it wasn't long before he prophesied that he would return. And the waiting resumed. I've come to the conclusion that God places us in waiting so that we won't wait. In other words, waiting will always be with us and fails as an excuse to delay action, to capture the moment, to see Christ in the present. I was inspired yesterday by the testimony of the folks who decided not to wait until Howard's retirement to give him good words. And I'm reminded that the Christ for whom Israel longed, and the Christ for whom we wait again, is the Christ of right now. May his blessings be yours this holiday season. And thanks for all you do for Whitworth.

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FEBRUARY 2000

It's 6 a.m. Thursday, and one of the rare times when I have to write this newsletter in one sitting. If I can wring out whatever adrenaline I have left in my system and get this done, I'm going catatonic for about 24 hours. The last month has been wild, but great. The faculty and students have wrapped up Jan Term and marched into the new semester. For me, the month included good chunks of student time (including a famed "slurpee run"), rich moments with alumni across the country, interminable meetings, preaching, speaking and a Whitworth Founder's Day convocation. Earlier this week, when I thought about writing this, I realized that it was 10 years ago this month that I wrote my first monthly newsletter, while I was president at Manchester College. Two days ago, after a good session of mumbling to myself about this writing "burden," I happened to call longtime Whitworth supporter Lou Livingston to extend our sympathies over the loss of his dear wife, Margery. As I was ready to hang up, Lou, who's in his late '90s, said, "Bill, I like that letter you write. Keep at it." I don't know anybody more qualified to say "Keep at it" than faithful Louis Livingston. So, here we go, Lou. God bless you and all the young-hearted friends of Whitworth that you represent.

ACADEMICS

Our revised Jan Term schedule went well. Because we delayed its start as a Y2K precaution, we ran classes for three-and-a-half hours a day, 30 minutes longer than normal. The hard part of this compressed schedule was the last-minute return of many of our travelers. It was the worst for Philosophy Professor Forrest Baird's Core 250 group, which returned from its jaunt through Italy, Switzerland, France and England the day before spring semester classes resumed. We all feel real sorry for this group. Sure we do.

Opening Convocation for this semester had a new look – and sound. Bagpiper Joni Appling, Class of '01, led the faculty procession, and we built the program around the theme of Founder's Day, in recognition of George Whitworth. Also marking the occasion, we awarded two new Founder's Day scholarships. Our first recipients are senior Andrea Palpant and sophomore Heidi Betcher. Building on historian Dale Soden's account of George Whitworth's career, my remarks centered on our students' career planning and preparation. We are deeply committed to seeing our students perform superbly in great careers. And it's important that they have the kinds of experiences at Whitworth that enable them to define "great career" based on their gifts and callings rather than on the pressures that society or even we at Whitworth impose upon them.

I thought you might be interested in taking a peek at a Whitworth connection in a fifth-grade classroom. Professor Doris Liebert (Education) spent a week in January helping a class get a jump on understanding the government's census plans. Drawing on her expertise with an innovative teaching method called "Storyline," Doris and teacher Melissa LaRue ('95) had the students work on creating a town, including people, schools, other buildings and landscapes. The Storyline approach, which originated in Scotland, integrates language, art, history, geography and math. In this example, the story focused on low-income citizens living in the hills near the fictional town of Rainbow River and on how the census affects individual lives. The class was divided into groups that had specific assignments, such as creating a timeline of the town, designing the front page of the town's newspaper, deciding laws and special events, establishing a census bureau, and promoting tourism. "In order for learning to be memorable, it must be meaningful – and that's exactly the purpose of Storyline," says Doris, whose article about this technique appeared in the November/December issue of *Social Studies and the Young Learner*.

And speaking of Whitworth teachers out there, Karen Baldwin ('90) was recently elected to the Washington Music Educators Association Hall of Fame. The WMEA Hall of Fame was established with the express purpose of recognizing honorees for their outstanding contributions to the advancement of music education in Washington state. Congratulations, Karen!

Our students and faculty continue to distinguish themselves in the academic world. Next month I'll report several notable activities and honors. In the past few *Mind and Hearts* I haven't had much room for athletics and student life because of my emphasis on our academic activity (which, by the way, is the exact opposite of how I spent the first few years of my undergraduate career). So I'm playing a little catch-up in this letter.

ENROLLMENT

This is a big time of year for our admissions folks. As of Feb. 1, our deposits were up 26 percent while our applications were down slightly. A dramatic rise in the number of hits on the admissions link of our website has prompted us to make it possible for students to apply on-line. **March 1 is our application deadline for fall enrollment.** Other important

admissions dates include March 12-13, when we host the **Shuttle by Whitworth** program for Seattle and Portland area students; April 8-9, when top academic applicants join us for our **Academic Scholarship Competition**; April 30-May 1, when a group of high school juniors and their parents visit our campus during **Sneak Preview**; and May 1, our **admission deposit deadline**.

Registrar Gary Whisenand reports record enrollment for Jan Term, with 1,475 students either on campus or taking classes at one of dozens of locations around the world. By way of comparison, the number of Jan Term students six years ago was 1,195.

STUDENT LIFE

February is a short but romantic month, offering rare opportunities to those of us who are short, but romantic. Student activities this month feature a Valentine's Day square dance, a hip hop concert and alternative Christian music by Over the Rhine. Also, the senior class is renting the entire ski hill at Mt. Spokane for a fund raiser on the 25th, when classes are out for Faculty Development Day, and that night the Hawaiian Club will host a dance. Only at Whitworth can you snow ski and hula in the same day. At the end of the month, Outdoor Rec is doing a three-day ski trip to Canada. A full complement of intramural and intercollegiate athletics will round out the month. British Columbia's ski resorts have also been the destination for quite a few student road trips this year. I've heard, "Great snow, great mountains, great exchange rate, not too far...you can't go wrong." But speaking of going wrong, for some twisted reason, too many of the men on this campus are sporting what can only be described as "hair abominations." Let me be quick to say that under these messes stand absolutely great guys – morally, intellectually and spiritually...but certainly not follically. Alas, they do make us laugh.

RESOURCES

One of the resources I have probably never mentioned in this letter is the vendors who work hard on Whitworth's behalf. At the suggestion of Dave Bailey and Bill Roberts from our Physical Plant, we honored this group with a wonderful dinner at the end of January. More than 200 people who have worked on campus projects joined us as we expressed our appreciation and talked about our plans for the future. To those of you invitees who were unable to attend, we extend a hearty "Thank you" for all you do to support Whitworth.

I don't think I mentioned in the last letter that we had three new scholarships set up in December. These \$25,000-plus funds established by members of the extended Whitworth family will provide annual scholarships in perpetuity to deserving students. It is almost impossible for me to communicate the importance of these funds for our students. Yesterday I spoke with a parent whose child, a valedictorian, has applied to Whitworth. It would be a great match. The big question is whether we can find the funds to put Whitworth within financial reach for students like this one. Thanks to all of you whose support helps us fund financial aid.

I want to say a special thanks to Chairman Ray Lawton and the board members of The Whitworth Foundation. These folks accomplish much for Whitworth, working with the foundation's many clients who generously include Whitworth in their financial plans.

ATHLETICS

Our women's basketball team stands in fourth place in the Northwest Conference at 7-3 (13-6 overall). The women remain within reach of the NWC leaders after defeating Linfield, Pacific and Whitman on the road

and Willamette in the Fieldhouse over the past couple of weeks. Senior Star Olson had much to do with these victories. She scored 29 points at Whitman (tying a career high) and 26 points against Willamette for a 55-point week. For her efforts, Star was named Northwest Conference Player of the Week, the second time this season she has won the award. Coach Higgs is getting great effort from all the women on this exciting team.

The men's basketball team concluded its final road trip of the season against Linfield and Pacific with a split. The Bucs currently stand at 9-11 overall and 4-8 in the NWC. It's been a hard season for the guys. Whitworth led the decade in conference win/loss percentage, so they aren't accustomed to losing. But in many respects it's been a very good season too, with all 10 players making significant contributions at one time or another. Senior Kevin McDaniel is having an excellent year and is getting strong support from juniors Ryan Nelson and Kelson Ramey. With these guys and so many good freshmen and sophomores on the team, we'll finish strong and be back on top next year.

The swim teams are getting ready for the Northwest Conference Championship meet Feb. 17-19 at Linfield College in Oregon. The Bucs have some serious momentum going after their final dual meet of the season. The men (undefeated in dual meets) pulled out a 103-96 win over UPS, handing the Loggers their first men's dual-meet loss in four years. Ben Swinehart won three races (1000 and 500 freestyle, 200 I.M.), and freshman Ryan Freeman (100 backstroke) and junior Brian Rice (100 freestyle) added to their individual victories by teaming up with Brent Rice and C.J. Skyberg to win the 200 freestyle relay. On the women's side, Katie King won the 200 and 100 freestyle, and Mindy Galbraith won the 1000 and 500 free. The final score was 127-78 UPS, the Whitworth women's only dual meet loss of the year.

Our annual Pirate Night dinner and auction has been scheduled for Friday, Oct. 6. I mention this now just in case you might have something to contribute to the event, which has been a major fund raiser for improvements to our athletics facilities and programs. If you do have an item that you wish to donate (vacations, sports memorabilia, arts and crafts, power tools, your husband's remote control device), please contact Athletics and Kinesiology Secretary Claudia Gallagher, who refers to herself as the "Pirate Night Nag," at (509) 777-3235. Thanks.

ALUMNI

Join Theatre Professor Diana Trotter for our *Crimes of the Heart* Pre-Play Dessert, March 10 at 6:45 p.m. in the HUB. The play, a classic comedy by Beth Henley, begins at 8 p.m. Cost includes dessert and play tickets. Call the Alumni Office (509-777-3799) for details.

Puget Sound Area alumni, parents and friends, watch your mail for a postcard with all of the details of the Whitworth Wind and Jazz Ensembles' tour to western Washington, March 18-25. You'll all be invited to cookie receptions with college staff after each concert on the tour. Don't miss this: Whitworth's wind and jazz groups are among the finest in the Northwest.

Join the Whitworth Jazz Combo aboard Argosy Cruise's Goodtime II for our Seattle Jazz Cruise, Sat., March 25. We will depart Pier 55 at 1 p.m. for a three-hour cruise of beautiful Elliott Bay. Enjoy refreshments, jazz, and a wonderful view of the Seattle skyline and the Olympic Peninsula. Look for more information in your mailbox soon, or call the Alumni Office (number above) for details.

MISCELLANEOUS

It's probably too late to warn you, but you might get a call asking you about Whitworth. We have engaged a consulting firm with expertise in surveying college constituencies to help us do a better job of educating and finding resources for our students. The goal of this particular wave of research is to understand Whitworth's image among its most important friends. Among those being called are randomly selected parents of our current students. A couple of nights ago, Bonnie happened to receive a call. I guess the researcher was pretty shook up when her reply to his question about how she liked the president was, "He's a good kisser." (That's me, short and romantic.)

Kudos to our Institutional Advancement staff for receiving several awards from the District VIII Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (which includes Alaska, Alberta, BC, Idaho, Manitoba, Montana, NW Territories, Nunavut, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Washington and Yukon). Alumni Director Tad Wisenor, Whitworth Fund Director Dolly Jackson, Program Coordinator Nancy Rau, Director of Communications Greg Orwig, Managing Editor of Publications Terry Mitchell and Graphic Designer Su Chism all had a hand in the projects awarded. There is an abundance of talent in our Advancement Office.

I mentioned under "Academics" that in opening convocation I spoke to our students about their careers. As is my custom, I concluded my remarks to the student body by addressing specifically our Christian students. This past summer it occurred to me that our image of God welcoming us to the other side with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" may not always be the best way to think in terms of life and career. After Jesus fed the 5,000, he told his disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee and go to Bethsaida without him. They obeyed, and the trip was horrible. The headwinds were so bad that Jesus walked out on the sea to make sure his friends were okay, and after fishing a bold but sinking Peter out of the water, Jesus got in the boat with the disciples. The storm calmed. It strikes me that the disciples were obedient, but still struggled; that they encountered Jesus during the trip, not at their destination; that he got in the boat with them, rather than only calming the storm. Our lives, and the lives of our students, can be really hard. But that doesn't mean we're on the wrong track or that we just have to plow away by ourselves until we get to God at the goal line. We need to look for Christ in the journey. When Jesus showed up on the water, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost. They couldn't have been more wrong. Pray for our students as they make this trip and get ready for the next one. There are a lot of phantoms out there. I hope they see Jesus.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

JANUARY 2000

Happy New Year! I hope that you, like Whitworth, were unbitten by the Y2K bug. Actually, I'm pretty sure Whitworth was mainly responsible for averting world power outages. A couple of years ago, after Ice Storm '96, we bought a jumbo, industrial-strength generator. I believe it is a law of the universe that if you spend enough money on anything, you won't need it until it breaks. You're welcome. Jan Term is now upon us. Yesterday, Bonnie and I were in SeaTac Airport, where we saw students loading up on fast food before departing for London on the theatre/music tour. The many classes around the world will be great, but those of us on campus also enjoy the different rhythm of Jan Term. I hope you'll be able to find a few chunks of time during this new year in which you can break stride and still keep productive. It's healthy. I also hope the newness of this season will bring freshness to your soul. God bless you in 2000.

ACADEMICS

Speaking of Jan Term around the globe, I thought you might be interested in knowing where some of the off-campus courses are being offered. The largest class is in Hawaii (shocking, isn't it?), taking Core 350: The Scientific Tradition, with Lindaman Chair Susan Bratton. Forrest Baird (Philosophy Department) is again working his way through Core 250: The Rationalist Tradition, from Rome to London. Thirty more of our students will also be in London, studying with Rick Hornor (Theatre) and Debbie Hansen (Music). Raja Tanas (Sociology) has a group in the Holy Land, and Dean Jacobson (Biology) is introducing a group of his majors to the ecosystems of Baja, Mexico. Another group in Mexico includes Spanish majors benefiting from language and culture immersion in Guanajuato. In the U.S., Dick Evans (Music) has a group exploring the arts in San Francisco; a band of our more primitive students are doing a winter mountaineering course in chilly central Washington; and many are meeting their multicultural education requirement in Sitka, Alaska, and other settings away from Spokane. We did turn down a request from Mac Hall for a multicultural course titled Eating Our Way through the Menus at 12 Spokane Taco Bells: A Comparative Study.

You can now enjoy potato over the web. Our talented Laurie Lamon (English) has another poem, *Potato*, appearing in this month's *Atlantic Monthly* magazine; it's the third of her pieces to be included in this eminent publication in the past two years. Laurie says that the magazine also wanted an audio version of the poem for its website. So check out *Atlantic Monthly's* site and hear her reading the piece.

Margo Long (Education), whose legendary presentations on gifted and talented students have enriched educators around the world, has gone to video. Funded by Spokane's Educational Service District and with support from the Spokane business community, Margo assembled 16 hours of video programming that serves as the basis for an eight-week distance-learning course. While primarily targeted to teachers in our region who were taking Margo's course for credit or for clock hours, the programs were broadcast to 28 states.

In the last two weeks of December, Whitworth faculty members were quoted in stories in three major newspapers around the country. On Dec. 17, Pam Parker (English) was quoted in *USA Today* on the historical accuracy of the movie *Anna and the King*. Pam, who spent eight years in Thailand as a youngster, has done research on Anna Leonowens, the title character of the movie. On Dec. 24, Jim Edwards (Religion) was quoted in a story in the *Boston Herald* about the life of Jesus. And on Dec. 31, Dan Keberle (Music) was quoted in the *Wilmington (Del.) News Journal* in a story about the late jazz trumpeter Clifford Brown. These newspapers have a combined circulation of well over two million and provide a great vehicle for promoting the strength of Whitworth's faculty.

Congratulations to Dan Keberle for being named the 1999-2000 Outstanding Music Educator from the Spokane region of the Washington Music Educators Association. Dan will be one of the featured speakers at this year's All-State Music Festival. Carol Miyamoto, long-time staff pianist and accompanist at Whitworth, was also recognized with the 1999-2000 Friend of Music Award for WMEA's Spokane region.

Kent Jones (Computer Science) helped host the inaugural conference of the Consortium for Computing in Small Colleges by lining up Bjarne Stroustrup – the inventor of the C++ programming language – as the meeting's keynote speaker. Stroustrup, who is head of AT&T's research operations, offered excellent ideas for how to teach C++ to beginning computer science students. (I didn't need to be taught how to get a C+.)

Dan Sanford (Graduate School of International Management) has been honored by the Inland Northwest World Trade Council as its

individual of the year for 1999. The award is given to the person who has made a significant contribution to furthering international business in the Spokane community. Congratulations, Dan.

We also have a trio of faculty/staff headed to Europe during Jan Term. Jo Ann Nielsen (International Management) is taking along John Falvey (MIM), Ken Pecka (Information Resources) and Fredrick Peterson, director of academic affairs at WSU Spokane. The purpose of this trip is to establish computer-based course linkups between students at Whitworth, WSU and five European universities. Amazing, isn't it? "Distance" is becoming a thing of the past.

I've been hearing good things about our '99 graduates. History major Andy Rock has been awarded a prestigious \$23,000 Rotary Fellowship that will fund a year of post-graduate studies at Trinity College at the University of Dublin. Our "remote" grads are also doing well. Columbia University, a popular choice for Whitworth dual-degree engineering students, graduated three of our 3+2 students in its 1999 class of 266 engineers. Peter Little received Columbia's Moles' Student Award in Civil Engineering, which goes to "the student whose academic achievement and enthusiastic application show outstanding promise...." Two other Whitworth students, Randy Larsen and Sheldon Smith, also received their Whitworth BA's upon completion of their engineering degrees at Columbia. And Tim Mitrovich was the only student from a Washington state college or university to be named a 1999 finalist for the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship. Tim, a 4.0 political science major, was one of only 12 students from the seven-state western district to reach the final round of interviews.

ENROLLMENT

For those of you who actually read this newsletter, you probably know that for the past several years we have been in the good position of having a bit more demand than supply. It looks like this year we will again have a waiting list. Our Early Action admission applications are up 12 percent. Fortunately, we've managed to keep our student-to-faculty ratio strong; it currently stands at 15.2 to 1. In serving our students, we are trying to think beyond being "personalized" to being "individualized." So parents, keep helping us with this. We appreciate it when you contact us with ideas on how we can do a better job with your students.

Campus Close-up, for high school seniors and parents, is Feb. 20-21. This visitation program gives prospective students and their parents an unembellished inside look at Whitworth's academic programs, student life and campus activities. Students interested in attending Whitworth next year are welcome. Please contact the Admissions Office at 800-533-4668 or admissions@whitworth.edu for more info. Don't forget, our **freshman admission application deadline is March 1.** So I'm sure you'll want to have your application done or well in progress before Campus Close-up.

STUDENT LIFE

January is always a fun month at Whitworth. The modular approach to classes raises the intensity level in coursework, studying and playing. And back this year by popular demand will be Wacky Wednesdays. At 9:45 p.m. in the HUB, students will enjoy "entertainment" such as the disgusting (my adjective) Trash for Cash Tournament, karaoke (which it would be redundant to call disgusting), and the opportunity to get \$5 haircuts (which I will fund joyfully if the residents on the west side of the second floor of Baldwin go *en masse*...it's all or nothing, men). Our women's and men's basketball teams have several home games this month, one of which will be followed by an ice cream social and another by an opportunity to hear Comedy Central's Don Barnhard. Rounding out the month will be Arend's traditional "Green With Envy" dance (for

which students set up their roommates with the "date of their dreams"), sledding, a ski trip to Canada, open gym times, and intramural dodgeball and ping pong. And, amazingly, students will study really hard amidst all these "opportunities for social development."

RESOURCES

As I mentioned earlier, Y2K was a non-event on the Whitworth campus. I looked across the street at midnight and saw no evidence of bugs, aliens or terrorists. Using a slightly more scientific approach, our staff checked all our systems Jan. 1 and confirmed that the college was in good order and still able to function as normal. Thanks to all of our students who will experience a shorter Jan Term (after a longer vacation!) as a result of our efforts to avoid potential Y2K problems.

Thanks to the nearly 1,000 alumni, friends, parents, churches and businesses that made year-end contributions to further the success of Whitworth students. After several non-Y2K computer belches, our gift office is steadfastly processing receipts. Fear not; they're coming soon.

The bulls seem to be devouring the bears in the Northwest. I just found out that twice as many donors gave stock this December as did a year ago. It's a great way to avoid a gains tax. These gifts support our Faith in the Future Campaign, so our thanks go out to all of you who so generously contribute to the campaign's scholarship funds and academic initiatives.

Let me tell you one more anecdote about smart, helpful giving, and then I'll be quiet about money. This month The Whitworth Foundation is transferring to the college more than \$500,000 from the matured trust of longtime friends of the college. In 1980 these friends established a 20-year trust with appreciated property valued at approximately \$250,000. Over the last 20 years the foundation has made annual payments that add up to more \$500,000 to these donors. Now, the corpus of the gift, more than doubled in size, will be added to Whitworth's endowment for student scholarships. So here's how I read the benefits: The donors lowered both capital gains and income taxes while significantly increasing their income. And Whitworth benefited by a \$500,000+ addition to its endowment. Wow!

ATHLETICS

Our women's basketball team is 7-3 overall and 1-1 in conference (tied for third with George Fox & Willamette) after a 55-50 loss to PLU at Tacoma last week. The women lead the NWC in three-point percentage at 40.8 percent, with Myra Slwooko, Star Olson, Erica Ewart and Emily Stuenkel ranking among the top 12 three-point shooters. Jamie Wakefield is playing great on both ends of the floor, and Jennifer Bennett is coming off her best game (12 points, 16 boards), against PLU. Pacific and Linfield, both conference contenders, are in town this weekend.

The men's team has rebounded to 6-6, 2-2 in the NWC. They have battled back from a 1-4 start and are playing well, in spite of injuries reducing the team to nine guys. This weekend they play at home against

Pacific and Linfield, both conference powers. The Bucs also lead the conference in three-point shooting (41.9 percent), and they're getting solid play from Kevin McDaniel, who leads the NWC in rebounding with 9.4 rpg, and Ryan Nelson, the NWC's free-throw leader at 93.1 percent.

Both the men's and the women's swim teams stand at 4-2 overall, 3-0 in conference. Their schedule picks up this week with a killer road trip to a meet at PLU in Tacoma, one at Simon Fraser in Burnaby, B.C., and another at CWU in Ellensburg. The Bucs just returned from a training trip to California, where Katie King paced the women with two wins against UC Santa Cruz in the 100 and 200 freestyles, and Mindy Galbraith added a win in the 1,650 freestyle. On the men's side, Troy Schuknecht was the double winner at Santa Cruz, taking the 100 and 200 breaststrokes. Ryan Freeman won the 200 fly, and Brian Rice took the 400 IM.

ALUMNI

Save the date now for reunions in 2000. Members of the Class of 1940 will celebrate their 60th reunion along with other members of the 50+ Club on Saturday, May 13, during Commencement Weekend. On June 23-25, reunions will be held on campus for the Class of 1950 and the 20-year, 30-year and 40-year clusters ('79-'81, '69-'71, and '59-'61). Contact the Alumni Office (509-777-3799, 800-532-4668 or fyoung@whitworth.edu) for all of the details, or visit our Reunion 2000 webpage at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/reunion2000.htm.

I've been fussing lately about modesty. I'm not seeing too many St. Francis posters gracing the dorm-room walls of today's college students. Our culture's motto could be "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing to excess." The 21st-century American dream can be a voracious one. Certainly, we want our students to be assertive, risk-taking citizens, ready to conquer the new millennium. But Jesus exalts modesty (as do all major world religions) when he lifts up humility and self-denial as cardinal virtues. This year I'd love to sort out when to stand tall and when to bow. We and our students need to develop and value this discernment. The millennium issue of *Time* magazine reminded me that most of the true heroes in the past 1,000 years walked confidently, but without a swagger. I think our world needs again to see leaders with strength that is born of meekness. I hope that in the 21st century, Whitworth will mark her graduates with the kinds of modest attitudes and muscular convictions that will make them moral exemplars rather than servants of excess. Unless Jesus was misquoted repeatedly, it's what he wants in his kingdom. May the same Jesus grant you clarity, peace and joy in this new year. Thanks for the countless ways in which you bless Whitworth College.

Bill Robinson

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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

MARCH 2000

March is the month when college students everywhere go through moods that swing back and forth between the peaks and the pits. But they never take their eyes off the prize...Spring Break. At Whitworth, occasional appearances by the sun, some absolutely great courses, and the richness of the Lenten season keep us from getting too far out of sorts. I hope March is going well for all of you, our Whitworth friends. Your interest and support mean so much to us. I have a small confession for those of you who read last month's Mind and Heart. My good wife Bonnie has accused me of embellishing her response to the researcher who asked her to "rate the Whitworth president." Maybe I paraphrased a bit. But to my way of thinking, there's very little difference between her actual response, "Above average," and my interpretation, "He's a good kisser." It's just semantics, for goodness sakes. Well, again, I hope spring is off to a great start for you.

ACADEMICS

The focus of Whitworth's academic program is internal, on our students. But our academic activities do reach outside the "Pine Cone Curtain." Here are a few examples:

- Senior Matt Lockard, a 3.9-GPA double major in math and philosophy, has received a \$26,000 graduate fellowship from the Pew Younger Scholars Program. Matt was one of 11 finalists flown to the University of Notre Dame in January for an intense interview session. Way to go, Matt!
- Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Gordon Jackson's penchant for pith has yielded his second published anthology, this one a book of Christian quotations titled *Quotes for the Journey, Wisdom for the Way* (NavPress). I love this book. It is an absolute treasure chest of wisdom, and just the right kind of reading for those of us who have the attention span of a hummingbird.
- Our English Department boasts nine students whose work has been accepted at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference at Weber State University in April. These students are Maggie Bullock, Annie Dwyer, Marla Meekhof, Emily Myers, Andrea Palpant, Josh Robbins, Brenna Robinson (rah!), Jeremiah Webster and Damian Westfall. They'll represent Whitworth well.
- Barb Sanders (Education) was one of four Washington educators selected to help develop the instrument and process for assessing pedagogy in the state's schools. This project is funded by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Michael Young (Music) has been commissioned to compose music for Whitworth in recognition of his many years of service. Michael will retire at the end of next school year, and his work will be performed in spring 2001. Funds for the commission were donated enthusiastically by former music students, friends and faculty.
- Hans Bynagle (Library) did a presentation, *Internet Resources in Philosophy*, at a recent American Library Association conference attended primarily by philosophy and religion specialists from major university and research libraries.
- The Whitworth College Jazz Band finished second to Brigham Young University at the 2000 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. Individual first-place awards went to Eric Gruber, bass, and Michael Jones, trumpet, in the jazz improvisation competition; and to Bryan Swenland for best college jazz band drummer. Although Dan Keberle's band usually brings home the blue ribbon, the Whitworth group did get the only standing ovation of the day. They swing hard.

Due to the hard work of our faculty and the academic emphasis in our strategic plan, our academic grant-writing office has already exceeded the total number of grants sent out last year. Director Lynn Noland predicts that "we should come close to doubling the amount of money we applied for last year." Next week, Bonnie and I will host a reception/conversation time for all faculty who've recently applied for grants.

During Black History Month actor Rich Swingle presented his critically acclaimed one-person play about John Woolman, the passionate Quaker leader who spoke out against slavery more than a century before the Civil War. We also heard from Russell Moldovan, a leading authority on Martin Luther King's preaching. After interviewing more than 30 people who participated in King's pastoral ministry, Moldovan presented MLK's passion for justice as an extension of his commitment to Christ. These lectures were supplemented by the Black Student Union hosting Christian rap musicians, a dance performance, and readings by African-American poets and authors.

ENROLLMENT

Procrastination is alive and well. In the last week of February we received 300 applications that just beat the March 1 deadline. This puts us at 1,020 applications (4 percent behind last year) for 375 spaces (8 percent fewer than were available last year). So we're pretty much where we want to be. Applications that come in after March 1 go on a waiting list, which we tap in May after the deposit deadline. Last year we were able to accommodate almost all of the wait-listed students. By the way, this spring's residence hall population is the largest on record. The second highest occupancy for this time of year was in 1975.

When asked what I consider to be Whitworth's biggest challenge, I invariably respond, "That we remain affordable to a wide range of students." As our Financial Aid Office has now begun putting together aid packages, many students and families anxiously await the outcome. I want you to know that these folks are helped enormously by your annual gifts and endowed scholarships. You put Whitworth within reach of many deserving students.

Parents, take note. If you have a student returning next year, and if you filed a FAFSA last year, you should have received your student's renewal application in the mail. The renewal application must be submitted to the federal processor by May 1. Awards will generally be sent to students in late May and June. You should also have received a 1098T IRS Form from our Student Accounts Office. This form is used to apply for education tax credits when you file your federal tax return.

STUDENT LIFE

March brings the Sadie Hawkins dance, where students dress as famous couples (I know two of our "hair boys" who could go as Rocky and Bullwinkle, with zero costume expense). This month will also offer a coffeehouse, a Hawaiian Club dance, student excursions to *Phantom of the Opera*, and the famed International Banquet with our students providing fabulous food and performances from around the world. One of the month's highlights will be the theatre production of *Crimes of the Heart*, and March will end with an all-campus Lazer-Tag game in Graves Gym.

One of the principal emphases in our new five-year strategic plan is to strengthen our effectiveness in helping students with their post-college careers. We are exploring ways to supplement and enrich the activities provided by our Career Services Office, but we're hardly starting from scratch. For example we just hosted Career Week 2000, in which students were provided information on proper deportment for a business interview, advice on how to develop a professional wardrobe economically, connections to potential internships, and the opportunity to attend an etiquette dinner with a professional consultant. Also, about 115 Whitworth students attended a career expo sponsored by a consortium of the four-year universities and colleges in Eastern Washington. More than 90 employers were represented. Career Week 2000 concluded with a résumé contest with prizes for the top submissions. The best thing we do for these students' careers is provide them with a relevant, high-quality education, but these other resources can be very helpful.

RESOURCES

A couple of weeks ago, I had a poignant moment with the men of Mac Hall. Just hours after a son was born to Billie Saunders and her late husband, Jim Saunders, '90 (the former Mac resident who was killed last fall in the line of duty as a Washington State Patrolman), a dozen guys from Mac met to lift up Billie and the Saunders family in prayer. I know I speak for the family in expressing appreciation to these guys and to all of Jim's classmates who have contributed to his memorial fund. David Harris, '91, is spearheading an effort to build a \$25,000 scholarship endowment in Jim's memory.

Nearly 600 alumni, parents and friends made pledges to **The Whitworth Fund in our Fall Phonathon**. Thank you so much. Our fiscal year ends June 30 and we're a trifle behind schedule, so we're counting on these pledges.

For some 50 years Dave Weyerhaeuser provided clear direction and strong support as a Whitworth trustee. Less than a year ago, our dear friend died. His support, however, continues. We just received word that the Stewardship Foundation, which he established, will continue its annual support and contribute \$1.5 million to the classroom initiative in our Faith in the Future Campaign. We are deeply appreciative to this great family.

Dixon Hall is now a shell. All interior walls have been removed, and framing for the new room layout is under way. The west end of the building has been removed to allow for construction of the new addition. We'll definitely be in these new classrooms sometime this fall.

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth women's basketball team made it to the **NCAA Division III basketball tournament**, but lost a heartbreaker to PLU in the first round. The Bucs finished the season at 18-8 and notched their first NCAA Tournament berth. The only other time the women's basketball team made a national tournament was in 1995, when the Pirates advanced to the second round of the NAIA Division II tournament under the superb coaching of Helen Higgs. Not all the honors have been awarded, but junior Jamie Wakefield was named to the 2000 GTE Academic All-District Team (college division), based on a vote by schools' sports information directors. With a 3.98 GPA and all-star athletic credentials, Jamie received the highest number of votes in our region and will now be entered into the selection process for national Academic All-America honors.

The Pirate swim teams finished second to UPS at the **NWC championships**. The women were led by senior Mindy Galbraith and junior Erin Kay, each of whom won two individual events. Mindy won the 500 and 1,650 freestyles, while Erin took the 200 and 400 individual medleys. Both have been invited to swim at the NCAA Division III Championship meet this weekend in Atlanta. The men were led by senior Ben Swinehart and sophomore Brent Rice. Ben matched Mindy and also won the 500 and 1,650 (both in meet-record time). Brent won the 200 IM and the 200 butterfly. Ben, whose time in the 500 free qualified him for the men's NCAA Championships in Atlanta next week, will be joined in Georgia by Brent and freshman Ryan Freeman, whose provisional times in their events earned them an invitation to the big meet.

In a ranking we rarely have cause to brag about (which is why you haven't seen it in one of these shamelessly self-congratulatory *Mind and Hearts*), we're looking good. After the winter seasons, the Northwest Conference "all-sports" top four colleges (based on their teams' finishes in fall/winter sports) are: 1. Willamette 2. Whitworth 3. Puget Sound 4. Pacific Lutheran. How 'bout those Bucs?

NOTABLE DATES

Jazz Cruise in Seattle, March 25: Join the Whitworth Jazz Combo, alumni, parents and friends aboard the *Goodtime II* for a cruise of Elliott

Bay from 1-4 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person and includes light refreshments. Contact the Alumni Office (509-777-3799, 800-532-4668, fyong@whitworth.edu) for reservation information.

Wind and Jazz Ensemble Tour of Western Washington, March 18-25: Our acclaimed musicians will present a series of concerts with receptions for Whitworth alumni and friends to follow each performance.

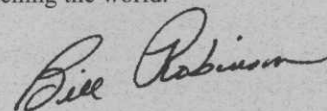
Choir Mini-tour to Central Washington, April 27-30: Beginning and ending with concerts in Spokane, the choir will be in Yakima on Friday, Apr. 28, and Wenatchee on Saturday, Apr. 29. More information soon.

Whitworth Graduate School of International Management celebrations, May 18 and 19: The Fosseen Distinguished Lecture will take place on Thursday, May 18; the 19th will feature a retirement banquet for Director Dan Sanford. Don't miss either; more information later on both.

MISCELLANEOUS

For many years Whitworth College and Young Life have enjoyed a special relationship. Countless Young Life alums have found Whitworth a great place to learn, grow and contribute. This fall, Young Life launches the Leadership Training Program for Young Life at Whitworth College. Kent McDonald, whose family will relocate to Spokane this summer after six years in Kenya, will direct the program. We welcome both the McDonalds and this new position.

Once in awhile I preach in churches. This really humbles me. I feel like the donkey carrying Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. It's an honor, but I never forget that the hosannas weren't exactly for the mule. This year it is my privilege to "carry the Good News" on the first Sunday of Lent. As I studied the Presbyterian Church's suggested text regarding the temptations of Christ, it occurred to me that our relentless goal-orientation can sucker us down wrong paths. Satan teased Jesus with three noble outcomes: satisfying his hunger, proving his deity, and delivering people from Satan's hold. But the evil was in the "how." We dazzle our students with inspirational examples of "how much," "how many," and "how high." But I'm dead sure that God's pleasure, and our true blessing, is mostly in just plain "how." It may be that not too many of Whitworth's alumni will ever be listed in *Forbes* magazine as the nobles of "how much" (not that I would mind!), but there are tons of them out there serving their ways into the *Who's Who of How*. It's an honor to be associated with such good people. And, as always, we extend our gratitude to you for your part in their lives. Through them, you're touching the world.



Just as this was about to be printed, we received the heart-breaking news that Whitworth General Maintenance Worker Dave Wright, a 20-year employee and member of one of Whitworth's longest-serving families, was killed in a tragic accident this morning. Dave was a treasure, and our love and prayers go out to his widow, Janet, who is our supervisor of grounds services, and to his entire family.

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AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

MAY 2000

I've never been too sure why people use the "wet dishrag" simile to describe their condition. This morning I understand. Last night concluded a wonderful Commencement Weekend. Today I join nearly 500 graduates in experiencing satisfaction, fatigue, exhilaration, emptiness, and a few other indescribable emotions. The whole experience was different for me this year, because even though this was the 14th commencement over which I've presided, it's the first in which my role as president got pushed into secondary status by my role as dad. All in all, it was a great end to a great year. I don't have much juice left to grind out this *Mind and Heart*, but I hope you'll get the gist of what we've been up to.

ACADEMICS

I find it a bit unseemly to tout favorable comparisons when so many schools are doing good work, but I'm going to go right ahead and be unseemly in reporting to you that Whitworth had the highest teacher-placement rate in the state among institutions offering undergraduate teacher-certification programs. More than 72 percent of Whitworth's 1997-98 certified teaching graduates were employed as teachers within a year of completing their degrees, according to a report issued by the state superintendent of public instruction. Two other institutions had slightly higher placement rates (78 percent), but they offer only master's-level teacher-certification programs. "Undergraduates are much more likely than master's-level students to go on to graduate school or to choose an alternative career path," says Dennis Sterner, dean of Whitworth's School of Education. "For programs offering undergraduate teacher certification, a 70-percent placement rate is considered to be nearly full employment." Kudos to our School of Education.

Dave Myers, chair of our board of trustees' Academic Affairs Committee (and John Dirk Werkman Professor of Psychology at Michigan's Hope College), packed a lot into his trip to the April board meeting. In addition to his board duties, Dave delivered this year's Simpson-Duvall Lecture, *The American Paradox: Spiritual Hunger in an Age of Plenty*. In the lecture, based on his recent book of the same title, Dave explored the paradox between America's unprecedented post-1960 material prosperity and the fact that in many respects the nation's civic and moral health has declined. He built the case that America's interest in spirituality is the result of people's discovery that "stuff" is overrated. After great work at Whitworth, Dave appeared on Robert Schuller's *Hour of Power* TV show in California. Amazon.com reported a big spike in Dave's book sales the next day, which can only be explained, says Dave, by "the influence of the Simpson-Duvall lectures on the literary world."

This year the faculty honored seniors Andrea Palpant and Matt Lockard with Distinguished Collegiate Achievement Awards. Andrea, an English/Spanish major, will use her abundant gifts as writer, photographer and musician in Africa, where for six weeks she'll double as a nanny for the children of Jerry Sittser (Religion). Matt, a math/philosophy major, will pursue a doctorate in philosophy at UCLA. He is one of a select few students nationwide to receive an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, which provides a \$14,750 stipend plus tuition and fees for full-time students in highly ranked doctoral programs. Earlier this year, Matt was one of only five students in the nation to receive a \$26,000 graduate fellowship from the Pew Younger Scholars Program. Congratulations to Andrea and Matt!

Whitworth's theatre students proved recently that learning and service make wonderful partners. Nine members of Theatre Professor Rick Hornor's Mime and Movement class partnered with a group from On Stage!, a theatre-based program affiliated with The Washington Institute for Mental Illness, Research and Training, to create mime performances with a circus theme. The program conducts theatre classes and provides performance opportunities for people coping with mental illness. Its goal is to help prepare participants for vocational training, supported employment, school or the workplace.

ENROLLMENT

Fall deposits are ahead of last year's, in spite of applications being down a bit. The average academic index (SAT/GPA combination) is also higher for freshmen entering this fall. We will be full to the max again this year, and our biggest challenge is housing. We badly need another residence hall. I think I'm having a vision that one of you reading this letter has a \$3.5-million capital gains problem with a high-flying stock that is about to plummet. We have 100 students who have the problem of wanting to live on campus in rooms that don't exist. There's a residence

hall with your name on it (literally) that could solve both problems. So much for my vision.

COMMENCEMENT

As I mentioned above, nearly 500 degree recipients participated in graduation ceremonies over the weekend. We awarded 112 masters' degrees on Saturday in Cowles Memorial Auditorium, and 371 bachelors' degrees the next day in the Spokane Arena. This was the second consecutive year we've chosen to use the Arena, and it's a good thing we did, as we had roughly 1,000 more people in attendance than the Opera House will hold. In his stirring commencement address, *Be Not Afraid*, Sociology Professor Raja Tanas charged the Class of 2000 to trust in God's leadership and provision. Speaking at the baccalaureate service on Mother's Day were Political Science Professor Julia Stronks and her mother, Gloria Goris Stronks, an education professor at Michigan's Calvin College. Julia and her mother, who recently co-authored a book titled *Christian Teachers in Public Schools*, spoke on *Love and Forgiveness: A Foundation for Learning to do Justice*. At Saturday's ceremony for graduate-degree recipients, I spoke on *Filling in the Gaps with Good*.

I had the thrill of handing a diploma to a couple of healthy young men for whom I had prayed regularly in 1997. Both guys have overcome very aggressive cancers and each had a certain joy about him when we clasped hands on stage. But my celebration turned to heartbreak when we learned that Melinda Bushnell, '00, was in a tragic accident on the way to commencement, resulting in the loss of her young cousin. Please pray for dear Melinda and her family.

We conferred honorary degrees on two superb college presidents, Westmont's Dave Winter and Seattle Pacific's Phil Eaton. Dave began his administrative career at Whitworth, serving as academic dean in the early 1970s. Phil served Whitworth with distinction as student, faculty member, trustee and interim president. I think the world of Dave and Phil and I was proud to nominate them for this honor.

I can think of no corporate moment in which the spiritual richness of a Whitworth education is expressed more majestically than in Friday night's commissioning service. Scripture, prayers, liturgy, communion and anointing for service surround four conversations between seniors and faculty/staff members. This year I was asked to join with our daughter Brenna as one of the pairs. Somehow, the sheer joy of the moment kept me from blubbering uncontrollably. Actually, I was able to work on stabilizing my chin during the three very poignant dialogues that preceded ours.

RESOURCES

I apologize to all of you who received my love letter. To quote one alum, "I'm glad you love me, but is this any way to show it?" The "I Love You" virus hit us with a vengeance, but we survived, thanks to quick thinking and prompt action by our great Information Technology staff. Unfortunately, I opened the attachment at 6:30 a.m., which was before we'd set our defenses. And I have a mailing list with more than 10,000 addressees. Oops. Again, my apologies.

We have a good list of campus summer projects. We'll be sprucing up several of the Village units and paving the BJ parking lot, and we'll also be starting work on a new fitness center funded largely by our board of trustees, with one "angel" contributing most of the price tag. I'll say more about this in my next letter. By the way, the Dixon Hall project is going well and should be completed by mid-August, with move-in prior to the start of school. We ran out of matching bricks, so we raided the Leavitt exterior, pretty much sealing the decision to raze that building.

No one knows less about Burt Reynolds movies than I do, but according to Whitworth Fund Director Dolly Jackson, the theme song lyrics from his *Smokey and the Bandit* included the line, "We've got a long

way to go and a short time to get there." Well, that's the case with The Whitworth Fund right now. For reasons I'll spare you, we need to see some serious annual-fund dollars arrive between now and June 30. There are three things you should know: 1) We set an ambitious Whitworth Fund goal, maybe too ambitious, but we need to be aggressive, especially in raising our alumni participation rate. 2) This is not a crisis; we can still generate some savings before year's end, so we'll likely make our general budget even if we fall a little short in The Whitworth Fund. 3) However, a shortfall in our Whitworth Fund will cut into our margin of quality, and we hate to see that happen. So we will **deeply** appreciate any support you can give between now and the end of the fiscal year. P.S. B.H., you are so great to support Whitworth. Thanks!

Great news! As of the end of April, donors have contributed \$38,411,778 toward our \$50-million Faith in the Future Campaign.

We are 77 percent of the way to our goal. At the April meeting, our trustees went wild "passing the hat." We may want to change our meeting schedule from semi-annual to semi-monthly if they keep this up. The last two years of the campaign will focus on the academic building, endowed chairs and professorships, the technology initiative, and the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning.

ATHLETICS

Track and field had its best season in decades, as the men's team finished in 2nd place at the Northwest Conference championships, only two points behind traditional power PLU. The men were in 6th place, trailing PLU by almost 40 points, heading into the final day of competition. But then Joel Robnett won the 100m, Bryce McDonnell took the 200m, Leo Suzuki triumphed in the 400m, Whit Spencer won the javelin, and the 4x100 relay and 4x400 relay teams outraced the competition for conference titles. Thirteen men hit lifetime-best marks, helping the Bucs to earn their highest finish since 1972. The Pirate women also had a terrific meet, finishing in 3rd place behind George Fox and Linfield. Danielle Swift won the javelin and Holly Weiler the 10,000m. This was Whitworth's best-ever NWC championship showing, with 11 women hitting lifetime-best marks. To cap off the dream meet, Toby Schwarz was voted NWC Men's Coach of the Year, the first time anyone other than the conference-champion coach has received that honor. I can add that Toby is also "Mentor of the Year" in the eyes of us parents.

Baseball finished the year 13-27 (8-16 in the NWC), losing eight conference games by a single run each. First baseman Scott Biglin was named first-team All-NWC, and four other Pirates received honorable mention: catcher Nick Schuerman, second baseman Justin McKitterick, shortstop Miguel Saldin and pitcher/outfielder Matt Squires.

With only nine players available most of the season due to injuries, softball finished at 6-27 overall and 5-15 in the NWC. The Bucs did have some great moments, and their future is bright. As they wrapped up their first season on the finest home diamond in the conference, shortstop Penny Pearson finished her superb career with the distinction of being the only player on the team who helped launch softball as a club sport.

Women's tennis finished the season 11-10 overall and 4-7 in NWC matches. The Pirates stood at 10-5 (4-4 in the NWC) before Amy Austin,

a key player, was injured. The team finished 6th at the NWC tournament, and Jill Huibregtse was named second-team All-NWC.

The men's tennis team finished the year (5-12 overall, 3-7 in conference) with a victory at the NWC tournament. The win, over Lewis & Clark, gave Whitworth 7th place at the tournament, and Mark Rice was named to the All-NWC second team.

Athletics Department awards: Danielle Swift was named Senior Female Athlete of the Year. She is the 2000 NWC champion in the javelin, an event in which she was national runner-up last year and ranked no. 1 in Division III this season. Senior Male Athlete of the Year Ben Swinehart, who set NWC swimming records in the 500- and 1,650-yard freestyle events, is a two-time NCAA All-American. Ivan Gustafson, recently signed to a two-year contract by the Buffalo Bills of the NFL, received the Dennis Spurlock Award, presented in memory of the former Pirate quarterback to the athlete who represents Whitworth's highest level of ability, leadership and personal quality. Ivan really deserves this honor.

ALUMNI

William Campbell White and Patricia Bartell received Class of 2000 Alumni Ideals Awards at Senior Reflections. Campbell distinguished himself as a member of the track and field team, as sports editor of *The Whitworthian*, and as a volunteer in local churches. Patricia has played her accordion to the delight of listeners throughout the Northwest, and she is known for her generous heart and her zest for life.

If you're a Whitworth grad from 1950, '59-'61, '69-'71 or '79-'81 who hasn't yet received an official invitation to Summer Reunion Weekend, June 23-25, please contact the Alumni Office (509-777-3799, 800-532-4668, fyoung@whitworth.edu). Or check the reunion website for details at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/reunion2000.htm.

MILESTONE

John Carlson, Whitworth professor emeritus of mathematics, died April 1st at age 97. He taught at Whitworth from 1935-1971 and mentored many math and engineering students, including current Whitworth Math Professor Howard Gage, '62, during his tenure. He will be missed.

This is my last *Mind and Heart* of the 1999/2000 academic year. Today, more than ever, I feel the power of Whitworth's mind-and-heart mystery. None of us can really explain why or how our graduates walk across the stage claiming such a strong sense of enlightenment, embrace and empowerment from the Whitworth experience. It's hard to describe, but we all recognize it, and we often feel it. Bonnie and I recognized it in our graduate, Brenna. As we listen to her speculate about various occupational and educational opportunities, one message is always clear: She will bear the Whitworth mark, charging into life's complexities with furious wonder and uncompromising faith. We're proud of Brenna, and we're grateful to Whitworth. On behalf of all the loved ones of our graduates and students, thank you for your part in the mystery. You have been agents of God's grace in all of our lives. God be with you.

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NOVEMBER 2000

October was great, as I boarded only two airplanes. Tethered to the Spokane soil by Homecoming, the trustees meeting, Parents' Weekend, and duties related to my job as board chair of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce, I had many opportunities to see Whitworth in action. For example, last night 20+ seniors stopped by our house for a fireside chat with Jerry Sittser (Religion) about his latest book. I don't experience that at 34,000 feet. But Whitworth is in action off campus as well. Last Tuesday I was driving through a rural village 40 miles north of here when I remembered that Lisa Beal, '00, is the town's new fourth-grade teacher. I stopped to say a quick "Hi," and I actually got to meet Lisa's little admirers. It was inspiring. In a town that's suffered some bad luck economically, a small group of teachers quietly go about their calling, giving knowledge and hope to the children. I watched Lisa work before she spotted me looking through the window of her classroom door. She just radiated everything that makes me proud to be an educator of mind and heart. Multiply this scene by thousands and you see Whitworth in action. Thanks to all of you who helped put Lisa in the middle of those fourth-graders' lives.

ACADEMICS

Sometimes faculty members' lives are more powerful texts than the ones they list on their syllabi. Last week, we learned of the battles with cancer waged by Rod Hansen (Mathematics), Linda Hunt (English), Doris Liebert (Education), Terry McGonigal (Dean of the Chapel) and Gordon Wilson (Art). This Showcase presentation (our Forum replacement) provided a rich opportunity for us to hear poignant disclosures of fears and triumphs, struggles and blessings during hard times. Gordon Wilson showed slides of some of the powerful art through which he has chronicled his illness and recuperation.

Our alumni and friends working in special education might want to get the second edition of a book that Betty Williams (Education) has co-authored. *Very Young Children with Special Needs* is a foundational text for professionals in early-childhood education. It addresses various issues affecting infants, toddlers and preschoolers with disabilities, as well as their families.

October, well known as a time to gather leaves, was also a great time for our community to gather ideas. We welcomed visitors and in-house speakers on a wide range of topics. Fuller Seminary President Richard Mouw delivered a wonderful lecture on "Calvinists, Civility and the Common Good." Internationally known media-ethics expert Ed Lambeth of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri spoke on a related theme—how Christians and journalists can help shape the common good. Lambeth was our inaugural speaker at the Flora Institute for Communication Ethics. This workshop, run by the Communication Studies Department, brought eight educators from Christian colleges and universities in the West to our campus to grapple with questions of faith and student media. On Faculty Development Day, our faculty heard one idea after another from Messiah College's Joe Huffman and from Ken Pecka, our director of Instructional Resources, about the impact of technology in the classroom. Finally, on Halloween we welcomed Jim Shaw, of Spokane's Sacred Heart Medical Center, who spoke on "Ethical Issues at the End of Life."

When Theatre Professor Diana Trotter was a third-grader, her mom took her and her brother to a K-Mart in Portland and gave them each \$5 to spend on whatever they wanted. Diana immediately bought herself 10 *Peanuts* books. A lifelong fan of the *Peanuts* gang, Diana paid tribute to their creator, Charles Schulz, with our fall production of *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The show was smashing. Everyone around us raved about its warmth, humor and professionalism, and about cast members Robert Martin, Matt Ebel, Kasey Graham, Colin Hesse, Kendra Kimball and Jennifer Stratton. Thanks to Mom Trotter for supporting Diana's *Peanuts* habit.

As the growing demands on higher education push up college pricetags, we are deeply committed to verifying our effectiveness. With that in mind, we recently hosted 40 visiting faculty from private institutions in the Pacific Northwest for a three-day conference on assessment. Thanks to funding from the Murdock Charitable Trust, we joined nine other institutions in taking a look at how better to measure whether students are actually learning what we want them to learn. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Gordon Jackson is overseeing this two-year Murdock grant that involves five other Whitworth faculty members, as well.

ENROLLMENT

Twenty high school guidance counselors from seven states were on campus Oct. 10 to learn more about Whitworth. We were their last stop on an 11-college tour. Several told me that Whitworth was the nicest

campus they visited. I'm not sure anyone can really understand Whitworth's distinctiveness without being on campus and talking to our students and faculty, so it's important to have these counselors experience first-hand what we are all about. By the way, **Nov. 30 is the early application deadline.**

STUDENT LIFE

Parents' Weekend was great. In addition to attending *Charlie Brown*, more than 500 parents participated in mini-colleges, a pre-game luncheon, a heart-stopping football victory and a meaningful worship service. I really enjoyed seeing many of you whom I've gotten to know in my travels. And special thanks to the Harrisons. While I'm sorry that the Roman mozzarella you were bringing Anna oozed into all regions of your suitcase, I'm delighted about the sack you salvaged that found its way to our front porch. Exquisite!

Presidential elections make November a spirited month on college campuses. Right now, a few days before the election, the HUB is alive with debate and campaigning. I'm happy to report that our students disagree more respectfully than the candidates do. Actually, we witnessed a rare moment when Julia Stronks (Political Science) hosted three local candidates for a presentation on how their faith influences their politics. All three were thoughtful and articulate (in contrast to most of the campaigning we've had to endure). ASWC is holding an election party on the evening of Nov. 7 to watch the nationwide results. Later in the month, karaoke events will contaminate campus life. This is always a hard time for dogs within a five-mile radius of the campus; they just howl in protest. I feel their pain. At the opposite end of the quality spectrum, the senior class will be sponsoring a coffeehouse featuring talented members of the Class of 2001, and all proceeds will go to the senior class fund. Finally, right before Thanksgiving we will enjoy our annual College Bowl tournament, and Outdoor Rec will be taking a "Hot Springs Tour" to British Columbia.

RESOURCES

Leavitt Hall is history. If our faculty cheered its demise with unseemly enthusiasm, it's because a new academic building will eventually occupy Leavitt's place on the Loop. Although it's probably two years before we'll break ground on this most important piece of our Faith in the Future Campaign, the successfully renovated Dixon Hall has inspired us to work energetically at finding the funds for this new building. For those who have not been counting, Leavitt is the 10th building in as many years to be razed in order to allow us to move forward with the campus master plan.

Thanks to all of you who have responded to our Phonathon callers. You alumni have already committed more than \$133,000. If you're in the classes of 1949-51, '55-57, '65-67, or '75-77, you'll be getting a special reunion-year call. I don't really know what that means, but I'm pretty sure you'll be thinking, "This is my lucky day!" after the call. I do know that we would benefit from volunteer help with the reunions and a few extra anniversary gifts.

At our recent board meeting, members celebrated the ribbon cutting for the Scotford Fitness Center, which opens this week. The 4,000-square-foot facility will house more than 40 workout stations and will provide a great space for students to grunt and groan while enjoying the views out the arched roof system with its many skylights. Thanks to John and Judy Scotford and their family for their generous support to see this project through to completion.

It's easy to get caught up in planning at the expense of remembering.

To keep that from happening, we have looked carefully for symbols, pictures and traditions that connect us with Whitworth's rich past. In that spirit, we are once again enjoying the campanile chimes. After several years of silence, a new chime system has brought this campus centerpiece back to life. Thanks to a joint effort of our facilities folks and our technology team, the campus now enjoys the soft tones of the Westminster chimes every hour.

ATHLETICS

There is no quit in Buc football. Four weeks ago, we got behind Simon Fraser with 48 seconds left and scored the winning touchdown on the last play of the game, winning 30-29. This past weekend, Eastern Oregon University kicked a 51-yard field goal with 36 seconds left to take the lead 13-10. We got the ball on our own 35, and three plays and 20.3 seconds later, QB Scott Biglin found Ty McGregor in the end zone for Ty's third straight catch. We're now 5-2, with a four-game winning streak, having beaten Willamette at Homecoming and UPS at their place. After the EOU game, some of the seniors and their parents stopped by our house. The players tried to give me this "Ho hum, business as usual" look, but they couldn't conceal their delight.

Our women's cross-country team took third place in the conference meet to end a very successful season. Holly Weiler qualified for first team all-conference, with Julia Lucas and Annie Scott achieving honorable mention. The women move on to regionals now, where they hope to step up another notch. Our men finished sixth, but improved vastly over last year. Slowed by an injury, No. 1 runner Josh Sherven didn't finish in his usual spot among the leaders. Ben Robinson (slowed by his genes) finished first for Whitworth, as he did last year. Peter Metcalf ran very well and provided leadership all year.

Volleyball is raging at Whitworth. In just two years, the women have risen from the cellar to second place in the conference. I love watching these matches. Kristin Turner turns "tomahawk" into a verb when she spikes. Second-year coach Steve Rupe, '89, is also getting great play from Lindsay Wagstaff, Nicole Weedman and Abby Jo Hornstein. The women's record right now is 16-8, 11-4 in conference.

Men's soccer is still alive for an at-large berth in the playoffs, while the women's season has come to an end. The guys head into their last game of the regular season, against Whitman, on a 6-1-1 streak. Brian Hein scored his team-leading tenth goal against PLU last week and was joined in the scoring by Paul Johnson, Kurt Kagawa and Brendan Siefken as the Bucs rolled to a 4-1 victory over the Lutes. The Pirates now await the decision of the NCAA selection committee to see whether they'll be involved in postseason play. On the women's side, the Bucs closed out their season in fine fashion, defeating PLU with only 26 seconds remaining in the second overtime before dropping a heartbreaker to Northwest Conference champion UPS. The women went 3-2 in their final five matches after a tough midseason stretch.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you want charm, beauty and generosity of spirit, you need to meet the great ladies of the Whitworth Auxiliary. For years, this group has raised money for residence hall furnishings. Now, Art Professor Emeritus Pauline Haas has designed a gorgeous cotton afghan featuring Whitworth landmarks. The auxiliary is selling these for \$50 each. Contact the Office of Alumni & Parent Relations (800-532-4668, 509-777-3799, atomson@whitworth.edu) if you'd like to wrap yourself in Whitworth.

The annual Christmas Festival featuring more than 100 vocalists and instrumentalists will take to the road Dec. 1-3. Students will present this annual tradition outside Washington for the first time at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Portland on Dec. 1. The rest of the schedule is listed below. Please make sure you call soon for your tickets. Preludes begin 20 minutes before each concert.

Dec. 1, 8 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian, Portland (503-629-0396)

Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m., Chapel Hill Presbyterian, Gig Harbor (253-564-3817)

Dec. 3, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian, Seattle (206-368-6926)

Dec. 8, 8 p.m., and Dec. 9, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., First Presbyterian, Spokane (509-467-9397 or 509-777-3280 or 509-325-SEAT)

ALUMNI

The 2000 alumni directories are being bound as I write this. If you filled out a survey, your copy should finally hit your mailbox well before Thanksgiving. If you don't receive a directory by Dec. 1 and were expecting one, please call the Alumni Office (contact info above) and they will be happy to send you a copy.

Alumni, parents and friends in the Bay Area and on Oahu, look for Whitworth professors and alumni programs in your neighborhoods in January. Also, I'll make my annual sojourn to Washington, D.C., and hope to see local alumni while I'm there. More information about all of these events will be in the mail soon.

Well, November puts me back in the friendly skies, but I'll still see Whitworth in action. On Nov. 16 I'm speaking in chapel at Princeton Theological Seminary (where I once distinguished myself in several utterly meaningless ways before achieving dropout status). A few days ago, I received an e-mail from one of our alumni studying at PTS. He wrote, "It is an awesome surprise to find that you will be coming to Princeton. Whitworth was such a wonderful place for me. I really believe that the education I received rivals that of any student here.... As I look at the collection of students here at the seminary I cannot help but think about the impact that Whitworth College has had on the Princeton community. There are more students studying at Princeton who graduated from Whitworth than from any other undergraduate institution." Not only fourth graders are being influenced by Whitworth. In a small way, we touch the greater Kingdom of God. This is a good place with long arms. Thank you for helping to make it so.

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OCTOBER 2000

I'm glad it's October. September was way out of control, but it was also awfully good. All of us – especially students – caromed through a frenetic month, pretty much living life over the top. On one occasion I observed a freshman (who's a great guy, I should add) staggering around at a soccer match with a pained look on his face. When I queried about his general well-being, he grunted sounds that I interpreted as "no sleep." I next spotted him, parallel with the earth, perpendicular to the sideline (and at exactly the same altitude), asleep unto drooling and serenely oblivious to all life on this planet. Let me be quick to say that we don't advocate sleep-deprivation, but there isn't really any such thing as a well-rested freshman. Having said that, I hope you parents out there won't worry too much. October is the time when most students find a rhythm. At the end of this month their fatigue will be the product of hard academic work. They'll enter fall break feeling a sense of satisfaction, but quite ready for a rest and for your support. And speaking of that support, thanks to those of you who send encouraging notes and e-mails. Your thoughtful expressions arrive as unexpected enhancements to the joy we experience seeing our students grow in mind and heart.

ACADEMICS

Every time I start listing faculty publications, I end up bouncing the palm of my hand off my forehead when someone tells me whom I left out. Many of our faculty publish regularly, so my reports in this newsletter are seldom complete. But here are a few new publications that might interest you:

- Jerry Sittser (Religion) has another great book out: *The Will of God as a Way of Life* (Zondervan) just hit the bookstores. I find the way Jerry explains God as our sovereign, not our marionette, to be both helpful and biblical.

- If you're interested in the current debate on science and faith, you'll want to read *Science and Christianity: Four Views* (Intervarsity). This book includes sections by Steve Meyer (Philosophy) and Jean Pond, who previously taught in our Biology Department and for Core 350.

- Jim Waller (Psychology) has received national attention for his Jan Term study tour that looks at prejudice in our country. His latest book, describing his own and his students' experiences, is titled *Prejudice Across America* (University Press of Mississippi), and was mentioned in a recent issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

- In a more specialized vein, Lyle Cochran (Mathematics) has given us his *Technology Resource Manual*, which accompanies the 10th edition of a major mathematics textbook by George B. Thomas, Jr. I mention this book not because I expect it to replace whatever's at the top of your Christmas list, but because it represents a huge infusion of teaching technology across disciplines.

Our science faculty members have spent the past months putting much energy into finding ways to do more individualized research with their students. In addition to visiting select campuses to see how their peers are mentoring students, they've worked with a consultant to think through ways of enriching our students' research opportunities. They are now finishing up their plan, which will be a great boost in preparing our students for careers or for graduate school.

As many of you know, the Simpson-Duvall Lectureship honors two of Whitworth's professorial legends, Clarence Simpson and R. Fenton Duvall. Both of these grand exemplars of mind and heart continue to use their abundant intellects in the service of others. This year's lectureship brings us critically acclaimed writers Robert Wrigley and Kim Barnes, who will read from their works and talk about their writing. I hear from our English professors that although Wrigley and Barnes do not write in the same genre, their works are driven by a Western voice that challenges some of the longtime assumptions and myths about the West.

Congratulations to Director Rich Strauch and the Whitworth Wind Ensemble on being selected to perform at the 2001 Music Educators All-Northwest Music Conference. They are one of only two university-level wind ensembles selected from the six Northwest states to perform. This is the second consecutive selection for our wind ensemble.

Under the aegis of the U.S. Department of Education Title VIB Grant, Pathways to the New Europe, Tom Pitzer (Whitworth Graduate School of International Management) is in The Netherlands visiting Maastricht University and University of Nejmegen. Last semester our students benefited greatly from web-linked classes taught by John Falvey, MIM faculty member, and Janjaap Semeijns of Maastricht's faculty. The purpose of Tom's trip is to discuss enhancing Whitworth's course curricula by including sections on the European Union.

Service has always been central to Whitworth's understanding of what it means to be a Christian and a world citizen. But service has also grown in its importance as a learning tool. Under the leadership of Linda Hunt (English) and Kathy Storm (Student Life), service-learning is pervading our curriculum. To that end, we've assembled a wonderful

advisory board of community leaders to ensure that our students' service-learning activities really make a difference. Thanks to all who are helping us in this important pedagogy.

For the first time, Whitworth's award-winning choir will present a Christmas concert in Portland. This year's schedule has the choir at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1624 NE Hancock Street, Portland, on Friday, Dec. 1; at Chapel Hill Presbyterian in Gig Harbor on Saturday, Dec. 2; and at First Presbyterian in Seattle on Sunday, Dec. 3. We'll send details in the weeks ahead.

Remarkably, two 1999-2000 Whitworth women's athletics teams ended up ranked first academically among the nation's more than 300 NCAA Division III schools. The team GPAs in basketball and track were 3.683 and 3.616, respectively. Kudos to our fine student-athletes, whose mind-power is rivaled only by their heart-power. And kudos to coaches Helen Higgs and Toby Schwarz for putting academics first.

ENROLLMENT

I'm sitting on an airplane (shocking, heh?), looking at registration numbers I downloaded when I got up this morning. They're looking impressive, especially the freshman and retention data. But too often we use numbers to *impress* more than to *express*. Isn't it interesting that we liberal arts colleges brag about how our students aren't just numbers, then seem to go nuts about how good our numbers look? So here are a few excerpts from recent e-mails I've received that go beyond numbers:

- From a parent: "We're happy to report that our daughter has jumped into college life with both feet, has continued to make friends and even loves all the work that comes with her classes! She has thanked us for sending her to Whitworth...."

- From a student: "Anyhow, it is great to be back at the most wonderful college on earth. How are things for you? What's on your plate now?"

- From another parent: "I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate all that the Whitworth community gives to the students (and parents!). On top of all that, no one could ask for a more beautiful campus!"

- From a 2000 alum: "I am so very glad for each freshman who gets the privilege of experiencing such a place. Tell the faculty that I thank them, because we follow what we see, and I saw such grace and such honesty in them."

The early-action admission deadline is Nov. 30. Our non-binding Early Action Admission Program is for students who consider Whitworth a top choice. Students can apply conventionally, or online at www.whitworth.edu. Accepted early-action students have priority in registration and residence hall selection. This is definitely worth doing for students who really want to attend Whitworth.

We welcome two new admissions counselors, Pono Lopez, '00, and Toriano Towns. These are two great young men who love the Whitworth mission. Pono (from Hawaii) and Tori (from California) will bolster our efforts to present Whitworth to students from diverse backgrounds.

STUDENT LIFE

Inspired by a Riverside State Park ranger's fine talk, one Whitworth student cried, "Let's go kill some trees!" Eco-terrorism? Not exactly. It was all part of a grand Community Building Day. Roughly 300 students and staff descended on the park to complete 800 hours of community service (that worked out to the equivalent of an \$11,920 donation). By the way, my group thinned out a forest-fire area so densely packed with Ponderosa pine saplings that most were destined for certain demise (hence, the battle cry). So we executed a series of strategic tree funerals and actually saved some trees.

October is a fun month on campus. We began with the Athletics Department's annual Pirate Night auction. On that same night, many faculty, students and staff participated in "Light the Night," a charity walk in downtown Spokane for leukemia research. The Weekend, a spiritual retreat for students, ran Friday and Saturday, and Saturday night Christian singer Bebo Norman performed in Cowles Auditorium. On Sunday, ASWC sponsored a trip to the Spokane Opera House to see *Stomp*. This is Homecoming Week, with "Countdown to the '40s" as its theme. Festivities include a '40s fashion show, a movie night featuring *Swing Kids*, a dorm-decorating contest, a bonfire, and the Black Student Union's Gospel Explosion. The week concludes with Saturday's football game, the selection of the Homecoming court, and a dance in "Chez Marriott" with the Whitworth Jazz Band headlining.

October concludes with Parents' Weekend and the Theatre Department's production of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Besides the theatre production, parents can visit mini-colleges presented by Whitworth faculty and staff, a tailgate luncheon, Pirate football and volleyball, Sunday worship at which I'll pinch-hit for Dean of the Chapel Terry McGonigal (who's doing great and getting his last round of chemotherapy in a few days), and a Sunday brunch. Whew!

RESOURCES

Too often we think of money and buildings when we refer to resources. Clearly, some of Whitworth's most valuable resources are the dedicated and talented trustees who will be on campus this month. Led by board chair Chuck Boppell, this group provides Whitworth great support and direction while sharing their friendship and advice with me.

Through the magic of technology, we've replaced standing in line with clicking. "WhitNet" is a new program that allows students to check their accounts, register, and add or drop classes online. Instead of wondering if a class is full, a student can check online from her residence hall or his home in Hawaii to see how many seats are available. If you don't have a home in Hawaii, this is a good excuse to buy one; then you can go there and check out your class schedule online.

One night last week I visited our Phonathon callers. You were putting smiles on a lot of faces in that room. You're great to chat with them and support our work. In their first eight nights of calling, they received alumni donations of more than \$55,000. Thanks! Incidentally, I was chiding sophomore Jon Eels for putting up "goose eggs" all night when one of you got him off the hook with a big pledge. He thanks you.

Thanks, President's Club members, for joining us at our Seattle and Spokane recognition dinners. Thanks also to Forrest Baird (Philosophy) for his superb presentation on "Computerized Kant: Technology in Teaching Liberal Arts." Those of you who contribute at the \$1,000-per-year (President's Club) level form the backbone of The Whitworth Fund. I can't begin to express your importance to Whitworth and its students.

ATHLETICS

The football team has reached the midpoint of the season at 2-2. The Bucs pushed defending national champion Pacific Lutheran to the limit

before losing 34-28, then won for the first time ever at Simon Fraser, defeating the Clan 30-29 on a Scott-Biglin-to-Duane-Tawney touchdown pass with two seconds to play. Defensive captain Sky Blake leads the Northwest Conference in tackles, while offensive captain Bob Adsero guides an offensive line that has opened up holes for a slew of Pirate runners and kept the Pirate quarterbacks well protected.

The volleyball team is currently in third place in the NWC with a record of 9-6 overall and 4-2 in the conference. Kristen Turner sets a new career high in kills almost every week, including the 21 she made to lead the Pirates over PLU on Saturday. Gretchen Smith has also played very well, leading the team in digs.

The soccer teams have entered the thick of conference play. I watched the men's team (5-3-2, 1-2-2) play sixth-ranked and undefeated Linfield to a 3-3 draw on Sunday. Junior Brian Hein scored twice to lead the Pirates. The women's team (3-4-2, 1-3-1) is led by sophomore Dalcyce Young, who tops the NWC in assists.

The cross-country teams continue to impress. The men's and women's teams both won at the George Fox Bear Fete (my mom used to holler something about not going outside in my bear fete) Invitational. At the national preview meet last Saturday, Whitworth gave the nation a hint of what will happen at the NCAA Div. III championships (which we are hosting). The meet, held at Wandermere Golf Club, went very well and impressed visiting teams from around the country.

ALUMNI

Join us Nov. 11 at 6:45 for dessert and an exciting concert with guest artist Byron Stripling and the Whitworth Jazz Band. Enjoy dessert, music, and words from Director Dan Keberle. Contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations (800-532-4668, 509-777-3799, atomson@whitworth.edu) for cost and details.

It's early Monday as I wrap up this letter. Being home this weekend was a treat. A warm October sun ignited the bright colors, painting the maples and oaks that spend most of the year deferring to the campus pines. If there's something better than Indian summer on the Whitworth campus, I want in on it. Later this morning I will address 125 high school seniors visiting the campus. I always struggle with how to advise them. Their tendency is to see Whitworth the noun, especially on a beautiful day like today. But what sears into the minds and hearts of our students is really Whitworth the adjective – the Whitworth culture, the Whitworth challenge, the Whitworth compassion, the Whitworth mission.... Maybe I'll just say that. Thanks to you for helping make Whitworth more than a noun. Your support sustains us. On Friday I spoke with a parent from Colorado who told me that later today she and a group of her friends will gather to pray for Whitworth. What an encouragement it is to know that behind all of the gifts and words of encouragement we receive, these moms are praying for Whitworth. And I know that they are not the only ones. Thanks.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

SEPTEMBER 2000

They're back. Last weekend a full complement of students hit campus on what is, without a doubt, my favorite weekend of the year. The Saturday invasion of new students and their families stirs up all of Whitworth's best instincts. Welcoming new students and reuniting with returning students gives life to our sense of mission. Each of us feels a renewed awareness that "This is what I am meant to do." Of course, every year at the Saturday-night orientation gathering I am also visited by a screaming awareness that "This is *not* what I'm meant to do." This year's version of "Bill's humiliation" found me in a toga. One of the ways I tried to con myself into believing it wouldn't be so bad was to reflect on how good Victor Mature looked in all of those old Bible movies. He gave me hope. On Saturday, however, I found myself looking little like Victor and more like an unmade bed in loafers. I was also a bit anxious knowing, when my wife pinned that toga (bedsheet) to my shorts, that if I lost the toga I would also lose my shorts and therefore my job. Alas, I survived. You will read below that we are very excited about this class and the school year in general. Thank you for supporting Whitworth. It's going to be a great year.

ACADEMICS

If you had asked me on August 23 whether Dixon Hall (our largest classroom building) would be ready for business a week later, I would have given you a firm no. Wrong. It was not only ready, but the transformation was staggering. As I walked through the building, there was no point at which I would have known it was Dixon. The classrooms are beautiful, comfortable, and totally high-tech (thanks to the great work of Director of Instructional Resources Ken Pecka and his staff). The offices give faculty members in the School of Education and the Psychology Department great work environments and the rest of us incurable envy. We're thrilled with the outcome of this project and excited at the prospect of escorting members of the Dixon family through the building after Convocation. I'm confident that within three years all Whitworth classrooms will be furnished and equipped as Dixon is.

Thanks to support from the Boeing Corporation, we'll be able to help our faculty become better acquainted with their new teaching tools. Boeing's grant to the Independent Colleges of Washington, of which Whitworth's share is \$13,596, will help get our faculty the training they need to take advantage of our new high-tech teaching stations.

Our spirit of internationalism has been enriched by the arrival of several wonderful visitors. We welcome Nicholas Sironka, a Fulbright scholar-in-residence from Kenya who will teach art classes for us this year. From Keimyung University, in South Korea, we have Dr. Woo Sung Oh, a New Testament scholar who is spending half of his sabbatical year here. Also, Kathy Cantrell is joining us as a permanent half-time faculty member. Kathy, who spent three years in the Peace Corps in Bolivia, has taught for a decade in Modern Languages. These folks will be very valuable in maintaining Whitworth's historical emphasis on global awareness.

John Yoder (Political Studies) will head back to Africa next summer as the recipient of a new Fulbright grant. John, who heads our Peace Studies program, spent one year in Kenya and another in Liberia as a Fulbrighter, and the new grant will allow him to spend two months next summer teaching conflict resolution at Daystar University, a Christian institution just outside Nairobi. He will also collaborate with several Daystar faculty to offer two extension seminars in regions of Kenya that have experienced serious ethnic conflict. Finally, he will work with Daystar faculty to develop an electronic journal featuring case studies in conflict resolution in Africa and will plan for a distance-learning course to be offered through Daystar and Whitworth. John deserves special congratulations: I received a letter from Fulbright informing me that the foundation was funding only 21 applicants from a prestigious pool of 500. I know John will enjoy returning to Daystar, where Jerry Sittser (Religion) had a great teaching experience this past summer and where Roger and Dottie Mohrlang (Religion) are teaching this semester.

Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) recently presented a daylong workshop, *Corporate Communication Across Cultures*, for Spokane's business community. Drawing upon her own experiences in South Korea and her academic expertise in multicultural issues, Ginny covered cultural differences between West and East, issues related to negotiation, and pitfalls to avoid when using widely differing communication styles. I think she should repeat the workshop for Baldwin and Jenkins.

ENROLLMENT

I keep hearing that our new students show signs of being an extraordinary group. They have even impressed our returning students, and it's almost impossible to impress a sophomore. We've enrolled 405 new freshmen and 80 transfer students, and more than 10 percent of the freshmen come to us as valedictorians or salutatorians (average high school

GPA: 3.6). We're also pleased that 40 students have at least one alumni parent. The total number of freshmen is slightly higher than our ideal, due to a 40-percent yield (percentage of admitted students that enrolled) rate. All of these numbers are fine, but we are pleased most by the intangible "feel" of this class. I'm expecting great things from these students.

STUDENT LIFE

A talented and committed group of 120 student leaders arrived in mid-August to prepare for their yearlong duties and for new student arrivals. Orientation week went well, with freshmen learning about academic expectations, residence hall traditions, diversity issues and group problem-solving. Sunday night was a formal dinner for the frosh, and the folks at Sodexo-Marriott outdid themselves with a wonderful meal, ice sculpture, roses and Martinelli's! And speaking of outdoing themselves, the BJ contingent marched in to the glorious strains of bagpipes played by their kilted resident, Stephen Badke.

September places a ton of social opportunities before the students, but their most important activity is putting their noses about 18 inches in front of their books. We do, however, provide a short break this month when we suspend classes for ASWC's Community Building Day on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Roughly 500 students, staff and faculty members will converge upon Spokane in many half-day service projects. It's a wonderful moment in the life of our college and our city. This year I chair the board of the Spokane Regional Chamber of Commerce, so I'll be in good position to brag publicly about the labors of our great students.

RESOURCES

The wedding guests at Cana could not have been much more impressed with water being turned into wine than we were when our great Physical Plant staff turned a health center into a beautiful residence hall. A summer idea of how to accommodate more on-campus students led to the rapid conversion of the Schumacher office/clinic into a very functional and attractive home for 23 women. It looks great, and early responses from the women are very positive.

To relocate the displaced Health Center, we imported a modular building, placed it on the old Grieve Hall site, and had it retrofitted to meet the exact design requests of the center. Though smaller in size, it contains exam rooms, counseling space and support areas to meet the needs of our staff and students.

Awaiting our incoming freshmen and parents was a newly paved, lighted and landscaped parking lot for Baldwin-Jenkins Hall. This might be the Mona Lisa of parking lots, and its users don't even know what a dust bowl it used to be.

Finance V.P. Tom Johnson reports that we ended the fiscal year with another balanced budget – our 24th consecutive year in the black. The auditors are completing their work now for presentation of our annual statements. Early figures indicate that we realized a return of just under 15 percent on our endowment assets (for the fiscal year ending June 30) in spite of a challenging market in recent months.

As of the end of August we reached the \$40-million mark in our Faith in the Future Campaign! With \$10 million to go, our big push the next two years will be the academic building, the endowed chairs and the technology initiatives. I want to express special appreciation to the parents of students who are making some wonderful gifts to the college. It is so encouraging to see you join us in raising the quality of your children's education. Further, your gifts, along with those given by other contributors, keep enhancing the reputation of the degrees held by Whitworth alumni through the ages. God bless you for backing up the big tuition dollars you

pay with gifts from your hearts. By the way, 43 percent of our alumni constituency has contributed to the Faith in the Future Campaign!

When the home-improvement telemarketers call and ask, "Do you own your house?" I say no. Then they ask if I rent it. "No," I reply. I know I should explain that the college owns the place, but I just can't seem to pass up whispering that I'm in the process of burglarizing it. So my message to you is this: When the Whitworth Fund Phonathon kicks off September 17th, don't be a jerk like me. Our students will be telephoning for 10 weeks in an effort to raise \$225,000 for financial aid and faculty resources. They love to talk to you, so take a few minutes to enjoy their enthusiasm. And, of course, we will be very grateful for your pledges.

Thanks to the donors who supported the Michael Young commission. Michael (Music) was delighted and surprised to learn that he'd been commissioned to write a special composition to commemorate his retirement. The piece is coming along nicely. It is titled *Visions from the Apocalypse, Opus 94, for Choir and Wind Ensemble*. The Whitworth Choir and Wind Ensemble will present the premiere performance of Michael's composition on May 5, 2001.

ATHLETICS

Every now and then my great *Mind and Heart* editor, Terry Mitchell, helps me out by writing the late-breaking athletics news. I'm on my way home from L.A. and in desperate need of time to prepare for Convocation, so I'll prevail upon her to report the weekend outcomes.

The football Bucs lost their opening game 20-7 at the University of Redlands. Senior defensive end Sky Blake was all over the field, recording 21 primary tackles (an unheard-of number), a couple for losses, and two pass deflections. California's Chapman College comes to Spokane for this week's game, and then it's national champion PLU in the Pine Bowl for the conference opener. Not exactly a cream-puff schedule.

Volleyball is 5-4 after a pair of early-season tournaments. Senior hitter Gretchen Smith was named to the Whitworth Invitational All-Tournament Team after leading the Pirates to a tie for second place here in Spokane, and sophomore middle blocker Kristen Turner was selected to the Colorado College Invitational All-Tournament team after the Pirates went 2-2 in Colorado Springs.

Men's soccer is 2-1 after defeating NCAA Division II Montana State (Billings) this past weekend, 1-0. Senior forward Herbert Barbosa scored the winning goal in the second half.

Women's soccer raised its record to 2-1-1 with a pair of wins in Montana. The Pirates defeated Billings 2-1 and Rocky Mountain 6-0, and freshman forward Heather Sale scored three goals and added three assists.

In cross-country, the men finished third and the women fourth at the University of Idaho Invitational, where five of the nine competing teams were from NCAA Division I. Sophomore Josh Sherven, who red-shirted last year, was the top individual men's finisher, in 16th place. Freshman Leslie Nelson led the women with a 19th-place finish.

We were incredibly proud to hear that our 1999-2000 women's basketball team topped the Women's Basketball Coaches' Association

Division III Honor Roll by posting a team grade point average of 3.683.

The team's GPA was the nation's best at the DIII level, ahead of runner-up Central College (Iowa), whose mark was 3.581. "This achievement tells about the kind of students who choose to attend Whitworth," says head coach Helen Higgs. "They are the kind of complete, well-rounded individuals that every college would love to have." Amen to that and congratulations to our talented, smart women hoopsters.

ALUMNI

Alumni Director Tad Wisenor reports that next year's Core 650 tour to Munich (July 2-12) will be led by Richard "Doc" Evans (Music). Participants will learn about the region's rich Renaissance history. Contact the Alumni Office (509-777-3799, 800-532-4668, twisenor@whitworth.edu) to add your name to the mailing list for this exciting trip.

Tad and I would also like to invite local alumni to Spokane's Whitworth Church on Oct. 8 and Northwood Church on Oct. 22. I'll be preaching both those days, and we'd love to see you.

Homecoming is Oct. 14. Come tour Dixon, see the Bucs in action, connect with old friends and attend the 10-year reunion banquet Saturday evening!

Join us for the pre-play dessert for alumni and friends before the Friday-night performance of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* on Oct. 27. More details to follow.

MISCELLANEOUS

On Sept. 1 we introduced a new college logo. As Whitworth's visibility has increased, we recognized the need to have a visual image that reflects our unique identity and mission and clearly communicates our academic strength and rich heritage. Look for the logo on college mailings and on the beautifully re-designed Whitworth website at www.whitworth.edu.

The U.S. News & World Report college rankings smiled on us again this year. We were ranked in the top 10 best colleges and best values in the West. It's hard for me to make a big deal of these rankings because they're based on a blend of objective and subjective criteria that seems to move around. When you get right down to it, there are excellent schools ranked above us and below us, and the rankings have little to do with which school is best for a particular student. That said, it's always nice to draw attention to the excellent education Whitworth provides its students year in and year out.

Whenever I write one of these letters I'm always worried it comes across as self-congratulatory. Admittedly, we feel this to be a good period in Whitworth's history, but certainly many challenges, as well as our own frailties, abound. We never doubt that this work is not just about us. Much of Whitworth's success draws upon strength that lies outside its gates. Friends and alumni of this college provide astonishing support in the form of service, finances, promotion and prayer. So to all of you many friends who stand with us, we salute you in anticipation of a good year. We also believe that ultimately our success comes from *above* our gates. And for this reason, we dedicate this year to the glory of God.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

SUMMER 2000

I can't believe it's time to write this letter. After spending the first two months of the summer whining about how fast it was going, I can now shift my focus to complaining about how fast it went. I'm taking a mini-sabbatical, spending about six weeks pretending to be a writer, and I've found that the life of an author would be great, except for the writing. Actually, I've had a great summer and I'm already revved up about the coming academic year. For those of you receiving *Mind and Heart* for the first time, this is a newsletter I write every month during the school year and once in the summer. Basically, I try to provide alumni, parents and friends of the college a taste (occasionally a tasteless taste) of campus life. I hope you enjoy receiving it. Greetings to you students reading your parents' mail. I've had warm thoughts of you as I've said my morning prayers this summer. We miss you and look forward to seeing you next month.

ACADEMICS

It's great to watch the college renew itself every fall as new students and faculty arrive. I thought you might be interested in hearing about some of the permanent full-time faculty members who will greet you in September. Microbiologist Frank Caccavo, from the University of New Hampshire, will join us in biology. Liz Hagen, who has been teaching for us as an adjunct professor in economics/business, will come on board full time. Scott Kolbo, from the University of Wisconsin, will take over in the Art Department for Spike Grosvenor (who reports that retirement has helped his golf game). Joining the School of Education as director of Graduate Studies is Sharon Mowry, previously the assistant superintendent of instruction for Spokane's West Valley School District. I'll include more new faculty in my September letter.

Dennis Sterner, dean of our School of Education, is one of 19 educators whom Washington Governor Gary Locke recently appointed to the state's Professional Education Standards Board. Created in the most recent session of the Washington State Legislature, the board is charged with establishing a statewide system for assessing teacher skills and knowledge. Dennis will be private higher education's lone representative on the board. Kudos, Dennis.

We've received several significant grants lately.

- The Fluke Foundation, which has been wonderful to Whitworth, responded positively to Professor Kent Jones' (Math/Computer Science) request for \$26,000 worth of equipment. They also gave equipment grants totaling approximately \$10,000 to three other faculty members: Finn Pond (Biology), Karen Stevens (Chemistry), and Delbert Friesen (Physics). Thanks, Fluke!
- The School of Education has received a \$230,396 grant from the U.S. Department of Education to help train teachers in bilingual education. This three-year grant is a collaborative project between Whitworth and District 81 schools in Spokane, as well as schools in rural areas surrounding Spokane. Among the limited-English-proficiency students to benefit will be a good-sized group from Russia and the Ukraine.
- Thanks to the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, Whitworth and Gonzaga will co-host faculty members from a dozen private colleges who will identify the best ways of assessing the effectiveness of our teaching. After they spend three days at Whitworth learning how to improve the assessment of student learning in the classroom, they'll return to their home campuses to help train their colleagues to implement these ideas at the departmental level. This \$35,000 grant will be directed by Gordon Jackson (Academic Affairs) and a colleague from Gonzaga.
- Doug Sugano (English) and Jim Waller (Psychology) received approval for a \$75,000 grant from the Hewlett Foundation to help make Whitworth a more culturally rich and diverse institution. They'll examine curriculum, Student Life and various off-campus agencies to see how they can help our students become better world citizens while making Whitworth a more supportive climate for students from all cultural backgrounds.
- Dan Keberle (Music) has received a grant from the Western States Arts Federation that will help fund guest artist Byron Stripling for our fall jazz concert. In addition to performing with the jazz ensemble, trumpet virtuoso Stripling will conduct several workshops, including one entitled *21st-Century Musicianship* that teaches music majors how to design a future that assures life-long employability. (A job... wouldn't that be a nice touch?) By the way, the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble and the Whitworth Wind Ensemble are both releasing new CD recordings in August. Contact the Music Department (509-777-3280) for information on how to purchase these great new CDs.

Whitworth faculty members have authored a number of interesting books lately, and Jim Edwards (Religion) has just published one that you students of the Bible will surely enjoy. *The Divine Intruder: When*

God Breaks Into Your Life (NavPress) is a series of studies on Biblical characters and the lessons we can learn from God's intervention in their lives. Jim sneak-previewed some of his material last summer at Whitworth Presbyterian Church, and it was very powerful. I'm definitely buying this book.

The Whitworth Institute of Ministry has just concluded a great week. Our main speakers this year were pastor (and Whitworth trustee) Heidi Husted, musicologist Harold Best, and biblical scholar Bruce Metzger. It was a huge thrill for me to spend time with Dr. Metzger. He was a professor of mine at Princeton seminary 28 years ago. (They called me "Curvebreaker" back then. Unfortunately, the name referred to a curve I failed to negotiate by Hodge Hall, not to my academic prowess.) A number of Whitworth faculty, staff and alumni also offered seminars, led worship and provided administrative support. We learned a great deal and felt deeply God's holy presence.

STUDENT LIFE

I'm sure it's no news flash to you students that we're short on residence hall space. It makes me sick to hear about excellent first-year and transfer students who can't attend Whitworth because we don't have housing space on campus. We're attacking this problem in several ways. First, we are converting the Schumacher Health Center into a small residence hall that will provide an additional 22 beds. We'll make it a very cool place to live. The Health Center and Publications Office staffs have been very flexible in adapting to this move: The Health Center will now move to temporary quarters, while Publications has relocated in Hawthorne Hall. Our other plan for adding beds is to build another dorm. We do not wish to increase our enrollment, but as a residential college we really want to accommodate students who choose to live on campus. It makes for a better education. We have three months to identify funding sources that we can present to our board of trustees for their consideration in October. Our hope is to have the new facility open by fall 2001.

Students, here's a note to you from Assistant Dean Dayna Coleman: "Orientation Week will be packed with all kinds of important information and fun. The week will end with the traditional Stewart Lawn Dance and with comedian and juggler Ron Pearson hosting our first coffeehouse of the year. As a reminder, freshmen and new transfer students arrive on Saturday, Sept. 2, and dorms will open at 10 a.m. Then on Sunday, Sept. 3, **all on-campus freshmen** will be boarding buses from Whitworth for the three-day Starting Line Retreat. All you'll need for this outing is a sleeping bag and grubbies. Any questions on the retreat or orientation schedule, call 509-777-3276. Returning students won't arrive on campus until Monday, Sept. 4, with room keys available in the HUB beginning at 10 a.m."

RESOURCES

Head Groundskeeper Janet Wright and her crew have the campus looking like a country club these days. Alumni just rave about the obvious TLC, the beautiful flowers, and lush green grass. We are so blessed to have such a resplendent place to work and study.

Grieve Hall, the World War II barracks building that had long ago outlived a reasonable lifespan, is history. Some (but not very many) experienced mixed emotions at its recent demolition.

Other renovations, conversions and demolitions have folks on the move:

- The Modern Language Department, which occupied Grieve in recent years, has now moved to Hendrick Hall.
- The Continuing Studies Department will take up residence this fall in Hawthorne Hall. We hope that this location, at Division and Hawthorne, along with generously sized and well-equipped classrooms, will be convenient and effective for busy commuter adult students.

• As I mentioned, our Publications staff has moved from Schumacher to Hawthorne Hall. Now a student will be bunking in the very spot where Managing Editor Terry Mitchell used to fall asleep reading my *Mind and Heart* prose.

Speaking of all these buildings, we are pleased to welcome to campus Steve Thompson, our new director of facilities. Steve comes to us from the Community Colleges of Spokane and will assume responsibilities for all campus building and grounds, safety, security and capital projects.

Summer is not an overly active time for gifts and pledges, but we are very grateful for the many folks who have supported Whitworth in the past several months.

- We received a \$100,000 grant from the Hearst Foundation in San Francisco to add to their scholarship endowment.
- Trustee John Carlson and his wife, Marie, established an endowed scholarship with a pledge of \$25,000.
- Chud Wendle and Kristin Goff surprised their mother, Whitworth Trustee Carol, at our board meeting with the Carol Wendle Endowed Scholarship in Education to benefit a Spokane area student who will become a teacher.
- Whitworth employees made contributions in June that pushed employee-giving totals over \$75,000 for the year.
- You finished the fiscal year generously, contributing to our annual Whitworth Fund. Because we fell short of our ambitious Whitworth Fund goal, we really got a boost from those of you who made a special gift at year's end. You helped our overall budget to finish in the black. Thanks to all of our careful budget directors for their discipline, and to Vice President Tom Johnson and the Business Office for monitoring the financial operations.

One of the reasons we fell short on The Whitworth Fund is the pretty significant number (254) of people who didn't get their Phonathon pledges in. I'm fairly sure that money still spends, so we'd be delighted if some of those funds came in now.

Our Faith in the Future Campaign is closing in on \$40 million, 80 percent of our goal, so thanks to all of you who represent a piece of that number. We have our campaign giving website all set up so you can give to Whitworth on the web, using your VISA or MasterCard. Maybe you'd like to visit www.whitworthfuture.com and see if it's really possible to make a gift that way.

ATHLETICS

The 1996 men's basketball team must not have liked losing the national championship in overtime. Two out of the last three years, Nate Dunham, '96, Nate Williams, '97, and Jeff Arkills, '96, have combined (with John Beckman, '96, in 1998 and Matt Williams of U. of Montana this year) to capture the championship of the largest 3-on-3 tournament in the world, Spokane's Hoopfest. This year the boys opened up a can of whuppin' on a field that included Team Grainger, the world champion team from Atlanta, and the champs from both Chicago and L.A. It's a double-elimination tournament, but the guys never lost. My team of three teenagers and Methuselah now sports "King Loser" T-shirts, the ignominious destiny of those who stink in their first two games, then drop into a consolation bracket with other rotten teams.

Heritage Gallery Weekend is scheduled for September 16. Prior to the football game against Simon Fraser, three former Whitworth greats will be inducted into the Heritage Hall of Fame: Rod McDonald, '68, two-time first team All-America basketball player and holder of the Whitworth career and single-game point records; Charlie Reed, '65, First Team All-America running back; and Tommy Stewart, '85, NAIA national triple-jump champ and professional basketball player in Europe. The induction ceremony will be held in the HUB. Please call Susan Meyer (Athletics) at (509) 777-3224 for reservations.

ALUMNI

Saturday, Oct. 14, the Pirates will take on Willamette in football at 1:30, and the Class of 1990 will celebrate its 10-year reunion. In addition, all Education alumni will be invited to come home to Dixon Hall and see the renovations that have brought that building into the 21st century. Look for more information in the next month, but mark your calendars now.

Now that Whitworth is in the NCAA, we will probably travel each year to Southern California for a football game. This year we're taking on the University of Redlands on Saturday, Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. A pre-game barbecue on the Redlands Quad will be held for alumni, parents and friends. More information will be available soon. Also, I'll be preaching the next morning in a strong Whitworth church, Trinity Presbyterian in Santa Ana, where one of our student's father, Alan Landes, is senior pastor.

For the past month we have been engaged in a huge role reversal on the Whitworth Campus. We find ourselves ministering to the one who has provided this college with wellsprings of spiritual nourishment. On June 28, I sent the following message to the campus: *It is with great pain and even greater hope that I send you this message about our dean of the Chapel, Terry McGonigal. On June 2, some discomfort Terry had experienced in his stomach became flat-out pain. After a battery of tests, doctors have diagnosed the source of the pain to be a small tumor outside of the stomach. Biopsy results indicate lymphoma, and Terry will begin chemotherapy on Monday, July 3... I'm not very good at finding good news in cancer, but there is some. First, God is provident, and God loves Terry. Second, this is a treatable disease with quite high cure rates. The list of cancers with lower recovery odds is a long one. Third, it is significant that the tumor is outside of the stomach and can be treated with chemotherapy. Fourth, we're talking about Terry here. His faith, will, and physical condition form an extraordinarily sturdy triangle of strength. Fifth, Suzette and the children will lead all of us in supporting Terry. His base will be massive. Terry's tolerance for the drugs appears exceptionally high, and his oncologists are optimistic. Please pray for Terry and his family: We need him, and right now he needs us. I include information on Terry's situation as representative of other wonderful members of the Whitworth community battling disease and other challenges. I single out Terry partly because his work touches so many, but more because his need reminds us that frailties of body and soul visit even our spiritual leaders. God's best to all of you. Thanks for your interest in Whitworth.*

Bill Robinson