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MIND & heart

APRIL 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

Whitworth's students get to challenge themselves and demonstrate their well-crafted skills in many venues - in research, internships, service-learning, and in any one of the dozens of opportunities students have to compete with other students from respected institutions. Perhaps we most often think of student competitions in athletics - Pirate Athletics is certainly known for its tough and resilient efforts on the field of competition. One of the things that initially caught my eye four years ago when I was looking at Whitworth was our community's school spirit: Whitworthians always rally around their own to support them, particularly in competition. But we don't just celebrate the marks in the win column, and we don't just celebrate our students' competitive success in athletics. For example, last year, not one team among Whitworth's 18 NCAA Division III athletics programs finished with a team GPA of less than 3.0. This past winter, Whitworth's women's swim team had the highest team GPA in the country - they're fast *and* smart! And, as I said, our students engage in friendly competition in other venues. Just a few weeks ago, Whitworth's forensics team successfully defended its national championship title at the National Christian College Forensics Association tournament at California Baptist University. The team defeated 28 other schools, winning more than 30 individual titles and three team awards. The team - three speakers and five debaters - came home as national champions! I'm so grateful for the ways in which our students continue to shine. Your support and prayer are critical for their continued success. Thanks for all you do to support our students!

ACADEMICS

Athletic training students and faculty recently provided medical services for a Paralympic wheelchair basketball tournament hosted by ParaSport Spokane. This service-learning experience integrated class material, commitment to service, and passion for competitive athletics. Cynthia Wright, '05 (Athletic Training), served as a faculty volunteer; athletic training students, including Sierra Craig, Jacob Treat, and Joanna Nicolas, all '15, and Julia Johnson, Mariah Dodge, Danielle Miller, and Victoria Labrie, all '14, also participated.

Craig Hinnenkamp and former Whitworth professor Brad Sago (School of Business) published an article, *The Impact of Significant Negative News on Consumer Behavior toward Favorite Brands*, in the *Global Journal of Business Research*, Vol. 8, No. 1, 2014. Craig also presented a paper, "Reframing Business Ethics Pedagogy: an Other-Centered Perspective," at the annual Christian Business Faculty Association Conference.

Tami Robinson (Library) is the new managing editor of the journal *The Christian Librarian*.

The School of Education organized a successful 30th annual Whitworth Writing Rally, in which 490 elementary students, along with families, teachers and volunteers, participated. Former SOE faculty member Les Francis and Pam Francis were honored for their 30 years of support for the rally. My appreciation goes to SOE faculty, including Kathryn Picanco and Lisa Laurier, and staff.

The 2014 Inland Northwest Business Plan Competition is under way. The competition allows students to take steps toward starting successful businesses by competing for awards totaling \$27,500. This year's BPC received 120 entries, and after the first round, 11 Whitworth teams remain in the running.

The Class of 2014's senior art exhibition, *Cairn*, can be seen in Whitworth's Lied Center for the Visual Arts April 15-May 17. The opening reception will take place April 15, 5-6 p.m., and the closing reception will be held May 17 at 11 a.m., both in the Lied Center.

Professor Diana Trotter (Theatre) performed to acclaim in Lake City Playhouse's production of *Margaret Edson's Wit*. Spokane's *Spokesman-Review* reviews her performance here: www.spokesman.com/stories/2014/feb/25/review-trotter-lifts-lake-city-wit.

Whitworth Theatre's *Broadway Unbound* is coming to Cowles Auditorium May 9 at 7 p.m. Join us at this annual student showcase, which brings to the stage diverse performances that otherwise would be seen only in the classroom. Don't miss this one-night-only event showing off our actors' and dancers' talent and hard work. Admission is \$3.

Christopher Parkin, '05, of our music faculty will perform a work composed by music department colleague Brent Edstrom at the North American Saxophone Alliance conference. Selection was based on the musician's ability to "showcase the versatility and progression of the saxophone in performance, pedagogy and industry." The musical NASA is the largest organization of its kind in the Western Hemisphere.

Hear them here! The Whitworth Wind Symphony will present its spring concert, *South by Southwest*, on Saturday, May 3, at 8 p.m. downtown at the Martin Woldson Theater at the Fox. The special guest on the program is Douglas Yeo, who retired recently after 27 seasons as the bass trombonist in the Boston Symphony and Boston Pops Orchestra. Ticket prices are \$7 general admission/\$5 students and seniors.

The Whitworth Jazz Ensemble will soon perform in the newly dedicated music hall at Ferris High School. The ensemble will join the Ferris Jazz Ensemble and the Spokane All-City Jazz Ensemble on April 22 at 7 p.m.

The Whitworth Choir's spring concert, featuring Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* and Johannes Brahms' *Neue Liebeslieder* (New Love Songs, Op. 65), will take place on Sunday, April 7, at 3 p.m., at the Martin Woldson Theater at The Fox.

STUDENT LIFE

We've seen lots of double-takes at students walking around in business suits this month. Student life leadership positions are hiring, ASWU will hold elections in early April, and a new group of student leaders will begin to look forward to 2014-15!

It's Spring Break as I write this, and students are involved in a number of service trips, including trips to Costa Rica and...Spokane (for an urban experience). Outdoor rec is backpacking on the Washington coast and mountain biking in Moab, Utah.

Whitworth's first ever Mental Health Awareness Week also took place on campus this month, with ASWU clubs and the health & counseling center coordinating events that focused on the issues of depression and anxiety and highlighted the resources and support available for people who face these issues. The events of the week were well-attended and highly appreciated by the campus community.

Communications Professor Alan Mikkelson and Assistant Dean for Student Success Nicole Boymook presented a program on relationships that was sponsored by the Class of 2015 and the RAs of Duvall and East halls. The program was called *Friend Zoned*, and it dealt with the navigation of all types of relationships (family, friend, romantic, roommate, etc.).

Whitworth hosted more than 40 high school students for the annual BELIEF (Because Every Life Is Empowering the Future) Conference. High school participants from Spokane's East and West Central neighborhoods spent three days preparing to apply for college and hanging with 58 Whitworth students who served as volunteer mentors. The Whitworth Center for Service Learning & Community Engagement, with financial support from the Corporation for National and Community Service, ASWU and many Whitworth students who donated from their meal plans and gave approximately 2,950 hours of volunteer time, offered this opportunity that enabled participants to experience college life firsthand, to explore their strengths, to develop leadership skills, and to articulate a personal commitment to attending college.

The Center for Service-Learning has also launched a new website that will connect Whitworth students, faculty, staff and alumni to volunteer opportunities, and will track their hours of service in the community. In February, 481 students signed up on the website to connect with local agencies to volunteer their service. Create your own profile today at serve.whitworth.edu, and you can sign up to volunteer for the upcoming One Million Meals event, on May 3.

ALUMNI & FAMILIES

Celebrate the Puget Sound Alumni Chapter launch on April 25. Whitworth alumni, family and friends across Greater Seattle are invited to Whitworth's Puget Sound Chapter launch, April 25 from 5:30-8 p.m. at 1927 Events. The event includes appetizers and a no-host bar, the opportunity to connect with other Whitworthians, an update on the university, and a special address from Professor of English Leonard Oakland on society and film. Advance registration is \$10. Contact IA events at 509.777.4974 or iaevents@whitworth.edu.

Final Exam Survival Kits are available for order until noon Friday, April 25. Surprise your favorite Whitworth student with one of two great options, which will be ready for their pick-up just before Finals Week, in May. To order, visit www.whitworth.edu/alumni/forms/birthday.

The Class of 2014 is preparing to celebrate Commencement Weekend, May 16-18. Congratulations to our almost-graduates and to their families, all of whom will be celebrating soon! For information, visit www.whitworth.edu/commencement. Whitworth's farewell to graduates is as epic as its welcome to first-year students during Orientation Week. I promise that you won't want to miss any of these events.

A huge summer-reunion celebration for the classes of '63, '64, and '65 is just around the corner. Alums from those classes are invited to stay on campus the weekend of June 20-22 to celebrate their milestone reunions at a number of events. For more information, and to register, please visit www.whitworth.edu/alumni/reunions/50yr.

ADMISSIONS

Please remind any prospective Whitworth freshmen you know that May 1 is the deadline for submitting an enrollment deposit to hold a spot in the Class of 2018. We are not sure how many late depositors we'll be able to accept this year, so interested students should get their deposits in by the deadline. The \$350 deposit can be paid online at www.whitworth.edu/enrollmentdeposit. Still on the fence? Spring is a great time to make a campus visit. Sign up for a Why Whitworth event or schedule an individual visit online at www.whitworth.edu/visit. Questions? Contact admissions at 800.533.4668 or admissions@whitworth.edu.

Now is a great time for transfer students to apply for fall. Go to www.whitworth.edu/apply and click on the Whitworth Transfer Application button. Every year, we enroll more than 100 transfer students - ranging from those who have completed just a semester of college to those who already have their associate degrees - and we're thankful for the many ways these students enrich our community. Transfer counselor C.J. Perry is available to help at cperry@whitworth.edu or 509.777.4768.

The financial aid office has sent out awards to all new freshmen and transfer students who applied by the priority deadline of March 1. If you know a student who is planning to start at Whitworth this fall and who has filed a FASFA form but has not yet heard from the financial aid office, please have him or her call 800.533.4668 to speak with a staff member. In May and June, we'll e-mail 2014-15 renewal award notifications to current students. The priority deadline to file the FAFSA for need-based financial aid is May 1. Academic scholarships are automatically renewed.

RESOURCES

With the help of dedicated professors, faithful staff and generous donors, The Whitworth Fund is able to provide nearly 2,200 scholarships each year as well as to illuminate countless light bulbs to illuminate classrooms and study spaces and make Whitworth's mind-and-heart education possible on campus and around the globe.

During April, seven faculty and staff members will represent the campus community in a contest of sorts, asking you to rally 'round Whitworth's one-of-a-kind mission. So, if you've ever wanted to see Vic Bobb (English) play a mouth harp or Jim O'Brien (Sodexo) in full Pirate garb, or if you've ever been curious to hear the fight song rapped by Dayna Coleman (Student Life), played as a piano duet by Ben Brody (Music) and Karin Heller (Theology) or sung as a folk duet by Dale Soden (History) and Kathy Storm (Academic Affairs), now's your chance. When you make a gift before April 30, you can vote for the one(s) you'd like to see perform the Whitworth fight song. So, for Whitworth fight, fight, fight, and let's keep Whitworth's mission alive for our current and future students.

SPORTS

The Pirates hold the Northwest Conference's best marks in 13 track-and-field events and rank highly among all NCAA Div. III athletes. Dakota Kliamovich, '16, holds the nation's best mark in the women's hammer throw, while Corey Burt, '15, leads the country in the shot put. And Stephen Cooper, '14, has posted the best decathlon score to date in Div. III.

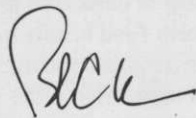
The women's and men's tennis teams are enjoying a Spring Break trip to California. The Pirate women are 9-2 and are currently tied for first place in the NWC standings at 7-0. The men are 5-6 overall, but 5-2 in the NWC and angling for a spot in the four-team conference tournament.

The softball team is 19-7 and currently second in the NWC standings, at 11-3. The Pirates are hitting .288 as a team, with a team ERA of 2.91. Whitworth has a pair of important upcoming four-game series against George Fox and Linfield.

The baseball team is 6-14 overall and 3-6 in the NWC. Seven of Whitworth's losses have been by a single run. Pirate pitchers have come on strong, with Cory Mack, '14 (2.67 ERA), and Spencer Ansett, '14 (2.89 ERA), leading the way.

Whitworth's golf teams are just under way for spring. The Pirates will host the Northwest Conference Spring Classic (men and women) on April 6-7 at Canyon Lakes, in Kennewick.

Students just returned from Spring Break and were pleasantly surprised to see that the Whitworth campus had been miraculously transformed during their absence with the arrival of spring. Long gone are the piles of snow, and instead we are all enjoying sunny days, budding trees, and the proverbial light at the end of the tunnel. I'm particularly mindful of our graduating seniors this time of year. They are simultaneously feeling the excitement of their impending graduation and the growing lament that their time at Whitworth is coming to a close. I'm so proud of these graduating students and their many contributions to our campus. We're already looking forward to next month's commencement activities. Thanks again for all you do to support the university you love.



MIND

Heart

DECEMBER 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

One privilege I'm granted because of my position at Whitworth is to begin new traditions. Beginning new traditions can be difficult - in fact, it occurs to me that the words "new" and "tradition" don't go together at all. In fact, it's presumptuous. But this year I called upon our community to light a campus Christmas tree during our annual all-campus Christmas party. I picked a 50-foot spruce just outside the HUB, one that could hold gobs of lights and could be seen from across The Loop. I was amazed at the turnout as students and employees gathered around and sang Christmas carols to usher in the Advent season under the warm glow of the tree.

During my brief remarks, I asked the students to consider the tension between endings and beginnings, because they are living both right now. As students returned from Thanksgiving Break, they were immediately confronted with the final two weeks of the semester, with projects, papers and exams looming. The end of the semester is hectic, but also welcomed. Students are also living into the beginning of Advent, a time when we anticipate Grace and Truth coming to live with us in our torn-up world. But as with any two forces that exist in tension, it's easy for beginnings to overwhelm endings, or for endings to blind us from beginnings. My prayer for the students that night was that the conclusion of the semester, with all of its stresses, wouldn't cause them to overlook the beginning of this joyous season, and that the beginning of Christmastime and the anticipation of returning home wouldn't cause them to lose sight of their immediate academic responsibilities. I asked them to finish strong and begin strong.

ACADEMICS

Tony Clark (History) has a new book out: *Heaven in Conflict: Franciscans and the Boxer Uprising in Shanxi*. His research was funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the book was published by the University of Washington Press. See www.washington.edu/uwpress/search/books/CLAHEA.html for more details.

A proposal by Corey McKenna (School of Education), "Teaching Performance Assessment in California," was accepted to the American Education Research Association (AERA) conference, in Chicago.

Jann Leppien (Margo Long Chair in Gifted Education) will present two sessions at the 61st annual convention of the National Association for Gifted Children, in Baltimore. The sessions are titled "Making Inroads in Designing High-Quality Curriculum for Advanced Learners While Addressing the Common Core State Standards," and "Case Studies of School Districts' Gifted Education Identification Practices."

Adam Neder (Theology) delivered a paper, "Karl Barth and Christian Witness Today," at the 2014 Princeton Theological Seminary Reunion.

Will Kynes (Theology) is co-editor of *Reading Ecclesiastes Intertextually* (T&T Clark). Will also contributed a chapter in the book: "Follow Your Heart and Do Not Say It Was a Mistake: Qoheleth's Allusions to Numbers 15 and the Story of the Spies."

Jeremy Wynne (Theology) contributed a chapter, "Wrath," in *The T&T Clark Companion to the Atonement*.

John Larkin's physics lab recently launched experiments to near space (80,000 to 120,000 feet up) to measure ozone, cosmic rays, solar-panel efficiency at high altitude, and ionization of air. The experiments were carried by a weather balloon that "beamed" its coordinates down to Earth. Their backup system was tracked in near-real time (<http://aprs.fi/#!call=a%2FKF7UTG-11&timerange=14400&tail=14400>). Pictures from past flights are posted on www.whitworthnearspace.org. John says, "Beck Taylor has requested a 'passenger' space on one of the flights this year, and we are currently planning to send George Whitworth to near space in spring 2015 to get pictures of him high above the Earth."

A class, Environment & Society, taught by Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science) and Vange Ocasio (School of Business), recently hosted a Spokane carbon-market conference. Students met with representatives from regional schools, businesses and nonprofits to discuss plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions voluntarily and to identify steps for establishing a local carbon market.

Megan Hershey (Political Science) presented a paper in November at the African Studies Association annual meeting: "We Expect No Change: The Mixed Responses of Nairobi Youth Groups to Government Programming."

The Whitworth forensics team, coached by Mike Ingram (Communication Studies), won TWO tournaments at Pacific University, in Forest Grove, Ore., recently. The team also took first place (out of 14 schools) at Lower Columbia College in Longview, capturing 50 (fifty!) individual awards.

THE ARTS

Parole: the 2014 Whitworth Faculty Exhibition, runs through Jan. 30 in the Lied Arts Center. "Parole," in this case, doesn't mean that difficult period between incarceration and hard-earned freedom; it means this: "the actual linguistic behavior or performance of individuals, in contrast to the linguistic system of a community." The art department and the Bryan Oliver Gallery are proud to present this exhibit of current work from our faculty. (Please remember that the gallery will be closed Dec. 17-Jan. 4, and Jan. 17-19.)

Jazz pianist extraordinaire Brent Edstrom (Music) will be featured with the University of Minnesota Jazz Ensemble on Dec. 8 at Ted Mann Concert Hall on the University of Minnesota campus. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

STUDENT LIFE

Midnight madness, when we kick off basketball season (or tip it off; you decide) took place a couple weeks ago, and the men's and women's basketball teams were introduced with lots of excitement and enthusiastic support (and don't forget the prizes!). The International Banquet and Festival wrapped up November, as the campus shared in the food and cultures of our many international students. And now we're in the midst of yuletide revelry, including Beck and Julie Taylor's all-campus Christmas party, the first-ever campus Christmas-tree lighting (and, sorry, Finals Week), and, finally, Christmas Break!

ALUMNI & PARENTS

The annual Whitworth Christmas Festival Concert will take place on Dec. 13 and 14 in Spokane. Tickets are \$18 and are available at 509.624.1200 or online at www.martinwoldsontheater.com. Join us to celebrate the season in this wonderful Whitworth tradition!

Whitworth faculty and staff are going On the Road to see Whitworthians in cities across the West. Gordon Jackson and Erica Salkin (both Communication Studies) will head to Denver on Jan. 31 and to San Diego on Feb. 1, while Forrest Baird (Philosophy) and Bendi Benson Schrambach (World Languages & Cultures) will be in Spokane on April 11 and in Orange County, Calif., on May 2. Visit www.whitworth.edu/ontheroad for more information.

All alums and faculty who participated in the Central or Latin America study programs will gather on campus July 10-12, 2015, for their reunions. More info to come. If you have questions, or if you'd like to help coordinate your group's activities, please email alumni@whitworth.edu.

All Whitworth alumni who've graduated from law school are invited to a reunion and CLE event on campus next July 9-11. Among other topics, we'll address the themes of working toward justice and thinking through the connection between faith and law. Attendees will also have plenty of time for reconnecting and restoration. If you're interested in attending, visit www.whitworth.edu/attyreunion to let us know.

Parents and families, please save Oct. 16-18, 2015, for our next Family Weekend. It wouldn't hurt to reserve a hotel room in town now!

We know many of you spread the word about Whitworth to prospective students and their families. Thank you, and please keep it up! Your influence and experience play a major role in prospective students' decisions. The next time you have the opportunity to talk about Whitworth to a prospective student (or his/her family), please share your unique story freely, and point student and family to our fine admissions team at www.whitworth.edu/admissions.

FINANCIAL AID

The holidays are a good time for students to investigate and apply for outside scholarships to help fund their college education. Whitworth covers as much of

students' financial need as our resources allow, but outside scholarships can make the difference in a student's ability to attend. Check our financial aid site: www.whitworth.edu/scholarships. Also, because Whitworth's departmental scholarships are determined by each academic department, we encourage students to learn more by contacting the administrative assistants in their majors or watching for updates from the department.

ADMISSIONS

First-year students admitted with honors for fall 2015 should be on the lookout for invitations to attend one of our Honors Colloquium visit weekends Feb. 14-15, Feb. 28-March 1 and March 14-15. In spite of the fact that two full-tuition scholarships are at stake at each event, participants consistently report that they have fun and really enjoy connecting with one another and with the academic opportunities at Whitworth. Attendance is capped at about 100 students for each event, and registration is handled on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't dawdle.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR WHITWORTH

For the duration of The Campaign for Whitworth, I will use this monthly section (previously called "Resources") to highlight exciting gifts, key fund-raising initiatives, and other issues of importance in this arena. Details of the campaign can be found at www.whitworth.edu/125.

I have recently been reflecting on the sudden drop in the temperature. It seems that Spokane went ahead and skipped right over the 30s and went straight into the bone-chilling 20s. The impact that has on our utility bills makes our flexible income even more important. December is, perhaps, the pivotal month in reaching our goal for The Whitworth Fund, which goes directly to student scholarships, faculty salaries, and other priorities – including heating dorms and classrooms. To all of you who sent gifts in response to the last *Mind & Heart*, thank you! If you haven't yet had a chance to mail in your gift, please send it to the annual giving office, or go online to www.whitworth.edu/give. Thank you again for your generosity in supporting Whitworth's mission.

WHITWORTH SERVES

In order to participate in our Whitworth Serves campaign, please visit www.whitworth.edu/whitworthserves and log in your volunteer hours for any organization you serve. This is an exciting new venture, one that allows you to share how you are living out the Whitworth mission. In future issues, look for stories of how alumni, parents, students and employees are giving back to their communities.

SPORTS

The men's soccer team continued its trip to the NCAA Division III tournament with sectional round games at Kenyon College in Ohio. The Pirates (17-1-3) defeated Covenant College (1-0) and Berry College (2-0) in the first two rounds of the tournament. Unfortunately, their run ended when they were edged out by Christopher Newport College (Va.), 3-2, in the Round of 16. The Bucs' tournament

appearance came on the heels of their fifth Northwest Conference championship in the last eight seasons. Micheal Ramos and Matt Bray, both '15, were named the 2014 NWC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively.

Women's soccer ended the season with a record of 8-11-1, 7-9 in the NWC. The Pirates finished well, winning three of their final four matches.

Whitworth volleyball won the Northwest Conference championship and advanced to the NCAA Division III tournament for the sixth time in school history. The Pirates finished the year 21-6 after falling to 3rd-ranked Cal Lutheran in the opening round of the national tournament. Maddye Dinsmore, '16, was named NWC Player of the Year, while Nicole Leonard earned First Team All-NWC. And in just her second year, Kati Bodecker was voted NWC Coach of the Year by her conference peers.

Football finished fourth and with nice alliteration (6-4 overall and 4-3) in the NWC. The Pirates earned a 30-7 win over George Fox in their final home game of the season, sending out 14 seniors with a victory.

The women's cross country team finished as NWC runners-up and in third place at the NCAA West Regional meet, just missing a bid to the NCAA Div. III championships. Kellyn Roiko, '16, earned First Team All-NWC honors, while Amanda Blankenship, '15, and Kristen Schoenike, '16, were Second Team honorees. All three earned All-Region recognition, as well.

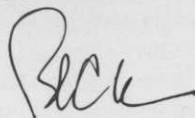
Men's cross country finished fourth in the NWC and ninth in the region. Taylor Steele and Colton Berry, both '15, finished with All-NWC and All-Region honors.

The Whitworth swimming teams are both 4-0 through the first half of NWC dual meet competition. Bridget Louis, '15, has posted the best 400 individual medley time in the NWC this season. Wes Walton, '16, and Wes Tatum, '15, will travel to North Carolina this month to compete in the U.S. National Swimming Championships.

The women's basketball team got off to a great start with a come-from-behind win over Eastern Oregon. KC McConnell, '16, led the way with 22 points. In their second game, the Bucs crushed Rutgers/Newark, 82-37. And they've since triumphed over Eastern Oregon and College of Idaho. This week they head off to a non-conference tournament in Texas. The women were ranked 18th in the D3hoops.com preseason poll.

The Pirate men, ranked 17th in the pre-season poll, opened the basketball season with a 103-49 throttling of D'Youville College (N.Y.). Christian Jurlina scored 22 points to lead the way. The Bucs lost their second game, 74-72, in OT, to the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers/Newark, and their third to the St. Thomas (Minn.) Tommies, 90-69, before returning to their winning ways against Redlands (80-61) and Caltech (76-48). Looks like it's going to be another fun season!

My hope and prayer for you and yours is that this Christmas will be filled with Christ's joy and peace. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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One hundred years ago, in 1914, baseball legend Babe Ruth made his major league debut with the Boston Red Sox. That same year, the St. Petersburg-Tampa Airboat Line became the world's first airline to schedule passenger flights in heavier-than-air craft, and President Woodrow Wilson signed the first Mother's Day into existence. A century ago, the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States opened for business, the events that started World War I shocked the globe, and an upstart film star named Charlie Chaplin made his debut in the short comedy *Making A Living*. It was also in 1914 that a group of Spokane business leaders, led by land developer Jay P. Graves, lured Whitworth College from its home in Tacoma to its third and final home, in the Inland Northwest. For years, Whitworth had struggled to find sufficient enrollments in Tacoma, and the promise of a new start for the college in Spokane must have seemed like a godsend. Graves generously donated a large tract of land in north Spokane, approximately half of which was to be used for the new campus; the other half was to be sold to developers to pay some of the college's bills and to seed the college's endowment fund. Construction of McMillan Hall, which still stands today, began in May that year. As Whitworth University begins a new calendar year, we remember how far we have come, by God's grace. We are thankful for the enduring mission that sustains us, then and now - to provide our diverse students an education of mind and heart, equipping graduates to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity. It's been a great 100 years in Spokane!

ACADEMICS

Patty Bruininks (Psychology) received a prestigious **Lilly Fellows Summer Fellowship**, which will allow her to participate in a summer seminar on what it means to be human (and Christian) in a consumer culture.

Congratulations to Katie Creyts (Art) for being awarded a **\$12,450 grant from the McMillen Foundation**. The grant, Enhancing 3-D Art Education, will provide needed equipment for her glass courses.

Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science) will present on creating a **Spokane carbon market at the Washington Higher Education Sustainability Conference Feb. 6-7**. He also will display a poster there about the Whitworth Sustainability Tour, which students in his Environment & Society class helped to create, and he will present a paper on Costa Rica's "pacifism" at the Western Political Science Association conference, in April.

In January, faculty led courses around the world: They taught Core 250 while touring historical sites in Europe; instructed students in anthropology and science courses in Hawaii; and took a group to Great Britain for classes about the arts. In addition, Christian spirituality was the focus of learning here in Washington, and students examined early Christian sites while studying in Turkey. Honors freshmen learned about the biblical concept and practice of Shalom through a course in Costa Rica; faculty members taught business as well as technology and culture in Asia; a group of students learned about poverty and altruism in Tanzania; and students toured South Africa to study the history, media and politics of that country. This spring, faculty will lead programs in Costa Rica, Tanzania and throughout Central America. Forty-four percent of Whitworth students study abroad.

This spring, Whitworth sent students off to study in exchange programs in the UK, Sweden, Nicaragua, Australia, Chile, Hong Kong, the Netherlands, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Czech Republic, France, Spain, New Zealand, Italy, Argentina, and the United Arab Emirates. In addition to these exchanges, Whitworth will welcome students from Switzerland, Malaysia and Guatemala to campus.

On Feb. 27, the Whitworth Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team – the Philosoraptors, coached by Mike Ingram (Communication Studies) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy) – will compete at nationals, in Florida. The team returns to the tournament, after a "final-four" finish last year, hoping to reclaim the national championship Whitworth won in 2012.

THE ARTS

Diana Trotter (Theatre) returns to the stage as Dr. Vivian Bearing in Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Wit*, about a prominent scholar who suddenly finds herself the subject of research as she undergoes experimental chemotherapy for advanced ovarian cancer. The play will take place at Lake City Playhouse, in Coeur d'Alene, Feb. 21-March 9.

Join us at the Arts Ceramics Invitational, featuring Terry Gieber, Gina Freuen, Lisa Nappa, and Chris Tyllia, from Feb. 18-April 4 in the Lied Center for the Visual Arts. The opening reception for this exhibit takes place Feb. 18, from 5-6 p.m., with a panel discussion following at 6 p.m. The gallery will be closed March 22-30 for Spring Break.

Congratulations to Anneliese Dailey, '14, who was recently named the winner of the National Opera Association's annual scholarly paper competition. Her *Love and Redemption: The Unfulfilled Passion, the Dissatisfied Dream, and the Chivalric Duty in Richard Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde"* will be published in the spring 2014 issue of the *NOA Journal*. Anneliese is completing majors in both history and music.

STUDENT LIFE

January in Spokane was cold (duh), but it wasn't as snowy as usual, so students had to head to the mountains for skiing and snowboarding. The outdoor rec office was very busy renting equipment and organizing ski vans for student outings in Montana, Idaho and Washington. Intramural sports sponsored numerous three-on-three basketball tournaments and three-point shooting contests in the new U-Rec, which was warm, dry and a great place to spend the coldest month of the year.

This month, renowned speaker and theorist Peggy McIntosh will hold sessions with students, faculty and staff regarding her research on white privilege. Right on the heels of the McIntosh sessions, Cultural Awareness Week will begin and will include campus-wide awareness activities as well as other educational and entertaining events, all coordinated by student clubs and organizations.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Portland Whitworthians and their families are invited to gather at the Feb. 21 basketball games at Lewis and Clark as we cheer on the Bucs in their final games of the regular season. Mingle with other alumni and parents between the women's and men's games for cookies and cider. The games are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively. Following the men's game, we'll head off to the after-party at Flying Pie Pizzeria, in Lake Oswego, to eat with our teams and hear from the coaching staff. For more information and to register, visit www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

All Spokane and Denver/Colorado Springs-area alumni, parents and friends are invited to join Whitworth professors Ron Pyle (Communication Studies) and Melissa Rogers (Psychology) as they present *Shaping Perception, Building Relationships*. Ron and Melissa will lead us in a conversation about some of the factors that influence our perceptions and our relationships. For just \$5, you can join Ron and Melissa in downtown Spokane on Feb. 22 or in Denver on March 1. For more information and to register, visit www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

Members of the classes of '64 and '65 will gather June 20-22 to celebrate their 49th- and 50th-year class reunions. Members of the Class of '63 are also invited to join in the festivities, and attendees are invited to stay on campus as a part of the celebration. Registration information will be out in March. Please note that the '54 and '74 reunions have been moved to the October celebration weekend (see next item).

Celebrate Whitworth's 125th year with us this Oct. 10-12 in Spokane. It's going to be a great weekend for reunions of the classes of '54, '74, '84, '94, '04, and '09, as well as for all choral, tennis, baseball and swimming alumni. We'll also celebrate McMillan Hall's 100th year. This will be a dynamic weekend on campus, combining Homecoming, Family Weekend, and the President's Leadership Forum all in one. The weekend's schedule and registration information will be available in late spring or early summer. Mark your calendar now: You don't want to miss these historic events!

Parents and families of current students, do you know about *The Loop*, our parent and family blog? You can find *The Loop* at www.whitworth.edu/theloop. Also, join the parent and family Facebook page for your student's year by searching on FB for parents and families of current Whitworth students.

Join the Whitworth community as we pray for specific needs. The *On Bended Knee* prayer blog is published each week and can be delivered straight to your inbox. You can find the blog and subscribe at www.whitworth.edu/onbendedknee.

The priority deadline for high school seniors to submit their admissions applications to Whitworth is March 1. Students can access our online application or the common application at www.whitworth.edu/apply. We can accept transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation after that date, but the sooner we get a complete application file the sooner we can send out admissions decisions, financial aid awards and other important information.

Incoming freshmen admitted with honors for fall 2014 should have received information about an amazing opportunity to study in Costa Rica during Jan Term 2015. The class always fills up quickly, so don't wait until mañana if this is something that interests you. And you'd be crazy if it didn't. Read more about it online at www.whitworth.edu/costaricajanterm.

Spring Break is a great time for sophomores and juniors to begin visiting college campuses and for seniors to make that final, and potentially deciding, campus visit. We have extra "Why Whitworth?" visit days planned during the weeks when most Northwest high schools schedule their spring breaks. We also are launching a new overnight visit program, April 4-5, for students from underrepresented racial and ethnic populations. And individual visits are always welcome. It would be best to avoid our Spring Break (March 22-30) so you won't miss out on visiting classes, staying in a residence hall, meeting professors and current students, etc. To schedule a visit, go to www.whitworth.edu/visit.

FINANCIAL AID

We are beginning to review files for new freshmen and transfer students for the 2014-15 academic year. New students who have filed the FAFSA by the March 1 deadline will begin receiving their financial aid awards in March. Continuing students who meet the May 1 priority deadline for filing the FAFSA will receive their financial aid awards, beginning in May and June, electronically. Students can confirm that we have received their FAFSAs by checking WhitNet on Pirate Port. Academic scholarships are automatically renewed.

RESOURCES

With Valentine's Day at hand, I'm reminded that many Whitworthians met their soulmates right here. I'll admit that a Whitworth Fund gift is not that romantic, but it IS meaningful. Showing a little love to Whitworth and making an annual gift counts for double participation for couples. In order to meet our giving goal, we need 1,500 more alumni donations by June 30. No matter when you met, we're glad to share a Whitworth connection with you!

COSTA RICA CENTER

CRC Director Lindy Scott reports, "We've just finished our busiest Jan Term ever. Thirty-four honors freshmen studied Shalom with Dean of Spiritual Life Terry McGonigal. Cynthia Wright (Health Science) led 10 majors through a month of medical internships, medical Spanish, homestays and field trips. And nine budding scientists traipsed all over Costa Rica with Grant Casady (Biology) as they measured clams and studied quetzals, frogs and spiders in a preservation project in the fishing village of Tarcoles."

SPORTS

Women's basketball is 12-5 overall and 6-2 in the Northwest Conference. The Pirates' only conference losses have come against teams ranked nationally among the top 10 in NCAA Div. III. This weekend they dropped 90 on Lewis and Clark, winning by 28. Kayla Johnson, '14, recently surpassed 1,000 points in her career and is leading the team in scoring average (18.1 points per game).

The men's basketball team is 13-4 overall and 7-1 in the NWC as it turns the corner to the second half of the conference season. The Pirates grabbed first place in the standings with a rousing win at Whitman on Jan. 21, and they held on to that lead with a weekend drubbing of Lewis and Clark. Dustin McConnell, Colton McCargar and Robby Douglas, all '14, are providing great on-court leadership for a team that includes a mix of 11 freshmen and sophomores.

The swimming teams are unbeaten in NWC dual meets. Both are coming off a Christmas Break training trip to Coronado, Calif., that included nearly 100,000 yards of practice for many of the swimmers. They turned that work into impressive dual-meet wins over Puget Sound and Pacific Lutheran in January. Jackie Beal, '17, leads the NWC with her times in both women's backstroke races. Brandon Smith, '16, has the NWC's best times in the distance freestyle races.

The indoor track and field season began with a meet at Washington State University. Future meets will take place at the University of Idaho, back at WSU and at the University of Washington. The NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held March 14-15 in Lincoln, Neb.

Spring sports are just around the corner. In fact, the softball and men's tennis teams are just days away from their first competitions. More on them, and on our other spring sports, in the March issue of *M&H*. Go Bucs!

We've experienced a relatively warm and dry January in Spokane. Unfortunately, I think I've seen the sun peeking through the overcast skies only a few times this month. Julie and I plan to get a quick dose of Vitamin D this weekend when we dash down to Phoenix for a few days before the busyness of the spring semester begins. A few winters in Spokane have taught us what we need to make it through. As Whitworth begins its spring term, and its 100th year in Spokane, I thank you for all of the ways you support us through prayer, partnership and philanthropy.

MIND & heart

JANUARY 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

The liturgical calendar calls the time between the church's two holy seasons of Christmas and Easter "ordinary time." It's an odd name that seems to imply that nothing very special happens during these intervening months – as if the promise of the Advent season, the celebration of the Incarnation, and the subsequent anticipation of Christ's redeeming work haven't changed us. But God does his best work during the ordinary times. In fact, God often uses the ordinary for the extraordinary. I am coming to understand now how God has used the "ordinary" times in my past to transform and prepare me for the extraordinary purposes he has ordained for me. Perhaps it was that ordinary job I labored to be excited about, or that ordinary relationship with an acquaintance, or that ordinary book I read or an ordinary speaker I listened to. How many of us can think back on those less-than-extraordinary events to see how God wove them into the beautiful tapestry of our lives and callings? There are no scraps. God is always at work in the ordinary, and our response is to be faithful to see it, even when we feel less than expectant, a little disoriented, or unsure of God's plans and purposes. God has extraordinary plans for all of us, and the ordinary times are the building blocks he uses. May God bless you in this ordinary season.

ACADEMICS

The psychology department recently held its 18th annual Undergraduate Psychology Conference, at which 48 students presented senior-thesis research projects. Subjects ranged from "Empathic Persuasion: Empathy as a Tool for Change" to "Modes of Communication and Their Effect on Physiological Arousal and Brain Engagement."

Arlin Migliazzo (History) recently published an article on Henrietta Mears and Fuller Seminary, "'She Must Be a Proper Exception:' Females, Fuller Seminary, and the Limits of Gender Equity among Southern California Evangelicals, 1947-1952," in *Fides et Historia* 45, no. 2 (Summer/Fall 2013).

Victoria DePalma and Shannon James-Kozlovich, both '14 and both students of Trisha Russell (Chemistry), were winners of the Murdock Poster Prize in Organic/Computational Chemistry for their presentation at the 2013 Murdock College Science Research Program Conference.

The Whitworth Theology Department continues to shine: Roger Mohrlang is in Nigeria doing consultant work with translators of the Kamwe Old Testament. Roger translated the New Testament into Kamwe many years ago while working for Wycliffe Bible Translators. **Jonathan Moo** is co-author of *Hope in an Age of Despair: the Gospel and the Future of Life on Earth* (IVP Britain). The book, written with a geophysicist from Cambridge, will appear in the U.S. this spring under the title *Let Creation Rejoice: Biblical Hope and the Ecological Crisis* (IVP). Jonathan is also co-editor, with Robin Routledge, of a book of academic essays, *The Bible, Creation, and the Environment* (IVP), due for release next month. **Will Kynes** participated in a panel on wisdom and prophecy at the annual meeting of the Institute for Biblical Research. And **Adam Neder** recently served as panel moderator at the *Karl Barth in Dialogue: Encounters with Major Figures* conference at Princeton Theological Seminary. He was also keynote speaker on the topic "What does it mean to be a Christian?" for a conference attended by 1,200 high-school students.

The third edition of *Understanding Architecture*, by Leland Roth and Amanda Clark (Library) is due out this month, published by Westview Press.

Janet Hauck (Archives) received a \$1,700 grant from the American Library Association and National Endowment for the Humanities for a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Collection, *Emancipation Proclamation 1863 and the March on Washington 1963*.

Katie Creyts (Art) and Amanda Clark (Library) were awarded \$13,207 from the McMillen Foundation for workshops and lectures on artists' books.

David Cherry (Education) has been appointed to a three-year Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education seat on the board of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education.

THE ARTS

Please drop by the Bryan Oliver Gallery to see *Poetics & Public Projection: Layered History – Redrawn Memory*, by Rose Bond, which will be open during university hours through Feb. 7.

The Whitworth Jazz Ensemble is in Rome this month for two weeks of concerts and Italian culture, art and history. This is the eighth time the ensemble, under the direction of Dan Keberle, has toured Italy.

STUDENT LIFE

ASWU is in full swing on the Million Meals in May Campaign. Students are dedicated to raising \$250,000 by the beginning of May so that they can pack self-contained meals for one million people in Spokane and the surrounding areas. Anyone interested in helping pack meals for a couple of hours on May 3, please contact Audrey Evans at aevans14@my.whitworth.edu. And if you're interested in donating (\$10 buys 40 meals!), please visit www.whitworth.edu/onemillionmeals and go to the Generation Alive website link. What an amazing initiative! Please support our students and the community by helping.

Whitworth students were busy last fall offering their service to Spokane. During the semester, 924 students in service-learning courses offered 3,397 hours of service for a value of \$77,077 to our community. On campus, Rachel Mackie (Center for Service-Learning & Community Engagement) recruited 30-plus Whitworth

students as volunteers for the annual Food for Thought meal at the House of Charity. Warren Hall leader Alicen Freeman, '15, organized Operation Christmas Child to pack 184 shoeboxes with gifts for children across the world. Ninety-five students from Warren and 23 from Arend gave more than 270 hours of their time to that project, and 30 residents of East Hall prepared holiday stockings for the children served by Youth for Christ in Spokane's West Central neighborhood. Forty students from Boppell, Stewart and The Village raised funds for the Whitworth Alzheimer's Association; a group of Mac men helped to terrace a portion of the Back 40 for cultivation; and 40 students from Baldwin-Jenkins gave 205 hours of their time on the weekend to help En Christo, a Whitworth student organization led by Veronica Fetzer and Austin Winkelman, both '14, that prepares and delivers meals to Spokane's homeless.

The Center for Service-Learning is undergoing big changes this spring that include a new website (serve.whitworth.edu) to help Whitworth students, faculty and staff find places to serve and a way to track their hours.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Alums and parents in the greater Seattle and Tacoma areas are invited to a brief reception between basketball games as the women's (4 p.m.) and men's (6 p.m.) teams play PLU on Saturday, Feb. 8. Watch your inbox for details.

Alums and their fams can enjoy free Pirate basketball in the fieldhouse through early February. Start times/matchups are available at www.whitworthpirates.com. On Saturday, Feb. 1, attend our annual Alumni Night in the Fieldhouse festivities. Wear your crimson and black, and join us for complimentary refreshments in the aquatics center foyer during halftime of the men's game against Pacific.

Join the Portland chapter of Whitworth alums to cheer on the Pirate hoopsters as they take on Lewis and Clark on Saturday, Feb. 21. Bring the whole family for a night of Pirate-themed fun, and gather with other Portland-area Whitworthians at around 5:30 p.m., between the two games, for a cookie-and-cider reception. Register online or contact Danika Heatherly, '10, at 509.777.4761 or dheatherly@whitworth.edu.

Time to start thinking about reunions during Whitworth's 125th Celebration Weekend, Oct. 10-12. Along with many other events, members of the classes of 1984, '94, '04, '09, and all former members of Whitworth choral groups will gather to celebrate important reunions. Please mark your calendar now. More information about all of the 125th-anniversary events is coming your way soon!

ADMISSIONS

Jan. 31 is the recommended deadline for students admitted through our Early Action application program to submit their enrollment deposits. The \$350 deposit, which can be paid online at www.whitworth.edu/enrollmentdeposit, holds a student's place in the Class of 2018 and can also give students priority consideration in housing and class registration. The deposit is refundable until May 1, so all admitted students who are seriously considering Whitworth as a college option are encouraged to submit their deposits ASAP.

Auditions take place Feb. 8-9 for students seeking talent scholarships for participation in Whitworth music programs. Info about auditions is available at www.whitworth.edu/music; click on the Scholarship Auditions link. Live auditions are preferred but recordings are accepted. Students who participate in music ensembles

are eligible to audition for talent awards regardless of their majors. Talent and participation awards also are available for students who participate in art, theatre, journalism, forensics and Young Life. Information will be mailed to students who indicated interest in these programs on their Whitworth admissions application.

This month we'll host 18 extraordinary young leaders from Spokane and Tacoma/Seattle who are semifinalists in the Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Program. These students, who are gifted, equipped and challenged to be agents of transformation on campus and in their hometowns, were selected from several hundred applicants to compete for a spot in in Whitworth's 12th cadre of Act Six scholars.

FINANCIAL AID

The 2014-15 FAFSA website is now available for students to renew their need-based or federal financial aid. Families can file the electronic pre-filled FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov. Our priority deadline is May 1 for returning students who seek financial aid for 2014-15. For new freshmen and students who wish to apply for summer work-study, the deadline is March 1; for transfers, it's July 1. Families that file their tax returns prior to completing the FAFSA may be able to save time and assure accuracy by loading the IRS data into the FAFSA. Students who receive only a Whitworth academic scholarship do not need to file the FAFSA.

The 2013 1098T tuition tax form will be available electronically at the end of this month. Students, go to the Student Account Information section of Pirate Port (or WhitNet) and click on 1098 Electronic Consent. The electronic form can be viewed and printed at any time. And in using it, you'll help Whitworth "go green." This form supports your request for educational tax credits on your tax return. For more info, please consult your tax advisor or go to www.irs.gov. You may also take a look at the Worksheet for Reporting Scholarships/Grants on Your Federal 2013 Tax Return, which can be found at www.whitworth.edu/financialaid, to determine whether financial aid you/your student received in 2013 is taxable.

RESOURCES

A huge Pirate thanks to all who made financial contributions to Whitworth in December! Each gift makes a big difference to the university. We just completed our *Light the Match* campaign, which was energized by a \$50,000 matching gift from two of our trustees, Art Symons, '51, and Judi Shupper. We're excited to announce that we surpassed our goal of reaching 2,021 alumni and parent donors: In fact, 2,842 Whitworth alumni and parents made gifts! This crucial support strengthens our ability to support students through scholarships and financial aid, to invest in academic programs and facilities, and to advance Whitworth's transformative mission of an education of mind and heart.

COSTA RICA

Costa Rica Director Lindy Scott writes that during Jan Term, 34 first-year students are at the CRC taking an honors course in Shalom under the direction of Dean of Spiritual Life Terry McGonigal. Students stay with Costa Rican families and participate in field trips, service projects, and other opportunities to practice the Shalom of God in their lives. Cynthia Wright (Health Sciences) is leading a

group of students who are developing their skills as medical practitioners in Spanish. They, too, are in homestays as they complete medical internships, study medical Spanish, and participate in field trips. Grant Casady (Biology) is at the CRC with nine majors whose coursework includes research in the fishing village of Tarcoles. Finally, under the CRC's auspices, members of the Central America Study and Service Program are hard at work studying advanced Spanish in Guatemala and exploring the fascinating realities of Central America. Soon they'll be off to Nicaragua for three months of service.

SPORTS

Whitworth welcomes new Head Football Coach Rod Sandberg. Rod comes to us from Wheaton College (Ill.), where he was a longtime assistant coach. He had been the Thunder's defensive coordinator since 2003. Rod is busy hiring his staff and getting to know players and recruits.

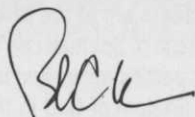
Women's basketball is 8-3 (2-0 in conference). The women amassed a 6-1 record against NCAA Div. III opponents in preseason play. Kayla Johnson, '14, is leading the Pirates in both scoring average and rebounding.

The men's basketball team is 9-3, following a 1-1 trip to Las Vegas, where they pushed No. 1-ranked Wisconsin-Stevens Point hard before losing, then defeated Wisconsin-Platteville for a weekend split. They, too, are 2-0 in NWC play.

The swimming teams are on Coronado Island, Calif., for their winter training camp. The Pirates will get 10 days of intense training, with swimmers accumulating up to 100,000 yards of work during the trip. The dual-meet season gears up again in January.

The indoor track and field season begins Jan. 18 with a meet at WSU.

Last month, the Lilly Endowment granted Whitworth \$1 million to form the Office of Church Engagement and to develop relationships and programs to strengthen congregations in the Pacific Northwest. Since its founding, Whitworth has been committed to serving local congregations, pastors, and lay leaders in a variety of ways. This grant will significantly strengthen our ability to support the work of the local church as the university comes alongside congregations to address, faithfully and creatively, the opportunities and challenges they face. I'm pleased to announce that I've appointed Dean of Spiritual Life Terry McGonigal to lead this important effort. Terry has served ably as Whitworth's chaplain for 20 years, and that experience and the relationships Terry has developed will facilitate the exciting work he'll be doing. Terry will continue to serve in his current role through the end of spring semester, and we'll begin a search for Whitworth's new dean of spiritual life immediately. I know you'll join me in thanking Terry as we celebrate the legacy of faithfulness he has stewarded for our community. As always, thanks for the many ways you support Whitworth.



MIND & heart

MARCH 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

I'm writing this month's update on an airplane heading to Napa Valley with Julie. It will be a relaxing weekend for me, but a grueling one for her. Julie is running the Napa Marathon on Sunday, and I have the luxury of a clear calendar and a three-day weekend, so I decided I would go along for moral support. I've never run a marathon, nor do I ever plan to, so what I know, I know only second-hand. Most people who train for the 26.2-mile endurance test, including Julie, train for months. Miles build and accumulate each week, usually reaching a peak two weeks before the event. Not unlike other athletes who allow their bodies to rest and recover before a big event, marathon runners cut back dramatically on their mileage in the days leading up to the race. This past week, Julie has barely looked at her running shoes. But here's the thing – all that energy that goes into pounding the pavement during normal training has to be funneled in new directions. That "runner's high" has to come from other activities. It's been fun to watch Julie this past week as she has frenetically cleaned the house, sorted through the kids' closets for clothes drives, accomplished a few household repairs, artistically decorated encouraging notes to the kids, and planned summer activities. I think one more week of not running would drive her (and maybe the rest of us) insane. I'm so proud of her accomplishment, and I can't wait to see her cross that finish line!

ACADEMICS

Jerry Sittser (Theology) was recently a visiting scholar at the Biola University Center for Christian Thought; he presented on "John Cassian as Desert Psychologist: An Analysis of his *Institutes and Conferences*," and also lectured on "Adversity as Spiritual Formation."

Arlin Migliazzo (History) was invited to serve as an editorial consultant for *The James Poyas Daybook: The Account of a Charles Town Merchant, 1760-1765*, an online exhibition.

***A Concise History of Catholic Martyrdom in China*, by Tony Clark (History), written and translated for the Year of Faith, was recently published in Hong Kong.** Tony also presented a paper, "Jesuits in Late Qing China," at the Jesuits in World History International Symposium and Teachers' Workshop.

The library has two new exhibits on display: *Faith in Miniature: Christian Prayers & Devotions* and *Famous Signatures from the Whitworth Ruby Collection* (which includes signatures from Princess Diana, Mother Theresa, Rosa Parks and others).

The School of Business is conducting mock interviews with students who are preparing for job searches. Weyerhaeuser Hall will soon welcome representatives from the federal government, top private-sector businesses (Avista, Potlatch, Itron, McKinstry), all five major banks and the two leading credit unions, as well as many alumni and proud Whitworth parents who are local "influencers."

Candice Correia recently received notification that her co-authored manuscript, *On the Social Costs of Bankruptcy: Does Filing Under Chapter 13 Really Lead to Significant Creditor Repayment?*, will be published in Volume 5, Issue 1 of the *International Journal of Social Ecology and Sustainable Development*.

An abstract, "Pre-Activity Sports Massage Does Not Affect Vertical Jump or Sprint Performance," by Cynthia Wright and Beth Abbey (Athletic Training), along with three other co-authors, was accepted by the National Athletic Trainer's Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium as a finalist in the undergraduate poster presentation category. The abstract will be published this spring in the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

Hanh Nguyen, '14, an Act Six scholar, has been invited to present at the American Chemical Society's 247th national meeting. Her presentation stems from her summer internship as a member of the Wheeler Computational Chemistry Research Group, with the Texas A&M Chemistry Department.

THE ARTS

The Ceramics Invitational, featuring Terry Gieber, Gina Freuen, Lisa Nappa, and Chris Tyllia, will run through April 4 in Room 201 of the Lied Art Center.

Brent Edstrom (Music) will be the featured performer at the next Spokane Jazz Orchestra concert, on March 8, downtown at The Bing. Brent is writing and arranging most of the music for his portion of the concert, which is billed as *Swingin' With the Piano Man*.

***Pride and Prejudice*, based on the novel by Jane Austen, adapted by Jon Jory and directed by Brooke Kiener, '99, will take place March 7, 8, 14 & 15 at 7:30 p.m. and March 9 at 2 p.m.** in Cowles Auditorium. Tickets (www.whitworth.edu/theatretickets) are \$8; \$6 for students and seniors. *Pride and Prejudice* has much to say about the interplay between money and marriage, social status and ingenuity, and of course, first impressions and self-improvement – topics that remain crucially relevant today. This adaptation moves fluidly through places and moments, zeroing in on the essence of character and plot points, and preserving everything audiences love about Austen's work.

STUDENT LIFE

February rocked, beginning with Cultural Awareness Week, organized by ASWU's multicultural clubs. The week began with renowned researcher Peggy McIntosh, Ph.D., who taught Whitworthians about white privilege and questioned students, faculty and staff about their response to this oppression. The community also heard from Whitworth's Costa Rica students, who presented on the biblical theme

of Shalom. A panel of professors discussed LGBTQ issues on Sunday evening, and the week concluded with the comedy presentation *The Black Jew Dialogues*. ASWU's Andriana Siefe headed up an entertaining and thoughtful week. On Feb. 21, students attended the black-tie event George Whitworth's Gala Royale, coordinated by ASWU's Raleigh Addington. All proceeds went to the May 3 Million Meals event.

Pam Oswalt (Health & Counseling Center) has led the way in helping our campus become more aware of ways to deal with sexual assault. Green Dot, a program that encourages bystanders to do something if they find themselves in a setting where another person is being sexually harassed, assaulted, coerced, or bullied, presented a halftime skit at both women's and men's basketball games. Volunteers gave away green basketballs, manned and womanned a Green Dot information table, conducted a "soundoff" of the ways in which a bystander can intervene, and held a raffle. Thanks to Pam and the Green Dot committee for a huge success!

ALUMNI & PARENTS

The Whitworth Wind Symphony will soon be on its way to California for Spring Break! We hope you can join us at a free concert and/or accompanying alumni/parent event in one of five California locations during the week of March 22-29. Details can be found on the alumni & parent events calendar at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

Update your contact information and enter to win! We want to be sure that we can reach you, and we're interested in important changes in your life. Alumni and parent submitters who send updates during March will be entered to win Whitworth gear or a giftcard from Barnes and Noble! Alums can update their info at www.whitworth.edu/alumniupdate and parents can update us at www.whitworth.edu/parentupdate. Thanks for helping to keep our database current!

Alums from the classes of '63, '64, and '65 are invited to return to campus to celebrate 50th reunions June 20-22, 2014. Registration opens soon, and a schedule is available at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/reunions/50yr.

Join your Southern California alumni & parent chapter today. Whitworth alumni and parents are invited to gather in pilot areas across the West to socialize, stay connected with Whitworth, develop professional networks and share the Whitworth story with prospective students. Join Whitworth's newest chapter in SoCal by visiting www.whitworth.edu/chapter. Or contact Danika Heatherly, '10, at 509.777.4761 or dheatherly@whitworth.edu to inquire about helping to launch a chapter in your area.

Parents, it may be hard to believe, but it's nearing time to order Final Exam Survival Kits! Keep an eye on your e-mail inbox/USPS mailbox for order information at the end of March. Surprise your favorite Whitworth student with one of two great options, which will be ready for them to pick up just before Finals Week, in May.

ADMISSIONS

Our March 1 freshman application deadline is passed. But if you know someone who needs an extension, encourage him or her to contact us at 800.533.4668 or admissions@whitworth.edu. Applicants with incomplete files should submit transcripts, letters of recommendation and test-score reports as soon as possible. The sooner we have a complete file, the sooner we can make decisions and send out those fat acceptance envelopes. The transfer application deadline for fall enrollment is July 1.

A new Act Six Academy program is being offered for incoming first-generation and underrepresented freshmen from Spokane and from the Seattle/Tacoma area. The program builds on the success of the Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative, providing extensive pre-college leadership training and cadre-building to participants. Academy applications can be accessed at www.whitworth.edu/academy and are due March 15.

FINANCIAL AID

It's FAFSA season! Newly admitted students should have submitted FAFSAs by now and can anticipate receiving an award soon. Continuing students have a priority deadline of May 1 and will receive their awards electronically in late spring. For new or continuing students who still need to apply, students and parents can automatically load the tax data from the IRS website (which is preferred over hand-entering the data) two weeks after their federal tax returns are filed electronically. Confirmation of Whitworth's receipt of a student's FAFSA can be seen on WhitNet. Scholarships for students who receive *academic scholarships only* will be automatically renewed; these students are not required to file the FAFSA.

RESOURCES

You help make a Whitworth education possible for our students. In the years since George Whitworth first envisioned an education of mind and heart, dedicated professors, faithful staff and generous donors have made it possible for students to continue to enjoy this unique experience. On April 1, they'll celebrate the symbolic point in the academic year when tuition no longer covers the costs associated with their enrollment – when outside support from donors, the endowment and other university operations help to fund the final six weeks of school. We call it Tuition Freedom Day, and we honor you for making the difference between a good education and a GREAT education for each of these students. It's a wonderful reminder that gifts large and small help fulfill George Whitworth's mission. From students, faculty and staff alike, thank you!

COSTA RICA CENTER

In the life of every institution, difficult decisions must be made to ensure that resources are being stewarded in the most faithful ways. Recently, I made the decision to suspend our semester-long Costa Rica Center programming for the 2014-15 academic year. We will continue to offer the Jan Term experience at the CRC for honors freshmen in 2015. Although the CRC has offered transformative learning experiences for students and faculty since 2010, we've had difficulty maintaining the enrollments and academic programming necessary to justify the investments we are making there. As a result, I'm asking our community to spend next year working on a new plan to utilize the CRC in more sustainable ways. A campus task force will begin work immediately on this effort. Whitworth remains absolutely committed to international education; our other successful Jan Term and semester-long programs attest to that, along with our No. 6 ranking nationally among similar institutions based on study-abroad participation. I offer my sincere thanks to CRC directors Lindy and Dinorah Scott, along with all of our U.S. and Costa Rican staff, for their wonderful efforts at "Whitworth South."

SPORTS

Men's swimming won its 12th consecutive Northwest Conference championship by a margin of nearly 200 points last week in Federal Way.

Wes Walton, '15, earned Co-Outstanding Men's Swimmer, winning the 200 I.M., 100 backstroke and 200 backstroke and setting two NWC records along the way.

The swimmin' women finished in second place at the championship meet by just two points.

Jackie Beal, '15, won the 100 and 200 backstrokes, while Alisa Stang, '14, won the 100 and 200 freestyles. The Whitworth 200 and 400 medley relays set new NWC records.

Men's basketball is once again national-tourney bound. The guys clinched an unprecedented fifth consecutive NWC championship with a win over Whitman.

On their way to the title, they mounted one of the greatest comebacks in school history, rallying from 11 points behind George Fox with just 90 seconds to play to force overtime and grab a 105-101 win. The fieldhouse went NUTS!

Women's basketball beat No. 1 nationally ranked Whitman to earn a berth in the national tournament.

The amazing Pirates also upset a nationally ranked George Fox team to finish third in the Northwest Conference. Kayla Johnson, '14, recently surpassed 1,000 career points, and Head Coach Helen Higgs became the first women's basketball coach in NWC history to achieve 300 career victories.

The indoor track and field teams have set 10 school records this winter.

Kierstie Shellman, '15, has topped her own marks in the pole vault three times and is now at 11'6". Keegan Shea, '14, currently holds the weight throw record with a mark of 57'7".

Spring sports are under way. Softball completed a successful trip through Southern California with a 7-3 record. Shannon Wessel, '17, batted .367, while Peyton McMahon, '15, led the team with 12 RBIs. Baseball is 2-2 following its SoCal trip. All-American Tyler Pfeiffer, '14, hit .471 with two doubles and seven RBI.

Perhaps one of the ways you participate in the Lenten season is to give something up for the days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. It's a good tradition, because it reminds us to lean upon the strength and sacrifice of Christ rather than upon the things of this world. I wonder what would happen if each of us were also to commit to simple acts of service each day during Lent. In addition to giving something up, we would be adding something to. That pattern seems to mirror Christ's example to us. Jesus gave up his place in heaven and ultimately gave up his life to add overflowing abundance to our lives. His acts of sacrifice and service changed the world forever. I pray that we have the courage and resolve to do the same. May God bless you and yours. Thank you for the many ways you support Whitworth University.

MIND & heart

MAY 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

What do elaborate foam models of molecular structures, miniature statues of John Calvin, rolls of athletic tape, and stethoscopes have in common? These are just some of the fun adornments our graduating students used to festoon their mortarboards for graduation last weekend. It's just one of the traditions our students enjoy during Commencement Weekend. Another tradition we celebrate at the baccalaureate service, the morning of commencement, is the singing of *Amazing Grace*. Four years ago, these same graduates sang that wonderful John Newton hymn the first night they spent on campus. It's a bookend experience for all of us as we celebrate God's provision for our students during their time at Whitworth. Here's what one graduating student wrote to me after the service: "On Sept. 4, 2010, move-in day, I sat watching the funny presentations in the fieldhouse - I laughed and smiled, enjoying every second of it. At the end, we sang *Amazing Grace*. From that moment on, I knew that I would be able to complete this long journey. I was encouraged to know that I would sing those words again, four years later, at baccalaureate, the morning of my graduation. Over the next four years, I sang the words of that song in Baldwin-Jenkins, in The Loop, in my classrooms, on my tractor at home while working during the summer, in the weight room, and during football games in the Pine Bowl. That song gave me the strength for all times because I knew that one day, we would sing it again, together, as a graduating class. When we sang *Amazing Grace* this morning at baccalaureate, I've never felt so happy, content and sad in my whole life - sad because I'm now leaving this place I've called home for four years. I love this university."

God's grace is amazing, and so are the students of the Class of 2014!

ACADEMICS

Once again, Whitworth students are mega-successful in earning Fulbright scholarships. This spring, Fulbright named seven Whitworthians as scholarship recipients: members of the Class of '14 Alanna Feltner, psychology, Mexico; Austin Vander Wel, Spanish and international studies, Costa Rica; Sondra Willmann, education, Malaysia; Kelsey Marcinko, math, Slovak Republic; and Konstantin

Tachan, biochemistry, South Korea; as well as Lindsay Johnston, '10, math and Spanish, Spain; and Stephen Eyman, '12, political science, Colombia. Please join me in a special shout-out to Professor of Political Science John Yoder, who has for many years given his time, his energy and his expertise to help students apply for Fulbrights (and whose success rate has been extraordinary); thanks also to Megan Hershey (Political Science), who oversaw this year's Fulbright applications and who assumes John's duties as he retires.

Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science) presented "The Work of Costa Rica's Many Decisions for Peace," and Kathy Lee (Political Science) presented "Woman Suffrage in State Supreme Courts: The Glacier Still Moves," at the Western Political Science Association meeting.

Anthony Rodin, '06, visiting assistant professor in political science, successfully defended his dissertation at Purdue University (Ind.). Go, Boilermakers!

Karen Petersen Finch (Theology) published "Calvin for Postmoderns: Humility as Method and Message," in *Pro Ecclesia*. She was also awarded a post-doctoral research fellowship at the Lonergan Institute at Boston College, where she will study John Calvin, medieval theology, and the doctrine of the church.

Congratulations to Terry McGonigal (Office for Church Engagement) and Jerry Sittser (Theology), who were awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust to support the Certificate of Ministry Program and to provide Whitworth's students with summer internships in churches in the U.S. and abroad.

The Whitworth Department of Psychology gave a total of 21 presentations at the annual Western Psychological Association meeting. Two students won Psi Chi Research Awards: Rebecca Markley, '14, for "An Evaluation of the Green Dot Program: A Bystander Training," and Heather Moir and Melissa Root, both '14, for "The Effect of Mood on Color Preference."

STUDENT LIFE

Springfest, the traditional year-end student celebration, began the month of May with inflatable games and obstacle courses, food and craft booths, and live entertainment outside the fieldhouse. And inside the fieldhouse we welcomed more than 1,000 community volunteers who enthusiastically packed meals as part of Generation Alive's Million Meals Campaign. This event provided Spokane, surrounding food banks, and people as far away as Nicaragua and Honduras with 600,000 nutritious meals as part of our campaign to end hunger. I'm so proud of our students for organizing and executing this huge event. Bravo!

All of our student leaders for 2014-15 have been hired or elected and are already getting pumped up for New-Student Orientation in the fall. Our theme for the year is "Expect to Thrive: Whitworth 125." During Whitworth's 125th birthday year we'll offer - and enjoy - festivities and frivolity, and we are gearing up for it!

The Center for Service-Learning & Community Engagement was delighted to support ASWU's Million Meals Campaign. Through the serve.whitworth.edu website, our 1,000-plus volunteers served the equivalent of 3,000 person-hours, helping pack meals to feed the hungry in Spokane and Central America. Their generous efforts contributed the equivalent of \$88,176 to the local economy.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Congratulations to the parents of the members of the Class of 2014! We count you, and your recent graduates, as Whitworthians for Life!

The second year of the Alumni Discovery Project is getting under way. If you received an invitation, I hope you'll choose to share your story with one of our 12 student ambassadors. They want to hear from you! If you didn't receive an invitation, we hope to be able to reach out to you in future years. You can learn more about the Alumni Discovery Project at www.whitworth.edu/alumni/discovery.

Alumni & parents in San Diego and Phoenix are invited to gather with fellow Whitworthians at two June events. Spend Sunday afternoon, June 1, in San Diego for a backyard gathering, or mingle with Whitworthians for Taco Tuesday in Phoenix, on June 24. Register at www.whitworth.edu/sandiegogathering or at www.whitworth.edu/phoenixreception. We look forward to seeing you!

On June 20-22 we'll welcome members of the classes of '63, '64, and '65 back to campus for a reunion; they'll be followed on July 18-20 by members of the 1999 Central America Study Program. If you are a member of either group, we hope you'll register today to join us for your reunion. For more information and to register, visit www.whitworth.edu/reunions.

Whitworthians in Seattle celebrated the Puget Sound chapter's launch earlier this spring with a kickoff that featured casual time to connect and reconnect with Seattle Whitworthians, an update on the university, and a mini-lecture from Leonard Oakland (English) on society and film. Want to connect in your area and join the 500 Whitworthians who are celebrating Whitworth in their communities? Join your chapter at www.whitworth.edu/alumnichapter, or inquire about helping to launch one!

For nearly 40 years, Laura Bloxham (English) has created a much-anticipated summer reading list. In celebration of this milestone, the English department has published *Laura's List*, a compilation of Laura-inspired book reviews written by alumni, current students, and community members. According to Laura's colleague Leonard Oakland, "These lists are good charts to steer your reading boat." To get your copy, along with Laura's "List of Lists," for \$7.50, contact Annie Stillar at astillar@whitworth.edu.

ADMISSIONS

Incoming freshman and transfer students should be expecting a call from our admissions counselors soon to set up phone appointments with faculty advisors to register for fall classes. There's a great registration guide online to help prepare for these calls. Go to www.whitworth.edu/admittedstudents, and click on "Plan Your Classes." You'll love connecting with our (soon to be your) professors.

Incoming students should also watch for information about Summer Sendoffs that may be scheduled in your area. These informal receptions, hosted by Whitworth alumni, friends or parents of current students, allow incoming students to connect with students from their area and to get any last-minute questions answered before they arrive on campus. Check out www.whitworth.edu/summersendoffs for event locations.

Roommate info will be sent out in mid-July. Housing guru Alan Jacobs is already tweaking the algorithm that has proven amazingly accurate in assigning roommates

who become lifelong friends. If you've submitted your enrollment deposit but you haven't yet submitted your housing preference form, it's time. Go to www.whitworth.edu/housingpreference. Questions? Contact housing@whitworth.edu.

RESOURCES

When we mention alumni participation, it's not as much about money as it is about this message: Our alumni are proud to invest in Whitworth. Alumni giving is one of the ways in which universities can measure their grads' satisfaction with their alma mater. Participation conveys a belief in an institution's future, partnership in its goals, and gratitude for an alum's student experience and degree. There's no better way to further our community than to acknowledge that we support Whitworth's mission together. Even a \$5 gift every year speaks to your commitment to our mission. As we near the end of the fiscal year, please consider what your annual gift can do for Whitworth - provide scholarship support, fund programs important to you, encourage student development, and maintain the beauty of our campus. Then go to www.whitworth.edu/give, or mail your gift, postmarked by June 30, to the office of annual giving. We need 1,000 more alumni donors next month to make it to our goal. Thanks to all who have given already!

COSTA RICA CENTER

Our Summer Session A (May 26-June 20) features the Economics of Micro-Entrepreneurship course, taught by Vange Ocasio (School of Business), and Latin American Short Stories, taught by Fernando Montero (World Languages & Cultures). We have more than a dozen students from Whitworth, Gonzaga, and Westmont, who, in addition to their classes, will enjoy home stays with Costa Rican families and exciting internships in their majors.

SPORTS

Whitworth claimed its seventh consecutive Mcllroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy for overall excellence within the Northwest Conference. This marks the Pirates' eighth Mcllroy-Lewis win overall!

The men's track and field team dominated in winning its fifth consecutive Northwest Conference title. The Bucs scored 225 points, more than double the total of the runner-up school. Peter Delap, '14, was the NWC Men's Field Athlete of the Year after he won the conference decathlon and high-jump titles and scored in the pole vault, long jump and 110 hurdles. For the eighth time, Head Coach Toby Schwarz was voted NWC Men's Coach of the Year.

Women's track and field grabbed second place at the conference meet, as sophomores Kerry Wright (javelin) and Dakota Klamovich (hammer throw) set new conference-meet records while winning their respective events.

Men's golf tied for second place at the NWC's final tournament and ended up second in the final team standings. Senior Jesse Salzwedel medaled at the tourney, giving him enough points to earn NWC Player of the Year honors, and Jesse also earned his fourth straight First Team All-Conference honors. In addition, he was named a Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches' Association of America.

Women's golf finished third at the NWC tournament as well as in the NWC's team standings. Freshman Michal Schuster medaled at the NWC tournament with back-to-back rounds of 73, earning First Team All-NWC honors.

Women's tennis finished second in the NWC standings before falling to Linfield in the semifinals of the conference tournament. Juniors Saryn Mooney and Taylor Pena earned First Team All-NWC honors after leading the Pirates to a final record of 12-6.

Men's tennis just missed the NWC tournament, posting a final record of 8-10. Junior Drew Brigham was voted Second Team All-Conference by the NWC coaches.

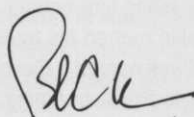
Softball finished with an impressive final record of 27-16 overall, 18-10 in the NWC, for third place. The Pirates went 1-2 at the NWC tournament. Seniors Julia Johnson (1B) and Taylor Gilbert (Util.), junior Peyton McMahon (OF) and freshman Madi Perez (RHP) all earned First Team All-NWC honors. Johnson set school records for home runs in a single season (nine) and a career (24).

The baseball team won seven of its final 11 games to finish 13-22 overall and 10-14 in the NWC.

On May 30, the annual Whitworth Golf Classic fund raiser will take place at the Spokane Country Club. Those on the wetter side of the state should not feel left out, as the 2014 Westside Golf Classic will be held on June 27 at The Golf Club at Newcastle. Openings are available for both.

We will welcome Tim Demant, formerly from Goshen College (Indiana) as Whitworth's new director of athletics on July 1. We eagerly anticipate Tim's arrival at Whitworth and look forward to working with him to continue the success established by the Pirate Athletics team. As we welcome Tim, we thank Melinda Larson, '92, for her tireless and invaluable leadership as interim athletics director. Melinda successfully directed the football coaching transition, increased sales and marketing capabilities, and maintained a first-class program. We're grateful for her service, and we congratulate her on her appointment as Hope College's co-director of athletics, beginning July 1.

This graduating class is very special to Julie and me. Four years ago this fall, the Class of 2014 moved onto campus wide-eyed and a bit nervous about what the future would hold. Julie and I were feeling many of those same feelings as we began our first year of service at Whitworth. Being "freshmen" together bonded us with this class in some unique and special ways. To think that four years have passed and that we've now said goodbye to those same students, well, it doesn't seem right. But our sadness in seeing them go is overwhelmed by the joy we have in knowing that God is calling our graduates into a world that needs them, and they have been equipped, by God's grace, to honor him, follow Jesus, and serve others. Thanks for the ways you support this special place! Have a great summer.



Proud. If there's one word to sum up how I felt during and after Whitworth's incredible 125th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, that's it: proud. And if there's one word to describe the celebration itself and what it embodied as it reflected upon the university's storied institutional narrative and explored Whitworth's bright and exciting future, that word would be *excellence*. *Exhausted* might be the word to describe many of us after the weekend's incredible array of events, but our exhaustion was the best kind – the kind of exhaustion one feels after participating in something really big – something that matters profoundly to those who participated and that has brought people together from near and far, across generations of Whitworthians, to reflect upon the ways in which God has blessed this place we love.

You know what I'm talking about if you had the opportunity to participate in last month's extravaganza. Even if you couldn't be here, I hope you were able to watch online, or to read about it on social media, or to visit the Whitworth 125 website (whitworth125.com). I joked with a colleague that I wished there were some way to bottle it all up so that we could sip from it for the next 25 years until Whitworth celebrates its sesquicentennial. Thanks to so many of you who made the weekend special – it was truly one for the ages.

Amidst all the fanfare, Whitworth launched the public phase of The Campaign for Whitworth, the largest and most ambitious fund-raising effort in the university's history, with a goal of raising \$100 million to support our students, faculty, staff and facilities. You can find out more about the campaign online, but you should know now that it will support everything that's important to Whitworth and its students through scholarships, world-class academic programs, and incredible teaching spaces. I also announced a companion effort, Whitworth Serves, which asks all Whitworthians to report their community service to the university, so that as we collect all-important funding for our campaign's goals, we also uplift Whitworth's mission to "serve humanity." Over the next three years, I will ask you not only to give to Whitworth, but also to give *through* Whitworth. You already do that so well, and for that I am grateful.

(If you'd like to see images from the 125th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, please visit www.whitworth.edu/125photos.)

ACADEMICS

Dale Soden (History) received a contract from **Oregon State University Press** for his new book, *Outsiders in a Promised Land: Religious Activists in the History of the Pacific Northwest*.

Todd Friends (School of Business) co-authored a paper, "Transformative Experiences in Teaching International Business: A Study Using An Online Blended Learning System Across Geographies and Contexts," in *The Handbook of Experiential Learning in International Business*.

Roberta Wilburn (School of Education) presented "Brown vs. the Board of Education for Better or Worse? That is the Question," at the Critical Questions in Education Conference.

Kathryn Picanco, Jann Leppien and Gail Hanninen (School of Education) presented recently at the Washington Association of Educators of the Talented and Gifted. Kathryn spoke on "Compacting Strategies to Enhance and Accelerate Instruction," while Jann and Gail presented "Identifying Students from Diverse/Underrepresented Populations."

Keith Beebe (Theology) delivered "George Whitefield in Scotland: Of Friends, Foes, and the Evangelical Divide" for the *George Whitefield* at 300

conference at Oxford, U.K. He also spoke on "Calvinist Conversion in the Scottish Evangelical Awakening."

A book by Jonathan Moo (Theology) and Robert White, *Let Creation Rejoice: Biblical Hope and Ecological Crisis*, was published by InterVarsity Press.

Whitworth was again recognized as a top undergraduate-degree-producing institution by the American Physical Society: www.aps.org/programs/education/statistics/upload/140907-Bachelor-s-in-Physics-at-BS-Institution_vertical.pdf.

Julia Stronks (Political Science) and her mother, Gloria Goris Stronks, have released another book, *Teaching to Justice, Citizenship, and Civic Virtue: The Character of a High School Through the Eyes of Faith*.

Whitworth's forensics team, coached by Mike Ingram, took first (yep, No. 1) out of 55 schools in the debate sweepstakes at the recent Lewis & Clark tournament.

THE ARTS

The work of Gordon Wilson (Art) is displayed in the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture and is featured on the museum's webpage.

Parole: The 2014 Whitworth Faculty Exhibition opens Nov. 11 and runs through Jan. 30. The opening reception will take place Nov. 11, 5-6 p.m., in Lied Art Center, Bryan Oliver Gallery. A panel discussion will follow the reception at 6 p.m., also in Lied Center. "Parole" is the actual linguistic behavior or performance of individuals, in contrast to the linguistic system of a community. The gallery will be closed Nov. 26-30, Dec. 17-Jan. 4, and Jan. 17-19.

Jasmine Pallwitz will perform her senior project, *What's in a Dream*, on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 3 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium, Stage II. \$2 admission.

Stage II Shorts: A Festival of Short Plays will take place Dec. 3 and 4, at 7 p.m., in Cowles Auditorium, Stage II. \$2 admission. Student directors select plays, audition and cast the players, arrange the technical support, and rehearse and present the plays.

Sometimes Fs are a good thing, especially when they come along in a piece of music like Jack Stamp's *Divertimento in "F"*. You can hear this terrific piece, along with music by Percy Grainger, Fisher Tull, Michael Daugherty, and others, at the Whitworth Wind Symphony's fall concert, *Flow*, on Sunday, Nov. 16, at 3 p.m. in Cowles Auditorium. General admission is \$5; free for students and seniors (62-plus).

STUDENT LIFE

During Fall Break, a group of students from the International Club enjoyed the beautiful (and rainy) city of Seattle. With the generous help of the Whitworth Auxiliary, ASWU and others, they visited the Space Needle, shopped at Pike Place Market and the Chinatown Asian market, enjoyed an unusually sunny Argosy cruise, toured the Underground, explored Pioneer Square, ate a variety of ethnic foods, and so much more! One student said that she felt as if she were at home, since she was able to see skyscrapers and eat her favorite foods, just as she does in Hong Kong.

The Health-Education Action Team (HEAT) has hosted its second program this year. The topic for this round was sexual health and safety. HEAT invited panelists Robin Pickering, Cris Tietsort and Emily Soucinek to discuss several TED Talk videos and give insight into this often-difficult-to-discuss subject. The turnout was great, and students had many engaging questions. We look forward to bringing more health-education programs to students at Whitworth.

The Student Success Team has 10 coaches trained and meeting regularly with a variety of students to cover a wide range of topics, including time management, stress, test anxiety, etc. If you are interested in knowing more, please navigate to the SST website at www.whitworth.edu/studentsuccess.

ALUMNI & PARENTS

We're taking Whitworth faculty On the Road again! All alums, parents and friends are invited. We have events with Gordon Jackson and Erica Salkin (both Communication Studies) in Denver on Jan. 31 and in San Diego on Feb. 1, while Forrest Baird (Philosophy) and Bendi Benson Schrambach (World Languages & Cultures) will be in Spokane on April 11 and in Orange County, Calif., on May 2. Visit www.whitworth.edu/ontheroad for more information and to register.

Next year's Core 650 tour is open for registration! Richard Strauch (Music) will lead us on a musical journey through Munich and Salzburg on our way to glorious Vienna. All of the details for this June 18-29, 2015, tour can be found at www.whitworth.edu/2015tour.

Parents and families, order a Final-Exam Survival Kit for your student today! Students love getting goodies from their loved ones, and the office of alumni & parent relations is taking orders for Finals Week treats until Nov. 16. The cost is \$25 for a fresh-fruit bag and \$20 for a snack kit. To order online, visit www.whitworth.edu/examsurvivalkits. Kits will be delivered on Dec. 4.

ADMISSIONS

Our Nov. 30 early action (non-binding) application deadline is just around the corner. Students who apply through this program and are admitted can submit their enrollment deposit to get priority status for housing selection and class registration. Deposits are fully refundable through May 1, so it's a no-lose proposition for students. The application is free. Go to www.whitworth.edu/apply.

Prospective freshmen are encouraged to join the Whitworth Class of 2019 Facebook group; it's a great way to connect with other students looking at Whitworth as well as with current students.

It was gratifying to see Whitworth listed again among the top-10 universities and top-five values in *U.S. News'* ranking of regional universities in the West. These rankings largely affirm what we already know - that Whitworth offers an outstanding education at a great price after financial aid is factored in. But we don't mind if *U.S. News, Forbes, Kiplinger's, The Princeton Review's 2014 Best Colleges: Region By Region* guide and other publications want to help share the news with their readers.

RESOURCES

As Whitworth celebrates 125 years, we remember that throughout the university's existence, generous alumni and parents have helped generations of students experience Whitworth by giving back. Beginning Nov. 24, we're asking you to Light the Match. If 2,300 alumni and parents make a gift - one for every traditional undergraduate student on campus - by Dec. 19, a group of Whitworth trustees will match that effort with a \$125,000 gift to The Whitworth Fund! These gifts will honor Whitworth's 125 years and celebrate the generous donors who have kept it going. Help Whitworth reach 2,300 donors and fuel the flames of excellence in our students. Please use the attached envelope or go online to www.whitworth.edu/give. Thank you so much!

Each November we attach an envelope to this newsletter in the hope that you'll consider contributing to The Whitworth Fund, which is one of the initiatives in The Campaign for Whitworth. The Whitworth Fund supports student aid and other institutional needs. Thanks for considering this extra gift, which will be much-appreciated and well-used.

SPORTS

Football heads into the final game of the season with a 6-3 record. The Pirates have set several team records already this season, both offensively (passing touchdowns) and defensively (tackles for loss). The Bucs earned a dramatic Homecoming victory over previously unbeaten Willamette on Oct. 11.

Volleyball is closing in on a Northwest Conference championship. The Pirates have won 12 NWC matches in a row to improve to 12-2 with just two conference matches left. Brenna Bruil, '17, was recently selected NWC Volleyball Student-Athlete of the Week for her outstanding performance in Pirate wins at Whitman and Pacific (Ore.).

Men's soccer is at the top of the Northwest Conference. The Pirates are 9-1-3 in conference, and they control their own destiny with one match to play, against Whitman, in the regular season. Micheal Ramos, '16, continues to lead the league in points, goals and assists.

Women's soccer has played 11 matches that ended 1-0 this season. Eleven! The Pirates are 7-11-1 overall and 6-9 in the NWC with just one game to play. They have quality wins over Puget Sound, Whitman, Pacific and Lewis & Clark this month, all by that 1-0 margin.

The cross country teams performed well at the recent NWC Championships. The women's team finished in second place, and the men's team ended up fourth. Next up are the NCAA West Region Championships and the NCAA Division III Championships.

Men's golf closed out with a win in the NWC Fall Classic, which will count as 25 percent of the final regular-season standings. Oliver Rudnicki, Andrew Dodge and Tyler McQuilkin, all '16, finished in the top 10 of the individual standings at the tournament. The team will resume play in March.

Women's golf took third place at the NWC Fall Classic behind a strong performance by Nicole Lomax, '15. Saturday's first round was suspended due to heavy winds in Oregon, but the Pirates played through the conditions to a strong finish. The women, too, will resume play in March.

Men's basketball got the chance to "play up" when the Pirates met the University of Montana in an exhibition game in Missoula. The Bucs acquitted themselves admirably in a 94-79 loss to the Div. I Grizzlies. The season officially gets under way at home on Nov. 15 against New York's D'Youville College.

Women's basketball will also open the season on Nov. 15. They'll be at home against Eastern Oregon.

The Whitworth swimming teams opened the 2014-15 season with a pair of strong performances. In the only competition on the schedule where the men's and women's teams compete for a combined score, the Pirates tied for first place at the NWC Relays, hosted by Willamette University.

Our students are so much fun. On Halloween, Julie and I have a tradition of opening up the president's house for trick-or-treating and a costume contest. Hundreds of students, dressed in creative costumes and eager to have a cookie and a cup of hot apple cider, paraded through our living room last Friday night. To see the smiles on their faces and to hear their laughter is all the fuel I need. As we enter the month of thanksgiving, please know how thankful I am for each of you.

MIND & heart

SEPTEMBER 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

Mind the gap! If you've ever been to England, you know that this exhortation greets you at every turn. [Ed. note: It means "Watch the space between the platform and the train, lest you fall into it and injure yourself."] I'm writing/editing this month's update from Oxford, where Julie and I are attending a conference with other Christian college and university presidents. The focus of our time together is spiritual formation and the important roles our institutions play in developing young adults who are growing and maturing in Christ. The discussions have been a great encouragement to us as we reflect upon the sacred responsibilities we share as we nurture minds and hearts. I can't help but lament a painfully obvious fact, however. As I look upon the impressive spires of Christ Church Cathedral, or read about the original missions of places like Corpus Christi College and Trinity College, two of the more than 40 colleges at Oxford, I'm reminded that Christ is nothing but a vestigial remnant in these hallowed halls. When did these institutions, which were originally founded to balance reason and faith, lose their fervor for the latter? What "gaps" weren't these centers of higher learning minding as they made decisions that gradually, over the centuries, eroded their faith-based missions? The glorious cathedrals that dot this landscape are hardly more than tourist attractions beckoning a bygone era. I am profoundly grateful for the leaders, faculty and staff members at Whitworth who "guard the gap" to ensure that we remain faithful to our Christ-centered mission while also sustaining academic excellence. The radical idea that the two are not mutually exclusive is the foundation upon which Whitworth is built. That foundation is strong and true.

ACADEMICS

Megan Hershey (Political Science) and former Whitworth professor Michael Artime recently co-authored "Narratives of Africa in a Digital World: Kony 2012 and Student Perceptions of Conflict and Agency in Sub-Saharan Africa," in *PS: Political Science and Politics*, 47:3, 636-641. In addition, Megan published "Measuring the Success of HIV/AIDS NGOs among Nairobi's Youth" in *Development in Practice*.

Twelve students, along with John Yoder and Megan Hershey (both Political Science), returned from Whitworth's Tanzania Study Program, where they studied the politics, history, and religions of Tanzania, as well as Swahili and Core 350.

Charles (Casey) Andrews (English) presented the paper "[B]eauty, simplicity and peace: Faithful Pacifism, Activist Writing, and The Years," at the 24th Conference on Virginia Woolf. Casey also convened a special issue of *The Cresset* (www.thecresset.org), with feature articles from participants in the Lilly summer seminar Teaching Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland. The issue includes Casey's "Conflicted Visions: Troubles Cinema, Political Myths and Steve McQueen's Hunger."

Fred Johnson (English) published "Perspicuous Objects: Reading Comics and Writing Instruction" in *Kairos: A Journal of Rhetoric, Technology, and Pedagogy*, a peer-reviewed webtext that includes images created by Scott Kolbo, a former Whitworth University art professor: <http://kairos.technorhetoric.net/19.1/topoi/johnson/index.html>.

Nicole Sheets (English) will have an essay, "How Kind Can You Be?," in *Mojave River Review*, 1.1, Winter 2014 (www.issuu.com/mojaverivermedia/docs/mrr-iss1vol1-draft20/3?e=10686552/6592718), and another, "All Saints," in *Sonora Review*. She also has a book review of Jamie Iredell's *I Was A Fat Drunk Catholic School Insomniac*, in *The Collagist*, issue 61 (Aug. 2014), online (www.thecollagist.com/the-collagist/2014/7/26/i-was-a-fat-drunk-catholic-school-insomniac.html).

LuElla D'Amico (English) co-presented at Lewis-Clark State with an LCSC professor on "Listen, Boys and Girls: Gender Messages in Children's Literature." LuElla also had an article published in *The Journal of Motherhood Studies*: "The Baby Became Horrible: The Traumatized Adolescent Mother in Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' 1870 reform novel *Hedged In*." Also, LuElla will host the Society for the Study of American Women Writers study group meeting at Whitworth this fall.

This fall, Whitworth welcomes a record number (47) of international students, representing the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Iran, Lithuania, Mexico, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Palestinian Territories, Rwanda, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, and the United Arab Emirates.

In addition, 30 Whitworth students are studying abroad, spending the fall semester in classes in: Brazil, Canada, Chile, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, La Réunion, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

THE ARTS

Join us between Sept. 9 and Oct. 31 in the Lied Art Center for an exhibit, *Running the Numbers*, by Chris Jordan. The exhibit's opening reception took place Sept. 11. Jordan then spoke about his work, which looks at contemporary American culture through the austere lens of statistics, and visually examines vast and bizarre measures of our society in large, intricately detailed prints assembled from thousands of smaller photographs.

The appearance of legendary jazz trumpeter, pianist and composer Arturo Sandoval with the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble has been moved from Saturday, Nov. 8, to Friday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m., in Cowles Auditorium. The concert was moved due to Sandoval's invitation by President Obama to attend a ceremony at which the jazz icon, along with former U.S. President Bill Clinton and multi-media mogul Oprah Winfrey, among others, will be honored with the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The jazz clinic will be Thursday, Nov. 6, at 5:15 p.m. in the music recital hall. Visit www.whitworth.edu/music for additional info about tickets, etc.

The Drowsy Chaperone is a 2006 Tony Award-winning parody of 1920s musical theatre. Full of comedy, illusions, and energetic dance numbers (not to mention a group wedding on an airplane), *The Drowsy Chaperone* celebrates the value of entertainment in our lives. Directed by Brooke Kiener, '99; music directed by Scott Miller (Music); choreography by Jeannie Huskisson, '08 (Admissions). Visit www.whitworth.edu/theatre for additional information.

STUDENT LIFE

Expect to Thrive: Whitworth 125! This is our orientation theme for academic year 2014-15, and boy, did our new and transfer students arrive to thrive! They donned their formal wear and attended Fancy Feast on Sunday night, then danced through the entire concert by hip-hop artist Josh Vietti. Monday night, all new and returning students joined together in The Loop to hear a great live performance from Phil Wickham and to enjoy organic popsicles from the business of Mandolyn Hume, '97. And, finally, after performing at Yell Off and Mock Rock (where the Mac men got their thrive on), our new students settled down to their first week of classes. It's going to be a great year. More thrivin' to come!

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Our 125th-anniversary celebration is less than a month away! All alumni, parents, families and friends are invited to join us in celebrating Whitworth's legacy and future. Events will include Homecoming reunions and Family Weekend activities. Join us in Spokane Oct. 9-12! Visit www.whitworth.edu/125weekend for a full schedule and to register today.

On the heels of our huge Spokane weekend, we will hit the road for 125th-anniversary celebration events in Bellevue/Seattle on Oct. 18 and Portland on Nov. 22. Registration is currently open for both of those events at www.whitworth.edu/125.

Central and Latin America study-program alumni and faculty of all generations, please save the date for an all-program reunion on campus next July 10-12. More information will follow.

All Whitworth alumni who've graduated from law school are invited to a reunion and CLE event on campus next summer, July 9-11. Among other topics, we'll address the themes of working toward justice and thinking through the connection between faith and law. Attendees will also have plenty of time for reconnecting and restoration. More information to come!

Faculty and staff hit the road in 2014-15. Beginning in November, 10 faculty will visit seven cities to make presentations that cover everything from ethics to policy, communication theory, and privacy rights. Be on the lookout for more information about Whitworth on the Road in your city this academic year.

Parents of current students, if you're on Facebook, please consider joining us there! This is a group in which parents, grandparents, and guardians of current Whitworth University students can connect, celebrate, and ask questions. It's also one way the university can distribute pertinent information to current parents during the 2014-15 academic year. Content from *The Loop* (the parent and family blog) will also be linked to this Facebook page. Join the Parents & Families of Current Whitworth University Students 2014-15 Facebook group today!

ADMISSIONS

We're excited to welcome the Whitworth Class of 2018! The class is exactly the size we were seeking (625 strong), smart (3.76 average GPA), geographically widespread (coming from 25 states and 18 countries), and the most diverse in Whitworth's history (25 percent from underrepresented racial/ethnic populations). Most important of all, they're thrilled to be Whitworthians and will add to our community in amazing ways.

Admissions counselors are already hitting the road to recruit the classes of 2018, 2019, 2020 and beyond. To read more about our great staff and to see where they'll be traveling this fall, go to www.whitworth.edu/admissionscounselors. And please encourage college-bound students you know to connect with our counselors either at their high schools or at a college fair in their area.

Our first Why Whitworth Day admissions visit event is Sept. 26; individual visits can be scheduled at any time. Campus visits allow students to sit in on classes, take a campus tour, enjoy a meal in our dining hall, and connect with current students. There is no better way for students (and parents) to find out whether they and Whitworth are a good fit. For more info and to sign up, go to www.whitworth.edu/visit.

FINANCIAL AID

As the financial aid office staff assists students to meet their financial obligations, they are grateful to all of our generous donors, who, through their gifts, make grant and scholarship funds available. For many students, it makes all the difference in whether or not they'll be able to continue their education.

RESOURCES

Though it's tempting to bask in the generosity of Whitworth's alumni, parents and friends, who gave more than \$1.4 million to The Whitworth Fund this past year, on July 1 we started all over again. Our student callers return to the phones this month. The phonathon is one of the most successful ways in which we convey the student experience directly to our alumni and parents. Phonathoners can tell you what it's like to live and learn in the Whitworth community, and these students raise a significant amount of support for our annual budget - more than \$200,000 every year. They're eager to talk to you, so please answer that call.

Along with our student callers, we continue our work to supply the most crucial needs of the university. Seventy-five percent of the money raised for The Whitworth Fund this year benefits student scholarships, 15 percent goes to academic programs, 5 percent will support our international initiatives (both on

and off campus), and 5 percent is allotted to support our facilities and grounds. When 98 percent of our students are receiving financial aid, it's clear just how much difference The Whitworth Fund makes for them. Please visit www.whitworth.edu/give to get ahead of the curve and make your annual gift this month.

SPORTS

The football team welcomed more than 100 players to camp. The Pirates blew out Lewis & Clark 63-10 in their opening game, on Sept. 6, in the Pine Bowl. Not a bad beginning for new Head Football Coach Rod Sandberg and his staff!

Men's soccer has posted a couple of impressive victories already this season, including a 1-0 upset of No. 15 Wheaton (Ill.) on the road. Mike Ramos has already made an impact with two goals and an assist. Currently, the men stand at 5-0-0. Coach Morgan Cathey is in his second season of leading the Pirates.

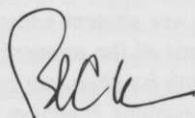
Jael Hagerott, '07, is beginning her fourth season as coach of the women's soccer team. Early on, the Pirates posted a draw and a one-goal loss to nationally ranked College of St. Benedict (Minn.). At this writing, the Bucs are 1-3-1.

Volleyball opened the 2014 season at the Pacific Coast Classic, in SoCal. The Pirates won two matches and lost two, with setter Maddy Dinsmore, '16, making the all-tournament team. Kati Bodecker is in her second season as head coach.

This fall marks the 17th year for Toby Schwarz as head cross-country coach. The Pirates began competition at the Clash of the Northwest meet against all of the other four-year schools from Eastern Washington and North Idaho. Chris MacMurray, '16, and Kellyn Roiko, '15, posted the highest individual finishes for the teams.

The golf teams began practice during the first week of classes. Coaches Warren Friedrichs and Emily Guthrie, '13, welcome back veteran groups, and the first tournament gets under way Sept. 13 in Tacoma.

The week after classes begin at Whitworth is a great time for me to travel. Students and faculty have their noses in the books and are busily finding new routines that will sustain them throughout the semester, and, after Move-In Day, Orientation Week, and Opening Convocation, most are tired of hearing my voice. They won't miss me. But after a few days on the road, I'll be missing them and eager to return to Spokane. Speaking of returning to Spokane, I'm hoping many of you are planning to do just that Oct. 9-12 for Homecoming, Family Weekend, and all of the 125th-anniversary celebrations. Don't forget to check out the Whitworth 125 website, at www.whitworth.edu/125, where you'll find all kinds of neat features and information. Well, it's tea time, so I'll sign off.



MIND & heart

SUMMER 2014

An update from Whitworth University / President Beck A. Taylor

People often ask what my job looks like during the summer months. In addition to a more reasonable pace, summer offers me more discretionary time. I often use that newfound freedom to read some books that have piled up on my desk, or to work on a writing project, or to schedule time with university leaders to think “big picture.” I love the change of pace, and I depend on it. The ebbs and flows of the academic cycle are perfectly timed – just as I’m getting weary and fed up in the waning weeks of the spring term, graduation ushers in opportunities to fill the tank again. And just as the summer days start getting shorter, and the pile of things on my desk is thinning, it’s time to welcome students back to Whitworth, with all of the activity and pageantry that the beginning of the year provides. ■

Since Commencement Weekend, I’ve traveled on university business to Seattle, Colorado Springs, Phoenix and Detroit. Another recent trip took me to the Aspen Institute, where newly elected Whitworth board chair Jason Thackston and I attended a conference with other college and university presidents and board chairs to discuss the current state of higher education. More recently, Julie and I helped to host the Whitworth Institute of Ministry (WIM), an annual event at which hundreds of pastors and their families from across the country come to our piney campus for a week of fellowship, worship and teaching. Next week I’ll head to Seattle again, where I’ll help host an alumni gathering. I might even have the chance to drop in on a couple of Summer Sendoffs for new students before the summer is out. ■

On a personal note, this summer marks our son’s last summer at home before he begins his college career at Belmont University, in Nashville. After a long college-search process, Zach is headed to The Music City to pursue his interests in songwriting, music production and music business. I’ve often said that I’ll be a better college president once I’ve gone through this process with my own kids. I find myself oscillating between two profound emotions as we prepare to send our oldest into the world. The first is utter amazement that our 18 years with Zach are finished – all of us parents will agree that it seems, in retrospect, as if our time with our children is fleeting. We will miss Zach profoundly, as will his two little sisters. But the second emotion I am experiencing is one of gratitude. It’s a gift to have watched how God fashioned this boy of ours into the young man

he is today and to see how God is now calling him to new things. What a privilege to have been a part of it all! For those of you who are experiencing emotions similar to ours as you prepare to send your daughters and sons to Whitworth or off on other grand adventures, Julie and I hold you in our prayers.

ACADEMICS

Many students and faculty are conducting summer research in the sciences. For example, students Chandler Mason and Daniel Prager, both '16, are working with Trisha Russell (Chemistry) on a project, "Synthesis and evaluation of Praziquantel derivatives as pharmacologic chaperones of Aryl Sulfatase B for the treatment of Mucopolysaccharidosis VI." (They were going to call it, simply, "Fun with Chemistry," but they changed their minds.) And Andrew Bloom and Naji Saker, both '16, are working with Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry) on "Site-directed mutagenesis study of an x-prolyl amino dipeptidase (PEPX) for enhanced pepsin resistance." Whew!

Lisa Laurier (Education) led the School of Education's first May Term trip to Australia. The group worked primarily in Warringa Park School, where they focused on literacy programs.

Corey McKenna (Education) presented at the ICCTE annual conference, on "Fruit of the Spirit: Administrators as Agents of the Integration of Faith and Learning."

Dean Tim Wilkinson (School of Business) and his co-author, Andrew R. Thomas, published an article, "Innovation's Second Step," in the *Thunderbird International Business Review*.

Athletic training received confirmation that 100 percent of the program's graduating seniors passed their national certification exam to become certified athletic trainers. That's three continuous years with a 100-percent pass rate! Congratulations!

Jerry Sittser delivered a lecture, "Adversity and Spiritual Formation," at Biola University (Calif.), co-sponsored by the Biola Center for Christian Thought and the university's Institute for Spiritual Formation.

Keith Beebe presented "George Whitefield in Scotland: Of Friends, Foes, and the Evangelical Divide," this summer at Oxford University's *George Whitefield at 300* International Tercentenary Conference; he also presented a paper on "Experimental Religion and Calvinist Conversion in the Scottish Evangelical Awakening" at Nazarene Theological College while he was a visiting research fellow at the college's Manchester Wesleyan Research Center & John Rylands Library.

Amanda C. R. Clark, who currently directs the library, authored "Library as Place," published in *The Christian Librarian*, Volume 57, Issue 1.

Numerous summer faculty-development programs are enriching instruction and research. This summer's programs include *Vocations of the Christian Professor* (faith and learning), *Standards of Good Practice for Study Abroad*, *Service-Learning, Technology and Teaching*, *Honors Pedagogy*, a National Science Foundation-funded workshop, and *Best Practices in the Instruction of Science*. In addition, the Reid Writing Retreat and numerous grants and fellowships (from the Weyerhaeuser Center for Christian Faith & Learning and academic affairs) support faculty scholarship.

This summer marked the inaugural Whitworth Strategic Fund-Raising Institute for Community Partners, hosted by the offices of service-learning & community engagement and sponsored programs. Participants from 45 organizations attended sessions on fund-raising techniques.

THE ARTS

Whitworth piano faculty members Ivana Cojbasic, Cynthia Munson, Judith Schoepflin and Rachelle Ventura gave two June performances of two-piano music written by women. The concerts took place at the Washington State Music Teachers Association annual conference, where Philip Baldwin and Roberta Bottelli (Music) served as conference panelists on the topic Aspects of the Private Strings Studio.

Philip Baldwin (Music) also spent a week teaching at the Bryce Canyon Music Camp, in Utah. This program was created by his former student Megan Munford, and it now serves more than 100 talented Suzuki students from all around Utah and Nevada. Phil taught technique and master classes and performed in camp concerts.

STUDENT LIFE

Whitworth's campus is very busy in the summer with outside guests. Our conferences division has already hosted more than 730 people staying on campus for educational conferences, ministry institutes, and sports camps.

And student activities and residence life are preparing for the arrival of the Whitworth Class of 2018! This year's Orientation Week theme is "Expect to Thrive: Whitworth 125!" in honor of the university's 125th birthday. New students can move into their residence halls after 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, and parents can attend orientation sessions throughout the weekend. Orientation events and activities are scheduled for new students through the first week of September. Returning students can move into their residence halls Monday, Sept. 1, and it will be fantastic to have our full complement of students, faculty and staff back on campus, raring to take on Academic Year 2014-15. But let's not get ahead of ourselves: Though fall is just around the corner and we can't wait to see all of you returnees, we still have six or so weeks to enjoy a little downtime. The campus is beautiful in the summer, so if you're in Spokane, stop by Whitworth and say hi!

ALUMNI & PARENTS

Summer Sendoffs are taking place in 23 hospitable homes across the West. At Whitworth SSOs, incoming students and their families are greeted by generous hosts who open their homes to provide the newest Whitworthians for Life with introductions, information and encouragement for their first college semester. Welcome to the members of the Class of 2018 and their parents, and thanks to our generous hosts! We have a few sendoffs remaining, so visit www.whitworth.edu/summersendoffs to see if one is planned in your area!

If you're part of the Whitworth family, you are encouraged to participate in our 125th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 9-12. From a Thursday lunch with Condoleezza Rice to a huge Saturday evening celebration in downtown Spokane and community worship in the fieldhouse on Sunday, this will be a weekend to remember. Details can be found at www.whitworth.edu/125weekend.

Homecoming reunions for the classes of '54, '74, '84, '94, '04, and '09, as well as for Cutter-era tennis alums and for all choral music alums, are also just around the corner. These reunions will also take place during the 125th Anniversary Celebration, Oct. 9-12. For a full calendar of events and to register, visit www.whitworth.edu/125weekend.

Families of current students are invited to Family Weekend (formerly Parents' Weekend), which will also take place - you guessed it - during the 125th Anniversary Celebration! Family Weekend 2014 will be a great time for your family to hang out with your Whitworth student, hear from faculty, visit a class, enjoy events around campus, watch the theatre mainstage production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and appreciate Spokane's autumn beauty. Please register at www.whitworth.edu/125weekend today.

ADMISSIONS

Enrollment deposits are due Aug. 1 for transfer students. Go online to www.whitworth.edu/admittedstudents and click on "Guarantee Your Spot" to find a link to the transfer deposit submission form. Our transfer students are a great addition to the Whitworth community!

Completion of the billing e-packet and submission of payment, or a payment plan, for fall term are due by early August. There are nine- and 10-month payment plans available, beginning in August, to ease managing the bill. If you have any questions, please call our great student accounting services staff at 800.535.4668.

RESOURCES

A sincere thanks to all of you who've financially supported Whitworth this past fiscal year. We are still wrapping up our final numbers, but it looks as if you provided total gifts of more than \$1.4 million to The Whitworth Fund. This is our highest total in seven years. Thank you so much. We could not continue to offer a mind-and-heart education to students without your ongoing commitment to partner with us. Unfortunately, our alumni-giving percentage slipped a little this year. As we continue to graduate large classes, it's hard to keep the percentage up, so gifts of any size from alumni make a significant difference. And many outside organizations use measures like alumni giving to rank Whitworth, so your gifts matter!

COSTA RICA CENTER

CRC Director Lindy Scott writes, "We have just finished up Summer Session A, which brought 13 students to the Costa Rica Center. Some studied Microenterprise Economics with Professor Vange Ocasio (Business & Economics). For their final project, the students made economic-development proposals for the fishing village of Tarcoles. Other students took Latin American literature and culture classes with Fernando Montero (World Languages & Cultures). They wrote several short stories in Spanish, using the various Latin American styles they had studied. Every student had an internship, with each one geared toward the student's major field of study. These varied from hotel accounting to teaching in a bilingual high school. The Costa Rica Center has suspended classes for the fall

semester. In January, Grant Casady (Biology) and Stacy Keogh (Sociology) will lead a special program for freshmen admitted to Whitworth with honors. Cynthia Wright (Health Sciences) will direct the popular Jan Term course for health science majors; participants will live with host families, take a special course on medical Spanish, and spend four hours a day in medical internships."

SPORTS

In 2013-14, for the second time, Whitworth's swimmin' women posted the highest cumulative GPA in all of NCAA Division III. The Pirate women combined for a team GPA of 3.70 (3.70!) during the spring semester. The Bucs also led the nation in the fall. They're fast and smart.

Tim Demant, Whitworth's new director of athletics, joined us just a few weeks ago. Tim is a professional with more than 15 years of experience leading small-college athletics departments. He, his wife, Shannon, and their three children come to Whitworth from Indiana, where Tim served as director of athletics for the past six years at Goshen College. Prior to working at Goshen, he was the athletics director and head men's volleyball coach at Columbia Bible College, in Abbotsford, B.C., Canada, from 1998-2008. Tim brings more than a Canadian accent ("Eh?"); he brings years of experience as an athletics director, and he fully embraces the values and mission of Whitworth University. Welcome, Tim!

As I mentioned briefly last month, in May Whitworth claimed its seventh consecutive Mclroy-Lewis All-Sports Trophy for overall excellence within the Northwest Conference. This marks the Pirates' eighth Mclroy-Lewis win overall!

I love to include items like the ones above in M&H. Whitworth's student-athletes are as accomplished in the classroom as they are on the field of play. If you read your *M&H* each month, you'll see that our Pirate athletes are honored for their scholarship nearly as often as they're commended for their fine play. (The fact that they're excellent human beings goes almost without saying.) And as we head into another academic year, which means exciting new seasons for all of our athletes along with the debuts of our new athletics director and head football coach, I couldn't be happier with the state of Whitworth Athletics. It really is a great time to be a Pirate! Go Bucs!

This coming year at Whitworth promises to be a big one. God has been faithful to Whitworth since 1890, and we now have the opportunity to celebrate Whitworth's 125th birthday. The year will be marked with special events and grand celebrations. But through it all, I hope we seek first to thank God for watching over and sustaining this wonderful community - through Whitworth's ups and downs, its times of plenty and times of real struggle, God has blessed our campus in profound ways. I pray that we will be faithful to steward those blessings, always seeking to "honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity." Have a great summer!

