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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

APRIL 2006

I'm at the end of my longest trip of the year, with only the Denver-Spokane leg left. I'm anxious to get back. This afternoon we'll host two groups of 65 high-school seniors in our home. On Wednesday, we'll hear the second of two lectures on homosexuality; we scheduled two Presbyterian scholars a week apart to present their diametrically opposed perspectives. On the day after the second lecture we'll hear from an expert on the science and ethics of stem-cell research. We just duck every time we talk publicly about controversial topics. But we're a college, and even if these conversations are lose/lose deals for the administration, they're a win for our students; and for them we'll lose gladly. Where better than at a Christian college, and when better than when they're with us, should young people study issues that have divided so many people? As in all matters, our goal is to reflect both the grace and truth of Christ, although too often we pursue truth and leave grace behind. But we'll keep trying, and we'll keep improving. I am utterly convinced that what unites us in Christ has greater power than what divides us in our understanding of how to follow him. It is on the platform of that hope and our duty to put students first that we will keep taking on the difficult issues. Thanks for supporting us, particularly when you think we're crazy or misguided.

ACADEMICS

The Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference exposes the sponge metaphor as no longer adequate to describe our most voracious learners. Barracuda would describe more accurately some of our student-researchers. This weekend, the conference (formerly the Undergraduate Research Conference) will include the work of both our undergraduate and graduate students, along with a group of students from Gonzaga University. They will present findings of their original research projects, and Matt Bumpus, Ph.D. (Whitworth Class of '90), assistant professor of human development at Washington State University, will provide the keynote address.

We have a great class of first-year faculty who are already contributing to our mission. Here is a sample of their recent scholarship:

Philip Baldwin (Music), "Teaching Musicality to Orchestra Students," a lecture presentation, Arkansas Music Educators Association Conference; Alan Mikkelson, '00, (Communication Studies), "Communication in the Adult Sibling Relationship," an article in *Widening the Family Circle: New Research on Family Communication*, K. Floyd & M. T. Morman, eds. (Sage, 2006); and Karla Morgan (SGCM), "The Neuroeconomics of Distrust: Sex Differences in Behavior and Physiology," an article in *American Economic Review*, May 2005.

Along those same lines, we salute two more new Ph.D. recipients in communication studies. Heather Crandall defended her dissertation, "Poor Television: Narratives of the Working Poor in Prime-Time Television Crime Drama," at Washington State University. Two weeks later, Alan Mikkelson defended his dissertation, "Differential Solicitude of Social Support in Different Types of Adult Sibling Relationships," at Arizona State University.

Lisa Sardinia, Ph.D., J.D., from our Class of '79, will launch the new Science & Society Lecture Series. She will address "The Stem-Cell Debate: Science, Ethics and Public Policy" on April 6 at 7 p.m. in the Eric Johnston Science Center Auditorium. Lisa teaches for the department of biology and the college of optometry at Pacific University. Trustee Laurel Coleman, M.D., one of the visionaries of the series, says, "Our hope in creating the Science & Society Series is that the lectures will raise the profile of the sciences and increase the public's interest in and knowledge of current issues confronting our society."

The Whitworth Choir, professional soloists, and a chamber orchestra comprising Whitworth students and professional musicians will perform Handel's *Messiah* in concert on Palm Sunday, April 9, at Spokane's Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. It will be a spectacular performance!

On April 17, composer and music instructor Donivan Johnson will explore the life and legacy of world-renowned musicologist/archivist and Spokane resident Hans Moldenhauer. Moldenhauer (1906-87) was born in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1938. After serving in the U.S. Army, he settled in Spokane and was the first student to attend Whitworth under the G.I. Bill. He earned a B.A. in music in 1945 and was awarded an honorary doctor of music degree by Whitworth in 1986. The lecture, "Excelsior!" will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Whitworth Music Building Recital Hall. Under Donivan's leadership the tiny Selkirk School District (tucked in the northeasternmost part of Washington) was voted one of the top 100 music communities in America.

The Whitworth College Jazz Ensemble 1 finished second at the 2006 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. This is the second consecutive year they've come in second, following a first-place finish in 2004. Dan Keberle (Music) says that he was especially proud of this year's performance because the band is primarily made up of freshmen and sophomores. Whitworth finished ahead of bands from Brigham Young, Central Washington, Eastern Washington, Boston Col-

lege, Gonzaga, Willamette, and Whitman. Also, congratulations to sophomore saxophonist Matt Walsh, who won first place in the baritone-sax competition and performed on stage at the Thursday-night jazz concert.

ENROLLMENT

Our feel-good event of the year is the annual scholarship dinner, which brings together givers and receivers. On March 5, students met their scholarship providers in a warm time of gratitude. Although most of our students could not attend Whitworth without friends and alumni stepping up to provide support, a note from Jim and Jane Poindexter (who came all the way from North Carolina to help us honor David Martin, '62, by setting up an endowed scholarship in his name) made it clear that the "givers" receive as much as they provide. Thanks to all of you who put Whitworth within reach for our students.

The financial-aid office has sent out awards to all NEW freshmen and transfer students who applied by the priority deadline of March 1. If you know a student who is planning to start at Whitworth this fall and has filed a FAFSA, but has not yet heard from us, please have her or him give the financial-aid office a call at 800.533.4668. This year the office will send out renewal award notifications for 2006-07 to current students via e-mail in May and June. The priority deadline for filing the FAFSA for need-based financial aid is May 1.

STUDENT LIFE

Cowles Auditorium was just wild as 30+ acts participated in Associated Students of Whitworth College's annual *Pirate Idol*. A packed house roared as singers, dancers, drummers and bands displayed their varied talents. Also, more than \$3,000 was raised for M.S. research through projects that culminated at the event in six head-shavings (a term carrying a rather barbaric ring no matter how you look at it). I could have had my skull cleared in under 15 seconds with a nail clipper, but I've named and assigned coverage to each of my dozen or so remaining hairs and I didn't want to hurt their feelings. March also brought to campus Shihan, a famed slam poet. Shihan was accompanied by Whitworth students Sha'Nay McQuirter, Tiffany Beatty and Carla Rose, who also displayed their spoken-word skills.

April is always a great month at Whitworth. Extra daylight and warm weather boost our spirits, and the Hawaiian Club Lu'au launches the month with elegance and joy. This year's celebration, *Na Pu'uwai o Hawai'i* ("The Heart of Hawai'i"), featured music and dancing from each island and a menu that included kalua pig, shoyu chicken, lomilomi salmon and other delicacies. April also brings us Mac Hall in Concert, Springfest, ASWC elections, Spokane Chiefs hockey, and intramural softball and ultimate Frisbee.

RESOURCES

The scholarship dinner I mentioned above reminds us of how blessed we are to have such generous and loyal supporters. With that in mind, I'm hoping some of you can help make this year's lag in The Whitworth Fund (unrestricted giving) vanish by June 30. Because we give a good bit of unfunded financial aid (not generated by endowment), we really count on the \$1.3 million in Whitworth Fund dollars. Nationally, the healthiest annual-giving programs boast a high percentage of alumni who give (even small gifts) and a high percentage of "regular" contributors (defined as those who give every year). So your gifts, big and small, support our students while enhancing our national reputation. If you wish, you can give online at www.whitworth.edu/give. Thanks for considering a gift in this fiscal year.

We've been meeting with our science faculty to identify our most pressing equipment needs. Next year we'll be applying to the Kresge Foundation for lab equipment that will be needed when we expand our space. Our prospects of being awarded this major grant will rely significantly on the support of our science alumni. We'll contact many of you this fall with more information. Thanks.

We're grateful to so many of our seniors who have pledged to support **The Senior Fund**. Each gift will be divided into two parts. Half of the money serves as the students' first gift to The Whitworth Fund, and the other half goes to support Whitworth's Street Kids Project, helping youth in downtown Spokane. On one night of calling, 40 percent of the seniors contacted were pleased to give. Hopefully, this will lay the foundation for their lifelong support of their alma mater. Also, we're inviting seniors' parents to make a gift to this fund in honor of their graduates. Thanks to all of you who help!

ATHLETICS

Samantha Kephart dominated Division III butterfly swimming at the 2006 NCAA championships, winning national titles in both the 100- and 200-yard distances. She won the 100 in 55.45, the second-fastest time in history, and went on to set a new national record in the 200, winning in 2:00.15. Sam's time qualifies her to compete at this summer's U.S.S. Nationals, and a conversion of her time to a 50-meter time would qualify her for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials. Sam is one of many superb student-athletes in Steve Schadt's swim program...but she's a particularly fast one.

Whitworth's baseball and softball teams are in the thick of NWC pennant chases. The baseball team is 8-4 and currently in fourth place. But the Bucs have already played the top three teams in the standings, so they could make up ground in their remaining games. Nick Froman leads the team in batting average (.392) and home runs (4). Brandon Zimmerman is 6-2 on the mound, and last Sunday I got to see Greg Hare throw a complete-game shutout, which isn't easy in the metal-bat era.

In softball, the Pirates are 9-3 in the NWC and one game behind Linfield in the standings. Whitworth will play the Wildcats the final weekend of the season. Jo Sonnett is having another outstanding season, leading the conference in wins (10) and strikeouts (110 in 91 innings). Kristin Hanson is NWC Hitter of the Week after going 8 for 12 and driving in 12 runs in four games last weekend.

Whitworth's track and field teams are aiming for high finishes at the NWC championships. The men are led by Brandon Howell, in the 800, and Derrick Dewindt, in the discus and hammer throw. Both have marks that will challenge for NWC titles and national qualifying. Kristi Dickey has already qualified for the NCAA championships in the 10,000 meters and should add another mark in the 5,000. Sarah Marken is one of the conference's best heptathletes; she scored in eight different events at the NWC championships last season.

Women's tennis is quickly developing into a topflight NWC program. Led by freshmen Jamie Kneese and Linh Aven at the top of the singles ladder, the Pirates are in the hunt for a seeding as high as No. 2 for the upcoming NWC tournament. Meanwhile, senior Sandy Fujitani is undefeated (9-0) in singles play this season, primarily playing at No. 5 or 6.

Men's tennis has battled the injury bug all year long, but still has put itself into position for a top-five finish at the NWC tournament in April. The Pirates will head into the tournament as either the fourth or fifth seed. Michael Carlson has the best singles record (7-5) this season, while Ed Anegon and Ben Works are 8-2 in No. 1 doubles.

The men's golf team remains undefeated against NWC opponents this season. The Pirates are in such a strong position after winning the NWC fall and spring classics that they don't even need to win the NWC tournament to grab the conference title. Jordan Carter has been the individual champion in both of the classics and has guaranteed himself a spot on the All-NWC team. Meanwhile, the Pirate women now have four competitors and have teed it up twice this spring. Kelli Parker finished fifth individually at the spring classic, the highest finish in two seasons for a Whitworth woman at a conference-wide event.

ALUMNI

Alumni reunions have boomed in recent years. Brochures have been mailed to alumni who'll have reunions this year, but don't let the lack of an invitation stop you from attending. Everyone is invited to Alumni Family Weekend June 16-18. Please call 509.777.3799 or e-mail aseverino@whitworth.edu for a copy of the brochure, or get all of the details and register online at www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend.

Brochures have been mailed and registrations are coming in for Core 650 events in Sacramento and Lafayette on April 29 and 30. Alumni and Parent Relations Director Tad Wisenor, '89, will host afternoons of conversation about theatre and art featuring professors Diana Trotter and Scott Kolbo. More information is on the website, or contact the alumni office.

I think all of us "lower 48" folks should consider going to Juneau on June 24, and Anchorage June 25. Not only will summer solstice provide well over 20 hours of light, but Tad Wisenor and Jim Edwards (Theology) will host alumni, parents and friends for a lecture and dessert. More details will follow soon.

MISCELLANEOUS

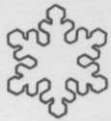
Whitworth invites you to its 31st annual Institute of Ministry July 10-14. Please mark your calendar for this year's institute, which will focus on the theme *Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic World*. Institute activities feature a daily Bible hour, workshops, and an effective-preaching academy. Institute speakers include Iain Torrance (Princeton Theological Seminary), Leanne Van Dyk (Western Theological Seminary), Mark Labberton (First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, Calif.), and Whitworth's own F. Dale Bruner (professor emeritus of theology), James Edwards, Jerry Sittser (both Theology), Ron Pyle (Communication Studies), and yours truly. Register online at www.whitworth.edu/wim or by phone at 509.777.4345. (To receive the early registration discount, please register before May 1.)

In my ongoing quest to spice this thing up, I just asked Bonnie if she could remember anything funny that happened in the last month. She mentioned how I couldn't remember where I parked our car at the Spokane Arena a few weeks ago. I don't remember not remembering that. Eek. But it did remind me that Easter empowers us to live fully in the moment – our past crucified, our future won. I hope the vitality of spring and the hope of the risen, conquering son bring you optimism and joy in this month of April.

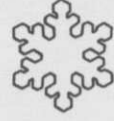




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DECEMBER 2006

It's early Monday morning, and I am totally without focus. My brain is like an iPod, except that it has less memory and I can't turn off the music. Beautiful anthems from the last three nights of our westside Christmas concerts won't let me go. If I didn't have to write, I would enjoy their grip. My favorite anthem is one that unites an exquisite harmony with a text that frightens me: *Thou shalt know him when he comes, not by any din of drums, not by his crown, his gown, his air; thou shalt know him when he comes by the holy harmony his coming makes in thee.* I'm not great at noticing inner harmony. I need the book *Sensing Christ's Presence for Dummies*. It's hard enough looking outward and finding a kind of gentle manner, clothed in the common. But if we're trying to hear the signals within, what hope do we have amidst the racket of our lives? I met a sweet little baby named Emma this weekend. She liked me, by the way. I promise you that in a noisy, crowded room, her parents would hear her softest coo. They love her so much. They listen so carefully. May this advent be one in which loving and listening trains our ear on the chords awakened by Immanuel, on the "holy harmony his coming makes in thee."

ACADEMICS

Whitworth received two honors that show the heart of this community.

- Whitworth Theatre was recently named the recipient of the 2006 City of Spokane Bold Strokes Award, in recognition of its extraordinary achievement in changing the community through art. The Spokane Arts Commission presented the award as part of the city's October celebration of National Arts and Humanities Month. "Employing hearts as well as the minds of those they touch, the Whitworth Theatre Department is truly deserving of the City of Spokane Bold Strokes Award," said Spokane Arts Commissioner Juan Mas during the awards ceremony. What a great tribute!
- Whitworth was named to the first President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for extraordinary volunteer efforts by the college and its students to serve area neighborhoods and Gulf Coast communities devastated by Hurricane Katrina. Whitworth and 140 other institutions of higher education were recognized by Campus Compact. Schools receiving distinguished-service recognition provided "exceptional community service over the past year, contributing their time, resources, energy, skills – and intellect – to serve America."

Whitworth hosted the Northwest Regional Ethics Bowl on the same Saturday that we hosted the first round of the NCAA Div. III playoffs in football. I'm sure we have really ethical football players and really tough ethics competitors. The interdisciplinary team of Amy Bernard, Alayna Brauer, Peter Burke and Noah Patterson competed against teams from schools in Washington and Montana. The team, coached by Mike Ingram (Communication Studies/Academic Affairs) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy) finished in sixth place. We're very grateful to Spokane Mayor Dennis Hession, who was a judge in the final round.

Christopher Zilar, a health-program specialist with the Spokane Regional Health District, presented a lecture, *The Faces of HIV/AIDS in Spokane*, on Dec. 5. Zilar addressed questions about AIDS in the Spokane community and discussed the changing numbers and demographics of those infected. But the most important topic he covered was how people can help AIDS victims locally, nationally and internationally. Many of our students are deeply committed to alleviating the horror of this disease.

Whitworth recently received a grant in partnership with The Bonner Foundation, Princeton University, and a group of 18 other academic institutions across the country. The focus of this grant will be to provide support for faculty engaging their students in community-based research. Also, six students from Whitworth's Bonner Leader Program created a week-long initiative, My Town, to challenge racism and work toward racial reconciliation both on campus and within students' home communities.

The School of Global Commerce & Management is offering an international-management emphasis in our MBA program. This concentration also provides the option for our MIM alumni to convert their degrees into MBAs in international management. Interested MIM alums should contact Director Mary Alberts at 509.777.4280 or malberts@whitworth.edu for an assessment of required credits. Also, we're now offering a five-year BA/MBA program so we can be efficient in meeting students' needs and requirements. Applicants completing their undergraduate work with a minimum 3.75 GPA will not be required to sit for the GMAT exam. We feel this combined program will be especially attractive to international students mapping out their U.S. study plans.

Faculty have been busy sharing their scholarly work with regional, national and international colleagues. A few recent conference presentations include: Margie LaShaw (SGCM), *The State of Financial Reporting among Eastern Washington Churches*, to the Christian Business Faculty Association; Margo Long (Education), *Gifted 101: Getting Started in Gifted Education*, to the National Association for Gifted Children; Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry), *Protein Crystallization: A Multi-Week Biochemistry Lab Project with Minimal Classroom Time Constraints*, to the Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association.

In this same category, I had an interesting opportunity a couple of days ago. I spent an hour talking with the Washington State Senate Democratic Caucus about leadership. The examples of grace and truth provided by Lincoln and Jesus seemed to ring true to these officials. I'm very appreciative to Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown for this opportunity. (Also, after bragging about higher education in Spokane, I couldn't resist pointing out one difference between Whitworth and Gonzaga was that our men's basketball team had a better record than the powerhouse Bulldogs. I left out the part about the schedule differences. Go, Bucs; go, Zags.)

The Christmas Festival Concert, *From Out of Darkness, We Have Light*, is absolutely beautiful. Featuring the choir and the women's choir, as well as accompaniment by brass, wind and percussion, the concert reminds us of God's transforming light and love. Under the superb direction of Marc A. Hafso, professor of music and director of choral activities, the program offers narration, processions, choral and instrumental works, and great congregational carols. Debbie Hansen, associate director of choral activities, directs the women's choir, and Diana Trotter, associate professor of theatre, serves as narrator. I'm excited to hear three more performances of the concert this week in Spokane.

ENROLLMENT

Our freshman early-action-admission-application deadline has passed, and the numbers are well ahead of last year's record-breaking levels. The staff is in the process of evaluating a ton of candidates. Admission status notifications for those applicants with completed files will be sent out before Christmas.

Parents should watch their mailboxes after the start of the new year. The financial-aid office will be sending out a newsletter to keep parents up to date on the changing world of financial aid. Current students can apply for 2007-08 endowed scholarships by going to our website, www.whitworth.edu.

STUDENT LIFE

November was wild before, after and even during Thanksgiving break. The Warren Peace annual benefit concert was a hit, as was Midnight Madness, which previews the basketball teams and provides Fieldhouse Fanatic shirts for all the fans. Our inaugural Cultural Awareness Week, led by Cultural Events Coordinator Delia Orosco, was great, with rich contributions from the Black Student Union, the Gospel Choir, the International Club, Unity in Action, and a bunch of others. Speakers, performers, group discussions and general cultural education culminated with the always-fabulous international banquet. The month ended with students donning their Pirate attire to cheer on Whitworth football through rain, sleet, sun and snow – all of which showed up. I always marvel at the vibrancy of students at Whitworth. Yesterday afternoon, Bonnie and I hosted our Christmas reception in the HUB. Hundreds of students (maybe millions) filled the room with joy. I developed carpal tunnel wassail syndrome and wassail elbow working the punchbowl while liberal-arts students showed off their engineering skills assembling plates of food that defied all center-of-gravity laws.

RESOURCES

We gathered recently for a lovely commemoration of longtime Whitworth donor Geraldine Tyler. Gerry and her late husband, Lowell, began supporting Whitworth through The Whitworth Foundation in 1985. Over the years they established numerous trusts and annuities. Because of their love for the college and our students, the Tylers named Whitworth the ultimate beneficiary of their philanthropy. These fine people left a lasting legacy with their gifts of nearly \$4 million. The Lowell and Geraldine Tyler Student Loan Fund and the Lowell and Geraldine Tyler Endowed Scholarship will provide assistance to Whitworth students for years to come. We would far rather have the Tylers with us, gracing our campus and our lives, but we will remember them appreciatively every time a student is able to afford Whitworth because of their generosity.

In December we cheer for The Whitworth Fund as heartily as we cheer for our athletics teams. We're doing well so far this year, but I've never seen a

good year with a bad December. The last two weeks have been unseasonably cold, and the impact that has on our utility bills makes our flexible income even more important. Having said that, huge thanks to all of you who sent gifts in response to the last *Of Mind & Heart*. You're great! Visit www.whitworth.edu/give for more details or to make an online gift or pledge. For those of you who traditionally make a year-end gift, please remember that our last business day this year is Friday, Dec. 29. Thanks.

ATHLETICS

The 100th season of Whitworth football ended as the college's "winningest" season ever, with the Bucs finishing 11-1 and advancing to the second round of the NCAA Div. III playoffs. The team finished the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record, won the Northwest Conference title, and grabbed Whitworth's first postseason football victory. The Pirates received lavish conference recognition: John Tully is NWC Coach of the Year; quarterback Joel Clark is NWC Offensive Player of the Year; and linebacker Casey Clifton is NWC Defensive Player of the Year. Offensive Tackle Steve Honeyman is a CoSIDA Academic All-American, and tight end Michael Allan (who received a coveted invitation to play in the Hula Bowl) is an AFCA All-American for the second consecutive season.

Julie Lauterbach concluded her stellar cross-country career by finishing 65th of 279 finishers at the NCAA DIII Championships. Julie ran barefoot to compensate for the mud buildup at Voice of America Park, in Ohio. This was her second straight year as an individual qualifier for the national championships.

The Whitworth swimming teams have begun their conference dual-meet seasons with 3-0 records. The men have been led by David Dolphay, Bryan Clarke and Josh McDowell. The women have gotten strong performances from Samantha Kephart, Katelyn Erickson, Brittany Gresset and freshman Natalie Turner. Many of Whitworth's swimmers will compete against top-level college competition this weekend at the University of Washington Husky Invitational.

Men's basketball is doing its best to follow in the footsteps of its gridiron brothers. The Pirates are 9-0 and ranked eighth in the first regular-season DIII Top 25 poll. The Bucs earned their first six wins while traveling 9,300 miles and missing only three days of classes. Whitworth won the Wheaton (Ill.) Lee Pfund Classic during opening weekend, then flew to Maui, Hawaii, for the US Bank-Whitworth Maui Classic. After winning that tournament, they went to L.A. and handled Whittier and Caltech before heading home and beginning the season with a couple of conference wins. Along the way, Head Coach Jim Hayford followed in the footsteps of Dick Kamm and Warren Friedrichs and became Whitworth's third men's basketball coach to surpass 100 wins.

The Pirate women's basketball team is surprising everyone, remaining undefeated after its pre-season contests and the NWC's opening weekend. Included in the women's win total is a victory over a very talented Montana Tech team that had put a scare into Div. I Montana State in an earlier exhibition game. Freshman forward Natalie Orrell has been the team's leading scorer early this season, while sophomore center Susan McDaniel has provided an inside presence

the Pirates did not have last year. Head Coach Helen Higgs is closing in on her 200th victory leading the Pirates; she could reach that milestone this season.

ALUMNI

Saturday, Jan. 13, will be our annual Alumni Night at the Fieldhouse with free admission for alumni families, as well as a raffle and refreshments. The Bucs will play PLU. We will also have free admission for alumni on Feb. 2-3.

MISCELLANEOUS

From the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith & Learning: Sign up now for the Certificate in Leadership and Church Management Program, to take place at Marine View Presbyterian Church, in Tacoma, once a month from Feb. 16-May 19. The program helps pastors gain greater insight and understanding into what it means to lead and manage a congregation and/or Christian organization. The Certificate in Teaching the Bible Program provides pastors, Sunday-school teachers and lay ministry leaders greater insight into using the Bible more effectively with children, youth and adults. Participants meet every other week (at Whitworth) from Feb. 1-May 10. The Whitworth Preaching Clinic (Feb. 8-May 17, every other week, at Whitworth) offers an opportunity for pastors to come together with peers for the purpose of sharpening preaching skills in a safe and supportive environment. There'll be discussion of the art and dynamics of good preaching, and participants will work at strengthening and honing preaching skills. For more information on any of these programs, check out our website at www.whitworth.edu/faithcenter.

It goes without saying that Whitworth's 100th football season provided immense excitement for the campus and community. In the middle of the picture we find a collection of players, coaches and staff who assembled a storybook season. Less noticeable is the very cool stuff around the edges: A referee called Athletics Director Scott McQuilkin, '84, to compliment the players and coaches on the way they conducted themselves in one very close game. On a flight the morning after our first NCAA tournament game, an Occidental parent noticed my Whitworth gear and said, "Whitworth has the classiest fans of any team we played." And I received an e-mail from a sports journalist who mentioned how much he enjoys his occasional departures from Div. I sports to cover Whitworth. "I have decided there's no such thing as a 'bad' interview at Whitworth," he wrote. "The students know who they are, they know what they want out of their athletic experience, and, inevitably, they have something else besides athletics in their lives that makes them interesting and fun." Yes, they do. And we're grateful to all of you who participate in the enrichment of these students. You're making a great investment.

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FEBRUARY 2006

Yesterday we opened the spring semester with a ceremonious convocation that also kicked off our annual Heritage Week. The Pacific Northwest isn't exactly the most formal region in this country, so it's a big deal when we don our academic regalia. I look like a cross between Zorro and Rasputin, the mad monk, except for my hat, which makes me look like I should be flipping pizzas. But the ceremony reminds students that our calling is high and serious, and that Whitworth's birthday is cause for celebration. This year, Heritage Week highlights the role of art in Whitworth's history. I know you'll enjoy checking our website for a list of Heritage Week events at www.whitworth.edu/heritageweek. Right now we're searching for funds for a new, desperately needed visual-arts building. A liberal-arts education is incomplete without the mind-and-soul nourishment of art. For many in our community – certainly for our family – art has provided portals into the nature of humanity and the character of God. Thanks to all of you who, in one way or another, have given the gift of art to our students.

ACADEMICS

On the performing-arts side of the college, we were pleased to learn that the wind symphony and one of our jazz combos were selected to perform at the bi-annual Washington Music Educators All-State Conference, in Yakima on Feb. 19.

If you're in town, I hope you can enjoy some of the arts events related to Heritage Week. An exhibit in downtown Spokane will feature work from our upcoming alumni exhibit, the Whitworth Permanent Collection, and faculty and student work. Ben Frank Moss, '59, the George Frederick Jewett Professor of Studio Art at Dartmouth College, will display his work and deliver a campus lecture on Feb. 7. And the Alumni Invitational and Juried Art Exhibit will be displayed on campus through March 10 (see ALUMNI).

Angela Moses, '07, is the first recipient of the Terry Brousseau Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship for a continuing-studies student is funded by last spring's inaugural golf tournament in memory of Terry, a proud member of Cohort 14 of the organizational-management major who died suddenly just before completing his degree. Quietly and without fanfare, this rigorous degree-completion program mends the broken dreams of hundreds of adult learners who, for many different reasons, had their first college careers interrupted. Angela represents this group well, saying, "The structure of the curriculum and the dedication of the staff have aided me in finding a love of education that I didn't realize I possessed." Terry would have agreed. We'd love to have you join us on Saturday, June 10, for "Round Two" of this fund-raising golf tournament.

And you thought those 35 cups of coffee each morning did nothing more than wake you up and fatten Starbucks' quarterly earnings. Not so. The Whitworth Literacy Center received a \$15,920 "Giving Voices" grant from the Starbucks Foundation and a \$2,500 gift from the West Coast Hospitality Corporation (in whose hotels you can sleep off the Starbucks). These funds will allow the literacy center to acquire needed curriculum materials and provide the highest-quality service to families at a very low cost. Betty Williams (Education) provides leadership for this important outreach.

Still on the grants page, the college received a second \$10,000 grant for the Bonner Leaders Program, which provides training for low-income and multicultural students who show leadership potential. These students form a cohort, commit to volunteer activities, take a series of leadership classes, and undertake internships at nonprofit organizations under the leadership of Keith Kelley (Service-Learning). This is a great program that is enriching colleges and communities across America.

Last month I mentioned some of our Jan Term courses. One of them was featured in Spokane's *Spokesman-Review*. Professors Gordon Wilson (Art) and Andi Donahoe, '00, (Psychology) took 17 students to New Orleans and Mississippi during Jan Term to study Southern art and to serve people affected by Hurricane Katrina. They served food to the hungry, rebuilt homes for the homeless, and cleaned up mountains of debris. You can read the moving accounts of their experiences at www.whitworth.edu/gulfcoast.

ENROLLMENT

Both applications and deposits have already passed last year's record-breaking total, and we still have a month left before the application deadline. If you have been admitted and have not yet made your deposit, please be sure to get it in before May 1. I'm afraid we won't have room to be merciful for late deposits.

Here's a message from Wendy Olson, our director of financial aid: Our office is beginning to review files for new freshmen and transfer students for the 2006-07 academic year. New students who have applied by the March 1 deadline will begin receiving their financial-aid awards in March. Continuing students who meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the renewal FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) will receive their awards in May and June *electronically*.

STUDENT LIFE

Our globetrotting students aren't the only ones who had a great Jan Term. There is a ton of snow in the mountains (and none in Spokane – perfect) that provided a huge playground for daily ski trips. Pulses also spiked as Whitworth basketball and swimming and Seahawks football racked up a stack of victories. Live bands, movies, and the chance (not to be confused with the reality) of more sleep also made student life good in Jan Term. This month will feature the annual Gospel Explosion, the Ballroom Dance Club's Spring Formal, and several awareness weeks, including Career Week and the Festival of Shalom, which will feature speakers and programs on the topic of peace and reconciliation.

RESOURCES

I had a board meeting in southeast Florida during January that provided an opportunity for me to connect with some people who have enriched our campus. Bonnie came along, claiming, "Florida, Fairbanks – wherever you go, I just enjoy being with you." Right, and I'm the Queen of Sheba. Anyway, we had a great dinner with John, '51, and Judy Scotford and thanked them for all the ways in which they've blessed this campus. We also spent a day with our friends Jackie and John, the latter being my most significant mentor over the past 34 years; he, too, supports Whitworth very generously. Finally, we spent two wonderful hours with Fenton Duvall, the famed Whitworth history professor (1949-1981) whose inspiration moved two of his former students to make a gift leading to the construction of our new residence hall, which will be named for Fenton. He's 93, mobile, charming and smarter than I'll ever hope to be. It was a great time.

Thanks to all of you who contributed to The Whitworth Fund. Although end-of-year giving didn't end up as high as last year, we are very thankful for the 919 gifts we received that totaled \$315,604.94. Our fiscal year ends on June 30, so it would be great if you could help boost us back up to where we really need to be. You can make contributions at www.whitworth.edu/give. Your continued support of our students puts Whitworth within reach for many of them. Thanks so much.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth's swimming teams are heading into the 2006 Northwest Conference championship meet with momentum. Over the past seven seasons, the men have won 44 consecutive Northwest Conference dual meets, finishing 7-0 this season to extend the streak. Seniors David Lillard and Loren Killgore will lead the Pirate men; sophomore David Dolphay has the top conference time in the distance freestyle events, while freshman Steve Garka has been the NWC's top sprinter.

Whitworth's swimmin' women have built confidence – and momentum – off a loss to UPS. Whitworth very nearly became the first NWC team in 10 years to beat UPS in any kind of swim meet. The Bucs fell 103-102, but won seven of the 11 events and had four key swimmers out. Sophomore Samantha Kephart has the conference's fastest time in seven different events, but she can compete in only three at the NWC championships. She will be a heavy favorite in all three races. Sophomore Katelyn Erickson is a favorite in the backstroke events, while freshman Brittany Gressett will be among the top swimmers in the sprint freestyle races.

The Whitworth men's basketball team (13-6 overall, 7-3 NWC) is in the NWC title race, thanks to amazingly balanced scoring. All five starters average double figures, led by senior Lance Pecht, who was the NWC Player of the Week each of the last two weeks of January. Junior Bryan Williams not only averages more than 10 points per game, but he ranks among the nation's Division III leaders in assists, at 5.7 per game. The top three teams in the final conference standings will advance to the NWC tournament.

The Pirate women's basketball team wrapped up January in a three-way tie for third place in the NWC. Despite playing with five new starters – actually, six, since sophomore Alida Bower injured her knee last month – the Bucs are 12-6 overall and 6-4 in the NWC. Sophomore Emily Hendrickson has led the Pirates' four-game win streak and was named the NWC Player of Week for the last week of January. Sophomore Holly Ridings leads the Pirates in scoring, assists and steals.

Our basketball teams share a key talent. Both lead the conference and are ranked third in the NCAA in free-throw percentage. Each team's percentage has hovered around 80 percent all season. Whitworth is the only school in NCAA Division III to have both the men and women ranked among the top 10 in this category.

ALUMNI

Barring anything stronger than a stiff breeze, this is the last summer when all six Village buildings will still be standing. This being the case, we've added a last-chance theme-dorm reunion to our Alumni Family Weekend festivities June 16-18. If you lived in a theme dorm in the '70s or '80s, plan now to get your friends together for one last weekend in the back corner of campus. We are finalizing the details for all of our reunions – for classes from 1946 to 1986 and for all France Study Program participants. New information will be available on the website soon, and brochures will be out in March. Visit www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend for the basics, or contact the alumni office at 509.777.3799 or 800.532.4668.

As I mentioned earlier, the Alumni Invitational and Juried Art Exhibit will be on display through March 10 in three Whitworth-campus locations, the Fine Arts Gallery II, the Koehler Gallery, and the Hixson Union Building (HUB). The exhibit will feature works by Whitworth alumni who are deep into their art careers as well as those who have just begun but have already produced impressive work. The alumni invitational exhibit will feature works by five alumni, including Ben Moss, Esme Guenther, '02, and Pete Hunner, '76. The juried component of the exhibit, for which Moss will serve as juror, will feature works by 19 alumni, including Liz Bishop, '94, Keith Clerihue, '91, Russell Larson, '51, and JoAnne Roulston Nixon, '79. The exhibit reception will take place Feb. 7, from 5-7 p.m., in the fine-arts building's lobby. Moss will present a lecture, "Turning Toward the Light," at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre, Weyerhaeuser Hall. For more information about Whitworth's art events, please call 509.777.3258.

MISCELLANEOUS

Let us know if you would like to receive *Mind & Heart* electronically. Sometimes I highlight events that have already happened by the time this comes in the mail. So if you'd like us to shoot it to you by e-mail as soon as I'm done writing it, click on www.whitworth.edu/mind&heart and give us the e-mail address you'd like us to use.

Whitworth Theatre will be touring next month, as will the Whitworth Wind Symphony and the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble. Here's the bare-bones information. To learn more, call 509.777.3280. Information will soon be posted on our theatre and music websites, as well. *Theatre* (in California): March 18, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westlake Village, 7 p.m.; March 19, El Montecito Presbyterian Church, Montecito, 6:30 p.m.; March 20, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, North Hollywood, 7 p.m.; March 22, LaCrescenta Presbyterian Church, La Crescenta, 6:30 p.m.; March 24, Malibu United Methodist Church, Malibu. *Wind and Jazz* (first two concerts in Oregon; all others in Washington): March 18, Lake Grove Presbyterian Church, Lake Oswego, 7 p.m.; March 19, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland, 3 p.m.; March 21, Central Bible Evangelical Free Church, Tacoma, 7 p.m.; March 22, Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church, Gig Harbor, 7:30 p.m.; March 23, North Creek Presbyterian Church, Bothell, 7 p.m.; March 24, Mountain View Presbyterian Church, Marysville, 7:30 p.m.; March 25, Port Townsend Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend, 7 p.m.

Today is the beginning of Black History Month. I've always tried to make this month an occasion to consider the chains that shackle all oppressed people. I've told our students how dominant cultures have failed to provide equal opportunities to people from non-dominant groups, but in doing so I think I've sometimes allowed students to dwell on the can't-do side of those who have been disadvantaged. Two nights ago I got a call from our younger daughter, Bailey, who is a college senior in California. She and a few friends had just met with a small group of homeless people for a weekly session of singing, sharing and fellowship. She reported a deep sense of amazement at the "thanks" portion of the meeting. The joy, the small victories, the determination stunned her. She sat next to a man who struggled when his turn came to express thanks. But then, she said, a smile crossed his face and he told how for the past week he'd seen the sun rise every day. How can that not be a good thing? The guy doesn't even have a roof, but he found the beauty of God. Bailey's takeaway from this meeting wasn't just her need to help the homeless. She walked out of there recognizing what good people she had just left. That inspired me to start this month by focusing on the towering achievements of African-Americans, rather than on all that held them back. We can't let Black History Month be Black Sympathy Month or Black I-Feel-Guilty Month. As we begin this month, mourning the passing of Coretta Scott King, I hope our students and all of us will celebrate the astonishing accomplishments of Black Americans and all those who've succeeded in spite of high barriers. And after doing that, we need to get back to breaking down those barriers. Thanks to all of you who support Whitworth with your prayers, enthusiasm and resources.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

JANUARY 2006

Somehow the cosmos feels tilted, off-center, confused. If yesterday was Jan. 1, what is football doing on my TV today? The world is a day late. On the bright side, Bonnie and I parlayed this year's tangled calendar into two New Year's Eves. On Saturday night, we attended a black-tie opera event featuring a fabulous cast of singers, most of whom are Whitworth alumni. Last night, 25 alumni jacked up the decibels here in our house at a spontaneous gathering assembled by our Egypt-based son and daughter-in-law, who soon return to the Middle East. Into the worlds of music, finance, medicine, business, education, ministry, law and graduate studies, these young adults carry bright hope. It's impossible to do what I do for a living without being excited about the day when this generation sits down at the controls. I hope things aren't too wrecked by then. I've never celebrated Epiphany without having broken every one of my New Year's resolutions, so I'm due: This year I resolve to pray daily that God's softening grace and peace will drench our hardened world. That's a big prayer, but I'll pray it fervently. All of us at Whitworth extend our gratitude for your support and wish you a great 2006.

ACADEMICS

This week begins our fabled Jan Term. On campus, students will plunge into courses with undivided attention. Off campus, they'll spin across five continents, led by the following sampling of professors:

- Mary Alberts (School of Global Commerce & Management) and Pam Parker, '81, (English) are taking students in English, humanities and business to study culture and business in Thailand.
- Forrest Baird (Philosophy) will work his way from Greece to England, teaching his Core 250 students in the hot spots of early democracy, the Renaissance, the Enlightenment – and even at the Oxford tavern where Lewis and Tolkien ate lunch daily and dreamed up children's stories.
- Tom Hillman (Physics) is taking geology students to Hawaii, where they will do nothing but enjoy the glories of science.
- Kent Jones (Math/Computer Science) will lead a new program in India. Students will engage in computer-service projects, meet with officials in the computing industry, and visit Indian universities.
- Dan Keberle and Brent Edstrom (both Music) will take jazz students to Brazil to perform and attend master classes with Brazilian artists. Our Brazilian student, Silvia Lazo, helped set up the tour. I love Bossa Nova.
- Ron Pyle (Communication Studies), Andi Saccoccio (Theology) and John Yoder (Politics & History) are taking students to meet media, political and religious leaders all over South Africa.
- Jim Waller (Psychology) has developed a course through which students examine the historical, political and religious roots of the strife in Northern Ireland – a conflict that has been news for most of our students' lives.
- Karin Heller (Theology) and Rick Hornor, '70, (Theatre) are leading a new study program to Italy. No doubt the highlight will be a private audience with Pope Benedict XVI, at 10:30 a.m. on Jan. 25. Karin knows the pope and set this up. What an amazing privilege! I can see our new admissions brochures: "Come to Whitworth; hang out with the pope!"

From among hundreds of nominations, Jerry Sittser's book *When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer* (2003, Zondervan) was recently named the recipient of the 2005 Gold Medallion Book Award by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. Jerry (Theology) plumbs our most anguishing questions about unanswered prayer. He goes beyond pat answers and joins in the struggle of those whose prayers seem to bounce off the ceiling.

Last summer, 12 of our faculty members attended a three-week workshop, "Vocations of the Christian Professor." They examined Christian theological traditions, read about faith-and-learning integration, and prepared specific integration projects for implementation in a fall class. Their projects ranged from "the examination of short stories with a theological lens" in Advanced Spanish Literature to "the connection of biblical financial principles with budgeting" in Basic Math.

Our very important and faithful friends at the Murdock Charitable Trust have awarded Karen Stevens and the chemistry department up to \$40,000 in start-up funds for the new chemistry faculty position's research projects.

The Whitworth School of Education has again shown its exemplary citizenship. Assistant Professor Lisa Laurier led a collaborative team effort in giving the gift of reading. She reported that the Monday-evening Starbucks Book Night in Spokane's Hillyard district drew 75 families, with each child receiving a new book. Refreshments were provided by both Sodexo and Starbucks, with remaining books and refreshments going to the Hillyard Headstart Program.

Marek Zaranski's exhibit *Daydreams* will be on display Jan. 3-24 in the Koehler Gallery, sponsored by Whitworth and the Floyd and Shirley Daniel Photography Fund. Zaranski has a unique approach: His large images feature

vibrant color and cibachrome printing, a new experimental approach to photography. We're fortunate to be the first gallery to feature his innovation.

U.S. Representative Cathy McMorris, congresswoman from our own 5th District, visited Whitworth's School of Education in December. After a brief reception, she participated in a panel discussion with program directors and students. McMorris had questions for us about our program, and the audience had questions for her about No Child Left Behind legislation and other current education issues. This is McMorris' second visit to Whitworth this year, and we appreciate that greatly.

Students often experience a delayed appreciation of our Core Curriculum. And I suppose some are still waiting. But the fall 2005 issue of the academic journal *Christian Scholars Review* featured an article, "Whose Story? Which Identity? Fostering Christian identity at Christian and church-related colleges and universities," which highlighted Core 150 as a required general-education class that both focuses on Christian and church history and exposes students to the Christian identity of the college. I think it is very important for our students to understand the theological foundations of a Whitworth education, and Core 150 does a great job of helping them do that.

ENROLLMENT

We've calculated our space availability for next fall and it looks like we'll have room for roughly 485 freshmen and 100 transfer students. We expect 2,300 freshman applications with an admission rate of approximately 60 percent. Of the admitted students, we look to enroll about 35 percent. The 65 percent who don't attend will be lost to finances, geography, first-choice schools, romances (alas), and other factors. But the students who arrive next September will be eager, smart, and, of course, men and women of uncommon discernment in choosing a college.

STUDENT LIFE

Whitworth junior Michael Chansavang, of Tacoma, recently won the CASE District VIII Multicultural Internship Award after competing for the position against students from Western Canada, Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana and Idaho. I had "Chan" in a leadership class last year, and he'll do a great job.

The third floor of Duvall Hall is almost done. Because of the number of students returning from study-abroad trips and the number of transfer students entering at Jan Term, the residence halls are expected to be nearly full for Jan Term and spring semester.

RESOURCES

Since we'll still be counting gifts postmarked in 2005 for the next week, it's too early to update you on December giving. Contributions are lagging a bit compared to last year, so we hope to see a few end-of-the-year motherlodes arrive in the mail. Thanks so much to those who support our students so faithfully. I'll give you an accurate update next month.

We offer huge thanks to John, '51, and Judy Scotford and their family. The Scotfords donated \$300,000 in December to help us continue our aggressive schedule of campus improvements. John has been so great to Whitworth, both as a wise trustee and as a faithful donor. Frankly, the beauty and usefulness of the west end of campus can be traced back to John's vision and generosity. Later this month I have to be in Florida and look forward to taking John and Judy out to dinner. Such a deal. Give us \$300,000, and get a free dinner. This very special offer is available to everyone forever. Thanks, Scotfords!

Lou Livingston recently donated an additional \$50,000 to the charitable-remainder unitrust that he established with Whitworth in 1979. He must have chuckled back then when they quoted him the favorable interest rate for 78-year-olds. In September I attended his 105th birthday party!

ATHLETICS

The swimming teams competed at the **Husky Invitational, in Federal Way, and the Northwest Invitational, in Portland.** Unfortunately, the meets took place during the same weekend, so the squad had to split into two groups. Competition at the Husky meet was stiff. The Pirates swam against some of the best NCAA Division I and age-group swimmers in the Northwest. On the men's side, freshman Steve Garka established the best sprint times in the Northwest Conference so far this season in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Senior Loren Killgore has the conference's best 400 I.M. time by more than 12 seconds, while fellow senior David Lillard leads the NWC in both the 100 and 200 butterfly. For the women, sophomore Samantha Kephart leads the NWC in every freestyle distance from the 50 through the 500, as well as in both the 100 and 200 butterfly. Whitworth's women have the best medley relay times this year, as well.

The men's basketball team went into Christmas break with a 5-2 record after winning the Whitworth-hosted **St. Vincent de Paul Invitational, in Burlingame, Calif.** The Pirates came back from a 10-point first-half deficit to defeat Cal Lutheran 74-69 in the championship game. Senior Lance Pecht leads the NWC in scoring average at 17.9 points per game. Junior transfer Kevin Hasenfus has become a force inside, averaging 15 points and more than nine rebounds in the two games in California. The Pirates are 1-1 in the conference after a road split at George Fox and Linfield. Whitworth will open 2006 with two more non-conference tournaments in Southern California before returning to NWC play at home on Jan. 6 and 7, against Lewis & Clark and Willamette.

With five new starters this year, women's basketball continues to develop. Nine of the 13 players on the roster are either freshmen or sophomores. Whitworth went to Montana to play a couple of tough NAIA Division I opponents and came away with a hard-fought loss to Montana State-Northern and a nice win over Great Falls to even the women's record at 4-4. Early in December, the Pirates opened NWC play with a couple of tough road losses to highly ranked George Fox and undefeated (at the time) Linfield. Sophomore Holly Ridings is the Pirate leader in scoring, steals and assists. At just 5'6", sophomore Emily Hendrickson leads the team, and ranks fourth in the NWC, in rebounding. Whitworth and Whitman co-hosted the Quality Inn-Whit Classic late last week, and both teams went 2-0 against California schools.

Finally, Whitworth leads the NWC All-Sports Trophy race after the fall sports season. The Pirate teams, defending McIlroy-Lewis Trophy champions, currently hold a five-point lead over Puget Sound in the 2005-06 standings.

ALUMNI

Go to London in 2006! There are still a few spaces remaining for next June's Core 650 theatre program in London with Professor Rick Hornor, '70. If you receive this newsletter, you are one of 20,000 people (pretty select, eh?) who are eligible to enroll as part of the greater Whitworth family. All the details are on the alumni website, at www.whitworth.edu/alumni.

If you attended any of Whitworth's semester-long France Study Programs over the past 30 years, mark your calendar now for **Alumni Family Weekend, June 16-18**, when you are all invited to gather on campus and celebrate with former faculty of the program. More details are on the alumni website, or contact Director of Alumni Tad Wisenor, '89, for more information.

Come yell for the Bucs at our annual Alumni Night in the Fieldhouse on Saturday, Jan. 28. Admission is free for families, and we will have door prizes and a kid-friendly dessert reception after the game. The women play at 6 p.m. and men tip off at 8 o'clock against Linfield.

All members of the Whitworth family are encouraged to join in the festivities as we celebrate our 116th anniversary during **Heritage Week 2006 this February.** I'll kick things off during Convocation on Jan. 31, followed by 11 days of events under the banner of this year's theme, Art at Whitworth. All of the details are available at www.whitworth.edu/heritageweek.

Washington, D.C.,-area alumni are invited to join me for a no-host dinner on **Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the La Tasca Restaurant, 722 7th St. NW, in the Penn Quarter.** If you can attend, please respond on the alumni-events site so we'll know how many to expect. I'm looking forward to seeing you there, having missed a chance to get together last year.

MISCELLANEOUS

If any of you would rather receive the *Mind & Heart* electronically, let us know. Sometimes you get the printed version after a few of the highlighted events have occurred. To keep that from happening, you can get the *M&H* delivered to your e-mail box as soon as I finish writing it. Just visit www.whitworth.edu/mind&heart to specify how you want to receive this newsletter. Thanks.

This has been a great day! I've pretty much been rotting here on this couch since early morning. Watching five football games and dreaming up 2,450 *Mind & Heart* words gave way only to 50 or 60 trips to the kitchen and two brutal games of racquetball with Mr. Shakeman. I'm pretty sure I self-actualized today; I was one with the universe, although I still think the universe is a day late. It's been a nice respite; because when I'm not in Fairyland, world violence is wearing me down. I hit my one-movie-per-year 2005 quota last week when we went to see *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. I loved the book, and I found the film absolutely charming. But during the Lion's battle scenes, I longed to see some peace scenes led by the Lamb. I hope we don't forget "Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you...let not your hearts be troubled." It would be so astonishingly great if historians someday wrote about 2006 as the year when a strange peace descended on hearts and borders and relationships and nations and tribes and you and me. Well, we probably won't be included in anyone's history book, but I hope the peace of Christ is. Again, happy new year, and thank you for your friendship.



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MARCH 2006

Well, I'm back to normal, writing from the thin air and friendly skies of United Airlines. I'm also back to Washington, D.C., for a very short trip. It's Ash Wednesday, and I'm trying to figure out how to find my way to a church in the two hours between landing and my first appointment. I don't go back and reread these newsletters because Terry Mitchell (the college's senior editor, who performs surgery on my monthly too-long drafts) lets me know when I've repeated myself...again. But even I remember writing more than once of the meaning I find in Lent. I just can't help myself, so I appreciate indulgence from Whitworth's great students and friends whose beliefs lie outside of the Christian faith. I often get lost in my work, but during Lent Christ's table seems to have more of a pull than my desk. A couple of months ago in chapel I was mindlessly singing a post-communion hymn when it struck me that absolutely no sweeter taste falls on my tongue than plain bread dipped in grape juice. Strange. I've never desired that at home; at home it's not the body broken, the blood shed. At about the same time, I looked over at our daughter singing. She's been singing since the days of begging me into a thousand verses of the wheels on the stupid bus go round and round and round until I wanted to scream. But on this day, watching her sing a simple hymn of thanksgiving swamped me with emotion. In her countenance I saw all of the best hopes and dreams I've ever had for our children. Soggy bread and a young woman singing – the mundane, transformed by the presence of Christ. May that presence be ever with you in this Lenten season.

ACADEMICS

The spring term began with a luncheon that celebrated faculty scholarship from the past calendar year. A few samples of the peer-reviewed work from 2005: **Laura Bloxham, '69**, (English) review of *The Book of Bebb*, by Frederick Buechner, *Dialog: A Journal of Book Theology* 44:3, 315; **Nancy Bunker** (Library), *Primary Source Collections in the Pacific Northwest: An Historical Researcher's Guide* (Westport, Conn., Libraries Unlimited); **Craig Hinnenkamp** (SGCM), "How Clergy Reconstruct Meaning During and After Professional Crisis," International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Honolulu, Hawaii; **Margie LaShaw** (SGCM), "The Impact of Faith on Ethical Choices in Business," Spokane chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (Margie needs to take a few lessons from Craig on where to present papers); **Todd Sandberg** (Kinesiology), "Current Issues in the Management of Head and Neck Injuries," Northwest Athletic Trainers Association Clinical Symposium, Spokane; **Kamesh Sankaran** (Physics), with E. Y. Choueiri and S. C. Jardin, "Comparison of Simulated Magnetoplasmadynamic Thruster Flowfields to Experimental Measurements," *Journal of Propulsion and Power*, v.21, #1:129-138; **Ann Teberg** (Education), "Student Choices: Ownership and Assessment," College Reading Association Annual Conference, Savannah, Ga.; **Gordon Wilson** (Art), *Space and Spirit: Artistic Interpretations of Sacred Place*, Juried National Exhibition, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.; **Keith Wyma** (Philosophy), "The Thomistic View of Civil Disobedience," Society of Christian Philosophers, Pacific Region Meeting, George Fox University; **John Yoder** (Politics), "Reconstructing Liberian Political Culture: Tentative Suggestions," *Liberian Studies Journal*, 30, 2. For a complete list of 2005 scholarship accomplishments, please see our website: www.whitworth.edu/facultyscholarship. Next month I'll include a few samples from our first-year faculty.

Colleges excel at self-congratulation, so it's nice when the kudos come from others. Larry Braskamp, professor emeritus of education at Loyola University Chicago, just published *Putting Students First: How Colleges Develop Students Purposefully*. The book describes how 10 church-related colleges engage students with excellence. The book highlights many features of Whitworth's academic program, including our commitment to service-learning opportunities, development of faith-learning integration, and student summer-research projects with faculty. The book begins with a quote from Ron Pyle (Communication Studies) who speaks for us all: "I came here to invest in my students."

Keith Beebe (Theology) has been awarded a 2006 Graves Award in the Humanities. This competitive award is given to 10 faculty members from the states of California, Oregon and Washington. In preparation for a book he's working on, Keith will spend the coming summer in Scotland, extending the research he conducted for his doctoral dissertation on the McCulloch Manuscripts. These documents record Scotland's first oral history and provide a fascinating window on the spirituality of laity and clergy in 18th-century Scotland.

In February, the Washington News Council came to campus to host a discussion of media ethics and *The Spokesman-Review's* investigation of former Spokane mayor Jim West. The panel included two journalists, two nationally known specialists in media ethics, the editor from *The Spokesman-Review*, and Whitworth's Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies).

Whitworth will begin offering a master's degree in business administration this fall. Why does the world need another MBA program? Based on our market research, we believe a significant group of people can be served by an intense, rigorous, efficient, high-quality, Christian-based graduate program in business. A fixed curriculum for students who are more into plunging than tiptoeing has been designed by our diverse School of Global Commerce & Management faculty. With their expertise, the program will prepare students to succeed in international as well as domestic contexts. Check out our website for more details.

Our music department continues to rack up honors. Professors Dan Keberle and Brent Edstrom were each asked to present a clinic session at the recent Washington Music Educators Association All-State Conference, where Dan's clinic was titled "Jazz Improvisation, Beyond the Blues Scale," and Brent's was titled "Developing the Ear Within." At this same conference, the Whitworth Wind Symphony gave an outstanding performance at the band-director's banquet, and one of our jazz combos performed admirably at the jazz reception.

Jennifer Holsinger (Sociology) recently defended her dissertation, "Privileged or Deprived? Examining the residential patterns of Arab Americans," at the University of Washington. Congratulations to Dr. Holsinger!

ENROLLMENT

As of March 1, our freshman applications have surpassed 2,600, which represents a 21 percent increase over last year's record number. We are also well ahead in freshman enrollment deposits compared with last year, which is good because the new residence hall (Duvall) allows us to enroll almost 50 more first-year students than last year. Financial-aid awards have been going out to prospective freshmen for several weeks now, and we're very excited about this class.

The first of our two annual Faculty Scholarship Competitions for entering freshmen was held February 19-20. The second will be April 2-3. Overall, 250 prospective freshmen who have been admitted to Whitworth with honors for fall 2006 are competing for our highest academic awards, the Faculty Scholarships.

Recognizing that many Whitworth students have debt related to their education and may need to refine some of their money-management skills, the Northwest Education Loan Association, in conjunction with the financial-aid office, student-accounting services and career services, is sponsoring a financial-literacy program during the spring semester. For more information, visit www.whitworth.edu/financialmatters.

STUDENT LIFE

Parents, if you think you may have heard your student use the word "job," it probably wasn't your imagination. At the end of last month we had a great Career Week, including our annual Connections Dinner, which gives students an opportunity to network with local businesspeople and alumni. There were also workshops dealing with résumé writing, interviewing skills and table etiquette. The week concluded with an internship-and-employer fair downtown, where more than 110 businesses searched for students to hire. February also included the Festival of Shalom, featuring speakers and workshops dealing with peace, social justice and reconciliation issues. Among these educational activities, the students also heard comedians, watched new-release movies, played in hundreds of intramural games, and yelled hard for our athletics teams.

RESOURCES

If it weren't for all of our friends who support Whitworth, we'd be closing up shop right about now. This year Whitworth students celebrated Tuition Freedom Day on March 1. Roughly 70 percent of the way through each academic year we host a gathering to remind our very grateful students that 30 percent of the cost to attend Whitworth is covered by sources beyond tuition. I think this also helps them understand how much we need their support after they graduate.

ATHLETICS

The Bucs' Samantha Kephart broke the NCAA Division III women's record in the 200 butterfly while winning the event at the 2006 Northwest Conference Championships. Her time of 2:01.45 broke the old record of 2:01.84, set in 2001. Kephart's record was part of an amazing performance at the NWC

championships, where she won all three of her events in record time. She was the women's Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet, leading the Pirate women to a third-place team finish. Freshman Brittany Gresset was also a conference winner, taking the 50 freestyle and finishing second in the 100 freestyle. Sam and Brittany have both qualified for the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships March 9-11 at the University of Minnesota.

The Whitworth men's swimming team won its fourth straight NWC title and its fifth in six years, a streak unprecedented in Pirate athletics history. Senior Loren Killgore and sophomore David Dolphay were the Outstanding Men's Swimmers of the Meet; each captured the maximum of three individual titles. Both are likely headed to the men's NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships March 16-18 at the University of Minnesota. Head Coach Steve Schadt was named NWC Men's Coach of the Year in only his third season leading the Pirate swimmers.

The Whitworth men's basketball team finished the regular season with a 10-game winning streak, defeated Willamette for the third time this season in the first round of the NWC playoffs, then lost a tough contest at Puget Sound in the NWC tournament final, coming within one game of making the NCAA Division III tournament. The Pirates finished the year 20-7. Lance Pecht was selected NWC Player of the Year and George Tucker was named to the All-NWC second team.

The Pirate women finished the hoops season with a 13-11 record. It was a solid year for a team with no returning starters from 2005 and with four sophomores in the starting lineup for much of the year. Emily Hendrickson, whose season ended early with an injury, was named All-NWC second team, while Holly Ridings won honorable mention.

The Whitworth baseball team is 3-6 after beginning the season with a tough non-conference schedule. Danny Pecka is Whitworth's leading hitter, and transfer Brandon Zimmerman has been impressive on the mound for the Bucs.

The Pirate softball team is excited to get going under new Head Coach Fuzzy Buckenberger. Senior pitcher Jo Sonnett, who holds virtually every career pitching record in the Whitworth record book with a full season to play, will lead a young squad against the always-challenging Northwest Conference.

The men's tennis team is off to a 3-3 start. Ed Anegon is doing a solid job of playing No.1 singles and has teamed with Ben Works for a 4-0 doubles record so far. Michael Carlson is 4-2 in his six singles matches to date.

The Pirate women's tennis team features strong freshman talent. Jamie Kneese and Linh Aven are playing No. 1 and No. 2 singles for the Pirates this year, and the team should only get better as the season goes along. Whitworth is 3-1; the team's only loss so far came against defending NWC champion Linfield.

Track and field opens its outdoor season this weekend. Kristi Dickey and Brandon Howell were both very strong in their indoor performances and should be strong national-championship qualifiers by the end of the spring.

ALUMNI

Watch for Core 650 events April 29-30 in greater Sacramento and the Bay Area with Scott Kolbo (Art) and Diana Trotter (Theatre). Details will be mailed soon.

Alumni Family Weekend brochures will be in the mail in the next few weeks, and online registration will begin March 15.

Whitworth Theatre will be touring this month, as will the wind symphony and the jazz ensemble. Call 509.777.3280 or visit the "Spotlight" section on our music/theatre websites for information about dates and times.

We hope you local folks will catch the Robert B. McMillen Foundation Artists Exhibit between March 27 and April 21 in our Koehler Gallery. Artists Tom O'Day, Tom Dukich and Michael Horswill will present a lecture March 28 at 7 p.m. in the Robinson Teaching Theatre in Weyerhaeuser Hall, at the end of the opening reception (which begins at 5 p.m.).

You'll also want to see *In Search of Green Pastures*, an exhibit by Nicholas Sironka, a Maasai tribesman from Kenya who has taught as a Fulbright Scholar at Whitworth on a number of occasions. His batik work will be featured in Fine Arts Gallery II March 27-31, and his exhibit will share its opening reception with the McMillen Foundation's. (See details in the previous item.)

Whitworth Theatre will present *Mirror, Mirror: The Body Image Show* on March 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and on March 11 at 2 and 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium (\$5 admission). This play, which the theatre folks will take on the road during Spring Break, was developed by Whitworth students a few years back; it now has a new cast, which has revamped the script, as well. The performance I saw was very moving.

Okay, I'm back up in the air with the south to my left and my spine pointing toward the U.S. of A. Not even getting up at 12:50 a.m. (PST) can douse my adrenaline when I'm headed back to Spokane. I wouldn't blame the gracious Walt Oliver – trustee, friend and last night's host – if he's a bit low on energy after dropping me off at the airport and heading straight to work. Speaking of energy, I just spread a fair number of liquid BTUs evenly across my lap in the form of an entirely full cup of coffee. The good news: it didn't hit my laptop and I'm going home. The bad news: something very wrong could happen when I walk outside into cold air. D.C. is, at once, a big and a small place. On my last trip I met with 25 alumni. Present were two graduates from 2004 who were both runners at Whitworth. Neither realized the other had moved east, or that they had both run recently in the same marathon, or that they lived in the same apartment building! The Bucs are everywhere. Thanks for your part in sending them to Washington, D.C., and for your interest in Whitworthians all over the world.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MAY 2006

Yesterday we wrapped up another academic year with perfect weather, an inspiring Baccalaureate service, and a joyous Commencement ceremony. Today I'm in New Jersey, the weather is lousy, and I'm in meetings all day. But it's all good. Yesterday's students are today's alumni – literally. And they will make this world better. It struck me at Friday night's Senior Commissioning Service that our graduates don't just feel finished; I think they feel "sent." We speak often of educating mind and heart as the core of our mission. But Commencement Weekend exposes the seniors' deep awareness that the prepared mind and full heart rely on active hands and feet. The sending part seems rather mysterious, but Frederick Buechner locates the destination by calling it that place "...where your deep gladness meets the world's deep needs." At Washington State University's Spokane graduation, one of our Whitworth/WSU Intercollegiate Nursing graduates, Jessica Herbes, gave the student speech. Powerfully, she told of how working with HIV/AIDS babies on a Jan Term trip to South Africa awakened her awareness that being a nurse is what she was put on Earth to do. And I guess that's where we pray our students feel sent – to that special place where the mind, heart, hands and feet unite to do what they have been put on Earth to do. For all the ways so many of you have joined us in "sending" these graduates, we are immensely grateful.

ACADEMICS

Our faculty members know that in order to be good teachers they have to be good learners.

- Rich Schatz (School of Global Commerce & Management) received a Fulbright scholarship and will lecture during spring semester 2007 on economic development and international trade and finance at the National University of Timor Leste. "Getting back to Southeast Asia, a part of the world where I lived and worked for many years, will be a wonderful refresher for me and will help me update my teaching in economic development and international trade," Rich says. He will also conduct research on the effects of foreign-aid financed rural-development projects in East Timor.
- A number of faculty members will participate in a "Vocations of the Christian Professor" workshop led by Arlin Migliazzo (History). They'll focus on better understanding the integration of faith and learning in the classroom.
- In another workshop, Karin Heller (Theology) will work with faculty members to explore their general calling as Christians.
- Gordon Watanabe (Education) and Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) will direct a workshop to help faculty develop competence as intercultural advisors as they work with students across cultures.

Our annual Honors Showcase recognized many students for their outstanding work. Students were saluted by academic departments, student life and athletics for their excellent work and service to the campus. The faculty selected Cory Bergman and Jennifer Wild as winners of the Distinguished Collegiate Achievement Award. Megan Crisp, Melissa Hinman, and Teranne McComas were awarded the President's Cup, Whitworth's highest academic award, given to graduating seniors who have maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout their Whitworth careers. What I find remarkable is that the students who won academic awards were also involved deeply in other activities. They really made their time count.

In several outside academic competitions, Whitworth students brought home the hardware, and some cash.

- A team of high-minded Whitworth students took second place at the fourth annual Northwest Regional Ethics Bowl, held April 28-29 at the University of Washington. The winners probably cheated. Just kidding. Actually, it's encouraging to see higher education emphasize ethical decision-making. Whitworth's interdisciplinary ethical-debate team analyzed 12 complex cases, then defended its solutions against teams from UW, WSU, and Cal Poly Pomona. Case topics ranged from Internet restrictions to using genetic screening in the workplace to police sting operations. The team included Lisa Fox, Jeff Hunter, Nicole Remy, Noah Patterson and Amy Bernard. The team's coaches were Mike Ingram (Communication Studies) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy).
- In a similar competition, this time addressing business plans, three members of the Class of 2006 made significant strides in their post-college career plans when they won a first-place prize in the Inland Northwest Regional Business Plan Competition. More than 200 students from Whitworth, Gonzaga, EWU and WSU participated in the competition, and the winning teams received a total of \$42,500 in prize money. In the community-based category, the Whitworth team's business plan, "Summit Applied Technologies, Inc.," placed first. Team members Jonathan Carlson, Jeremiah Brack and Josh Breda won \$7,500 in prize money and a year of rent-free space offered by the Spokane Valley Chamber of Commerce. Two other Whitworth teams placed: Master of International Management Program graduate student Sara Tanzi-Dunham won \$3,500 in a second-place finish in the social-enterprise category, and Anne

Briggs, Jason Colvin, Seth Lowe and Amber Matthai finished third and won \$1,500 in the community-based category.

- For the fourth consecutive year, Whitworth MIM students have joined a select group at the U.N.'s graduate-study program in Geneva, Switzerland. MIM students Lisa Trefts and Sara Tanzi-Dunham (who also excelled in the business-plan competition mentioned above) were selected for academic internships in the 44th Graduate Study Programme. The MIM students are two of 100 graduate students from more than 40 countries who will gather July 3-21 at the Palais des Nations to evaluate and make recommendations on global issues including human rights, the environment and economic development.

ENROLLMENT

I generally use this space to report admissions and enrollment activity, but students, prospective students and the families of both should be aware of very important changes in federal legislation. As of July 1, both Stafford and parent loans will have fixed interest rates, and in-school consolidations will no longer be an option. Previously, these loans have always had variable interest rates and have offered borrowers the option to consolidate federal direct loans while the student remains in school. The new fixed-interest rates will be 6.8 percent for Stafford Loans and 7.9 percent for Parent PLUS Loans. *Be sure to check www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov in time to consolidate before the July 1 deadline.* Students with Perkins Loans may find that it is not in their best interest to include these loans in their federal consolidations. There are certain borrower benefits that will not be honored once the Perkins Loans are consolidated. Perkins borrowers should research these benefits carefully before making a decision. If you have trouble figuring it all out, please call our financial-aid office at 509.777.3215 or 800.533.4668.

STUDENT LIFE

We wrapped up April with ASWC's annual Springfest celebration, which raised \$1,200 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. It's a crazy day, but huge fun. Also finishing off the month was the intramural program's first triathlon, with more than 30 participants, and an outdoor soccer tournament that took advantage of the beautiful spring weather we've been having. Jubilation shared an eclectic performance of dance in the group's spring concert, and the senior class had a packed house for the Senior Coffeehouse and Talent Show. Among a ton of other events that rounded out the year was the Black Student Union's annual soul-food dinner. ASWC, its officers, Assistant Dean of Students Dayna Coleman and the whole student-life staff deserve thanks for a great year. By the way, I don't know exactly what the fall new-student orientation theme will be, but I had my picture taken on a phlegmatic horse. I looked very authentic waving my cowboy hat, wearing glasses and penny loafers.

RESOURCES

Duvall Hall is right on schedule for summer completion. The rooms in this new hall went fast in this year's residence-hall lottery. A year from now we'd love to break ground for the new art building. We still need \$1.7 million, so please send me a note if you know of potential contributors. It's really important to complete this project as soon as possible.

June 30 marks the end of our fiscal year and we're going to need a big finish in order to reach The Whitworth Fund goal, but I think we'll make it. We have \$200,000 in pledges outstanding that will close the gap as they come in. Thank you so much for all you have done and for any additional gifts you are able to make. You can give online at www.whitworth.edu/give or by U.S. mail, or any other way you can think of.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth's softball team earned its first-ever bid to the NCAA championships, receiving an at-large bid after finishing second in the NWC with a 26-12 overall record and a 21-7 Northwest Conference mark. Senior Jo Sonnett was named NWC pitcher of the year, while Heather Case was selected as a first-team All-NWC honoree. While the Pirates dropped two very close games at the regional competition, they also gained valuable experience for the future.

Baseball finished the season tied for fourth in the NWC with a record of 13-11. Starting pitcher Steve Hare was named first-team All-NWC, while fellow starter Brandon Zimmerman became the first Pirate to win eight games in one season since 1992. Senior Todd Phillips was named Academic All-District.

Andrew Parrott was the individual champion as Whitworth's men's golf team won its second straight NWC title. Parrott was joined on the All-NWC team by Jordan Carter, who won the NWC fall and spring classics. Warren Friedrichs was named NWC Men's Golf Coach of the Year for the second straight time, to go along with his four previous NWC Men's Basketball Coach of the Year awards.

Several Whitworth track-and field athletes are aiming to qualify for the NCAA Division III outdoor championships May 25-27 at Benedictine University, in Illinois. Brandon Howell and Derrick Dewindt have provisional marks in the 800 and hammer throw, respectively. Kristi Dickey has one of the country's top times in the 10,000 and also hopes to qualify in the 5,000. Angela Florence has provisionally qualified in the javelin, while Sarah Marken has a provisional score in the heptathlon.

At the senior honors forum, Jo Sonnett (softball), Loren Killgore (men's swimming) and Lance Pecht (men's basketball) were named Senior Athletes of the Year. All-Americans Natalie Danielson (volleyball) and Todd Sabrowski (men's soccer) were the recipients of the Dennis Spurlock Memorial Awards.

ALUMNI

Alumni Family Weekend (June 16-18) is fast approaching. If you get this by snail mail, the list of registered attendees will be up on the website, and early registration pricing is good until May 25. There are still plenty of rooms available in Boppell Hall. All of the details and online registration can be found at www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend.

Online registration is now available for Core 650 events with Jim Edwards, '67, (Theology) in Alaska. Events take place on Saturday, June 24 (2-4 p.m. at Juneau's Chapel by the Lake) and Sunday, June 25 (2-4 p.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, in Anchorage). Details are on the alumni-events webpage. Jim will be speaking on the intersection of Christianity and Islam, and he will be joined by Alumni Director Tad Wisenor, '89.

Last Jan Term, the Article and Feature-Writing course taught by Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) interviewed recent Whitworth graduates on the theme of transitions, then wrote up their stories. Read about our young alums at www.whitworth.edu/transitions.

MISCELLANEOUS

We're excited about our Whitworth Summer Jazz Camp, June 25-29. Intended for high-school students, it's an intensive five-day camp that focuses on jazz in both big-band and combo settings, and also includes classes in jazz history, jazz theory, and technical issues with each instrument. Faculty members include Whitworth full-time and adjunct jazz professors, plus several highly talented jazz students. Information can be found at www.whitworth.edu/jazzcamp.

I just found out that our fall main-stage production will be *Pirates of Penzance*. I love this Gilbert and Sullivan show! Rick Hornor, '70, (Theatre) will direct the play, which will be presented Oct. 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21.

We only have a few spaces left for this year's Whitworth Institute of Ministry, July 10-14. The theme is *Proclaiming Christ in a Pluralistic World*. Institute speakers include F Dale Bruner (former Whitworth professor and non-resident legend), Mark Labberton (First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley), Iain Torrance (Princeton Theological Seminary), Leanne Van Dyk (Western Seminary), and Whitworth's own James Edwards, Jerry Sittser, Ron Pyle – and me. You can register online at www.whitworth.edu/wim or by phone at 509.777.4345.

Life moves quickly. This was my 20th year as a college president and my 13th at Whitworth. Living where you work for 20 years can wear you down, but it's also big fun. On the Saturday before finals, I was scheduled to cook breakfast at our house for six students. It was an auction item, or a prize, or a punishment or something. Whenever I do this kind of thing, Bonnie withholds a certain measure of warmth until she is safely on the other side of my idea. So I woke up to a bit of her attitude, which I expect and I have earned. At 9:25, five students were on the doorstep with their appetites. I had the griddle going, bacon was on the move, eggs were poised for scrambling and donut holes kindled the raging appetites. My only screw-up was forgetting the instant pancake mix. Graciously, Bonnie climbed off her piano bench to whip up some batter. Given my history, I was still doing well. Curiously, at 9:30, the doorbell rang again. A second group – all guys, large guys – were there to collect on whatever they'd won or bought. Evidently, I gave this breakfast thing to two groups. As I prepared what we had, I remembered the feeding of the 5,000 and prayed that my bacon and eggs would be multiplied. While I was busy praying and the Lord was busy not answering my prayer, Bonnie was busy going to the grocery store. It all turned out well, with an abundance of food and laughter. In a matter of mere days I was out of the doghouse and planning my next mistake. I wrap up my 20th year with this "day in the life" simply to express the joy and blessing I feel living in the Whitworth community, being married to Bonnie, and knowing the peace and presence of Christ. I hope you have a great summer.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

NOVEMBER 2006

Our combination board meeting/Parents' Weekend/Homecoming extravaganza turned out great. One of the highlights was the dedication of Duvall Hall, with Fenton Duvall present. The festivities culminated when Fenton, at age 93, stood to address an overflowing room of students, staff, faculty, former students and his whole family. He left us absolutely breathless. After expressing his gratitude (calling upon his astonishing memory to mention dozens of folks by name), he challenged our students with compassion, power and the authority of his years to a deep spirit of humility as they pursue their disciplines, follow Christ and serve humanity. As he sat down, I thought about the old Nike commercial, "I want to be like Mike" – because not one of us in Duvall Hall cared about being like Mike. We all wanted to be like Fenton Duvall. And I would bet that all of his former students there to celebrate had that same thought 30 or 40 years ago. Fenton changed their lives. Earlier this week Bonnie played a recital at the Wesley Gardens Retirement Village, where she was hosted by Clem and Koreyne Simpson. As contemporaries and soulmates, Clem and Fenton founded our Core Program. And everything I just said about Fenton could be said of Clem. Thirty years from now, Fenton and Clem will happen again. Our current students will come back for Parents' Weekend to see their kids and clean out their wallets. And they will love hearing from old teachers who will still inspire them, just as they are inspiring them today. Fenton and Clem live on.

ACADEMICS

On Faculty Development Day, which fell on Friday of our four-day Fall Break Weekend, faculty studied institutional research on student engagement. Quite understandably, their discussions took place while most of our students were deeply engaged with their pillows. Faculty members also saw our Act Six students perform a reader's theatre piece and heard them discuss their own experiences with faculty-student engagement.

November brings great guests to campus

- On Nov. 9, 7 p.m., Jyl Hall, manager of Acting on AIDS, from the World Vision College Advocacy Program, presents "Global AIDS: What is God's heart for orphans and widows in their distress?"
- Grammy Award-winning jazz trombonist Robin Eubanks, who has collaborated with the Rolling Stones, Talking Heads, Art Blakey and Barbra Streisand, will perform in concert with the award-winning Whitworth Jazz Ensemble at 8 p.m. on Nov. 11 in Cowles Auditorium. "As a trombone player, Eubanks is known for his unparalleled technique and his ability to play anything he hears – the highest notes, the lowest notes; fast, slow, pretty, angry," says Dan Keberle (Music), director of the jazz ensemble.
- On Nov. 13 at 7 p.m., Tom Schaaf, '79, assistant district medical director of Group Health Cooperative, will deliver the 2006 Science & Society Lecture. He will examine the need for science literacy in his address, "The Color Purple: Why TV Drug Ads Should Give You Heartburn."
- David Brodeur, an associate professor of graphic design at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, creates images that stimulate discussion about social and political issues. Brodeur's works will be featured in an exhibit, *Lubricating the War Machine*, Nov. 7-Dec. 8 in the Koehler Gallery.

Congratulations to Finn Pond (Biology) and Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry) for the grant they received from LI-COR Biosciences toward the purchase of a DNA sequencer. The chemistry department also received a grant from the Murdock Trust that will provide start-up funds (to be matched) for Drew Budner's lab and courses. The Murdock folks are so smart. They established this program out of the recognition that new science professors need research dollars but have not had the time to write and receive grants. It's perfect.

Governor Christine Gregoire appointed Kyle Usrey (School of Global Commerce & Management) to the Washington State Executive Ethics Board. Kyle is the only citizen-at-large member on the five-person board, which is responsible for seeing that state agencies comply with the Washington State Ethics in Public Service Act. Kyle's background of domestic and international consulting on ethics positions him well to make strong contributions on this board.

This fall's 28 courses that include a service-learning component will have 500 students contributing a total of 10,000 hours to 30 organizations. Additionally, hundreds of students volunteer for service projects that are not a part of academic courses. They volunteer because they care.

November is a great month for instruments at Whitworth. In addition to the annual jazz concert, watch for these events:

- The Whitworth Wind Symphony, recently chosen to perform at the 2007 Northwest Division Conference of the Music Educators National Conference, in Portland, will present its fall concert, *Escapes*, on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 3 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. This group plays with such beauty and power.
- Also, the newly formed Whitworth Concert Band will perform its first concert on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the HUB Multipurpose Room. The band will be joined by Whitworth Jazz Ensemble 2. (This fall, more than 100 Whitworth students are playing in our campus bands and orchestras!)

We're getting great feedback on our new MBA program. Its modular structure accommodates those who want to take the Baptist schedule (total immersion over 12 months) or the Presbyterian schedule (more of a sprinkling, over 24 months). Students report that they wish they had known what they learned in Craig Hinnekkamp's Organizational Behavior class before they went into business.

As Whitworth's 2006 Endowed English Reader, author Mary Doria Russell presented a lecture, "A Thread of Grace: Christians and Jews in Nazi-Occupied Italy," and read from her best-selling novels, including selections from her upcoming book. After Russell's first two award-winning books, *The Sparrow* (1996) and *Children of God* (1998), her third novel, *A Thread of Grace*, was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and is now available in paperback. In *A Thread of Grace* Russell delves into the story of the Jewish underground in Genoa during the Nazi occupation of Italy.

ENROLLMENT

We're well ahead of last year's record-setting pace for applications. If you know students interested in Whitworth, urge them to get their applications in.

STUDENT LIFE

October was wild. More than 800 parents came to campus for the monster Parents' Weekend/Homecoming festivities. *The Pirates of Penzance*, produced by Whitworth Theatre and performed stunningly by our students, had a few twists that would have surprised Gilbert and Sullivan, but they were pretty hilarious. Perfect weather warmed a record Pine Bowl crowd as the Pirates won big on the field. Also, I hear that the students enjoyed the Homecoming Dance after parents went back to their hotel rooms and passed out. As usual, parents transferred considerable funds to the restaurants throughout the Spokane-Coeur d'Alene area, much to the students' enjoyment. And Sunday-morning worship, followed by brunch, ended a wonderful weekend well. There were a ton of other activities – too many to list – but among the most meaningful events of the month was the Colleges Against Cancer Club's recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, in which Whitworth students, faculty and staff lined the sidewalks with small banners bearing the names of loved ones touched by breast cancer. Please pray for those in our community and beyond who now battle this disease.

RESOURCES

I think there must be some cosmic reason for Thanksgiving falling right about the time people consider their year-end gifts. Many of you support Whitworth because you are thankful for the mission and impact of this school. And we certainly thank God for the support you provide that enables Whitworth's excellence. Each year, during this season of thanksgiving, I use the M&H to thank you for supporting Whitworth – particularly our unrestricted Whitworth Fund. We also attach an envelope to this issue in hopes that you will support the fund again this year. Sometimes we receive gifts designated "for the president's discretion." I only use my "discretionary fund" for one thing – individual students in financial crisis. The financial-aid office and I refer to it as our "Come to the Rescue Fund." Frankly, The Whitworth Fund does the same thing, although in a more general way. Our ability to meet students' financial need relies immensely on The Whitworth Fund and on endowed scholarships, of which we have too few. So it is with no hesitation or reservation that we ask you to support our students through a gift to The Whitworth Fund. You can use this envelope, or you can go to our website and give online: www.whitworth.edu/give. Thanks so much. You're investing in the future of our world. (By the way, we just heard that Westmont College is receiving a \$75 million gift. They're a great Christian school and we're delighted for them!)

We've been fighting for legislation that has finally materialized, and it's great! The Pension Protection Act of 2006 enables you to give from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) without paying taxes on the withdrawal. If you are

older than 70 years six months, you can make a gift in 2006 and 2007 – up to \$100,000 each year – to Whitworth (and to other charities). If you want to know more about this, please contact The Whitworth Foundation by phone at 509.777.4362 or 800.532.4668 or by e-mail at foundation@whitworth.edu. We all owe special thanks to Whitworth Trustee Art Symons, who has been stumping for this for years with every lawmaker who would listen...and some who wouldn't.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth football is having its best season in 45 years. Already 8-0 and ranked 10th in the NCAA Division III polls, the Pirates will end the regular season by taking on their two toughest NWC opponents: Linfield and Puget Sound. (*Late bulletin:* The Bucs beat Linfield 17-14. 9-0!) The Whitworth defense has been stifling, allowing fewer than 10 points per game. Jay Tully, Ryan Marshall and Casey Clifton are having all-star seasons, but everyone has played well. Joel Clark and Michael Allan have broken long-standing career records this year. Clark, who currently has 62 career touchdown passes, broke Denny Spurlock's record of 57. And Allan broke Sam Adams' career touchdown reception record of 24. He now has 27.

The men's soccer team ended its season this week against Whitman. The Pirates had another good year and ended up 10-5-3 overall and 9-3-2 NWC, but they came up just short in their attempt to win a third straight NWC title. Niko Varlamos, Ali Seyedali, Chris Johnson, Sean Lambrecht, Adam Loeffler, Tucker Hopp and Kevin Bostock are seniors who put together stellar careers as Pirates. Over the course of their four seasons, the Bucs' overall record is 57-15-6; their conference record is 43-8-5.

The women's soccer team also ended a very good season this weekend. The Pirates finished at 12-4-2 overall and 10-4-1. They have played competitively with the top teams in the region, like UPS, UC Santa Cruz and Willamette. Meghan Johnson, Katy Jones and Nicole Starkey will be missed as key senior leaders on this year's team, but they have built a foundation that next year's players just may parlay into a championship.

The volleyball team went through a rebuilding effort this season and is now looking to the future. Angie Florence, Tamra Stark and Nicole Vander Meulen conclude their careers having been a part of one of the greatest stretches in Whitworth volleyball history, including 2005's run to the regional final. The Pirates finished at 7-19 overall, but they really improved in conference play.

The Whitworth cross-country teams both finished fifth at the Northwest Conference championship meet. Julie Lauterbach, the only senior on the women's team, finished third individually to earn All-NWC honors for the second straight season. Jo E. Mayer finished 21st, and Andrea Carnahan was 30th. The leading men were Jacob Deitz, finishing 19th, and Jeff Grassley and Dusty Caseria, in 24th and 27th places. The season will continue at the NCAA West Region championships on Nov. 11, where berths to the NCAA championships will be determined.

The swimming teams are off to a good start, dominating the season-opening meets in Oregon. The Pirate men's and women's teams raced to victories in both the NWC Sprint Pentathlon at L&C and the NWC relay meet at Linfield.

ALUMNI

There's still time to sign up for Professor of Biology Craig Tsuchida's Core 650 presentation, "Christian Evolutionist: An Oxymoron?," on Nov. 18 in Vancouver, Wash., and Nov. 19 in Seattle. The alumni office has all the details, and online registration is available at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

From the George F. Whitworth Dinner to a picnic lunch where 1,700 were served and a football game that welcomed a crowd of nearly 4,000 people, Homecoming/Parents' Weekend was a roaring success. I already mentioned the great time we had with Fenton Duvall and his family, as well as the fun we had at Whitworth Theatre's *Pirates of Penzance*. Our alumni and student-life offices did a great job of pulling this chock-full weekend together.

MISCELLANEOUS

Just a reminder: If you receive this M&H in time, be sure to attend the fall jazz concert with Grammy-winning trombonist Robin Eubanks and the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble. As I promised last month, they'll blow the roof off the joint Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. Get our tickets through TicketsWest or the Whitworth Music Office (509.777.3280), or at the door.

And come December, you won't want to miss our Christmas Festival Concerts, *From Out of Darkness, We Have Light:* Dec. 1, 8 p.m., Chapel Hill Presbyterian, Gig Harbor; Dec. 2, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian, Bellevue; Dec. 3, 3 p.m., First Presbyterian, Seattle; Dec. 8, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian, Spokane; Dec. 9, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., First Presbyterian, Spokane. Tickets are now on sale. Call 800.532.4668 for information.

Tonight I traded e-mails with a friend of mine, a Whitworth dad. I mentioned how we try to help our students hear God's voice in their gifts and passions. Following that voice, which we call vocation, enables us to live in the sweet space where our abilities intersect with what we love and what the world needs. I was reminded at a volleyball match last Friday how the need for career clarity hits different people at different times. I was sitting with a friend as her 3-year-old raced around with another kid the same age. In a split second while they came to rest behind us, one kid asked the other, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" A puzzled look crossed his face as the boy declared, "I don't know what I want to be when I grow up, I just know what I want to be for Halloween." We set hopes a bit higher than that for our students. And sometimes we have the thrill of being with them when they hear the voice. May the peace of God that passes all understanding be yours in this season of thanksgiving.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

OCTOBER 2006

Last Saturday took the prize. Warm sunshine, dazzling fall colors and lush green grass adorned the campus as several thousand visitors saw women's soccer, men's soccer and football grind out hard-fought victories. Not only that, but I celebrated my birthday with a group of students in the morning, and then again in the late afternoon with more students and co-birthday man Grady Lockyear, '09, and then again with my family in the evening. A three-party day. On top of that, I got exactly the presents I asked for – a new tire pump and ice-cream pie. Life is sweet. Two days earlier I thought I'd gotten the mother of all birthday presents when V.P. for Institutional Advancement Kristi Burns reported that she'd received a call saying we'd been left a nine-figure gift in an estate. Kristi was suspicious, and rightly so. Someone was jacking us around. Aesop's sour-grapes fable inspires us to rationalize that \$100 million might have changed us. I'd chance that. I know I wouldn't be in an airport right now if that call had been the real deal. But I'm pretty sure Whitworth wouldn't change. I got more than a dozen e-mails last week from students and parents who wanted to express appreciation for the way this community cares for students. That will never change. It's who we are. We attract young men and women of uncommon intellect and virtue, and we do care for them. Most of all we educate them. That is our first calling. But we educate through relationships, and that brings joy to students and us alike. Please remember, you make that possible. Without you, we couldn't reach the high goals we set for ourselves as Christian educators. So thank you very much for your support and for your prayers. You're great partners.

ACADEMICS

We're upgrading Core 350 again. Pete Tucker (Computer Science), Jim Waller (Psychology) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy) received a grant to redesign part of the Core 350 curriculum to allow more active learning and prepare more science and math faculty to join the teaching team. This \$3,000 grant is funded by the National Science Foundation through a grant to the National Center for Science and Civic Engagement. The program promotes active methods of teaching science based upon societal issues and civic engagement and responsibility.

I hope I never hear the phrase, "I'm going to go curl up with a good computer." Books are the best, and our children need to be able to read them. To that end, citizenship and teaching opportunities for our students come together in this week's opening of the Whitworth School of Education's After-School Literacy Center. Its focus will be on reading and language arts, using Direct Instruction curriculum materials and positive motivation systems. Also under the heading of contributions from our superb education program is the keynote speech that Margo Long presented Oct. 2 at the Washington State Certification Conference, in Lake Chelan.

If you're coming to Homecoming or Parents' Weekend, be sure you attend our theatre and music departments' production of *The Pirates of Penzance* on Oct. 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21. The director, Professor of Theatre Rick Hornor, '70, says, "We chose *Pirates* because it has a great cast of hilariously funny and unique characters, and the music is spectacular." This marks the first time Whitworth has done a Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. Marc A. Hafso, director of choral activities and vocal studies, will coach the singers, and Suzanne Oster-smith, coordinator of our theatre-dance minor, will choreograph the production. It will be a great show! (Call 509.777.3707 to purchase tickets.)

Regional newspapers continue to print the contributions of our faculty to the public political discourse. On Sept. 23, Spokane's *Spokesman-Review* published "Political Power in Our Hands, Not the Media's" by Jim McPherson (Communication Studies) and on Sept. 6 the *Seattle Times* published "Don't Let Interest Groups Influence Judicial Choices," by Julia Stronks (Political Science).

Both the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble and the Whitworth Wind Symphony were selected to perform at the 2007 Music Educators All-Northwest Conference in Portland next January. This is a great honor for Whitworth's fine student instrumentalists, as every college and university group throughout the Northwest is eligible to compete for an invitation to this conference.

Our 2006 Endowed English Reader is Mary Doria Russell, best-selling author of *The Sparrow*, an original and thought-provoking novel that we've used in Core 150. She will present a lecture (Nov. 2) and a reading (Nov. 3) from her latest book, *A Thread of Grace*. Both events are scheduled for 7:30 in Weyerhaeuser Hall. Spokane-area alumni and friends should note that the dates of the reading and lecture have changed from those listed in the Whitworth Speakers and Artists brochure you received in the mail last month.

ENROLLMENT

Our fall enrollment looks very strong. At 1,855, we have the largest full-time student enrollment ever, which puts us right on plan. Our retention rate (freshman-to-sophomore return percentage) is a hair under 89 percent, almost 20 percent above the national norm. Our freshmen bring an average GPA of 3.67 and an SAT score mean that's off six points this year (from 1204 last year to 1198). Total enrollment is 2,504.

The financial-aid office reports that the college now has an all-time low Stafford Loan default rate of .1 percent. The staff attributes the low default rate to responsible Whitworth alums and to the college's dedication to educating our students on loan-repayment options and fiscal-management-education

opportunities. Our staff does a great job of educating students in debt management, but it would be way better if students didn't have to accumulate so much debt – which is another reason why it would be nice to get an authentic \$100-million phone call.

STUDENT LIFE

Student life has been rocking! Comediennes and Northwest bands have entertained students at Half-Past Nine (that's not just the time; it's the name of the program) on Thursday nights in the HUB. Our new coffeehouse, The Mind & Hearth, is unbelievably cool. On Friday evenings it retros back to the '60s, with students performing their original writings, music and poetry. Leonard Oakland (English) was recently spotted in there channeling Bob Dylan singing *Just like a Woman* (or something). As usual, hundreds of students are involved in intramurals, and last weekend Caitlin Storm, '09, carried her big brother, Colin, '07, to the doubles championship of our intramural tennis tournament. Outdoor rec went white-water rafting last weekend in Montana, and, overall, students just enjoyed college life.

In the midst of these good days, we still find ourselves battling culture's ugliness. In the past few weeks, more than 20 of our students have received obscene phone calls from off campus. The sheriff's department has arrested a suspect, who, according to our records, has never been an employee or student of the college. Every tragic news story underscores the vigilance and good fortune required to keep our campus secure. We must lean toward caution over convenience, so residence halls will remain locked around the clock.

Over 600 faculty, staff and students participated in Whitworth's annual Community Building Day Sept. 26. Buses carried volunteers to 32 locations around Spokane, where teams worked at a variety of jobs such as cleaning the Boys' and Girls' Club, washing windows at Catholic Charities and cutting tree branches at Riverside State Park. Whitworth Service-Learning Program Assistant Jacob Spaun, '03, says the day "helps students better understand service and perhaps capture a larger picture of their majors." I received an e-mail from one student who reported, "I just wanted to tell you that I had an awesome time at Community Building Day, and the RAs from Ballard and Schumacher are planning to get the dorms to go help more at the sites we visited. I really think that individuals and groups who care are what hold up cities. You can't get a system to do that."

RESOURCES

You folks are amazing! It has been only a few weeks that our new phonathoners have been dialing alumni (do you think they know what dialing means?), and after just eight nights of calls from these high-achieving students, you've made gifts and pledges of more than \$50,000. They're great and you're great. If you haven't heard from our students, you probably will. They love talking to you about what they are experiencing here at Whitworth and asking for your support. Thank you for taking the time to listen.

The Whitworth Foundation has received an unusual gift. Randy and Evie Hansen donated a \$500,000 commercial fishing vessel to a charitable remainder trust that will provide them income for the rest of their lives and will ultimately benefit the students of the college. Randy once served as skipper for the immaculate boat, which was built by his family. Evie is the author of cookbooks about low-fat, heart-healthy seafood dishes. And the Hansens are the proud parents of Mickie, Class of 2009.

ATHLETICS

At a special 8:30 HUB breakfast on Oct. 14, during Homecoming Weekend, one of Whitworth's greatest teams and one of its all-time finest hoopsters will

be inducted into the Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame. The 1960 football team, which went 9-0 and played in the NAIA semifinals, will be inducted as a group. No fewer than seven members of that group, including Head Coach Sam Adams, have already been inducted as individuals. Marv Adams, the fifth-leading scorer in men's basketball history, will also be inducted. This three-time first-team All-Evergreen Conference player led the league in scoring two years in a row.

Whitworth football is celebrating its 100th year with one of its best starts ever. The Pirates are 4-0 and ranked 14th in the latest D3football.com poll. Whitworth has won tough, coming from behind at Wisconsin-Stout against a team with an offensive line that averaged 6' 4" and 304 pounds. The Bucs then defeated NAIA powerhouse Azusa Pacific 17-14, becoming the first NWC team ever to defeat the Cougars. Senior quarterback Joel Clark has already broken some long-standing career records, including total offense and career touchdown passes. Michael Allan is being scouted by several NFL teams and needs only one more touchdown catch to break the career record of 24, set by Hall of Famer Sam Adams way back in 1951. And I need only one more last-minute win before I start packing a defibrillator for these games.

Football alums, coaches and fans will celebrate the 100 years of Pirate football with a reunion during Homecoming Weekend. Many former coaches will return, along with players from throughout Whitworth football history. This should be a great time of fellowship and revisionist history.

The women's soccer team is 6-1-2 and ranked 25th in the latest NSCAA Division III poll. Greta Thibodeau, who scored the tying goal in the Bucs' 1-1 draw with nationally ranked UPS, has sparked the Pirates offensively with five goals and three assists. Sarah Brogden-Thome and Kimberly Mitchell have anchored a defensive back line that's allowing only seven shots per game.

Men's soccer is 4-3-3 and 3-1-2 in the conference. The Pirates are in the thick of the battle for the NWC title, aiming for their third in a row. Seniors Ali Seyedali and Niko Varlamos lead the team with three goals each. Varlamos is now Whitworth's all-time leader in goals scored, with 35; Seyedali ranks second all time with 27 assists.

The young volleyball squad is still trying to put the pieces together. Though the players find their overall record (3-13) a bit disappointing, the team is playing better since beginning its NWC schedule (2-4). Angie Florence leads Whitworth in kills per game, averaging more than three. Tamra Stark leads the Bucs in blocks, and Holly Ridings has taken over primary setting responsibilities.

The cross-country teams have shown that they know how to win. Led by junior Julie Lauterbach, the women won the Whitworth Short Course Classic. Lauterbach won the two-mile race to lead the Bucs to the team title over Gonzaga and Community Colleges of Spokane. Freshman Jo E. Mayer was third at the Whitworth race and has quickly developed into a threat for the Pirates. The men opened the season with a team victory at the Whitman College Invitational. Jacob Dietz won that race, and Dusty Caseria was the Pirates' top finisher at both the Whitworth short-course meet and the U.W. Sundodger Invitational.

ALUMNI

Alums, parents and friends are invited to join Craig Tsuchida (Biology) for a lecture, "Christian Evolutionist: An Oxymoron?," at Core 650 events Nov. 18 (Vancouver) and Nov. 19 (Seattle). The Q&A alone may well be worth the price of admission! Director of Communications Greg Orwig, '91, and Alumni Director Tad Wisenor, '89, will be on hand to answer questions about the college. And, of course, there will be dessert. Brochures will be in the mail soon; details, as well as online registration, are available at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

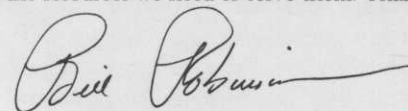
Alumni and parents: Here's your annual opportunity to combine a delicious dessert with sweet jazz. On Nov. 11, the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble will perform with Grammy-winning trombonist Robin Eubanks. The evening begins at 6:45, and tickets are only \$15 for dessert and a reserved seat for the concert; register at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

MISCELLANEOUS

Don't forget the fall jazz concert (mentioned above) with Grammy-winning trombonist Robin Eubanks and our award-winning Whitworth Jazz Ensemble. We hope to see you here when Eubanks and the band blow the roof off the joint on Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 (or \$5 for students, sponsored by ASWC) through TicketsWest or the Whitworth Music Office (509.777.3280), or at the door.

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About the time I begin to decompose over the challenge of finding funds for our deeply needed capital projects, I get fresh perspective. I read this morning about a four-year-old who dumped a half-can of raisins into his yogurt. When his mom started to scoop some out, he exclaimed, "Don't take my raisins - you're ruining my life!" I hear you, kid. We could use a few more raisins here. Every day I send myself a mixed message: We need capital funds desperately, and money isn't even close to being our most valuable resource. Well, I do know that we're doing our best to provide a great place for students to receive a mind-and-heart education. As a boy, I memorized the verse in Philippians that says, "My God shall supply all of your needs according to his riches in glory." That's a pretty big "according to," coming from a very loving God. Please keep praying for our students and for the resources we need to serve them. Thanks.



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SEPTEMBER 2006

While on a run this morning, I mentally composed an opening paragraph about our school-year launch. I just decomposed it. Because today we hosted our 14th backyard picnic for our facilities staff. You can't walk on this campus and not be impressed with the pride they take in their work. The first year we held the picnic, it was to say thanks for all they had done to get our campus house ready for us. Being new, I asked them for suggestions about how to make Whitworth a better place. They had great ideas, so I've been asking them ever since. It was very cool to hear V.P. for Business Affairs Tom Johnson and Facilities Director Ed Kelly kick off the picnic with reports on suggestions from last year that were implemented. I'll say more under "Student Life" about the rush of energy and excitement that accompanied the arrival and return of our students, but I want my first words this year to be ones of gratitude to a group that doesn't hear "Thank you!" enough. And thanks to all of you parents who busted your backs last Saturday moving in a record amount of stuff belonging to a record number of new students. Speaking of moving, I noticed that many of you weren't moving too quickly on Sunday. The aches are worth it. Your students love your help, your support, your prayers, your calls and your wallet. It's all good.

ACADEMICS

We begin this year with a couple academic changes:

- All new students this year were assigned Tracy Kidder's *Mountains Beyond Mountains* as summer reading. The book chronicles the life of Paul Farmer, a professor of medicine at Harvard. As a young, raw-boned kid, Farmer graduated from college and worked in the central plateau of Haiti, probably the most impoverished and disease-ridden nation in the Western Hemisphere. After seeing what Haiti and other developing nations are up against in terms of healthcare, he decided to try to change the way the world in general and the United Nations in particular think about infectious disease and poverty. So, after graduating from Harvard Medical School while simultaneously earning a Ph.D. in Harvard's anthropology program, he began work in impoverished regions that has saved countless lives. All of our freshman discussion groups will examine human responsibility through Kidder's recounting of Farmer's extraordinary and complex life.
- We have added to our teaching ranks the categories of lecturer and senior lecturer. These folks carry a teaching load of between 13 and 24 credits during the academic year (fall semester, Jan Term, and spring semester), and their appointments, though not continuing contracts, are renewable at the discretion of the college. Our purpose in establishing these positions is to secure the quality and stability of our valuable part-time teachers who vary their involvement on the basis of our need. Both they and we are helped by this arrangement.

Our faculty members enjoyed active summers. Here are a few highlights:

- Hans Bynagle (Library) completed the third edition of his book *Philosophy: A Guide to the Reference Literature*.
- Jim McPherson (Communication Studies) completed his book *Journalism at the End of the American Century, 1965-Present* and is now on sabbatical researching another book about media history.
- Kyle Usrey (School of Global Commerce & Management) published an article about trade with China and Africa in the *Financial Times* of London. Very supportive feedback has poured in from around the world. He also received a two-year continuation grant from the Herbert B. Jones Foundation for the SGCM's program on entrepreneurship and microenterprise development.

We welcome four new tenure-track faculty members to campus. Dinorah Scott (Modern Languages/Spanish), Brooke Kiener, '99 (Theatre), Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science), and Drew Budner (Chemistry) all join us with great credentials and enthusiasm.

During the summer I received a great e-mail from Jordan Sand, '06, in which he reported winning a graduate-school scholarship from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. This is one of the big kahunas, the scholarships every graduate student is after: \$50,000 per year for up to six years. More than 1,100 applicants sought these awards, and only 77 students were chosen to receive them. Jordan will use the scholarship money to earn an M.D. at the University of Washington School of Medicine. What's great about Jordan is his first reaction to the scholarship: He was excited that the freedom from medical-school debt will enable him to practice medicine in underserved communities.

Scholarships help our graduates work on behalf of the underserved, and the Bonner Leader Program allows current student leaders to immerse themselves in service now. This cohort-based program has seen more than 60 students participate in service-learning and leadership development in Spokane and beyond. Last May, it provided support for seven Whitworth students who went to New Orleans to assist in hurricane-related cleanup projects. Keith Kelley provides excellent leadership for this program.

Whitworth is again in the top five in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of 123 regional universities in the West. We tied for No. 5 on the list of best colleges, and we stand at No. 3 on the list of best values. Increased selectivity (thanks to a 141 percent increase in freshman applications since fall 2000), SAT score averages that exceeded 1,200, and retention and graduation rates that are way above national averages contributed to the high rankings. Now that I've bragged about this, I have to admit my skepticism over these lists. It's ridiculous to claim that this ranking proves we're a better school than one ranked below us. "Better" can't be defined in the absence of individual student needs. What I do know is that we are very clear about our mission, and we accomplish it with a deep commitment to excellence. I also know that rankings sell magazines.

To mark Constitution Day 2006, the Whitworth Communication Studies Department will inaugurate its newly established Alfred O. Gray Freedom of Expression Fund by presenting a lecture by David Mindich, a former CNN assignment editor and current professor of journalism at Vermont's St. Michael's College. Mindich will address the challenge to democracy and Constitutional protections presented by civic disengagement. The Gray Fund is named for the late Al Gray, Whitworth's first professor of journalism, who received national recognition in 1979 for championing free expression and student journalism on campus.

Our campus is all ready for our new students, and extensive academic preparations preceded student arrivals. Everything comes together each year at the faculty-staff picnic, a week before classes begin. At this year's event we visited the new Duvall Hall following V. P. for Student Life Kathy Storm's poignant (and funny) tribute to Fenton Duvall. On Thursday evening a faculty barbecue preceded a gathering in the chapel, where new faculty were introduced (with a little roasting) and commissioned. V. P. for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty Michael Le Roy, '89, urged us to "accompany" our students in their scholarly pursuits, and we all celebrated our Lord's supper. On Friday, the faculty gathered at Camp Spalding to focus on strengthening community. This was particularly interesting for me, because I had been invited to speak on this topic at Wheaton College's faculty retreat, and then at Whitworth's. It's a lot easier traveling 1,500 miles to tell folks how to build community when they don't have to live with your inconsistencies; but it's a lot richer talking with people who have contributed so deeply to your own life in community. Three of us demonstrated what community really means later that night when, in an outdoor pickup basketball game, poor Lyle Cochrane (Math) ruptured his Achilles tendon, and Helen Higgs (Athletics), Scott Kolbo (Art) and I made the noble decision not to pick up the ball and score while Lyle rolled around clutching his leg. His surgery went well, and he'll be teaching from a sitting position this week. Lyle has maintained a great attitude through this, although he lost a little color when Coach Higgs was attending to him and pulled out a roll of duct tape. (True story.)

ENROLLMENT

We don't have our tenth-day numbers yet, but we know we have more students than we've ever had before. I'll give a full report in October. We do know that students have arrived from France, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Chile, Honduras, Uzbekistan, and Thailand.

STUDENT LIFE

A wild-west theme had leaders in cowboy hats and bandanas herding new students onto campus during Orientation Weekend. Families were treated to a chuckwagon feast, and several of us demonstrated our utter lack of shame with a crazy orientation skit that new students seemed to enjoy and that surely had parents second-guessing their children's college choice. Tradition featured our annual Yell Off and Mock Rock competitions among residence halls, with the Warren men and women coming in first and second, followed by Arend Hall in third place. I found the mood at Mock Rock, well, crazed. It is simply astonishing to witness the camaraderie that students develop in 72 (mostly awake) hours, led

by our student-life staff (with Kathy Storm, Dick Mandeville and Orientation Weekend architect Dayna Coleman Jones at the helm). We have especially good student leaders this year, and for us that makes all the difference in the world. Dayna sent me a list of all of this month's events, but they are too numerous to list. I'll give highlights next month.

The western theme was fitting this year: The stampede into the residence halls was a sight to see. The ranch hands – RDs and other student leaders – were just as eager as the incoming students for the 10 a.m. check-in to begin. One of the huge benefits of adding 100+ living spaces (in Duvall Hall) is the dramatic increase in the numbers of juniors and seniors who'll live on campus. Because we have a residency requirement for freshman and sophomore students, space for upper-division students has been limited. As the quality and number of spaces go up, the percentage of juniors and seniors choosing to live off campus goes down – and that has a positive impact on campus life. I should also mention our three new residence directors on campus: Kari Dykhouse, Katrina Golden and Sean Mulcahy are already doing excellent work.

RESOURCES

Oklahoma businessman Bill Welch and his wife, Peggy, both active leaders in the Presbyterian Church (USA), pledged more than \$1 million to complete funding for a endowed chair in theology. I know Bill, and he is very smart, very committed and very generous. It's an honor to receive his and Peggy's support. The chair will be named in honor of F. Dale Bruner, who retired in 1997 after 22 years as one of Whitworth's most influential and popular theology professors. With the unanimous recommendation of the Whitworth Department of Theology & Philosophy, V.P. for Academic Affairs Michael Le Roy, '89, has announced James Edwards, '67, as the chair's first occupant. Jim is an internationally recognized biblical scholar who carries on Dale's legacy with great distinction.

Everyone agrees that our campus has never been in better shape, but we wouldn't have physical resources without financial resources. To that end, you'll be hearing from Whitworth students asking you to support The Whitworth Fund. Annual support plays a huge role in helping us provide financial aid while meeting rising costs (like healthcare and energy). Thank you so much for accepting these calls. Our students love talking to you.

ATHLETICS

Fall sports are off and running (literally, for the cross-country teams). The Pirate men won their season-opening meet at the Whitman Invitational, where Jake Deitz won the men's six-kilometer race, edging teammates Jeff Grassley and Dusty Caseria and giving the Pirates a 1-2-3 finish. Whitworth's women finished second to the host Missionaries in the team competition, and Julie Lauterbach finished second in the race to former Pirate All-America distance runner Kristi Dickey, who won as an unattached competitor. Andrea Carnahan was the next Pirate over the line, in sixth place, followed closely by Emily Hurd.

Women's soccer is off to a solid start. Competing in California against a pair of schools that won a combined 25 matches last season, Whitworth beat Pomona-

Pitzer 3-2 and tied U.C. Santa Cruz 1-1. Greta Thibodeau had a goal and an assist in the first match, while Kara Tisthammer scored in the first match and assisted in the second. The Pirates open Northwest Conference play Sept. 16.

The men's soccer team finished 1-1 during its season-opening trip to Southern California. The Pirates gave up an early goal at Cal Lutheran, but came back to win 2-1. Chris Johnson scored the team's first goal of the season, and Adam Loeffler added the winner in the second half. But the Pirates lost 1-0 to Redlands, a team that the Bucs beat twice last year. Whitworth continues non-conference play with a tournament at Simon Fraser in Burnaby, B.C., this weekend.

The volleyball team is faced with rebuilding after graduating all six 2005 starters. The Pirates opened the season with a 3-1 win over U.C. Santa Cruz, then dropped four matches (three to nationally ranked opponents) at the Pacific Boxer Kickoff Invitational. Nikki Bardwell and Angie Florence led the Pirates in kills over the first five matches, and Jena Hays and Jenna Serrat have played well, splitting time at setter. Whitworth heads to California this weekend for the Pacific Coast Classic, co-hosted by Claremont-Mudd-Smith and Pomona-Pitzer.

The football team rolled over Redlands in its season opener, 28-3. Eighty players are ready to make a run at the Northwest Conference title, and, for the first time, the Pirates have three preseason All-America picks in seniors Michael Allan (TE) and Joel Clark (QB), and junior Ryan Marshall (DB). Whitworth's home opener is Sept. 16 against California's University of La Verne.

The Pirate golf teams will begin the fall half of their schedules on Sept. 16, when they play a dual match at Whitman.

ALUMNI

Oct. 13-15 will be the biggest weekend of my 13-plus years! An unusual alignment of schedules means that those three days will include the end of our board of trustees meeting, as well as Homecoming, Parents' Weekend and our fall theatre production, *Pirates of Penzance* (Oct. 13 & 14 – as well as Oct. 20 & 21 – at 8 p.m.; Oct. 15 at 2 p.m.). The list of other events scheduled throughout that weekend is too long to mention. So just be there!

Yesterday in Opening Convocation, I spoke to the students about perseverance (www.whitworth.edu/fallconvocation06). In an attention-deficit culture like ours, great rewards await those who persist. Many of you have stayed with us for generations and have been the agents of God's faithfulness. Thank you. Today's remarkable students reward us all. We at Whitworth wish you the fullness of Christ's peace and the joy of his redemption as we begin this new year.



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SUMMER 2006

Special greetings to all of you parents who are about to bid your first college kid farewell. We know your turmoil. While golfing earlier this month, I was right in the middle of a 15-foot putt when one of the guys in my foursome hollered, "Holy smokes!" Trundling across the back of the green was a small bear. We found out in the pro shop that the cub's mother had just kicked it out of her den. That could be, but I don't think Mama Bear would be a very good sport with anyone who started messing with her baby. And that cub is our kids. From the time they're born, we train them to become independent. And then they have the audacity to become, well, independent. And if anything threatens the success of their freedom march, the mother bear in us rages as we force ourselves to assure them and ourselves that all will be fine. Not only that, but after we successfully usher them out the front door, every hard surface becomes a wailing wall where we sob because we are so happy and so lonely and so desperately in need of someone to correct. As for the kids, they go through a week of inevitable homesickness and then they're gone forever...except they're not. Three weeks into the semester, their parents have gotten smarter (although never quite as smart as they), have become better parents, and have morphed into the ones whom they most long to see. It's crazy, but it's a great privilege for us to have a part in this transformation. You'll love it.

ACADEMICS

Students aren't the only ones preparing for the fall. Soon after Commencement, our faculty members tear into their research. The Weyerhaeuser Center summer research fellows are working on projects that specifically connect Christian faith and academic inquiry:

- Angeles Aller (Spanish) is exploring faith perspectives of two authors in light of the major themes put forth in Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quixote de la Mancha*. She will take Unamuno's *La Vida de Don Quixote y Sancho* and Ortega y Gasset's *Meditaciones del Quixote* and use the views expressed by these two authors to compare and analyze the changing perspectives on the issue of human nature.
- Karla Morgan (Economics) is examining how social capital, the guide to how society approaches production and trade, can be empirically measured by the level of trust.
- Finn Pond (Biology) is studying "Natural Sexuality: What Christians Should Know about the Biology of Sex." He will examine the current understanding of sexual behavior among animals and the biology of homosexuality in humans, and he will then suggest ways in which biological factors might inform current debates.
- Gordon Wilson (Art) is investigating a series of mixed-media artworks that deal with the subject of human nature as expressed in the response to the crisis of Hurricane Katrina and also in the injustices present prior to the hurricane.

Other faculty work this summer includes the following:

- Frank Caccavo (Biology) is developing new ways of integrating research into the biology curriculum.
- Karin Heller (Theology) is examining ecumenical questions about Catholic and Protestant understandings of the Lord's Supper.
- Alan Mikkelsen (Communication Studies) is investigating communication practices that lead to comfort and discomfort when people converse about religious topics and ideas.
- Russ Richardson (Kinesiology & Athletic Training) is creating an instrument to assess academic advising in athletic-training programs across the Eastern United States.
- Corliss Slack (History) is conducting research for her book on the relics brought home to England and Scotland by medieval crusaders.
- Six Whitworth faculty and staff are attending the Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication: Mike Ingram (Communication Studies); Mary Alberts (School of Global Commerce & Management); Pamela Corpron Parker (English); Kyle Usrey (SGCM), who was also invited by the Chinese ministry on foreign experts to teach business ethics in Chongqing and Dalian to MBAs and managers of private and state-owned firms; Sue Jackson (International Education Center); and OJ Cotes (School of Education) are learning at the foremost intercultural institute in the world. This program is part of a larger initiative to lift the level of intercultural appropriateness and comfort on campus.

A new anthology, *Watchdogs, Blogs and Wild Hogs*, by Gordon Jackson (Communication Studies), includes nearly 1,500 quotes about mass media. The compilation features scholarly and popular quotes by people from Albert Camus to Jerry Seinfeld. The title refers to the watchdog role of the press and journalists in a democracy, the changing role of technology in the media, and the presence of tabloid journalism and other problem areas in contemporary media.

Past and present Whitworthians have been collecting impressive hardware.

- Loren Ayresman, '95, MIT '98, received the 2005 Presidential Award for teaching mathematics. "It's a testament to my excellent professors in Whitworth's MIT program, and to the power of the Almighty Lord, that I was the awardee for the state of Hawaii," he says. Loren enjoyed visiting Washington, D.C., and meeting President Bush in connection with this honor. The Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching were established in 1983 by an Act of Congress and are administered for the White House by the National Science Foundation.
- Nine Whitworth students earned high honors at the 2006 Musicfest

Northwest competition at Gonzaga. Trombonist Greg Hoff, '07, won a gold medal in the young-artist brass division; clarinetist Stacy Boyer, '06, won gold in the reed division; oboist Mickey Hansen, '09, trumpeter Jared Hall, '08, and vocalist Emily Kelleher, '06, won silver medals; pianist Mary Trotter, '07, and guitarist Jacob Hildebrand, '09, won gold; vocalist Lisa Gilman, '08, won two silver medals; and vocalist Allison Kromer, '06, won a silver medal.

- Jeff Rose, a student in the Whitworth Continuing Studies Evening Teacher Certification Program, was recently named All-Greater Spokane League Soccer Coach of the Year. He coaches the boys' team at East Valley High School.

Lindaman Chair Jim Waller (Psychology) has been asked to contribute a chapter on the social sciences to the upcoming *Oxford Handbook of Holocaust Studies*. Editors Peter Hayes and John K. Roth wrote and asked Jim to join "an international team of outstanding scholars" in providing other scholars, graduate students, and advanced undergraduates with "reliable and thought-provoking points of access to the most significant current themes and controversies in research and reflection on the Holocaust." Jim is admired and respected by top scholars in the field as well as by non-academics who seek to understand more about this horrifying chapter in world history.

Our Leadership Studies Program is relocating to the School of Global Commerce & Management. Jack Burns, who heads up our leadership-studies minor, will move to the SGCM this fall to become part of the undergraduate business and economics department. "Since leadership studies is a new discipline and because of its interdisciplinary nature, academic institutions across the country are experimenting with ways to fold these programs into institutional infrastructures," says Michael LeRoy, '89, academic vice-president and dean of the faculty.

STUDENT LIFE

This year's orientation theme is *Saddling Up and Riding the Range of the Mind and Heart*. I don't know exactly what this means for me in the program skit, although I do recall being photographed on a very obedient or very heavily sedated horse. Orientation for new students begins Saturday, Sept. 2, at 10 a.m. Whether you're a parent or a student, you won't want to miss the Saturday-night program. Orientation schedules will be mailed out to students at the beginning of August, and the schedule will also be on the college's website (www.whitworth.edu) around the same time. Besides a range (as in "Home on the...") of activities for students, there will also be sessions for parents, concluding with a chuckwagon lunch in The Loop on Sunday afternoon.

Speaking of moms and dads, Parents' Weekend is Oct. 13-15 this fall, and it will coincide with Homecoming, the dedication of Duvall Hall, and the fall theatre production of *The Pirates of Penzance*. Schedules were mailed out to parents in June, and registration for this weekend can also be found on the web at www.whitworth.edu/parentsweekend. Any questions regarding these events can be sent to Assistant Dean of Students Dayna Coleman Jones at dcoleman@whitworth.edu, or by calling 509.777.4565.

RESOURCES

Thank you so much for contributing to the biggest June on record for The Whitworth Fund! Because – and only because – of your generosity we were able to reach our goal. From \$50 gifts to an unexpected \$50,000 gift, The Whitworth Fund processed more than 650 gifts from alumni, parents, friends, trustees, churches, businesses and foundations in the final month of the fiscal year (compared with 400 gifts last year). With a year-end total of \$1,366,277, the 2005-06 fund provides for student scholarships, faculty resources and campus needs. It would be so great if all of you who made a gift this past fiscal year would consider making an annual contribution. You can't believe how valuable these unrestricted dollars are in supporting our students. Thank you all.

Whitworth Information Systems has started replacing our current wireless system with a new Cisco wireless network for the campus. Eventually, this will make the entire campus wireless to serve PCs, wireless phones, and all handheld devices that run 802.11b/g frequencies. The library, Hixson Union Building, Dixon Hall, Weyerhaeuser Hall, and all the dorms will be our main focus in the first phase.

ATHLETICS

Once again, Whitworth was well represented at Spokane's annual Hoopfest three-on-three basketball tournament. The largest street basketball tournament of its kind in the world, Hoopfest has been the frequent scene of Whitworth glory. I decided to protect my back and my marriage by taking one more post-surgery year off, but we had many faculty and staff members, alumni and current students burning the nets. The Ridings sisters, Holly and Amy, and Alida Bower, all of whom played for the Pirates this year, were the subjects of a feature on local TV station KXLY. Alum Eric Avery (who now plays professionally in Europe) was a member of the under-six-foot open-division championship team for the fourth year in a row. And the alumni trio of Bryan Depew, Scott Bierlink and Chase Williams made the semifinals of the elite open division. These guys were elite-division champions in 2004.

This year we celebrate the 100th year of Whitworth College football, with three Pirate players as preseason Division III All-Americans. Michael Allan, Ryan Marshall and Joel Clark have all been named to at least one national publication's preseason All-America first team. Allan, a senior tight end, has been named to the first teams of *Lindy's* magazine and *Don Hanson's Football Gazette*, and is also a D3football.com second-team choice. Marshall, a junior cornerback and 2005 All-American, has been named to the *Football Gazette* and D3football.com first teams. And Clark, a senior quarterback, has been named to the *Football Gazette* first team. He shared first-team All-NWC honors last season, completing 63.8 percent of his passes for 2,234 yards, with 29 touchdowns and only seven interceptions. The season opens Sept. 9 at the University of Redlands, and Whitworth's 100 Years of Pirate Football celebration will include a Homecoming Weekend reunion for players from all eras.

ALUMNI

I'll report more soon, but it looks as if our alumni-giving percentage has improved again this year. Thanks so much to you graduates who support current students, even as you were supported, with gifts to the college.

Believe it or not, football is just around the corner – and the Pirates will be in Southern California to take on Redlands under the lights at 7:05 p.m. on Sept. 9. We're putting together a pre-game barbecue, so look for more details soon.

Planning for the big weekend of Oct. 13-15 is well under way, and the Parents' Weekend and Homecoming websites have all of the details. While there are too many activities to mention here, if you have an interest in football, Gilbert and Sullivan, the Class of 1996, Fenton Duvall, and/or a current Whitworth student, you'll want to be here. Parents' Weekend details were mailed in June; Homecoming brochures will be in the mail soon.

MISCELLANEOUS

After a terrific 2006 Whitworth Institute of Ministry with Dale Bruner (Theology Emeritus), Jim Edwards (Theology & Philosophy), Iain Torrance

(Princeton Theological Seminary), Leanne Van Dyk (Western Theological Seminary), Jerry Sittser (Theology & Philosophy), Mark Labberton (First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley), Ben Brody (Music), Ron Pyle (Communication Studies) and me, we're already gearing up for 2007. Our theme next year will be *Wisdom from the Scriptures*, *Wisdom from the Elders*, and we've scheduled Eugene Peterson, Roberta Hestenes, and Earl Palmer to lead us.

I've been waiting for space to thank the people who send me information for the *Mind & Heart* every month. This is a good issue in which to do that because a tight schedule has me doing less rewriting than I normally do. So I am very grateful to Terry Rayburn Mitchell, '93, who edits all this crazy stuff, and to our regular contributors, Steve Flegel, '89 (Athletics); Mike Ingram and Michael Le Roy, '89 (Academic Affairs); Dayna Coleman Jones (Student Life); Wendy Olson (Financial Aid); and Tad Wisenor, '89 (Alumni, The Whitworth Fund), for supplying me with grist for my mill! Thanks also to occasional contributors Mary Alberts and Paul North (School of Global Commerce & Management); Kathy Ayers and Dennis Sterner (School of Education); Dee Anna Christiansen (Art); Joe Dinnison and Stacey Kamm Smith, '84 (Institutional Advancement); Rick Hornor, '70, and Jennifer Toulouse-Lee (Theatre); Tom Johnson (Business Affairs); Dan Keberle (Music); Joan Lack (Music/Fine Arts Tours); Jack Miller and Terry Norton (Information Systems); Greg Orwig, '91 (College Communications); Fred Pfursich (Enrollment Services); Michelle Seefried (Weyerhaeuser Center); Toni Sutherland (Chapel); and Steve Thompson (Facilities Services).

It saddens me greatly to write that 1st Lieutenant Forrest Ewens, '04, died in battle in Afghanistan June 16 when his armored vehicle hit a roadside bomb. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, with a number of Whitworth alums in attendance. I don't usually report alumni deaths, but Forrest's campus leadership is so fresh in our memories. We ache for his family, including his wife, Megan (also an Army 1st Lt.), and his twin brother, Oaken, who attended Whitworth for two years, then graduated in May from West Point as an Army 2nd Lt. So many of us admired Forrest; there is just nothing to say other than that we are confident, because of his deep faith in God, that he will fulfill the wish written by one of his soldiers at Fort Drum, N.Y.: "Climb to Glory, Sir!"

Again this year, the Whitworth Institute of Ministry provided deep wells of spiritual water that offered refreshment, cleansing and cold splashes in the face. Following WIM, I hosted university presidents and their spouses from Pepperdine, Trinity International and Wake Forest for three days of discussion, sponsored generously by the Murdock Charitable Trust. Besides being extremely informative, our connections were warm and empathetic. For me, these two experiences represent bright hope above and behind us. Above the anguish of famines and wars, God's sovereign reign moves toward the ultimate redemption of creation. And behind us rises a generation of students with an unprecedented commitment to serving and reconciling humanity and the planet it occupies. One of the coolest parts of being at Whitworth is working with the author and the executors of promise. Thank you for joining us in this mission.

