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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

APRIL 2005

Yesterday Pope John Paul II died. We mourn with Roman Catholics around the world. With his death, our students lost a strong role model. The pope was a bit different from many of today's stars: He didn't use steroids, he wasn't vulgar, and he didn't cook the Vatican books. I hope our students remember his courage. He was never afraid to make the hard call. I don't think this pope stuck a wet finger in the air and then led people in whatever direction the wind was blowing. Even in my admiration, I still disagree with some of the church dogma he protected, and I was puzzled about why he wasn't more outspoken on the abuse cases. But courage doesn't always mean change, and it doesn't always mean outspokenness. Sometimes it takes as much courage to be patient as it does to be decisive. Sometimes it takes as much courage to be agile as it does to remain firm. Sometimes it takes as much courage to agree with the majority as to be a prophet. But sometimes courage demands that we stand alone and face the wolves, armed only with the deep belief that we stand for what is right. Pope John Paul II did that, and I hope our students saw this high mark of courage. I also hope our students find and learn courage at Whitworth. The peace of the risen and living Christ to all of you.

## ACADEMICS

**I like to list the speakers we bring to campus; but I like even more to list the honors our great students have been racking up.**

- Ashley Gibbs, '07, a double major in physics and biochemistry, became the second Whitworth student in the last three years to receive the highly competitive Goldwater Scholarship. These awards, the most prestigious of their kind in the country, were given this year to 320 engineering, science, math and computer-science students. Ashley's award is for two years. In 2003 Caleb Hug, '04, took home the prize. He is now in a doctoral program at MIT. Ashley conducted research last summer with Professor John Larkin (Physics) and will do further work this coming summer at SRI International. Both Ashley and Caleb received great support from Physics Department Chair Richard Stevens in applying for this coveted scholarship.
- Kamesh Sankaran (Physics) reports that Ben Spaun, '08, who's working with him on his research for NASA, has received a summer research grant: a \$5,000 stipend plus travel expenses. I should mention here that brains and speed sometimes come in the same package. Last Saturday I watched Ben bury the competition in two hurdles events at our track meet. And I first met Ashley Gibbs at a cross-country retreat. So I imagine that Track & Field Head Coach Toby Schwarz will figure out a way to take credit for Ashley's and Ben's awards. A coach named Max Ackerman presented me with a goldbrick award during my one year of track; he then told me to go back to baseball.
- Six of our English students – Matt Geeter, Jordan Karnes, Mary Peck, Tim Grassley, Courtney Varney and Mike Throgmorton – recently shared their research papers and creative writing with peers from across the country at the National Undergraduate Literature Conference, at Utah's Weber State University.

**Our last two faculty meetings have featured examples of the way Whitworth professors contribute to their disciplines.** We passed around *Transcribed Piano Solos of Oscar Peterson*, the latest book by Brent Edstrom (Music), and we also looked at a new volume on Asian philosophy, the seventh book in the Philosophic Classics series by Forrest Baird. Hundreds of colleges and universities use these philosophy texts.

**As 25 students enter the final stretch of the four-month long Central America Study Program,** Jim Hunt (History) has just joined the group, taking the leadership reins from Michael Le Roy, '89 (Political Science). Terry McGonigal (Theology) and Esther Louie (Student Life) led the first two legs of the trip. Student Chelsea Peterson writes from Costa Rica, "I have learned so much here and have been so challenged that it is going to be really hard for me to have to leave my second home. I guess that's what living in another country is all about; you become connected to another way of life and other people, which is beautiful and painful because then you can never be 'home' again." Participants in our international tours, with few exceptions, echo these life-changing sentiments.

**How often can you see a perfect world?** You can see one every day until April 22 at Whitworth. *A Perfect World*, by visiting artist Ric Gendron, is the exhibit currently featured in our Koehler Gallery. Gendron, who works primarily as a painter in acrylic on canvas and mixed media on paper, also conducted a printmaking workshop with our students. His visit was made possible by our grant-funded *Visiting Artists in Printmaking* program, overseen by Scott Kolbo (Art). Ambrose Bierce defined a perfect world as "a place where the wicked cease from troubling you with talk of their personal affairs, and the good listen with attention while you expound upon your own."

**For the first time, Whitworth, Gonzaga and Eastern Washington have joined in a collaborative business-plan competition.** With the assistance of the Herbert Jones Foundation and tremendous community support, we are offering a total of \$42,500 in prize money for the first-, second- and third-place winners in three categories. This is a very cool program, made especially so by the presence of Nigel Davey as Whitworth's entrepreneur-in-residence this year. I've admired Nigel's energy and intelligence for years, but I wasn't really prepared for the way he's committed himself since last fall to this competition. We could never have successfully participated without his depth of experience and his conscientious advice. In addition, our business faculty have helped students immensely in various facets of the business plans. Kudos to our students, to community entrepreneurs, to School of Global Commerce & Management Dean Kyle Usrey, and to Jack Gambill (SGCM), grant director.

## ENROLLMENT

**Last weekend we hosted our second Faculty Scholarship Competition.** Students came from as far away as Austria and as near as Mead High School. The talent and character level of these students just inspires me. It would be great to see all of them here come fall.

**Financial-aid notices have been sent to all new freshmen and transfer students who applied by March 1.** If you know a student who filed the FAFSA form by the deadline and who has not yet heard from our financial-aid folks, please have him or her call 800.533.4668. The FAFSA filing deadline for renewing students is still May 1, though eligible students who receive only a merit scholarship will have their scholarships renewed automatically. Also, May 1 is the deposit deadline for admitted students.

## STUDENT LIFE

**We're having some pretty good arguments these days over Ultimate Frisbee in The Loop.** As much as I love looking out my window to see students running and jumping and picking their front teeth out of tree trunks, the grass looks like a war zone. Someone will find a compromise. I wish finding a Frisbee field was our biggest problem.

**The Whitworth Student Life Office is busy hiring new student leaders for next school year, and ASWC is heavily into elections.** ASWC has also sponsored entertainers as well as some interesting speakers who have discussed Social Security reform and the impact of the recent tsunami. *Pirate Idol* continues to entertain. I almost got sucked into being a judge for the next round. Actually, I hear the talent is great. Also, the annual Hawaiian Club Luau had the best food ever and the students broke out some beautiful new dances this past Saturday. Finally, students are gearing up for April's final flurry of events, like Springfest and the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life."

## RESOURCES

**Our alumni office extends gratitude to two groups.** First, thanks to all of you who have helped us move toward our \$1.2 million Whitworth Fund (unrestricted gifts) budget. These dollars are crucial, and with a strong fourth quarter we'll make it. Second, we're very grateful for the Whitworth Parents' Council, whose members are helping us in a host of ways, particularly with incoming students. I hope to make it back to Spokane to see the council this Saturday.

## ATHLETICS

(from Sports Information Director Steve Flegel, '89)

**The baseball team has won four in a row and six of its last seven games to improve to 11-9 overall and 6-6 in the Northwest Conference.** All signs point to a strong finish by the Pirates behind the solid starting pitching of Dan Lundeberg, Ben McCracken and Cody Person, a newcomer to the rotation who pitched a complete-game shutout against 2004 NCAA Division III runner-up Eastern Connecticut State.

**The Whitworth softball team is 13-12 overall and 8-6 in the NWC,** having come through the most difficult portion of the schedule. The Pirates now have a chance to win out and finish very well. Senior Alana Klaus has been a one-woman wrecking crew, leading the team on the mound (6-2, 1.26 ERA) and at the plate (.322 average, eight doubles, three home runs, 12 RBIs).

**The Pirate men's golf team is on a roll.** After a very strong showing against most of the toughest NCAA West Region teams at the Cal Lutheran Kingsmen Invitational, the Pirates went out and won the Pacific Invitational while competing against all the NWC teams. Andrew Parrott was the medalist, while Joe Finley and Mike Van Wingerden were in the top five, individually. The Pirates have a real shot at winning the NWC title in only their second year back as a varsity program.

**The women's golf team is getting outstanding rounds from Kelli Parker and Sarah Shogren.** The pair are shooting scores low enough to challenge for All-NWC positions at the NWC championship tournament April 17-18. Sarah, by the way, was just selected All-Region second team in basketball and plans to attend medical school this fall.

**Men's tennis heads into the final two weeks of the regular season with a 6-6 overall record and a 5-3 mark in the NWC.** The Pirates should be seeded fourth at the NWC tournament April 15-16 in Yakima. Michael Carlson has put together a 7-5 singles record and teamed with Scott Donnell to post a 6-4 doubles record this season.

**Women's tennis is also 6-6, with two weeks left in the regular season.** Krista Shrader (7-4) and Rachael McCoola (6-4) have winning singles records for the Pirates this year. A likely sixth seed at the NWC tournament April 14-15, the Pirates hope to pull an upset in the first round, allowing them to finish third or better.

**The track-and-field teams are performing very well.** On April 2, both the men and the women won at the Buc Scoring Invite on Boppell Track, defeating NCAA Division II Northwest Nazarene and fellow NWC member UPS. Derrick Dewindt has provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships in the hammer throw, Doug Blackburn is on the cusp of qualifying in the 5,000 and 10,000 distances, and freshman Ben Spaun has been strong in the hurdles. Austin Richard is in a great position to defend his conference title in the shotput at the NWC championships April 22-23. On the women's side, Nicole Brown is having an outstanding senior season in the sprints, leading the conference in the 100 and 200 dash. Kristi Dickey has been very strong in the long distances, winning the 5,000 by a large margin at the BSI. Andrea Carnahan and Elaine Heinemann have been very good as well in the middle distances.

**Save Thursday, June 9, for the second annual Whitworth Westside Golf Classic.** Like last year, the tournament will be played at The Golf Club at Newcastle, overlooking Bellevue and Seattle. The shotgun start will be at 1 p.m., with both lunch and dinner provided. Please contact Athletics Director Scott McQuilkin, '84, ([smcquilkin@whitworth.edu](mailto:smcquilkin@whitworth.edu)) for further information. I had fun at this event last year as I tried to cheat equitably for each group.

## ALUMNI

The list of alumni who have already registered for the Alumni Family Weekend of fun and celebration will be available online at [www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend](http://www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend) after April 15. And remember, the deadline for receiving your early registration discount is May 27.

**Online registration is now available for Leonard Oakland's Core 650 events** in Colorado Springs on April 30 and Denver on May 1. Visit the alumni website ([www.whitworth.edu/alumni/](http://www.whitworth.edu/alumni/)) or call the office for more information.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**The Whitworth Art Department Senior Exhibition will take place April 26-May 14,** with an opening reception April 26, from 5-7 p.m., in Koehler Gallery.

**Godspell is here!** See it April 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8 p.m., and/or April 10 at 2 p.m. in our Cowles Memorial Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.

I don't think I've mentioned that our two oldest children are getting married (not to each other) this summer...on the same weekend. Because they have relatives all over the world, but none west of the Mississippi, the kids thought their best chance of getting kinfolk to show up would be to schedule the nuptials on back-to-back days. Fortunately, both weddings were going to be in Spokane anyway, and both kids are marrying great people (Whitworth alums) who don't know our relatives well enough to object. Yesterday, I was at Men's Wearhouse, talking on the phone to our son in Egypt about a tuxedo. After he told me he preferred something trim, I reminded him that when he was in junior high he would take as many as three steps before his clothes moved. From baggy man to Spiderman in 10 short years. Even though Bonnie has commandeered my schedule and put me on about a one-inch leash for most of June, I'm just loving this passage for our children. The college years turn kids into adults in a remarkable way. Lately, I've seen a lot of alums I remember as college freshmen. They are barely the same species. At this point, it's best for me to sit back and enjoy the maturation process without worrying about how much influence we've had or haven't had on our children and our students. Our investments are in the bank. It's no longer about us. It never really was. It's now time to cheer for the great ways in which God will use these amazing young people. Thank you for being partners in our callings as teachers and parents.

*Bill Robinson*

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DECEMBER 2005

It's getting tough to predict which experiences will stick to the walls of my memory bank. Most of the time the bank isn't even open. But it was open last weekend. This year we hosted the NCAA women's volleyball and men's soccer regionals, with Whitworth teams competing in both (see **Athletics**). After a bye on Friday and a big win on Saturday, our men's soccer team found itself in the final match on Sunday. I promise you that even those of us fans with more thumbs than brain cells will never forget these guys battling their way to a berth in the Final Four in what has to be one of the greatest matches and most inspired comebacks in Whitworth soccer history. But I'll remember one more incident from last weekend – a little thing, really. That night, with 10 minutes left in our women's basketball game, a faculty member sitting next to me looked at his watch and said he had to go. When I suggested that most people leave *after* the game, he said he was headed for another game, his "little brother's" game. I know this faculty member and there is no way he has time to be a "big brother." But he makes time. He's typical of the great people who make up the Whitworth community. Along with hundreds of other Bucs fans, I will never forget being at an amazing game last weekend. Neither will I ever forget a faculty member who left a game last weekend. But best of all, there is a boy out there who will never forget his big brother coming to a game last weekend. It was a weekend to remember.

## ACADEMICS

**Physics is phun.** This probably isn't the most important academic news item, but it's pretty cool. In Richard Stevens' (Physics) engineering-orientation class we found no weapons of mass destruction, but we did find projectiles of class instruction. In November, Richard's students applied basic physics and engineering principles to design simple machines that throw pumpkins as far as possible using only mechanical means such as counterweights and springs. The winning team sent a pumpkin more than 160 feet. The pumpkin did not survive the assignment.

**The presence of late math-faculty member Howard Gage, '62, was felt on campus Nov. 22.** More than 60 friends, family, former colleagues and students gathered to witness the unveiling of a lovely portrait of Howard painted by Pauline Haas (Art Emeritus). The portrait will hang in a place of honor in the Lindaman computer lab, a fitting location since Howard was the father of our computer-science program. He would have been a proud papa earlier in the month when three Whitworth teams matched wits against their peers and solved a series of complex programming problems during the annual Pacific Northwest Regional Computer Programming Contest. Seventy-three teams from the western U.S. and Canada took part in the competition at Western Washington University. The top Whitworth team – seniors Nathan Backman and Thomas Wild and sophomore Stephen Ash – solved four of 10 problems to beat 58 other teams and rank 15th.

**The Whitworth Writing Rally was a big hit again this year.** Lisa Laurier (Education) directed faculty, staff and students from the School of Education in hosting more than 750 children for a day of celebrating reading and writing with author-illustrator David Shannon.

**Faculty members were active in November.** Among their honors and activities:

- **Margo Long** was keynote speaker and presented a breakout session on intellectual character at the Washington/Oregon Conference for the Gifted.
- **Nadine Chapman** (English) read her own work from a jointly authored book, *At Work in Life's Garden: Writers on the Spiritual Adventure of Parenting*, that features essays from writers who "tell their personal stories about how the wonder, the chaos, and the pain of raising children has led them to engage more deeply with the world, with themselves, and with other people."
- **Laurie Lamon, '78**, (English) was selected as a 2005 Artist Trust Fellowship recipient for Washington state. Laurie will be acknowledged at a reception in Seattle at Northwest Film Forum later this month.
- **Jim Edwards, '67**, (Theology) spoke for the Murdock Charitable Trust to 100 parachurch executives on Christ-centered leadership.
- **Dan Keberle** (Music) found out that the University of Northern Colorado Jazz Press will publish five more of his arrangements. These pieces were originally composed for jazz quartet or quintet, and Dan arranged them for a full 17-piece ensemble. By the way, Grammy-nominee Kenny Garrett and the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble put on a fabulous show in November.

Usually I write the December *Mind & Heart* the morning after the first performance of our amazing music department's Christmas Festival Concert. This year I'm writing on the morning before, so I can't give my unbiased review. But I know that this year's six *Great Tidings of Joy* concerts will launch Advent in a special way for all of us. The concerts will feature the Whitworth Choir and the Whitworth Women's Choir, with the assistance of brass, string and percussion ensembles. "The theme is drawn from stories of hope from the biblical prophets, Christ's nativity, and His everlasting presence among us," says Marc A. Hafso (Music), our very able director of choral activities. The last three concerts are in Spokane, on Dec. 9 and 10, so contact Joan Lack (Music) at 509.777.3280 or [jlack@whitworth.edu](mailto:jlack@whitworth.edu) if you can make it.

**Threads of history and royalty are woven throughout the Whitworth Orchestra's fall concert program, *Majestic Music*.** And this Dec. 7 concert will not only reflect history; it will make history. Until this year, the orchestra, now under the direction of Philip Baldwin (Music), has never been led by a full-time faculty member; hence, it has been primarily a string orchestra. But Philip says of his first Whitworth concert, "I'm very proud of the orchestra members' talent and the level at which they're playing this difficult program. I think this concert will be outstanding." We're delighted to have him bringing his spirit, skills and leadership to our music department.

## ENROLLMENT

**We have received more than 1,300 early-action freshman admission applications for the Class of 2010.** All applicants will be notified of their admission status by the end of December. The "regular-decision" admission deadline is March 1. Students interested in transferring to Whitworth who would like to be considered for on-campus housing should also apply by the March 1 deadline. Duvall Hall will give us more housing, so transfer students can be guaranteed a bed. Such a deal!

## STUDENT LIFE

**A student could stay busy 24/7 without spending one academic moment.** I'm sure a few of you parents are thinking, "Hey, Bill's finally writing about my kid." I doubt it. Somehow, students keep dozens of social balls in the air while working feverishly on their studies. But here are a few of the balls that fly around above the books: November began with the Whitworth Jazz Concert, followed by the men's soccer and women's volleyball teams winning Northwest Conference titles and entering the NCAA playoffs, which drew hundreds of cheering students. Midnight Madness, the opening event for basketball season, featured the "awarding" of Fieldhouse Fanatics shirts to the first 500 students. The Black Student Union presented *In Living Color*, an evening of African dance, rap, and steel-drum playing, for Half-Past-Nine. The Hawaiian Club put on Kanikapila, with tons of great food, dance and music, not long after an International Club dinner that was so good. SERVE took students to Union Gospel Mission overnight for Urban Plunge and raised enough money in a residence-hall competition to purchase more than 100 turkeys to give to the needy for Thanksgiving. Finally, intramurals produced champions in soccer, basketball, ultimate Frisbee and volleyball. Add to all this a large dump of snow in the mountains, providing great November skiing, and you have a pretty busy month.

## RESOURCES

**A couple of months ago I paid tribute to our board chair, Chuck Boppell, '65 ("The Bopper" to those of you who joined him in traumatizing this campus 40 years ago).** Well, he and his way-better half Karlyn, '67, just paid more than a tribute back to Whitworth. In yet another act of generosity, they set up a \$1 million charitable-remainder trust. Tomorrow night I'll have dinner with Annette Weyerhaeuser, and, inevitably, we will talk about the amazing legacy her husband, Dave, left at the college. Fifty years from now, a Whitworth president will have dinner with one of Chuck and Karlyn's heirs and they'll have the same kind of conversation. Not a day goes by without Whitworth benefiting from the wisdom, effort and support of Chuck Boppell.

**Thanks so much to those of you who have made year-end gifts to Whitworth.** We always need monstrous giving in December, but I know it's already an expensive month. We're getting crushed by tuition bills and plane tickets in our family. Sound familiar? But yesterday, the board chair of the National Automobile Dealers Association presented Whitworth with a very generous gift to be used in student emergencies. As I talked to him and the other representatives about some of our students' needs here, I reminded myself that we have students in desperate situations who need my support a lot more than I need an iPod in my stocking. I just want you to know that we need and appreciate your support

immensely. Thanks. And if you do make a gift, you might want to try our secure online form at [www.whitworth.edu/give](http://www.whitworth.edu/give).

## ATHLETICS

(Thanks to Sports Information Director Steve Flegel, '89!)

**Men's soccer concluded a remarkable season by making the NCAA Division III Men's Final Four.** Almost 400 DIII teams began this season, but only four made it as far as Greensboro, N.C. Quite a few of us trekked east to see a tough 2-1 loss in the semifinals. But it was a great year. The Pirates won their second consecutive NWC title, set school records for wins (19) and winning percentage (19-2-1, .868) and recorded impressive NCAA tournament victories over Redlands, Wartburg and Trinity (Texas). Jon Carlson and Ali Seyedali were named to the All-Final Four Team. Todd Sabrowski earned his second consecutive recognition as NWC Defensive Player of the Year and was joined on the All-NWC first team by Seyedali and Niko Varlamos. Carlson, Trevor Osborne and Skye Henderson made second team. Sabrowski retires as Whitworth's all-time assists leader, with 34. And Osborne, Chris Johnson and Adam Loeffler made Academic All-District. In the final rankings, Whitworth finished third in the nation.

**We raised the roof of the fieldhouse as the volleyball team came within one match of reaching the NCAA Division III finals,** losing to sixth-ranked La Verne (Calif.) in the regional final. Whitworth finished the season with an overall record of 22-4 and won the the conference title by three games, with a record of 15-1. Natalie Danielson was named Northwest Conference Player of the Year, as well as first-team AVCA All-American. She was joined on the NWC first team by Bekah Hornor, who was also named first-team All-Region and Academic All-District. Steve Rupe was named AVCA Regional Coach of the Year, Brittney Bower joined Hornor on the Academic All-District team, and Julie Marsh was named to the All-NWC second team.

**Three Whitworthians represented the college at the NCAA Division III cross-country championships.** Kristi Dickey finished 42nd overall in the women's race, covering the six kilometers in 23:11.9. It was Dickey's best individual finish in three appearances at the NCAA championships. Julie Lauterbach performed very well in her first NCAA championship race, finishing 64th in 23:30.5. Doug Blackburn earned his best-ever finish at the championships, finishing 45th with a time of 26:42.3 in the men's competition.

**Bucs football narrowly missed the NCAA playoffs after a heartbreaking overtime loss to Willamette University.** But the Pirates concluded the season by running over longtime conference power Pacific Lutheran, 54-35. Joel Clark and Michael Allan broke venerable offensive records, despite playing only eight games (Lewis & Clark cancelled all of its NWC games this fall). Clark broke the record for touchdown passes, with 29. The previous record of 26 was set by Denny Spurlock in 1961. Allan, our 6'6" tight end, who caught 15 TD passes this season, broke Doug Long's 1976 record of 13 and tied John Murio's record of 15 total touchdowns in a season. The All-NWC team included 17 Pirates, including seven on the first team. Jon Erlenmeyer, Steve Honeyman, Nick

Kuntz, Austin Richard and Nick Portrey were named to *ESPN The Magazine's* Academic All-District Team.

**After suffering crucial injuries during the season, women's soccer ended the year with a record of 8-8-3** after a rousing 3-0 finale at Whitman. Two seniors, Ashley Fisk and Jody Rucinski, were named first-team All-NWC for their efforts in 2005.

**The women's basketball team, with five new starters this winter, is off to a 3-1 start.** The Pirates set a school record by making 18 three-pointers, including five each by sisters Holly and Amy Ridings, in a win over Montana Tech. The Pirates open NWC play this weekend with games against 2004 NWC champion George Fox and currently undefeated Linfield.

**Men's basketball is 2-1 so far.** The team's season-opening win over Wisconsin Lutheran was a 19-point second-half-comeback victory. Bryan Williams continues to run the offense effectively at point guard, while Lance Pecht is averaging 18 points per game. Whitworth opens conference play at George Fox and Linfield in just a few days.

**The Pirate swimming teams are off to another outstanding start.** Samantha Kephart leads the NWC in nearly every freestyle event. She's also No. 1 in both butterfly distances. Katelyn Erickson is the conference's top backstroke swimmer this fall, and David Dolphay has been the NWC's best men's distance swimmer so far, while Bryan Clarke leads the NWC in both breaststroke events. The Pirates will compete early this month at the annual Husky Invitational, against the best collegiate and age-group swimmers from throughout the Northwest.

## ALUMNI

**If you're in the Washington, D.C., area, I'm hosting an alumni deal on Tuesday evening, Feb. 7.** I don't know exactly when or where, but I'll send more details soon.

We wish for all of you the blessings and peace of Christ in this season of Advent. This is a special year for our family. On December 16, Bonnie will play organ with the Spokane Symphony in a performance of Saint Saëns' *Organ Symphony*, and she will also play one of four harpsichords in Bach's *Concerto for Four Harpsichords* (clever title). On the night before the concert, our son, Ben, will arrive from Egypt, where he has been fulfilling his ministry commitment while his wonderful new bride, Emily, stayed in Spokane to finish up Whitworth's intercollegiate nursing program. No offense to the baby Jesus, but Ben and Emily can probably be forgiven this Advent season if their sense of anticipation veers off toward each other. So our whole family – now seven – will be here for Bonnie's special occasion. She is a remarkable musician but an even more remarkable person. I hope all of you get the presents you want most this year. Like every other year, Bonnie is ours. Merry Christmas to you from all of us at Whitworth!



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FEBRUARY 2005

I don't think whining made the Apostle Paul's "fruits of the spirit" list. So I let nothing bother me. For example, I would be asleep right now were it not for the woman across the aisle in 7D who keeps me awake by refolding her newspaper every few seconds. But I'm delighted that she is able to read the entire newspaper from installments the size of a business card. See? Happy me. I really do feel good this morning. First, I'm on my way home from a nine-day, three-locations trip. Second, Bonnie made this trip with me, and that's always good. Third, as I was trying to talk myself into writing this newsletter I got a great note from a dad named Mike, thanking me for doing this every month. Fourth, Mike also kindly expressed gratitude for Whitworth's influence on his children, and that reminded me that I'll soon be among the students, faculty and staff of Whitworth. I was made for that, not for travel. Thank you so much for the many graces you extend to the Whitworth community. Your prayers, your gifts, your cheers and the sacrifices you make that enable our students to study with us are all deeply appreciated. May the peace and presence of Christ be with you in this Lenten season.

## ACADEMICS

**Professor of Politics & History Michael Le Roy, '89, will be our next vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.** After reviewing many strong applications, conducting campus interviews with two other superb candidates, and listening to the feedback of the campus community, the search committee offered its recommendation, which I accepted enthusiastically. A nationally recognized author and teacher, Michael provided leadership for the Wheaton College (Ill.) faculty for nine years before returning to Whitworth in 2002. In fact, I just spoke to the president of Wheaton a couple of days ago. With a smile, he grumbled, "We hated to lose him. He'll be great." Michael assumes his new duties on July 1, and soon we'll celebrate the strong contributions of current dean Tammy Reid, who announced last fall her intention to return to teaching. Among her many accomplishments, she oversaw the adoption of a new general-education curriculum, expansion of the faculty, and construction of our landmark new academic building. I will miss Tammy's excellence and professionalism immensely. But I am very excited about working with Michael's talent, leadership, energy, and love for the Whitworth mission. His understanding of who we are and what we hope to become will serve us for many years.

**Happy birthday to *The Whitworthian*!** This year, Heritage Week will highlight 100 years of our school newspaper. At spring semester's Convocation, campus historian Dale Soden will highlight a century's worth of student reporting. Staying with the journalism theme, we will also host a public lecture by Ross Anderson, '69, formerly of *The Seattle Times*, who was part of the reporting team that won a Pulitzer Prize in 1990 for the paper's articles on the *Exxon Valdez* oil spill in Alaska. Ross, a former *Whitworthian* editor, will speak on environmental journalism and will visit classes. Among Christian colleges, our newspaper is known not only for its excellence but for an unusual degree of autonomy. In the long run, students learn more by taking responsibility for the results of their decisions than they do from following administrative directions. We might all get more flack, but it's worth it. It's Whitworth.

**Heritage Week will also honor a wonderful Christian scholar, teacher and international church leader, Sang Hyun Lee, of Princeton Theological Seminary.** At Convocation he will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. We're also delighted that the seminary's past president of 22 years, Thomas Gillespie, can join us and participate in the program honoring Sang Lee, one of the country's leading scholars on Jonathan Edwards.

**Our adjunct faculty members contribute enormously to the quality of teaching at Whitworth,** and too often they go unnoticed. One example of adjunct-faculty scholarship surfaces in the work of Norman Thorpe (Master of International Management Program), who is principal author of a new book, *1904: Korea through Australian Eyes*. The book focuses on important photos taken in Korea by Australian photographer George Rose, using his century-old original glass negatives. Norm uncovered the photos in an archive in California, and the book grew out of an exhibition of photos by Rose (Sliger, '02) Krause that Norm curated in Seoul a couple of years ago. I'm anxious for Sang Lee to see this book. I stood with him in the demilitarized zone separating North and South Korea. He could not conceal his sadness.

**We have another art exhibit for you to enjoy.** An imaginative collection of prints by 19 artists, all current or former residents of Idaho, will be on display until March 4. The work deals with the theme of community. Candace Nicol, who organized the exhibit, says the participants were "invited to create imagery that examines the evolution of community through the culture of its people. The artists participating in this print exchange have drawn from their own experiences."

## ENROLLMENT

**Financial Aid Director Wendy Olson reports that her office is beginning to review files for new freshmen and for transfer students for the 2005-06 academic year.** New students who have applied by the March 1 deadline will begin receiving their financial-aid awards in late March. Continuing students who meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the renewal FAFSA ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)) will receive their awards in June. The deadline for continuing students applying for summer aid (which is extremely limited) is March 1. Merit scholarships are automatically renewed.

## STUDENT LIFE

**Students are back from Jan Term, and I'm sure they're bragging about their trips to Hawaii, Europe, Australia, and bunch of other places.** I'm back in Spokane now and about to head over to the HUB for lunch. I'll get an earful. Students staying on campus skied – sometimes on mud – enjoyed Whitworth athletics, and involved themselves in various campus activities. Now February is here and we are looking forward to a confab of Gospel choirs, a busy Half-Past Nine, and performances including one by the band 2 Skinny Dorks. I checked their website and found rave reviews, but my favorite was from *Rolling Stone*: "They really are skinny." High praise!

## RESOURCES

**Why was I so happy to see June Hanson (Institutional Advancement) and her student assistant Suzanne Sherman looking about as energetic as our high-mileage 1993 Aerostar?** Because they do gift accounting here, and you pretty much ran them into the ground. So, thanks to them and thanks to you! In December, we set a single-month record with 1,242 separate gift transactions, the first month in Whitworth history to go over 1,000. Because of your generosity, The Whitworth Fund is way up and much closer to our goal. What's so great about this is that our progress is the result of more people giving more, and not just a few monster gifts. Broadening Whitworth's base of support is exactly what we want. Development Director Tad Wisenor, '89, says, "If ever there was a year when every gift counted, this was the year." Thanks!

**As president of Whitworth from 1940 to 1963, Frank Warren gave sacrificially to the college right up to the end of his life.** He still gives to Whitworth through a legacy of influence that runs through our mission and across our campus. In different ways, his daughters, Joyce Starrett, '45, and Ginny Ainley, '49, give to Whitworth. They can outpray the best of us, and they are generous with their financial support. In fact, Joyce and her husband, Jack, '45, continued the Warren family's bigheartedness by making a very generous contribution last month. Thanks so much to the Warrens across the ages. I don't acknowledge our forebears enough.

**To remedy that neglect, I should report on last month's meeting with George and Doreen Weber.** George gave of himself to Whitworth for 34 years as a professor in our business program. His and Doreen's love for the college led them to include Whitworth in their will. But when they realized that they could convert highly appreciated assets into a current gift, avoiding capital gains and receiving both a large deduction and lifetime income, they decided to shift their generosity to the present. Both they and we were absolutely delighted as we sat down to sign the papers. Thanks, Webers. May your tribe increase.

## ATHLETICS

Thanks to Sports Information Director Steve Flegel, '89, for the following reports.

**The swimming teams will host the 2005 Northwest Conference championships Feb. 11-13.** The men are heavy favorites to win their third consecutive conference championship. Senior Cory Bergman and juniors

Loren Killgore and Rhys Birky won multiple events last season, and all return to defend their titles. The women will take their shot at knocking off UPS, which has won every NWC women's championship since 1997. Senior Serena Fadel has never lost a 200 or 400 I.M. at the championships, and she should finish her career undefeated in those events. Freshman Samantha Kephart has already smashed conference records in the butterfly events.

**Women's basketball is 16-1 overall and 7-1 in the conference – ranked in the top 10 in both Division III polls.** All four seniors are having exceptional years: Tiffany Speer and Sarah Shogren rank in the top four in the NWC in scoring average, Dani Bielec is second in the conference in steals and is the Bucs' top three-point threat, and Wenchi Liu is the NWC leader in assists.

**Men's basketball has improved to 8-8 overall and 4-4 in the NWC by winning three consecutive games.** Sophomore guard Bryan Williams is the NWC's leader in assists, while sophomore guard Jon Young is the conference's most dangerous three-point shooter, sinking more than four per game. Junior forward Lance Pecht has come on to lead the team in scoring in two of the three wins during the Bucs' current streak.

**Spring sports begin in February.** Men's tennis opens Feb. 11 at Lewis-Clark State, while the women begin Feb. 19 against the same team. The baseball team opens at the Arizona Desert Classic (Feb. 18-20) again this year, and the up-and-coming softball team opens at home on Feb. 25 against Eastern Oregon and Albertson. And the track-and-field teams will officially take to the turf and track outdoors on March 5 at Linfield.

**Save the date Thursday, June 9, for the second annual Whitworth Westside Golf Classic.** Like last year, the tournament will be played at The Golf Club at Newcastle, overlooking Bellevue and Seattle. The shotgun start will be at 1 p.m., with both lunch and dinner provided. This year's new format allows participants to choose either a progressive tee scramble or two-person best ball. Please contact Athletics Director Scott McQuilkin, '84, (smcquilkin@whitworth.edu) for further information. This is a great way to gather for a wonderful day of golf with Whitworth faculty and staff, including President Bill Robinson and other friends and alums of the college – all of whom will be willing to help you track down your golf ball in the weeds and woods.

## ALUMNI

**As I mentioned last month, our choir will be performing six concerts in Southern California over Spring Break.** Local alumni, parents and friends will receive a postcard with all of the details, including news of post-concert receptions at several venues. The Whitworth website also features the itinerary.

**The schedule for Alumni Family Weekend, June 17-19, is on the web** at [www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend](http://www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend). The brochure, with registration materials, will arrive in your mailbox in March.

**Alumni, parents and friends are invited to join Diana Trotter (Theatre) for a pre-play dessert on Saturday night, April 9, before she directs *Godspell*** at 8 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for dessert and an evening of great musical theater. Contact Annie Severino for more information at 509.777.3772 or check out the alumni-events website.

**Join Professor of English Leonard Oakland and Director of Development Tad Wisenor for Core 650 lectures and desserts.** They'll be in Colorado Springs on Saturday, April 30, and in Denver on Sunday, May 1. Leonard will present *A Life in Film: How We Experience the Movies*. More information will be available soon, including online registration.

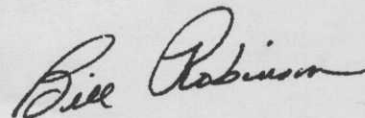
## MISCELLANEOUS

**Last month I forgot to mention that Whitworth was featured in a special report in the December issue of *Washington CEO*,** Washington's only statewide business magazine. The reporter did an excellent job of capturing our distinctive mission, history and programs. The magazine also includes sidebar articles on Whitworth's Master of International Management Program, faculty-student research, our computer-science program and the Whitworth CEO, if you can call him that. The report is available on our website at [www.whitworth.edu/washingtonceo](http://www.whitworth.edu/washingtonceo).

**This won't reach you in time for St. Valentine's Day, but you can still give your sweet thing a new CD featuring much-beloved pianist and teacher Margie May Ott,** accompanied on a couple of arrangements by a saint who doesn't have a day named after her, Bonnie Robinson. Honorary Professor Emeritus Margie May describes herself as being "as old as the Pope, literally," but none of us can keep up with her. A Juilliard grad and national 2003 Music Teacher of the Year, she is joy incarnate, and it comes out in her music. The CD includes some of Margie May's favorite songs as well as her introductions and reflections for each piece. It's available through the bookstore (509.777.4524), with proceeds benefiting the Margie May Ott Endowed Scholarship.

**The 30th Annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry Conference will take place July 11-15.** This is a great conference for pastors, church lay leaders and their families. This year's theme is *My Peace I Give You: Embracing the Ministry of Shalom*. Speakers include John Perkins, Jin S. Kim, John Huffman, Ray Bakke, Amy Sherman, Terry McGonigal and me. For more information or to register, visit [www.whitworth.edu/wim](http://www.whitworth.edu/wim) or call 509.777.4345. I'll say more next month.

While in Washington, D.C., earlier this week, Bonnie and I went to an exhibit of Rembrandt's late religious art. His splashes of light against dark interiors lead us amateurs to the essence of the painting. In a couple of days I will address our students on bringing light to a world that feels pretty dark. It doesn't do much good to run from the darkness, join the darkness, or condemn the darkness for being dark. Through acts of grace and courage we carry the Light of the World into the darkness of the world. There's a lesson to be learned from the old Dutch master: Light can bring beauty and meaning to darkness. That's what we're working on at Whitworth College. Thank you again for the light you bring to us.



# of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

JANUARY 2005

As I begin writing, most of you are preparing to close out 2004 with shouts of "Happy new year!" Ten time zones east of Spokane, I'm already six hours into 2005, but the only voices I've heard so far this year were early and amplified Muslim calls to prayer, delivered in Arabic with surgical precision that wakes only me. Bonnie, our daughters and I have journeyed here to Cairo, Egypt, to see our son, Ben. As you can imagine, the joy of reunion overwhelms all else. But surprises and contrasts still hit us with jarring force. The first surprise came at the airport when Ben invoked a new language to bargain with a cabbie. It doesn't take him long to exhaust his Arabic vocabulary, but he seems to get the most out of it by working the volume control. He also claims that waving his arms and smacking himself in the forehead is part of ancient Egyptian sign language. Though I'm here on vacation, Cairo's severe contrasts keep Whitworth's mission before me. Yesterday we went from the City of the Dead to dinner on the Nile. Today, we will trek through Garbage City before we worship at a comparatively plush international church where Ben works. Gaps. Massive gaps. They're everywhere. They're in Egypt; they're in America. They're economic, they're physical, they're educational and they're spiritual. A mind-and-heart education should attack those gaps. In the *Magnificat*, Mary took a swipe at economic gaps. Her baby's whole purpose was to bridge the great spiritual gap. The need is desperate, and I hope in 2005 Whitworthians in Spokane and around the world will be gap-attackers. Happy new year to all of you who join us in this hope.

## ACADEMICS

**As you read this, Jan Term is in high gear.** (I'm back in Spokane, having been convinced by my family that working on vacation is for losers.) This intensive "one course in one month" opportunity takes many of our faculty and students off campus while allowing those who remain here to experience learning by immersion. We have students on location from Mexico to Thailand and Australia, where Kyle Usrey, dean of our School of Global Commerce and Management, is leading our first down-under study program. Another first is the group with Raja Tanas (Sociology) that's studying anthropology in Hawaii. Forrest Baird (Philosophy) is once again leading a Core 250 group around a chilly Europe, where he may run into either Jim Edwards (Theology), with his group studying the Reformation, or Karen Heller (Theology), whose class is studying European roots of spirituality. I just ran across the street to bid an early morning *vaya con Dios* to our Central America group. They'll head to Nicaragua for language training before moving on to Costa Rica, Honduras, El Salvador and then home in May with forever-changed lives. On campus, we have an even wider array of course offerings, including Women, Sports and Economics, with Rich Schatz (Economics), Biology of Northwest Agriculture, with Mike Sardinia (Biology), and Chaos Theory, Leadership and Management (for which I serve as poster child), taught by Jack Burns (Education).

**Students who stand in line to fill the ceramics classes offered by Jeff Harris are daily witnesses to his abundant gifts.** Jeff's recent works will be on display in the Koehler Gallery until Jan. 25. I hope to get over there this afternoon to see to see the exhibition, titled *Nomad*. I know it will be great.

**Dan Keberle, chair of our music department, just got word that the National Association of Schools of Music has voted to continue Whitworth College in good standing.** While that affirmation comes as no surprise, no one takes re-accreditation for granted. Kudos to Dan and his gifted colleagues! Last month I mentioned that our School of Education was re-accredited by two outside bodies. Were I to critique these department-specific accreditations, I'd surely point to their benefits. They are important and prestigious. But I am concerned that so many resources are consumed in proving our quality, resources that could directly benefit our students. Yet we congratulate the music department for its superb quality and NASM for recognizing the excellence that we've enjoyed for years.

**Sharon Mowry, director of our Graduate Studies in Education Program, now serves as president of the Washington Council of Educational Administration Programs.** She is presenting a session on Washington's new principal-certification process at this month's Hawaii International Conference on Education. Tough duty.

**Each new year brings new faculty openings.** This year, positions are available in accounting, chemistry, communication, economics, mathematics, music and philosophy. I'm seeing candidates almost daily. Last month we also hosted three very strong prospects for the academic dean's position. This office plays a crucial role in helping us reach our high aspirations. As our current dean, Tammy Reid, returns to the classroom, she bequeaths a record of energy, optimism, strength and achievement. She's been great, and now students will benefit more directly from her wisdom.

## ENROLLMENT

**We're running way ahead of last year in applications, but we suspect we're "early more than over."** As of yesterday's report, we continue to expect fewer available spots for freshmen than we had for 2004-05, but the reduction may not have to be as large as we expected. It would still be smart for prospective students to get their applications in as soon as possible.

**The 2005-06 FAFSA website is now available for students who wish to renew their need-based financial aid for the coming year.** Families can file the electronic renewal FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Our priority deadline for summer aid is March 1. For all other renewals of federal or need-based financial aid, the deadline is May 1. (Students who receive merit scholarships only do not need to file the FAFSA.) Also, in late January we will be mailing Federal Form 1098-T to verify full- and part-time enrollment. This form is used to support Hope or Lifetime Learning tax-credit eligibility. Consult your tax advisor or go to the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), for information on educational tax credits. You may also visit the IRS website or use the Worksheet for Reporting Scholarships/Grants on Federal 2004 Tax Return (on our Forms webpage, at [www.whitworth.edu/financialaid](http://www.whitworth.edu/financialaid)), to determine if any of your 2004 financial aid is taxable.

## STUDENT LIFE

**It would be accurate to say that students chill a bit during Jan Term.** The temperatures chill their bodies and the altered course format allows their mojos to chill out somewhat. Student activities, however, take no break during the month. Men's and women's basketball games precede ice-cream socials and wacky inter-student competitions. Half Past Nine, our entertainment series in the HUB, continues with popular movies and a special concert by Thornbird. Excitement runs high for intramural three-on-three basketball. No doubt, part of that buzz results from my schedule keeping me from again dominating the competition (and I just saw a pig fly by my window). Outdoor Rec will be going to Canada to ski and soak in the hot springs. The Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday will include many celebrations in Spokane, and students are invited to the downtown march to commemorate King's legacy. Finally, road trips, residence-hall parties and Slurpee runs will undoubtedly break out spontaneously during this festive month.

**On the financial side, we are pleased to announce that students can now access their student-account activity using Whitnet.** Soon we'll also provide a way to make payments on the web ([www.whitworth.edu/studentaccountingse](http://www.whitworth.edu/studentaccountingse) rvice) via credit cards and e-checks. The student-accounts folks welcome your questions and comments at 509.777.4324 or [stuacct@whitworth.edu](mailto:stuacct@whitworth.edu).

## RESOURCES

**You're so solid!** As of this writing, we're still counting the last few December gifts and it looks as if you've outdone yourselves. You've already exceeded last year's December giving by more than \$100,000, with significantly more donors, including 304 first-time contributors. Besides the money, which we sorely need, this level of generosity really strengthens our hand with foundations, rating agencies and oft-monitored rankings. I won't belabor you again next year with a special edition of the *M&H*, but I want to thank the many of you who responded to my attempt to explain how and why we need your support. I look like I'm reading the comics as I smile my way through the gift reports. Thanks again.

**Our biggest news is that the Lied Foundation Trust has given Whitworth \$2 million** for a project, the specifics of which I will tell you soon. This is unbelievably important and helpful! The story of what Christina Hixson has done with the fund that Ernst Lied left her to manage would dazzle the finest investors in the land. It is so uncommon for savvy, generosity and integrity to be found in one person to the extent that they abound in her. She has taught and inspired me much. This gift brings the Lied Trust's overall support of Whitworth to \$5 million, putting it up there in Weyerhaeuser territory.



**Trustee John Scotford, '51, has been around since just before the Big Bang, so we missed him at our last board meeting.** Never silent for long, John and his wife, Judy, are now making their presence known with a very generous leadership gift for the new tennis courts and parking lot planned for the west side of campus. For us to get cracking on this project, we need an additional \$280,000 in gifts by April. We'd love to hear from former tennis players and other Whitworth athletes who could help us. Please contact Bob Hutchinson (Institutional Advancement) at 509.777.4605 if you're interested in this project. Except for the tennis courts, our outdoor athletics facilities stand among the best in the Northwest.

**We recently learned of the death of H. Kenneth Loveless, '57.** Ken attended Whitworth for only his senior year, but it left such an impact on him he wanted to remember the college in his will. Whitworth will receive approximately \$1 million from Ken's IRAs and estate. The H. Kenneth Loveless Endowed Scholarship Fund will benefit Whitworth students for years to come. We are very appreciative of this wonderful gift.

## ATHLETICS

**Women's basketball is going nuts.** They're off to their best start ever with a 9-0 record and are ranked as high as 14th in the nation. Whitworth's All-America forwards Tiffany Speer and Sarah Shogren are both having MVP-caliber seasons.

**The men's basketball team is 4-4, but seems to have found its identity** in sophomore guards Bryan Williams, Jon Young and J.J. Jones. Williams runs the offense, Young shoots three-pointers, and Jones is a defensive menace. The Pirates have won three of their last four, and the loss was last night to NCAA Division I Utah. I connected to a Salt Lake radio station on the Internet so I could hear them play. Our guys did great, staying within 20 points of one of the country's top Division I teams.

**The swim teams came back from their intense Christmas training trip to SoCal ready for the rest of the season.** The teams will compete in several dual meets leading up to the NWC championships, which Whitworth will host in February. Cory Bergman, Loren Killgore, Serena Fadel and Samantha Kephart have already posted NCAA qualifying times this season.

**Leading the report I promised on fall sports is men's soccer, earning a Northwest Conference championship and reaching the second round of the NCAA tournament with a 16-3-1 record.** We also witnessed a stirring win over Colorado College (2-1) in the first round of the national tournament. The Bucs swept the All-Northwest Conference awards with Sean Bushey named Coach of the Year, Todd Sabrowski Defensive Player of the Year, and Niko Varlamos Offensive Player of the Year. Joining Todd and Niko on the All-NWC first team was Kevin Bostock. Whitworth is also a recipient of the NSCAA/Adidas Team Academic Award. The Bucs tied with MIT (yeah, *that* MIT) for the third-highest team GPA (3.43) in the country. Great job, guys!

**Women's soccer finished 13-5-1 this season and took second place in the NWC.** The Pirates also had the third-highest team GPA (3.60) in the country among four-year schools, earning an NSCAA/Adidas Team Academic Award. Jael Hagerott was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District Team, and Jael, Mary Hultgrenn, Ashley Fisk and Ashli Anderson were named to the All-NWC first team.

**Football completed a very successful season with a 7-2 record and an inspiring 38-35 win over Pacific Lutheran in the Pine Bowl.** Several players earned All-NWC honors: Jared Thomas, Michael Allan, Tyler Neely, Cam Collings and Jeremy Scroggins were named to the first team, and the following players were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team: Kyle Havercroft, Cam Collings, Nick Kuntz and Austin Richard.

**Pirate volleyball also surprised the pundits by finishing the season with a 19-5 record,** taking third place in the NWC. Whitworth ended with impressive 3-0 road sweeps at Whitman and George Fox. Julie Marsh was named first-team All-NWC and All-West Region. Bekah Horner received All-West Region honors and was named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District team.

**Wrapping up a "no team worse than third in conference" fall season, the cross-country women took second place at the NWC championships** and third at the NCAA West regionals, just missing a team berth to the NCAA national championship meet. Kristi Dickey, Elaine Heinemann and Julie Lauterbach earned All-NWC honors, and Dickey went on to finish second at the regional meet, earning an individual spot at the NCAA championship, where she finished 56th of 215 runners. The Whitworth men were third at the NWC championships and fifth at the regional meet. Doug Blackburn was the NWC runner-up; he went on to take fifth in the regional meet, earning an individual spot at the national championships, where he placed 54th. What a great fall for Whitworth Athletics!

## ALUMNI

**The Whitworth Choir is headed for Southern California in March.** I'll provide additional details in the next *M&H*, but here's the crucial stuff about where and when they'll be appearing: 3/13, 9 a.m., Bel Air Presbyterian; 3/13, 7 p.m., Westminster Presbyterian, Westlake; 3/14, 7 p.m., El Montecito Presbyterian; 3/15, 7:30 p.m., LaCañada Presbyterian; 3/18, 7 p.m., First Presbyterian, Hollywood; 3/19, 7 p.m., LaJolla Presbyterian; 3/29, 7:30 p.m., St. Augustine, Spokane. We'll be holding receptions after most of the performances, so be watching for additional details.

The need to write this letter, manufacture four speeches for this weekend, and send off our Central America students shot me out of bed at 3:15 this morning. It was worth it. The students were just wired. At 7 p.m. they'll deplane in Managua. From the time they step onto Central American soil, they will ask relentlessly what they can do about the gaps. Our son went on this tour during his time at Whitworth. He wouldn't be in Cairo now had he not gone. As I said in my opening remarks, I hope 2005 turns out to be a year in which some of the devastating gaps in our world will narrow. Maybe we can find gaps in our communities, our workplaces or even in our families that we're especially well-suited to reduce. I think addressing these problems honors Christ's ministry of reconciliation, the biggest gap-closer of all. We at Whitworth send you warm greetings for a great new year.

*Bill Robinson*

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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MARCH 2005

Does any season flirt with us as shamelessly as spring? I'm sure there's still a little winter left in the tank, but in the final 10 days of February we saw nothing but sunny April weather. Although that period included my stumbling around in five different time zones, I'm back in balmy Spokane. I hope that these clement conditions prompt us to pray for those of you suffering from the wettest month on record in Southern California. Yesterday I biked my way back and forth between softball and men's tennis before spending the evening watching our basketball teams bid farewell to some incredible seniors. I witnessed five victories and zero defeats in absolutely glorious weather. Somehow I need to store the solar energy of such a good day and bring it out when I'm fighting the sleet. Too often I allow the soggiess to chill the warmth of those "perfect days." I could use an emotional fuel cell. Saturday I'm meeting with seniors to talk about life after Whitworth. We're going to think about healthy ways to bring the warm influences of Whitworth life into the challenges that await them upon graduation. I guess we could all do better at appreciating every moment of those times when life seems so good and God seems so near.

## ACADEMICS

### Visiting speakers allow us to import knowledge and perspectives.

Sometimes we're inspired, sometimes we're surprised, and sometimes we're irritated, but we always learn more about our world and ourselves.

So far this semester we've heard from the following folks:

- Ron White, former chaplain and theology professor at Whitworth, spoke about his latest book, *The Eloquent President*, a study of Abraham Lincoln. Ron is one of America's leading historians on Lincoln, and he's a great friend. His lecture was excellent.
- Jim Walvin, professor of history at the University of York, in England, demonstrated one of the reasons the world needed Lincoln by showing how slavery fueled the acquisition of western wealth. His talk was part of a series of presentations to recognize the opening of Weyerhaeuser Hall and was part of our Black History Month.
- Elnour Hamad, a Sudanese who is professor of art education at Eastern Washington University, kicked off our Great Decisions series this spring with a lecture, *Genocide in Darfur and U.S. Foreign Policy*.
- Jim H. Johnson, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, gave two very stirring presentations on *Creating Sustainable Communities in an Era of Economic Uncertainty and Global Insecurity*.
- Robert Bullough, the author of several groundbreaking books on the development of teachers, gave a presentation titled *Reconsidering Access to Knowledge*. Professor Bullough described how certain segments of America's school population have greater access to knowledge than others, and how current policy influences the equality of access to knowledge. I wish I could have heard this!
- Next week we will hear from a 1970 alum sporting a name one letter shy of perfect: William T. Robinson. W.T.R. is a Seattle lawyer who has lived in Japan and Russia; since 1990 he's worked with more than 150 clients and projects in eight republics of the former Soviet Union and in many regions of Russia. Fittingly, his talk about this work will take place in the Robinson Teaching Theatre in Weyerhaeuser Hall.
- Miriam Adeney, professor at SPU, and Nabeel Jabbour, of Navigators, spoke at our missions conference about extending the love of Christ to Muslims.

**Two interesting grants came in last month.** Gordon Wilson (Art) received a \$22,500 grant from the McMillen Foundation to help us host a visiting-artist series that will focus on new media in contemporary art. Gordon says the initial emphasis will be on video. Also, work on our Northwest Protestant Church Archives Collection, overseen by Whitworth Archivist Janet Hauck, got a financial boost from the National Endowment for the Humanities Preservation and Access Program. The grant will provide for a preservation consultant and a preservation plan and training.

**The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning is bringing "shalom" to Spokane.** Bridging theological traditions, Christian denominations, and the black and white communities in Spokane, the center is offering its new Certificate in Urban Congregational Ministry Program. Launched in October, the program includes six local congregations (each represented by one pastor and three lay members). Gathering monthly, these leaders are discovering ways to extend the peace, love and redemption of Christ to the urban community. Participating churches include Calvary Baptist, Westminster Congregational, Central Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, and Bethel African Methodist Episcopal.

**How many of you boomers out there pretended you had a voice while you crooned *Day by Day* in your car or in your shower or, worse yet, in the presence of another human being?** That tune definitely brought out our vocal fantasies. Well, I hope hearing it sung well will bring out your

attendance. *Godspell* is coming to Cowles Auditorium. Set aside April 8, 9, 15 or 16 in the evening, or 2 p.m. on April 10 for a matinee. Diana Trotter (Theatre), the director, says, "This creative retelling of the teachings of Jesus is filled with humor, warmth, and theatrical exuberance." If you join us, please don't sing along.

**And speaking of fine singing, those of you who live in Southern California are in for a treat.** The Whitworth Choir will be making exquisite music, starting March 13, in Los Angeles, Westlake Village, Montecito, La Cañada, Hollywood and La Jolla. The choir, whose theme for this program is *Music for the Seasons of the Church*, will conclude its spring concert tour at St. Augustine Church, 428 W. 19th Ave., Spokane, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. Check our website for details. This will be a great concert.

**Here's a great note from the music department (Whitworth is definitely the school of swing, where jazz is king!):** This year's Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival winners include the following: first place, combos: Whitworth Jazz Combo (Erik Hjelt, Brendan O'Melveny, Chris Parkin, Liz Pempe and Chris Teal); first place, alto saxophone solo: Chris Parkin; second place, ensembles: Whitworth Jazz Ensemble (just behind first-place University of Washington, and ahead of Washington State, Eastern Washington, Gonzaga, Boston College, and Whitman College).

## ENROLLMENT

**Our registrar, Gary Whisenand, reports that our 10-day count for total enrollment this spring is a record 2,330** – up from 2,174 this time last year. The biggest jump comes from our full-time undergraduate population, whose total increased nearly a hundred, to 1,936. Although we're focused on limiting growth, we always love high retention.

**We ended February a couple of hundred applications ahead of the last year's record-breaking number.** Also, the grade points and scores of these applicants have hit new heights. We'll probably end up with 200 more applications – for less available space than we had last year. This is all good, but it is not all easy.

## STUDENT LIFE

**Missions Week followed by Gender Awareness Week – that's vintage Whitworth in March.** The first week, students will be tweaked from their comfort zones by the Holy Spirit of God calling them to meet the needs of this world for which Christ died. The second week they'll be tweaked from their comfort zones as they grapple with important and sometimes embarrassing topics that have been perilously taboo. February brought comedians, poets, bands and first-run movies. Students also were delighted with the annual Gospel Explosion, which featured music, dance and poetry. The Dating Game concluded the month, and two lucky couples won a dinner-and-movie night out based on their dumb answers to stupid questions. (Just jesting.)

## RESOURCES

**I'm sure I've talked about the rather wacky but enormously generous Icho guys, all late-'70s and early-'80s survivors of Carlson Hall.** They were on campus this month to enjoy some time with the students whose educations they put within financial reach. These guys add fun to truth and grace. The truth is that many of our students couldn't afford Whitworth without financial aid. The grace is that the Icho boys ("Icho" is Japanese for either ginkgo or friendship; they're not sure, but both definitions work), have set up a scholarship in excess of \$50,000 to allow students to enjoy the same Whitworth experience that blessed them. The fun is that they make this gathering an annual reunion, often ratcheting back their maturity levels to enable authentic reenactments of those dubious activities that bonded them as college students.

## ATHLETICS

Our sports information director, Steve Flegel, '89, has been frantically trying to wrap up winter sports and launch the spring seasons. So students and parents, please forgive me if I leave anything out. I'm just reporting what I remember. Incidentally, we finished winter sports on top of the conference for the NWC All-Sports Trophy. If we have a good spring, we'll bring home the hardware.

**Women's basketball ended the season 22-3 overall and 13-3 in conference** (in second place). Seniors Tiffany Speer, Sarah Shogren, Dani Bielec and Wenchi Lui broke too many records (as did the team) to be included in a letter with only 2,450 words. But Sarah and Tiffany were named to the All-NWC first team, and Dani received honorable mention. And they are just great human beings. I urge you to read about their amazing careers on our website. Unfortunately, the team was not selected for the NCAA postseason tournament. Of all the teams excluded from the tournament, only Whitworth was mentioned by a national online publication as deserving inclusion. Kudos to Coach Helen Higgs and the rest of the team for this amazing season that brought pride and joy to Whitworth.

**Men's basketball ended the year 13-11 and 9-7 in conference.** They finished the year winning their final five contests (and eight of their last 11). Seniors Mike Larkin and Kevin Wyatt were feted in the final home game, a thriller forced into overtime when Jon Young hit a contested three-pointer from the third row of the grandstands that set up Bryan Williams, who calmly dropped in two free throws to tie the game with 1.6 seconds on the clock. Bryan then made a monstrous 3-pointer to win it in OT. I'm out of breath just writing about it. Bryan, Jon, Lance Pecht, George Tucker and Mike Larkin had excellent seasons, leading the Bucs.

**Our swim teams hosted the conference meet this year.** It was great to watch the championship men win the conference in their own pool while the women took second to UPS. We've come to take the excellence of our swim teams almost for granted. The national cuts were faster this year, but we still expect seniors Cory Bergman and Serena Fadel to repeat as All-Americans. And look out for freshman Samantha Kephart. She could bring back a national championship.

**All the spring sports are under way.** We don't have many results yet, but I've been able to see track, softball and men's tennis. They all look strong. The baseball guys staff our basketball games, and they were all stoked about the season. I don't know much yet about our women's tennis team, and golf gets started this weekend at Whitman.

## ALUMNI

**The 2005 alumni directory is still in process.** Data collection is now complete and the company is working to get all of the new data entered and prepared for printing. A late-spring mail date is still on target. Thanks for your patience, and if you have questions, please contact Tad Wisenor, '89, in the Office of Annual Giving, Alumni, Parent and Church Relations (twisenor@whitworth.edu or 509.777.4401).

**I mentioned that Whitworth's spring production, *Godspell*, is coming up soon.** Alumni, parents and friends are invited to join our director, Diana

Trotter (Theatre), at 6:45 p.m. for a pre-play dessert on Saturday night, April 9, before the play begins at 8 o'clock in Cowles Auditorium. Tickets are only \$10 for dessert and an evening of great musical theater. Contact Annie Severino for more information at 509.777.3772 or check out the alumni events website.

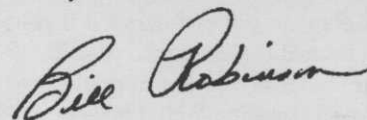
**Join Professor of English Leonard Oakland and Director of Development Tad Wisenor for upcoming Core 650 lectures and desserts.** They'll be in Colorado Springs on Saturday evening, April 30, and in Denver on Sunday afternoon, May 1. Leonard will present *A Life in Film: How We Experience the Movies*. More information and online registration will be available soon.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**I botched up two things in last month's *Mind & Heart*.** I misspelled Dorine Weber's name, and that bugs me for three reasons. First, I know how she spells her name. Second, she's just a wonderful person (and, fortunately, a forgiving one). Third, it's a good rule of thumb not to misspell the name of someone who's giving you a generous gift. Sorry, Dorine.

**I convoluted the other item so badly that I'm not going to try to explain it.** But here's the correct version: Our adjunct faculty members contribute enormously to the quality of teaching at Whitworth. Norman Thorpe, an adjunct professor in international business and an expert on Korea, is principal author of a new book, *1904: Korea through Australian Eyes*. The book focuses on important photos taken in Korea in 1904 by Australian photographer George Rose, using Rose's century-old original glass negatives. Norm uncovered the photos in an archive in California and the book grew out of an exhibition of Rose's photos that Norm curated in Seoul in 2002.

We're drawing near to the completion of our long-range plan. Our potential seems limited only by our courage and our resources. Admissions applications are off the chart, the quality of both students and faculty keeps rising, the annual fund has spiked upward this year, and we have been deemed the best Christian workplace among colleges, universities and seminaries. In the next five years we could step forward as one of the very finest institutions of higher education in the Northwest. Aren't we there now? No. We're very good, as indicated by our 5th-place "Best Colleges" ranking among 126 comprehensive master's-level colleges and universities in the West. But we could be great. Our five-year strategic plan will provide a formula for achieving our high aspirations. First, we cannot compromise our commitment to keeping Christ at the center of our identity and doing so with a faith that is unafraid to examine non-Christian and even anti-Christian ideas. Second, we have to work like dogs (sorry, PETA; it's just an expression). Third, we need a boatload of money to enhance our science and arts facilities. Fourth, we need you to believe in and support our mission. Bright days await us, in no small part because you care about Whitworth. For that we are grateful, and we believe your confidence will be rewarded over the next five years.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MAY 2005

When I first came to Whitworth I usually dictated the *Mind & Heart*. Then reports started coming in that people were actually reading it, so I got a little more careful and started composing it on my computer. This month I'm back to the Dictaphone. In three days I'm scheduled for what I hope will be my final back job. I don't think it's particularly complicated, but I'll be hospitalized and doped up for a few days. So, in spite of the possibility that I might write better on drugs, I'm trying to get stuff out of the way, and dictation is fast. The worst thing about the timing of this surgery has nothing to do with the *M&H*. During the last two weeks of every academic year I enjoy special moments with graduating seniors, and this year those times could be a bit restricted. Whitworth's Class of 2005 has been wonderful. The Sunday before Commencement, I'll go to the Intranet directory and beam up pictures of the senior class. I won't believe my eyes when I see that this or that student is graduating already. I'll see pictures of friends. I'll see pictures that make me laugh. I'll see pictures of seniors whom I don't know, and I'll feel regret. I'll see students whose growth in mind and heart has been simply stunning. And my prayer for all of our seniors will be that they hear the voice, see the cross and take up the basin. Thanks for participating in the answer to this prayer.

## ACADEMICS

**One of our favorite events is the annual student research conference.**

This year's program was the third one during which our students shared their work. Twenty faculty sponsors and 51 students showcased research topics that ranged from the future of Title IX athletics to what the U.S. Constitution says about maternity and paternity leave. The conference also included an outside speaker, Jim Frederickson, Ph.D., a microbiologist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. During a recognitions lunch following the conference, Jim told the students – who included his son, Eric, '07, a biology major – of his personal research journey.

**Among this month's notable faculty achievements:**

- Chang-nam Lee (Education) is co-translator, with a Korean colleague at Kyung-Een Education University, of the book *Effective Teaching Strategies that Accommodate Diverse Learners*.
- Diane Dempsey Marr (Education) and Noelle Wiersma (Psychology) presented their research regarding therapists and clients at the Western Psychological Association, in Portland.

**We've also hosted a number of speakers and academic events this month.**

- The *Fingerprints of God* conference brought back to campus Steve Meyer, '80, formerly of our theology and philosophy department and now with the Discovery Institute, in Seattle. He spoke on *DNA by Design*.
- Our Simpson-Duvall lecturer was Ibrahim Sundiata, professor of history at Brandeis. His very interesting topic was *African Americans and Africans: The Vagaries of a Twentieth-Century Relationship*.
- This year's Hans Moldenhauer Memorial Lecture featured Donivan Johnson, who explored the music, mind and spirit of pioneering American composer Charles Ives. Donivan is one of the most amazing people I know. While he teaches music to first-graders in Ione, Wash., his compositions are performed around the world. Visit [www.esd101.net/focus/novdec99.pdf](http://www.esd101.net/focus/novdec99.pdf) for more about him. Special thanks to Mary Moldenhauer for this program!
- Raja Tanas (Sociology) gave a Great Decisions lecture on *The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict after Arafat*.
- Jim Waller (Psychology, Lindaman Chair) presented the annual Lindaman Lecture. This year's title was *Never Again? Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding in a Genocidal World*. Jim continues to be in demand all over the country as we deal with the heartbreak of hatred and intolerance.
- Carol Kersten, history professor and Islam specialist at Thailand's Payap University, met with faculty and students and gave a lecture, *Contemporary Muslim Thinkers and Islam: Exploring New Ways of Engagement with a Religious Tradition*.
- Jon Bridgman, emeritus professor of history at the University of Washington, spoke on the topic *Coddling the Nazis: The Treatment of German Prisoners of War*, examining the ways in which the treatment of German prisoners of war became a public issue in 1944.
- Also in the Great Decisions series, we heard from Sidney Rittenberg, visiting professor of Chinese Studies at PLU, who spoke on *China: From Mao to the 21st Century – A Future Envisioned*.

**We teachers never know for sure where our students will end up.** But students can't be sure where their teachers/mentors will end up, either. In 2003, Keith Beebe and Karin Heller joined the theology department in tenure-track positions. Keith earned his Ph.D. with Iain Torrance, at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, as his advisor. Karin completed her first Ph.D. under the tutelage of Angelo Scola at Rome's Pontifical Lateran University – upon the recommendation of Cardinal

Joseph Ratzinger, a personal acquaintance of Karin's. This has been a pretty good year for Torrance and Ratzinger. The former became president of Princeton Seminary, and the latter was recently hired as Pope Benedict XVI.

**Speaking of the Pope**, student Brandon Behan's time at one of our partner institutions, the University of Maastricht, in the Netherlands, included this unforgettable memory: "I am now a week into my last block here at Maastricht and just got back from a trip to Italy. I was in Rome the night the Pope died and also for his funeral.... We went to the memorial service on Saturday in Saint Peter's Basilica. Sitting through a two-hour service in Italian, listening to hymns being sung in one of the most beautiful and amazing buildings I have ever been in, is really an indescribable experience...."

**The Whitworth Wind Symphony performed its spring concert, *Colours*, May 1.** Interim conductor Lee Shook says the theme *Colours* was selected because it relates to the six-movement work with the same title, by composer Roger Cichy, which comprised a major part of the program. The string orchestra and our student string quartet, conducted by Roberta Bottelli, gave a concert a few days later that featured Mozart's Symphony no. 25, featured prominently in the movie *Amadeus*.

**Having English as their second (or third or fourth) language didn't keep India's Suman Polepaka and Germany's Tobias Mayer from bringing home a second-place trophy** in the Hogan Entrepreneurial Leadership Business Plan Competition. Our School of Global Commerce & Management faculty were amazed by our students' performance against a strong field from other regional graduate programs.

**Godspell turned out to be a spectacular performance.** In fact, it was so special that the cast said they wanted to perform it for the board of trustees and then opened the doors to everyone. Thanks to Director Diana Trotter (Theatre) and the cast for staging this joyful representation of Christ's love.

## ENROLLMENT

**This has been a prosperous but sometimes agonizing year in admissions.** Though we received about 2,200 applications, we admitted only 63 percent of the applicants. We've also had to delay the enrollment of some admitted students. We're thrilled with the interest in Whitworth, but it saddens us when a lack of space forces us to deny admission to students with the ability to succeed. On the upside, the deposited students carry a GPA of 3.68 and an average SAT composite score of 1210. Both could dip by September, but the class of 2010 seems to be pretty bright.

**The Financial Aid Office will send out renewal awards** to current students for 2005-06 during late May and June.

## STUDENT LIFE

**April was crazy.** Activities included the Hawaiian Luau, Pirate Idol (won by Paul Lack with a stunning snare-drum performance) a comedian, great varsity-sports weekends, and a superb Springfest, with bands and performers and amazing treats. That I came and went without getting my stomach pumped or lapsing into a sugar-induced coma was a particular point of pride. All proceeds from the various clubs' booths went to the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life, a fund-raising marathon, also contributed to this cause.

## RESOURCES

**I'm such a dunce.** It just struck me that I never write the May *Mind & Heart* until after Commencement. Waiting until the last half of the month allows me to report on graduation and to remind you that our fiscal year ends June 30. I then write a summer issue and resume my monthly schedule in September. Oh, well. I'll update you on commencement in my summer letter, and you can draw a circle around June 30 on your calendars.

**This has been an encouraging year for The Whitworth Fund.** Like most other not-for-profits, many Whitworth donors have shifted from undesignated to designated giving over the past decade. While we do cartwheels over every gift that we receive, The Whitworth Fund (our annual fund) continues to be extraordinarily valuable in helping us with student financial aid and operating expenses. This year you have been especially generous. Thank you so much. But we have to keep pushing ourselves and our friends. Annual giving and alumni participation serve as two of the most important sources and indicators of a college's quality. So if there's anything more you can do to help us reach our goal, we'll be deeply grateful.

**A big part of The Whitworth Fund's success this year has been your participation in the fund's phonathon. Thank you!** Our student callers had some wonderful conversations with you, and they just wrapped up the most successful phonathon in recent years. Callers began with a goal of \$200,000 in pledges, and by January they'd surpassed that goal. They called 14,000 alumni, parents and friends who, all together, gave \$245,000. Seventy-four percent of these pledges have been fulfilled, and we need to get the rest of them in by June 30. In an age of telebombardment, you have been very gracious.

**Friday was our luncheon for the 20+ recipients of this year's McDonald Opportunity Scholar Awards.** By endowing this creative program, Bob and Claire McDonald provide money each year so that a group of students can afford to work in their chosen fields of study rather than at any job they can get to help pay for school. I love the McDonalds. Their spirit, warmth and friendship provide joy to Whitworth and special meaning to Bonnie and me.

## ATHLETICS

*My thanks to Steve Flegel, '89, our sports information director, for writing this month's athletics section.*

**The baseball Bucs finished fourth in the Northwest Conference standings, winning six games in a row late in the season.** The Pirates swept UPS in their series with the Loggers. Dan Lundeberg threw eight solid innings to win the first game, while Ben McCracken shut out the Loggers for seven innings in the finale. Dan Gebbers led the team in RBI.

**Pirate softball finished the year with a sweep of Lewis & Clark.** Three of the four wins were shutouts, giving the Pirates a new school record of 14 shutouts this season. Alana Klaus, Amanda Norwood and Kristin Hanson each hit home runs in one game to set another team record. Whitworth finished the year in third place in the NWC with an overall mark of 23-14 and a conference record of 18-8.

**Men's tennis pulled off a big victory over UPS in the opening round of the NWC tournament to clinch an upper-division finish.** The Pirates' 7-10 record earned them fourth in the NWC standings. Chad Dierickx was voted All-Conference second team, and Mike Shanks was voted NWC Coach of the Year.

**Women's tennis came back to win two of three matches at the NWC tournament, upsetting Whitman,** which defeated the Pirates 9-0 earlier in the season. Senior April Brast was selected to the All-NWC second team.

**Women's track & field finished second at the NWC championship meet.** Sarah Marken had another stellar performance, scoring in seven events. She was runner-up in the 100 hurdles and the long jump, and she finished third in the 100

dash and the heptathlon. Kristi Dickey led a 1-2 finish in the 10,000-meter run, edging teammate Julie Lauterbach.

**Men's track & field took fifth place at the championship meet, just eight points out of third.** Doug Blackburn was All-NWC in two events, taking second place in the 10,000 and third in the 5,000. Brandon Howell was runner-up to two-time national champion Nick Symmonds in the 800. Other second-place finishers included Ian Hinton in the triple jump and Austin Richard in the shot put.

**The men's golf team won its first NWC title in only its second season as a varsity program.** Warren Friedrichs was named NWC Coach of the Year, his fifth such trophy after winning the award four times in men's basketball. Mike Van Wingerden and Andrew Parrott earned All-NWC honors, finishing among the top five individuals. They also had the team's best final-round scores to lead the Bucs to victory over two-time defending champ Willamette.

**Women's golf missed the NWC championships because of a short roster,** but Kelli Parker finished seventh individually in the tournament.

**Save Thursday, June 9, for the Second Annual Whitworth Westside Golf Classic** at The Golf Club at Newcastle. The shotgun start is scheduled for 1 p.m., and both lunch and dinner are provided. Please contact A.D. Scott McQuilkin, '84 (smcquilkin@whitworth.edu), for further information.

## ALUMNI

**The 1963-65 reunion numbers are through the roof, thanks to the work of Kathie (Koopmans, '64) Neir and her committee,** but there is plenty of room for everyone at Alumni Family Weekend, June 17-19. See the schedule and the list of attendees, and register online at [www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend](http://www.whitworth.edu/familyweekend).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning invites you to Effective Preaching in a Postmodern World,** a conference July 7-9 at Whitworth. Speakers include M. Craig Barnes, Ph.D., of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; and Charles L. Bartow, Ph.D., of Princeton Theological Seminary. Contact Tim Dolan, 509.777.4676 (tdolan@whitworth.edu), or Michelle Seefried, 509.777.3275 (mseefried@whitworth.edu), for information.

As I walked out of the recent Whitworth College Board of Trustees meeting I felt both grateful and terrified. The board approved a very ambitious five-year strategic plan. We deeply appreciate the board's confidence – but delivering on this plan is not exactly a chip shot. We believe that Whitworth's mission and distinctives are needed today more than at any point in our history, and the time seems right for Whitworth to take bold steps in strengthening the quality of our educational experience. The measures outlined in this plan will solidify our place among the finest Christian colleges in existence. I hope I'll have a chance to share our vision personally with everyone who reads this letter. In the meantime, please keep Whitworth and her students in your prayers. And thanks again for your care and support.

*Bill Robinson*

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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

NOVEMBER 2005

I'm supposed to write this a week from today, but I'm on a plane trying to redeem some time, and I'm still glowing over Parents' Weekend, which ended yesterday. At the risk of sounding like raspy old Joe Cocker, everything was beautiful! October's angular sun put a spotlight on deciduous leaves that hung on stubbornly until they could do some showing off for our visitors. In perfect weather, a record number of families and friends feasted on a poignant theatre production of *Our Town*, victorious athletics contests, stimulating classes, and, most of all, warm moments with their students. There couldn't have been more love anywhere – except for Division Street, where local merchants were seen calling for backup Brinks' trucks. Our students have such great families, and we really appreciate the fact that so many of you came to visit your scholars. They were all in the library just before you got here.

## ACADEMICS

**Faculty Development Day** looked at some of the ways in which Christian scholars have related to the secular academy. George Marsden, professor of history at Notre Dame, provided a public lecture on the role of fundamentalism in American religion. We also heard from Harold Heie, senior fellow at the Center for Christian Studies at Gordon College, and from Ronald White, historian at San Francisco Theological Seminary, former Whitworth chaplain, and author of *Lincoln's Greatest Speech: The Second Inaugural*. These three joined our own James Waller (Psychology) and Julia Stronks (Political Studies) in presenting the ways in which we can cross the sometimes artificial and sometimes real divide between Christian and secular scholarship.

**Faculty members and students have been busy sharing their ideas with local, regional, national and international audiences.** Here's a sample of recent presentations:

- Kerry Breno (Chemistry) presented "Modern Qualitative Analysis via Name Reactions in the Organic Chemistry Lab" to the Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association.
- Pamela Corpron Parker, '81, (English) presented "Elizabeth Gaskell, Literary Tourism and Cranford" to the United Kingdom Gaskell Society.
- Richard Stevens (Physics) presented "Fibonacci Numbers as Hands-On Analogues to Quantum Numbers" to the American Association of Physics Teachers.
- Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) presented "Requiring Student Participation in Research Pools: Muddying the Waters" to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.
- And in what I find to be the most mystifying title in the history of humankind, student Richard Harwood (Math/Computer Science) presented his summer research project, "A Genetic Algorithm for the Minimum Tollbooth Problem," to the American Mathematical Sectional Meeting.

**Advanced technology continues to offer new and exciting teaching methods.** Eight business majors from the School of Global Commerce & Management are participating in an international online simulation in preparation for their Jan Term class in Thailand. The students represent Thailand as delegates in online negotiations of important global challenges. Ours is one of 13 international teams, with most university teams representing countries other than their own. It's fascinating to watch the Finland team struggle with capturing the voice of South Africa while the Taiwan team walks in the shoes of Nigeria. Students can listen in as others represent their home countries, and during one of the online conferences a Whitworth student said to Professor Mary Alberts (SGCM), "I never knew that other countries felt this way about the U.S."

**Two of our music groups present their fall concerts this month.** You'll get this after the jazz ensemble turns Cowles Auditorium into the palace of swing where jazz is king; I'll give you my unbiased review next month. You can, however, hear the Whitworth Wind Symphony present its fall concert, in conjunction with the college's Women Composers' Series, on Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. in Cowles Memorial Auditorium. Admission is free. You'll love it! The Wind Symphony will also appear at the 2006 Washington Music Educators All-State Conference. While the ensemble has performed at regional conferences of the College Band Directors National Association and the Music Educators All-Northwest Conference, this is its first invitation to perform at "All-State."

## ENROLLMENT

**Our application deadline for early-action admission is Nov. 30.** Students who have their applications completed by the deadline will be notified of their admission status before Christmas. We have already received more than 400 applications, so encourage your students to apply soon if they are interested in an early decision.

## STUDENT LIFE

**In addition to their 700 guests at Parents' Weekend, students enjoyed special events** such as Step Afrika, a troupe of African American dancers who did lively step routines and traditional African dance and drumming, and the annual Mac haunted house. Getting the Mac Hall Halloween citizenship award was the dude (name withheld for obvious reasons) who spent several

motionless hours in an open casket with nothing but an iPod. When asked to comment on his contribution he reported, "My nose itched and I got tired of the music." This is the kind of passion that makes Mac Hall great.

**The 20th annual International Banquet, Tour du Monde: Live Culturally Strong, sponsored by the Whitworth International Club and the college's cultural-diversity advocates, will take place Nov. 11.** There's still time for you to join us. Students representing 18 countries will prepare and provide foods and entertainment from around the world.

## RESOURCES

**We have just received several very generous gift pledges.** Bill and Peggy Welch have pledged more than \$1 million to help Whitworth complete the funding for the Dale Bruner Endowed Chair in Theology. These good friends have valued deeply the contributions to the Presbyterian Church made by our theology faculty, particularly James Edwards, '67, and Emeritus Professor Dale Bruner. Whitworth continues to be the leading Presbyterian feeder college for both Princeton and Fuller seminaries. Also, trustee Dick Cole and his wife, Liz, just established a \$450,000 charitable-remainder unitrust. Finally, two very generous trustees have anonymously committed \$750,000 in matching funds toward a special academic endowment. This represents a great chance for us to find folks who can generate a dollar by giving a dollar. Please let us know if you're interested in helping us out. And thanks to these wonderful friends.

**Congress helps you help us:** In an effort to free up private giving in a way that will help the victims of Hurricane Katrina, Congress passed a law encouraging gifts to any charitable organization between Aug. 28 and Dec. 31 of this year. The law increases the tax deduction on charitable gifts from 50 percent to 100 percent of adjusted gross income. For those ages 59 and above, the law also permits unlimited withdrawals from IRAs or other qualified retirement plans for charitable gifts. Please discuss this opportunity with your qualified tax professional or call our advancement office (509.777.3243) if you have questions about how you might help Whitworth and your tax bill at the same time.

**Speaking of gifts and the like, in this *Mind & Heart* we've included a courtesy reply envelope for The Whitworth Fund.** Rather than do a special year-end appeal, we think it's better stewardship to economize by using this newsletter, which we send out each month. I believe that most people make gifts to enable a mission they believe in, not because they get a smooth appeal. And just so you know, The Whitworth Fund works beneath the surface to hold up our mission. Costs such as those related to energy are just rocketing out of sight, and this is where The Whitworth Fund comes to the rescue. So thanks. These gifts are enormously helpful.

**Last month I told you that we're building a new residence hall – and I promised great news about its name.** Well, here it is: It will be named R. Fenton Duvall Hall, to honor one of Whitworth's legends, who taught history at the college for 32 years and who, along with Clarence Simpson, established the Core program in the 1960s. Everyone who knows Fenton is excited at the prospect of 160 students occupying "his" hall beginning next autumn. Next September we'll dedicate Duvall Hall to the man whom Leonard Oakland (English) calls "one of my role models for what it means to be a real professor, and what I would like to be when I grow up." Fenton was known as loving and supportive to his students, but rigorous and challenging as well in his expectations. Leonard says he was a superb colleague, engaging others in discussions of ideas, providing a model of good teaching, and leading the earliest of Whitworth's study-abroad programs, to Italy and to France.

## ATHLETICS

**This has been another great fall for Whitworth athletics.** Men's golf wrapped up the fall season with a win at the Northwest Conference Fall Classic, in Oregon. Sophomore Jordan Carter fired back-to-back rounds of 68 and 69 to win individual-medalist honors with a score of 137. Andrew Parrott, Sean Thompson and Colin Fling all finished among the top six individuals with two-day scores under 150. The fall results will count toward the NWC championship race in the spring, and Jordan has already clinched a spot on the All-NWC team.

We were all nervous wrecks watching the volleyball team clinch its third NWC title in the last five years. Led by seniors Natalie Danielson, Bekah Hornor and Julie Marsh, the women are 18-3 overall and 13-1 in the conference. Danielson leads the NWC in hitting percentage, Hornor is among the leaders in assists, and Marsh is ranked first in aces. Whitworth will host one of eight NCAA Division III regional tournaments Nov. 10-12, with the winner headed to the NCAA finals in Virginia.

We also went pretty crazy watching the men's soccer team earn its second straight NWC championship with hard-fought victories over PLU and UPS. Niko Varlamos again leads the NWC in goals scored, with 12, while Todd Sabrowski has scored nine goals to go along with six assists. And Ali Seyedali leads the conference with 12 assists. Whitworth is ranked sixth nationally and first in the NCAA west region. This means that the Bucs could host matches in the NCAA tournament, as well as earn a first-round bye.

Women's soccer is nearing the end of the season with an overall record of 7-7-3 and a conference mark of 6-6-2. The Pirates have played well under adverse circumstances this season, including season-ending injuries to key starting players. Ashley Fisk has stepped up to lead the team with six goals scored and Marissa Williams leads the Bucs with six assists.

Our cross-country teams finished third at the NWC championships. Doug Blackburn finished third in the men's race to earn All-NWC honors for the third consecutive year. Jeff Grassley was 14th and made second-team All-NWC. Kristi Dickey and Julie Lauterbach both earned places on the first team by finishing fourth and fifth, respectively. The teams will now turn their attention to the NCAA west regional meet Nov. 12. The top two teams in each race, along with the top finishing individuals not on those teams, will qualify for the NCAA Division III championships.

The football team is 4-2 and still very much in the hunt for the postseason. The Pirates have been rolling offensively under the direction of quarterback Joel Clark. Whitworth leads the NWC in total offense, averaging 477 yards per game, and has been scoring more than 36 points per contest. Tight end Michael Allan has caught 12 touchdown passes this fall and needs only one more to tie the school record set by All-American Doug Long.

## ALUMNI

Look for more details and tipoff times on the athletics website, but plan now to join the Pirate men hoopsters at the St. Vincent de Paul Invitational, in Burlingame, Calif., Dec. 17-18; at the California Lutheran Thrivent Financial Tournament, in Thousand Oaks, Dec. 29-30; or at the Occidental College Classic, in L.A., Jan. 2-3.

## MISCELLANEOUS

If you're in or near Spokane, don't miss the exciting art of Makoto Fujimura, on display through Dec. 9 in Whitworth's Koehler Gallery. The exhibit is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts.

It's that time again: The Whitworth Choir's Christmas Festival Concerts are coming up. They'll take place Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., Chapel Hill Presbyterian in Gig

Harbor; Dec. 3 at 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue; Dec. 4 at 3 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Seattle; Dec. 9 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 10 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Spokane. For ticket information, call Joan Lack (Music) at 509.777.3280 or e-mail her at jlack@whitworth.edu.

**Upcoming Whitworth Theatre events:** On the Spot Players will perform for free Nov. 20 at 9 p.m. On Dec. 11, another free show, *Cootie Shots: Inoculations against Bigotry for Kids, Parents and Teachers*, will be presented at 3 p.m. And also on the 11th, come see Cool Whip vs. On the Spot Players, 8:30 p.m. Admission: \$1. All of these events will take place in Cowles Auditorium's Stage II.

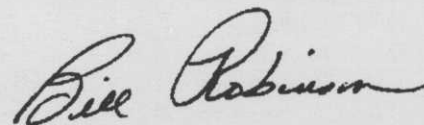
Immediately after our October board of trustees meeting I sent e-mails to the campus community and to my colleagues at other institutions. When I write these newsletters I think of you who read them as members of the greater Whitworth community, and for that reason I'm pasting below a condensed version of those two e-mails. I hope all of you are blessed with the peace of Christ and with grateful hearts as we enter this Thanksgiving season.

Dear friends,

Several hours ago our board took momentous action by voting to change the name of Whitworth College to Whitworth University. Immediately following the 18-14 decision, the board voted unanimously to express its strong support for the institution as we move forward to implement the name change.

Because we love Whitworth's culture and character, we will compromise neither in making this change. Though I opposed a name-change initially, what made the difference for me was realizing that the argument I'd used to reject a change now began to argue for change. Almost 20 years ago, when I became a college president, it felt misleading when colleges like Whitworth began calling themselves universities. Small, primarily undergraduate liberal-arts schools excelled in the college part of "collegiate" and lacked the "universality" of university. But now, even liberal-arts-based institutions that offer graduate and pre-professional programs – schools like Whitworth – are listed by U.S. News & World Report and other such organizations as regional universities. Internationally, our "college" nomenclature paints us as a secondary school, and domestically we risk being perceived as a community college that dropped "community" or a pure liberal-arts undergraduate school, like our wonderful neighbors at Whitman. Ironically, it now feels as if we've become the ones with a somewhat misleading name.

So at some point, before 2009, we're going to make the change. I'm firmly convinced that our decision is in the best interests of the college. At the moment, I'm doing a bit of grieving, but I know that this will pass in the excitement of all that lies ahead for our school. Thank you for your prayers. I believe we made this decision in a way that honors the God to whom we have dedicated our efforts and this institution. The caring, Christian liberal-arts Whitworth of the past will continue long into the future. Our name may change, but our mission stands.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

OCTOBER 2005

This might be the first time I've written one of these on a boat. Unfortunately, my life gets intense when we hit *terra firma*, so it's now or never. Typing on rolling seas could provide the stomach gods an opportunity to put me in my place, since I've shot off my mouth a few times about how I never get motion sickness. The occasion for my nautical surroundings is two badly needed relaxation days. Bonnie and I are in the sweet company of Karlyn, '67, and Chuck Boppell, '65. Chuck's the chairman of our board of trustees, so being with him provides immunity from any demerits I could get for not working – but I also gain wisdom and energy from our times together. Last week he retired from navigating the cross currents of a once-troubled corporation that needed his trademark turnaround skills. Ultimately, his transformational leadership resulted in a profitable company that became a very attractive acquisition target. Shareholders, employees and consumers all benefited incredibly from Chuck's work. But so did Whitworth College. Chuck and Karlyn never rested from lavishing us with their time, treasure and talent. So I salute Chuck Boppell at this passage. Whitworth could not have a better board chair, and I could not have a better friend.

## ACADEMICS

Whitworth recently received a \$500,000 grant from a Lilly Endowment program, Sustaining the Theological Exploration of Vocation. This allows us to continue through 2009 our very successful program, initiated in 2001 with a \$2 million grant. When the Lilly folks launched this ambitious program, they could never have predicted how many collegians' lives would be enriched. This past weekend Bonnie and I stayed with friends Debby and Andy Benton (Andy's the president of Pepperdine University), and he observed that Pepperdine's Lilly grant has transformed its campus. That report echoes at colleges and universities across the country. We extend our deepest gratitude to the Lilly Endowment and to Dale Soden (Politics & History/Weyerhaeuser Center), Terry McGonigal (Theology), and all of the faculty and staff who have worked hard on this important project that helps students understand God's call.

Professor of Politics & History John Yoder will join former U.S. President Jimmy Carter as a member of the National Democratic Institute/Carter Center's joint international delegation observing the Liberian presidential and legislative elections this month. The delegation will find John's expertise in Liberian politics and culture invaluable; he is greatly deserving of this invitation.

## Speakers at Whitworth this month:

- George Marsden, the Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at the University of Notre Dame and author of the highly acclaimed book *Jonathan Edwards: A Life* (Yale, 2003). On Oct. 27, he will address *How 'Otherworldly' Fundamentalism Became a Political Power*.
- Nihonga artist Makoto Fujimura, of New York, will present his work on campus (in our Koehler Gallery) from Oct. 17-Dec. 8. He is part of our Visiting Artists in Printmaking program, which brings multicultural artists to campus to conduct printing workshops with faculty and students. Fujimura will appear at the opening reception Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m., in Fine Arts 203. He will also present an artist's lecture at 7 p.m. that evening in Weyerhaeuser Hall Room 203.
- On Nov. 4, award-winning poet Li-Young Lee will read selections from his work. This event kicks off the Spokane River Writers' Workshop, sponsored by the English departments at Whitworth and Gonzaga University.

Too often we overlook the research being done by our dedicated adjunct faculty. For example, Del Hungerford (Music) just published an interesting article, "Using a Fiber Optic Scope to View the Oral Cavity of Clarinetists," in *The Clarinet* magazine. Her findings can help provide a more uniform method of teaching proper tongue position during clarinet performance. The findings might also provide an explanation for the spit-valve problems I encountered after woofing down those orange peanut-butter crackers before puckering up to play last-chair trumpet in fifth-grade band.

## ENROLLMENT

Our final fall enrollment numbers landed very near all of our targets. We enrolled 451 new freshmen; their average SAT score is 1205. We also welcomed 93 transfer students. I have found these new students particularly achievement-oriented and excited about taking their places in the Whitworth community.

## STUDENT LIFE

We're excited about families and friends who will join us for Parents' Weekend Oct. 21-22. Among many other activities, our guests are invited to attend one of seven Saturday-morning sessions to hear from Whitworth faculty representing the fields of philosophy, psychology, speech, theatre and theology. Families, your students could not be more excited to see you; they just don't want to see you too early on Saturday morning. So come to classes such as Sinners Turned Into Saints, Regulating Speech on the University Campus, and It's Not What You Know, But How You Know It.

Homecoming was so much fun. Students plunged into the festivities with pizza-eating contests, a dance-off, dorm royalty, powder-puff football, and the victorious varsity football game, followed by a dance from which all proceeds went to the Hurricane Katrina fund. Intramural sports are going wild this fall with more than 700 participants (120 in Ultimate Frisbee alone). Also, there are currently 32 active clubs, and the student media are overflowing with student writers, photographers and DJs.

On Community Building Day, more than 500 students, staff and faculty partnered with 27 community agencies to make a difference in Spokane. "Whitworth puts a strong emphasis on integrating academic instruction with community service," says Whitworth senior and SERVE Coordinator Alise Delzell. ("SERVE" is Students Eager to Respond to Volunteer Endeavors.) "We hope that by participating in Community Building Day, students realize the importance and value of service and make a lifetime commitment to serve others."

Several of us received an e-mail last week from Jena Lee, '04, that demonstrates how one student has carried her service-learning lessons into life after Whitworth. Jena is the first executive director of Blood:Water Mission, a non-profit organization founded by the Christian band Jars of Clay to promote clean water in Africa, to reduce the impact of the African HIV/AIDS pandemic, and to address the continent's underlying issues of poverty, injustice and oppression. As the band tours and performs throughout the United States, Jena and JOC's members speak to thousands of concertgoers about poverty, faith in action, and social justice. She writes, "I firmly believe that my experiences at Whitworth equipped me to take on this task." We pray God's blessings on Jena and all the other alumni serving God through serving humanity.

Thanks to Sarabeth Shoffner (Stewart resident assistant), Nate Chute (Stewart cultural diversity assistant), and Erica Prins (Village CDA) for their work on International Food Night. It was amazing. More than 100 people turned out, and the evening featured international music, pictures from all over the world, printed news articles from various countries, and flags and artifacts from other cultures.

Several of our students helped residents across campus participate in One Thousand Cranes, a project benefiting victims of Hurricane Katrina. Whitworth students from Japan taught other members of the community how to make the origami birds as symbols of peace and healing. The cranes are currently on display to remind the campus of this significant national need, and all collected donations will benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Just before the school year began, Stewart resident assistants Ashley Bauman and Scott Donnell asked student leaders to talk with their floormates and invite each floor to sponsor a Compassion child. They've requested a 12-month commitment, with the possibility of renewing each year. I heard that 40 floors (out of a possible 47) have responded, so students are making a very significant gift. The student-life staff is going to sponsor a child, as well. Our family has been blessed with Compassion children for more than 20 years.

## RESOURCES

I altered my normal run route last week and came across a very big hole in the ground. I hadn't realized that work had begun on our new 160-bed residence hall. The building will be located just north of Boppell Hall and is designed to provide home-like living "pods" for groups of six to 10 students, with generous gathering spaces on each of its four floors for residence-life programming, study, hanging out and other activities. This style of hall hits the high point on the efficiency/comfort curve. An anonymous donor brought this project within financial reach, and we're very excited about the name it will bear. Stay tuned.

The Whitworth Foundation is off to a wonderful new fiscal year. Six new planned gifts, totaling more than \$1.5 million, have been received by the foundation since July 1. These charitable gift annuities and trusts will provide income to the donors for their lifetimes and will eventually benefit the college



in a substantial way. We are grateful to these donors for their interest in the future of Whitworth.

**Thanks for supporting our all-important Whitworth Fund.** Last week we received news of a gift from a generous 1958 alumna who has been a consistent donor for more than a decade but has never given a gift anywhere near this size. I hope she's a trendsetter. While we appreciate every donor, and especially those of you who give every year, this surprise gift deserves a special thank-you!

I know that many of you are not overly fond of telemarketing, but having our students call you on behalf of The Whitworth Fund enriches them and provides you with a reminder and a chance to find out how students are experiencing Whitworth. They also harvest some good tales from you alumni about your time here. We have more than 11,000 of you on our list, so it may be a few months before you get a call, but we would appreciate it if you could give our student caller a few minutes of your time. Thanks.

## ATHLETICS

(These records will be a bit dated, but the information superhighway doesn't go through this part of the Pacific Ocean.)

**The nationally ranked Whitworth football team is 2-0.** The Pirates, No. 25 in the NCAA's DIII rankings, feature a potent offensive attack led by quarterback Joel Clark, running backs Kyle Havercroft and Chris Ahsing, and receivers Kyle Snell and Michael Allan. And the Bucs, who've really improved on defense this year, have allowed only 84 rushing yards per game, forcing three turnovers and giving up just one. Jay Tully, Tyler Hall and Nick Portrey rank among the conference leaders in total tackles.

**The Pirate volleyball team, ranked No. 24 in the nation, is 8-2.** Whitworth leads the Northwest Conference with a 4-0 record. Natalie Danielson was NWC Player of the Week at the end of September, and she leads the conference in hitting percentage and is second in kills per game. Bekah Hornor is not only the best setter in the league; she is a dangerous attacker as well, averaging more than three kills per game.

**The Whitworth men's soccer team is 6-1-1 and ranked No. 11 nationally.** The Bucs are perched atop the NWC standings with a 3-0-1 record. Whitworth leads the league in total goals (22) and goals per game (2.75). Todd Sabrowski continues to add to his Whitworth career record for assists. He has four this year, and 30 total. Niko Varlamos and Jonathan Carlson lead the team with four goals each.

**Women's soccer is 3-2-2 overall and 2-1-1 in the NWC, still in the thick of the conference-title chase.** Marissa Williams leads the team with three assists and is tied with Ashley Fisk and Meghan Hudson in goals scored, with two. The Pirates have done well to overcome the loss of two starters out for the season with knee injuries.

**The men's and women's cross-country teams are also struggling with injuries.** The Pirate women have been missing their No. 4 and No. 5 runners since the beginning of the year. The same is now true for the Whitworth men. However, Kristi Dickey and Doug Blackburn have been outstanding as the No. 1 runners

for the women and men. Each has won multiple races this season and each is a contender for the conference title at the end of this month.

**Men's golf seems to have picked up where it left off (winning the conference title last spring).** Jordan Carter finished sixth individually at a big tournament of NCAA Division II teams hosted by St. Martin's University. Freshmen Bobby Elder, Collin Fling and Chris Contino have all played well.

## ALUMNI

**After only a few months, the secure online alumni community has nearly 1,000 users.** Look for classmates, update your own data, or network with other folks in your area or career field. Visit <https://www.whitworth.edu/alumnicommunity> to log in today.

**We're now accepting deposits for our next Core 650 educational tour for alumni, parents and friends.** Rick Hornor, '70, (Theatre) will reprise his popular Theatre in London trip next July. More details are available on the alumni website or by contacting Nancy Rau at 509.777.4250 or [nrau@whitworth.edu](mailto:nrau@whitworth.edu).

**Join local alumni and friends for an opening-weekend dessert and show as Whitworth Theatre presents the modern classic *Our Town* on Saturday, Oct. 15.** The event begins at 6:45 p.m. in the HUB. Sign up at [www.whitworth.edu/alumni](http://www.whitworth.edu/alumni) today.

During Parents' Weekend (Oct. 21-22, 8 p.m.) as well as on Oct. 14-15 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 16 at 2 p.m., Brooke Kiener, '99, will direct Whitworth Theatre's production of Thornton Wilder's, *Our Town*. And on Nov. 5, our award-winning jazz ensemble will play in concert with jazz saxophonist and Grammy Award nominee Kenny Garrett. To be way more blunt than I should be, it saddens, embarrasses and scares me that we do not have a performing-arts facility that is comparable to the quality of the programs we present. I'm sad for our students and faculty, who deserve better. I'm embarrassed because it is my job to provide adequate tools to educate our students. And I'm scared because I wonder how long we can attract such talented students on the strength of a great faculty and Whitworth's general reputation. This little boating excursion that Bonnie and I are enjoying comes on the tail end of fund-raising work for the large capital projects (science, art, residential, etc.) that we hope to complete in the next five years. Finding support isn't exactly a chip shot (bad metaphor for someone who chips as badly as I do). I know I need to trust God to continue supplying Whitworth's needs, and as I look at all of our blessings I know that God's faithful hand rests firmly on the Whitworth community. I am so thankful for Christ's rich blessings, but I'm pretty vulnerable to feeling overwhelmed by the challenges before us. At these moments I think of all the ways in which you have come alongside us, and it gives me courage. Keep us in your prayers and stay close. We need you.

*Bill Robinson*

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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

SEPTEMBER 2005

Classes started yesterday. This is my 20th "morning after" as a college president, but I've never been through a start like this year's. Some things never change over the eight days it takes to get things off the ground – the energy and hope of new students; the spectacular, spontaneous reunions of returning students; and my annual certainty by the third or fourth day that I do not have one more thing to say to students or parents or anyone else, followed by Bonnie's steadfast lies that I'm doing fine. But hovering over this year's opening was the horror and heartbreak of Hurricane Katrina. Although very few of our students were directly affected, my best hug of the week was from Ashley Johnson, '08, whose home got caught in the eye of the storm. The other deep disquiet of the past month ended yesterday: After more than three weeks of trial and thousands of hours of preparation, a jury found Whitworth not guilty in a wrongful-dismissal suit. The incalculable consumption of time, combined with an ever-present low-grade anxiety, delivered a pretty big hit to us all, but the confirmation that we acted justly renews us. I don't mind if we never go through another month like this one, but in it all we rest in God's gracious providence, and rest feels very good.

## ACADEMICS

**We are pleased to report that our student graduation rate has reached a new high.** This year we exceeded 76 percent, based on the six-year time frame that colleges use in calculating this statistic. We are really proud of our students. Our faculty members reject the image of students showing up to study at the feet of stone-cold professors who dispense information and tell students, "It's entirely up to you." True, it is up to each student – but we are totally committed to their success. We invest our resources and our lives in them. Our job is to make great alumni.

**We have 21 students studying in the British Isles.** Keith Beebe (Theology) just returned and left the group with Scott Kolbo (Art). Before returning to America, Keith sent this email: "*So far in York we have been to the Minster and to a service at St. Michael-le-Belfrey Church and have taken a day trip to the coastal village of Whitby. This is a GREAT group of students, and everything has gone quite well.*" Tammy Reid, '60, (English) and Rick Hornor, '70, (Theatre) will join the study program later this fall.

**The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust continues to enrich life at Whitworth.** We congratulate Richard Stevens (Physics), project director, and faculty members Kerry Breno (Chemistry), John Larkin (Physics), Kamesh Sankaran (Physics), and Michael Sardinia (Biology). They received a \$109,000 new-faculty startup research grant from the trust. This grant will fund two summers of science research for four faculty-student teams. Sixteen students will be able to participate in this research over the two years. Not only am I grateful for The Murdock Trust, but I am also very impressed with the way they steward their resources. They are good people doing good work.

**Two faculty members defended their dissertations over the summer.** Pete Tucker, '91, (Computer Science) defended his dissertation, *Punctuated Data Streams*, at Oregon Health & Science University (after which he punctuated his life streams with some serious golf!). And Bendi Benson Schrambach (French) defended her dissertation, *Storytelling Transformations: Narrative, Rhetoric and Community in Marguerite de Navarre's L'Heptaméron and Charles Baudelaire's Le Spleen de Paris*, at UCLA. Congratulations to both!

**O.J. Cotes (Education) has been appointed by the governor to serve on the new Washington State K-12 Advisory Education Committee.** This committee will work toward the development of recommendations to improve educational opportunities for all Washington citizens.

**Associate Professor of English Laurie Lamon, '78, recently published her poetry collection, *The Fork Without Hunger* (CavanKerryPress, 2005).** Laurie's poem *Pain Thinks of the Beautiful Table* received the Pushcart Prize (for which a number of her poems have been nominated) in 2001 and was published in the *Pushcart Prize 2002* anthology. Laurie's *Praise* appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly* and was then selected by former U.S. poet laureate Billy Collins for the anthology *180 More Extraordinary Poems for Every Day* (Random House, 2005). Donald Hall, one of America's most revered poets, describes Laurie's poems as "rare in their perfection of epithet, their delicacy of design.... Page after page, line after line, Lamon's language retains its purity, its chastity, its precision."

**The Speakers and Artists Series this year is getting off to a great start.** A new federal law requires all educational institutions that receive federal funding to provide an educational program each September about the U.S. Constitution. We are fortunate to have our own Julia Stronks (Political Studies), speaking on *The Constitution, Freedom of Religion and the Future Supreme Court*. This summer, Julia published editorials in Spokane's *Spokesman-Review* and in *The Seattle Times*. This month we will also welcome Kyle Orwig, Ph.D., '90, to deliver a public lecture on stem-cell research and to speak to science classes. Kyle, who'll also accept our 2005 Recent Alumni Award, is a professor at a top stem-cell research center at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

**We'll host a faculty art exhibit Sept. 12-Oct. 14.** The exhibit features works by associate professors Gordon Wilson, painting and drawing; Barbara Filo, mixed media; and Scott Kolbo, drawing; by adjunct art instructors Greg Roth, photography; Bradd Skubinna, drawing/installation; Carl Stejer, glass; Jeff Harris, ceramics; and Esme Guenther, printmaking; and by visiting instructor Lance Sinnema, sculpture/installation.

**Topping my "Best Letters of the Month" pile was the one that announced the recognition of the Whitworth Communication Studies Department as the 2005 Rex Mix Program of Excellence.** This prestigious award, given by the National Communication Association, honors the department's overall excellence in comparison with other small-college programs across the country. The department's emphasis on ethics instruction and its strong internship program drew admiration from peers. Kudos to this superb faculty!

**Whitworth ranks sixth among 123 master's-level universities in the 15-state Western region in U.S. News & World Report's 2006 America's Best Colleges guide.** The best-colleges rankings are based on various indicators of an institution's quality, including academic reputation, student selectivity, freshman retention, graduation rate, financial resources and alumni giving. We also ranked sixth in their "best value" list. We take pride in our quality and we're pleased by this affirmation.

**For you local folks, two of our faculty members will soon be reading from their recent publications at Auntie's Bookstore.** A poetry reading by Nadine Chapman (English), author of the poetry chapbook *On Solitude* (Finishing Line Press, 2005), will take place Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Nadine will also read her chapter from the book *At Work in Life's Garden: Writers on the Spiritual Adventure of Parenting* (EWU Press, 2005), on Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m. And on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m., Theology Professor James Edwards, '67, will read from his new book, *Is Jesus the Only Savior?* (Eerdmans, 2005).

**There's more great stuff happening this month and next.** Dan Keberle (Music) reports that the music department will present a free concert, *Whitworth at the Fox*, to celebrate the impending renovation of Spokane's historic Fox Theatre. On Sept. 23 at 6 p.m., our jazz ensemble, wind symphony, choir and string quartet will perform at the Fox, one of Spokane's most remarkable performance venues. And alums and parents of current students can also enjoy an evening of dessert and drama when Whitworth presents the American classic *Our Town*, on Saturday, Oct. 15. Cost for dessert (at 6:45 p.m.) and the play is \$10; call 509.777.3799 for details.

## ENROLLMENT

**We'll have our final numbers from the 10-day report soon.** This year's freshman-class profile shows an average SAT of 1204 and an average GPA of 3.67. Both are new highs. More important, the freshman and transfer students seem to be great people. Our student-life staff picks up an early feel for the general character of a new group of students; I think I do as well, and I'm very impressed.

## STUDENT LIFE

**You can't believe what happens in the first 36 hours of a student's life at Whitworth.** Welcomed by student leaders and our great parents'-council volunteers, students roll in with enough junk to fill Rhode Island. After they miraculously cram it all into their rooms, we should just award them degrees in engineering and send them on their way. But we don't, so then they "plug in." They crank up their sound systems to decibels that kindly take into consideration those in Deer Park who might like the song they're playing, and they like to fire up their 500,000-BTU hot plates, just in case they need to melt down an engine block or something. But mostly, they're nervous. They don't really know what they've gotten into, and they're not sure they'll make friends. Because we seem to attract uncommonly warm students, and because our student-life staff and student leaders skillfully build community, by the time new students are done

with their formal dinner on Sunday night they'd take a sword for each other. The display of camaraderie at Yell-Off and Mock Rock borders on crazed. I'm absolutely astonished by the fast friendships.

## RESOURCES

**The pedestrian pathway from the HUB to the aquatics center, which used to be an ugly one-lane mix of asphalt and concrete, is now a beautiful two-lane sidewalk** with attractive landscaping, decorative light poles with flower baskets, and flowering trees in the boulevard in between. We deeply appreciate the gifts of John, '51, and Judy Scotford, and the late Ed Stirm, '52, and his wife, Beverly, who made this new version of the Hello Walk possible.

**The Scotford Tennis Center and Ross Cutter Courts are almost done**, and it's a beautiful site and sight. The six new courts, just to the east of the aquatics center, will be dedicated as part of the Homecoming festivities, and our tennis teams will be playing on them by the end of September.

**Our great crew from facilities services just wrapped up another summer of behind-the-scenes repairs, renovations and improvements to our residence halls and academic buildings.** Each year they take on projects that improve things like heating, ventilation, lighting and carpet without a lot of fanfare, but these annual improvements to our living and learning environments make a huge difference for Whitworth's students.

## ATHLETICS

(I'm making a habit of relying on our sports information director for news in athletics, but he does a great job. Here's this month's report from Steve Flegel, '89.)

**The cross-country teams got out of the gate quickly in their first meet, the Whitman Invitational.** Kristi Dickey and Elaine Heinemann finished first and second, respectively, to lead Whitworth's women to a team victory over NCAA Division II Northwest Nazarene and host Whitman. Doug Blackburn won the men's race, while Jacob Dietz finished third. The Pirate men finished second as a team, losing to NNU by just one point.

**The volleyball team competed well at the Washington University Classic, in St. Louis.** The Pirates finished 3-1 to take second place in the event, losing only to the hosts, who are ranked No. 1 in the preseason Division III volleyball poll. Along the way the Bucs defeated Illinois Wesleyan, Dominican (Ill.), and Rhodes (Tenn.), all by 3-0 scores. Julie Marsh and Natalie Danielson were named to the all-tournament team.

**The men's soccer team was impressive in its first matches of the season.** Competing at the Linfield Wildcat Classic, Whitworth defeated Redlands and Corban (formerly Western Baptist) by 3-1 scores. Redlands is the defending SCIAC champion, while Corban is a favorite in the NAIA Cascade Conference. Niko Varlamos and Todd Sabrowski, the leading scorers in the NWC last season, each scored a goal in both matches. Ali Seyedali was named the tournament's MVP.

**The women's soccer team had a bit rougher start at its own Whitworth Soccer Invitational.** The Pirates dropped their season opener 1-0 to Cal State East Bay (formerly Cal State Hayward) in overtime. The Pirates had plenty of chances to score in regulation, but could not quite finish. In the second match of the tournament, Whitworth tied Chapman, a 2004 NCAA tournament participant, 1-1. Marissa Williams' scored for the Bucs.

**Whitworth's golf teams open the fall schedule this week with a dual match at Whitman.** The men, with a new lineup, will be out to defend the conference title they won last fall. The women are still working hard to complete their squad.

**The football team opens the 2005 season on Saturday against Redlands in the Pine Bowl.** With 14 returning starters among the 75 players on this year's roster, optimism is high for another good season following a 7-2 finish in 2004.

**On Sept. 17, as part of Whitworth's Homecoming festivities, the Whitworth Heritage Gallery Hall of Fame will induct its Class of 2005.** The 1996 men's swim team, which finished as NAIA national runners-up, will be inducted as a group. And the ceremony will feature the Rice family and its lasting impact on the Whitworth men's swim team. Twins Jeff and Jerry Rice, both '97, along with younger brothers Brian, '00, and Brent, '02, were all All-America swimmers who led Whitworth to its current level of prominence in the sport. The team and the brothers (Brent's honor is posthumous) will be inducted during a morning brunch and then be recognized at halftime of the football game against La Verne.

## ALUMNI

**If you ordered the print version of the 2005 alumni directory, you will soon get 430 pages of alumni information.** The CD-ROM version is in the final stages of production and should be shipped soon. If you purchased a printed directory and have not yet received it, please e-mail Alumni Director Tad Wisenor, '89, at [twisenor@whitworth.edu](mailto:twisenor@whitworth.edu).

We're off to a good start. Yesterday, at Convocation, I referred to the story of Jesus calling Andrew, Peter, James and John to leave their boats and follow him. I think God calls ordinary people, in the midst of their ordinary lives, to follow. That includes students and alums. I marvel at the amazing contributions our alumni are making all over the world. Many of them first heard the voice when they were students here. I pray that voice will be heard here again this year. Thank you so much for your part in the Whitworth community.

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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH COLLEGE PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

SUMMER 2005

It's been a while since I've written one of these letters on a plane; actually it's been a while since I've written at all, but now I'm back to both flying and writing. I've spent a lot of time this summer with my head in the clouds. When I got to the Spokane airport early this morning, the parking spot I vacated last night was still open. How lame is that? But life is good. Last week we had a great Whitworth Institute of Ministry, the week before that I had the rich privilege of visiting with alumni and preaching at the 60,000-member Myung Sung Presbyterian Church, in Seoul, Korea, and the week before that our two oldest children perked up the weekend by getting married – one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Busy month! The campus is also alive. The west end is torn up, with the tennis courts in front of the fieldhouse being transformed into a parking area and the “undeveloped” area just north of the aquatics center becoming home for six beautiful new tennis courts. We've also made a large incision on the north edge of The Loop, where generous friends have made possible the construction of a beautiful walkway (although right now it looks like we're putting in a turnpike). So life is good at Whitworth, and I hope this summer season has been refreshing for you. For those of you who will begin Whitworth this fall, know that we're anxious to welcome you, you're in our prayers, and you should start stockpiling sleep now.

## ACADEMICS

**Our faculty members continue to receive grants that support their teaching and research projects with students.**

- Frank Caccavo (Biology) received \$25,000 from Pacific Northwest Labs for a research project he'll do with an undergraduate student.
- Debbie Tully (Education) received a \$3,000 grant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction; she'll use it to provide curriculum materials for an elementary-school version of *In Time of War*, the video that Whitworth produced with North by Northwest Productions and Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project, that addresses the Japanese-American experience in the Northwest during World War II.
- Kyle Usrey (School of Global Commerce & Management) received a Herbert B. Jones Foundation grant that focuses on micro-enterprise development among the working poor. The grant, the SGCM's second from the Jones Foundation, totals \$33,496.
- Archivist Janet Hauck received a \$17,141 grant from the Washington State Library to conserve, transcribe, microfilm, and digitize the 73 Whitworth family diaries, created between 1853 and 1907, in our collection. Fifty were written by George Whitworth, 20 by his wife, Mary, and three by their children.

**Okay, here's a first. The account below is pasted from an actual e-mail that Jack Burns (Education/Leadership Studies) sent to a student.** Thanks to Jack for passing along this historic reversal of fortune: *Dear Kelani: My dog ate your homework! I'm not kidding. I left it on my desk when I went up for dinner. She had been in my office at home while I was grading a few of the LS 350 papers before dinner and ... I came down after dinner to find your paper in her paws, torn and partly ingested! Please e-mail me another copy of the paper and I'll try to have it graded before class.*

**Jim Edwards (Theology) has just published a book, *Is Jesus the Only Savior?* (Eerdmans, 2005), in which he that claims that the difference between “a” and “the” changes everything.** “I think many people would like to say that Jesus is a savior,” Jim writes. “That would allow them to breathe more easily. It's that definite article, the, that makes people nervous.” In the first half of the book Jim examines the evidence of the New Testament to see how well it stands up against rigorous historical questions. In the second half he explores the relationship between Christianity and contemporary historical currents such as religious pluralism, moral relativism, postmodernism, the quest for world peace, and the relationship of Christianity to other religions, particularly Judaism. I'm anxious to read this book. Over the years I've become less confident that I know exactly who enters the gate, but I've become more confident that only the cross of Christ can open it.

**The School of Education has reason to celebrate.** The Graduate Studies in Education Counseling Program was reviewed by the State Board of Education and received approval as it aligns with revised state standards. The board was very complimentary of our demonstration that Whitworth students meet the 12 competency-based standards.

**I can't quite picture a dog-eat-dog competition in ethics, but our students did well in the Northwest Regional Ethics Bowl.** Keith Wyma (Philosophy) and Mike Ingram (Communication Studies) took 18 students from five academic majors to this annual competition at the University of Montana at which students analyze complex situations on diverse issues and then defend their solutions to related ethical problems. The interdisciplinary team of Crystal Bryan, Lisa Fox, Teresa Koeppel and Christopher Lynn took third place overall.

**For the third consecutive year, a student from our Master of International Management Program has been selected to participate in a prestigious United Nations graduate-study program.** Randall Johanson was awarded

an academic internship in the 43rd Graduate Study Programme at the U.N., in Geneva. Randall is one of 100 graduate students from more than 40 countries who will evaluate and make recommendations on global issues including human rights, the environment and economic development. His appointment follows those of MIM graduates Jolene Piccolo, '05, and Mike Jazskowiak, '04.

**We have several new faces in academic affairs.** After serving seven years as associate dean, Gordon Jackson is taking a year-long study leave before returning to the classroom in 2006. Gordon is an outstanding administrator who revamped systems and accomplished much: He ably led the college's efforts on the 1998 accreditation report and chaired the design team for Weyerhaeuser Hall, among a host of other efforts. We will miss him greatly, but our new dean of faculty, Michael Le Roy, '89, has added two half-time associate deans to his leadership team: Barbara Sanders (Education) will serve as associate dean of instruction, and Mike Ingram (Communication Studies) will be our associate dean of faculty development and scholarship and will continue to oversee faculty training and mentoring.

**Kyle Usrey (SGCM) just returned from a few weeks in China leading American business/econ students in a study of profitable businesses, run by Chinese Christians, that also serve as outreach ministries.** Kyle reports, “China is changing quickly and becoming a dominant player in global business; witnessing this, together with how Christians in China are working as salt and light in global commerce, is a new paradigm for an area in which the SGCM is developing expertise for courses, internships, research, and missions.”

**We don't say much about distance-learning opportunities at Whitworth, but we have completed our first online English-as-a-second-language endorsement program.** Nineteen students from various places in Washington state are completing this much-needed training. One teacher wrote, “I've learned more from this online course than from some of the education classes I've attended in classrooms” (obviously not at Whitworth!). This pilot online program really came to the rescue for teachers in remote and rural areas who have English-language learners in their classrooms.

## STUDENT LIFE

**New students, take note.** Student life is gearing up for a baseball-themed Orientation Week, *Welcome to the Majors: A League of the Mind & Heart*. I just did a photo shoot for the student handbook, and I'm sure I disgraced every baseball player in Whitworth's history, not to mention all of my relatives and my good family name. New students and their parents will begin arriving for Orientation on Saturday, Sept. 3, when residence halls open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday will be full of activities for both new students and their parents as we present special sessions geared toward both groups' specific needs. Parents' programming will conclude on Sunday with a family lunch, and freshmen will continue with their Orientation sessions until school begins on Wednesday. It's going to be great, and we're very excited about welcoming you to Whitworth.

## RESOURCES

**Fiscal '05 ended well.** We held to our spending budget and, because of your generosity, we exceeded our Whitworth Fund goal. We are so grateful to you! The past two years we have fallen short of our \$1.2 million goal, but this year you contributed \$1.35 million in support of student aid and several desperately needed projects. Of special significance is the fact that it looks as if we'll show a healthy increase in the percentage of alumni who made gifts. Thanks to all of you who gave to The Whitworth Fund this year.

**Along with The Whitworth Fund's numbers, total giving was up this year.** Again, thank you so much. Your support establishes a momentum that not only enables us to elevate the quality of Whitworth's academic experience but also boosts us in the esteem of our evaluators. Total giving for the year was more than \$9.5 million. And pumping up the great news about the amount contributed

is the addition of 1,111 new donors to Whitworth. Special thanks to you new alumni, parents, and friends who chose to make a gift. Overall, more than 4,700 individuals, foundations, churches and businesses supported the work and students of Whitworth this year, and we received more individual gifts than ever before. To all of you we give our deepest thanks.

## ATHLETICS

*My thanks to Steve Flegel, '89, our sports information director, for compiling this month's athletics section.*

**We're excited to report that Whitworth's great athletics teams brought home their first Northwest Conference McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy this year.** The award recognizes excellence across all fields of athletic competition, and an NWC athletics program has to have a killer year to win it. Ours did. "Winning this award is a testament to the collective quality of our teams," says Athletics Director Scott McQuilkin, '84. "When we consider the quality of programs throughout the NWC, the recognition is particularly gratifying for our students and staff." Whitworth shared the trophy-standings lead with Willamette in the fall and then took sole possession of first place after the winter season. While the Pirates earned NWC titles in men's soccer, men's swimming and men's golf in 2004-05, Whitworth won the trophy with consistent performances across the entire athletics spectrum. Five Pirates teams finished second in their standings and four others finish third. Whitworth won the trophy with 246 points, followed by Willamette (232) and Puget Sound (230).

**Whitworth finished 2004-05 with four ESPN The Magazine Academic All-Americans.** Senior swimmers Cory Bergman and Serena Fadel were named to their respective at-large college-division first teams this spring. These honorees are among the top 10 scholar-athletes in the nation at the college-division level, chosen from among more than 500 eligible candidates. Sarah Shogren was a second-team selection in women's basketball, and Aaron Coe was a third-team honoree in men's track and field/cross-country.

## ALUMNI

**The offices of admissions and alumni & parent relations are sponsoring a series of dessert events for new Whitworth students and their families throughout the summer.** Successful events have already been held in Seattle, Portland, Tacoma and Southern California, with more to come in August, in Colorado Springs (8/5) and Denver (8/7). Thanks to the Parents' Council members who are serving as hosts and opening their homes to our new Whitworthians.

**More than 300 alumni descended on the campus in June for the biggest Alumni Family Weekend in history.** Volunteer Kathie Koopmans Neir, '64, was responsible for gathering the lion's share of the group, with 200 folks from the classes of 1963-1965 on site for a group reunion. Kathie's classmates recognized the gargantuan effort that she put into this, and they surprised and thrilled her by setting up a \$25,000 scholarship in her name. It was a terrific weekend for all, and we look forward to another great event next year during the June 16-18 weekend.

**Homecoming 2005 is coming together quickly,** as it falls early in the school year, Sept. 16-18. Highlights will include the George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet, the Heritage Gallery Athletics Hall of Fame Breakfast, the dedication of the Scotford Tennis Center (new home of the A. Ross Cutter Courts) and the Class of 1995's 10-year reunion. All the details are available at [www.whitworth.edu/homecoming](http://www.whitworth.edu/homecoming). Brochures are mailing this week.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**The Whitworth Institute of Ministry, focusing on God's Shalom, provided rich insights for all of us in attendance.** John Perkins, founder of Mendenhall Ministries and the John M. Perkins Foundation for Reconciliation and Development, joined noted theologians, authors and pastors Ray Bakke, Amy Sherman, John Huffman and Jin S. Kim in teaching, preaching, and conducting seminars. It was simply a great week, kicked off by our conferral of an honorary doctorate on John Perkins. I stand with many who have looked up to this saint throughout our careers.

**Immediately preceding WIM, The Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith and Learning hosted a conference, *Effective Preaching in a Modern World*.** The center presented this conference to help pastors preach with passion and relevancy. Thanks to a grant from the Presbyterian Church (USA), more than 100 pastors from five states came to hear the conference's keynote speakers, theologian M. Craig Barnes, from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and preaching expert Charles L. Bartow, of Princeton Theological Seminary. I attended four sessions and learned a ton.

I ran out of battery on the plane. Now it's 2:04 a.m. Roughly an hour ago, the people in the hotel room next to ours must have decided the time had come to brand their kids. I guess the front-desk guy I called got them to quiet down. Bonnie, who woke up for 30 seconds to join me in sympathetic indignation, rushed right back to her gift of sleep, and now I sit here on the bathroom floor with a laptop warming my thighs. I can't really blame the maniacs in Room 831 for my insomnia. Today (yesterday, I guess) was rough. We're visiting a man I love – a man I met when I was 22 and he was 44. When my dad died 12 years ago, this friend was left as my most abiding mentor. Yesterday his doctor told him he can't drive anymore, issuing a frontal assault on his freedom, and maybe even his dignity. My friend is such a humble man. He needs no loss of pride. For more than 33 years, I have never heard the word "honorable" without thinking about him. Now, wrongly but understandably, he seems to be feeling some kind of symbolic connection between driving and self-worth. But for me his worth has nothing to do with him sitting behind a steering wheel. More than he'll ever know, his goodness influences Whitworth College every time I show up for work. Tomorrow I'll be driving my friend around, and that's an honor for which I'd better get some sleep. The peace of Christ to all of you.

*Bill Robinson*