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A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

APRIL 1997

It is early Tuesday morning and I have just completed one of the few routines in my life. Each morning that I'm home, I call my mother in Chicago, then shoot a two- or three-sentence report on how she's doing to relatives on five continents. The whole process takes no more than 15 minutes. In the past five years, technology has totally transformed the way our world moves information. As you might expect, Whitworth has been profoundly affected by this new world of ready information. I thought you might enjoy a special look at the electronic avalanche on our campus. Before moving to the razzle-dazzle of electronic life, let me say that I hope the Easter season was a spiritually rich time for you. On campus, Holy Week provided many opportunities for contemplation, confession and celebration. Bonnie and I feel it might have been one of the best Holy Weeks we have experienced. Please accept our warmest wishes as you enter into the glories of springtime.

SPECIAL SECTION TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

The "snapshots" below give you a glimpse of how technology has influenced the campus:

- Over spring break, 31 new Pentium PCs were installed in the student computer labs in the library. The computers that were replaced have been relocated in offices across campus, providing increased performance for our employees.
- Currently, seven faculty members are using electronic discussions in their courses.
- A product called "Web Crossing" provides a forum for our students and professors to post their questions, comments and reviews on the web.
- The Alumni Office also has a Web Crossing in which it hosts an alumni forum. To join the discussion, connect to our home page (www.whitworth.edu) and select the Alumni home page. You can also read this newsletter, Of Mind and Heart, by connecting to the Whitworth home page and clicking on "services" or "news," or by going to the President's Page.
- Beginning next month, we will distribute Mind and Heart electronically. If you would be willing to receive Mind and Heart via e-mail and save us some printing and postage costs, simply send an e-mail message to listman@whitworth.edu. In the body of the message, enter the words "join mindheart" and you will be added to the e-mail distribution list automatically. Next month we will send those of you who sign up both the e-mail and the hard copy, then in June we'll send only the e-mail.
- Master of International Management Professor John Falvey and Webmaster Mark Ellis have made it possible for two MIM students from Fairchild AFB to continue their participation in the program despite the fact that the students are currently stationed in Saudi Arabia. Using Microsoft Net Meeting, a few satellite dishes and a laptop with a speaker and microphone in the classroom, these two guys have been able to continue their MIM classes from the other side of the world.
- The Whitworthian, our student newspaper, is also available via the net. If you would like to check it out, you can do that by clicking www.whitworth.edu/wwian/whit.htm.
- A few statistics: We currently have 300 student computers connected to the campus network from rooms in the residence halls, and 40 off-campus student computers connected via remote access. Web-Crossing activity since the last Mind and Heart includes 12,945 hits and 758 postings. E-mail statistics for last week include 15,478 incoming messages and 6,961 outgoing messages.

ACADEMICS

We are excited to learn what Lindaman Chair Susan Bratton's research project on fire ecology will teach us. She and the 14 students enrolled in her course have been funded by the Campus Compact to study the ecological effects of fire.

The Whitworth Choir's home concert was magnificent. The First Presbyterian Church of Spokane was bursting at the seams, not only from the audience, but from the fullness of the music, presented with beauty and authenticity. Thanks to Debbie Hansen for doing an excellent job this year as interim choir director.

Our new faculty president is Mike Ingram. Mike, a professor in our Department of Communication Studies, holds scholarly interests in the area of oral communication. I also want you to know that we have been blessed the past two years with Political Studies Professor John Yoder's leadership as faculty president. John has been enormously

helpful to me and to the faculty in providing leadership on a number of issues. Thanks to John for a superb job.

Gordon Wilson, associate professor of art, recently had 12 artworks juried into "Christian Art in the 1990s," an international selection on CD-ROM. Additionally, four of his pieces were selected for a BBC program on Christian artists to be aired this spring.

This year's Staley Lecturer was Christian contemporary singer Kenny Marks. Feedback from the students was great, and Dean of the Chapel Terry McGonigal reported that many students had spiritual nerves touched by Kenny's music and thoughts. On a personal note, Kenny is a close friend of ours whom we hadn't seen in 15 years, so it was a fun reunion for us.

On April 24-27, Whitworth College Theatre will perform *Arsenic and Old Lace*. Please call (509) 466-3225 if you'd like to purchase tickets. It should be a great performance.

For those of you alumni who have found yourselves muttering that youth is wasted on the young, we have a great way for you to go back to college. The famed Core 250 study tour to Europe is now available to you from June 19 - July 5, 1998. Philosophy Professor Forrest Baird, along with Joy Baird, will trace the development of Western philosophy on a trip through Pompeii, Rome, Florence, Paris and London. All travel costs, lodging, entry fees and at least one meal per day (often two) will be covered by the \$2,950 per-person fee. Space is restricted to approximately 30 people and we are certain this tour will fill up quickly. Please call our alumni director, Tad Wisenor, if you are interested in participating. We will send you an information packet when we hear from you. The Alumni Office can be reached at (509) 466-3799, or 1-800-532-4668, or e-mail Tad at twisenor@whitworth.edu.

ENROLLMENT

Our Financial Aid Office staffers have been working feverishly. They have already sent out more than 1,000 award packages to new freshmen and will be distributing financial aid packages to returning students in May. One improvement this year is that the federal loans, both Stafford and Plus, will be disbursed electronically, making it unnecessary to sign checks over to an account. Please call the Financial Aid Office at (509) 466-3215 if you have questions.

As of April 15, our number of freshman applications is down 3 percent (1,431 vs. 1,486). Freshman acceptances are up 3 percent (1,260 vs. 1,225), and freshman deposits are up 4 percent (190 vs. 182). The quality of this year's freshman applicants is extraordinary, with 97 valedictorians in the pool. Because we have found a relationship between the quality of students and the number of schools to which they apply, we still aren't certain what the fall yield will be.

STUDENT LIFE

Student government elections came to a close with a new set of ASWC officers. Robin Kolb, '98, will serve as president, Selby Hansen, '99, will serve as executive vice president, and Jason Morgan, '99, will serve as financial vice president. Congratulations to these three, and thanks to all our students for a good voter turnout.

April has been jammed with student activities:

- The senior class hosted an entertaining talent show, which served as a fund-raiser for their class gift. The seniors have commissioned Art Professor Spike Grosvenor to fashion a stained-glass window for our Campus Center.
- The 17th annual Hawaiian Luau has been acclaimed as the best ever. On April 12, a sellout crowd of more than 1,000 people enjoyed an

exquisite Hawaiian dinner and a never-to-be-forgotten show. I have to say that I'm always a bit nervous during Kanani Wong's flaming torches act, but this year my anxiety rose a couple of octaves as he dragged me out into the performing area to participate. As the torches drew close to my head, all I could think about was my combustible hair tonic turning my head into a ball of flames — with my few remaining hairs, which I ask to do so much, being consumed by the fire. Fortunately, I enjoyed the same fate as Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

- The Faculty Appreciation Day reception is scheduled for April 18, followed by "Warren Peace," an outdoor Christian band concert.

- On April 19, students will be white-water rafting in Leavenworth before going to the Coeur d'Alene Resort for the annual spring formal.

- On April 26, the annual "Fund Run" will generate support for Hospice of Spokane, an organization working with the terminally ill in our community. On May 3, just prior to Bloomsday, the students host their annual Springfest downtown at Riverfront Park, with proceeds also going to Hospice.

ATHLETICS

Halfway into the 1997 season, our baseball team is in second place in the NCIC. The Bucs took two of three from UPS a week ago, then got thumped by Gonzaga 17-3 (and we hate to get thumped by Gonzaga). The 6-2 Pirates return to action this week against Whitman and Pacific. Jason Francek and Sam Chimienti are really pounding the ball, and the Bucs look strong for the postseason.

The track and field team has two qualifiers for NAIA nationals. Trina Gumm, who won the national championship in the javelin throw as a freshman in 1995, has qualified to compete in that event again this year. And Betsy Slempl will compete at nationals in the hammer throw after a fine season of hurling the hardware. The Bucs recently finished second to defending NCIC champion Linfield in a meet held here at Boppell Field, so things are looking good for rookie Head Coach Toby Schwarz and his crew.

The women's tennis team is playing well. The women won two of three NCIC matches last weekend, defeating Whitman and Pacific and losing, for the first time this conference season, to PLU. The women now stand at 8-1 in conference, 12-4 overall. They head into the NCIC tournament this weekend in excellent shape. Joelle Staudinger, Lisa Peterson, Tara Bonelli and Lisa Benschmidt were standouts in last weekend's matches.

Men's tennis is catching up after a slow start. The Pirate men (2-6 in NCIC, 5-9 overall) also took two of three matches last week, beating Community Colleges of Spokane and Linfield before losing to a talented Willamette team. Yosef Durr, Mark Bradford, Alan Mikkelson, Rhad Brown and Scott Spooner paced the men. The Bucs travel to Forest Grove, Ore., this weekend for the NCIC tournament.

We are pleased to announce that the eighth annual Wendle Ford-Nissan-Isuzu Pirate Golf Classic will be held Friday, May 30, at the Spokane Country Club. The club has graciously given us the after-

noon to play this year, which will allow us to host a prime rib dinner after golf. We have some great new prizes. Please contact Athletics Department Secretary Susan Meyer at (509) 466-3224 if you're interested in participating. Incidentally, for all you would-be Tiger Woodses out there, don't get your hopes up for the longest-drive prize. I have a new driver and have been launching monster missiles. Actually, this newfound length has enabled me to be as many as four fairways off target, so Athletics Director Scott McQuilkin has suggested that we distribute hard hats instead of baseball caps for this year's outing.

FINANCES

Our thanks go out to the many of you who have faithfully supported the Whitworth Annual Fund. We will soon be sending out a reminder for those of you who would like to make a fiscal-year-end contribution to the Annual Fund. The last couple of years have seen both May and June lagging behind their historical averages. We hope that this year we will reverse that trend.

Several readers of *Mind and Heart* have encouraged me to include suggestions for donors in all of the issues, not simply when we have an ice storm; so from now on I'll include a short list each month of stuff we need. The area I'll focus on this month will be the football/soccer field. According to the Jacklin Seed Company's agronomists, in order to get rid of our drainage problems we need two National three-plex mowers, one Toro top-dresser model, one vertical drain airfire, one Ryan Reavair aerator, and one 60-horsepower diesel tractor with a creeper gear. I have no idea what any of this is, although I do recognize the word "mower." If you can give us leads on used equipment, or if you'd like to help us purchase any of this new equipment, it would be great to hear from you.

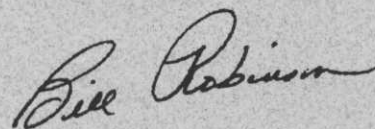
MISCELLANEOUS

We will welcome the classes of 1950-54 for a cluster reunion June 13-15. Luxury accommodations in Warren Hall, sumptuous cuisine from Whitworth's Marriott Food Service, a cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, dynamic presentations from several of us employees, and an opportunity to find out that you are the only one in your class who hasn't aged should make for a great weekend. We look forward to seeing you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 12-16	Finals Week
May 17	Heritage Day for Class of 1947 and 50+ alumni Senior Reflections, 8 p.m., Cowles Auditorium
May 18	Baccalaureate, 9:30 a.m., Cowles Auditorium Commencement, 2 p.m., Spokane Opera House
June 13-15	Classes of 1950-54 Cluster Reunion
June 27-29	Classes of 1971-73 Cluster Reunion

Life at Whitworth is full these days. I hope all of us will be graced with life-brightening May flowers. God's best to you.





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DECEMBER 1997

Greetings from Seattle. The sun has started to climb over the Cascade Mountains and should soon be brightening the city. I arrived in town last night from Sitka, Alaska, where I had the privilege of participating in the inauguration of the Rev. David Meekhof as 11th president of Sheldon Jackson College. We're pleased that our partner Presbyterian college in this synod chose Dave, a former Whitworth trustee whose grandfather, the Rev. Robert Boyd, was Whitworth's third president. Sheldon Jackson, a fine school in a spectacular location, has a very important mission and should flourish under Dave's leadership. Tonight at First Presbyterian Church in Seattle, our Whitworth Choir will present the first of its five Christmas concerts. Next week they'll be at First Presbyterian in Spokane. Led by Interim Director Bryan Priddy, the choir has prepared an exquisite program celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus. I hope this Advent season is filled with meaning for you and your loved ones.

ACADEMICS

New School of Education faculty member Greg Fritzberg has just signed a contract with a San Francisco-based publisher to write a book titled *In the Shadow of Excellence: Recovering a Vision of Educational Opportunity for All*. Well done, Greg.

Dean Jacobson, assistant professor of biology, has completed original research funded by the Murdock Science Block Grant Program, which supports collaborative research efforts between professors and their students. Teaming with students Dean Rocco and Andrea Olah, Dean's group worked on the "Electron Microscopic Characterization of Food Particles Ingested by a Toxic Red Tide Dinoflagellate." They conducted the research this summer and presented a seminar at the Oregon Marine Institute in Coos Bay, Oregon. Lest you think Dr. Jacobson spends all of his time with dinoflagellates, you should also know that he recruited residents of Baldwin-Jenkins Residence Hall and planted more than 30 Ponderosa pines this year.

Assistant Professor of Education Diane Dempsey Marr presented a paper titled "Collaborative Interventions for Children with Chronic Behavior Problems" at the Washington Counseling Association's state convention last month. She also serves as ethics chair of the Washington Counseling Association.

Psychology Professor Jim Waller has an interesting article, "The Foundations of Teaching Racial Tolerance: Three Myths About Racism in America," in this month's *High School Magazine for Principals*. Jim also received a call this week from the White House, informing him that he had been nominated to participate in a discussion panel for the Presidential Advisory Board on Race. This nomination represents a growing national awareness of Jim's expertise in the area of racial prejudice.

I have just been informed that the professorial team of Lee Anne Chaney (biology), Lois Kieffaber (physics), and Barb Sanders and Dennis Sterner (education) will be receiving a NOVA grant to help in the support of a hands-on education course that is being piloted this year. The reviewers' comments about the proposal were very enthusiastic.

ADMISSIONS

This past Monday, our Admissions Office began reading early-action applications, which had to be in our office by November 30. Decisions will be mailed to early applicants on December 15, so this will be a busy two weeks as the admissions team sifts through applications from approximately 200 potential Whitworth students who took advantage of the early-action program.

In one of my more pleasant admissions assignments, I attended Whitworth Night in Honolulu, Hawaii, on November 18. Almost 100 prospective students, parents and alumni gathered at the Ala Moana Hotel, where I was able to spend time talking to our alumni while our Admissions and Financial Aid Offices made a presentation to families interested in Whitworth. This year we have 100 students from Hawaii on campus. Once again, Kamehameha High School in Honolulu is our number-two feeder school, right behind Mead High in North Spokane. Whitworth currently enrolls 37 graduates of Kamehameha and receives extraordinary financial support from this school on behalf of its alumni.

The federal government finally sent some good news. They informed us that our default rate on the Stafford Loan Program is 3.1 percent. The average default rate for private, four-year colleges is 6.4 percent. This rate is a tribute both to Whitworth and to its alumni; our very low rate stands in sharp contrast to schools that have been singled out for soaring default rates — some greater than 25 percent.

STUDENT LIFE

I'm very disappointed that I've had to be out of town for this year's residence hall Christmas parties. I usually try to crash a few of them, and I know that I would really enjoy them this year because of a special program initiated by our resident directors. Several weeks ago, letters were sent to students' families, asking them to send a small gift from home that could be presented to their daughters or sons at the dorm Christmas parties. For days now, hundreds of packages from all over the country have been pouring in. Many parents sent extra packages for our international students and for those students whose packages might get lost in the mail. Mac and Ballard Halls have done this for years, and I have been to four of the Mac-Ballard-Beyond Christmas parties. Some of the creative presents I've seen over the years have helped me to understand that the occasional twisted mind we find in Mac Hall represents an apple that didn't fall far from the tree. Thanks so much, parents!

November's jazz concert was unbelievable. Guest soloist Randy Brecker and the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble brought the house down. One of the highlights of this great night was an encore in which Jazz Director Dan Keberle and Randy Brecker went wild in a sizzling rendition of *Billie's Bounce*. Before the concert, we had a dessert at which 42 alumni and friends had a chance to ask Randy questions about his life and career and to hear Dan and Randy talk about the upcoming concert. It was a very interesting and enjoyable way to kick off a great evening.

Whitworth students love the arts. Thanks to student Kym Atkin, our special events coordinator for ASWC, a number of Spokane's downtown activities have been made available to Whitworth students. A couple of weeks ago, 60 tickets for the Nutcracker Ballet sold out in two hours to students who bought them at discounted prices. Kym has also gotten deals on tickets to the Spokane Civic Theatre, to *West Side Story* at the Opera House, and to sporting events such as Spokane Chiefs hockey and pre-season NBA and WNBA games at the Spokane Arena.

Last month's Campus Center coffeehouse presented students playing guitar and accordion (both classical and polka) and lip-synching (which I find just slightly less obnoxious than karaoke). "Impact," a professional *capella* group, concluded the evening.

Somebody got the bright idea of renting a "virtual-reality car" and making it available all day long in the Campus Center right before the students went home for Thanksgiving. Students wore electronic helmets that projected 3-D clips of harrowing journeys in rugged landscapes while the "car" rocked through the motions of the actual ride. Several students discovered that there is absolutely no difference between virtual motion sickness and real motion sickness.

Twelve of our students attended the National Association of Campus Activities Conference that was held in Spokane for three days at the end of November. They found educational sessions on a wide range of topics to be particularly helpful. We are blessed to have great student leaders at Whitworth College.

FINANCES

Just two words will put a smile on the face of every one of our Physical Plant staffers: "El Nino." A mild, dry and sunny fall has allowed us to work on projects rather than battle the elements. (Of course, just after I wrote this, we had our first measurable snow of the season.) We are especially fortunate that the weather is allowing us to make up for the late arrival of the structural steel that put Phase II of the Campus Center behind schedule. We need to get this building enclosed before the really harsh weather arrives, so we are thankful for the cooperative weather. Having said this, we do sincerely grieve for those whose lives have been hurt by these aberrant weather patterns.

Building on the \$660,000 National Science Foundation grant we received, we have reached a total of \$1,145,349 toward the renovation of the Eric Johnston Science Center. Our goal is \$2.4 million. Planning for the Johnston Science Center remodel is in full swing. Assuming that fund-raising continues on track, we plan to begin work on the project immediately after 1998 Commencement. Last week we received a wonderful gift of \$50,000 from a great company, the name of which we will disclose to you as soon as we receive their permission. The elastic part of our budget in this project is in the area of furnishings, so we would appreciate any leads for possible in-kind contributions of new or slightly used office and classroom equipment.

Bonnie and I recently hosted a pizza party for our amazing Phonathon students. In just eight weeks, you pledged to Whitworth more than \$142,000 when these students called. The Phonathon effort consisted of 32 Whitworth students who spent more than 2,000 hours on the phone and contacted more than 10,000 alumni, parents of current students, and friends of the college. Thanks to you who made a pledge! And congratulations to the entire Phonathon team, including Julia Colgan, leading Phonathoner, who dialed up more than \$13,000.

The Whitworth College Board of Trustees has climbed aboard the Phonathon bandwagon. At their October meeting, board members decided that they wanted to call and thank people who have made donations to the college. It's been fun to hear the reports of trustees whose calls to extend a simple "Thank you" have led to warm conversations.

Do you find yourself fretting over those nagging, highly appreciated assets that have so inflated your net worth? Act now, and avoid the year-end rush. Transfer that appreciated stock to Whitworth College and avoid those nasty capital gains taxes. Call our Institutional Advancement Office at 1-800-532-4668 and be amazed at the many ways we have for you to avoid the dreaded "I've got too much money" syndrome.

Actually, we are anything but frivolous about the seriousness and sacrifice that characterize your support for Whitworth College. During this season of giving, we extend to you our deepest appreciation for a year in which you have been most generous to Whitworth College. Our pledge is to use your hard-earned gifts as efficiently as possible in providing heart-and-mind educations to our students. So thank you again for a great 1997, and please know that any year-end contributions will be very much appreciated.

ATHLETICS

It has been almost exactly three years since our men's basketball team has lost a game in the Whitworth College Fieldhouse. The Bucs will be putting their streak on the line on December 11 against a very strong Lewis-Clark State team. Head Coach Warren Friedrichs expects the Pirates to be well-balanced this year, with seniors Sean Weston and Jeff Mix and juniors Tyler Jordan, Greg Jones and Doug Schultz returning. All five played significant roles in 1996's NAIA national championship run, and these guys would like to be back in Nampa next March. The conference season begins this weekend with road games against Willamette and George Fox.

Helen Higgs is beginning her fourth year as Whitworth's head coach for women's basketball. Last year the women got off to a slow start, but finished the season strong. This year's team will be short, but experienced. Probable starters include sophomores Emily Stunkel and Starr Olson, junior Kristen Davis, and seniors Andrea Sherer and Cindy Viehl. Freshman Jamie Wakefield should also play an important role. The women picked up their first win of the season last weekend against a good Willamette team (Sherer had a monster game with 35 points and nine rebounds). After finals week, they'll be taking on Lewis-Clark State on the Warriors' home court.

The always-strong Whitworth swim teams face tough competition this weekend at the Northwest Invitational. Head Coach Tom Dodd, in his 11th season, is looking for leadership to Alison Eckenroad, who captains the women's squad, and to men's team captains Dan Welch and Kris Adams. Both teams opened well, with lopsided victories against Whitman. I'll say more about the swimmers in the next *Mind and Heart*.

MISCELLANEOUS

One of this year's goals is to identify and implement programs that will help our students live sensitively and appreciatively in a culturally pluralistic world. I think we're making some very good progress. The rise of this effort in our priorities comes from a report indicating that much too often our ethnic minority and international students (291 students representing 14.2 percent of the student body) have experienced coldness and insensitivity in the Whitworth College community.

One other note for alumni basketball fans: On January 31, all alumni will receive free admission to our games with George Fox in the Fieldhouse, and there will be an ice cream social after the game. Then, on February 20, there will be an alumni reception between the men's and women's games at Seattle University. And another reception will be held between games on the 21st at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. We hope to see you!

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 13 - January 4	Christmas Break
January 5 - 27	Jan Term
January 19	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
February 2	Evening classes begin
February 3	Day classes begin

I close this *Mind and Heart* with a quote from a letter I received from one of our students: "Words cannot express how appreciative I am of those individuals who have sacrificed their own incomes to make college a possibility for me. To all of you, thank you so much! In the last four years I have been exposed to challenging teaching, amazing mentors, lifelong friendships and, most importantly, the loving grace of Jesus Christ." May each of you also find loving grace as you kneel at the manger this Christmas.

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FEBRUARY 1997

Belated Valentine wishes from Spokane, romance capital of the Western United States. All of us flower children at Whitworth love each other, but we've lost that lovin' feeling for all the white junk floating down from the sky. Even the great skiing is losing its appeal. It's been an awfully white winter. We hope that all of you are doing well. We appreciate your faithful support, and we trust that this Lenten season will give you a fresh and powerful glimpse of the Lamb of God.

ACADEMICS

In preparation for our accreditation review in September of 1998, five representatives of the Accreditation Steering Committee attended a Seattle workshop sponsored by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. All of the regional accrediting associations are pushing colleges to assess more comprehensively the effectiveness of their programs. I think this is a very healthy trend in higher education, but some of the most important influences in the life of a student are not easily measured.

At Spring Semester Convocation we were pleased to honor Dorothy Paulsen Smith, '55, with the Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Dorothy is a terrific example of the ideal of lifelong learning. A former vice president for business affairs at Valparaiso University in Indiana, she holds undergraduate degrees in nursing and accounting, a master's degree in nursing from Case-Western Reserve University, a J.D. from Valparaiso's Law School (earned as a part-time student while she served as vice president for admissions and financial aid!) and a Ph.D. in sociology from Yale. She earned each of these degrees in an effort to contribute more to Valparaiso and to higher education.

Our faculty has been busy in and out of the classroom. You'll be happy to learn that Associate Professor of English Linda Hunt completed her doctorate at Gonzaga University, Associate Professor of Modern Languages Pierrette Christianne married Everett Lovrien (lucky Everett), and English Professor Vic Bobb is feeling great after picking up several new arteries in a very smooth bypass surgery during Jan Term. Vic figures that if he smears less butter on his Twinkies, he'll get more miles out of those new arteries.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

Our admissions numbers for the fall look excellent. Both the number of students we have accepted and the total of those who have made admission deposits are well ahead of last year. The challenge now will be to make Whitworth accessible financially for the many students who hope to join us in the fall.

Further evidence of Whitworth's growing popularity was apparent last weekend as 450 prospective students and their parents pre-registered for our "Campus Close-up," a program that highlights faculty, academic programs, student life, athletics and campus activities. This group is about double the size we normally have for this event. At one point we conducted 32 campus tours simultaneously. If you know a prospective student who might benefit from a Whitworth education, please encourage him or her to give us a call at 1-800-533-4668. Our admissions staff is very experienced in offering good counsel to those who are considering Whitworth.

STUDENT LIFE

On Saturday, February 22, the International Club hosts its annual International Banquet. Our own international students prepare all the food and provide the entertainment for this great evening. Special highlights in years past have included student performances of traditional music from varied cultures. I'd like to keep the emphasis on *traditional* music just in case there are students from some regions of the world that are just now being infected by disco fever. Student Body President Moses Pulei doing his Masai-

warrior version of *Macho Man* could set back the cause of international relations not only on the Whitworth campus but throughout Western Civilization.

Speaking of fever, basketball fever crescendos in the Fieldhouse on February 21 at "Pack-the-Gym Night." After the women wrap up their playoff spot and the men extend their home winning streak to 31 games, students, staff and faculty will climb aboard padded medieval play equipment to act as jousting partners, sumo wrestlers and catapult fodder. Last year someone forgot to reduce the tension when Ross Cutter climbed on the catapult. We found him on the north edge of the Back 40.

This is the time of year when we hire the student leaders for next year. Last Sunday I met with this spring's resident assistants. I've become convinced that the most direct influence on the spiritual development of our students is other students. At Whitworth, we work hard to provide resources and foster a climate that encourages spiritual growth; but ministry most often takes place student-to-student.

We are in the process of changing a couple of areas of student life. Though I run out of superlatives when I talk about Whitworth's students, there are two areas in which I find their behavior out of character: freshman initiation and Forum. We are changing the approach to freshman initiation, and we are asking for more courteous behavior during Forum programs. I think our great campus climate will become even better when our students show more maturity in these areas.

FINANCES

The final toll is in on the number of trees lost to Ice Storm '96; the total stands at 130. Those trees have been cut and removed from campus, and this summer we will remove the stumps. Several of you have sent contributions to help us deal with the damage. We very much appreciate your generosity. Our insurance covers only part of the losses, so we are using your gifts to plant new trees. The average cost for a new tree is \$85, in case any of you would like to buy a tree for Whitworth.

Phase II of the Campus Center is a go. At this point we haven't raised all of the money needed to fund the project, but we are close enough that we have decided to start digging and keep fund-raising. As I explained in an earlier *Mind and Heart*, there are several benefits to beginning construction this summer. If any of you would like to contribute beyond what you send to the Whitworth Annual Fund, we would welcome your support. Most of the space in this phase of the project will be given to a new dining commons and offices for our Student Life staff. The way I see it, at last we'll have a dining room that's as good as the cuisine served therein.

We've hit a snag on the renovation of the Eric Johnston Science Center. Though we've been meeting with the architects in hopes of beginning renovation in May, several provisions of the National Science Foundation grant are making the project more expensive than we had anticipated in our original proposal. Next month I'll let you know the status of the renovation efforts.

To keep Whitworth within financial reach of our students next fall, we are holding our tuition increase to the lowest percentage in 20 years. This has made budget building for the 1997-98 fiscal year a tremendous challenge. Unfortunately, we will be forced to have an off-year in our eight-year plan to bring faculty and staff salaries into line with those at institutions of comparable quality.

ATHLETICS

Under the leadership of 1996 NAIA Coach of the Year Tom Dodd, our swim teams are having another great season. With conference championships coming up, the Pirate men stand 7-3 in conference and 14-3 overall, and the women are 5-5 in conference and 9-9 overall. Members of the men's team who have already qualified for Nationals are Guy Mikasa, Jeremiah Pappé, Mike Peloso, John Rasmussen, Jeff Rice (five events), Jerry Rice (six events), Ben Swinehart and Dan Welch. Nationals qualifiers on the women's team include Shannon Braun (four events), Jan Okada (seven events), Sarah Ewan, Mindy Galbraith and Megan Williams (five events).

The women's basketball team has ridden a hot streak into contention for the post-season tournament. Coach Helen Higgs and fans of Whitworth women's basketball have enjoyed watching this team pull it together at a crucial time in the season. The women have really stepped up in the second half, putting together a six-game winning streak before losing a close one on the road at Lewis and Clark last weekend. Led by Sherri Northington and Jen Tissue, the Bucs have come together at just the right time to forge a winning season, earn a playoff berth, and challenge the conference leaders for an NCIC title.

The men's basketball team had a brief hold on the NCIC lead, but a tough road trip to Pacific and Lewis & Clark sent the Bucs home in third place. To give you some idea of how tough it is to win on the road in this conference, consider that our men's team currently has a 30-game win streak at home, but the guys haven't won at Pacific since 1992. Also, if you're wondering whether politics are involved in the national rankings at our level, wonder no more. Last week, after moving from a tie for second place into sole possession of first, Whitworth dropped in the national rankings from 14th to 16th — behind the two teams we'd beaten the week before to move into contention. Go figure.

Maybe I'm tired of snow, but I know some folks who aren't. Our ski teams traveled down to Mt. Hood for last week's conference championships, and the women finished ninth out of 20 teams, just three points away from qualifying for Regionals. Team leaders Alisun Knowles and Olivia Mongellaz, top-10 finishers throughout the conference season, qualified in individual events for Western Regionals, to be held February 20 at Winter Park, Colo. Both are also hoping to make it to Nationals at Lake Tahoe in March. Unfortunately, Josh Decker, who (along with Mark Bowker) paced this year's men's team, wrecked his knee in a fall at Snoqualmie Pass and couldn't compete at the conference finals.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| March 6-9 | Whitworth Theatre Production:
<i>The Glass Menagerie</i> |
| March 17-21 | Spring Break |
| March 15-23 | Spring Choir Tour of Western Washington
and Oregon |
| April 4 | Spring Choir Concert (Spokane) |
| April 5, 12 | Women Composers Series Concerts |
| April 12 | Hawaiian Club Luau |

A couple of days ago we had a President's Cabinet meeting that fell on Ash Wednesday. Dean of the Chapel Terry McGonigal opened our time by reading the classic Lenten passage about Christ being tempted at the end of his 40 days in the wilderness. As I looked around the table at these people who work so hard on behalf of Whitworth College, and as I reflected on my perpetual travel during the first 40 days of 1997, I remembered a thought I had a couple of years ago while preparing a sermon for the first Sunday in Lent. I had always considered Satan's invitation for Christ to worship him in exchange for the allegiance of sinful humanity to be more of a mockery than a temptation. In thinking more about the proposition, it struck me that Satan saw Jesus' job as a point of vulnerability: Your job is to save all these people. I have a shortcut that is a lot less painful than what's waiting for you." Sometimes I think Satan still uses the job strategy. We become so consumed by our work that who we are is damaged by what we do. At Whitworth, the first 40 days of 1997 have been packed with many activities. I hope that during the next 40 days of Lent, all of us will concentrate more on our Redeemer than on our jobs. Grace and thanks to all.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

JANUARY 1997

You have probably heard that Mother Nature has been at it again in the state of Washington. The ice storm I reported in the December *Mind and Heart* was followed by a huge dumping of snow (the skiing was unbelievable), which was followed by unseasonably warm weather, which was followed by flooding, which was followed by bone-chilling temperatures. All this natural chaos has taken place in the last month. And speaking of Mother Nature, she got even with me for smarting off last month about going to Hawaii during the ice storm. This past weekend I forgot my coat on a trip to Denver and San Francisco. Sunday morning it was 12 below zero in Denver, and Monday morning San Francisco recorded the lowest temperature for that date in its history. My raw physical discomfort was compounded by remarks from some of the wonderful folks at First Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs. They tried to console me by explaining that I was lucky it was "dry cold." I have no idea what they were talking about. Actually, it was a wonderful trip to Colorado, during which I had opportunities to hear alumni in Denver talk about their heartfelt appreciation for Whitworth College, to enjoy a rich worship experience in Colorado Springs, and to have several great visits in the Bay area. These excursions make it hard to stay on top of my work, but I always come home feeling very proud to be a member of the Whitworth community. Thanks to all of you for the ways you have enriched this college. Although our enthusiasm has been tempered by the heart-breaking tragedies I will mention in the "Milestones" section on side two, the past month has been very good, all of nature's assaults notwithstanding.

ACADEMICS

We are right in the middle of Jan Term and the students love it. The off-campus tours around the world always draw praise, but even the students on campus find the cadence of January Term to be less frenetic than the juggling that is required during the semesters.

At present we have 46 students in Africa. Political Studies Professor John Yoder and Communication Studies Professor Gordon Jackson are leading 16 students on a study trip to South Africa titled "Press, Prophets and Politics." They are studying the relationship among media, church and politics. The trip includes visits to Cape Town and squatter camps, and an excursion to the ostrich farm where Gordon once worked as a tour guide. Another 30 students are involved in a medical mission to Kenya. This trip has been coordinated by Judge Robert Quall, a 1961 Whitworth grad and the son of long-time faculty member and dean Al Quall. Because a central purpose of the trip is to provide basic medical service, many of the students are pre-med majors.

One of the most celebrated Jan Term classes this year is a new physical education course titled "Liturgical Dance." After the first day of this class, taught by Judy Mandeville, one of the students reported, "I have experienced Christ for the first time in my life in a new and fresh way." To our enormous good fortune, the pioneer of sacred dance in the United States, 88-year-old Margaret Taylor Doane, is a resident of Spokane. This author of five books and star of two videos captivated and inspired the class when she made a guest appearance and challenged the students to use dance as a meaningful way to communicate joy, compassion, and resiliency in their Christian faith.

This semester, faculty sabbaticals are being taken by Jim Waller, associate professor of psychology, who will continue his research in the psychological dimensions of extraordinary evil, focusing on the Holocaust; Randy Michaelis, assistant professor of education, who is exploring new ways to incorporate technology into teacher education; Doug Sugano, associate professor of English, who is doing research for a possible book on the N-Town (medieval Christian) plays; and Jerry Sittser, associate professor of religion, who is studying the impact of Christianity on postwar America.

Lest you are misguided enough to think librarians excel only in whispering and in helping students find stuff, we are proud to report that Hans Bynagle, our library director, recently published the second edition of his book *Philosophy: A Guide to the Reference Literature*.

We are also happy to learn that the National Council of Teachers of English just published the book *In the Long Run: A Study of Faculty in Three Writing-Across-the-Curriculum Programs*, co-authored by Whitworth Associate Professor of English Linda Hunt and Barbara Walvoord. In this book, Whitworth faculty members are featured with some of their creative ideas for writing-intensive programs. We should also extend kudos to Linda for the Norwegian National Television Network's coverage of her research into Helga Estby's walk across America with her daughter in 1896. Helga, a mother of nine, was a Norwegian immigrant trying to win a \$10,000 wager to save her mortgaged family farm outside Spokane. Christmas Eve was the 100th anniversary of her arrival in New York, and Norwegian television highlighted this event.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

We have good news and mediocre news. The good news is that we have accepted 100 more students than we had last year at this time. The mediocre news is that the total number of applications is down slightly from a year ago. Overall, we are very encouraged by our situation.

I spoke with several high school students in Denver who are interested in attending Whitworth. I think that most of these students would benefit from our heart-and-mind mission. If you know prospective students you would like us to contact, call me or the Admissions Office, (509) 466-3212 or 1-800-533-4668.

Our Financial Aid Office is organizing an Eastern Washington Community Financial Aid Night, during which a number of the local colleges and universities will be available to work with students and their families who are applying for financial aid. The session will be held on January 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Whitworth's Financial Aid Office (located on the second floor of McEachran Hall) will be open and fully staffed to help students and parents with financial aid applications and questions.

FINANCES

In the vernacular of our student phonathoners, you folks were "beyond huge" in the month of December. Because of your generosity, we ended our first six months \$73,096.03 ahead of where we were at the halfway point of last year's Annual Fund giving. Especially significant is the fact that this figure includes more than 100 additional gifts. As of December 31, 1996, the college had received \$714,443.79 in Annual Fund contributions, including \$507,774.77 in unrestricted estates, which we plan to add to our endowment, and \$75,000 from Washington Water Power.

Bonnie and I held a victory party for this year's record-breaking phonathon team. These delightful and determined students reached their *fiscal year* goal of \$100,000 in pledges by Christmas. It was obvious to us that one of the keys to this group's success was how much they enjoyed talking to all of you who were contacted. Thanks for your generous support.

One of the many wonderful stories that came out of the Development Office during December was about an alumnus and his wife who increased their Whitworth Annual Fund gift by \$200. They included a note explaining that they were making four new \$50 gifts in the names of several family members, rather than simply giving another material Christmas present. These gifts will bless not only those honored, but also the students for whom \$50 of financial aid is "beyond huge."

I'm happy to report that we should be able to absorb the final price tag on "Ice Storm '96" within our operating budget. We hold a very good insurance policy that covers most of our losses. We hope these claims will not affect future premiums too severely.

I trust these positive financial reports encourage you in your support of Whitworth. I have never been very impressed by crisis appeals, and I believe the friends of Whitworth College are more likely to invest in good financial management than in a series of emergencies. Actually, it doesn't really matter whether you like victories or crises; our responsibility is to provide you with accurate information, and we will keep doing that. If we get into some kind of financial jam, I'll let you know. But right now, the budget is on target, and we are very thankful to you and to God.

STUDENT LIFE

This has been a great year for skiing. ASWC provided discounted lift tickets to Schweitzer, and organized a trip to Red Mountain in British Columbia. In keeping with the snow theme, Warren Hall brought back a Whitworth tradition from the '50s known as the "Snow Frolic." As in days of old, the Snow King and the Snow Queen walked under a tunnel of uplifted ski poles to receive their crowns.

Other Jan Term programs include an appearance by professional comedian Earl David Reed, a night of storytelling from the Theatre Department, a performance by Whitworth's own improv troupe, three-on-three intramural basketball (the highlight being last night's nail-biting victory by three of us rickety old faculty members over a trio of virile young bucks), rock-climbing at Wild Walls, and home athletic events.

Thanks to the parents of our residence hall students, who sent special, secret gifts for their sons and daughters to receive from Santa during the Christmas dorm parties. And special appreciation goes to those of you who sent an extra gift to students who, for one reason or another, were unable to receive a gift from home. In Stewart Hall and The Village alone, we received more than 25 extra gifts from very generous parents. Apart from the lump of coal received by a Mac Hall man (parenting at its best), the gifts brought great joy to your children.

ATHLETICS

In what many thought would be a rebuilding year, Whitworth's men's basketball team is off to its best start in history. The Bucs are 11-1, surpassing the 9-1 start by the 1953-54 team. Going into this weekend, the team has won nine in a row, and 27 consecutive home games. Because star guard Nate Williams has missed about half the games with a knee injury, only one starter remains from last year's squad that went to the national championship. Rounding out the starting five when Nate is healthy are Sean Weston, Jeff Mix, Gabe Jones, and Ben Heimerman, a newcomer who is having a great year.

The women's basketball team is right at .500 as it enters into a full schedule of conference play. This weekend the women take on two undefeated rivals in Tacoma. Rebecca Moore, Sherri Northington and Jennifer Tissue are having excellent seasons, although Jennifer has been plagued by injuries. Both the men and women's teams have great coaches: Warren Friedrichs, the 1996 NAIA National Coach of the Year, and Helen Higgs, the 1994-95 NCIC Coach of the Year.

Both the men's and women's swim teams look very strong. The men are 6-1, due to consistently strong performances from Guy Mikasa, Jerry Rice, Jeff Rice, Ben Swinehart, Brian Crane, John Rasmussen and Jeremiah Pappé. The women stand at 4-3 and have been led by Jan Okada, Sarah Ewan, Shannon Braun, and Mindy Galbraith. Both teams are coached by last year's NAIA National Men's Coach of the Year, Tom Dodd, who is in his 10th season and has built an excellent swimming program at Whitworth.

Whitworth's men's and women's ski teams, which compete in the Northwest College Ski Association, are enjoying the snowy weather. Competing against skiers from the largest universities in the region, both teams enjoyed an encouraging start last weekend at a meet in McCall, Idaho.

Sophomore Alisun Knowles hopes to ski her way to regionals again this year, and Olivia Mongellaz, an exchange student from France and experienced mogul skier, is a great addition to the team. The men's team, still gaining needed experience, is seeing some great runs from sophomore Aaron Pagniano and freshman Josh Decker. On Super Bowl weekend the teams will enjoy "home snow" for a meet at Mount Spokane.

MILESTONES

The most tragic event on a college campus is the death of a student or an employee. Sadly, we have experienced both this month. On Jan. 3, the life of junior Tony Winter, '99, ended much too soon. For Tony, Whitworth represented a second chance, which he pursued with energy, enthusiasm, and a mischievous twinkle in his eye. Tony, in his late 20s, majored in psychology after rebuilding a life that had been hurt by some bad decisions. Tony's teachers and friends loved him, cheered for him, were proud of him, and supported him (except in the class where he delivered an impassioned argument that Beavis and Butthead were prototypes of Maslow's self-actualization). What a guy! We will miss Tony.

On January 17 (her birthday), Vicki Lewis, certification and placement coordinator in the School of Education, died after a painful and protracted battle with cancer. Vicki's blessings to Whitworth College came in the form of inspiring devotionals at board meetings, chapel, and informal gatherings; mentoring relationships with students, faculty and staff; and just doing her work so well over the last 12 years. She was one of the most spiritual souls in our community. My last visit with her was symbolic. In an exchange of the usual roles when I visit the sick, Vicki ministered to me, prayed for those of us at the college, and sent me off wondering who had visited whom. We will always remember Vicki for her unshakeable faith. Thanks to Dennis Sterner and the staff of the School of Education for their sustained care of Vicki through her long illness.

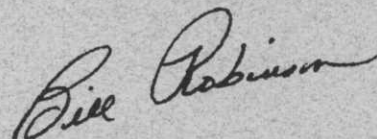
MISCELLANEOUS

The Whitworth heart is big. This year our employee United Way Campaign exceeded its goal by more than \$1,000, with contributions totaling \$13,500. Organizations such as the American Red Cross, the Spokane Food Bank, Lutheran Social Services and the Martin Luther King Center will serve more people because of Whitworth's generosity.

Dates to Remember

February 3	Spring Semester Begins
February 6	Theatre Performance: "And God Said"
February 13	Great Decisions Lecture Series Begins
February 18	String Ensemble Concert
February 22	International Club Banquet

We extend best wishes to all of you for a prosperous 1997. A Bible verse that has been on my mind lately comes from II Corinthians 9, in which we find the promise that "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you may abound to every good work." May God's grace abound to you in the coming year. Thank you for your faithful friendship.



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A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

JULY/AUGUST 1997

It's 5:14 a.m. and I am anxiously awaiting two events that have been an important part of my last nine mornings. Soon the sun will rise above the mountain across the river and the coffee will be done brewing. Bach's "Little Suite" is playing in the background (I recently heard Music Professor Dan Keberle play the second half exquisitely on the trumpet), but as I look out our picture windows I think more about Deep Purple singing "Smoke on the Water." It is a beautiful morning. I am writing this *Mind and Heart* at the end of a short study leave. Because our family has lived in a president's house for the last 11 years, we have owned getaway places in Indiana and now on the Pend Oreille River, 75 miles north of campus. We sit on a small bluff overlooking a bend in this magnificent river. For the past nine days, I have been reading and writing — things that normal life leaves little time for doing. Yesterday, for example, I wrote a piece on Presbyterian college students, read three articles on pending changes in higher education, did backlogged office work, and took Dale Soden's history of Whitworth's first 100 years out on the deck and read from the Warren years to the end of the book. It was my best day since I've been here. I hope your summer proves to be relaxing and refreshing. Come visit the campus if you're in the area. It's lush these days.

ACADEMICS

I don't have the set of notes on college activities that usually sits in front of me when I write these newsletters. At the moment, my sources (i.e., the folks who report to me) are scattered around the country. Not only does this leave the college on automatic pilot, but it leaves me without the information I normally pass along to you. Actually, I am aware of several exciting items.

We have begun the 15-month countdown to our 10-year accreditation-review visit. Acting Chief Academic Officer and Dean of Faculty Tammy Reid and Communication Studies Professor Gordon Jackson are overseeing the process, which includes a major institutional self-study. Of particular interest to all of the regional accrediting associations is the way in which institutions are assessing the quality of their learning outcomes. I think it is very positive when colleges are held accountable not only for what they teach but also for what students learn.

A wonderful slate of new professors is joining us this fall, but I don't have the list in front of me. I'll report it in September. One person who comes to mind because of an incident last February is Michelle Graham, a Whitworth grad ('74) and the first woman professor since Evelyn Smith to join the Religion and Philosophy Department. A man came up to me in Washington, D.C., and asked if I might be the president of Whitworth College. The look in his eye told me it would have been a great time to lie, but I said "Yes." He growled, with a twinkle in his eye, "We at Sterling College are not very pleased with you taking one of our best professors." He then raved about Michelle Graham and gave us his blessing.

Two groups of professors, funded by the CAPHE grant, are spending two weeks this summer studying several dimensions of academic life at Whitworth. One group, including Bob Clark (Sociology), Debbie Hansen (Music), Lyle Cochran (Math/Computer Science) and Mike Ingram (Communication Studies), is working on a faculty development program. The other, comprising Peggy Johnsen (Education), Leonard Oakland (English), Karen Stevens (Chemistry) and Jim Waller (Psychology), is studying ways of connecting faculty evaluation more closely to student learning.

FINANCES

Kudos to all of you who made 1996-97 a good year financially. We don't have the unofficial audit completed, but expenses were on budget and revenue was slightly ahead of budget; hence, another positive year financially. Having a solid base places us in a good position as we look for ways to hold down tuition increases in the future.

One reason for our increased revenue is unrestricted gift income. The number of gifts to the Whitworth Annual Fund rose by 343, and total dollars increased by more than \$125,000. Thank you so much! Also, thanks to Dolly Jackson of our Development Office, who did a great job of directing the Whitworth Fund, which includes supervising those eager phonathoners.

A huge factor in the financial strength of Whitworth is planned gifts. The last two years we have received unrestricted estate gifts that allowed us to wipe out several nagging unfunded balances, as well as add dollars to our quasi-endowment fund. In a day when the stock market and real estate prices have created many appreciated assets, people are discover-

ing that they can convert highly appreciated, non-income-producing assets into planned gifts that provide them with income while lowering their taxes and helping Whitworth at the same time.

Campus projects abound this summer. Here's an update from Vice President for Business Affairs Tom Johnson (the one guy who left his notes):

CAMPUS CENTER PHASE II

The parking lot expansion and Loop road rerouting project is nearing completion. In order to provide appropriate space, as well as additional parking, for Phase II, we have moved the Loop road to the east and have added approximately 125 new parking stalls.

Based on a competitive bid process, Hartanov/Fuller Contractors of Spokane has been selected as the general contractor for Phase II. The builders will be starting their work on site in a few days, and we should see considerable activity beginning in early August. Construction of the building will take approximately 12 months, so we plan to be in the new dining hall for fall '98.

HAWTHORNE HOUSE

In anticipation of an upcoming multi-year capital campaign for the college, the board of trustees felt that some improvements were needed to provide necessary entertainment space for the president's home. At the April meeting, the board reviewed and approved plans to enlarge the living room, create a study, and add an attached garage. In order not to tax either the operating budget or our capital project budget, individual board members made personal gifts to fund this project fully. We hope this work will be completed by September, in time for the new-student/parent reception.

RESIDENCE HALL RENOVATIONS

Work continues in McMillan, Ballard, and East and West Warren on the carpeting, painting, wallcovering, bathroom-tile repair, and general maintenance that is needed to keep our dorms up to standards. Our five-year rotation maintenance schedule for the dorms provides our residential students with well-maintained living facilities on a regular and ongoing basis.

ATHLETICS FACILITIES

Following the replacement of the entryways to the Fieldhouse, we have continued the general upgrading with new walkways and landscaping. To complete this clean-up and repair work, we have taken on the long-overdue painting of the Fieldhouse, the Aquatics Center and Graves Gym. The west end of campus should have a pretty fresh look by September.

Though the projects are too numerous to mention here, we do want to say thanks to Keith Sullivan and all the Physical Plant staff who work so hard to accomplish so much in the short summer schedule. We enjoy all the benefits of their labor and are thankful for each and every person who is involved with all this helpful activity. Jobs well done!

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

Our fall freshman deposits are exactly where we want them. Last year at this time we were scratching our heads trying to figure out why a lower-than-usual percentage of admitted students had submitted deposits.

Fortunately, last year's smaller freshman class was offset by excellent retention and a large senior class. But after seeing roughly the same number of admitted students yield 320 freshmen when the two previous years had each yielded 400, we made several adjustments. This fall we have room for 375 freshmen, and we currently have deposits from 400 accepted students. With a little meltdown, we should be right around 385, which is fine. The academic quality of this incoming class also looks superb. Congratulations and thanks to the Admissions staff and to all the faculty and staff who pitched in.

STUDENT LIFE

This year's theme for new-student orientation will be a takeoff on "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood." This could be embarrassing. I shudder to think about how Dayna Coleman will cast me in this year's orientation skit. "Today's word, boys and girls and Dayna, is 'AWOL,'" which is what I plan to be.

Student leaders begin returning to campus on Aug. 16, and by the 28th the entire crew should be back. This year's calendar starts the academic year somewhat earlier than usual. Another calendar quirk that affects students this year is having only one week between Thanksgiving and final exam week. This will be a very compressed period, requiring students to return from Thanksgiving with their heads as full as their bellies.

ATHLETICS

Football Coach John Tully and Track Coach Toby Schwarz are expecting bigger squads than usual this year. They're both confident that their teams will enjoy greater success in the 1997-98 academic year. I think the year will be strong athletically all the way around.

Whitworth finished 48th out of 365 schools this year in the NAIA national rankings for the Sears Cup standings, in which overall athletics programs are rated on the basis of their teams' national finishes. This is a fine showing and a good indicator of how competitive we're becoming with other teams throughout the country. Way to go, Bucs!

Pirate Night IV is coming, and you won't want to miss it. Set aside the evening of Thursday, September 18, for this annual celebration in the Whitworth Fieldhouse. The previous three events have allowed Whitworth Athletics to remodel the college weight room, renovate locker rooms in the Fieldhouse and in Graves Gymnasium, purchase a new sound system and top-of-the-line scorers' tables for the Fieldhouse, and resurface the lower tennis courts, just to mention some of the larger projects. This year's proceeds will likely go toward improving and building much-needed practice fields and setting up an indoor batting facility/soccer practice area for winter workouts. If you'd like to donate an item for the auction or purchase tickets to the event, please call Athletics Department Secretary Susan Meyer at (509) 777-3224.

A report from Spokane's Hoopfest, the largest three-on-three basketball tournament in the world: Almost 18,000 players, including many Whitworthians, competed in this year's event. The most notable

Whitworth team included Jeff Mix ('98), Nate Williams ('97), Jeff Arkills ('96) and John Beckman ('96), who won their bracket of the open division, then lost in the semifinals. En route, they beat teams whose players hail from large state universities, as well as a couple of perennial Hoopfest winners. Less notable but equally successful was the stellar play of Dale "Shoot 'em In" Soden (History/Political Studies), Ken "Pogo Stick" Pecka (Academic Computing), Ron "Point Machine" Pyle (Communication Studies), and Bill "Turn Me Over, I'm Done on This Side" Robinson (you know where). We played three games on Saturday and six on Sunday to make it into the championship game. We lost, but only because the team we played was bigger, younger, more talented, and in better shape.

In spite of a downpour on the second hole of a shotgun start, the Whitworth Golf Tourney turned out great. A fabulous dinner, wonderful prizes, and non-competitive attitudes marked the day. In fact, all 128 participants were happy that the Ticker boys won the big prize again this year, and very few people complained about the winners' bogus handicaps, illegal equipment, and countless foot-wedges. Thanks to all of you who participated in this great event that raised \$12,000 for Whitworth Athletics.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30-31	Orientation Weekend
September 2	Fieldhouse Registration
September 3	Day and Evening Classes Begin
September 5	Fall Convocation
September 18	Pirate Night IV Dinner and Auction

Being in a rather contemplative mood while here on the river, I've been thinking afresh about our mission. Jesus once claimed that if we know the truth, the truth will set us free. As an undergraduate philosophy major, I would have spotted the syllogism: IF we know the truth, THEN we'll be set free. At Whitworth we believe that, but we also hope, pray, and believe that the antecedent and consequent often can be reversed: "IF we are in a genuinely free intellectual environment, THEN the truth, in its strength and power, can be known." We believe that our academic openness provides a warm climate for truth. As students of various faith and non-faith perspectives gather to be enlightened in the liberal arts at Whitworth, many hear a voice. Amidst doubt and discovery, confusion and confirmation, conviction and curiosity, they hear that voice saying, "Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands, and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it in my side, and be not faithless but believe." How these wonderful students respond to the encounter is their choice, but the great fulfillment of our calling comes when we hear a student echo the response of a doubting St. Thomas: "My Lord and my God!" I hope all of us searchers keep hearing the voice. Again, we at Whitworth thank you for your friendship.

Bill Robinson

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MARCH 1997

I can't remember if this is the month that's supposed to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, but we've seen a lot of both these animals in March. We're having a good semester. Thanks for your interest in our college. Last night I was at an Uptown Opera event in Spokane and heard Nermin Gusic, a Whitworth student from Bosnia whose magnificent voice will surely land him on the professional stage one day. I thought about how you help to make Whitworth a college of opportunity – a field of dreams for thousands of students who find their way here to have their hearts and minds enriched. I hope a portion of the blessings you provide to us will return to you.

ACADEMICS

Congratulations to Professor of Political Studies John Yoder, who recently received word that the Pew Evangelical Scholar Program has named him one of 16 scholars nationwide to receive a \$35,000 fellowship. This stipend will support John's research on African values. He and the 15 other award winners were selected from more than 200 applicants.

This year's Faculty Development Day at Whitworth featured a presentation by Religion Professor Dale Bruner on "Reformed Religion: Calvin's Interpretation of John's Gospel," and a devotional led by Modern Languages Professor Pierrette Christianne Lovrien. I was out of town, but the session was videotaped and I look forward to seeing it. I'm sure it was superb.

The Whitworth College Jazz Ensemble did it again, capturing first place in the colleges and universities division at the 1997 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. Taking on the likes of the Universities of Arizona and Utah, Washington State University, Pacific Lutheran and many other excellent schools, the band members were able to continue the success they enjoyed on their recent trip to Australia. Congratulations to Director Dan Keberle and all the members of the ensemble. This band is hot.

Faculty members have been busy during the last several weeks, not only teaching their classes but in other scholarly activities.

- Susan Bratton, our Lindaman Chair for Science, Technology and Society, wrote an article, "The Plight of the Female Farmers: Land-ownership/Tenure," which was featured in a special issue of *Theology and Public Policy*.
- Professor of Political Studies John Yoder presented a paper on "Malfeasance Among Friends: Contradictions in Pre-Civil War Liberian Society" at the annual meeting of the African Studies Association.
- Don Calbreath, associate professor of chemistry, reviewed papers for the *Archives of Internal Medicine* and the *Journal of Chemical Education*. He also gave an oral presentation on genetic screening and privacy issues at the INCON convention in Spokane.
- Associate Professor of Psychology Jim Waller was the keynote speaker for the Salvation Army Officer's Council at Lake Barclay, Ky.
- Russ Richardson, associate professor of physical education and director of sports medicine, is serving as a consultant on athletics training program development for several colleges in the Northwest.

The first play in the Whitworth Theatre's 1997 Festival of Christian Drama was *Martyrs*, by Garth Buchholz. After the performance, Dean of the Chapel Terry McGonigal led a stimulating discussion on some of the spiritual implications of the play. The festival will continue April 6 and May 11.

On April 17th, Whitworth's 1997 Fossen Distinguished Speaker of International Management, C. William Pollard, will be featured at a banquet at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. Mr. Pollard is chairman of the ServiceMaster Company, recognized by *Fortune* magazine over the past 10 years as the No. 1 service company among the Fortune 500. He is also the author of several books; *The Soul of the Firm* is his latest. Proceeds from the banquet will support scholarships for Whitworth's Master of International Management students. Please call (509) 466-3742 or (509) 466-3291 if you'd like to attend.

ENROLLMENT

We'll welcome several hundred high school juniors to our Sneak Preview campus visit program on April 13 and 14. During their two days on campus, students will stay in the residence halls, attend classes, meet with professors, and simply experience life at Whitworth. Please encourage high school juniors you know who are interested in Whitworth College to sign up soon. Hundreds of our current students identify Sneak Preview as the experience that helped them most in their college search and gave them the best information about what to expect when they arrived on campus as freshmen.

On March 1, the freshman application deadline, all of our admissions numbers looked good. Freshman applications, acceptances, and deposits were all up compared to last year. We've decided to accept a limited number of additional applications due to last year's slight decline in the number of accepted students who actually enrolled.

Our Financial Aid Office has been extremely busy making freshman awards. Many students who identify Whitworth as their first choice when applying become casualties to a shortage of funds. Director of Financial Aid Wendy Olson wanted me to express gratitude to all of you who contribute to scholarship funds and to the Whitworth Annual Fund. Without your help, many of our current students could not attend Whitworth.

STUDENT LIFE

The quality of America's (and probably the world's) work force will rise sharply this summer when Whitworth graduates hit the job market. Last week more than 160 Whitworth students attended Career Expo '97, a collaborative job fair held in downtown Spokane and hosted by Whitworth, WSU, Gonzaga, EWU and Whitman. More than 80 national employers, including Boeing, Andersen Consulting, AT&T and the Peace Corps, were represented at the event. Whitworth augmented the expo with campus activities that included workshops on resume writing, interviewing, traditional and Internet job searches, and even "working" the Career Fair. The final event was our annual etiquette dinner, presented by Marriott Food Services.

During spring break, many of our students will be involved in service projects, ranging from helping with a Native American Church in Idaho to working with kids at Camp Coleman in Seattle.

Speaking of service projects, Whitworth students participated in an effort earlier this month to help hungry people in other parts of the world. As part of a World Vision hunger relief project, 107 Whitworth students fasted during a self-imposed "30-hour famine." Marriott then donated the money saved for the five meals each of the students missed (that's 535 meals) to World Vision's hunger relief efforts.

FINANCES

Our overall budget continues to be right on track for the 1996-97 fiscal year. We've had several surprise expenses, such as those caused by Ice Storm '96, which have been offset by unexpected revenues in a couple of areas. In spite of volatility within budget lines, we should be balanced at year end.

Contributing to our financial condition this year is the \$803,995.73 that you have given to the Whitworth Annual Fund. Thank you so much for your generosity. We still need \$350,000 by June 30 in order to meet this year's budget figure. This month, we'll send out an appeal to folks who have not yet made a contribution this fiscal year. We aren't trying to bug people, but we know a reminder can be helpful. For example, last night a friend of mine saw me at an Uptown Opera fund-raiser and said, "When I saw you across the room, I remembered I need to send Whitworth some money." I love it when I have that effect on people. Sometimes when folks see me they suddenly get very poor or they simply grab their wallets and look for a hiding place. Actually, in the years ahead, we need to raise the Whitworth Annual Fund revenue by about 25 percent, so I'm going to be out fund raising even more in the future. Increasing gift revenue and continuing our cost-cutting efforts are the only ways we can keep Whitworth affordable for tomorrow's students.

We're very grateful to those of you who have sent in money to replace the many trees lost in Ice Storm '96. As I mentioned in the last *Mind and Heart*, it costs us about \$85 per tree and you have funded 20 new trees. We will be especially pleased to plant 10 trees in memory of Ray F. Bower, who "would be pleased to know that these 10 trees will enrich the lives of Whitworth students and friends for many years."

The Phonathoners are back at it, and I figured out the key to their success. They like what they're doing. When their totals first started rolling in, I thought we must have a school of piranha in that back room. After I got to know them, I realized their effectiveness is a product of how much they enjoy talking to you. They love calling Whitworth alumni and talking about campus life in 1997. Thanks so much for taking their calls.

We're getting excited about the construction of Campus Center Phase II. We will get final approval from the Board of Trustees in April, and we'll begin turning dirt in July.

In the last *Mind and Heart* I mentioned a problem we encountered with our National Science Foundation grant for the renovation of the Johnston Science Building. It looks as if shrinking the scope of our original project will enable us to proceed with significant NSF funds and will result in a project that will assist our science faculty and students in conducting research and strengthen an infrastructure that is more than 30 years old. I should be able to provide the final grant numbers in next month's *Mind and Heart*.

ATHLETICS

Our men's and women's swim teams had another great national tournament, with the men taking third in the country, and the women earning fifth. The Whitworth men grabbed three individual national championships: John Rasmussen won the 200 breaststroke, Jeff Rice the 200 IM, and Jerry Rice the 400 IM. The women were led by Shannon Braun, who finished third in all three of her events, setting school records in each, and Jan Okada, who was third in the 200 breaststroke. Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated in the National meet, and especially to seniors Lea Stenerson, Jan Okada, Shannon Braun, Guy Mikasa, John Rasmussen, Jeff Rice and Jerry Rice. And for the fourth time in 10 years, Tom Dodd, 1996 NAIA National Coach of the Year, was named Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges Coach of the Year.

Our men and women had excellent basketball seasons, but neither made it to the national tournament. The men finished the season 18-7 (11-5 in the NCIC), a great record for a team that lost three of its starting five, two of them All-America players. Our women came on strong at the end of the year and finished the season 13-11 overall, 9-7 in the conference. On the men's side, Nate Williams and Ben Heimerman were named first-team All-Conference, with Jeff Mix earning honorable mention. Among the women, seniors Jennifer Tissue and Sherry Northington earned second-team All-NCIC honors for the second year in a row, with Jennifer finishing her career as the fourth all-time scorer in Whitworth history and Sherry wrapping things up as the second all-time rebounder. Senior guard Rebecca Moore earned NCIC honorable mention. Thanks to the basketball teams for another unbelievably exciting winter in the Fieldhouse.

Jo Wagstaff has her women's tennis team off to a 3-1 start after an opening win against Whitman. The men stand at 1-3 under new Head Coach Sean Bushey. Both teams will spend spring break competing in California. I'll give more details on men's and women's tennis in the next *Mind and Heart*.

New Head Coach Toby Schwarz got his track and field squad off to a good start with the men winning an NCIC quadrangular at Lewis and Clark and the women finishing second. Women who won their events include Trina Gumm, who led the field in the shotput, discus and javelin; Rosalee Pope, who won the triple jump; and Betsy Slemper, first-place winner in the hammer throw. On the men's side, Chet Doughty won the long jump and the triple jump; Ben Vaday took the hundred-meter dash and anchored a victory in the 4x100 relay; Aaron Posey won the 110M hurdles; Dan Kepper was victorious in the high jump; and throwers Jeremy Wellham and Bob Gumm won in the javelin and hammer respectively. The next meet is another NCIC quadrangular at the University of Puget Sound.

If you like baseball without boycotts, lockouts, owners and bazillion-dollar salaries, you'd love the Whitworth nine. Although Coach Rod Taylor's team is off to a 1-3 start, the hitting and pitching looks great. If the Bucs can tighten up their defense, we should be in for a good year. Incidentally, there was a sigh of relief yesterday in Pullman when the Washington State Cougars found out that bad weather had saved them from having to get their lunch from the Mighty Bucs. No make-up date has been set, but I'll let you know the outcome when the game is played. Next week the baseball team will be in California on its spring break trip.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| April 4 | Whitworth Choir Spring Concert, First Presbyterian Church, Spokane, 7:30 p.m. |
| April 5&12 | Women Composers Series Concerts, Music Recital Hall, 8 p.m. |
| April 6 | Festival of Christian Drama, Stage II, Cowles Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. |
| April 12 | Hawaiian Club Luau, Fieldhouse, 5 p.m. |
| April 12 | Men's Alumni Tennis Match (Cutter Courts) |
| April 13-14 | Sneak Preview |

MISCELLANEOUS

Spokane is a wonderful place to live and work, and its spirit of community enriches us all. But as a hateful and hurtful letter that recently appeared in *The Spokesman-Review* reminded us, people of conscience must be diligent in their efforts to combat racism. Whitworth has joined Spokane's call for racial equality both on campus and in the community. Through working on the mayor's task force and participating in the Intercollegiate Racial Concerns Consortium, Whitworth is battling the disease of racism that demeans humanity and surely grieves God.

We at Whitworth College send you rich Easter greetings. We have been commissioned to teach a wide body of knowledge to students of many backgrounds and faiths. We exalt curiosity and protect the freedom to explore new ideas. But all of us who have been called to this mission have experienced the forgiveness of the cross and the power of the resurrection, and now we look through eyes of faith. Thank you for enabling us in this calling. We are blessed by God.

Bill Robinson

of Mind & heart

A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

MAY/JUNE 1997

You will notice that this month's issue of *Mind and Heart* is also next month's issue. April and May have been bursting with activity and rich with significance. I simply could not find the time to crank out this newsletter during the middle of May; so here it is, Memorial Day, and I'm sitting here dictating in front of a muted television. As I reflect on all that's happened in the last month, I'm amazed at how abruptly an academic year ends. Last Sunday morning, graduates, relatives, friends, guests, alumni and members of the college community blanketed the campus. On Monday the place looked post-apocalyptic. We send special thanks to you this month, recognizing that your financial support, encouragement and prayers nudged many of last week's graduates across the stage. I hope this letter finds you in good spirits.

ACADEMICS

On May 18, a record 500 students marched in the 107th Commencement of Whitworth College. The Spokane Opera House was filled to capacity, and we apologize to those of you whom the fire marshal would not allow to enter the ceremony; next year we will either use a free ticket system or move to the larger Spokane Memorial Arena. Among the many notable elements of the ceremony were student speakers Sarah Eells and Scott Sund, Academic Achievement Award winner Kim Jewell, Servant Leadership Award winner Moses Pulei, and honorary degree recipient David Irwin, president of the Washington Friends of Higher Education. It was also a great privilege for me to be asked by the students of the Class of 1997, with whom I "entered" Whitworth College four years ago, to be their Commencement speaker.

This year's Sunday morning Baccalaureate service featured retiring Religion Professor Dale Bruner. Dale's sermon offered the finest statement of God's relationship with humanity that I have ever heard. Dale has been acclaimed by many as one of the great Bible teachers of our era, and this Baccalaureate service displayed the insight and passion that we will all miss very much.

Also retiring this year are French Professor Pierrette Christianne-Lovrien and Psychology Professor Bill Johnson. Pierrette has been with Whitworth College for 34 years, Bill for 28 years. Retirements provide an excellent opportunity to chronicle our professors' impact, and we were all amazed at the list of contributions these wonderful Whitworthians have made. I know that Pierrette, Bill and Dale would love to receive notes from any of you who were touched by their lives. Just send notes to Whitworth College and we'll see that they receive them.

Two Whitworth professors have just published new books. Communication Studies Professor Gordon Jackson's book is titled *Outside Insights For Contemporary South Africa* (Human and Rousseau). And Associate Professor of Religion Jerry Sittser's *A Cautious Patriotism: The American Churches and the Second World War* was recently published by the University of North Carolina Press. We extend our congratulations to Gordon and Jerry.

Other Whitworthians in the news: Les Francis, associate professor of education, was honored by the Spokane Area Council of Librarians; Jim Waller, associate professor of psychology, gave the invited address, "Racism in America," at the International Conference on Developing Religious, Racial and Ethnic Tolerance; Mike Ingram, associate professor of communication studies, provided great leadership at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championships; and Religion Professor Jerry Sittser, History/Political Studies Professors Corliss Slack and Julia Stronks, and Theatre Professor Diana Trotter are beginning work on their Pew Summer Fellowships.

We just received word that Tim Robblee, a 1990 Whitworth music education graduate, has led the student jazz combo at H.M. Gunn High School in Palo Alto, Calif., to the title of "Best High School Jazz Combo" in *Downbeat* magazine's International Competition. Great job, Tim!

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

The May 15th admissions report looks very good. The number of new freshmen who have confirmed their intention to enroll at Whitworth is right where we want it to be and well above last year's. Our mid-May deposits were running 27 percent ahead of the May figure for 1996.

The Financial Aid Office has been busy packaging awards for our returning students. Most financial aid packages should arrive at home addresses before the end of June. This year, most student loan funds will transfer to individual accounts electronically, eliminating the need for students to sign checks at the Business Office.

STUDENT LIFE

On the Monday of finals week we had a great Honors Forum in which award-winning seniors were recognized and a number of continuing-student endowed-scholarship winners were identified. Also, this year's Most Influential Professor award went to Forrest Baird, professor of religion and philosophy, and the Alumni Ideals Award went to senior Mark Jackson. Congratulations go to all the students who were recognized during Honors Forum for their achievements.

Apart from the Commencement and Baccalaureate ceremonies, the two best-attended Commencement Weekend celebrations were the Commissioning Service on Friday night and Senior Reflections on Saturday evening. This year's Commissioning Service included homilies by students Lissy Hatch, Jeremy Nelson and Troy Miller, English Professor Laura Bloxham, Professor Emeritus of Sociology Ron Frase and Resident Director Jim Page. This very meaningful evening was concluded in a communion service in which four stations of faculty members distributed the elements and anointed the seniors' heads with oil. Those of us who attended the service had no doubt that these seniors will go confidently into the world, living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Both literally and metaphorically, it is hard for us to disengage from the sweet, sad embraces that end our four years together. But as we commission these students, we are, in turn, confirmed in our calling to serve the next class of freshmen, who will step nervously onto our campus this fall. Senior Reflections, emceed by Tim Hornor and Rebecca Ricards, provided a fun-filled evening of remembrance. Slides, journal entries, performances and skits crunched four years of hilarity and meaning into two hours and 15 minutes. There are some moments when the mere sight of a microphone in the hands of a student jacks my anxiety level to an immeasurable point, and although David Collins revved up my pulse a bit this year with his Bill Robinson imitation, it turned out to be a really fun evening.

A letter from Dean Chu, '76, pointed out that last month's *Mind and Heart* reference to the "17th Annual Luau" must have been mistaken. The report he gave of the luaus from 1972 to 1976 sounds very familiar. So maybe this was the 27th and not the 17th Annual Luau. However many we've had, they have been high points in Whitworth's social calendar.

Photographs taken by senior Steve Brashear and junior Carrie Wasser recently adorned the walls of the Campus Center. Their beautiful and moving pictures of South Africa, taken during the Jan-Term study tour, were a fine addition to the ambiance of this popular gathering place. The cafe area was built with the hope that student art would be displayed there, so we are pleased that Carrie and Steve put the space to its proper use.

The Black Student Union got everybody loosened up for finals with a "Last Chance Dance" in the Campus Center. It was a big success and very well attended. Many thanks go out to the BSU members for providing a great outlet for student stress during this busy time of year.

FINANCES

June is the final month of our fiscal year, and we need your help. As of May 16, your giving to the Annual Fund has been excellent, and we have received \$980,415.21 in unrestricted Annual Fund gifts. But we still have \$169,584.79 to go to reach our goal for this fiscal year. These funds are especially important, as they are used to balance the budget and to support important line items such as financial aid and faculty salaries.

I think we can make a strong case for those of you trying to decide whether to support Whitworth in the wonderful fact that this year, more than 100 parents of current students became new donors to Whitworth College during our Parent Phonathon. We are both strengthened and moved by this support. We also ask parents for their input on how we can

do a better job of serving their children. At the last President's Cabinet meeting, we reviewed all the very helpful comments that came in. Thanks again, parents!

A huge thanks goes out to the Whitworth College Auxiliary. Over the years this group has given in excess of \$200,000 to make Whitworth residence halls a better home away from home for our students. This year I peeked in on the auxiliary's annual fashion show and spotted supermodel Dolly Jackson and heartthrob Tad Wisenor (both of whom make style statements every day in Development and Alumni Relations) working the catwalk. Bonnie Robinson also got in on the fun and then tried to explain to me that there is an unwritten moral obligation to buy at least half the stuff you model.

Within the next few days we will start tearing up the campus again. We will begin construction on Phase II of the Campus Center by pushing the Loop road farther east in order to make room for the new building. We will also add parking areas on the east side of the new road. For the past several years we have also done interior renovation on several residence halls each summer. This summer we will be working in Ballard, McMillan and Warren Halls. We will also upgrade the kitchens in Arend, Baldwin-Jenkins and Stewart Halls.

I received more boos than cheers for the item in April's *Mind and Heart* identifying specific items that you might want to donate to the college. One of our trustees reminded me that *Mind and Heart* has served as an information source and not a fund-raising tool. I think she is right. I will always report on our financial situation, but my original motivation for starting this newsletter came from a remark that the only time alumni hear from the college is when it needs money.

At last, we have received official confirmation that the National Science Foundation is granting Whitworth College \$660,000 toward a \$2.1 million renovation of the Johnston Science Center. In order to accept this gift, we need to raise \$240,000 (most of which has been pledged or received already) by August, and the balance by fall of 1998.

ATHLETICS

With two match victories at the NAIA National Tennis Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., Whitworth's women's tennis team earned a tie for 36th place in the nation. Senior Jodi Baker led the way with a singles victory over the player from David Lipscomb College of Tennessee, and then teamed with senior Tara Fiebick for a hard-fought, three-set doubles victory over an opponent from North Dakota. Congratulations to Coach Jo Wagstaff and the entire team on a great season, which also included the NCIC conference title.

Despite a pesky flu bug that followed the team members to nationals, several track and field athletes made good showings at the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Marietta, Ga., last week. With a throw of 130 feet two inches, senior Trina Gumm earned a sixth-place finish in the javelin and her third consecutive All-

America showing at the national meet. In addition, freshman Rosalie Pope finished 15th in the long jump (16'-7.75") and 17th in the triple jump (35'-1"); senior Heather McDonald finished 16th in the heptathlon (3,206 points); and junior Betsy Slemph threw her way to a 24th-place finish in the hammer throw (127'-0") and a 25th-place finish in the discus (109'-8").

The baseball team finished up its best season in years with a 16-7 record in conference. Heading into the last weekend of the season, the Bucs had to win all five games to capture the NCIC championship. They beat Linfield in a close game Friday, then lost the second half of the doubleheader, 10-6. After a narrow 8-7 defeat on Saturday, the Pirates returned to Merkel Field to whip Whitman in a season-ending twin bill, and finished fourth in the conference. Senior catcher Alex Schuerman had several key hits to help pace the Bucs, and sophomore third baseman Jack Arthaud had a great weekend, going 4-5 with a home run in one of the crucial wins. Senior pitcher Clark Rider also turned in an awesome performance. Junior outfielder Jason Francek, who batted in the mid-.400s throughout the season, was named to the NCIC All-Conference first team, and six Bucs received conference honorable mentions.

To bring you up to date on post-season awards for our basketball players, senior Nate Williams and junior Ben Heimerman, of our men's team, received first-team All-NCIC honors, and junior Jeff Mix earned an honorable mention. On the women's side, seniors Jen Tissue and Sherri Northington were named to the All-NCIC second team, and senior Rebecca Moore received an honorable mention.

MISCELLANEOUS

I look forward to seeing many of you this summer. We are excited about the cluster reunions for the Classes of 1950-54 and for the Classes of 1971-73. We are also very excited about a record-breaking registration for the Whitworth Institute of Ministry. This year's daily speakers include Earl Palmer, Roberta Hestenes and our own Dale Bruner. What a rich time this will be!

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 8-14	Eldershostel I
June 13-15	Early '50s Alumni Reunion
June 27-29	25-year reunion for Classes of 1971, '72, '73
July 6-12	Eldershostel II
July 20	Dale Bruner Retirement Celebration
July 21-26	Whitworth Institute of Ministry

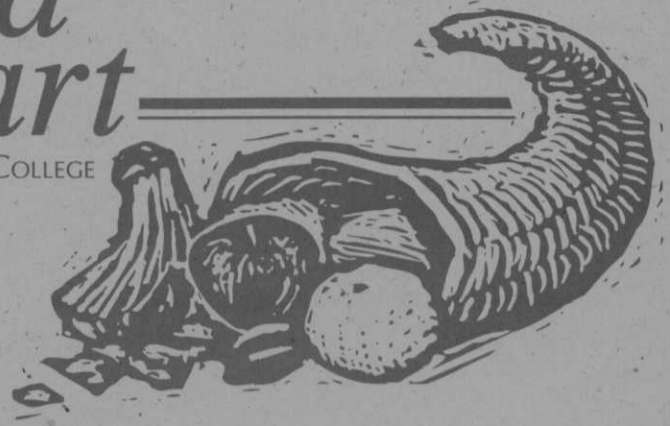
We conclude the 1996-97 academic year with the strong sense that Christ was and is in our midst. Our Redeemer and Friend walked with us through every situation, in heartbreak and joy, on both sides of every issue, and in the daily tasks that are sometimes the most challenging of all. Thanks be to God, and thanks to all of you for sustaining us through another year.

Bill Robinson

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A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

NOVEMBER 1997



As we move into November, both the days and the nights feel shorter. Long shadows stretching across the Loop remind us that it's getting dark pretty early these days. But it's not very dark in our residence halls. As students make their final push to the semester's end, the midnight oil burns before students sleep fast during work-shortened nights. You will read below about the gratitude our students hold for all of you who support this college. So on their behalf, I send you warm Thanksgiving greetings. We are all very thankful for you.

ACADEMICS

We just received word that Physics Professor Lois Kieffaber has been awarded a National Science Foundation Grant of \$45,000 for her research project, *High-Resolution Studies of Gravity Waves and Airglow Continuum*. You may recall that Lois has been involved in airglow observations for several years. This grant will allow students to travel to her sabbatical location during Jan Term to provide research assistance.

Master of International Management Director Dan Sanford has also been engaged in an interesting research project, collaborating with four professors from other universities and funded by a grant from the Japan Ministry of Education. The team, led by Tesshu Koshiha, a former Fulbright Scholar at Whitworth, researched the impact of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on the Japanese auto industry. Most of the study has been conducted on-site at five companies located in Mexico and California, and the research team will soon travel to Japan to visit Toyota and Nissan plants there.

Finally, someone has come to the rescue. Math Professor Lyle Cochran has just published "Using *Mathematica* to Study Orthogonal L-Polynomials" in *Communications in the Analytic Theory of Continued Fractions*. Those pesky L-polynomials have been driving me crazy. So thanks, Lyle; now maybe I can get some sleep.

Other faculty members who have recently been involved in outside scholarly activities include Music Professor Dick Evans, who spoke at Vashon Island Community Center on humor in music, Library Director Hans Bynagle, who reviewed two books in the most recent *American Reference Book Manual*, and Assistant Professor of Education Gordon Watanabe, who was a presenter at the National Association of Multicultural Education conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Associate Professor of Theatre Rick Hornor's adaptation of *Oedipus the King* played to almost 1,500 people over four performances. I found the play to be incredibly intense, even more than I remember it being, and Rick and the cast did a great job. Sophocles would be proud.

It's been a big month for senior Heather Peterson, a vocal performance and theatre major. After a brilliant performance as the title character in *Oedipus the King* (leave it to director Rick Hornor to cast a woman as Oedipus in this bizarre Greek tragedy), she was selected to participate as a demonstrator in the Dale Moore Vocal Master Class at Boise State University. Dr. Moore was chair of voice at Indiana University for 14 years and is now teaching at the Eastman School of Music, where another Whitworthian, soprano Heather Steckler, '96, is one of his students.

Several of you have expressed interest in the work of Philosophy Professor Steve Meyer. Steve has been working with a group of scholars who are challenging the Darwinian theory of evolution by building a scientific case for evidence of design in life's origins. In the past year, Steve has had two articles in the *Wall Street Journal*, was a guest on *Freedom Speaks* on PBS, was interviewed on *Hardball* with Chris Mathews on CNBC, and just last month appeared on PBS in another show, *The Death of Materialism: Scientific Evidence for Design*. If you are interested in learning more about this collaborative effort, contact the Discovery Institute in Seattle, Washington.

The Whitworth Institute and Graduate School of International Management will host its first Title VI-B International Business Education Roundtable later this week. President James H. Kim, of Premier Capital International of Seattle, Washington, will discuss Korean markets and how to appeal to Korean consumers.

I just read the first draft of the *Mind and Heart*, and as I reviewed the notable research activities in this section, I reflected on last night's retirement dinner for Associate Professor of French Pierrette Christiane-Lovrien. Pierrette, a stellar teacher for 34 years, was lauded by colleagues and former students for her teaching, helping, supporting, caring and confidence-building. Research is vital, but the true measure of Whitworth College is found in professors like Pierrette who pour themselves into the lives of their students.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

We had a big turnout of high school seniors for Great Escape. I'm never too sure how smart it is for us to give high schoolers a completely unvarnished experience in the residence halls, but our current students who attended Great Escape as high school seniors insist that it is extremely helpful to see college as is. It was a good weekend.

Imagine having the chance to say thank you to a person whom you've never met but who has invested significantly in your future. This past Tuesday night, our students had that opportunity. At the fourth annual Whitworth Scholarship Dinner, individuals, families, and organizations that have established scholarships came face to face with the students who have received these awards. Speaking from a donor's perspective, David Martin, '62, told why he has set up scholarships in honor of the many AIDS victims with whom he has caringly shared the end of their earthly lives. And from a student's perspective, senior Greg Green explained that it was only through the generosity of special donors that he was able to attend and continue at Whitworth College. When Greg arrived at Whitworth, he had absolutely no interest in or understanding of the Christian side of our mission. But through the eyes of one of his professors, Greg found the living Christ. Greg's vibrant faith spread to his family and now he plans to spend his life in ministry. Those of you who help provide financial support for our students cannot possibly know the ultimate impact of your support. But to quote Greg, "On behalf of all Whitworth College students, I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

STUDENT LIFE

I thought it might be interesting for you to take a glimpse at one week of the student calendar, going from tonight to next Friday night (and not including athletics or other events that don't appear on the calendar): Senior Sale (fourth-year students at bargain prices); Kanikapila; Ethnic Dance Night in Baldwin-Jenkins Hall; "Assassin" (the pacifist version, no doubt) in Warren Hall; Freshman Pre-Hosanna Pigout Extravaganza in Beyond Hall; Professor Debate Night; Cultural Wedding Panel in Warren Hall; Country Dance Lessons in The Village; Jazz and Coffeehouse, Mac Hall; International Game Night, Arend; Campus Center Coffeehouse; Movie Night, BJ; Dance Lesson Extravaganza, The Village; Mac Hall House Party. Whew.

Thanks to all the folks who came to Parents' Weekend. It was great to have you on campus. Don't be surprised if you get a phone call or note from a member of your regional Parents' Council inviting you to be part of a local get-together. Thanks also to our international students' host families who attended Parents' Weekend. We hear the ice cream social was a great success.

Speaking of our international students, on October 29, the International Club had the first Japan Night of the year. Food, decorations, and service were provided by our international students as we featured Japanese cuisine and culture.

FINANCES

We had an excellent board meeting, capped by the pledge of a huge gift from one of these wonderful people who give selflessly of time, talent and treasure. More later on the gift.

Phase II of the Campus Center is behind schedule, but is still slated to be ready by next fall. Good weather has been a big help, but the steel has been slow in arriving.

We would be very grateful if you'd consider Whitworth as you plan your end-of-the-year giving. We appreciate your generosity, and all the great things you do for this college. Thanks!

ATHLETICS

Coach Andy Sonneland will be taking the women's cross-country team to nationals in Wisconsin to cap off a very successful year. Although the women finished third in the conference meet, their 19th-place national ranking, coupled with the fact that the first- and third-ranked teams in the nation are in our conference, earned them an at-large bid. Congratulations to these great runners, who are also excellent students. Our men's cross-country team didn't fare as well as the women, but next year looks good for the guys, who got excellent seasons from newcomers Peter Metcalf and C.J. Skyberg.

Also headed into postseason play is Sean Bushey's women's soccer team, which finished fourth in the NCIC. The women got off to a slow start, but they've finished the season like gangbusters. They'll have their hands full as they open the playoffs against a Willamette team that boasts a combined 28-2 score over its last four opponents. Scary. The men ended their season with a 2-0 victory at Linfield, where senior Matt Normand finished his career with a shutout and senior Drake Benson closed things out by scoring the final goal of Whitworth's season.

This has been a season of heartbreakers for Whitworth's volleyball team. In two of their last three matches, Whitworth's women were ahead three games to one, but lost in the fifth game. The Bucs finish the season with a pair of matches in Portland, where they'll take on NCIC foe Lewis and Clark, as well as non-conference opponent Concordia.

Our 2-6 football team finishes its season against undefeated Willamette, currently ranked third in the nation. In spite of many fine individual performances, the guys haven't played up to their own standards in the last couple of games. A good game against Willamette would provide a great springboard for next year.

MISCELLANEOUS

If you get this before November 22 and if you live within swingin' distance, you must come hear one of the best college jazz bands in the country, as Dan Keberle leads the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble in performance with jazz great Randy Brecker.

This year our Health Center sponsored a very successful blood drive. And to date, the center has administered 277 flu shots. Rumor has it that the person getting the 300th flu shot will receive a free getaway weekend stay at the Health Center, complete with assorted inoculations and medicines.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 26 - Dec. 1	Thanksgiving Break
December 5	Black Student Union Kwanza Celebration
December 6, 7	Christmas Festival Concerts, Seattle (First Presbyterian Church; 12/6, 7:30 p.m.; 12/7, 3 p.m.)
December 8 - 12	Finals Week
December 12, 13	Christmas Festival Concerts, Spokane (First Presbyterian Church; 12/12, 8 p.m.; 12/13, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.)

There's much to be thankful for at Whitworth these days. In so many ways, we feel God's grace. In this season, I'm reminded of the Apostle Paul's encouragement to the Thessalonian church, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of Christ Jesus concerning you." We hope you'll have a good Thanksgiving season.

Bill Robinson



of Mind & heart

A MONTHLY UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON, WHITWORTH COLLEGE

OCTOBER 1997

It is 6 a.m. on the Saturday morning of Homecoming Weekend. I wish I were still sleeping but I needed to get up and start worrying. At the moment I'm worried about the weather. I have already watched four different weather reports and the best one has today's high 13 degrees below normal with rain and wind. I love Homecoming, but I worry about everything, including how much I worry. Alas. On the very bright side of things, God's autumn paintbrush has swiped the hillsides and washed our campus with color. This divine artistry serves as a reminder that while I worry and fret, the sovereign one never slumbers nor sleeps. So it will be a great day at Whitworth, and I hope it is for you as well.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

With today being Yom Kippur, I'm reminded of a wonderful presentation I heard last month on campus titled *Le Chambon-sur-Lignon: How our Protestant Community Saved Thousands of Jews in Occupied Catholic France*, delivered by Patrick Henry, professor of foreign languages and literatures at Whitman College in Walla Walla. His appearance at Whitworth was part of the "Inquiring Mind" program, sponsored by the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

This past month, the English Department brought us two giants in the field of contemporary literature, poet Tess Gallagher and novelist David James Duncan. Their visits to campus were a part of the department's Fall Festival of Writers.

Fall is an incredibly busy time of year for the Whitworth Theatre Department. Earlier this month, six theatre students performed in two James McLure plays, *Laundry and Bourbon* and *Lone Star*, directed by Assistant Professor Diana Trotter and Associate Professor Rick Hornor, respectively. The actors, junior Brooke Kiener and seniors Jeremy Williams, Kate Hancock, Brian Cooper, Jeff Davis and Kelly Simon, did a great job of bringing these plays to six audiences in Whitworth's Stage II. For the fall production October 23-26, Rick Hornor will direct Sophocles' Greek tragedy *Oedipus the King*, featuring Heather Peterson and Kate Hancock.

We have just learned that the Whitworth College Jazz Ensemble has been invited to perform at the Washington All-State Music Educators Conference on February 13-16. Not only is this an honor, but it is an opportunity to make our great music program visible to folks who can refer future music students to us. On Nov. 22, the jazz ensemble will take the Cowles Auditorium stage with legendary jazz trumpeter Randy Brecker. If you're looking for an evening of great big-band jazz, call the Whitworth College Music Department at (509) 777-3280 for ticket information.

Whitworth English Professor Doug Sugano has been twice honored recently. Not only was his *Midland Mysteries* (an adaptation of medieval biblical plays) published, but it premiered at St. Philip's Cathedral in Birmingham, England, in July, and Doug and his family were able to attend the premier.

One of Whitworth's contributions to young children in our community is the Whitworth Writing Rally. This year's rally, which will bring nearly a thousand children and their parents to campus, will be held on Saturday, November 1, and will feature Jerry Pallotta, author of such children's books as *The Ocean Alphabet Book*, *The Icky Bug Alphabet Book*, and *The Yucky Reptile Alphabet Book*. Our biologists would argue that these last two titles are oxymorons.

Through the efforts of Master of International Management Director Dan Sanford and Whitworth Institute of International Management Director JoAnn Nielsen, Whitworth has been awarded a \$173,000 federal grant to help increase trade opportunities with Korea. The Title VI-B grant will support the efforts of our Institute of International Management to help area businesses reach a goal of \$15 million in new trade with Korea. In partnership with the Spokane Regional Trade Association, the Spokane Intercollegiate Research and Technology Institute and WSU, WIIM will assist a minimum of 20 companies to develop or expand trade opportunities and markets in that region. This grant is a confirmation of Whitworth's growing presence in the international business community, and we are very thankful to Dan for his longtime leadership in this area.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

As we look at next year's entering class, it is clear that we will not have as much room for freshman students as we did this fall, but we will have more space available for transfer students, especially those who would come in as juniors. So we need you to do two things. First, please encourage prospective freshman students to apply early. Second, promote Whitworth to the strong students you know who are considering transferring, especially those at our community colleges.

On November 4 we will host a dinner to introduce the many generous providers of scholarship funds to the students whose educations at Whitworth have been made possible through the support of these donors. This is always a warm and joyous occasion both for our students and for the donors who support them.

STUDENT LIFE

Two of our students, Tim Evans and Mikayla Paris, recently put together a Homeless Awareness Week. During the last half of the week, about 20 students participated in a homeless simulation that required them to go three days and two nights without money, food or shelter. Their only provision was their resourcefulness. I'm not sure we alerted the campus about the simulation as well as we might have. According to one story, Library Director Hans Bynagle walked into the library one morning and said, "I noticed there's a person sleeping in our flower bed." Circulation and Inter-Library Loan Specialist Gail Fielding responded, "I believe she's related to our president," to which Hans replied, "Yes, that makes perfect sense."

Whitworth owns a half-dozen homes that have been converted to "theme houses" for residential students. Each one accommodates three to five students who contract to provide campus-wide programming around their particular theme. A few nights ago I attended a barbecue sponsored by the Aloha House and the Multicultural House; all first-year students from Hawaii were invited for a great feast and an opportunity to chat with some of the older students and professors about getting involved and adjusting to mainland culture. Last week, the Leadership House combined with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes House to host a spaghetti dinner for more than 70 students. We think these houses provide an appealing living option for our third- and fourth-year students, while keeping them on campus to provide additional leadership for our student body.

It is now early Sunday morning, and a great Homecoming Weekend is winding down. Five- and 10-year reunions were held last evening, following a noon barbecue for all alumni. At halftime of the football game, the alumni tent was packed and it was great seeing the reunion of friends from many eras. As it turns out, I had good reason to worry about the weather — it was cool and rainy — and I should have worried more about the football game, but I think it's been a wonderful weekend for all who returned to campus. It was great to see you alums.

As always, Community-Building Day was a big success. More than 300 students, faculty and staff rolled up their sleeves and worked on behalf of 25 service organizations in the community. The fact that service is deeply ingrained in the souls of Whitworthians was clear at the follow-up picnic. At an open microphone, students talked about how they were blessed in these work experiences and spoke frequently about keeping their eyes peeled for ongoing opportunities to serve.

The next two weekends at Whitworth will also be packed with people and activities. On October 18-20 our Admissions Office will host Great Escape Weekend, during which high school seniors visit the campus to experience college life first-hand. Then, on October 24-26, we will host Parents' Weekend. During those brief moments when our students take a break from helping their parents support our local merchants, we'll have some excellent programs. Faculty presentations such as *How the South Almost Brought Down the New York Times* and *An Examination of the Christian Motivation to Take the Holy Land from the Muslims Through War* will be available, as will *Oedipus the King*, men's and women's soccer games, vocal performances from the music department, and a convocation at which I'll talk to parents about life at Whitworth.

This year, Whitworth College is hosting 50 new international students. We see them as our teachers as well as our learners. One of the many valuable dimensions of the international experience at Whitworth is our host-family program, in which local families sponsor individual international students. We still have 10 students without host families, so if you are local and would be interested in participating in this rich experience, please give us a call at 777-4509.

FINANCES

Our great Whitworth Fund Phonathon students have surpassed the \$100,000 mark after only 20 days of calling. Nineteen days remain for them to reach their \$150,000 goal. Thanks to the scores of alumni who have increased their pledges or made a first-time commitment. This helps us a ton.

With the recent completion of a variety of projects, the campus is stunning this fall. While larger capital projects like Phase II of the Campus Center tend to capture all the attention, our Physical Plant and Groundskeeping staffs have done a wonderful job this year in many areas. From new paint in residence halls to brilliant flower beds at the front gate, I've never seen the campus look better. Our thanks go out to the people who have made Whitworth such a beautiful place to live, learn and work.

Vice President for Business Affairs Tom Johnson reports that our auditors are just about to close the books on the 1996-97 fiscal year, and the college's financial condition is looking very strong. Thanks to your support, strong enrollment and careful stewardship by our budget managers, we finished the fiscal year with our 21st consecutive balanced budget. The auditors are also expected to give us what they refer to as a "clean opinion," meaning they like the way Whitworth College keeps track of its finances.

ATHLETICS

The football team is off to a 2-3 start as they prepare for their sixth game of the season. For some reason, the guys just had a bad game at Homecoming. After a 0-0 tie at the end of the first quarter, Linfield exploded for 21 second-quarter points, and in the second half Whitworth seemed unable to get anything going. This week the Bucs face a strong Eastern Oregon team. Saturday's loss was especially painful after a two-game winning streak that included a 49-35 victory over a tough Pomona-Pitzer team at home and a great 14-12 win at the University of Puget Sound. In the UPS game, running back Ben Vaday gained 177 yards and earned NCIC Player of the Week honors.

Thanks to all who participated in Pirate Night. The Athletics Department raised more than \$25,000 amid great donations and wild bidding. Reid Ziegler was able to pick up a bell for only \$1,100, while Travis and Janis White managed to steal a home-cooked meal for just \$850. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make Pirate Night a great success. Goodwill abounded. Incidentally, Women's Basketball Coach Helen Higgs outbid Resident Director Gordy Toyama for my backyard basketball hoop. Evidently, Gordy made a jump shot this summer and now boasts that he's a "nothin' but net" kinda guy.

The Whitworth women's cross-country team currently finds itself ranked 25th in the nation, with very strong performances being turned in by Miranda Thygesen and Annie Scott. The men's squad has been competitive and is especially encouraged by the running of freshman C.J. Skyberg as both teams prepare for the NCIC championships in two weeks.

Both our men's and women's soccer teams graduated great players last year, so they find themselves on the young and inexperienced side. Currently, the women are 4-5 in conference, and enjoying strong play from sophomore Heidi Bohnett and seniors Jonna Glenn and Marilyn Piduch. The men, who've seen great play from senior Matt Yeoman, junior Matt Leonard and sophomore Mark Lupton, have won three, lost six, and tied three.

Women's volleyball provided a Homecoming win for Whitworth fans, notching a decisive 15-8, 15-8, 14-16, 15-12 win against Lewis and Clark. The team has struggled a bit during the first part of the season and has only four wins. I think the players are coiling for a huge finish.

MISCELLANEOUS

In the last *Mind and Heart I* downplayed the importance of magazine-based college ratings, but there are a few awards in which we take great pride. On September 23rd, I was in Washington, D.C., where Whitworth College was honored by the John Templeton Foundation as one of 134 schools across the country included on their "Honor Roll of Character-Building Colleges." We were one of two schools in the state of Washington to receive the honor. We are encouraged that the Templeton Foundation values what Whitworth College has always done so well. I can't help but wonder about our society, which, for the most part, ranks its schools on the basis of selectivity. Frankly, I'd much rather be known for building the character of our students than for the percentage of students to whom we deny admission to our college.

Whitworth now has a new telephone prefix. Our area code and extensions are still the same, but now 777 has become our prefix. One nice feature is that with this prefix you can direct-dial any office on campus if you know the extension. You can still get into the system by calling (509) 777-1000.

Last Friday night, Whitworth kicked off Homecoming Weekend with what turned out to be both a helpful balm and a joyous worship experience. Through the efforts of Student Life Programs Specialist Stephaine Beans and Black Student Union President Chris Mastin, the college hosted six choirs from predominantly African-American churches in Spokane. These musicians led us in an exuberant celebration of our faith and unity in Christ. This was also a great opportunity for us at Whitworth to strengthen our relationship with Spokane's African-American community as we work to make Whitworth a more welcoming place for students of all cultural and racial backgrounds. It was a great night, as many college and community people packed the Chapel, reminding us of the richness and growth that are ours when diverse people come together.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 31	Faculty Development Day (no classes)
Nov. 1	Whitworth College Writing Rally
Nov. 22	Jazz Ensemble Concert with Randy Brecker

I hope the autumn leaves are finding you well. Thanks to all of you, especially you alumni, for your encouraging notes. Last Friday, Spence Bovee, '84, who runs a film-related business in Hollywood, spoke in Forum. When English Professor Leonard Oakland, the program's moderator, asked Spence about how he deals with the temptations inherent in the film industry, Spence expressed appreciation to Whitworth as a place where he received "tools rather than rules" that continue to help him. We hope that all of our alumni rely on these tools often, as they build lives of service to others and to God.

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SEPTEMBER 1997

We're on our way! One of the fall traditions at Whitworth College finds us populating the Fieldhouse with students, faculty and staff to take care of final registration details and changes. I don't serve any useful purpose at this event, but I always like hanging around and welcoming back students I haven't seen for several months. This year, I barely recognized students whom I know well. Tanned, rested, and buoyant is not how we sent them home. But as I chat with students around campus, they become recognizable again...the familiar look is back. Somehow, I find that telltale "I'm tired, my profs are piling on too much work, food service is in a slump, my life is out of control" look reassuring. And after I see and hear the "whine list" and then ask, "So, how ya doing?" the invariable reply is "Great." I love these exchanges. We all live in the same paradox, overwhelmed but also excited and confident that this is where we belong. I hope this September finds you refreshed and ready.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

This fall we are welcoming a wonderful group of new faculty. Some of these professors are completely new to the community, while others have been involved in past years on a part-time or adjunct basis.

• George Bombel, *Modern Languages (Spanish)* • Nancy Bunker, *Library*
• John (Jack) S. Burns, *Education, Communication Studies, Student Life*
• Sean Bushey, *Physical Education* • James R. Edwards, *Religion and Philosophy* • Gregory J. Fritzberg, *School of Education* • Karen D. Golikov, *English Language Program* • J. Michele Graham, *Religion and Philosophy* • Peggy Johnsen, *School of Education* • Karol Maybury, *Psychology* • BioDun Ogundayo, *Modern Languages (French)* • Conny Palacios, *Modern Languages (Spanish)* • Pamela Corpron Parker, *English* • S. Bryan Priddy, *Music* • Barbara Sanders, *School of Education* • Carol J. Smucker, *Modern Languages (French)* • Richard Strauch, *Music* • Adrian Teo, *Psychology* • Deborah Tully, *School of Education*

We had a great opening Convocation that featured the awarding of an honorary doctorate to Dr. Mel Cheatham, a neurosurgeon from California who has been extensively involved in providing medical services to many of the world's most needy people.

Our faculty has been involved in a wide range of scholarly activities. Three works in particular are stirring a good bit of interest. Religion Professor Jim Edwards published an article in *Christianity Today* titled "At the Crossroads: The Battle for a Denomination's Soul." Political Studies Professor Julia Stronks' article, *Christians, Public Policy and Same-Sex Marriage: Framing the Questions Before We Shout Out the Answers*, was published in the *Christian Scholar's Review*. And Jim Waller signed a contract with a New York publisher to write *Face to Face: The Changing State of Racism in America*, a trade book that will hit the shelves of bookstores all over the country in April.

Our students and faculty can now gain access to the library catalog through the campus network. This means our students can look through our electronic card catalog without leaving their dorm rooms. I guess we've come full circle. For years, college students have fallen asleep in libraries; now they can do library work where they're supposed to fall asleep.

School of Education professors Dennis Sterner and Barb Sanders have received approval for a grant that will enable their graduate students to help teachers at the new Mt. Spokane-Mead High School to integrate technology into their curricula. This new school is reported to have all of the latest technological firepower.

I would like to comment on the proliferation of magazines that publish college ratings. It is important to keep in mind that these publications are far more about selling magazines than they are about providing a service. The "Best Colleges" issue has been a financial motherlode for *U.S. News and World Report*. They now have added issues that include more "best" lists. And you may have noticed that dozens of other magazines have published various lists of "best colleges." I would be lying if I claimed that our perpetual presence in the *U.S. News* list of the best 15 regional universities in the western United States hasn't helped us. But I would also be lying if I tried to argue that these rankings "prove" anything. So we will pass along to you our various rankings, but I would discourage you from getting too excited when we go up, or from feeling too disappointed when we go down. No list will ever capture the best of what Whitworth College does in the lives of our students.

This year, Whitworth was ranked 11th on *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Regional Colleges and Universities in the West" list, and also ranked 11th on the "Best Values" list. For about 30 seconds we thought we were ranked first on the best values list, but we realized immediately

that the ranking was probably a mistake. After checking our data, we discovered that we had misinterpreted one of the questions and had submitted an overall average financial aid package number rather than just the need-based figure being requested on the survey. We immediately contacted *U.S. News and World Report*. It was too late for one of their publications but it was corrected in the others. So we and Clarkson University, which made this same mistake, are somewhat embarrassed. This probably won't be the last mistake we ever make, but I wouldn't mind if the rest were a little less public.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLLMENT

Our undergraduate enrollment this fall is about as close to ideal as possible. We budgeted for 375 new freshmen and enrolled 398, so we have fewer than five empty beds out of the 870 available on campus. With as few as 10 more students, we would have had a bit of a housing problem, so we feel that our freshman enrollment is at an optimum level. We also welcome 100 new transfer students, which is right at what we expected. For the fourth consecutive year, our total full-time undergraduate enrollment is at our ideal level of roughly 1,500 students. Last year, we actually enrolled a lower-than-normal percentage of the new students we admitted, resulting in a freshman class of 320 students. So we are pleased that our "yield" is back to normal. Our graduate enrollment is down somewhat, and we are studying that situation.

Of the 2,000-plus total number of students enrolled this year, almost 1,700 are receiving some form of financial aid. Thanks to all of you and to many non-Whitworth-related agencies that help fund the education our students receive.

We are still compiling data on this year's freshman class, but its collective high school GPA is above 3.5; we have at least one fourth-generation Whitworthian; 14 percent of our students are non-Caucasian, 53 percent are women, and 54 percent are from Washington; and 77 percent rate the Pizza Pipeline delivery man (George) as one of their three best friends (a measurement based on frequency of contact, with a 2 percent margin for error).

STUDENT LIFE

This year's orientation theme was "Welcome to the Neighborhood." It would have made Mr. Rogers proud. For those of you who have never witnessed the Saturday night orientation program, it is great fun. Using various themes (last year's was "Field of Dreams"), Assistant Dean of Students Dayna Coleman and her lieutenants transform the stage of Cowles Auditorium into a setting in which Dayna builds a skit that provides history and perspective on the Whitworth College mission. She does a great job of creating a very warm and enjoyable welcome (at the expense, of course, of those of us who shamelessly humiliate ourselves onstage).

Student activity plans for September include a mountain-biking trip down the slopes of a ski resort, a whitewater rafting trip, the annual overnight at Wild Walls climbing wall, and "The Weekend," a time of spiritual renewal at Camp Spalding. September is also the month in which Community-Building Day finds faculty, staff and students taking the day off to work all over Spokane doing community service projects, then gathering for a barbecue and a chance to reflect on the day's activities.

More than 400 students packed themselves into the Chapel for our first Hosanna, and attendance has also been great at our Wednesday morning Community Chapel. I have been very impressed with how well our students move from the joyful praise at a Tuesday night Hosanna to the contemplation and confession that are appropriate for Wednesday morning communion.

RESOURCES

Thanks again to all who contributed to make 1996-97 a solid year financially. The Whitworth Fund (unrestricted gifts) reached new heights.

Last fiscal year our endowment grew by 23 percent, and it is now almost \$35 million in total assets. We must continue to work hard on building the endowment if we are to remain financially accessible to a broad economic cross-section of students. Through careful spending, no short-term debt, and your generous contributions to the Whitworth Fund, we are able to offer a top-quality education in spite of not having a huge endowment. But we would love to increase financial aid and hold down tuition increases, which a larger endowment would enable us to do.

The huge hole in the ground on the east side of our new Campus Center reminds us daily that Leavitt Dining Hall's days are numbered. We are on schedule to open Phase II of the Campus Center next fall. It will be a beautiful structure that will benefit every member of the Whitworth College community.

I hope you were able to visit campus this summer. We received scores of comments about the beauty of our flowers. Each year Janet Wright and her crew find new places to dot the campus with floral beauty. As I look across the street at our campus, it simply glows with radiant colors. Right now, I'm looking at yellow, red, orange, white, purple and pink flowers making Hawthorne Road a gauntlet of color. We've also been busy this month planting trees, replacing those lost in last winter's ice storm. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to that project.

Alumni, we need your continued support. Increasingly, one of the criteria deemed very important in measuring a college's strength is the percentage of its alumni who support the college. Foundations are particularly interested in this indicator. So over the next several years, we will be working to increase our alumni support participation rate. To that end, the 1997-98 Whitworth Fund Phonathon got under way last Sunday. This year's student calling team, led by senior Kathyrn Schreyer (Phoenix, Ariz.), and sophomore Alicia Favreau (Titusville, Penn.), has set for itself an ambitious goal of \$150,000 in pledges over a 40-day period. The team will be contacting alumni, friends and parents of Whitworth. So when the phone rings, we would appreciate your receptiveness to these students who are working so hard on behalf of their college.

ATHLETICS

We are just getting started with our fall schedules and I will have far more to report next month. It looks as though we are going to be stronger in every sport, so this fall should be an exciting one in Whitworth's athletics arenas.

In tribute to the late Jim Lounsberry, whose lifetime record as Whitworth's football coach was 32-9-1 and whose teams achieved a record-setting 22-game win streak from 1953-56, a reunion of coaches, players, trainers and cheerleaders from the Lounsberry years will convene in conjunction with the induction of the '53-'56 teams into the Heritage Hall of Fame on September 27.

Joining "Grinnin' Jim" Lounsberry and his teams in the Heritage Hall of Fame will be Professor Emeritus of History (1955-81) Homer

Cunningham, longtime faculty athletics representative who gave generously of his time and talents to support Whitworth Athletics; Tara Flugel, '92, who scored 2,040 points during her stellar basketball career at Whitworth and holds the title as the Bucs' most prolific all-time hoops scorer; and Barbara (Lashinski) Winkle, '90, who as a freshman in 1987 threw the javelin farther than any woman in the NAIA had before — or has since. Barb was Whitworth's first female National Champion. We're proud to welcome these athletics legends into the Heritage Hall of Fame.

Our fourth annual Pirate Night is coming up. Thanks to all who have contributed items, and to those who will bid with abandon at the auction. One of this year's items is the recently retired basketball hoop from our backyard — the friendliest rim in the western United States. Gordy Toyama, who hadn't made a jump shot anywhere since 1992, became a veritable John Stockton when introduced to this circular shock absorber. He is willing to sell everything he owns (except, of course, his CD collection) to bring this hoop back to Mac Hall.

If you would like to see our weekly sports information press release, you can find it at our Web site, www.whitworth.edu. Thanks to Sports Information Director Steve Flegel for keeping us up to date on the Bucs' exploits.

MISCELLANEOUS

This year's Homecoming, with the theme "Whitworth Goes Hollywood," is coming up October 11. The weekend will be bracketed by two film-related Forums: On Friday, October 10, Spence Bovee, '84, will share stories and clips from the production of the recent CD-ROM *Batman and Robin: The Cyber Experience*. On Monday the 13th, Lisa Berglund, '89, recipient of the National Press Photography Association's Television News Photographer of the Year award, will share video clips and stories. During the weekend, there will be reunions, picnics and a big football victory. Contact our Alumni Office at 777-3799 or 800-532-4668 for more information.

Next May's Alumni Core 250 trip to Europe has only four openings left. If you want a rich educational experience as Forrest Baird leads the group from Rome to London, contact the Alumni Office right away at 777-3799 or 800-532-4668.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 24	Community-Building Day
September 25, 26, 27	Senior Theatre Production: <i>Laundry and Bourbon</i> and <i>Lone Star</i>
September 26	English Endowed Readings presents David James Duncan
October 10-12	Homecoming Weekend

Over the weekend I spoke to a couple of people (outside my immediate family) who claim to read this newsletter. So thanks to Bryan and Curtis for the inspiration, and thanks to all the rest of you who are interested in this great college. May God bless you richly this fall.

